



The WAURior

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The official newsletter of the Western Australian University Regiment Association Inc.

In this edition...

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Contributions Sought!!

Thanks are again due to those who forwarded emails. Remember, if there is something you would like to see in your Newsletter, please let me know. As I have often said, I would be delighted to receive your contributions - no matter how small!

Regards, Shaun Chapman (Ed)

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Ramblings from the Treasurer

With Shaun Chapman

Greetings and welcome to The WAURior Newsletter issue 25.

I remember growing up listening to my parents and their friends complain about time flying as they get older – being young at the time and knowing everything I thought what a load of crap. Fast forward 20 years and I can't believe it's ANZAC Day next week – Where did the last year go? What cemented this is realising that the last WAURior was sent out 12 months ago - it seemed like last month to me. Obviously the Association has suffered whilst I have been in my time warp. But things are getting back to normal.

Anyway enough waxing lyrical. We have made changes to the way the WAUR Association will operate going forward, borrowing from the Green jackets Association in the UK we are becoming an internet only association. Membership will still be restricted to past and present members of WAUR or those that can demonstrate an affinity to WAUR. Members will receive this newsletter (nominally 3 a year), access to the members only area of the website, invites to social events, access to history information on WAUR and any other WAUR related updates / news flashes (NO SPAM!) all via email.

Membership will be free all that is required is you complete an application form (see last page of this newsletter the join button on the website) The main purpose of the form apart from controlling membership is to gather information on our members service in WAUR. Capturing the history of WAUR is still a main focus of the association. If you were sent this newsletter then guess what - you're on the mailing list. You can of course opt out should you choose.

The one thing you can rest assured of is that we are here to stay and will continue to carry the WAUR flag.

I would also like to thank Roger May for acting as Green Jackets Liaison and Bernard Counce for running the Facebook page this help is much appreciated. Anyone else wanting to get involved are most welcome. – I could do with some website help guidance / hosting info.

Anyway enjoy the read...

UPCOMING EVENTS

WAUR 61st Birthday Celebrations 20th April 2010

ANZAC DAY 2010

WAUR Ball Sat 8th May 2010

VIETNAM VETERANS DAY 17th August 2010

www.waurassociation.inet.net.au

WAUR is now on Facebook you are welcome to join the group as a way of keeping in touch with other WAURiors.

WAUR 61st Birthday Celebrations

April 22nd 2010 marks the 61st Birthday of WAUR.

To celebrate there will be a parade at Leeuwin Barracks on Tuesday April 20th followed by cake and beer at the mess.

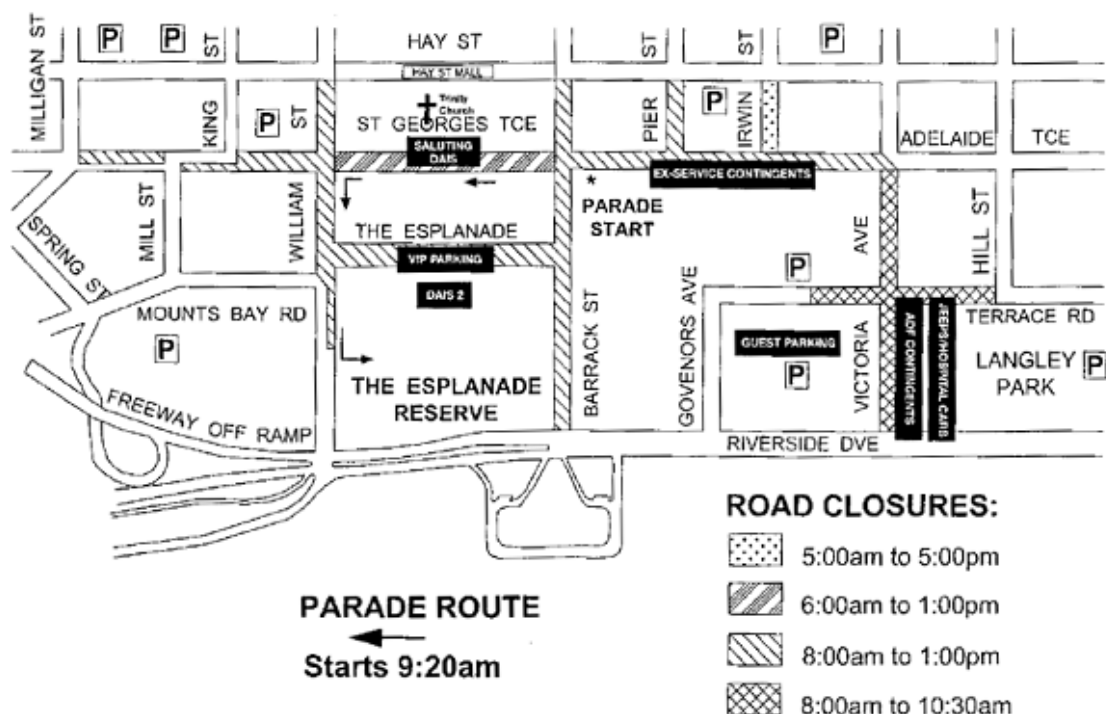
Those wishing to attend should be inside the front gate of the Leeuwin Barracks, East Fremantle at 2100. From there we will be escorted in for a 2130 parade.

Please advise Shaun Chapman on chapmans@iinet.net.au if you plan to attend



ANZAC Day 2010

The WAUR Association will once again march in Perth on ANZAC Day. This year we will be with the Defence Reserves Association (DRA), RWAR Association and OCTU. We will be forming up on St Georges Tce outside of ANZAC House bay I, number 129 in the order of march actual step off time varies but is scheduled for 0935. Full details are on the WAUR Association website and will be in the paper on the day. All members are encouraged to join the March it is well worth the effort. Post March will be a catch up at ANZAC House.





