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The WAURior

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Contributions sought!!

Thanks are again due to Shaun Chapman, Dave Knight and special thanks to Ken Keesing for contributions to this edition. 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 15. choc full of all the info the WAURior about town requires. This is my first edition as official Editor. Mike Jenkin having produced and overseen the majority of the previous 14 newsletters is having a break from editorship due to work and personal commitments. I shall fill the boots until he is back on deck and hope to maintain the high standard he has set.

This is our busy time the Unit Birthday, ANZAC day and the Ball are all coming up details of these events are in this issue and on the new look website.

The Unit History Project has stalled. The hunt is on for some help in the form of a student or like who has time to compile and research WAUR's past with a view to producing a book and CD-Rom. One of the most pressing tasks is to interview past members of WAUR to get first hand recollections from the different periods in the units 56 Year history. Of course if you can help then contact me direct.

Enjoy the read.

Shaun Chapman

★ WEBSITE UPDATED ★

The Association Website www.waurassociation.iinet.net.au has recently had a facelift and been updated. The members section has been expanded with new history pages and 1 past minutes - Go surfing and check it out!!!

The statement below from the RSL should clear up any Defence service medal issues

"There is a fair bit of scuttlebutt being emailed around that Dept of Defence is receiving applications for the above medal. It has been confirmed by Defence that the medal has not been officially approved nor has an application form been issued.

Defence estimate that approval may not be finalised until June 2005 and when it is they will provide via a Media Bulletin the criteria and application forms for the medal.

It would appear that some former serving personnel have already made application by letter. these letters when received are not being acknowledged and are simply stored with no guarantee that the information therein will satisfy the application criteria . So those people will more than likely have to re apply via the official form.

I am receiving via the Internet a fair number of enquiries daily re the above and I would request you advise your Members that when there is an official release concerning the medal all State Associations will receive advice post haste as arrangements are in place for media releases to all peak ESO's."

Regards
Bill Kane
National Secretary

Meet the new CO

Biography **8255182 LTCOL P.C. Count**

Peter Count enlisted into the Army Reserve in May 1981. He spent three years as a Trooper at a Sqn 10th Light Horse before discharging in May 1984 to complete university studies. He recommenced service with the Reserve in February 1987 as an officer cadet at 5 OCTU. He graduated into the RAAC in October 1988 and was posted to 10th Light Horse as a Troop Leader, a position he held for four years.

He completed the RCSC 2000 series in 1994 and was promoted to Captain in 1995. He held a number of positions at 10th Light Horse including Training Officer, Technical Officer and 2IC between 1995 and 1999. He completed the Intermediate Staff Course in 1999 and was posted to WAUR on promotion to Major in 2000.

He was the OC Training Company at WAUR for three years from 2000 to December 2002 before assuming command of A Sqn 10th Light Horse in January 2003. He assumed command of WAUR on promotion to LTCOL on 01 Mar 2005.

His first involvement with WAUR was as a civilian GD on WAUR camps at Northam, Garden Island and Rottnest Island in 1979-80.

In civilian life he has been an English teacher within the state government since 1988, following a short and unsuccessful career as a car salesman. He is married to his wife, Leanne and they have one daughter, Bronte, born in 1999.



Information on the Perth ANZAC Day services will be published in the weekend newspapers prior to the 25th or contact Shaun Chapman on (08) 9458 1700 or chapmans@iinet.net.au

Dawn Service: Sparrows on -

The WAUR Association will be laying a wreath at the Kings Park Dawn Service. Those members wishing to view this event are more than welcome and should make their way to the ceremony.



Breakfast: 0745 - 0945

Our Gunfire Breakfast will be at the Code restaurant at the base of the Chifley Hotel 185 St Georges Tce Perth. A full cooked breakfast with tea or coffee will set you back about \$18.00. They are also opening the bar in our honour for those who want / need a heart starter. The restaurant will be open from 0630 for those coming straight from dawn Service.

March: 0945 - PM

Once again we will be marching as guests of the Defence Reserves Association. The DRA form-up will be on the South side of St Georges Tce outside Allendale Square (77 St Geo Tce). Step off for the whole parade is 9.40am but our contingent will step off closer to 10.50am on past indications.

