

# The WAURior

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

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#### **Contributions sought!!**

Thanks are again due to Shaun Chapman, Dave Knight 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)

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# Ramblings from the Treasurer

With Shaun Chapman

Welcome to WAURior 17.

This edition contains 20 pages of WAUR Association news and hopefully a few things to put a smile on your dial. As always your feedback and ideas and contributions are welcome.

The end of the year is looming and amongst the other commitments you may have is renewal of your membership to the WAUR Association. Reminders will be sent out prior to Christmas and close at the AGM in January. Membership is our biggest issue and all of you should be recruiting where you can.

John Kargotich has informed the Committee that he has been posted to Canberra for a further six months, His Presidential duties will be taken over by me. Expect a tap on the shoulder to help out as one man can only do so much!!

Enjoy the read.

Shaw Chapman

# **★WEBSITE UPDATED★**

The Association Website <u>www.waurassociation.iinet.net.au</u> has recently had a facelift and been updated. The members section has been expanded with new history pages, old WAURiors and past minutes - Go surfing and check it out!!!

#### AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE MEDAL UPDATE

The Government is still considering the eligibility criteria and regulations for the ADM. There has been wide consultation with the Service Chiefs, and the ex-Service community, to ensure that all the issues and ideas raised have been carefully considered. However, there are some outstanding complexities to be worked through before all the eligibility criteria and associated regulations are finalised. Eligibility for the ADM will be extended to ex-Servicemen and women who:

- · Have honourably served but, due to the Defence Force service and enlistment policies of the time, were unable to serve the required six years; or
- · Have been severely disabled or have died in the course of duty, thus rendering them unable to serve the required six years.

The six year eligibility criterion was specifically chosen to recognise Australian Defence Force (ADF) personnel who had served for a period that demonstrates a real commitment and contribution to the ADF over and above the three or four year enlistment period applicable to the majority of current ADF members. This service can include periods of service, which in aggregate totals to six years.

The full details will be widely publicised in the media after the final regulations and determinations required to establish the ADM have been approved.

I hope this information will keep you informed. Without putting a specific date on the table I expect an announcement in the near future and the medal to be available early/mid next year.

**General** - The Australian Defence Medal is a circular cupro nickel medal 38 millimetres in diameter with a thickness of 3 millimetres. A rim, one millimetre thick surrounds the outer edge of the flan. The medal is suspended by a 32 millimetre riband passed through a sealed cupro nickel ring, 1.6 millimetres thick with an inside diameter of 12 millimetres. The riband is 32 millimetres wide consisting of the colours black, white and red.

**Obverse** - A stylised version of Commonwealth Coat of Arms is used. The top outer edge is inscribed with the words 'THE AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE MEDAL'.

**Reverse** - the words 'FOR SERVICE' lie central to the flan surrounded by a wreath of wattle with the top edge of the flan ensigned with St Edward's Crown.



This image and description is for tender only and may change in production.

## GRAHAM BELLEVILLE

Ken Keesing recently completed a trip east taking in Canberra and of course the War memorial he writes:



I have just returned from a trip to Sydney/Canberra. I stayed with my mate Ian Cook in Manly. We went to the War Memorial in Canberra to check out some names on the honour rolls. He found his Dad and I found my Uncle Ivor who also featured in the photographs of those who were POWs in Borneo.

We looked up Graham Belleville's name too. He was also a junior officer in WAUR. He had had a bit of real experience in Korea and the SAS but he died in an ambush in Vietnam (Training Team). I have very fond memories of Graham; he was my exercise umpire once and dubbed me " Compass Rose" Keesing. Quite an honour!

For those who don't know here are brief details on Graham. His death greatly effected those at WAUR and brought the reality of what they were doing home.

Graham R. Belleville Aged 32, Ballarat, Victoria

Belleville did three months National Service and then enlisted in May 1952.

During the year 1962 Lieutenant G. Belleville embraced civilian life and came to WAUR from the Special Air Service Company of the Royal Australian Regiment with a background of service in Korea and Malaya.

He went to Vietnam with the Australian Army training Team Vietnam, as a temporary captain and was killed in action at Ai Van pass on the "Freedom Road", Highway 1, 15 kms north of Da Nang, February 1966.

He was awarded the Republic of Vietnam Medal of Honour, First Class.

