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# The WAURior

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## Contributions Sought!!

Thanks are again due to Shaun Chapman, Tony Lambe, Roger May and 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)

## Want more?.....

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## Ramblings from the Treasurer

With Shaun Chapman

*Welcome to WAURior 19.*

For those who wonder where the inspiration for this newsletter comes from see the photo below of the Association computer set up. But seriously folks... We hope you enjoy issue 19 of the WAUR Association Newsletter. Your feedback, ideas and contributions would be most appreciated.



*Shaun Chapman*

## Read it on the Web

### THE STORY OF THE ANZACS

An Historical Account of the Part Taken by Australia and New Zealand in the Great War. From the Outbreak in August, 1914 until the Evacuation of Gallipoli, in December, 1915

<http://www.diggerhistory3.info/anzacs/>

RESERVE FORCES DAY in WESTERN AUSTRALIA (Details from the Defence reserves Association)

Reserve Forces Day Service Sun 9th Jul 06 at the State War Memorial , King's Park - 9.30 for 10.00am.

Reserve Forces Day was first observed throughout Australia on the 1st July 1998 to commemorate the contribution of the Reservists and their predecessors the CMF and militia to the defence of Australia.

It was organized by the Defence Reserves Association initially although subsequently a RFD Committee was set up and took over organization.

More recently ADF formations have coordinated RFD observances and HQ 13 BDE has been very active in this respect.

The 1998 observance was the 50th Anniversary of the raising of the CMF in 1948, and, in Perth, was conducted as a parade and march through the City.

Since that date Reserve Forces Day has been observed annually in different ways such as a service at the State War Memorial, a church service at Christ Church Grammar School, and a march and parade at the Army Museum of WA at Artillery Barracks in Fremantle.

This year, as in the past four, Reserve Forces Day will be observed as a combined service at the State War Memorial

in King's Park with the Z Force Operation Rimau Memorial Service on Sunday 3rd July and will be organized in conjunction with HQ 13 BDE.

The combined service results from the proximity of the two dates (1st & 7th July) and enables 13th Brigade to support an Association whose numbers and age present difficulties in organization of such a service.

This is your Memorial Day as a current or past Reservist, so come along and support us.

Details:-

Date/Time Sun 9 Jul 2006 - 0930 for 1000

Location State War Memorial – Kings Park

Dress Jacket and Tie (Medals)

Morning Tea Refreshments provided after the service.

Information on the Defence Reserves WA can be found at: <http://www.dra-wa.org.au>

RWAR All Ranks Ball 7pm Sat 2 Sep Parmelia Hilton \$85 per ticket includes 3 course meal and drinks. Quintet followed by Disco. Tickets to be available from Mess's in June. Further details available at the RWAR Association Website go to <http://www.rwar.org.au/home>

The DRA are holding a formal dinner 22 July 2006, Tickets need to be purchased by 10 July 2006 and cost \$55 each. Venue is the Wings Restaurant, RAAF Association, Bullcreek Drive, Bullcreek. WAUR Association members wishing to attend should contact Shaun Chapman who will put you in touch with the right people.



## What is It?

The Australian Defence Medal (ADM) has been established to recognise Australian Defence Force (ADF) Regular and Reserve personnel who have demonstrated their commitment and contribution to the nation by serving for an initial enlistment period or four years service whichever is the lesser.

Her Majesty the Queen recently approved the Regulations and Letters Patent for the medal.

It is expected that the medal will be available for presentation from mid 2006.

It is estimated that over one million serving and ex-serving ADF members will be eligible for the medal.

Ex-serving personnel who have served for four years (or have completed a lesser initial enlistment period) either as an ADF Regular or Reserve member since the end of World War II (3 September 1945) are eligible for the medal. Eligibility for the medal has been extended to those personnel who:

- have died in service; or
- have been medically discharged with a compensatory impairment at the time of their discharge, thus rendering them unable to serve the required minimum qualifying period; or
- have honourably served but, due to some Defence workplace enlistment policies of the time (as determined by the Chief of the Defence Force), were unable to serve the required minimum qualifying period.

National servicemen will also be eligible for the ADM, as the completion of their National Service obligation will be considered as completion of an initial enlistment period of service.

### How to apply for the ADM

Applications are now being invited from eligible personnel. These should be made direct to the Directorate of Honours and Awards, Department of Defence.

The application form for the ADM is available from the RSL and other Ex-Service Organisations or may be downloaded through the ADF website at: [www.defence.gov.au/dpe/](http://www.defence.gov.au/dpe/) (then select "Honours and Awards" on the Quick click Menu) for a PDF application form.

It is important that applicants provide proof of service with their application. This can include a certified true copy (no originals please) of their Certificate of Service or Discharge Certificate or any other official documents which confirm the length of their service. Providing these documents will greatly speed up the assessment process for the medal. Ex-serving personnel who do not have certificates of service or other supporting documentation, should not contact CARO, Navy records or RAAF records. Their applications should be submitted to DHA regardless, who will then contact the service archives on behalf of applicants to conduct an assessment.

