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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 Mick Mathews 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, Michael Jenkin (Ed)

Ramblings from the Secretary

With Michael Jenkin

First off, I must apologise for the "missing in action" WAURior in December 2003 and for the fact that this edition of our esteemed Newsletter has been put together almost entirely by Shaun Chapman. I guess I have loads of reasons but no real excuses. The only thing I have going for me is I guess that I am unlikely to be sacked for such appalling dereliction. The time since the last WAURior seems to have flown past. As the years slip past, it seems as if something strange is happening to the space/time continuum - days seem to last longer and longer whereas months fly past. This year, we are hoping for a big turnout to Anzac Day - the breakfast, March and after March piss up are all recommended. I am certainly aware that it is possible to feel slightly fraudulent marching down our St George's Terrace whilst adoring crowds call out things like "We are proud of you!" and "Well done boys!" etc etc. My own meagre military career would in no way qualify me for such fulsome plaudits, so I comfort myself in the knowledge that my participation is by way of tribute to all of those whose contributions are genuinely worthy of praise. I guess I see it as a way of paying my respects. The Day is of course a very personal thing and should be spent in whatever way suits the individual member. That said, it would of course be great to see as many members there as possible. I will close by undertaking to do better as far as WAURior is concerned. If by any chance any one is interested in helping out on the editorial front at any time, please contact me at jenkin@iinet.net.au.

★ UPCOMING EVENTS ★

It is a busy time for WAURiors, April 22nd is WAUR's 55th Birthday. This event is being celebrated with a parade at WAUR on Tuesday 20th April followed by a sausage sizzle. ANZAC Day is fast approaching and the Association has a full day planned. May 8th is the WAUR Ball the socialites highlight of the year. Full details of these events are in this edition of the WAURior.

The Committee would like to extend a very warm welcome to the following members who have joined the Association since the last edition of The WAURior:

Feb 2004: Robert Oakes 1978-85

March 2004: Dan Harrison 1998-99

Your Association now has 102 paid up members!

THE INSIDER

By WO2 Mick Matthews WAURA Liaison Officer

What's in a word, or I this case an acronym?

Last time I regaled you with such acronyms as PT GSO FAC and RMC-D. In this issue we will look at one of my favourites - AIRN. The advent of the Army Individual Readiness Notice some years ago has been the bane of many platoon sergeants and CSMs. Don't get me wrong, the concept is great and the AIRN provides commanders at all levels with an annual assessment of the readiness of his soldiers to deploy.

But I get ahead of myself. "What's this AIRN thing?" I hear you say? (especially those of you who still think in terms of PTTs instead of BFAs). It is a measure of the ability of an individual to deploy and considers the following factors;

- Employment Qualifications - is the soldier fully qualified for their position?
- Medical Employment Classification (MEC) - yet another new acronym - are they healthy and disease free?
- Dental Fitness - can they bite?
- Weapons proficiency - can they shoot?
- Fitness - can they do all this and still look good for the photos?

The AIRN also records any assistance requirements you may seek should you deploy. This is recorded on an annual declaration signed by the member. The list includes things like childcare, mortgage and income assistance.

"Why would a soldier need mortgage protection?" you ask? Consider a thoracic surgeon earning his cool half a million, or so, a year in private practice. He has the wife, kids, house, cars, ski chalet, European mistress and the mortgage to go with it. He is also a serving member who is "called out" to deploy for six months in support of an overseas op. What happens to his squillion dollar a month loan repayments when he is drawing Army pay? He'll barely be able to keep the mistress in champagne; hence the mortgage assistance. Either that, or the Army decides to call out a surgeon who is better placed. Regardless, the needs of the deployment should, you would agree, take precedence in the final analysis.