An invitation for Association members to attend the Birthday parade night at WAUR on April 19th has been issued. The main focus of the night is a brief Parade and presentation of awards from the WA RSL, Legacy and the WAUR Association festive drinks and a BBQ from 2100.

National Service Medal Update

Medal Continues to Recognise National Service

The Minister for Veterans' Affairs, De-Anne Kelly has urged former National Servicemen to apply for the Anniversary of National Service 1951-1972 Medal.

"More than 320 000 former National Servicemen were identified as eligible at the time of the medal's creation in 2001. However, only 120 000 have come forward to date to claim their entitlement," Mrs Kelly said.

Mrs Kelly made the call ahead of delivering an address and laying a wreath at the National Servicemen's Association remembrance ceremony at the Martin Place Cenotaph, Sydney, today (see below for details).

Between 1951 - 1959 more than 227 000 young Australians undertook a period of full-time and part-time service under the national service scheme.

From January 1965 through until December 1972, a further 63 000 national servicemen gave between 18 months and two years of full time service. In addition more than 30 000 Australians elected to complete their national service obligation as members of the Citizens Military Force under the 1965 - 1972 national service scheme. As well as their military duties at home, many National Servicemen served overseas in international conflicts during the 1960s.

"National servicemen served in Malaysia and Borneo during the Indonesian Confrontation, and some 17 400 served with distinction in South Vietnam," Mrs Kelly said.

Those who believe they are eligible should fill out an application form, available through State branches of the National Serviceman's Association and the Returned and Services League of Australia, electoral offices of MP's and Senators, or through the Defence Honours and Awards website at: www.defence.gov.au/dpe/dpe_site/honours_awards/ or toll free on 1800 111 321.

Telstra Warning

For anyone contemplating using the Sensis directory service number, 1234 - DON'T!

Sensis, as you may or may not know, is a subsidiary of Telstra. The 1234 number is replacing the Telstra 12456 directory assistance number, but this time with outrageous costs attached: 40c to call the number, then 4c A SECOND!

With this sort of pricing structure in place, it's no wonder so many Australians hold Telstra in the same regard as the major banks.

Write an article on what it's like to work in the security industry in Iraq, requested Shaun Chapman of the Western Australia University Regiment. This is a subject that would appear to fascinate the world's media, together with conjuring up the perception of Rambo like mercenaries earning enormous pay cheques.

After nearly 8 months "In Country" on and off in various roles there are few things a person may see, a few lessons may be learnt, a few home truths one learns about himself.

I have been fortunate enough to see most of Iraq, from Baghdad across the Western Desert via Fallujah to the Jordan border, North through Erbil, Mosul and the beautiful mountainous Kurdish area's, Sulaymaniyah to the Turkish border, and south from Kuwait through Basra to the Iran border. I have also been woken up at 4 am by an RPG rocket hitting the building I was sleeping in, noisy buggers!

Its dusty, hot, there are problems with communications and translation, mobile phones rarely work properly and radios are not secure (when they do work), there are a lot of cowboys in the security industry in Iraq, who all reckon they are pretty good, just ask them!

I am as well travelled in Iraq as anyone I've met "in country". I've travelled in Military convoys at 40 KMH, escorted truck convoys in a soft skinned Pajero, and driven in local dress in a black BMW sedan with tinted windows, armed to the teeth. But I am not a Rambo, and nor have I seen anyone who resembles him. A lot look the part, especially the American's, they even chew gum as well. I've done the 140KMH 3 car convoy weave through Baghdad & Sadr city with traffic at a standstill.