#### A lesson for those with young children.....







## LONE PINE SEEDLINGS

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to inform you that legitimate and certified "Lone Pine" trees are now available to Western Australian organisations. I understand that your next newsletter is due, and would appreciate it if this could be brought to the attention of your members.

This information is not yet generally available to as I felt it appropriate to notify the peak service body in the state before the general public.

My name is Justin Davies and I am the Manager: Year 8/9 Science/Technology & Enterprise Sub-School at Rockingham Senior High School. To cut a long story short, I have negotiated with Yarralumla Nursery in Canberra to provide me with seed from the Lone Pine tree in the National War Memorial Gardens for my students to propagate for distribution to interested WA organisations. I am in possession of a small quantity of the seed as of last week and we are preparing to plant it in the next seven days.

The Kondinin and Rockingham Sub-Branches of the RSL are aware of this project and I would like to pass on to you my thanks to the Kondinin Sub-Branch my appreciation of the support they have provided me through a local parent (Shelley Biglin) to pursue the acquisition of the seed to overcome severe quarantine restrictions which have prevented anybody in WA from acquiring seedlings before.

My father is a Vietnam veteran and I am a former 16RWAR rifleman and as such, I understand the significance of this tree and have passed this on to my students who are keen to pursue this project as a community service. I would appreciate the information of the availability of this service being made available to your sub-branches.

If any sub-branch is interested in acquiring a seedling for planting, could they please contact me in writing at the following address and we would be honoured to provide them one subject to availability. We have been provided a small amount of seed initially and subject to our successful propagation of this batch, we will receive more on an annual basis to perpetuate this project.

#### WAUR OPEN NIGHT

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October saw WAUR hold a "Bring a mate night" basically an open night for friends and family of Officer cadets who wanted to have a look around, however the broad aim was recruiting. About 30 cadets and guests including several association members started the evening with Wayne Gardiner from the Army Museum welcoming everybody and escorting a tour of the WA Army Museum. The museum is a fantastic venture and a lot of work has gone into presenting the displays. Following the tour it was out to the car park to get up close with the museums latest's addition a Centurion Tank. Wayne outlined that the museum has received regional status from Army and as a result will be expanding into WAUR's building when they move (Karrakatta in 2007) they are also getting one of 3 leopard tanks earmarked for museum display (2007)and a 113 Carrier from 10LH (2010) following the brief it was up to the BBQ area for a feed and a beer with a special guest appearance by Ray Galliott who was on R&R from Dubai.





## WAUR OPEN NIGHT cont.

Below: BBQ Action

Left: John Kargotich and Roger May





# HUMBLE BEGINNINGS

You would have no doubt seen recent media coverage of the Noble prize winning Professor Barry Marshall – well in 1970 he was studying medicine and serving with WAUR, here he is on Corporals course in Guilford 1970 with Association member Ernie Polis -  $3^{rd}$  from the left rear row, Ernie is in front and to the right of Barry, As an aside the fellow on the extreme right is Well known QC David Miller.



## RECENT ORDERS TO TROOPS IN IRAQ

To: All Commands

Subject: Inappropriate T-Shirts

Ref: ComMidEastFor Inst 16134//24 K

1. All commanders promulgate upon receipt.

2. The following T-shirts are no longer to be worn on or off base by any military or civilian personnel serving in the Middle East:

"Eat Pork Or Die" [both English and Arabic versions]

"Shrine Busters" [Various. Show burning minarets or bomb/artillery shells impacting Islamic shrines. Some with unit logos.]

"Napalm, Sticks Like Crazy" [Both English and Arabic versions]

"Goat - it isn't just for breakfast any more." [Both English and Arabic versions]

"The road to Paradise begins with me." [Mostly Arabic versions but some in English. Some show sniper scope cross-hairs]

"Guns don't kill people. I kill people." [Both Arabic and English versions]

"Pork. The other white meat.' [Arabic version]

"Infidel" [English, Arabic and other coalition force languages.]

- 3. The above T-shirts are to be removed from Post Exchanges upon receipt of this directive.
- 4. The following signs are to be removed upon receipt of this message:

"Islamic Religious Services Will Be Held at the Firing Range At 0800 Daily."

"Do we really need 'smart bombs' to drop on these dumb bastards?"