The reason the process has been a source of grief for soldier managers was the need for all soldier to complete both the BFA and Weapons components in each half-year reporting period (Mar to Aug and Sep to Feb). Failure to pass in any period would deem the soldier "Not Ready to deploy". This is a snap for the full-timer (or should be) but a little more difficult for the Reserves. Cast your minds back to when you were young, fit and in the Army. How many times did you see absolutely every member of the Unit turn up for an activity (especially a fitness test!)? My experience has been that you need to run at least four BFAs and make available three range practices in a reporting period to achieve a 90% capture. All this can take away from training time if not managed well.

By the way, apart from Blank Firing Attachment, BFA now also stands for Basic Fitness Test. Also, the AIRN range requirement can be completed at a WTSS, Weapons Training Simulation System, that uses a laser system rather than live rounds. WA is yet to get such a facility but we expect by the end of the year.

Unit Happenings (and there's lots)

2004 started at a cracking pace and has yet to let up. The current training year really started in December when Training Command - Australia (TC-A) issued orders that all instructors on TC-A course were required to complete a five day Instructor Preparation Course (IPC). This led to a concerted effort by HQ staff to see if we could sustain the six-week IIIA course (say 'three alpha'). It was decided after some crafty negotiations with RMC-D that we would run the IPC, IIIA1 and IIIA2. You will recall that the IIIA course takes a Staff Cadet (SCDT) from the street through to an IET equivalent. The course is divided into three two-week modules. The Field Exercise that is IIIA3 is currently planned for later this year.

So, once thing got under way, the training undertaken so for this year looks something like this;

- All instructors attended one of two IPCs held in January and February.
- We ran IIIA1 and IIIA2 over four weeks. Approximately 60 students attended each course with 20 from WAUR on IIIA1 and 26 on IIIA2.
- 5 SCDTs completed IIIA3 with Queensland University Regt. We also provided a SGT Instructor.
- Unit staff who need to are also completing Certificate IV in Assessment and Workplace Training over March and April.

Graduands

Over January and February nine SCDTs attended their final modules at Duntroon. The modules were IIC and 1A. Seven WAUR Cadets were on the graduation parade, one again witnessed by your intrepid reporter who supported the 1A module. The two who missed out this time unfortunately succumbed to injuries sustained on Exercise Long Hai during 11C. The exercise as always was intense and demanding. It was also supported by WAUR in the form of Capt Cooper-Maitland.

I would like to extend my sincere congratulations to the seven new lieutenants who are now learning their trades within 13 Brigade.

The unit is currently running two non-continuous modules, 111B and 11B, for the SCDTs. They will culminate in September.

Coming Events

As mentioned previously, WAUR will conduct 111A3 mid year. We will also run 11B. Both are continuous courses to be run at the lovely Bindoon Training Area. So I guess we can expect another wet winter!

Before all this happens, there is the Unit's Birthday Parade to be held on 20

April, ANZAC day and the Regimental Ball on 8 May.

I look forward to catching up with as many of you as possible over the next few weeks.

MEDIA RELEASE

Wednesday, February 25, 2004
RECOGNITION OF ADF SERVICE

Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence, Mal Brough, today announced that a group of prominent Australians, most with a defence background, will be asked to help explore issues about appropriate recognition of ADF service.

Mr Brough said, currently, service personnel receive medal recognition after 15 years of service with the Defence Long Service Medal.

Following calls for further recognition of service with an additional medal awarded after two years of reserve or full-time service, the Minister has decided to seek advice from a number of experienced Australians in this field.

"The Government values highly the contributions made by all servicemen and women," Mr Brough said. "However, consistent with the strong tradition and principles underpinning the Australian system of Honours and Awards, service medals currently remain reserved for recognition of gallantry in operations, distinguished or long and efficient service, and service in military operations.

"Accordingly, medals have not been awarded retrospectively unless an anomaly or new evidence has been acquired regarding service under existing eligibility criteria.

"These rules for honours and awards try to balance the sometimes conflicting desire to provide wide recognition for service against the need to ensure that the achievements of those honoured or in receipt of formal awards are not devalued by giving honours and awards beyond the purpose for which they were meant."

