



# The WAURior

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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

Welcome to issue 22 of the Association produced WAURior newsletter, the committee hope you enjoy the read and get something from this issue.

The Association overall is in a holding pattern at present. There is still a dedicated member base and the website draws constant hits and queries. Everyone from ex WAUR diggers looking for lost mates to excited collectors who have a rare treasure in a WAUR Bugle found at a flea market in Belgium (only to be told it's a worthless Indian copy!) have contacted the committee via the site. That said committee members personal lives and workloads have impacted on Association time leaving a lot of unfinished projects and ideas. You can rest assured however that the fire is still in the belly.

One of the main aims of 2007 is to re-establish a positive connection with the WAUR this was partly achieved at the unit birthday parade, the intention is to follow up with further visits. Planning will also be done with WAUR for the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in April 2009.

We would also like to organise a social dinner and get a move on with the history project its all a matter of time and priorities.

Feel free to contact me if you wish to catch up a discuss the Association or our operation.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**MONTHLY LUNCHES AT ANZAC HOUSE**

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## WHAT TO WEAR WHEN THE WIFE HAS A JOB FOR YOU





ANZAC Day 2007 was commemorated by Association members in a wide variety of ways some of which are detailed over the next few pages. Ray Galliot attended a Dawn service and gunfire breakfast in Dubai. Nigel Bennett who started his military career with WAUR before moving on to SASR addressed his local primary school. Andrew Russel attended Dawn service in Mt Isa. Ernie Polis attend an ANZAC day Shoot at the Pinjar rifle club. As per past years the Association Marched on ANZAC day with the DRA. The March was well attended and all those who made the effort are to be congratulated. Its great to see so many WAURiors keeping up the ANZAC tradition and involving their families as well.

Lest we forget.



**Ernie Polis:** I had every intention of marching up the terrace, but the night before, middle son Matty mentioned that a school mate of his was going up to the Pinjar range complex with his dad to shoot at the Perth Field Rifle Club in the Service Rifle ANZAC Day shoot, great idea..... me thinks.

We assembled at the club and at 10.00am, a short commemorative service with a flag raising service and bugler was held along with a two minute silence, then the competition began. All manner of old service rifles were used, Italian 6.5mm Caracanos, German 7.92mm K98 Mausers, Swedish 8mm Mausers, USA 30-06 Springfield's, Jap 6mm Arisaka rifles, Russian 7.62mm Moissan Nagants and of course all variants of the .303 (7.7mm), including my No1 Mk3 and No 5 (Jungle Carbine). There was 10 shooters in each detail and after 4 details, a great sausage sizzle, beers, shooting and playing around with service pistols, .45 ACP, 9mm Brownings etc ended a great day out with the ANZAC spirit intact and new mates made

G'day Chook!

Thanks for the invite – one year I will certainly get there. This ANZAC Day I am actually taking the footy team to Hellfire Pass to play a game of footy! Should be most memorable as there will be 4 or 5 diggers attending also (apparently 2<sup>nd</sup> largest to Gallipoli offshore ANZAC Day gathering). Part of the ceremony is the reading of this poem:

**Johnny Lincoln (From Bali)**

## Mates

By Duncan Butler, 2/12<sup>th</sup> Field Ambulance

**FISH** - I've travelled down some lonely roads  
Both crooked tracks and straight  
An' I've learned life's noblest creed  
Summed up in one word "Mate"  
I'm thinking back across the years,  
(A thing I do of late)  
An' this word sticks between my ears  
You've got to have a mate

**BALI GECKO'S READER** - Someone who'll take you as you are.

Regardless of your state  
An' stand as firm as Ayers Rock  
Because "e" is your mate  
Me mind goes back to 43,  
To slavery an' ate,  
When man's one chance to stay alive  
Depended on 'is mate.

**FISH** - With bamboo for a billie-can  
An' bamboo for a plate,  
A bamboo paradise for bugs,  
Was bed for me and me mate.  
You'd slip and slither through the mud  
An' curse your rotten fate:  
But then you'd hear a quiet word:  
"Don't drop your bundle mate.

**BALI GECKO'S READER** - An' though it's all so long ago

This truth I ave to state:  
A man don't know what lonely means,  
Til 'e as lost is mate  
If there's a life that follers this,  
If there's a "Golden Gate"  
The welcome that I want to hear  
Is just: "Good on ya mate"

**FISH** - An so to all who ask us why  
We keep these special Dates  
Like Anzac day, I answer: "Why"  
We're thinking of our mates"  
An when I've left the drivers seat  
An handed in my plates,  
I'll tell old Peter at the door:  
"I've come to join me MATES"





**Grant O'Neil:** I was in Melbourne for the week leading up to ANZAC Day, performing with the Western Australia Symphony Orchestra Chorus, Melbourne Chorale and Melbourne Symphony Orchestra. Since ANZAC Day this year was also my 20th wedding anniversary, my wife joined me in Melbourne towards the end of the week and we stayed in Melbourne until ANZAC Day. Won't bore you with too much detail of holiday or the holiday snaps, but we enjoyed seeing Miss Saigon, went to Ballarat and Sovereign Hill and drove the Great Ocean Road among other things. On ANZAC Day we were back in Melbourne. I attended the dawn service at the Shrine of Remembrance (HUGE - I heard there were 60000 people there and I'd believe it) then later in the morning joined the Victorian Police contingent for the march from Melbourne Town Hall to the Shrine. The police stepped off first at 0900; all the other groups followed in turn, being promptly fallen out and hustled out the way when they arrived at the shrine to make way for the following groups. The final marchers finished at almost 1300, and then there was a service at the shrine (missed that as by then we were on our way back to the car to go to a restaurant for lunch to celebrate our anniversary) Flew home that night in time to join my local RSL Sub-Branch for the march and ANZAC Day service in Ballajura the next day, which was attended by another WAURA member, RSL State President Bill Gaynor.