WESTERN AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITY REGIMENT
GRADUATION BALL
SATURDAY 8th MAY 2010

Lieutenant Colonel John Fisher
and the WAUR Association
have much pleasure in inviting you to the
WAUR Graduation Ball

to be held at the Sheraton Hotel
Grand River Ballroom, Perth
Saturday 8th May 2010
6pm to midnight

Dress

Mess Dress or Black Tie,
Jacket and Tie or Dress 2F Polys Longsleeve with Tie
Ladies "after five"

Tickets

\$115.00 each

Ticket includes a three-course meal, all beer and wine, table service
plus entertainment including
The Army Band Perth and the Army Pipes and Drums.

\$115 per ticket by 25 Apr to
CPL Fishwick WAUR 9311 2469
Or CAPT Sean Fenn

Cheques payable to WAUR Regimental Property Account

Units are encouraged to book tables of ten via the above

The 2011 WAUR Ball will be on Saturday 7 May 2011



Shaun Chapman, Ian and Bill Gaynor, Ken Keesing and Ossie King doing a tour of WAUR's new home



Ken Keesing, Bill Gaynor, Shaun Chapman and Ian Gaynor in front of the WAUR Colours



Bill and Ian Gaynor with WO Ti



RSM Joe Ring preparing to cut the Birthday cake

USEFUL WEBSITES.....

The Health Department have a website you can go to and check how busy all of the Emergency Departments are in all of the Perth Public Hospitals. It used to only be accessed by the hospitals but they have now made it public but haven't widely advertised it. It updates approximately every 6 minutes and tells you how many people are waiting in the ED, how many are already in the ED and what the approximate wait times are. I can imagine that it would be very handy if you were tossing up which hospital to go to in the middle of the night, or whether it's worth the effort instead of waiting to see your GP, especially for those after hours/weekend emergencies!

The link is:

<http://www.health.wa.gov.au/emergencyactivity/edsv/index.cfm>

Members and friends of the WAUR Association attended the 13th Brigade Formation Parade on Tue 1st December 2009 at the Karrakatta Barracks.

The Parade marked the end of the year for the BDE and saw all of the Army and unit colours on parade at once. The parade was an outstanding success from a spectator's point of view and well attended.

The parade was reviewed by the State Governor, His Excellency Dr Ken Michael AM with official guests being COMD FORCOMD, MAJ GEN D.L Morrison AM and the COMD 2 DIV, MAJ GEN C.D Williams AM.