WAURA Job Vacancies

RSL Liaison Officer: The association wishes to appoint an RSL Liaison responsible for attending unit and kindred meetings (1300 first Tuesday of the month) and generally being a link between the association and the WA State RSL – If you are interested in helping out please contact Shaun Chapman on 9458 1700

WAUR Birthday Parade

Lt Col Milton Butcher CO WAUR has extended an invite to all WAUR association members to attend the 55th Birthday parade to commemorate the unit's formation on 22nd April 1949.

The parade will be held at Artillery barracks, Burt Street Fremantle at 2115, 20th April 2004.

Following the parade there will be a sausage sizzle and drinks at the mess.

Association Members are encouraged to attend and are to arrive by 2100 at the latest.

**Please indicate your intention to attend to attend to Shaun Chapman
94581700**

On parade!



Steve Trewin, Tony Lambe and George Boucher



Bart, Tas and Dean



Diligent secretary



Andrew Bray and Graham Macmahon



Enjoying a beer

The association held its AGM at ANZAC House on December 5th present were Shaun Chapman, Michael Jenkin, Graham McMahon, Tony Lambe, Owen Keane, George Boucher, Roger May, Andrew Bray, Les Stewart, Steve Trewin, Simon Watters, Tas Nolan, Scott Simpson, Barry Campbell, Robert Oakes, Ossie King, Ken Keesing Dean McAuliffe. Denham Heliam, Barry Cugley and John Kargotich who made a late entrance .

In John's absence, Michael Jenkin acting as interim President stated that the Association's priority for 2004 would be to grow the membership base. Michael noted that the proposed Reunion had been cancelled and that the Association needed to revisit its social calendar. Finally Michael congratulated Shaun Chapman for his outstanding efforts in obtaining a grant of \$3,594.00 from the Lotteries Commission for the purchase of a computer, printer, digital camera and web design training.. This will enable our long suffering webmaster Bart Simpson to receive support in maintaining the Association's website.

Association Treasurer Shaun Chapman tabled his report and advised that audited accounts will be prepared in the New Year. In summary, the Association has \$2,868.14 at bank with major income being merchandise sales (\$807.50) and membership subs (\$698.00). Expenses for 2003 were \$578.13. Shaun advised that merchandise sales were steady and that Wall plaques would be looked at for next year once existing merchandise had been sold off.

In his capacity as Unit Historian, Shaun Chapman advised that the proposed Photo & video CD was under construction and that various other history projects were steaming along. Shaun is looking at trying to get university history students to assist in these projects. One project still outstanding is to interview former members (including CO's) on video.

It was moved by Ossie King, seconded by Ken Keesing that the Association members record a vote of thanks to the 2003 Committee. Which was much appreciated

Following the meeting, several videos showing aspects of the unit's operations over the past 50 year's and Scott Simpson's performance in Channel 31's "Love on the Box" show were shown whilst members caught up and reminisced about the glory days at WAUR.

Australian Army Cadets need YOU!

Australian Army Cadets (AAC) is looking for people with a military background who have an interest in working with young people. Vacancies currently exist for Officers of Cadets (OOC) at units around the metro area and in the Headquarters based at Leeuwin Barracks in Fremantle.

Cadets are aged between 12½ years and 18 years and undertake training in drill, first aid, adventure training, weapons handling, field skills, navigation, ratel procedure etc. Depending on your interests and skills you would be involved in conducting and supervising training; personnel management or logistics. Most units parade one night a week, have 3 or 4 bivouacs per year and attend a one week annual camp.

The appointment process is as follows. After completing application forms, you sit a basic medical, attend an interview with an Army psychologist and undergo some basic testing You then appear before a Selection Board. On being appointed you attend a weekend induction course and a Senior First Aid certificate course (unless you already have one). Then within 18 months of appointment, you attend a one week OOC course.

OOCs receive an allowance (based on the daily rate for the equivalent rank in the GRES). The current annual entitlement for OOC is 28 full days and 40 half days.