Grant on the march (with the flag!)



In Melbourne



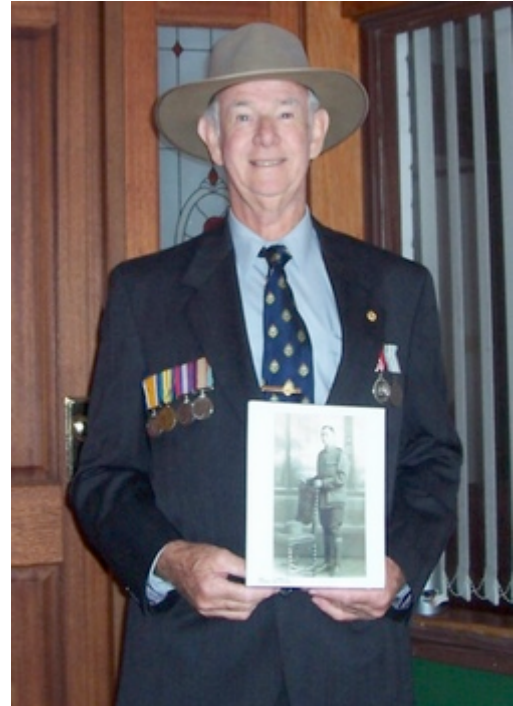
Left and right Greg Smith doing a sterling job of corrupting his minors in the two up ring a 10LH



Kim Drew and son at the Kings Park Dawn Service



Ken Keesing writes: June snapped me on my way out to give my Dad's medals their annual airing. Inset is photo of father Ross in London after release from hospital in 1917. He was wounded the second time in April 1918 at Villers Bretonneux. My wishlist for next year is to attend the 90th anniversary dawn service there.



## Tony Lambe writes:

Hi Chook - I don't have any photos of my day yesterday, but I can give you a spiel on my day out.

Joe Cicala picked me up from home at 0400 hrs and he and I escorted Les Stewart and Doug Farmer to the War Memorial at Kings Park for the Dawn Service. I know you remember Les. Doug was ARA Cadre at WAUR in the mid 80s. Les and Doug are on the RSL Executive and so we made our way to the Flame of Remembrance inside the secured area and Joe and I watched the Dawn Service from their surrounded by dignitaries and security while Les and Doug formed the honour Guard at the memorial itself. We had an excellent view of proceedings and drank a significant amount of Les's thermos which was about 9/10th rum.

After the Dawn Service we went to the WA Club for a breakfast function held by the Highgate RSL. I sat next to a former CO of both 8 RWAR and 16 RWAR who was also OC of the first Coy raised in 1 RWAR in 1960. The US Consul was there and she gave a nice little speech. It was all very interesting moving in these circles. Trevor Arbuckle and Greg Wilson were there as well.

The breakfast broke up so that people could move to the start points from the parade. I found that 11/28 RWAR and 16 RWAR were forming up out in front of the WA Club building and had the opportunity to say hello to a lot of mates, as I'd served in both battalions, before the respective RSMs took their Battalions in hand. I decided to see what it is like not to march and join Joe Cicala at RSL House and see what he gets up to. Years of marching with a battalion and WAUR have left me with a desire to see what the other side gets up to. So Joe and I joined Chris Page and Steve Brown and watched the parade from a vantage point out the front of RSL House. Watching the parade I couldn't help thinking how the ranks are really thinning and how the people needed to mount a decent parade in the near future were all standing around me in flash suits covered in ICBs, AASMs, Timor, Iraq and Afghan gongs. I was really impressed with the final unit of the parade, RGJ bugle band bugling at the double.

While at RSL House I saw most of pioneer platoon 11/28 RWAR, as it was circa 1998 in a group nearby, all that was missing was a carton EB in their centre. I caught up with a number of people including Lynn Gardiner just before I saw you, Knightie and Jenks out the front at about midday



Joe, Chris, Steve and I then went to the Grosvenor to drop in on the RWARA. We had a good yarn with COL Mike Page, Bill Stephens and Adrian Kowald. Joe and I also met a couple of pommie backpackers, one of whom was an ex-RGJ. He was rather disappointed when we told him that he missed seeing his old unit's band do its thing.

From the Grosvenor the four of us tried to gatecrash the Police do at Carnegies, but had no success. So we dropped in on the RAR/Vietnam Vets get together at Rigbys but didn't see anyone there that we knew so we left. Chris Page retired from the field at this point.

Joe, Steve and I headed for Karrakatta with the Gabby-Gurney Club as a our first stop as we are all ex-11/28. I haven't served with 11/28 for 5 years, but it was the same faces in many respects. The lance corporals from 5 years ago are the corporals now and a couple of the same sergeants were there. I met briefly with the CO, LTCOL Dave Thompson and the XO MAJ John Fisher for a bit of a chat. I also spoke with 2LT Jonathon Da Silva who has just graduated from WAUR. It sounds like he enjoys being Commander 10 PI D Coy.