WAUR Colours March Past



Colours on Display



Shaun Chapman, WAUR CO John Fisher and Ian Gaynor



Rob Oakes and Trevor Arbuckle



Grant O'Neil, Ian Gaynor and Bernard Counce



Ian Gaynor and Ray Galliot

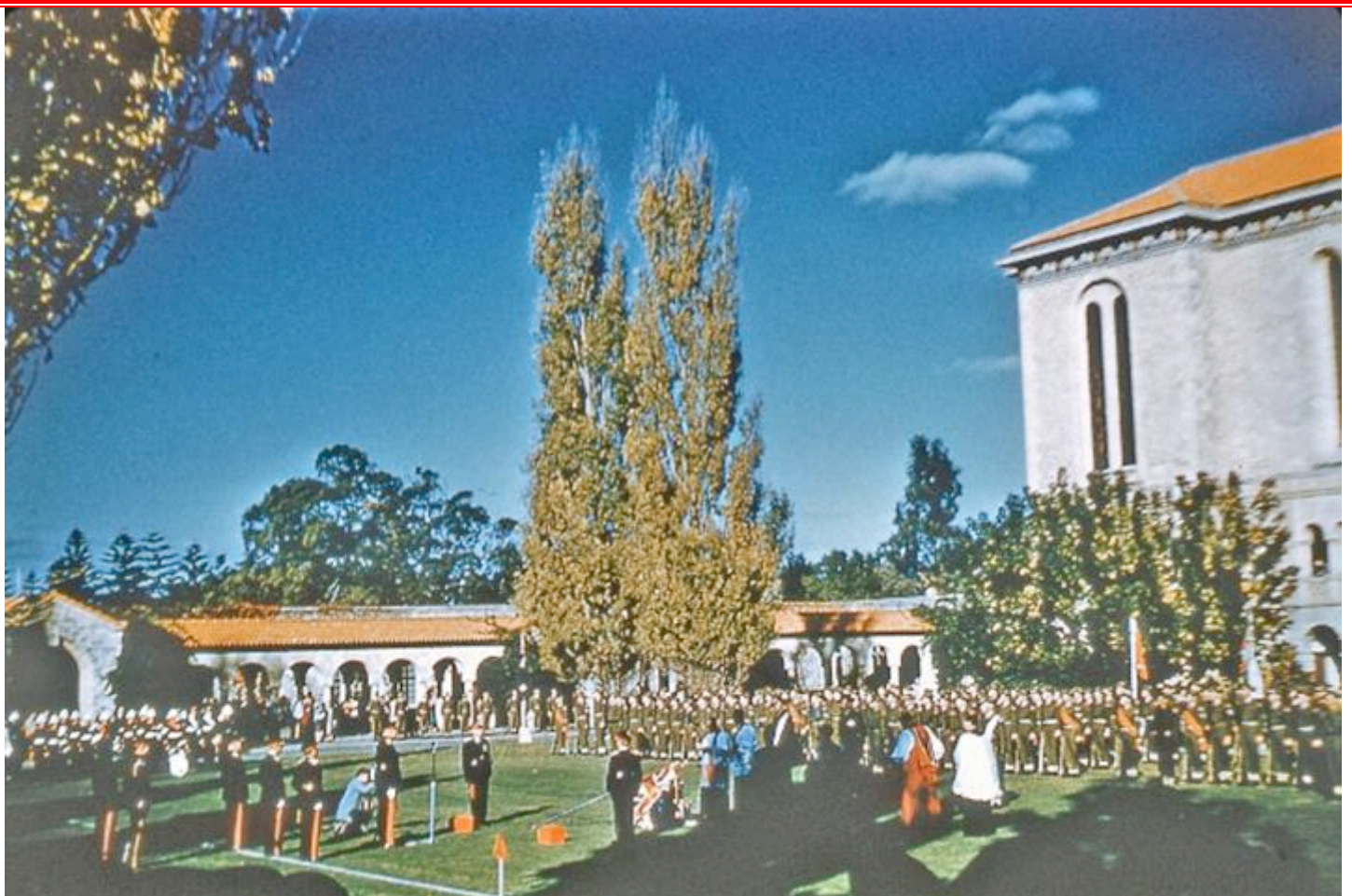
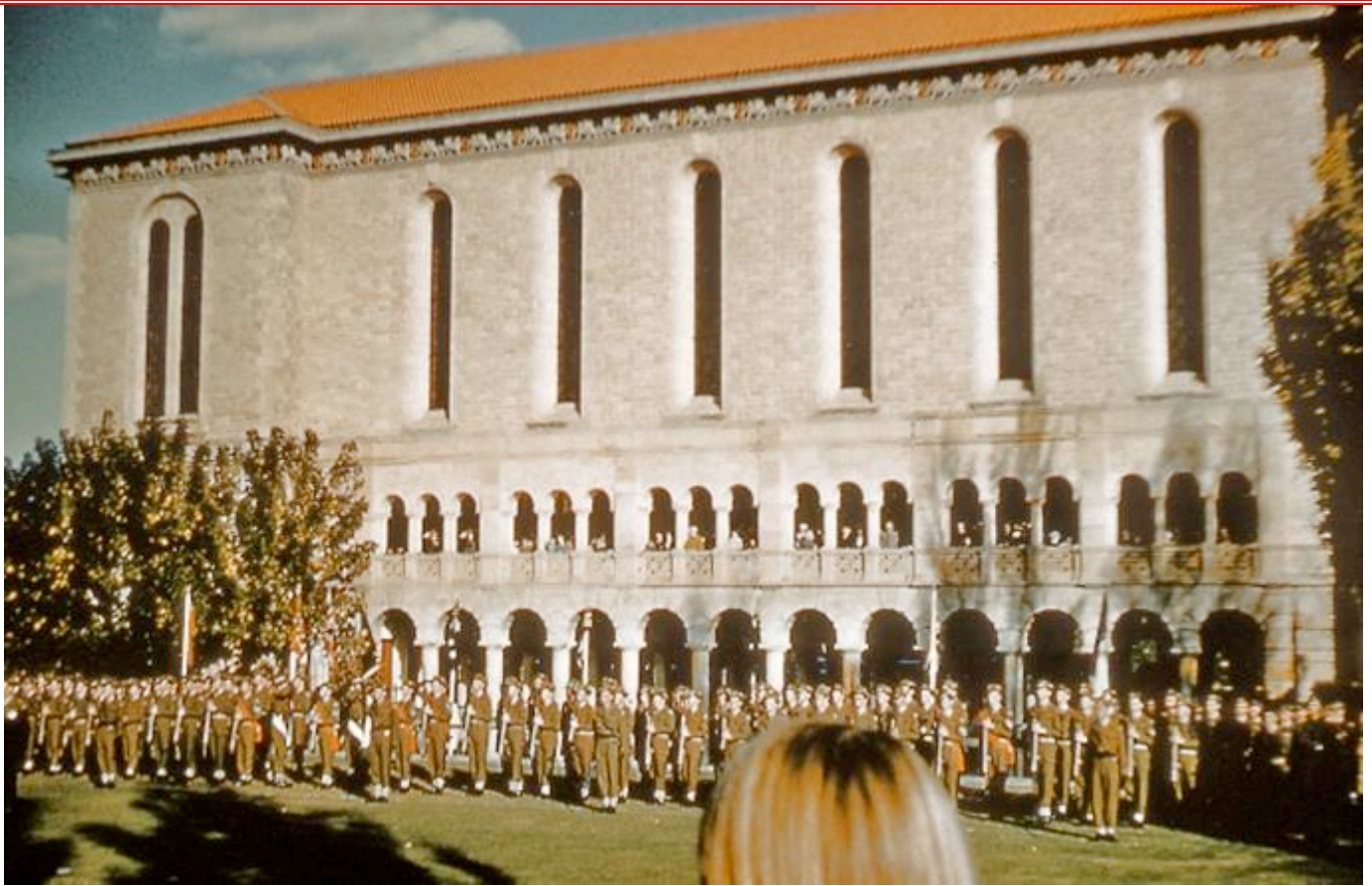


Shaun Chapman and John Liston



Geoff Simpson and Shaun Chapman

David Treloar sent in these colour photos from the 1958 colours presentation parade clearly showing the troops on the grounds of the university of Western Australia in glorious colour. Thanks David for this great piece of WAUR history.



The following was WAUR's contribution to the 1991 Chronicle – an Annual report on the Royal Green Jackets activities.

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITY REGIMENT

Honorary Colonel

Brigadier W. D. Jamieson, MID

Commanding Officer

Lieutenant Colonel J. B.
Houliston, RFD

Second In Command Training Major Adjutant

Major R. A. Adams, CD
: Major M. Weaver
: Captain J. Caporn

Regimental Sergeant Major

: WO1 J. McAlister

The Regiment, raised in 1949 as the Perth University Regiment, has enjoyed a successful year despite the usual restrictions imposed by Training Day reductions and shortage of funds. In January 1991 the Unit farewelled the Commanding Officer Lieutenant Colonel Geoff Simpson who was posted to the Regimental Command and Staff College as an Instructor. He is replaced by Lieutenant Colonel Brian Houliston, RFD, a former National Serviceman, Scheyville Graduate and Vietnam Veteran, and who had been OC Training Company several years previously.