Individuals who have already applied, usually by letter or email, and whose applications have been acknowledged, do not need to reapply.

### Directorate of Honours and Awards' Contact Details

The Directorate of Honours and Awards can be contacted directly either through a toll-free number 1800 111 321, via e-mail on: [dpe.honoursandawards@defence.gov.au](mailto:dpe.honoursandawards@defence.gov.au) or at

Each enquiry should provide as much information as possible to enable the Directorate of Honours and Awards to answer questions more effectively.

### **When will I get it?**

#### **Defence Press release:**

"The first Australian Defence Medals were dispatched this week. The initial batch of 8,000 medals will be sent out to current and former serving members of the Australian Defence Force, the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence, Bruce Billson, announced today.

"Following my recent announcement that Her Majesty the Queen had approved the Regulations and Letters Patent for the Australian Defence Medal (ADM), I am pleased to advise the first batch is being distributed," Mr Billson said.

"Of these, 2,000 medals will be sent to former serving members and 6,000 to current serving Defence Force members.

"The ADM announcement has received an extremely positive response from the community with more than 5,000 enquiries to the 1800 phone line being received and over 5,300 applications being lodged with Defence in the first few weeks.

"With more than one million Australians being entitled to receive the medal, it will take time to process the applications but the Australian Government, through Defence, is committed to ensuring those eligible receive this important service recognition as soon as possible," Mr Billson said."

### **What's the WAUR Associations take on it?**

#### **Retired from service:**

If you have 4 or more years go for it! However in the days before open ended enlistments if you signed up for a 3 year stint and completed it and attended enough days you are eligible. Most of us will have no records of our service if you have then your sorted if not you can call APA (Army Personnel Admin) on Crew Rise in Leeuwin Barracks on 9311 2222. If you are on record they will post out a print out of your service which can make interesting reading as it details course camps charges enlistment date and discharge date.

#### **Still in the system:**

Most serving members in the defence force don't seem to impressed by the medal (well that's what the have told me), they feel its reasonably valueless at every bugger and their dog will get one. That said if you are in the system you will automatically receive your ADM medal after 4 years effective service.

#### **Presentation:**

Our advise is to select post my medal in the option box. Once enough members have received theirs we will organise some sort of presentation event. This would more than likely be late next year.

## INSIDER REPORT JUNE 2006

Hello everyone, we at WAUR have settled in the 2006 training year. Some of the Staff Cadets have opted for a non-continuous Mod IIIB course which addresses service writing needs, to be conducted on Tuesday evenings and weekends. The balance of the Staff Cadets have concurrently been conducting field revision training.

At the moment we are gearing up for the Mod IIA course to be run in July. This course is designed to train Staff Cadets to be section leaders. The course commences with a series of lectures in a classroom environment on leadership and finishes with a five day field exercise at Bindoon. The course is designed to be demanding on Staff Cadets, and those who pass will go onto RMC Duntroon for their final training before being commissioned.

We are also preparing for a Mod IIIA3 course to be conducted in October. This course is designed to train Staff Cadets to be members of an infantry section. It has similarities to an infantry IET course, but there is an emphasis placed on the leadership aspects to be displayed by the Staff Cadets.

On ANZAC Day WAUR marched in Fremantle. The harbour city's RSL was not deterred by the weather. The parade itself was comparatively short, and while it did rain during the speeches, the weather only consisted of drizzle and a few gusts. A good lesson was learnt by the Staff Cadets about self discipline as we stood at attention in the drizzle for 15 minutes looking across a sea of heads into the middle distance at the podium. As the electric PA system on the podium failed we were not required to listen to the speeches.

Tony Lambe  
CAPT  
Insider, WAUR

## The Soldiers Chapel

Reverend Dr John Shepherd, Dean of Perth has contacted the Association to announce the availability of a publication they have produced on the Soldiers Chapel which is contained within the St Georges Cathedral Perth. The Chapel is dedicated to defence force members who have "served and died in the cause of freedom". The 23 page booklet details everything from the origin of the fittings and furniture to associated units and their history. The Booklet is available free on request to those interested. Please contact Shaun Chapman.

## AGM 2005

On the 17<sup>th</sup> April 2006 22 members of the WAUR Association gathered at ANZAC House Perth for the 2005 AGM. In the absence of the President, SC gave an overview of the previous 12 months. The website has been updated and this has been a valuable means of attracting new members. The Association's biggest problem is member numbers – the current membership is 80 with approximately 25 members due to renew this year. Numerous issues were discussed including a free internet based member option, invoicing ex members, a dining in night, articles for the listening post and a Tone River Reunion. RSL President Bill Gaynor addressed the Association explaining recent developments at the ANZAC Club and the Australian Defence Medal. Committee members were re elected unopposed and a vote of thanks given for the previous years work on the Association. Well done to all who made the effort to attend.





At Ease



Ossie , Adrian, Ken, Bill, Trevor and Tom



Bill Gaynor in action



Shaun Chapman, David Knight and mike Jenkin



Tom Hinds, Ken Keesing and Adrian Hinds



Bill Gaynor and Trevor Arbuckle

## Quick Quote #1

Last week, I stated this woman was the ugliest woman I had ever seen. I have since been visited by her sister, and now wish to withdraw that statement.