Jock Lennox joined Joe, Steve and I on a foray on the BDE SGT's Mess but it was closed. So we moved on to 16 RWAR where we caught up with a lot of people. In particular we met up with most of the current WAUR staff, namely the ADJT Duncan Foster, OPs CAPT Marcus Frazer, WO2s Mick Kinsella, Kim Mapstone and Gary Mackenzie. By the time I left 16 RWAR I was stitched up to attend WAURs Mod IIA Cse in July for 2 weeks. I also saw SCDT Andrew Deakin there. He is withdrawing from service and is going to try his luck with the Royal Marines.

From there Joe drove Steve and I home. I got a phone call from my wife at about 1800hrs asking where I was and I told her I was at the letterbox, as Joe had just dropped me off.

All in all it was an excellent day. Now I know what happens in town while the march is on and afterwards on ANZAC Day. Next year I reckon I will be marching.

Yours

Tony Lambe

## WAUR ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE 2007



John Kargotich, Shaun Chapman, Michael Jenkin

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 skillfully maneuvering 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?????!!!**



## Rules for Soldiers 1953

1. Enrolment in the Military Forces entails serious obligations under the Defence Act, and these obligations continue, unless the soldier is sooner lawfully discharged, dismissed, or removed, or until the expiration of his engagement.
2. Absence without leave from a Commanding Officer's Parade, or from a Camp of continuous training, is a serious offence, involving liability to prosecution in a Civil Court or a fine which is recoverable in a Civil Court.
3. Commanding Officer's Parades are clearly indicated on this Parade Card. Leave of absence from any such Parade may be obtained for sufficient reason, but in the case of sudden illness (which should be reported as soon as possible), prior application in writing is necessary.
4. Leave of absence will NOT be granted to a member who has been warned by notice to attend an Alternative Parade after having failed to attend a Commanding Officer's (Obligatory) Parade.
5. Change of address must be notified immediately in writing.
6. On leave being granted for a period in excess of two months, or on discharge, all clothing, equipment, text books, etc. on issue to a member must be returned to Unit HQ. All ranks will ensure that a receipt is obtained for ALL articles returned to store. Only the production of a receipt will be accepted as proof that the articles have been returned.
7. Uniform will be worn on all Parades. Wearing of uniform and Part Plain clothes is forbidden. Uniforms will not be worn except when on Military duty.
8. Pay Parades: All clothing, equipment, text books, etc. on issue must be produced for inspection before pay is issued.
9. All ranks must appear on Parade clean and smart, with hair cut and face shaved, five minutes before the time for which the Parade is ordered.
10. Pay is available for a maximum of 38 days Unit training per annum. In addition members will receive pay for courses attended and certain duties undertaken. A Parade of two hours duration constitutes one-third of a day.
11. For efficiency University members of Regiment are required to attend (obligatory) two Camps of continuous training in lieu of one Camp of 14 days and 12 days home training; other members are required to attend (obligatory) one Camp of 14 days and 12 days home training.
12. The Programme of Parades is arranged so as to interfere as little as possible with the Academic Year. Personnel are reminded that non-attendance at the Parades hampers the systematic development of their Unit as a whole.
13. Members obtaining leave from a Commanding Officer's Parade are required to complete the flours training not attended at the next Alternative Parade shown on Parade Card similar to that missed, i.e. a two-day bivouac, day or half-day Parade missed cannot be made up on night Parades.

**IN ADDITION ALL RANKS SHOULD ACT AS RECRUITING**

**OFFICERS IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN THE STRENGTH AND**

**STANDARD OF UNITS.**

April 19, 2007 - 6:20PM

More than 800,000 people who are eligible for a new military service medal have failed to apply, Veterans Affairs Minister Bruce Billson says.

Mr Billson said 135,000 Australian Defence Medals (ADM) have been presented, recognising the service of full-time and reserve personnel since the end of World War II.

But many others who are eligible have yet to apply, including next of kin of those who had since died.

Mr Billson said the government was committed to recognising the outstanding contribution to Australia's proud military history of men and women in uniform.

"That's why the ADM was established last year - to acknowledge each of the more than one million Australians, living and deceased, who have served their country since the end of World War II," he said in a statement.

"I encourage all others who are entitled to the ADM to apply."

To be eligible, a person must have completed four years' service or an initial term of enlistment, whichever is shorter. This includes national servicemen and reserves.

Those who could not serve the four-year qualifying period because of defence force workplace policies of the time are also eligible, including women who were forced to quit when they married.

Also qualifying are those medically discharged with an injury eligible for compensation, plus relatives of former members who died in service.

## MEMBER MUSINGS

Ernie Polis sent in this "fond" memory of service in WAUR – Anyone else with a story to share?

I had just graduated from OCTU in 1973 and at the same time received a letter from the QM at WAUR stating that I had not returned some kit when the unit was issued modern webbing in place of the old 36 WW2 pattern stuff we had, fortunately for me I still had a receipt that I had indeed returned the outstanding kit.

So during one lunch break from work I went to the depot in Mounts Bay Road and went upstairs and saw the QM Sgt who at his desk, he was a senior S/SGT with WW2 ribbons due for retirement. He looked up at my fresh 21 year old face and bellowed at me "what can I do for you sonny", taken back by his casual introduction I corrected him and replied, "I'm actually a 2Lt"

He looked up at me again, raised an eye brow and bellowed again "**well..... Mr Sonny..... what can I do for you**", it was then that I realized that unless I was a Major or above he and all other senior Sgts care less for officers and he who was a 30 year man in the Army was to be respected and his experience acknowledged, lesson learnt that lasted for ever.