The Annual Camp and Field Exercise was conducted in January 1991 at Nannup in the South West of W.A. of which allowed the firing of blank rounds during summer. Any firing in other training areas north of Perth is restricted or banned during summer months due to fire bans. In addition to the Field Exercise the following courses were conducted at Leeuwin Barracks and/or Nannup: Direct Entry Officer, Subject 2 for CPL & SGT., and initial Employment Training. Approximately 220 members and students were in Camp. A second IET Course was conducted at Northam Camp in July of 1991 when it rained every day and was a far cry from Nannup and its 30°C plus heat.

One of the year's highlights for the Regiment occurred on 1st October when the role of Officer Production was returned to WAUR after a lapse of 5 years. The occasion was marked by an Amalgamation Parade attended by the Honorary Colonel Brigadier W.D. Jamieson. OCTU no longer exists as Such, having now been amalgamated with WAUR as Officer Training Company with Major Pat Ryan as OC.

The Unit's role had previously been a training one with emphasis on DEO. Sub 2 for CPL and SGT. and IET Courses, and the additional task of providing a Wargames Wing to service 5 MD Units had kept everyone fairly busy. The Regiment was fortunate in having a computer expert in Major Mike Weaver who, in conjunction with the Regimental 21C, were able to set up the board and equipment and run the very successful "Cannon Row" CPX programme for the Infantry Battalions and 13 Brigade HQ Command Post Exercise.

Our Honorary Colonel, Brigadier W.D. Jamieson, who was previously Commander of 5th Military District was able to visit the Regiment during camps and also attended the Regimental Dinner and Ladies Dining Night at the Leeuwin Barracks Officers' Mess.

A planned move to Artillery Barracks, Fremantle during early 1992 will test the unit's resolve as it will be our fourth barracks in the five years, but hopefully our last move.

The Commanding Officer and all Ranks send greetings and best wishes to all members of the Royal Green Jackets and an invitation to visit WAUR, should they travel to Perth, Western Australia.

Part of the ARES 2LT package concerns Customs of the Army. After exhaustive instruction in this area the original (the one and only!) Officer Conversion Course was invited to the Officers Mess formal dinner in January camp 1981 to observe and put into practice that which we had so carefully absorbed. The evening started off as any other formal dinner might pre-dinner sherries with the guests (amongst whom were such perennial characters as Brig I D Stock (Hon. Colonel), Col. N Anderson (CO 5 TRG GP), Capt. L A Stewart (former QM)). After an undisclosed amount of dinner sherries had been consumed Mr Vice informed the assembled mumbling hordes that dinner was now prepared. Into the dining room the party filed -following Mr Prez's lead. Down sat the party, following Mr Prez's lead. (This was to be the form of things to come: a game of "follow the dining prez".) Anyway, back to the plot.

The dinner was consumed as dinners mostly are, with little outstanding action (except of course for a somewhat secretive postal communication between two of the better known Lt.'s??) This was followed by the usual port decanter (not touching the table on its way around) and cigars. It was shortly after I had lit my cigar that I noticed a large blob of foam (AFFF to the technical) consuming the space between the wall and my end of the table with alarming speed. Upon being ordered to locate and destroy the source of this outlandish event (quote "kill, maim and injure the aforesaid source")

I strode into the now enormous blob of foam followed by (General) Joe Russo. In the kitchen was to be found the RSM skilfully manoeuvring the end of a large flexible tube about 3 feet diameter from which the aforesaid. foam was exuding. The RSM's first line troops put up only token resistance and soon I found myself outside facing several guilty parties and a fire tender. On returning to the fray, I found the enemy completely demoralised and withdrawing - General Joe had saved the night by lying across the tube, causing all the foam to exude from the source end.

The Duty Officer for the night (an unnamed W02) came to investigate the "disturbance outside the Officers Mess", found, and I quote from the Duty Officer's log (with a bit of poetic license) "on investigation I found a fire tender in attendance, with foam generating apparatus in use". In his best judicial form, he informed the CO who reassured the Duty Officer, informing him that he "thought the mess was too hot and required cooling down".... (Cunning investigation later revealed that the fire people swore they could fill the room in approx. 30 seconds!!). Anyway, I digress...Once the defeated enemy had withdrawn, a Kangaroo Court was convened by the Subalterns. Senior members were charged by the Court with scurrilous and dastardly deeds and although provided with a first-class and very able defence, all were convicted and sentenced to various punishments (eg. a certain Adjt who after being convicted of a heinous crime, was sentenced to wear an item of ladies underwear... I leave the rest to your imagination...) A Captain was also sentenced to drinking his first four stubbies with a restraining device ie. a babies teat! All the court frivolity completed, we all then joined the rest of the members and guests in polite discourse. This was not to last long as the ever-astute Subalterns, having noticed the bar crowded by a number of senior members (Captains), decided to free the bar from their oppressive grip. A charge, second only to the great Charge of the Light Brigade (well perhaps also to the Charge of Nanga) and fierce battle ensued. Only after many acts of individual heroism etc., the forces of good withdrew, leaving the bar in the hands of dark and evil Captains and the civilian who had closed the shutters. More battles were to follow.