-- Mark Twain



Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April saw WAUR hold 57<sup>th</sup> unit Birthday Celebrations at Artillery Barracks in Fremantle. This was in the form of a brief parade including the presentation of prizes and a all ranks BBQ . The assembled Unit was addressed by Shaun Chapman who reminded the unit that they have a history behind them that needs to be respected and Bill Gaynor who reminded cadet that their time was now and to seize the moment. It was then on to the mess for a BBQ and Beers all around



Cake!



Shaun Chapman and Lt Keane



Ken Keesing, Bill Gaynor and Trevor Arbuckle



Horse Reading and David Knight



Graham McMahon, David Knight, Tony Lamb and Roger May



Enjoying the BBQ



A small but dedicated group of WAUR participated in the wettest ANZAC Day in Association History. Sprints were high however following Breakfast at ANZAC House which was surprisingly quiet and well worth attending. The usual pre march catch up was as enjoyable as ever. The March around the block was unusual as visibility was down to 5 metres in the rain. The service was cancelled which was just as well as we headed to ANZAC House to dry out. Several beers later the wet was a distant memory. Proving that we are a sophisticated lot at WAUR we retired to the Chifley hotel for Cognac and Cigars on the balcony. Many thanks to the DRA for sharing their marching position, All those who made the effort to attend and David Wee for opening up his home for us.



Post Breakfast



Pre March



Chook and David Wee



Post March



Forming up



Nice handbag



Accordingly, when the post-war shape of the Defence Force came to be discussed seriously in 1945, the conditions were different in many respects from those of the 1930s. Moreover, the Government of the day urgently wished to commit a brigade of volunteer troops to the British Commonwealth Occupation Force in Japan. These volunteers were drawn from veterans of the demobilising 6th, 7th and 9th Divisions of the AIF and signed up as permanent personnel. This was, in effect, a major break with Australian military tradition. Militia and other volunteers were not sought to fill this commitment. It soon became clear that permanent soldiers were no longer to be merely assistants and facilitators for the much larger citizen militia. The Australian Regular Army (ARA) was formally established in 1947 with its own organisation and front-line role.

The permanent infantry brigade of three battalions committed to Japan was to form the core of the Regular Army during the late 1940s and through the 1950s. By 1949 the Regular Army numbered some 15,000 troops. A voluntary Citizen Military Force (CMF) was re-established in 1948 with the traditional part-time training obligations of evening parades, weekend 'bivouacs' and an annual 14-day continuous training camp. The Regular Army continued to provide the CMF with limited support, primarily in the form of a training cadre.

The crisis in Korea led the Australian Government to commit first one and then two regular infantry battalions to the conflict. Coming on top of the requirement to provide substantial continuing support to the CMF, the Regular Army was stretched severely.

Additional training demands were imposed by the Government's decision, in March 1951, to expand the CMF through a compulsory national service scheme. The Government announced that it was deeply disturbed by the rise of international communism and it saw an urgent need to take precautionary steps against the possibility of a new global conflict. Under this scheme, all male British subjects were liable for call up at 18 years of age for 176 days training in the Citizen Naval Forces, Citizen Military Forces or the Citizen Air Force.

For the Army, 98 days initial continuous training was required, followed by 12 days part-time training and a 14-day continuous training camp in each of the succeeding three years. Some 34,500 young men were called up in the first year. This number was far beyond the training capacity of the Regular personnel that, owing to the Korean War, were available. The military value of the scheme was limited.

In 1955 the period of obligatory CMF service was reduced to 140 days and the scheme was suspended altogether in 1959. By the end of 1960, CMF strength had fallen to 20,000.

During the 1950s the political influence of the 'CMF lobby' was strong. Rivalries with the Regular officer corps were frequently intense and, at one point during this decade, a serious attempt was made to have a CMF officer appointed as Chief of the General Staff (CGS).

An important turning point in the history of the CMF came in 1959-1960. Not only was national service suspended, but also the Army introduced a Pentropic organisation, modelled on a similar US Army formation that was then in vogue. This heavy restructuring of the Army caused a contraction in the number of CMF battalions, changes in many unit names and a loss of esprit de corps. Many veterans from World War II resigned from the CMF during this period.

In July 1962 Australia deployed 30 Regular Army advisers to South Vietnam, and in 1965 this commitment rose to battalion strength. In 1965 also, Australia committed another infantry battalion to counter Indonesian operations against East Malaysia. The Australian Army was rapidly becoming over-stretched in two simultaneous and relatively open-ended conflicts.

In order to expand rapidly the capabilities of the Regular Army, Prime Minister Menzies announced in November 1964 the introduction of a new compulsory, but selective, national service scheme. This facilitated a build up of the Regular Army to nine battalions by 1967.