I, like nearly everyone have made mistakes and been lucky to be here writing this. I think the most important and neglected aspect of survival here is training, every day your crew should practice "actions on" and debussing. At least, do it on a white board. "Actions On", anything and everything. What usually happens is we start going through the "what ifs" and all the sudden every guy in the crew has a different idea of what should happen. After all we come from many different backgrounds. After about 30 minutes of that we all end up scratching our head debating which idea is best and say "let's get some scoff". Decide on some fundamental concepts. And stick to them, but of course always remembering that the plan is just something to deviate from anyway. As long as we all know the end goal and work towards it. e.g. If the vehicle is stalled in the ambush, driver flicks it in neutral so the rear car can ram us out and reorganise on the opposite side of the contact. So rehearse and practice, which is easy to say, I am the first to admit that a wake up call at 7am with "hey lets rehearse this" may receive a less than favourable response.

Debating your "actions on" is best done at the base rather than on the side of a road in Tikrit while your car is being remodelled by a PKM machine gun. Not that that is an everyday occurrence by any stretch of the imagination.

First parade your vehicles all the time. Being broken down in Iraq is like a scene on a bad movie. I have stood on the highway between Baghdad and the Jordan border with a sick Pajero that has just blown the engine! Check oil & fluid levels, tyres and don't overdrive the car. Every personal security detail member (PSD) you meet will tell you he is a great driver. Just because you drive fast and haven't hit anything yet doesn't mean you're a good tactical driver. Go to a recognised advanced driver training school if not having done so, or a recognised tactical Close personal protection driver training course. Pick the brains of the best driver on the team and get some 'On the job training'.

Practice changing tyres. Realising you've packed 300 kilos of gear on top the spare while on the side of a road in Ramadi is not a good idea. Make sure you have a tow strap in every vehicle. Loop it through the rear bumper so it's already attached that way you swing in front of the disabled car and they hook up, Gone in 60 seconds or vice versa. Get a good jack, its worth the money. Make sure everyone knows where all the tow, change, repair gear is in every vehicle. In the glove box keep your stay behinds. Grenades, Smoke, CS. The rule is. NEVER TOUCH THE PIN UNLESS YOU HAVE THE GRENADE OUTSIDE THE WINDOW!

Tie a piece of 'para' cord to the pin, that way you can pull the pin in flight, this is handy when using soviet (short fuse) grenades.

Use smoke grenades. If you caught in traffic and you have a bad feeling about a car behind you, toss the smoke. Most motorists will stop or at least give you a lot of space. It works and it's harmless. Put a rubber band on your rifle sling so it doesn't get caught on stuff like the handbrake while getting out of the car, or remove slings unless doing static work.

Always do a proper route plan, Common sense here. Avoiding main supply routes (MSR's) and roads frequented by military convoys. Well before taking a road you see on a map that isn't used by the Army. Go and see the Military, ask them why. It may be for good reason. Think about fuel consumption. Plan your stops for fuel and food. Always carry a fuel can, just in case. Always have spare batteries for the GPS, Always have a map and compass. Do a map study and make sure everyone in the crew knows the route plan. Carry as large calibre weapon as you can. Keep it clean. Carry lots of ammo! and place spare magazines everywhere in the car.

Wear your body armour, always. If you sleep in a 'porta' cabin or tent, know where the nearest bunker is. Trying to find it at 4 am while scared shitless isn't the answer. And yes everyone runs for the bunker. The ex Delta Force bloke who is always giving the evil eye will probably be the first one there followed immediately after by an ex Navy SEAL in flip-flops. 120MM mortars are a bit humbling.

Have range days whenever you can and zero your weapon. Keep training. If your company doesn't get more ammo, get it somewhere else, but don't use locally loaded ammo, as it will blow up in your face. Conduct dry-fire practice. Practice magazine changes. Focus on grip, trigger control and front sight, get someone to explain muscle memory to you if you don't know already.

Train on all weapons. If you don't have access at least read the manuals on them. You never know when you will run out of 9mm for your MP5 and someone will hand you an AK47 or PKM. Get familiar with them. In terms of shooting, Practice and scrounge extra ammo, but don't use locally loaded ammunition if you can help it as it will blow up in your face.

Always take an armoured car over a soft skinned one. If driving a soft car, sandbag the floors and jam steel and spare plates everywhere you can. Bolt on armour is rubbish but better than nothing. Remember that nothing breaks contact quite like returning accurate fire. The rear vehicle is always most likely to be hit. Put your best shooters in there, and the biggest guns.