No-one noticed the absence of Lt. JOPPEK (1OLH) (and assistant) Some time later however, even the voices of 10 OC members and about half a dozen Subalterns couldn't hide the sound of an M113 APC thundering up and stopping extremely suddenly on the first step of the Mess. Duty Officer's Log: (Quote loosely) "I heard a loud rumbling in the direction of the road. Upon further investigation, I saw an APC moving at speed (probably exceeding the camp speed limit) between one of the F huts and the civilian canteen. it approached the Officers Mess and attempted to climb the steps. A watery battle ensued. The Duty Sgt. and I decided not to investigate further..." From the depths of the APC was produced 1 x fire-fighting knapsack sprayer and numerous water pistols which were put to good effect in the "watery battle". A senior guest (as yet unidentified) captured our main armament drenching all and sundry until he was courageously overpowered by Mr Vice. I think the battle was a success with greater than half of the water over the enemy. Several games of Mess Rugby ensued with, naturally, Subalterns winning. (I can't remember who, if any, was in opposition). Captain Johnstone was the ball! To round off the evening, things miraculously calmed down with OC's leaving the mess (after CO and visitors of course) in a condition slightly worse for wear. All fronted the next morning with vigour, zeal and a whole lot of other good words, agreeing that the night before was an experience worthwhile, and not to be missed.

All in all, a good time was had by all, with little ill effects????!!!!

Editors note: This report shamelessly plagiarised from the Royal Green jackets association.....

State President of the Returned and Services League of Australia William 'Bill' Gaynor OAM, RFD made a joint presentation at the Vietnam Veterans Day Parade 18 August 2009 at the Western Australian University Regiment with the former and current Presidents of Fremantle Legacy Rick Tonkin and John Morriss. The parade was held to honour the three Vietnam Veterans still serving in WAUR: Warrant Officer Class Two Allan Bennett, Warrant Officer Class One Terry Almond and the Honorary Colonel, Brigadier Duncan Warren AM, RFD. Presentations were also made to three other Vietnam Veterans on parade : Corporal Ian (Blue) Barclay and Corporal Colin Towe who were two of the section commanders who supported Brigadier Warren in Vietnam and the 13 Brigade Public Affairs Officer Major John McPherson. Short biographies of all six are quoted below.

The presentation was an allied effort between the RSL, Fremantle Legacy and the WAUR Association with Jeff Robinson of the affiliated Australasian Branch of the Royal Green Jackets Association turning up for the free beer.

Private Allan Bennett enlisted into the Australian Regular Army in July 1967 and was assigned to the Royal Australian Infantry. Warrant Officer Bennett served with 9 RAR in Vietnam 1968 to 1970 in the rank of LCPL. He was wounded in action in 1969 near Dat Do in Phouc Tuy province when his section came under mortar fire whilst operating as a training team with the local militia. Once security was established he was casevaced to the American Base at Bien Hoa as a Priority 2 casualty with mortar fragmentation. WO2 Bennett transferred into the Royal Australian Service Corps late 1970 and to the Royal Australian Corps of Transport 01 Jun 1973. WO2 Bennett has served in the RACT as long as the Corps has existed on the Australian ORBAT. Long Tan Day 2009 marks 42 years for WO2 Bennett in the ADF.

Signalman Terry Almond was posted to 110 Signal Squadron, South Vietnam in April 1970 as an Operator Radio, Keyboard and Cipher (ORKC). He spent 6 months at the Free World Compound, Saigon (Multi National Force) and 6 months at the 1st Australian Logistic Support Group, Vung Tau. He returned to Australia in April 1971. Signalman Terry Almond was responsible for signal traffic between AFV and DEFCOM (Canberra), safe hand delivery between Saigon, Vung Tau and Nui Dat and the operation of cipher codes and equipment. Signaller Almond worked with Australian Diplomatic Services, US forces and The Army of the Republic of South Vietnam. WO1 Terry Almond enlisted in April 1968 and on Long Tan Day 2009 has served in the ADF for 41 years.

Right: WAUR Vietnam Veterans WO2 Allan Bennett, WO1 Terry Almond and Brigadier Duncan Warren



Duncan Warren enlisted in the Australian Army 1968 as a National Serviceman. He was commissioned through Scheyville Officer Training Unit (NSW). Second Lieutenant Warren commanded 4 Platoon of B Company with 8 RAR in South Vietnam from 28 November 1969 to 14 June 1970 stationed at Nui Dat in Phuoc Tuy province. 2LT Warren commanded his platoon during OPERATION HAMMERSLEY that culminated in the Battle of the Long Hai Hills in February 1970, where he, Corporal Ian (Blue) Barclay, Corporal Colin Towe and four others were wounded in action. Duncan Warren was one of twelve Scheyville graduates who stayed in the Army after Vietnam and earned the rank of Brigadier. This Long Tan Day 2009 marks 41 years for Duncan Warren in the ADF.

Private John McPherson was inducted into National Service on 20 April 1970 on completion of his four-year journalistic cadetship at the Melbourne Age. He underwent basic training at Puckapunyal before being posted to the Royal Australian Service Corps at Randwick for embarkation to Vietnam in January 1971. Private John McPherson was posted to the 1st Psychological Operations Unit at Nui Dat, South Vietnam where he remained until 14 October 1971 when the National Service commitment ended. His main tasks were the production of a Phuoc Tuy Province Survey and flying by chopper to Vung Tau three times a week to broadcast a one-hour sporting radio program on Australian Forces Radio to the troops scattered throughout the province. On returning to Australia he left the ADF but re-enlisted 32 years later in 2002 to be the Public Affairs Officer for 1 Brigade in Darwin. Major John McPherson transferred from the ARA in April 2009 to become the Army Reserve Public Affairs Officer at 13 Brigade.