5. All commands are instructed to implement sensitivity training upon receipt.

### BE FUNNY IF WASN'T LIKELY TO BE TRUE

Donald Rumsfeld is giving the president his daily briefing. He concludes by saying: "Yesterday, 3 Brazilian soldiers were killed in an accident'

"OH NO!" the President exclaims. "That's terrible!"

His staff sits stunned at this display of emotion, nervously watching as the president sits, head in hands. Finally, the President looks up and asks........

... How many is a Brazillion?

#### UNIT HISTORY

The following was WAUR's contribution to the 1979 Chronicle – an Annual report on the Royal Green Jackets activities.

# THE WESTERN AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITY REGIMENT

#### **Honorary Colonel:**

Brigadier 1. D. Stock, ED

#### **Commanding Officer:**

Lieut-Colonel R. M. Willox ED

WAUR has just completed a fruitful and exciting year which began with the usual series of promotion courses conducted on Rottnest Island, some twelve miles off the Western Australian Coast, and closely followed by a field training exercise which incorporated an amphibious assault landing on Swanbourne beach at first light and a traumatic patrolling programme which culminated in a company attack.

During the May '79 camp, which consisted of a recruit course and an Instruction Development Course some serious attention was paid to marksmanship coaching which resulted in the general standard of shooting in the Regiment taking a giant step forward. This has resulted in the Regiment taking fourth place in the Australian wide RSL Challenge Cup competition which includes both Regular and Reserve Infantry Units. Some of our top shooters are Pte Susan Mollett, a clerk from RHQ and Cpl.'s Zukov and Newland who have won their first bronze badges as members of the Army 50 Club.

The Regiment has thrown itself into the spirit of competition with a great deal of zest this year and gained second place in the Karrinyup Cup (Endurance March) and third place in the inter-unit Assault at Arms competition.

In October, a rappelling course was conducted under the expert supervision of the Special Air Services Regiment over a two-day period and all members attending felt the thrill of screaming down a cliff face after a day on the training towers at the SASR barracks.

A disco night was held in the depot half-way through the year and was well supported by all ranks.

The Officers and Senior Non-Commissioned Officers jointly dined out Brig I. C. Newbery, *CBE, ED,* as the former Honorary Colonel and dined in Brig I. D. Stock, *ED,* a former Commanding Officer, as the new Honorary Colonel. After dinner, the Annual Officers/ Sergeants Cricket Match was contested, with rules slightly modified to suit the occasion. The Sergeants defeated the Officers for the first time in many years by taking advantage of the less hardened drinkers in the Officer ranks.

1980 brings a number of changes in the Regular Army Cadre Staff when the Adjutant, Captain Noel Partridge marches out to join 6 RAR as a Company 21C. His replacement, Captain Mick Goodyer, was blooded on the December Camp. The Quartermaster, Captain Les

Stewart moves down the road as OIC Swanbourne Detachment of the District Support Unit and is replaced by Warrant Officer Class 1 Neal Rankin. The RSM, W01 Alf Gee is also to be replaced early in the New Year and he will be returning to civilian life.

A large turnover of senior ARES members also takes place in the first few days of 1980. The CO, Lieut-Col. Willox hands over command to Lieut-Col. Arbuckle when he marches out to attend the Joint Services Staff College. The 21C Major Jack Courtis moves off to join the Royal Western Australian Regiment and Major Ian Sullivan assumes in his stead. Major Brian Gibson, an old gasoline cowboy from the 10th Light Horse assumes as OC HQ Coy and Major Tom Goode replaces him as OC Trg Coy. Major Kim Branson remains as OC A Coy, as does Major Ray Hinde as the Supervisor Training.

WAUR looks forward to 1980 with a great deal of enthusiasm, which will no doubt be as full as 1979.

# Association Merchandise



# 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)
<b>Association Shirt</b>	\$30.00	(Quality fabric, embroidered logo)
Song book	\$ 2.50	(Authentic reprint - all the favourites)
Stubby holders	\$ 7.50	(Yellow text on Green, top quality)
Tie bars	\$12.50	(Gold metal, bulldog type clasp)
Ties	\$45.00	(Silk blend)

#### **VALUE PACKS**

Association pack	<del>85.00</del> 7	5.00
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(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





# Doesn't only apply to the army unfortunately...

There was little Johnny, the apple of his mother's eye, deeply involved in his Recruit Training Course at Kapooka. It was not at all what he expected. He wrote to his mother:

"Dear Mum,

I am having a bit of trouble here. There is a lot of shouting and yelling. I made a mistake on the Drill Square today and the Corporal was really mean to me. I try very hard and I don't think he should yell like that. It scares me when people yell at me!"