The quartermaster (QM) isn't coming! If you don't have good gun's, ammunition, body armour, or communication's. Just say no! (loudly). Some companies are total cowboys and will leave you in Iraq with a broken stolen AK47 assault rifle and two broken magazines. The bottom line is to remember what gear is critical. Demand that it be the best and take proper care of it. Medical equipment is expensive and has saved lives. Make sure you know how to use it. Do remedial medical training. Wherever you go, carry a few bottles of booze. It has been known to be used to exchange, barter or swap for multitude of equipment from ammunition to cars. Don't get drunk and stupid. Be drunk or stupid but never both at once.

Never let the client convince you, "it's safe. I do this all the time". If it's stupid it's stupid. Remember if you hamper the client's ability to do their job too much. Our company can lose the contract. It's a fine line. Your client thinks it's cute to drive to Mahomed's house at midnight for tea, sometimes you just have to do it.

If you are doing Green Zone personal security detail (PSD), one or two magazines may do you but if you're in the red zone, twelve! Speaking of which. Weapon, twelve mag's, pistol, three mag's, MEDKIT, GPS, compass, radio, spare battery, 500US dollars, rations, water bottle, Night vision goggles (NVG), body armour. It's a lot. It's hot, so what, if it's too heavy get membership at the gym. This job isn't for everybody.

Carry ration packs and water in your car. Never throw food or sweets to kids. There are many reasons why. But at the least it encourages kids to jump in front of cars, running over a kid would ruin your trip here.

If you find yourself putting too much trust in the locals its time to take a break. Listen to your intuition. It has saved peoples lives and not listening to it killed too many to count.

If you make contact ... Finish it, but make sure you know the rules of engagement. A car door is not cover. In fact a car is not cover. Reinforced concrete is sometimes!

Do not work for a company that does not vet its PSD's. Check their credentials, call the references, and put them through a ten day selection course. Just because a guy was a US Navy SEAL Airborne Ranger etc in Vietnam or stood on the balcony at Princes Gate does not mean he maintained his skills. You do not have the time or money to bring somebody up to speed if they do not have the skill already. You have to have the fundamental skill set. We should just review and coordinate verbal commands and simple actions on. Just because somebody is a good bloke is not good enough. If he can't shoot, think, move or drive, leave him at home. Big boy's rules!

If a guy does not work out in your crew but has talent and skill, send him elsewhere, Personalities clash. especially when you are living together 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for six months, eating every meal together. However this world is too small for war stories, there will always be someone who knows some one else. Try and keep a lid on the "Walter Mitty" types.

Keep a sense of humour. Keep funny people around, they make shitty situations tolerable and are like Prozac when you need it. Have thick skin. Take criticism. If you suck at something accept it and ask for training, don't bluff it. Don't bottle things up, talk about it before it becomes a major issue.

Always remember that you were once a young baggy arse getting paid peanuts and were not allowed to fart without permission up and down the chain of command. Keep this in mind when you are bitching because you are only making 17,000 dollars month when guys at the other company are getting 17,500. And when the boss emails you to have a clean shave, Do it, you never know when you are going to be on the front page of some stupid newspaper. The soldiers around you make a fraction of the pay, and are ordered to do stupid, dangerous shit everyday. Keep that in mind when you are upset and the soldier on the check point or front gate wants to stop and check your ID. Treat them well, nobody else does.

Business operations security (OPSEC) is one thing but always share your info on intelligence and tactics. Some of the "business secret" stuff is corny. If you hit an improvised explosive device (IED) on a main MSR yesterday, email your colleagues to stay away.

Why would anyone want to work in Iraq? It gets the mortgage paid quicker!! And makes you appreciate that supermarket trolley that has three wheels that go in one direction and the forth in completely the other. And for me, I'd rather be a "has been", than a never was.

Authors name withheld.