The introduction of national service had major consequences for the CMF. Under the national service legislation, men who joined the CMF before their age group was balloted were exempt from the national service call up but were required to spend six years in CMF service. In addition, those called up for two years full-time national service were required to serve a further three years in the CMF on return to civilian life. This meant that many young men joined the CMF out of a desire to avoid national service, rather than contribute to the CMF. Hence, even though CMF enlistments rose rapidly during the latter half of the 1960s, the effectiveness of the force did not rise in parallel.

The abolition of the national service scheme in 1972 was one of the first acts of the new Whitlam Government. This left the CMF as a rapidly reducing force (as forced entrants withdrew) and with a clouded future role. In an effort to clarify the situation, Dr T.B. Millar was appointed in May 1973 to head a committee to inquire into the future of the CMF. The Millar Report<sup>2</sup> was the most comprehensive review of Australian Defence Force Reserves since at least World War II. Its principal conclusions and recommendations were that:

- a partly trained Reserve force was an essential component of the defence of Australia;
  - the Citizen Military Forces should be renamed the Army Reserve;
  - Australia should have one Army (ie total force) with two complementary elements, the Regular Army and the Army Reserve;
  - the Army Reserve should be developed to provide an effective operational force for the defence of Australia at short notice and also to provide a basis for force expansion in the long term;
  - many Army Reserve units should be amalgamated to make better use of the available manpower;
  - a Chief of Army Reserves should be appointed to the Department of Defence (Army Office);
  - a Committee for Employer Support should be established, with an element in each State; and
  - numerous detailed steps should be taken to, for example, improve training, structures, recruitment and administrative procedures.
- The Government accepted Millar's principal recommendations and most were planned to be implemented progressively over the following decade.

The 1976 White Paper Australian Defence reaffirmed the Government's support for Millar's recommendations and predicted that the ongoing reorganisation would raise the effectiveness of the Army Reserve.

Following the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan in December 1979, the Government announced an expansion of Army Reserve numbers to 30,000. This policy, however, was not sustained. Another cause of decreased strength was the removal - albeit for less than a year - of the tax exempt status of Reserve pay in the 1983-84 budget. By the mid-1980s the effective strength of the Army Reserve had stabilised at about 25,000.

*The following was WAUR's contribution to the 1985 Chronicle – an Annual report on the Royal Green Jackets activities.*

## **WESTERN AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITY REGIMENT**

### **Commanding Officer:**

Lieutenant Colonel T. W. Goode

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

Major L. A. Stewart

### **Regimental Sergeant Major:**

Warrant Officer Class I J. P. McAlister, (ARA)

Since the last report, Commanding Officers have once again changed. Lieutenant Colonel Peter Sewell handed over Command of the Regiment to Lieutenant Colonel Tom Goode on 1 November, 1985 and he has gone off to Command 16 Battalion, Royal Western Australian Regiment.

Lieutenant Colonel Goode is no stranger to WAUR, having served in the unit previously as Training Officer in 1980-81.

Cadre Staff are also in the throes of changing, and we are soon to bid farewell to our Adjutant, Captain John Edwards, who leaves the subalterns, in particular, with a lasting impression of his presence, whilst he wings his way to join the Grenadier Guards in the UK and BAOR.

The RQMS, W02 Noel Laurent, will move at Christmas to Toowomba, Queensland, to 25 RQR, and our Training WO, W02 Blue McPherson, moves to his home town of Geelong, Victoria, for duty with the Deakin University Company.

One activity which will remain as a highlight for 1985, was a trip to Hawaii for one of the unit's sections as part of Exercise Pacific Reserve. They undertook training with the US Army National Guard, including a field exercise on an old lava field - now used as a field firing manoeuvre area by US forces.

Prior to the four day return journey in the RAAF C130 Hercules transport plane, our intrepid troops managed to obtain meaningful memories of the resort aspects of the islands.

A Company - Officer Commanding - Major P. Boxsell.

During the last year Major Steve Dean handed over Command of A Company to Major Peter Boxsell.

The Company's role for the year was again the conducting of Initial Employment Training (IET) and Advanced Employment Training (AET).

Two intakes of recruits expanded our Company. One in May (24 persons), the other in July (30 persons). Another intake of recruits will also occur in January 86 and join the Company for Camp 1986.

Recruits are preliminary trained in the basic individual skills of the soldier, prior to going to camp.

Annual Camp 1985 was successful, qualifying two over strength platoons of IET and a platoon, of AET soldiers. Those who completed IET moved either on to AET or left the Company to begin specialist training with Headquarter Company in the duties of drivers, clerks and storemen.



Weekend training continued during the year and concentrated on small arms, field and navigation skills for the IET platoons and on infantry support weapons and platoon minor tactics for the AET platoon.

The level of our AET training was highlighted in a weekend exercise of platoon tactics against 16 RWAR, where our platoon won high regard from their opposition.

Preparation is now in full swing for Camp 1986, when we expect to conduct training for one AET platoon and three IET platoons.

Headquarter Company - Officer Commanding - Major Sean Watson.