*The following was WAUR's contribution to the 1986 Chronicle – an Annual report on the Royal Green Jackets activities.*

## **WESTERN AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITY REGIMENT**

### **Commanding Officer:**

Lieutenant-Colonel T. W. Goode, RFD

### **Second-in-Command:**

Major L. A. Stewart

### **Adjutant:**

Captain H. F. Callander (ARA)

### **Regimental Sergeant-Major:**

Warrant Officer Class One J. P. McAlister (ARA)

Once again we report on a number of changes to our Regular Army Cadre Staff, namely that of the arrival of our new Adjutant, Captain Hugh Callander; RQMS, S/Sgt. Rod Arrowsmith; Trg WO, W02 Graeme Smith; and by no means least, Pte Bob Pearce, our Storeman extraordinaire. In fact the only Cadre members to maintain any continuity are our Chief Clerk, S/Sgt. "BY O'Sullivan; QM, Captain "Scotty" Alcorn; and RSM, WOI Joe McAlister.

It seems the longest serving member of WAUR is our civilian typist, Mrs. Ev Bawden, who has been with the Regiment since September 1975.

Sub-unit summaries of 1986 training year are as follows:

### **Headquarters Company-Officer** Commanding: Major Sean Watson

The past year has been one of continuous activity for Headquarter Company, performing its primary role of supporting the Regiment during training which includes both the annual four week camp, and the normal weekend activities. In addition, a Regimental signal platoon has been raised, and recently completed its initial training.

Annual Camp, the highlight of the training year, was once again held in the Northam and Bindoon training areas. Northam, to the East of Perth, is a fixed camp consisting of mainly wood and asbestos buildings-very hot in summer and bitterly cold in winter! However, it offers those requirements needed for running courses for promotion and recruit training, in terms of classroom space and fixed facilities. For field training, the Bindoon training area is used. This is about an hour's drive from Northam, and lies to the North East of Perth. It is a vast area, with a reasonable amount of tree cover, and few fixed facilities. This latter statement, however, will soon be changed as a permanent camp is in the process of being built. The camp period is divided into two two-week phases. Unit members are given the opportunity to attend either phase, although many people do attend both. With the role of the unit being to provide military training for students, and camp being during the summer holidays, this is hardly surprising.

The first phase comprised a Courses Camp, with courses for NCO's promotion to Corporal and Sergeant and a Recruit Course. HQ Company provided support for these courses with some participants, and in addition, the Camp Commandant in the form of the OC.

Re-reading the annexes to camp instructions, with constant references to snake bite, tick bite and heat exhaustion, reminds one that a courses camp in the middle of a West Australian summer can provide something less than the ideal learning situation. Reveille was at 0500 hrs to avoid as much of the heat as possible. This allowed a fair amount of training to be done before the sun reached its maximum.

The second phase of camp was, as normal, the Regimental Camp. During this time, the majority of members attend. Activities conducted included IET and AET training, as well as a Subject Two for the Sergeant course. Much of this training was conducted at Bindoon. HQ Company again supported these activities, and provided its own on-the-job training. Transport platoon provided some light relief, whilst trying to attempt to drive one of the newly acquired Mercedes Unimog trucks up an incline that was definitely steeper than the truck designers had anticipated! Perhaps the highlight of the period for many members was a deployment from Northam to Bindoon on a Caribou aircraft normally based at RAAF Pearce.

Possibly the most severe limitation of training in the middle of summer is the restriction put on the use of ammunition, both live and blank (including pyrotechnics). This is due to the extreme fire danger that exists. To overcome this the major live firing exercise for the Regiment takes place when the weather has cooled a little, at the beginning of April. This-probably the next most important activity next to camp-is held on the range complexes at Bindoon over a two and-a-half day period. Most infantry weapons are fired, and a "round robin" situation ensures that most unit members get to fire (or throw) all unit weapons. During the remainder of the year, the usual training activities took place with emphasis for HQ Company on both support and internal training. A recent training weekend caused some anxious moments, when a truck threatened to disappear below the water level during a fording exercise. The transport Sergeant was overheard muttering about being asked to put in a vehicle accident report to explain a slightly bent bumper. At least the towing to get the truck back to Perth provided a degree of realism.

Notwithstanding some severe financial cuts this year, due to the current economic situation, an indomitable spirit prevails, and most unit members are looking forward to a four week camp period in January 1987. This will be when the America's Cup races are at their peak, and already a number of cancellations have been received from those member's whose employers insist that they are unavailable during this period. An unavoidable, but no doubt disappointing, situation for those persons affected. The Annual Field Exercise is to be held in the cooler South West of the State this year. The use of air to deploy to the exercise area is also an innovation that is being welcomed. However, for those of us involved in the courses phase of camp, the familiar wood and asbestos huts of Northam will once again become home for two weeks. Perhaps we can just hope for a cooler summer ... !

#### **Training Company-Officer Commander. Major Brian Houliston**

Training Company in 1986 took up the role of Initial Employment Training (IET) of new recruits after their Recruit Course. This was as a result of the discontinuation of Officer Training and the need to free "A" Company to allow it to concentrate on more advanced training. This role was a welcome change as it gave Training Company a training commitment throughout the year, unlike previous times when most impact was during Annual Camp.

The reduction in training days this year caused a radical reorganisation of the training programme, but by September 1986 almost two platoons of recruits will have completed IET and be posted to "A" Company.