Farewell to Milton Butcher



Former CO WAUR Lt Col Milton Butcher handed over the reigns to the incoming Lt Col Peter Count during a Parade on March 1st followed by mess presentations and speeches. WAUR Staff that served under Milton's command were effusive with their praise to an obviously dedicated Officer. (Milton is based in Katanning and drove to Tuesday night parades and weekends for most of his tenure)

From an Association point of view he will be missed as he was a strong supporter of the Association and what we are about. Milton has had a long involvement with WAUR and is as keen on preserving our history as we on the committee are. Milton maintained his link with us to the end presenting a framed picture supplied by the WAUR Association.

Left: Lt Col Milton Butcher and Shaun Chapman with the mess presentation.



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. Check 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)
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 (Tie, tie bar, lapel badge, cuff links)	85.00 75.00
Tie pack (Tie, tie bar)	57.50 50.00
Lapel pack (Lapel badge, cuff links)	27.50 25.00



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



In case you think you are technologically challenged, look at this from a Wall Street Journal article:

Compaq is considering changing the instruction "Press Any Key" to "Press Return Key" because of the flood of calls asking where the "Any" key is.

AST technical support had a caller complaining that her mouse was hard to control with the dust cover on. The cover turned out to be the plastic bag the mouse was packed in.

Another AST customer was asked to send a copy of her defective diskettes. A few days later, a letter arrived from the customer along with photocopies of the floppies.

A Dell customer called to say he couldn't get his computer to FAX anything. After 40 minutes of troubleshooting, the technician discovered the man was trying to FAX a piece of paper by holding it in front of the monitor's screen and pressing the "Send " key.

A confused caller to IBM was having troubles printing documents. He told the technician that the computer had said it "couldn't find the printer." The user had also turned the computer to face the printer but that his computer still couldn't see the printer.

An exasperated caller to Dell Computer Tech Support couldn't get her new Dell computer to turn on. After ensuring the computer was plugged in, she responded, "I pushed and pushed on this foot pedal and nothing happens." The foot pedal turned out to be the computer's mouse.

Another IBM customer had troubles installing software and rang for support. "I put in the first disk and that was OK. It said to put in the second disk, and had some problems with the disk. When it said put in the third disk-I couldn't even fit it in..." The user hadn't realized that "Insert Disk 2" meant remove Disk 1 first.

NOW, I FEEL BETTER, AND SMARTER?

Websites of Interest With David Knight

www.pows-of-japan.v29.net - large site with lots of articles on the memory of ex POWs, pictures of revisit tours and history. Presented by LT COL Peter Winstanley RFD (Ret.) JP.

users.bigpond.net.au/trt/ - a huge list of alternate worldwide media outlet links, conspiracy theories and alternative takes on reported events and happenings.

www.whatreallyhappened.com - an anti war and anti lie with some really interesting, alternate and way out (I hope) takes on world events

www.indymedia.org - a collection of independent media organisations and journalism at the grass roots.

www.muchosucko.com - lots of humorous and other links, video clips and other nonsense.

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.

This "certificate" was found in paperwork from the Ors Boozer

The Certificate of Non Achievement is awarded to

CPL CRAFTER

For distinguishing himself by exceptionally mediocre service during the period JAN 84 to FEB 84 while in the position of SECT COMD. During this period SIMON was confronted by a variety of inconsequential challenges. Unlike his more level-headed associates, SIMON crumbled under the slightest pressure. He has consistently displayed a total lack of knowledge of, or interest in, any facet of his position. During his tenure, his position rapidly deteriorated into a state of complete disarray. His selfish and unco-operative personality soon infected his associates to the extent that all those with whom his section dealt were treated with hostility and contempt. His unkempt appearance, sloth and general 'Fuck You' attitude stand as a tribute to those who seek to undermine the military system. His sub-standard performance is in keeping with the lowest traditions of humanity and reflects distinct discredit upon himself, his unmarried parents, and society as a whole.

Signed

[Signature]

DE SGT 2PL

Date 27 MAR 84

14th December marked the final parade for 2004 for WAUR. Association members were invited to attend to farewell posted staff and cadets, meet incoming staff and generally catch up. The Association was well represented and those who make the effort to attend are to be congratulated.