As the weather in the Southern Hemisphere begins to warm towards summer, so the members of WAUR begin to look forward to their next Annual Camp, held for four weeks during January 1986. For the second year in succession, the unit is heading for the town of Northam, about 100 km East of Perth, and once again HQ Coy will be performing its primary task of providing support to the normal and training activities of the Regiment.

During our successful camp in 1985, those members of the Regiment who remained in the Northam camp complex had good reason to be glad of this support, especially from the transport platoon.

Other support was given from the Medical Platoon in the form of copious quantities of sun protection cream, and insect repellent sticks. The latter is especially useful to ward off one of the nastier aspects of the Australian bush, especially prevalent at the main training area of Bindoon. This is the kangaroo tick - a particularly unpleasant little character who would rather dine on YOUR blood than the normal host from whom he gets his name!

The resident RMO, Captain Mike Comparti, was heard to mention that treating tick bites and heat exhaustion beat obstetrics and gynaecology any day, and anyway there wasn't much call for that particular specialisation at camp! Perhaps now he has moved into general practice, the novelty has worn off?

Of course, any mention of camp would be incomplete without reference to the tireless support of the remainder of HQ Coy staff ; the cooks, clerks, Q staff and staff of RHQ. This is perhaps not the most glamorous side of soldiering, but an area that is nonetheless essential if the primary task of training is to run smoothly. Since the end of camp., the two major events for HQ Coy have been the annual Range Shoot, and a Fire Power demonstration. Another limitation of a camp in January is the often total restriction on using ranges due to the extreme fire hazard in the tinder dry bush. This means that the qualification shoot must be Programmed at a cooler time of the year. This year it was during April, at Bindoon, about 80 km North West of Perth. All members of the company qualified on their personal weapon - the 9mm F1 SMG - and many also fired other weapons such as the M16, SLR, 9mm Browning pistol, and the M60 GPMG. The weekend, as always, was voted a huge success by all attendees.

In July, all officers and senior NCO's from the 5th Military District, covering all of Western Australia, were invited to the largest firepower demonstration possibly ever seen in the State. This was held at Lancelin, some 120 km North of Perth, and included events such as an impressive display of the capabilities of one of the RAAF's newest acquisitions, the F18 Hornet fighter aircraft. In addition, the new range of small arms currently being trialed made their first appearance in the West, including the M I 6-A2, the Steyr bullpup rifle, the Minima light support weapon, and the MAG 58 GSMG. Static displays including a Rapier Launcher, and dug-in command posts and RAP, completed an impressive display of the firepower available, but sadly rarely seen on this side of our vast continent.

Now we look forward to January 1986. Recruiting-an other HQ Coy responsibility -has been going well, thanks to the efforts of our recruiting officer, Lieutenant Gerry Postmus. Members of the many tertiary establishments around the area have been steadily queuing to enlist, and as mentioned elsewhere, recruit training will be conducted at camp. With a batch of recently trained cooks, new drivers and Unimog and Mack trucks for transport platoon, and many old and new faces in other areas, camp promises to be once again a resounding success.

*Training Company - Officer Commanding - Major J. B. Houliston.* 1985 saw the end of an era within WAUR. The last officer course Officer Course 5 - completed their final phase of training during Annual Camp in January 85. Five students were successful and they received their commissions in April 85.

It is proposed to continue officer production in the future, but by soldiers passing through the ranks. When the rank of Sergeant is reached, and after adequate time in rank, nominated NCO's can apply to sit for the examination for first appointment.

During the same camp, promotion courses for both Corporal and Sergeant were conducted, with the majority of students successfully passing and receiving their stripes.

During Annual Camp in January 86, emphasis will once again be given to the running of promotion subjects for Corporal and Sergeant. Seventy (70) new soldiers will undergo recruit training before passing over to A Company for initial employment training (IET).

It may be of interest to readers to learn that WAUR runs its camp during the hottest time of the year. Temperatures in the high forties (40 deg C are not uncommon. As you can imagine, this has a marked effect on training, and therefore a fair amount of flexibility is incorporated into the daily programme to allow for relocation of lessons. High temperatures would not be a problem in the UK in October/ November when 4 Bn RGJ goes into camp.



*The photo above is from Peter Evens Marathon – anyone know the year??*

## 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~~ \$65.00  
(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**



Subject: CALL UP THE OLD BLOKES.

If I could I'd enlist today, and help my country track down those evil bastards who are killing innocent people all over the world.

I'm over 55 now and the Department of Defence says I am too old to track down terrorists. You can't be older than 35 to join the Defence Forces.

They've got the whole thing backwards. Instead of sending 18 year olds off to war, they should send us old blokes. You should not be able to join up unless you are over 35.

For starters:

Researchers say that 18 year olds think about sex every 10 seconds. Old blokes only think about sex a couple of times a day, leaving us more than 28,000 additional seconds per day to concentrate on the enemy.

Young blokes haven't lived long enough to be cranky, and a cranky serviceman is a dangerous serviceman. If we can't kill the enemy, we'll complain them into submission. e.g. My back hurts! I'm hungry! Where's the remote? etc.