Johnny's mum was outraged!

She wrote to the Prime Minister, the Defence Minister, and the Minister assisting the Minister, her local member, the Chief of the Defence Force, The Chief of Army and everyone else she could think of. Her little boy had bravely volunteered to serve his country and now was being subjected to unspeakable acts of brutality

Some time later, CPL Smith was again sweating his goonta out trying to turn this horrible bunch of civilians into a well-disciplined section. He gave his commands clearly, succinctly and loudly. Every now and then he was required to highlight the failings of a particular recruit in the approved Army manner. His Platoon Sergeant approached him:

"CPL Smith, it's out!"

"What is Sergeant?" CPL Smith asked.

"The whole loud voice and criticism thing. It's just come down from the Minister!"

CPL Smith continued his lesson in a quiet voice and despite the constant errors on the part of the recruits, refused to criticise them. He finished the lesson and marched his section off for a lecture on their rights and privileges from the Psych team.

Little Johnny again wrote to his mother:

"Dear Mum, Nobody is yelling at us any more and that's good, but today we were taught bayonet fighting by the platoon Sergeant. This was terribly frightening! Just the thought of attacking someone with a bayonet makes me feel quite ill!"

Johnny's mum was outraged!

She wrote to the Prime Minister, the Defence Minister, and the Minister assisting the Minister, her local member, the Chief of the Defence Force, The Chief of Army and everyone else she could think of. Her little boy had bravely volunteered to serve his country and now was being subjected to unspeakable acts of brutality. What kind of modern country would resort to fighting in this manner? Why on earth do my taxes get spent on smart weapons and still my baby boy has to learn to be a savage?

Some time later, the platoon Sergeant was attempting to instil the requisite amount of fighting spirit in his recruits. The bayonet drill was going as well as could be expected, particularly as all the commands were given in a very quiet voice. The platoon commander hurried over to him.

"Sarge, it's out!"

"What's out Sir?"

"Bayonet fighting. It just came down from the Minister!"

The platoon Sergeant dutifully finished the lesson then and there and sent the recruits off for character guidance and equity training with the Padre.

## Doesn't only apply to the army unfortunately...

Two years later, in a country that sponsored terrorism, little Johnny was in a fighting pit. The enemy had managed to surround little Johnny's platoon and they were cut off, outnumbered and outgunned and out of ammunition. Things looked grim. Little Johnny's Corporal saw the next wave of attackers gathering to charge the platoon position. He yelled a warning to Johnny.

Johnny wasn't used to be yelled at and became scared and confused. He couldn't understand what the Corporal wanted him to do. The Corporal jumped out of his pit and dashed across the open ground to Johnny's position. As he ran, a bullet struck him in the chest. He landed in a crumpled heap at the bottom of Johnny's pit, mortally wounded.

"I said fix bayonets John. These mongrels are gonna over run us!"

Johnny grabbed his bayonet. He tried every which way to fix it to his rifle but he just couldn't remember how. His Corporal managed to fix the bayonet for him, despite loss of blood and sliding into shock.

"There ya go John. Give 'em hell when they come for us!"

Johnny did his best. The enemy charged into his pit but the screaming and yelling scared and confused him. He waved the rifle and bayonet around but wasn't sure exactly what he was doing.

Little Johnny and his platoon didn't make it.

Some time later a Board of Inquiry determined that poor training had led directly to poor performance on the battlefield.

Johnny's mum was outraged!

She wrote to the Prime Minister, the Defence Minister, and the Minister assisting the Minister, her local member, the Chief of the Defence Force, The Chief of Army and everyone else she could think of. Her little boy had bravely volunteered to serve his country and now was being subjected to unspeakable acts of brutality. One would expect that if he was to be placed in harm's way, the least the Army could do was train him properly.

Don't Let This Be Your Mum!

## KNIGHTY'S WEB WATCH

#### www.angelfire.com/pa3/cadet985

Have a look at the specifications for a range of US and other military technology. M1A! and M1A2 Abrams Main Battle Tanks are featured, that's the re worked one we're getting.