**If you are interested in finding out more contact Michael Jenkin
on 9264 1694 during office hours for an obligation free chat.
(Yeah sure what lawyer offers obligation free chats – nice try Mike)**

MAJOR ERIC FLEMING

21C WAUR

Eric Fleming was born in Calcutta, India in 1961, and migrated to Australia with his family in 1965. He gained Australian citizenship in Nov 1966 and spend most of his childhood in Kensington, Western Australia. He is a qualified accountant and current employed with the Department of Education & Training as an Internal Audit Manager.

In 1988 he joined the Australian Army Reserve as a recruit and was posted to 13 Field Squadron, Royal Australian Engineers. Whilst with the Squadron he completed his recruit and initial trade training for sapper.

In 1990 he attended 5 Training Group as an Officer Cadet and after completing this course in 1991 was commissioned into the Royal Australian Engineers with the rank of Lieutenant. He was posted to 13 Field Squadron where he served as a troop commander until 1994.

In 1994 he was posted to the Army Reserve Recruiting Component as an enlistment Officer and in 1995 a student at the Reserve Command and Staff College.

In 1996 he was promoted to Captain and posted to 13 Field Squadron as Quartermaster and fulfilled this role till the end of 1997, with an absence of 10 months in Fiji due to his civilian employment. In 1998 still with the Squadron Captain Fleming served as the Reconnaissance Officer.

In 1999 Captain Fleming was posted to 5 Training Group as a student on the Intermediate Staff Course and in 2000 posted to 13 Bde HQ as S 532 Ops. He was promoted Major and assumed command of 13 Field Squadron on the 5th December 2000 and held this position for three years.

In 2004 he was posted to WAUR and is presently performing the role of 21C.

Major Fleming and his wife Jillian have two sons. Major Fleming enjoys spending time with his family and sports.

WAUR Association Book Exchange

The WAURA is pleased to announce the latest member service – a book exchange. This is a free service for WAUR Association members only. The library will operate out of the Association room at Artillery Barracks on the first Tuesday of the month meetings. Members may take advantage of this service by first donating a book or two to the library this then allows books etc in the system to be taken out. Books donated will be considered “on loan” to the Association and will be cheerfully returned to rightful owners on request. Please ensure all books are clearly marked with your name and contact numbers. Whilst starting with books it is hoped to build up a small collection of videos and DVD also to be added are WAUR related historical items such as old WAURior’s and video footage. We want a smallish collection of quality items with a military theme. Many thanks to Andrew Jackson (WAUR 1990-99) for donating a bookcase to house the collection and to Bart Simpson (WAUR 1990 – 2001) for putting 33 books in to kick start the collection this magnificent gesture should be applauded by all members. The library is set up it all requires is you to come down and use it.

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Dreamweaver Training

By Michael Jenkin

Your Treasurer Shaun Chapman and I attended a 3 day introduction to an amazing program called Dreamweaver on 11, 12 & 15 December 2003. As the technology gurus amongst you will know this is a fantastic program which is used to design and maintain websites. Readers will recall that Shaun's brilliant Lottery West grant resulted was successful and resulted in computer gear, a camera and one spot on the Dreamweaver course. Not to be outdone, Shaun put the squeeze on Prepress, the course providers and they very kindly came up with another spot on the course free of charge – which I jumped at. The idea being that Shaun and I will become deputy webmasters and help maintain the Association website. Shaun and I found the course fascinating and there was a lot of looking at each other going – "Bloody hell, is that how they do that" as things were explained. The course was held in West Perth and was fronted by a very entertaining Irishman called Bernie. There were lots of laughs as we worked our way through an impressively large manual. The course was structured around us creating a website and the idea works well. You find yourself creating pages, setting up links, pasting in images etc etc. The others on the course were an interesting bunch and the three days seemed to fly past. Although we did get certificates, I wouldn't say either of us were experts. However, when we get 5 minutes to ourselves, I think you will be impressed with our results. We may never quite achieve the heights of Association webmaster Bart Simpson, but well, there is plenty of room for shovellers!