An 18 year old has just discovered booze, and you shouldn't go to war until you are at least old enough to really drink.

(not that spritzer crap) An average old bloke on the other hand has consumed approximately 350,000 litres of beer by the time he is 55 and a jaunt through the desert heat with a 50kg backpack, and a Steyr with 500 rounds of ammo, would do wonders for the old beer gut.

An 18 year old does not like to get up before 1000 hrs. Old blokes get up early every morning to have a pee.

If old blokes are captured, we wouldn't spill the beans, because we probably forgot where we put them. In fact, Name, Rank, and serial Number, would be a real brainteaser.

Recruit training would actually be easier for old blokes. We're used to getting yelled and screamed at, and we actually like soft foods. We've also developed a deep appreciation for hand guns and rifles, We like them almost better than forty wink naps.

I've been in combat, and I have never seen a six metre wall with a rope hanging over the side, nor have I ever done a single push-up since completing recruit training. I can hear the Drill Sergeant now... Get down and give me ...er...one! And the running part is a total waste of energy. I've never seen ANYONE outrun a bullet.

An 18-year-old has the whole world ahead of him. He is still learning to shave; to actually carry on an intelligent conversation; and to wear pants without the top of his arse crack showing, and his underpants sticking out. He still hasn't worked out that a pierced tongue catches food particles, and that a 400watt speaker in the back of the Commodore can rupture an ear drum. ALL great reasons to keep our kids at home to learn a little bit more about life before we send them off to war.

Let us old blokes track down those cowardly bastards who indiscriminately bomb innocent men, women, and children.

THE LAST THING THESE BASTARDS WOULD WANT TO SEE RIGHT NOW, IS A  
COUPLE OF MILLION OLD FARTS WITH ATTITUDE.  
Share this with your senior mates. (It's purposely in dark type for us old blokes)

## ANZAC Day Message from John Lincon.

Chook love your work buddy and one day I will hook up with you in Perth promise. Still domicile in Bali but off to Thailand tomorrow night to attend Anzac Day service @ Hellfire Pass and then play a game of footy (I am President of the Bali Geckos FC), against the Thailand Tigers.  
This time of year I miss you lot!  
Cheers,  
Johnny Lincs

Jerry and Katie are pleased to announce that Zachary Szymakowski was born 15.5.2006 8lb 15oz (4.05kg). All are well and enjoying family life.

Bart Simpson has received high honours from the 11<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> Battalion in the form of the Soldiers Medallion. The dedication reads "Corporal Simpson, Royal Australian Infantry Corps is awarded the Soldiers Medallion for exemplary service to the 11<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> Battalion, The Royal Western Australian Regiment. Corporal Simpson is an efficient and conscientious Junior Non Commissioned Officer whose dedication and determination has contributed to the effectiveness of the Battalion and its administrative requirements in particular with his efforts in creating the Battalion Website. His commitment and professionalism have earned him high regard from superiors and the respect of his peers. Corporal Simpson has been a credit to his unit and has displayed outstanding commitment and drive above and beyond the call of duty"

## Above Bart's Medallion,



## Below the Citation.



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*Obviously retention is a universal problem....*

The Territorial Army has suffered a drastic loss of experienced personnel with almost 16,000 troops quitting since the 2003 invasion of Iraq, a Freedom of Information request has revealed.

The reserve army, which has been widely used to support under-manned regular units in Iraq, the Balkans and Afghanistan, is now 7,000 below full strength.

In the past year the TA lost 5,000 personnel, leaving 32,000 members. In 1985 it had a strength of 81,000.

There are fears that the situation could become more serious as there are not enough experienced soldiers to train new recruits. The Army has come to rely heavily on the TA. More than 13,000 reservists have served in the Middle East and many have resigned on completing six-month operational tours.

The figures obtained by the Scottish National Party show that between October 2003 and last October the TA lost 15,670 soldiers who have been replaced by 13,570 new recruits - a shortfall of 2,100.

While the TA generally has a high turnover, there is a feeling that Iraq and other dangerous operations have played a part in making soldiers decide to quit.

There has been criticism of the Ministry of Defence for failing to look after TA soldiers who have been wounded and for not helping uninjured soldiers re-adjust to civilian life.

Christine Grahame, an SNP member of the Scottish parliament, said: "This is a clear signal of the crisis the Armed Forces are facing as a result of this hugely damaging Iraq war and a defence and foreign policy which is storing up massive problems."

The figures show that a disproportionate number of officers have left, with 1,280 resigning their commissions.

An MoD spokesman said that recently more people had joined than left. "It would be wrong to say that the TA is unable to meet the operational demands placed on it," he said.

## SURPRISE!!

(3 January 2005, St. Maurice, Switzerland) It was the first week of a weapons refresher course, and Swiss Army Grenadier Detachment 20/5 had just finished training with live ammunition. The shooting instructor ordered the soldiers to secure their weapons for a break.

The 24-year-old second lieutenant, in charge of this detachment, decided this would be a good time to demonstrate a knife attack on a soldier. Wielding his bayonet, he leaped toward one of his men, achieving complete surprise.