Colin Towe enlisted in the Australian Regular Army in August 1967 and was allocated to the Royal Australian Infantry Corps. He joined 4 Platoon, B Company, 8RAR on its return from Malaysia in 1969. Following lead up training in Australia, Corporal Towe served for the full tour of South Vietnam from November 1969 to October 1970 as a Section Commander. He participated in every operation in which the Battalion was involved. He was wounded in action during OPERATION HAMMERSLEY in the Long Hai Hills in February 1970. In recognition of his service throughout the tour he was awarded the South Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm, the highest South Vietnamese decoration awarded to any member of the Battalion in that tour. Following his return to Australia Colin Towe was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. He served as an instructor at 2RTB, Puckapunyal and discharged in August 1973.



CO of WAUR LTCOL John Fisher, State President of the Returned and Services League of Australia William 'Bill' Gaynor OAM, RFD, Jeff Robinson of the affiliated Australasian Branch of the Royal Green Jackets Association and former and current Presidents of Fremantle Legacy Rick Tonkin and John Morris.

Ian (Blue) Barclay was an eighth intake National Serviceman, joining in April 1967. He was allocated to the Royal Australian Infantry Corps and posted to 4 Platoon, B Company, 8RAR. During his service with the Battalion in Malaysia he was promoted to Lance Corporal. He volunteered to extend his service to remain with the Battalion for its tour in Phouc Tuy Province, South Vietnam. Following the first operation, Blue Barclay was promoted to Corporal, commanding Three Section. He served in all the Battalions' operations including OP HAMMERSLEY in the Long Hai Hills, where he was wounded in action in February 1970. Blue Barclay returned to civilian life in April 1971 following the Battalions return to Australia.



Ian Barclay, Brigadier Duncan Warren and Colin Towe



Bill Gaynor and John McPherson

WHY WE CANT DRINK ON CAMP ANYMORE.....

1985 Annual Camp at Northam and yes there was a bedding inspection at 0700 the next morning



Currently serving at WAUR WO1 Kevin O'halloran has authored this book which is well worth a read and available from <http://www.bigskypublishing.com.au/>.

Pure Massacre

Aussie soldiers reflect on the Rwanda genocide

Kevin O'halloran

'On The 22nd April 1995, a crowd of refugees seeking shelter from a storm was fired upon by the Rwandan Patriotic Army. The horror of what followed defies description. However, that horror provided a setting for conduct, on the part of the Australians at Kibeho, which adds lustre to the proud history of Australia's service personnel in their country's cause in war and peace.'

Sir William Deane, former Governor General 1996-2001

Rwanda is no stranger to violence. In 1994, an orgy of killing swept across the tiny land-locked nation and genocide, the size and magnitude unseen since the Hitler horrors of WWII, erupted. Around one million men, women and children were mercilessly shot, hacked to death or burnt alive.

To alleviate the suffering and restore order to shattered lives, a group of Australian UN peacekeepers, made up of soldiers and army medical personnel, was sent to Rwanda under a United Nations mandate. These Australians would be exposed to a lack of humanity they were not prepared for and found hard to fathom.

On 22nd April 1995, the daily horror and tragedy they had witnessed escalated out of control. At a displaced persons' camp in Kibeho, in full view of the Australian soldiers, over 4,000 unarmed men, women and children died in a hail of bullets, grenades and machete blades at the hands of the Rwandan Patriotic Army. Constrained by the UN peacekeeping Rules of Engagement, these Australians could only watch helplessly and try to assist the wounded under the gaze of the trigger-happy killers.

Pure Massacre is a record of what happened during this peacekeeping mission. Kevin "Irish" O'Halloran, a Platoon Sergeant at the time, stresses the weaknesses of the UN charter and what happens when "good men do nothing". He pulls together the perspectives of those Australian soldiers who served in Rwanda at this time. Pure Massacre gives a new and personal voice to the Kibeho Massacre.

It takes a special type of bravery, discipline and compassion to do what these soldiers did. Little did they know, when the second tour of Rwanda was over, that they would be the highest decorated UN peacekeeping contingent since the Korean War. For many, their service in Rwanda would come with a personal toll. No Australians died during and immediately after the massacre at Kibeho, but as Pure Massacre testifies, the suffering and tragedy is embedded in their memories.

Them Bugles keep on coming!!

In recent months 7 "WAUR" bugles have surfaced world wide from France, Germany UK and Afghanistan. Most of the finders have sent excited emails to the Association via the website (the wonders of Google) asking for the history of the bugle, what it's worth and battles it was used in - all have taken the unfortunate news that what they have is a mass produced trinket with good humour - It appears some enterprising chap in the sub continent is making bugles complete with a WAUR crest - about 20 have surfaced that the know of. The Association has one and so does UWA. The origin of this.....well in the early 1980's the CO of WAUR (name with held to protect the guilty) off his own bat commissioned 300 brass badges to be made in Pakistan in preference to the plastic ones being issued by the Australian Army at the time - our theory is that some enterprising local held on to the master mould and put it to use!!