Once again the Company will be responsible for the running of a Recruit Course and a Subject 2 for Promotion to Corporal during Phase 1 at Annual Camp and this year for the first time the running of a "continuous" IET Course during Phase 2. This will stretch the resources of the Company but the staff are all confident that they will rise to the occasion.



By the time this is published, the present OC, Major Brian Houliston will have completed an attachment with the 4 Bn RGJ during their Annual Camp in October 1986. Major Houliston was a successful recipient of a "Prince of Wales Award" which allows him to be attached to a British unit (in his case the 4 RGJ) and two weeks civil attachment within his profession. He is spending two weeks at the Renal Transplant Unit at the John Radcliffe Infirmary in Oxford. On his return from the UK he is being posted to the 11 Independent Rifle Coy as OC. His successor as OC Training Company is Captain Ron Adams, a PSO appointment who has had a wealth of experience in the Army Reserve during his years as a Warrant Officer. Captain Adams is already heavily involved in planning for Annual Camp and will also be acting OC when Major Houliston is overseas.

## **"All Company-Officer Commanding: Major Brian Dawson**

**On 1st February 1986 "A" Company** gave up its Initial Employment Training role to Training Company and commenced operating as a true rifle company and, providing Advanced Employment Training for its troops. The new role has been given even greater emphasis by the requirement for the company to pass an Army Training and Evaluation Programme (ARTEP) on the defence phase of war during the annual field exercise in January 1987. The field exercise, is to be held in the Nannup area, approximately 300km south of Perth.

The company's organization on redeployment comprised a Headquarters, Support Section and two Rifle Platoons. Training prior to the field exercise has concentrated on individual and collective skills at section level. In the first week of the field exercise training will concentrate on collective skills at platoon level. The ARTREP will be conducted in the second week. The Support Section is now at full strength with good morale and under its commander, Cpl Philip Cook, looking forward to carrying out its role during the field exercise.

During the year a new operational role was proposed for University Regiment rifle companies by a defence review. This sees "A" Company becoming part of an Infantry battalion in time of war and being deployed with the force allocated to the defence of North-Western Australia a complete and welcome change from the company's current training role.

"A" Company now has a more interesting and positive future ahead of it and looks forward to 1987.

## **1991 ANZAC DAY PARADE**



Hal G.P. Colebatch: Here's the waterfront drama that Aunty did not show

We heard nothing of how the unionists undermined the war effort during World War II, all the looting, the strikes and industrial ransom

May 18, 2007

IF the ABC wanted to make a drama about the waterfront in Australia, one may wonder why it didn't look at a matter rather more dramatic and significant than that depicted in *Bastard Boys*, and one that has been suppressed with Orwellian thoroughness by the Australian history industry: the waterfront strikes that occurred throughout World War II, and at times when Australia's national survival appeared to be at stake.

As Japanese forces attacked Milne Bay in 1942 and Australia and the US tried to rush reinforcements to the troops holding on there, Townsville watersiders refused to load heavy guns unless paid treble or, later, quadruple time. A small group of US soldiers, under a colonel who had trained Australia's first modern heavy artillery battery, eventually threw the watersiders off the wharf and loaded the guns themselves. By then the rest of the convoy had sailed. The guns reached Milne Bay too late.

When advance elements of the 7th Infantry Brigade on the SS *Tasman* reached Milne Bay in 1942, proceeding straight into battle, they found watersiders at Townsville had broken into the radio vans and taken the accumulators from the radio sets. Other waterside strikes caused Milne Bay to be supplied with anti-aircraft gun barrels without mountings. The *Tasman* was the target, as it ferried troops to New Guinea, of not exceptional but repeated strikes during each voyage.

In Adelaide in 1942, watersiders deliberately wrecked US aircraft engines by dropping them from cargo nets until American soldiers fired sub-machineguns. Sergeant E. D. Patton of the First Australian Corps of Signals recalled: "There were two incidents which occurred at Adelaide on our arrival from the Middle East in 1942 on the SS *Jetersum*. Our cargo consisted of 5000 tons of ammunition, 25-pounder field guns, 200 truck pens plus four Bofors 40mm anti-aircraft guns mounted on deck. The ammunition was covered by about 3000 tons of sand and 80 tons of gun cotton was below water level in the anchor-chain lockers.

"As soon as we tied up at the wharf, the wharfies came on board asking various members of the crew and army what we had on board, especially under the sand. Well, no one would tell them but they soon found out about the ammo and demanded danger money. Not receiving (it), they went on strike. The army was called in to unload the ship. In the meantime some of the wharfies would not get off the ship, so the army removed them.

"The ship berthed in front of ours was an American Liberty ship which was unloading Allison aero engines. When the cargo nets were lowered into the hold the engines in their flimsy crates were loaded, then the winch-driver would snatch the net up and swing it over the side and let it drop on the concrete wharf; as a result the engines were damaged.

"The Americans told them to stop dropping the engines, (but) the wharfies took no notice whatsoever. As a consequence the Americans armed themselves with Thompson sub-machineguns and fired a number of short bursts up in the air. That quietened them for about half an hour, so some of the crew produced some plastic stun grenades and dropped them down into the hold. That put a stopper on their shenanigans."

On the Brisbane wharves Australian watersiders also deliberately wrecked US P-38 fighter planes. According to another eye-witness, Ian L. O'Donnell: "They simply hooked the lifting crane on to the planes and, without unbolting the planes from the decks, would signal the hoisting engineer to lift, which effectively tore the planes to pieces."