Right: David Knight, Denham Heliam, Graham McMahon, Geoff Simpson, Trevor Arbuckle, Steve Trewin, Robert Oakes and Hugh Ritchie



Trevor Arbuckle, Denham Heliam, Shaun Chapman, Robert Oakes, Chris West, Tony Lambe, David Knight and Graham McMahon (kneeling)



Former Insider Mick Mathews receiving a plaque from Sean Lestrangle

Buy some Cool Balloons and freak out other motorists!



Sightings

With Shaun Chapman

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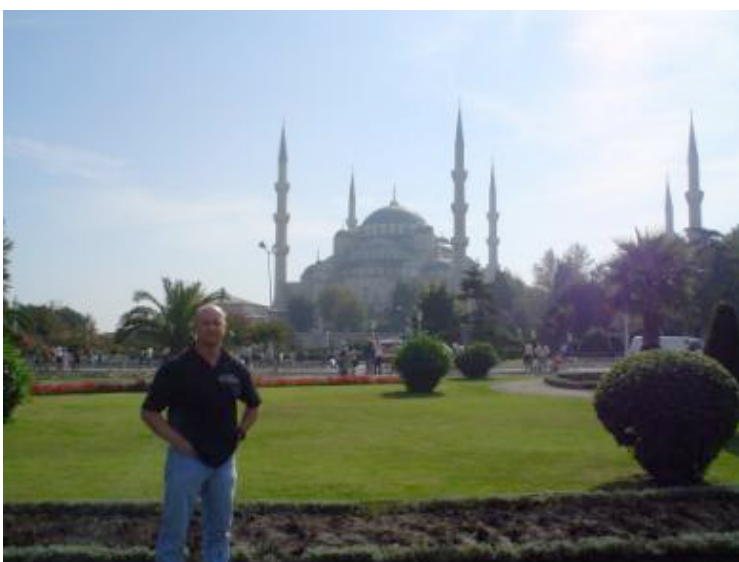
Kath Callow having spent a couple of years in Penang is now back in Aus and based in Canberra with husband Al Ambler. Both enjoyed their time in WAUR and use the Association to stay in touch with WAURiors.

Horse (Justin Reading WAUR '89-94) has had an expansion of his herd, with the arrival of twin girls: Sinead Rose (5lb5oz 47cm) and Keely Lavinia (5lb15oz 47.5cm) born at StJohn of God's Subiaco, on the 8th of February. Both girls are doing well, Myvanwy (Van) is getting some sleep. Niamh(5), Brittany(3) and Lachlan(2) are being "helpful" most of the time. The whole clan is planning on moving back to Paraburdoo by mid March.

Paul Tubman send this politically incorrect pic from the Solomon Islands where he is posted with the AFP at present. Paul will be back for ANZAC Day commemorations.



Shaun Chapman, Mike Wood and Andrew Russel caught up for Christmas Drinks whilst Andrew was on a visit back to Perth. Andrew is planning to spent ANZAC Day on the Kokoda Trail.



Danny and phallic symbols.

This in from Danny Garstang (WAUR mid-late 80s):

I'm now out of the Police and doing this as you can see, doing frequent travel around the region doing risk management for land transport trying to keep people alive out here...needless to say no shortage of work. Check out the website. www.dti-src.com .I just got back from Perth this morning after a flying three day visit to tidy up my loose ends and the WAUR was one of a 'few' letters that was in the Dan's snail mail bin hence the belayed contact. I've been in Dubai now for two years and have become quite accustomed to the Dubai lifestyle (Hollywood of the Middle East) had another boy 3 months ago Luke James Garstang (has an Arabic birth certificate so he'll have fun at home with that one come time to get his license).

The 2004 AGM was held on Jan 14 2005 it was a chance to get together discuss issues of importance and get a mandate for the committee to keep up the good fight

A read of the minutes (Posted on the Website in the members section) will reveal the depth of discussion

Mike Jenkin, Shaun Chapman and John Kargotich



Andrew Jackson, Matt Stacey and Dean Macauliffe



David Knight and George Boucher



Graham Macmahon and Ian Gaynor



Trevor Arbuckle, Ken Keesing, Peter Arbuckle, Bill Gaynor and Ossie King



Meeting under way

Below is a recreation of a 1980 presentation to the WAUR Officers mess by LTCOL R.M. Willox RFD, ED, ADC. Who was WAUR CO from 18 March 1978 TO 9 Jan 1980.