For more information on the course, go to:

http://www.prepress-skills.wa.edu.au/training_courses/fast_track_dreamweaver_mx.htm

(Of course now we need some artwork and the time to get stuck in to it)

Securing a Building

Army - Storm in and deny access to the enemy.

Navy - Turn off the lights and lock the door.

RAAF - Take out a 10 yr lease.

Holding Ground

Army - Defending an area with any force necessary.

Navy - Bombard all things moving on water.

RAAF - What? Pushups?

Capability

Army - We can do it, just tells us when and where.

Navy - I think we are going to need new equipment.

RAAF - Money..... More money and then maybe.

Guard Duty

Army - 24hr shift of guarding the Unit.

Navy - Shift work (no shore leave).

RAAF - Contract to civilians.

Flexi-Time

Army - What?

Navy - Rest day on Ship.

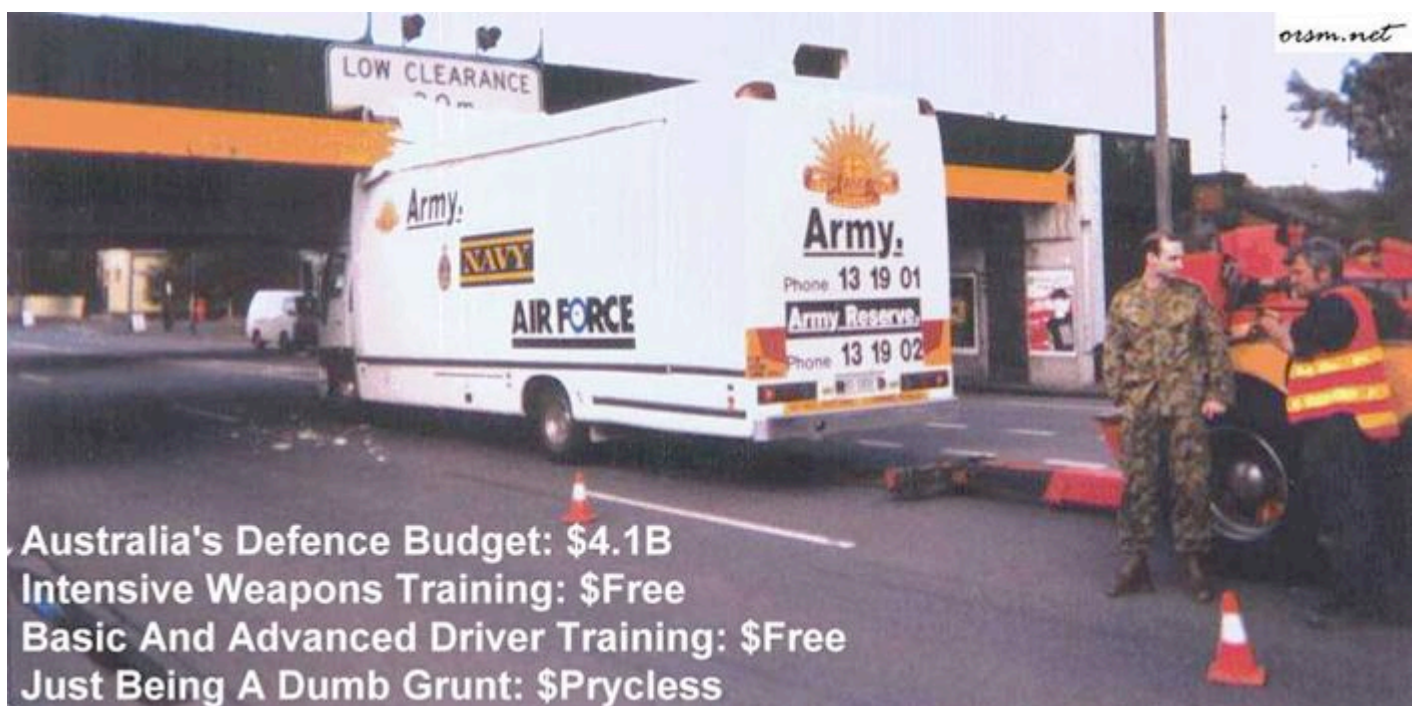
RAAF - If I do an extra half hour per day I will get every 2nd Friday off.