On the same wharves, in August 1942, watersiders smashed the vehicles of an army battalion being rushed to New Guinea by dropping them from winches after soldiers with drawn bayonets had stopped them stealing food from the stores they were loading.

When No317 radar station was being set up at Green Island near New Britain, it was found that all the valves for the radar sets had been stolen by wharf labourers at Townsville. Without the valves the station was unable to go on air as scheduled, and a violent electrical tropical storm caught a force of two-seater American Vultee Vengeance dive bombers flying back from a raid on the Japanese base at Rabaul.

The storm upset the aircrafts' compasses and, even though they were in radio contact, they became lost. Without radar the station could not guide them home and they flew on until they ran out of fuel and crashed, as those listening on the ground heard. Two of the aircraft were found. Sixteen others were lost and the 32 men in them perished. James Ahearn, an RAAF serviceman at Green Island, wrote: "Had No317 been on air it was possible the doomed aircraft could have been guided back to base. The grief was compounded by the fact that had it not been for the greed and corruption on the Australian waterfront, such lives would not have been needlessly lost."

RAAF sergeant H. T. Tolhurst, who had opened the box marked "Radio valves - handle with care" and found it empty, said: "We believed that had we been on air it was possible that we could have guided those doomed aircraft back ... All of the personnel keenly felt the loss of those ... young lives. Our feelings were not helped by the scorn of the US Air Force personnel who became aware of the reasons ... and who tainted us with the contempt they held."

In September 1942, at South Brisbane, watersiders refused to work after midnight unless paid time-and-a-half when the 2/1 Battalion, AIF 6th Division, was being rushed to New Guinea to defend Port Moresby. Jack Prichett, a sergeant with the 2/2 Battalion, AIF 6th Division, recalled: "As orders were to sail at 0300 hours with or without stores our (commanding officer) took charge and 14 platoon loaded the stores and we sailed late. It was essential that we got to Port Moresby to prevent the Japs capturing it."

These are a small sample of accounts that I have collected dealing with literally hundreds of incidents of wartime strikes and pilfering on the wharves from 1939 to 1945, as well as outright sabotage. During the course of World War II, virtually every major Australian warship, including at different times our entire force of cruisers, was targeted by strikes, go-slows or sabotage.

Too bad the ABC is not interested. The story would make a great drama.

Hal G.P. Colebatch is writing a book on wartime strikes and sabotage, Australia's Secret War.

## LOGICAL

A fireman is polishing his fire engine outside the fire station when he notices a little girl next door in a little red cart with little ladders hung on the side and garden hose tightly coiled in the middle.

The little girl is wearing a fireman's helmet and has the cart tied to a dog and a cat.

The fire fighter walks over to take a closer look, 'That's a lovely fire engine,' he says admiringly.

'Thanks,' says the little girl.

The fireman looks closer and notices the little girl has tied one of the cart's strings to the dog's collar and one to the cat's testicles.

'Little colleague,' says the fire fighter, 'I don't want to tell you how to run your fire engine, but if you were to tie that rope around the cat's collar, I think you could probably go a lot faster.'

The little girl pauses for a moment, looks at the wagon, at the dog and at the cat, then shyly looks into the fireman's eyes and says.....

"You're probably right, but then I wouldn't have a siren, would I?"





## DIGGERS

You can't take them anywhere.

## MOUNTS BAY ROAD DEPOT

Hi Chook,

Thanks for the latest newsletter. I've just finished reading it... always a good read!

Just a small clarification about the exact site of 20 Mounts Bay Rd. On page 9, it says the site is where the Quadrant building now stands, but actually the Quadrant building is next door. The old 20 Mounts Bay Rd site is still just a great big hole in the ground, just as it has been since the building was demolished. (ED: Yeah Ok fair call Hilly- I cocked up my bearings!!)

The building used to be immediately behind the WA Newspapers' building (which is still standing), and I remember that the staff at WA Newspapers would lean out of the window and pass a couple of copies of Wednesday's "The West Australian" out of the window, across to people in the Sergeants' Mess upstairs (above the OR's Canteen). (The WA Newspapers building is still standing).

I also remember that the building next door (where the Quadrant building is) was being demolished while we were still in 20 Mounts Bay rd, and towards the end we had debris falling through the roof... clearing the drill hall pretty fast! :-)

I'm sure that if the building was still standing, it wouldn't be allowed to be demolished now... too much history, and the art deco entry would probably also have some historical architectural value. c'est la vie.

Regards,  
Chris Hill

Footnote: It appears that BHP plan to build on the site in the next couple of years.

## 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)
<del>Tie bars</del>	<del>\$12.50</del>	<del>(Gold metal, bulldog type clasp)</del>
Ties	\$45.00	(Silk blend)

**Sold Out**

### 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



**Sold Out**



David Treloar sent in this photo of the WAUR Colours Presentation Ceremony, May 25<sup>th</sup> 1959 at UWA.  
Thanks David photos like this are gold!

## 1980 RECRUITING PROPAGANDA

*Below is a reprint of a 1980 recruiting blurb:*

### **WESTERN AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITY REGIMENT (WAUR)**

It is not a widely known fact that since 1949 thousands of students from the UWA, WAIT and the Teachers Training Colleges have served part-time with WAUR whilst attending tertiary courses - without any Interference to their studies.

In fact most of these people, who now hold Important positions In many walks of life and particularly amongst the various professions, look back on their military service with WAUR with happy memories and state that It was beneficial to them in both real and personal terms.