Military Language Conversion Chart

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NAVY	ARMY	AIR FORCE
Heads	Shitter	Powder Room
Rack	Bunk / Farter	Queen bed electric blanket & doona
Cafe / SCRAN Hall	Mess / Mess Tent	Dining Facility
Pussers Cook	Cook / Fitter & Turner	Contract Chef
Brew	Brew	Vanilla Skim Latte' with a bickie
Limers / Goffa	Goffa/ jebwby juice (can of coke/cordial)	Shirley Temple
W9's/Coveralls	Cams /DPCUs	Casual Attire
Seaman	Private	Bobby / Jimmy
Chief	WO2	Timothy / Justin
Captain	Colonel	Rupert / James
The Table(chooks)	Article 15	Time Out
Mess/Onboard	Barracks	Self contained Apartment
Durps/Trolleys	Underwear	Knickers
Cells	Piss Can	Grounded
Cero's	Pollys	Armani Suit
Lid / Cap	Beret/Head Gear/ Slouch	Optional
AFT Stores	Q Store	Westfield Shopping Mall
Hammered	Pissed	Oops. little tipsy..
Deployment/ Detachment	Deploy / Ops / Bush / Scrub / Field	Huh?
Runners	Runners	Moccasin's
Die for your Country	Die for your Mate	Die for Air Conditioning
Shipmate/Oppo/Besty	Mate/digger	Honey/Babe/Pookie
Terminate / Contact	Take Out	Back on Base for Nuck Night
Boiler Boots	GP's / Terras	Ugg Boots
Pussers Sandals	JC Sandals	Patent Leather Stilettos
SEAL	SASR	Librarian
Shore Patrol	MPs	Chaperone's
Hot Packs	Rat Packs	Al a Carte
Throw a Goffa	Salute / Chuck a Boxer	Wave
Obstacle Course	Obs Course	Typing Course
Parade Drill/Parade Ground	Drill Practice/Parade Ground	What?
Canteen	AAFCANS / Frontline	McHappy Meal
RANPFT	PT / BFA	Smoko / Ping Pong Comps
Chief Swain	RSM	OIC Cuddles
Midshipman	Officer Cadet	Debutant
Pusser	AJ	RAAFY Chappy

Every once in a while you receive a cute e-mail that warms your heart and you just want to pass it along. This is one of them.

A salesman goes up to a house and knocks on the front door. It's opened by a little ten year-old boy who has a lighted cigar in one hand, a glass of whiskey in the other and a Penthouse magazine tucked under his arm.

Salesman: "Hello son. Is your mom or dad home?"

Little boy: "What the fuck do you think?"

You asked for it - now **buy** it!

In response to member's demands, your Association (at great expense to the management it has to be said) arranged for the production of quality ties, lapel badges, cuff links and tie bars. These items will be on sale at Association Functions and are also available by mail order. The lapel pins, tie bars and cuff links are in a quality gold coloured metal and feature the Unit crest. The Association ties are modeled on the original Unit tie and have been made up in a quality silk blend material. An order form is with this newsletter or visit the Website for ordering details.

Price List

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS

Cuff links (pair)	\$20.00	(Gold metal, swivel clasp)
Lapel pins	\$ 7.50	(Gold metal, single pin)
Association Shirt	\$30.00	(Quality fabric, embroidered logo)
Stubby holders	\$ 7.50	(Yellow text on Green, top quality)
Tie bars	\$12.50	(Gold metal, bulldog type clasp)
Ties	\$45.00	(Silk blend)

VALUE PACKS

Association pack ~~85.00~~ \$62.50
(Tie, ~~tie bar~~, lapel badge, cuff links)

~~**Tie pack** 57.50 \$50.00~~
(~~Tie, tie bar~~)

Lapel pack ~~27.50~~ \$25.00
(Lapel badge, cuff links)



Left: Tie Pin, Below Tie Bar.
Right Shirt Crest





The Wedding of Bart Simpson to Sonja was a memorable occasion that brought together family friends and of course former WAURior's. Dr Seuss wedding vowels, a TARDIS cake and being photo bombed by an Orang-utan made it a wedding like no other.



WAUR Association Chick Magnets: Grant Thompson, Tas Nolan, Bart Simpson, Chook Chapman, Dean McAuliffe, Horse Reading, Viktor Komaromi and Collin Abbott.

Got any goss or self promotion – send it to chapmans@iinet.net.au

Association member Bill Hawthorn sent in this account of his time with National Service and WAUR, this detailed and humorous account gives a great insight into part time service in the late 1950s and early 1960s. Congratulations to Bill for this outstanding work and we can only hope that reading it inspires other association members to also put pen to paper.

ROTTNEST

There were many things that happened on our annual camps at Rottnest, but perhaps the most memorable was the big fire where we succeeded in burning out probably half the island, not intentionally mind you. It all came about through a number of factors, but whatever were its causes, the effects were burned into our memories for a long time.

I recall being dug in on a ridge overlooking the airstrip and nearby salt lake. We had a series of trenches dug in around a spur usually with 2-3 men in each trench positioned so as to give us a good field of fire. We had dug in the previous evening and slept fitfully, awaiting a pre dawn attack from enemy forces. I remember it as being early dawn and some of us were engaged in trying to conjure up some kind of breakfast with our hexamine tablets and little cookers. In the pre dawn light it was barely possible to detect any movement, so we were constantly on edge uncertain about an impending attack. What actually happened, I am uncertain of, but I was informed that an officer was demonstrating how an Aldershot grenade worked. This was not unlike a large fire cracker, but instead of lighting a fuse, it was ignited by striking some touch paper and then you had about 4-5 seconds before it exploded with a shattering sound sending bits of smouldering paper swirling in a cloud of smoke. The Aldershot grenade apparently landed in a tinder dry bush which ignited when the grenade exploded. Hence we heard the command "FIRE" and we responded thinking we were being attacked by an unseen enemy in the half light of dawn. The barrage of fire from blanks fired by sleepy awakening troops caused a huge amount of confusion and did nothing to put out the spreading fire, in fact it probably started a few more fires as it wasn't long before we found ourselves surrounded by a raging ring of fire. Someone yelled out, "Abandon the hill ". There was a wild grab for blankets, clothing, back packs and cooking gear, but such was the ferocity of the fire that much of the gear was abandoned.