But earlier that week, the soldiers had been drilled to release the safety catch and ready their guns for firing in the shortest possible time. The surprised soldier, seeing his lieutenant leaping toward him with a knife, snapped off a shot to protect himself from the attack.

The lesson could not have been more successful: the soldier had saved himself and protected the rest of the detachment from a surprise attack. The lieutenant might have wished to commend his soldier on his quick action and accurate marksmanship. Unfortunately, he had been killed with one shot.

And this, kiddies, is why we don't play with knives or guns. Ever. Even if we are trained professionals, and especially if our target is a trained professional.....



In 1987, WAUR fielded a youthful and enthusiastic Tug of War team at the Royal Show's inaugural Tug of War State Titles. In the aftermath of that eventful day, (during which WAUR took an end off 2 Base in the longest tug of the day), a small group of very drunk and weary WAUR tuggers descended on side show alley wearing green foam frogs on their heads. So it was that the Frog Squad was born. The Frog Squad set the standard for royal show behaviour and in the opinion of those who were there, has been equalled since but never quite beaten!

In 1988, the Frog Squad got its own uniform, which was elaborated on in preceding years to form the "Full Battle Kit" we know today. Over time members of the Frog Squad were "Christened" with a Frog name relating to a particular or event.

Also in 1988 the Squad earned its well deserved notoriety by steadfastly refusing to abandon the pants-down weigh-in tradition established the year before. The Frog Squad has since refused to bow to convention and has every year been threatened with expulsion for its wanton luridness.

1988 also saw the introduction of fascinating get togethers, which passed for "meetings" including the much revered port'n'porn nights. These feeble excuses to get fall-down drunk with your mates on a week night were a real test of fortitude. Due largely to the huge mess created at these meetings a change in direction was called for and in 1989/90, the Frog Squad's regular meetings moved to Steve's Hotel, the Briar Patch and then back to Steve's.

The crowning glory of the Frog Squad's on-field achievements was undoubtedly the winning of the State Title catch weight division in 1993. The WA Tug of War Association was totally perplexed because the Frog Squad was just not meant to win! The other teams had excuses, but the Frog Squad had the Trophy! How proudly the WATOWA's most coveted prize sat above the bar at the now demolished Briar Patch.



The Frog Squad has always fielded a team at the State Titles and in 1994 actually fielded a team in the 640, 720 and catch weight divisions. This has never been repeated and with good reason, it hurt a lot! Most hard-core tugger's wardrobes are testimony to the successes of the Frog Squad's on-field endeavours with a string of seconds, thirds and (mostly) fourths in all divisions. Above all however the Frog squad has always shown the other teams how it should be done off the rope, whilst remaining fiercely competitive on the rope. OK, OK that may be stretching things a bit but no one ever accused the Frog Squad of not having a sense of humour.

Finally, much to the chagrin of the WATOWA, the Frog Squad has always attracted more public attention than all the other teams in the competition put together. Last year, Frog Squad Escargot was interviewed, pants down, live on the Verity James Radio Show with accompanying backing vocals from similarly disrobed Frogs. The Frog squad also made an impact at the Fremantle Sardines Festival in 1994 and even featured in the Channel 7 news after a particularly eventful Royal Show.

## IP Visit at Unit Level. – We can all relate to this!

### CO to Adjt:

"At 1000 hrs. tomorrow the Adjutant General will be paying us a visit. He doesn't want any special arrangements made, but would like to walk around and visit the Officers and Sergeants Messes. It's too early for a drink, but he'd like to say a few words. We'd better be ready for him from 0945 hrs. onwards."

### Adjt to Coy Comds:

"The Colonel says that the Adjutant General is paying a special visit to the battalion at 0945 hrs. tomorrow. He'd like to say a few words as he walks around the barracks and then have early drinks in the Officers and Sergeants Messes. You'd better be ready for him from 0930 hrs. onwards."

### Coy Comds to PI Comds:

"At 0930 hrs. tomorrow the Adjutant is bringing some General to have an early drink and a few words with the battalion, and then walk around the Officers and Sergeants Messes. We'd better be ready for him from 0915 hrs."

### PI Comds to PI Sgts:

"At 0915 hrs. tomorrow the Adjutant is having early drinks with the General. The battalion is to walk around barracks while the General has a few words with the Officers and Sergeants Messes. We'd better be ready at 0900 hrs."

### PI Sgts to Sect Comds:

"The General is coming at 0900 hrs. tomorrow to have a few words with the Adjutant about his drinking. We'd better stand by from 0845 hrs. in case he walks around the barracks."

### Sect Comds to Soldiers:

"The Adjutant is walking around barracks at 0845 hrs. tomorrow because some General has had a few words with him about early drinking. We'd better stand by from 0830 hrs."

### Soldiers:

"The Officers and Sergeants will be walking around barracks tomorrow drinking with the Adjutant, who's just been made a bloody General. We'd better keep out of the way from 0815 hrs."

## Photos from the vault...



Bush Lesson



Below Photos from Olly Speed 1983 Tone River advance party – any help with the names?