The Order of Battle of the Australian Army includes the establishment of University Regiments in all States, except the Northern Territory. University Regiments provide military training for undergraduates, to commissioned rank.

SYDNEY UNIVERSITY REGIMENT was raised on 31st December, 1900, as the University Volunteer Rifle Corps and was later known as the Sydney University Scouts (1903 – 1928).

MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY REGIMENT was formed in 1910 as the Melbourne University Rifles, although undergraduates had formed a separate Company of the Victorian Rifles in the 1880's.

QUEENSLAND UNIVERSITY REGIMENT was officially formed in May, 1948, but can trace its earlier history back to the mid 1930's.

ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY REGIMENT was raised with the revival of the CMF in 1948.

PERTH UNIVERSITY REGIMENT was raised on 22nd April 1949 with two platoons at the University of W.A. The original building subsequently became part of the School of Anatomy of the Medical Faculty and now belongs to the Agricultural Science Faculty. The title PUR was an incorrect title which was pointed out by the University to the Army, so shortly after its initial raising, the unit was correctly retitled the WESTERN AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITY REGIMENT. It moved to the Stirling Highway depot in Claremont and in July, 1951 a third platoon was raised at Claremont Teachers' College.

There is a reference in the Australian Army List, 1918, to the 88th. (Perth) Infantry "B" Company – East Perth, University. These were probably a platoon of "B" Company raised at the University which, in fact, had its first building in Irwin Street between Bay and Murray Streets, on the west side. 88th. (Perth) Infantry was a Citizen Force Infantry unit during the period 1912 – 1918 and was therefore remembered "11th" and was the predecessor to the famous 11th. Battalion (City of Perth Regiment).

The present WAUR depot in Mounts Bay Road was built by public subscription and a lot of voluntary unit labour, for the 16th. Battalion. (The Cameron Highlanders of W.A.). The original brass plaque resides in the Army Museum.

The title embroidered displays is a rare relic of the raising of the WESTERN AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITY REGIMENT, 22nd April, 1949.

Right: The original document



INSTRUCTIONS

1. For purposes of efficiency classification attendance at parades designated obligatory is compulsory except in the case of unavoidable cause or leave of absence granted by the Commanding Officer. In either case the member is to make written *application to be excused from the obligatory parade. The Commanding Officer in recording his decision on the leave application will nominate the alternate parade to be attended to count for efficiency purposes.

2. A member who has:

(a) Completed 14 days camp training, 7 days obligatory training (or alternative training to count in lieu) and 5 days voluntary training,

(b) Volunteered for Overseas Service,

(c) Completed the required range practices, qualifying in at least one weapon,

qualifies for an additional £10 Efficiency Grant per year. Subject to the Commanding Officer's recommendation.

3. Applications for leave from ANY parade will reach Coy HQ or Adv Trg Wing HQ NOT later than 14 days previous to the parade for which leave is required. The application must be supported by adequate reasons.

4. In case of sudden illness, preventing attendance at parades, the earliest advice, including telephone, will be given to the unit and subsequently verified by written notification within 48 hours of the parade.

5. This card will be carried at all times when in uniform as a means of identification. It must be signed in the place provided.

6. Uniforms will be worn on all parades. It is an offence to wear any part of uniform when not on duty. Hats, boots, gaiters and battle order equipment, JG shirts and trousers and pullover will be the dress for all day parades and weekend bivouacs, unless otherwise ordered. The dress for night parades will be Battle Dress or Shirt and Trousers JIG, as applicable, Boots AB, Gaiters, Hats, khaki, FF, belts waist WE, unless otherwise ordered.

7. 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.