#### www.surreal.code.com/daisydukedances4you/index2.html

Jessica Simpson fans will get a kick out of this General Lee clip.

#### www.answers.com/topic/military-technology-and-equipment

An encyclopaedia type listing of weapons back through the ages. One I liked was bomb carrying balloons the Japanese floated across to America in retaliation for the Doolittle raid. Some have been found as recently as 1992.

Got any other interesting, unique, weird, odd or strange web sites? Send them to dsknight@bigpond.net.au for consideration in this column. David Knight.

## Commitment of Reserves an example to everyone

Australian Defence Force Reserve is one of the Australia's strongest assets. Of the more than 70,000 people who serve in the ADF, over 30 per cent are active Reservists - men and women serving along side regular ADF personnel in the Navy, Army or Air Force as part-time members. Not only do they commit their time to becoming a reservist, many have or develop specialised skills that are vital for the Australian Defence Force.

It takes a very special kind of person to dedicate themselves the way our Reserve personnel do and on July 3, Reserve Forces Day, I urge Australians to show their support for our Navy, Army and Air Force Reserves for their service.

It has been a remarkable year for our Reserves who have been involved in a variety of Australia's humanitarian and peace-keeping missions throughout the world.

For many their Christmas holidays with family and friends were brought to a sudden halt when a massive tsunami struck Indonesia, killing thousands and leaving behind absolute devastation for the survivors.

Reservists and members of the permanent forces were among the first on the ground to assist the people of Aceh and the surrounding areas, providing clean water, medical attention for the injured and assistance with the massive cleanup operation. More than 1000 Reserves personnel were among those who continued that assistance throughout Operation Sumatra Assist Phases I and II and following the earthquake at Nias in April.

Sadly, a Reservist, Navy Lieutenant Matthew Davey, was among the nine Australian servicemen and women killed at Nias as they went to the aid of the people there. I would like to pass on my deepest sympathy to the family of Lieutenant Davey.

Reservists, their families, friends and employers should all be commended for their contribution to ensuring the ADF is ready to assist when needed. In recent years, in addition to their humanitarian work in Indonesia, Reservists have also been deployed as part of Australia's continued peacekeeping and humanitarian efforts around the world. In recent years, they have also provided humanitarian relief to devastated communities in Rwanda, Somalia, Papua New Guinea and Indonesia and served alongside their full-time counterparts in peace missions to East Timor and Bougainville.

The commitment of Reservists may have been brought to prominence during Operation Sumatra Assist, but it is nothing new. Reservists have contributed to every major conflict in which Australia has been involved since Federation, and today we are increasingly drawing on the skills and expertise of the Reserves to help deliver the Defence Force's capability.

The days where Reservists served exclusively in separate units to their permanent counterparts have well and truly past. Nowadays, as was so clear from the work we saw done in Aceh, permanent and Reserve personnel work side by side, using their specialist skills and training to deliver what is needed, whether it be a fully functioning and portable military hospital, providing filtration systems to ensure clean drinking water, free from disease or just general clean up.

I am very proud of Reservists everywhere and urge Australians to support them as they celebrate Reserve Forces Day on July 3. Many Reservists, often the cream of specialists in their civilian roles, bring specialised skills to the ADF at short notice or in times or emergency.

Also, many Reservists either use their holidays or leave their civilian jobs at very short notice to help in humanitarian relief efforts. I believe that this commitment demonstrates to employers and families that they are an essential and integral part of the Australian Defence Force. In making these personal sacrifices - balancing the responsibilities of their civilian job, commitments to family and friends and, in some cases, study commitments with their Defence training - we can get an appreciation of the essential support afforded to Reservists by others.

## Commitment of Reserves an example to everyone

Of those others, I would like to pay particular thanks to the employers whose people have been granted time to be part of not just the deployments, but regular training commitments. Employers make sacrifices when Reserves are needed and it is vital that we acknowledge and support their commitment. In situations like these, Reservists need to be confident their employer supports their involvement in the Reserves and their employment is secure when they deploy or train

While traditionally the employer-Reservist relationship was one of goodwill, these days employers can receive financial compensation under the Employer Support Payment Scheme. The Government has also ensured employers have access to other support measures by enhancing the role of the Defence Reserves Support Council (DRSC), which provides a valuable interface between Reservists, their employers and the community.