There is, of course the pay, which is tax free and which could mean you will not have to spend the third term, when you should be concern on your studies worrying about getting long vacation employment. The WAUR annual training cycle is tailored to the academic year because it is a tertiary students' Army Reserve Unit, and consequently all major activities, for example promotion courses, Annual Camp and Field Exercise are held In the May. and January vacations.



And there are also less tangible but probably more significant benefits for you to accrue. We all enjoy the way of life that we are relatively free to choose and enjoy in this nation. Neither we nor anyone else know what the future holds in respect to any influences that might one day alter our way of life and perhaps if and when that day comes there be little or nothing we can do about it. As a nation we cannot maintain the cost of large standing full time military forces that we would like to see, taking into account other priorities in national development. Thus our government as do most other countries, strongly supports a part-time Army Reserve as an insurance cover so to speak.

In a time of national crisis in which a rapid expansion would occur, it is the man who has had previous military training who is firstly going to get the promotion and, secondly certainly more importantly, is the one who will have the better chance of coming through unscathed. There are many men in Australia today who are very thankful they took the opportunity to learn military skills when able to. In a real sense Army Reserve training can be regarded as a form of personal insurance.

Some day, following your graduation you will rise through the ranks of your chosen profession and reach a stage where you will have responsibility for others, to lead and organise other men. A few of you might already possess the ability of leadership as a natural gift, but the majority only have the latent potential to a greater or lesser degree - a potential which we will develop.

The role of WAUR is to provide military training for undergraduates and officer training for selected personnel. If you join in your first year of studies it is possible for you to gain a Queens Commission as an officer in the Australian army by the time you graduate. This places you amongst an exclusive group in the community, opens doors and gives you a status that money cannot buy. But it is not handed to you on a plate. It is a fact of life that nothing worthwhile is - you have to earn it. And full credit to you when you do.

There are many other possibilities offered by service with WAUR apart from those already mentioned. i.e.

- gaining a Commission
- development of leadership qualities
- learning military skills,
- organisational and administrative training
- tax free pay, and
- employment during long vacations.

There is also your own personal development such as the self assurance and confidence which comes as a result of overcoming personal physical challenges associated with physically arduous training, of fending for yourself and learning to live in the bush whilst doing a job.

You will meet and mix with fellow students from other educational institutions, form comradeship's, share adventures, exchange ideas and additional social contacts whilst learning new skills that the average fellow in the normal course of civilian life does not. The kind of things you will do during your service are very different from your everyday student life. It is particularly important for a student not to get stale - Army Reserve training gives you an opportunity to get a complete change so that you can return refreshed to your studies.

The training includes marksmanship, fieldcraft, navigation and all the other facets of basic Infantry soldiering. with specialist training available as a Cook, Steward, Clerk, Driver, Signaller or Storeroom, or promotional training to corporal, sergeant and second lieutenant.

Once you reach the rank of sergeant you become eligible for attendance at interstate schools and courses in NSW and Queensland, with the possibility of brief overseas training visits. Your Commanding Officer, most of the officers and senior NCO's will be tertiary graduates who have also had years of military service, including regular service in some cases.

Members are required to attend a minimum of 26 days training per financial year i.e. July/June. This in to comprise of at least 14 days continuous training.

The unit parades on Tuesday nights and approximately one full weekend per month, between January and June, with one weekend in the first half of the year for the Annual Range Practice. You would be required to attend 5 weekends of training in addition to 2 weekends of marksmanship training and Anzac Day,

The Tuesday night training in conducted at the WAUR Training Depot between 7.30 p.m. and 10.30 p.m. The Soldiers Institute is open from 10.30 p.m. until 12 midnight for your relaxation afterwards. Weekend and continuous training in done at Bindoon Muchea, Northam, Lancelin, Rottnest and Collie. Adventure training such as airborne rappelling from helicopters, the Avon Descent, Assault-at-Arms in also carried out.

A man who enlists In WAUR may, by attending and applying himself to all training, achieve the following advancement:

- a. At twelve months, complete recruit training, initial employment training and be promoted from Recruit to the rank of Private;
- b. At eighteen to twenty-four months, complete promotion requirements for commissioning if selected for Officer Training; or
- c. At eighteen to twenty-four months be qualified for promotion to Corporal

Female members of WAUR can enter the Headquarters staff or the Quartermaster Platoon and be trained and act as drivers. radio operators, clerks, cooks or stewards.

The benefits are many, if you are looking for something a little different to do in your spare time and some extra cash - think about what we offer.

Commencing Rates of Pay	Pay Per Day
During basic recruit training	\$18.87
For privates	\$20.25
For lance corporals and proficient privates	\$20.76
For corporals	\$21.72
For sergeants	\$23.05
For staff sergeants	\$29.67
For warrant officers	\$32.93
For officer trainees	\$19.47
For second lieutenant	\$28.90
For lieutenants	\$31.20

In addition you receive a minimum of \$1.25 for Travelling Allowance for each Home/Additional Unit Parades.

Army Reserve membership In WAUR is open to young men and women between 17 and 35 who have reached Leaving standard. You can join for either 3 or 6 years. But you need to be permanently resident in Australia and either an Australian citizen. British subject, or if not naturalised to give evidence of your intention to become a naturalised Australian citizen. Because WAUR maintains a high standard of selection, your final acceptance for membership will depend upon your physical and medical fitness, your personality and character and your general suitability and aptitude for training.