The husband had just finished reading a new book entitled *You Can Be the Man of Your House*.

He stormed into the kitchen and walked directly up to his wife.

Pointing a finger in her face, he said sternly, "From now on, you need to know that I am the man of this house and my word is law! You will prepare me a gourmet meal tonight, and when I'm finished eating my meal, you will serve me a sumptuous dessert.

After dinner you are going to go upstairs with me, and we will have the kind of sex that I want. After that, you are going to draw me my bath so I can relax. You will wash my back and towel me dry and bring me my robe.

Then you will massage my feet and hands.

Then after that's done, guess who's going to dress me and comb my hair?"

wait for it. . . . .

His wife replied, "The F\*\*\*ing funeral director would be my first guess."

## **A Coy - The first week - Reprinted from the 1990 AFX WAURior**

*CONTROVERSIAL DUCK SEASON OPENS* - Environmentally sensitive members of A Coy, WAUR were seen reviving a fully loaded duck, using the "Rear End Resuscitation" technique (R.E.R.). After many years of hibernation in the WAURior's Club, the duck has recovered fully and thanked the members of A Coy by passing on various viral infections. Meanwhile on the Range First Class shots were obtained by the "Master Farter" Garstang and the "Platoon Hippy" North. And of course crossed rifles were achieved by LCPL "Chook" Chapman. After a quick run to the pool and a quick spew by Pte "Barker" Binning, A Coy spent a relaxing afternoon beating the living Christ out of each other and any one else who got in the way. Much effort was put into tackling the awesome Byrne and "Garstink" combination. Huge engineering feats were obtained by construction of a human pyramid. A huge tactical error was made when Chook and Barney were put in charge of the base. As a direct result copious amounts of alcohol and mars bars were supplied. Due to this the duck made a welcome reappearance. Two days intensive and highly classified training was held at Bindoon. We can't tell you the details as we would have to kill you. Back at Leeuwin, a nights R & R was the order of the day. After a forced tactical withdrawal from the mess to the beer garden, Milton's Marauders partied to the wee hours of the morning, taking with them prisoners from the CPL's Cse who made the mistake of mixing it with the bad boys. In honour of Gordon Jackson's death a CI5 Bodie and Doyle team was once more formed. This time with the intention of clearing F Block. The following morning, whilst still inebriated, the platoon attempted to load itself onto the mog for the major move to Nannup. Mid afternoon hangovers were still being reported, and the odd chunder resulted from continuous training. Once at Nannup the intense training continued with only two breaks to cool off at Barabup pool. A Coy Liaison Officer with C.A.L.M., Chook was seen falling 25 ft from the air still holding onto a broken branch. A number of records were attained in the most mentally unstable swing of the rope by "Oh megood, You've done it again" Innes. Northy's mountainous climb to the top of the rope to swing and drop unstably into the water. In the meantime, Pte "Road Runner" Byrne was jogging 20 km to the pool for the fun of it - "Oh What a Feeling - Toyota!!!"



An Australian, an Irishman and an Englishman were sitting in a bar.

There was only one other person in the bar; a man.

The three men kept looking at this other man, for he seemed terribly familiar. They stared and stared, wondering where they had seen him before, when suddenly the Irishman cried out, "My God, I know who that man is. It's Jesus!

The others looked again and, sure enough, it was Jesus himself, sitting alone at a table.

The Irishman call out, "Hey!, you!!! Are you Jesus?"

The man looks over at him, smiles a small smile and nods his head.

"Yes, I am Jesus" he says.

The Irishman calls the bartender over and says to him "I'd like you To give Jesus over there a pint of Guinness from me." So the bartender pours Jesus a Guinness and takes it over to his table. Jesus looks over, raises his glass, smiles thank you and drinks.

The Englishman then calls out, "Errr, excuse me Sir, but would you Be Jesus?" Jesus smiles and says, "Yes, I am Jesus." The Englishman beckons the bartender and tells him to send over a pint of Newcastle Brown Ale for Jesus, which the bartender duly does. As before, Jesus accepts the drink and smiles over at the men.

Then the Australian calls out, "Oi, you! D'ya reckon you're Jesus, Or what?" Jesus nods and says, "Yes, I am Jesus." The Australian is mighty impressed and has the bartender send over a middy of Emu Bitter for Jesus, which he accepts with pleasure.

Some time later, after finishing the drinks, Jesus leaves his seat And approaches the three men. He reaches for the hand of the Irishman and shakes it, thanking him for the Guinness. When he lets go, the Irishman gives a cry of amazement. "Oh God, the arthritis is gone," he says.

The arthritis I've had for years is gone. It's a miracle!"

Jesus then shakes the hand of the Englishman, thanking him for the Newcastle Brown Ale. Upon letting go, the Englishman's eyes widen in shock. "By jove", he exclaims, " The migraine I've had for over 40 years is completely gone. It's a Miracle!" >

Jesus then approaches the Australian, who has a terrified look on His face. The Aussie whispers .... "F\*! off, mate. I'm on workers comp."



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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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