For further information on Reserve activities you can visit www.defence.gov.au/reserves

I would also encourage any Australians who would like to consider a career in the Reserves to contact Defence Force Recruiting on 131901 or visit www.defencejobs.gov.au.

#### TONE RIVER REUNION





In January 1982 & 1983 WAUR conducted annual camp at Tone River. All who attended these camps have great memories. Most the camp was under canvas or in wooden "chalets" with advance party, main camp, courses and rear party WAUR occupied the site for 6 weeks with up to 400 soldiers from WAUR and beyond. 2007 marks 25 years since the first Tone River Camp and moves are a foot for a Tone River Reunion. The camp is still there, run by the forestry department (See photos above). Several ideas have been floated by members including a tour to Tone River. The most likely scenario is a Perth Based function with guest speakers, memorabilia boards and "where are they now" info.

This would not be an official WAUR Association event as a fair proportion of site staff were members of other units. Although the committee would lend its hard gained experience on such events. It is hoped to get a large number of ex Tone River attendees together. Anyone with an interest in getting this project of the ground is requested to contact Shaun Chapman to be put I touch with other interested parties.

# Sightings

Thought some of you gentlemen might appreciate these shots from our 2nd RAMSI anniversary celebrations (Solomon Island) which featured Annalise, Chris "Bloke" Franklin the comedian, the RAN band and Yothu Yindi.

#### Tubbo



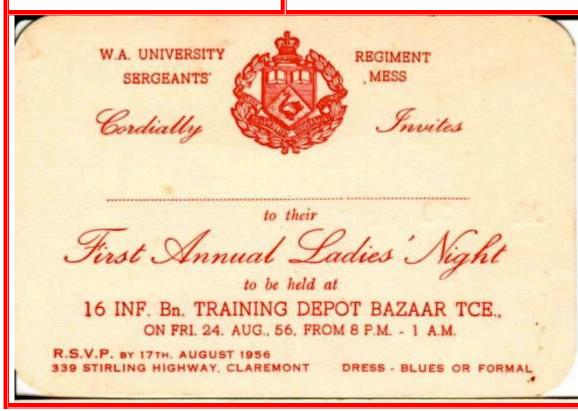
Above: Martin MacCarthy surfaced recently with some information on the Tone River camp used by WAUR in 1982 and 1983 - see article page 10



Thanks for the latest newsletter. I was very interested to relive a lot of history. Even a picture record of my visit recently. A lot of work well done. Just a small addition needs to be made on Page 20 , my Commission was also made in 1959 along with John Marum and Nick Zorbas. I in fact went on a Junior Officers Course to Canungra Jungle Training centre with one pip on my shoulder in Nov 1959. I transferred to the 3 Divisional Signals Regiment (in Victoria) in October of 1960 from where I went on the R of O as a Captain in 1963.

An amusing memory could be added somewhere at the camp of 57 or 58 Rod James and I (both Sgts at the time) went AWOL to the Northam swimming pool to meet our respective ladies. Arriving at the entry to the pool the scatter of the other AWOL troops was a sight for sore eyes. They of course did not realise that we were AWOL as well and were quite safe. Keep up the good work

Regards Ian Cook



The invite on the left is interesting in its own right as it shows WAUR's Stirling highway address for RSVP with the event held at Bazaar Terrace which we know 20 Mounts Bay Road which WAUR occupied from 1962 - 87

(See article on page 14)

#### UNIT HISTORY

On the move - a brief history of the barracks occupied by WAUR

**22 April 1949 – 1956** - WAUR was based at the old flying boat base on the University of Western Australia grounds at Crawley.

**April 1956 – 1962** - WAUR moved to a depot at 339 Stirling Highway, vacated by 10 Light Horse, the Drill hall was built in 1908 originally as a roller skating rink and in latter years was used by the Air Cadets.

**1962 - 1987** - WAUR moved to 20 Mounts Bay Road in Perth, a building with an interesting history in its own right as it had been built for The Cameron Highlanders of WA (now 16th Battalion, Royal West Australian Regiment) demolished in the late 80s this site is where the Quadrant building now stands.