Are you good enough? - Are you a stayer?

If so, we welcome your enquires. our telephone number is 321 3141, or we would prefer you to call at WAUR, 20 Mounts Bay Road, at the foot of William Street Perth on a Tuesday evening between 7.30 p.m. and 9.30 p.m. and discuss your part In the unit with the Recruiting Officer.

(T,J.ARBUCKLE)  
Lieutenant Colonel  
Commanding Officer

25 March 1980

## Sightings



Hello, My name is Kendall Brianne Heliams. I arrived safely on 11 April weighing 2660 grams (5lb 13oz). Mum & Dad (Kerry & Denham) are very excited and still coming to grips with all the changes that my moving into their lives is going to entail!



LEFT: Kingsley Wake writes: I have enclosed a photo of yours truly taken on Anzac Day (if you are desperate you might like to use it). I was the Drum Major for the Bunbury City Band which the led the parade in Bunbury. I have been a member of this band for 30 years.

**Got any goss –send it to [chapmans@iinet.net.au](mailto:chapmans@iinet.net.au)**

Check out these websites: [www.western-desert.de](http://www.western-desert.de)

Also <http://tinyurl.com/56t9u> This will drive you nuts!! The object of the game is to move the red block around without getting hit by the blue blocks or touching the black walls. If you can go longer than 18 seconds you are phenomenal. The US Air Force uses this for fighter pilots. They are expected to go for at least 2 minutes. give it a try but be careful...it is addictive!!



Hi,

My name is Paul Hopkins and as a bit of trivia I am reporting in after an absence of around 26+ years.

Am currently doing some CFTS and was commissioned in 1977 with PCS Van Hattem (Now a QC or are they now SC's or something like that) and KD Felsche (Later LT Col in Education Corps) after completing training whilst posted to WAUR (don't try and work out my age as I can't). Lib "Ricadony" [(could never spell Libs surname) was also commissioned around this time].

I was the Platoon Sgt for the Anti Armour Platoon that you mention in your history section as well as being the Sgt for the Pnrs and Mortar Pls/sections that were run during that year prior to being the Specialist Platoon Commander in 1978 after Lt Tindale (known as Dinsdale Piranha & latter a Capt in Engineers - I think).

Completed the obligatory Recruit Commanders job in May 1978 as well as a few other camps as an instructor/Pl commander over the following years until posted to 16 RWAR in Jan 1980. However my last activity with WAUR was in Jan 1980 as a Rifle Platoon Commander with Lt Bradley down at Collie doing advanced Infantry training though I was officially posted to 16 RWAR.

WAUR was a great place to learn and develop ones trade with heaps of opportunity to do different and stimulating training. We all had to pull together because between the members of any platoon there was sufficient knowledge and skills to meet any challenge --- just. Knowledge did not reside in the headshed as we were all young and inexperienced so had to rely on everyone contributing. It reminded me a bit of what the WW2 vets told me about the platoons they were in before they went off to war.

I was sad to leave and missed the unit and its people when I finally left in 1980 but one must go where one is sent or ends up.

Doubt that many will remember me but there are a few old and bold around including a few ex CO's will remember me some reluctantly I am sure.

Anyway feel free to add me to a list of old and bolds if you want.

Regards

*Paul Hopkins*

**Major**

**SO2 Ops JOSS-SV**



Andrew Russel and LA Houghton going country style in Queensland

G'day Chook,

Re: your query on the scan slide – in the '70's, Army Recruiting arranged a glass slide for each unit to have shown at the local drive-in movies. It was intended to be given to the local operator for showing 'gratis'. There was one up in Kalgoorlie that was always shown during the intermission break when we all stopped for a piss and burger break.

Ray Gallott







1991 Peter Evans Marathon Team:  
Rear Row: Matt Stacey, X, Martin Simich, BJ Smith,  
Front Row: Peter Byrne, X, Wibur Smith







**RIGHT: News Flash:  
Giant Squirrel killed in the  
UK!**

**BELOW: Present .....**



WENN

A Muslim was seated next to an Australian on a flight from London to Melbourne, Australia.

After the plane was airborne, drink orders were taken. The Aussie asked for a rum and coke, which was brought and placed before him.

The flight attendant then asked the Muslim if he would like a drink.

He replied in disgust, "I'd rather be savagely raped by a dozen whores than let liquor touch my lips."

The Aussie then handed his drink back to the attendant and said, "Me too. I didn't know we had a choice."





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Association Shirt		\$30.00	
Chest size:			
Song Book		\$ 2.50	
Stubby Holder		\$ 7.50	
Tie		\$45.00	
<del>Tie bar</del>		<del>\$12.50</del>	
PACKAGES			
Package	Qty	Price	Total
Association Pack (Tie, <del>tie bar</del> , lapel pin, cuff links)		<del>\$75.00</del> \$62.50	\$
<del>Tie Pack</del> ( <del>Tie, tie bar</del> )		<del>\$50.00</del>	\$
Lapel Pack (Lapel pin, cuff links)		\$25.00	\$
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	YEAR IN (WAUR)		YEAR OUT (WAUR)	
MOST MEMORABLE WAUR OCCASION (Use separate sheet if required)				
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<b>Membership Agreement</b> I HEREBY APPLY to be an ordinary member of the Western Australian University Regiment Association Inc. ("the Association"), and I agree to be bound by the Constitution of the Association.  Signature of Applicant: _____ Date:    /    /				
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