8. Change of address will be advised in writing to RHQ immediately.

WAUR Association up in Lights

Association Treasurer Shaun Chapman with a couple members who wish to remain nameless have put together a fluoro lit sign to promote the Association. "Stands out like dogs..." Is how one visitor to the Association rooms put it.



50th Anniversary Reunion of National Service Training

by Ken Keesing

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A luncheon and drinks function for ex National Service and WAUR members was held at the Herdsman Lake Tavern on Saturday 12th March 2005. It was attended by Arthur Auguste and Jenny Gorman, David Black, Lyle Bowden, Michael and Rewa Boylson, Derek and Karleen Chantler, Ian Cook, Neil Cumpston, Lionel Dennis, Syd Deykin, Neil and Jan Donaldson, Murray and Helen Edinger, Neil Fitch, Max Kamien, Ken and June Keesing, Ossie and Ronnie King, Ross Kirkham, Brian Lawrence, Patrick Lynch, Len Pavy, Brian Marshall, Peter Reynolds, Don Talbot and Rod Willox. The fellowship period before lunch was a wonderful reunion for many who had not seen each other for up to 50 years. Despite the balding or grey heads, recognition was quickly established and the memories of training adventures and catastrophes were being relived. Ossie King and Rod Willox were reunited with university students who were posted to WAUR to complete their NST in 1956/7. The memorabilia included 17 NS Battalion, platoon photos and names and the Intake Magazine articles, many of which had been written by those present.



Neil Fitch and Rod Willox

Ken Keesing, Lionel Dennis and Don Talbot



Thanks to John Marum and Ian Cook who provided the photos, many of those attending were surprised to find 50 year old images of themselves as “bullet proof” 19 year olds with their hut mates in “Sandy Circle”. Action shots showed the young warriors training, playing card games, getting canteen treats and having Q store laughs. Top marks to those who brought items to share. Arthur Auguste wore his shoulder patches and NS medal. Others like Ross Kirkham and Patrick Lynch even had service records, leave passes and call up notices that had survived for half a century. The sand hills of Swanbourne, scorching, fire ravaged Muchea and atom bombed Northam featured in many of the stories retold over lunch. We were very ably entertained by impromptu speakers, Neil Fitch, Neil Cumpston, David Treloar, Lionel Dennis, Patrick Lynch, Neil Donaldson and Brian Marshall who reminded us of the highs and lows of service life.

The emailed memories displayed told of parades to smash smuggled beer, awol NCO's causing a scatter of awol OR's at Northam baths. John Marum wrote of a grenade throwing incident at Crawley (WAUR) when excellent cricketer DWG Treloar “nearly killed a small child with the excessive length of his pitch”

These “historic” photos of the mid-fifties shows the fit, healthy and good humoured young men of 17 NS Battalion at work and play.

They were a capable group and a survey of their careers testifies to the outstanding value of the contribution they made later in life. Although inconvenient at the time the NST experience was an important part of their development. As Tony Quinlan remarked in his email, “I really enjoyed my time as a “Nasho”. It would do many of the present generation a power of good to be subject to a little discipline and fellowship.”

Right: Lionel Dennis and Harlan Mullins





Card players in Sandy Circle
Paddy Troy, --?, Gary
Halvorson, Rod James and
Norm Chosid



The Bed Testers
The army enlisted UWA students Neil
Cumpston and Norm Chosid to try out
the latest straw palliase.



NCO Club members Jim Keating, Harlan
Mullins, Ian Cook and Ken Keesing



Above: A Coy get stuck into bayonet
drill

Left:: Q Store chaos. One size fits all!



Muchea here we come!
As Dr Marum said in retrospect, "It
was very naughty of the Army to let
us get so dehydrated!"

We all agreed that we were a lucky generation and were very grateful that we had not been called up for active service. Never the less we did do some serious training, as the following photos show. The convener Ken Keesing provided information for membership of WAURA and application forms for the National Service medal. An invitation was extended for those who were ex WAUR to march on Anzac Day with the Association and give their medal an outing. The only formality of the day conducted at lunch, was a toast to absent friends, remembering those who were not able to attend the reunion.





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Above and right: Balloon art for those with too much time on their hands

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