In 1975 Representations were made through local command for the allocation of a more suitable depot. Nicholson Road depot used by the Cadet Corps was selected by the C.O. as the most suitably located. Facilities for the garaging of vehicles, parade grounds and areas for training were available there. Unfortunately despite the fact that every opportunity was taken to present the Units' case for a more suitable depot, the Unit was still located at the Mounts Bay Road depot in January 1978. At one time, early 1976, the Unit actually received orders to move to Nicholson Road but at the last moment the orders were rescinded. Plan to provide additional rooms in the hall area were approved in 1977 but the additions were not completed until late 1978

**1987 – May 1988** - WAUR was temporary housed at Irwin Barracks Karrakatta (where 16<sup>th</sup> Battalion are now located),

May 1988 - Feb 1992 - Leeuwin Barracks in East Fremantle.

**1992 February – Present Day** - Artillery Barracks, Burt Street, Fremantle.

More information is required – if you can provide any details no matter how trivial, photos of past sites or you are able to help research this topic please contact Shaun Chapman.



# UNIT HISTORY cont......

Below is a reprint of the officer and senior NCO postings in WAUR as listed in the May 1981 WAURior.

#### **OFFICER - SENIOR NCO POSTINGS WAUR**

#### **RHQ**

Lt. Col. Arbuckle T.J. El	OCO	WO1 1 W. Vanweegber	rg RSM
Maj. Sutherland 1.	21C	WO 1, F. Brown	RSM (ARES)
Maj. Goode T.	Trg Spvsr	W02 L. O'Rourke	RQMS
Capt. Goodyer M.	Adjt	WO 2 A. Downey	Trg Spvsr
Capt. Rankin N.	QM	WO 2 E. Schreuders	RQMS (ARES)
Capt. Williams D.	Chaplain	WO 2 C. Brody	Pay Clerk
		SSGT R. Spain	C/C
		SSGT J. Leaman	Admin

#### **HQ COY**

Capt. Dawson I.	OC	W02 R. Redclift	CSM
Capt. Gaynor W.	21C	SSGT M. Barraclough	Med Pl
Capt. Whickett J.	Rec Offr	Sgt. J. Bettes	Tpt
2Lt Smit K.	Tpt Pl		-

#### **Trg COY**

Maj. Cook R. Capt. Adams R. Capt. Whelan B. Capt. Reibeling R. Lt. Munro P. Lt. Standen P. Lt. Kitchin B. Lt. Hand G. Lt. Newson P. Lt. Bradley G. Lt. Shackles T.	OC 21C Offr Trg PI Trg Spt Cell	W02 L.P. Sumner W0 2R. Oakes W0 2K. Leary Sgt. W. Smith Sgt. R. Miller Sgt. W. Malanzak	CSM Offr Trg PI Trg Spt Cell NCO PI Trg Coord AIT PI
2Lt Arbuckle S.	I PI Comdr		

#### A COY

Maj. Branson K.	OC	W02 R. Barton	CSM
Capt. Johnstone I.	21C	Sgt. T. Mazzarol	CQMS
Lt. Thorp L.	Instructor	Sgt. D. Fragomeni	3 Pl
Lt. Newland C.	3 PI Comdr	Sgt. T. Fragomeni	4 PI
Lt. Hanson B.	5 Pl Comdr		
Lt. MacCarthy S.	4 Pl Comdr.		

# History of the Army Reserve Pt 1

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The first Australian part-time defence units were raised in September 1800. Known as the Sydney and Parramatta Loyal Associations, they were a response to fears of Irish and convict uprisings and, later, to concerns about the possibility of French raids during the Napoleonic Wars.

From 1850 to 1900, enthusiasm and Government support for volunteer defence forces waxed and waned, largely in accordance with perceptions of external threat. During the Crimean War, Victoria raised voluntary rifle and cavalry units. New South Wales recruited a battalion of riflemen and a battery of artillery, primarily to man the expanded fortifications around Sydney Harbour. By 1863 these two colonies had mustered over 5,000 volunteers. These part-time troops were not paid directly for their service but were entitled to a Government grant of 50 acres of land on completion of five years 'efficient' service.

In contrast to the mostly poor and squalid backgrounds of the British regular troops garrisoned in the colonies, the local volunteers drew heavily on the rising urban and rural middle classes. A large proportion of this local force consisted of artisans and skilled labourers. Volunteering members needed to pay the costs of their uniforms and cover their wages forgone. They were also free to resign at any time and unit discipline was usually less than stringent. The Government's prime obligation was to provide appropriate weaponry.