A dishevelled mob gathered on the air strip and gazed up at the hills which were ablaze, it was a serious business. Any blankets we had were soaked in the salt water of the lake and we were formed into small fire fighting units of about 7-8 men in each unit under the command of various senior ranks. With wet blankets we made some attempts to work around the periphery of the fire extinguishing some regions, but the main front was now disappearing over the hills as a stiff sea breeze carried it further away. We mustered our resources, numerous jeeps arrived and a trailer load of fire fighting gear. We were issued with rakes, shovels and poles to the end of which were attached heavy canvas strips for beating out the fire. The local fire brigade arrived in an old water truck with an antique pump and a strategy was worked out between the army command and the local fire brigade. I don't think it worked too well as a short time later I saw the fire brigade truck hopelessly bogged on a sand track effectively putting it out of action. Armed with our fire fighting flails I found myself with about 20 other soldiers under the command of one of our lieutenants who had control of two jeeps to transport us to the fire front. We were assigned to head off the fire as it raced towards a steep hill that had 2 large 10,000 gallon water tanks perched on its summit. The vegetation up the slope of the hill was low scrubby and reasonably sparse, whilst on top of the hill there was there was a copse of large ancient Rottnest Island Tee trees. The vehicles were parked under the trees and we formed a line of 20 men and advanced down the hill towards the oncoming fire in the low scrubby bushes. On the command, "Charge ", we leapt into action, advancing into the low flames beating like wild dervishes in an outburst of exuberant energy.

Gasping for breath we paused and examined the results of our efforts: it appeared we had succeeded and put the fire out, but before we could be joyous about our efforts it was noticed that the fire was now further up the hill, behind us - somehow although we had beaten out the fire directly in front of us we had flicked it with our beaters into the bushes behind us

We rapidly retreated, paused and charged again, but the same thing happened. After advancing and retreating half a dozen times with the fire now perilously close to the copse of trees, the order came to abandon the hill. It was a memorable sight as 20 exhausted men clambered aboard the two jeeps hanging on for dear life as behind us the hill literally exploded.

I will never forget seeing the singed peacocks flapping low through the air their tails on fire and the roar of the fire in the large old dense Rottnest Island Tee trees and then the deep rumbling of the water in the water tanks before they exploded ripping open the tank tops in a great burst of steam and boiling water. It was a sound and sight to haunt us for many years later. At the bottom of the hill we stopped and gazed back at the disaster, realizing that we were powerless to do much to contain the fire.

The next two to three days were hellish as we were put on rostered duties that meant a 24 hour containment and surveillance of the fire which due to a wind change and different terrain finally burnt itself out. The night patrol was the worst as I recall, trudging along about midnight under a full moon walking through a smoky bare blackened landscape with every footstep raising fine powdery ash that choked our throats and blackened our faces. The memories of seeing smoke blinded Quokkas, half burnt, but still -alive dropping over limestone cliffs into the sea or the others that hopped into the salt lakes to put out the smouldering fires in their fur which made them look as if they had severe cases of the mange, all this I recall of our Rottnest fire.

The army accepted responsibility for what had happened and then proceeded to find a scapegoat. I recall whispers of who amongst the junior officers was going to be court marshalled and I remember proceedings taking place, but can't recall the outcome. The army certainly wasn't the flavour of the month that year at Rottnest.

BACK PAGE FUNNIES

How fights start.....

My wife sat down on the settee next to me as I was flipping channels.
She asked, 'What's on TV?'

I said, 'Dust.'

And then the fight started...

My wife was hinting about what she wanted for our upcoming anniversary. She said, 'I want something shiny that goes from 0 to 150 in about 3 seconds.'

I bought her a bathroom scale.

And then the fight started...

My wife and I were sitting at a table at my school reunion, and I kept staring at a drunken lady swigging her drink as she sat alone at a nearby table.

My wife asked, 'Do you know her?'

'Yes,' I sighed, 'She's my old girlfriend. I understand she took to drinking right after we split up those many years ago, and I hear she hasn't been sober since.'

'My God!' says my wife, 'who would think a person could go on celebrating that long?'

And then the fight started...



We have all heard about the ancient wisdom of Chinese medicine well our favourite Doctor answers the big questions.....

Q: Doctor, I've heard that cardiovascular exercise can prolong life. Is this true?

A: Your heart only good for so many beats, and that it...don't waste on exercise. Everything wear out eventually. Speeding up heart not make you live longer; it like saying you extend life of car by driving faster. Want to live longer? Take nap.

Q: Should I cut down on meat and eat more fruits and vegetables?

A: You must grasp logistical efficiency. What does cow eat? Hay and corn. And what are these? Vegetables. So steak is nothing more than efficient mechanism of delivering vegetables to your system. Need grain? Eat chicken. Beef also good source of field grass (green leafy vegetable). And pork chop can give you 100% of recommended daily allowance of vegetable product.

Q: Should I reduce my alcohol intake?

A: No, not at all. Wine made from fruit. Brandy is distilled wine, that mean they take water out of fruity bit so you get even more of goodness that way.. Beer also made of grain. Bottom up!

Q: How can I calculate my body/fat ratio?

A: Well, if you have body and you have fat, your ratio one to one. If you have two bodies, your ratio two to one, etc.

Q: What are some of the advantages of participating in a regular exercise program?

A: Can't think of single one, sorry. My philosophy is: No pain...good!

Q: Aren't fried foods bad for you?

A: YOU NOT LISTENING! Food are fried these day in vegetable oil. In fact, they permeated by it. How could getting more vegetable be bad for you?!?

Q: Will sit-ups help prevent me from getting a little soft around the middle?

A: Definitely not! When you exercise muscle, it get bigger. You should only be doing sit-up if you want bigger stomach.

Q: Is chocolate bad for me?

A: Are you crazy?!? HEL-LO-O!! Cocoa bean! Another vegetable! It best feel-good food around!

Q: Is swimming good for your figure?

A: If swimming good for your figure, explain whale to me..

Q: Is getting in shape important for my lifestyle?

A: Hey! 'Round' a shape!

Well, I hope this has cleared up any misconceptions you may have had about food and diets.



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