During the 1860s 2,500 men from the eastern Australian colonies volunteered for service in the Waikato War against the Maoris in New Zealand. Many of these individuals had experience in the colonial volunteer forces.

During this period security scares were not only stimulated by distant European wars but also by rumours of the approach of foreign naval vessels. A continuing colonial nightmare was the early morning appearance in the port approaches of a foreign warship which was able to shell the coastal cities with virtual impunity. In 1839 two American warships did, in fact, anchor overnight in Sydney Harbour undetected. In 1878 there was mild panic when an Italian cruiser appeared unexpectedly off Sydney Heads.

The departure of the last British troops from Australia in 1870 precipitated the raising of a new category of local military force. While the 'volunteers' provided a basic local defence capacity for a very modest cost, successive reviews of defence preparation in the colonies highlighted a need for higher standards of training, stricter discipline and the introduction of more modern equipment. The gold rushes and associated economic prosperity also generated a climate in which colonial administrations felt that they could afford to build more capable defence units. Consequently, volunteers were sought for a new, partially paid, colonial militia force. Militia volunteers were supplied with uniforms and essential equipment as well as cash payments for periods of service. In return, the training periods for these units were compulsory and their exercising and discipline were far more rigorous than for the 'volunteers'. The Australian colonies were very cautious about raising regular military units. There was a widespread aversion to the dangers of militarism and wariness about the potential for permanent defence forces to be used to suppress workers' movements. There was also little interest in generating an officer 'caste' along the lines fostered by the British.

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Most Australians did not want to compromise their egalitarian spirit by creating a more formal, permanent, professional military force. Thus when the first full-time defence units were raised in some of the colonies in the 1870s, they were very small in size and tasked with supporting the much larger militias, primarily in manning the expanded network of coastal fortifications.

This meant that by the 1880s the following categories of military service existed in several of the colonies: permanent, militia, volunteer and school cadet and rifle club reserves.

The economic Depression of the 1890s brought a severe reduction in spending on defence, reduced manning levels, cuts in militia and permanent force pay and severely curtailed training periods. The Depression also brought serious industrial disturbances which led the Victorian and Queensland Governments to call out troops to reinforce State police. These operations against strikers exacerbated the distrust of large segments of the population of the military.

The New South Wales commitment of forces to the Sudan in 1885 and the commitments of all six colonies to South Africa in 1899 required calls for volunteers for overseas service. Many, but not all, of those who volunteered had previous militia or volunteer experience.

During the Boer War, eight contingents totalling some 16,175 men left Australia for South Africa. This experience fostered a popular belief that young Australian men, especially those from rural areas, possessed natural bush skills that made them 'born' soldiers. The experience of the Boer War, however, suggested that, while Australians possessed many valuable natural attributes, thorough training and appropriate equipment were also essential. While the first two contingents acquitted themselves well, the latter contingents were less experienced and weaknesses in training and discipline became apparent.

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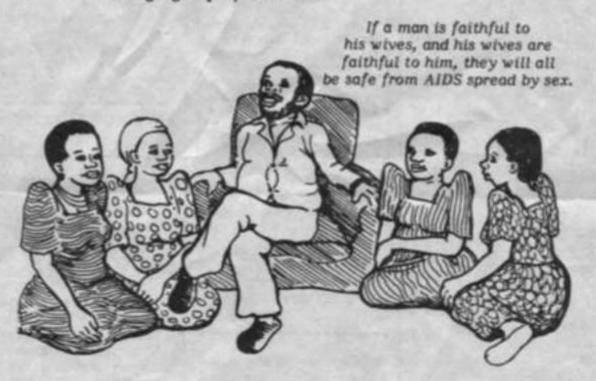


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# Can a man have more than one wife and be safe from AIDS through sex?

Yes, if the man does not have sex with women other than his wives, and if his wives do not have any boyfriends.

If a man is faithful to his wives all of his life, and if his wives are faithful to him all of their lives, AIDS cannot be brought into their marriage group by sex.



But in some areas in Uganda a man can also have sex with his brother's wife. This practice is not safe because the man may not know how faithful his brother has been or how faithful his brother's wife has been. This is not safe especially if the brother has died of AIBS.











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