Remember:

The Army sleep under the stars.

The Navy navigate by the stars.

The RAAF choose their hotel by the number of stars.



Australia's Defence Budget: \$4.1B
Intensive Weapons Training: \$Free
Basic And Advanced Driver Training: \$Free
Just Being A Dumb Grunt: \$Prycless



ANZAC DAY 2004

Information on the Perth ANZAC Day services will be published in the West Australian Newspaper on Friday April 23rd or contact Shaun Chapman on 9458 1700 or chapmans@inet.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 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

The association will once again be marching with the defence Reserves Association. Form up will be on St Georges Tce Perth, Outside Council House. There will be a number 102 on the road. Dress is suit and WAUR Tie, WAUR pin and Tie bar are optional. Post Parade beers will be at ANZAC House.

Note: The route March, form up and dismissal areas have been changed this year due to construction of the Southern Rail line See page 29 for details of FUP and route

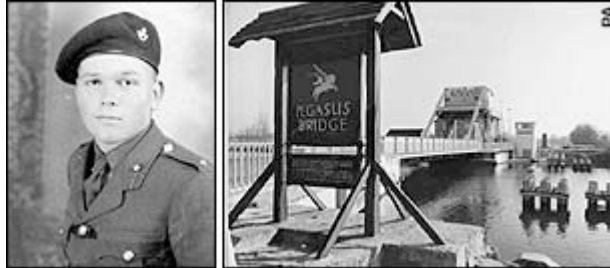
RSVP to Shaun Chapman if you are attending all or part of the above activities

Pub crawl nearly sank Pegasus Bridge raid

(Filed: 23/02/2004)

Many of the paratroopers who captured two vital bridges on D-Day had been arrested during a night out just before the operation. Michael Smith reports

The British attack on Pegasus Bridge - one of D-Day's most audacious military operations - was almost jeopardised by partying soldiers.



Col Wood in 1939. Pegasus Bridge, the target of the attack. It's capture was vital to D-Day planning

Col David Wood MBE, the last surviving officer of the assault, said a decision to pay the British paratroopers the day before the attack so they could have a last night out almost led to disaster.

The attack on the bridge, over the Caen Canal west of Ranville, took place at 0200 on June 6, 1944, several hours before the D-Day landings. It was codenamed Pegasus after the British airborne troops' winged insignia.

A single company of the 2nd Battalion the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry, part of the 6th Airborne Brigade, landed near the bridge in six gliders.

Their mission was to prevent German panzer divisions using the bridges, the only routes across the Orne and the Caen Canal, to sweep down from the Pas de Calais to repel the Allied invasion.

They surprised the German troops guarding the Pegasus Bridge and the nearby bridge over the River Orne, codenamed Horsa, capturing both before the enemy troops could destroy them.

The mission required split-second timing and the troops prepared repeatedly, mounting three days of round-the-clock assaults on two similar bridges on the River Exe and the Exeter Canal in Devon.

At the end of the exhausting exercises, and with D-Day only days away, their commanders decided they needed to be allowed to let their hair down briefly.

They were given an advance of their pay and allowed to go out on the town in Exeter, hitting the city's public houses and getting very drunk whereupon some became involved in fights and a number of windows were broken.

Many of the troops were arrested and detained by police, threatening to leave the force too short of men to carry out its mission.

Col Wood, who will lead 15 veterans to France for the 60th anniversary of the Normandy raid in June, said: "The men were absolutely sick of the sight of those practice bridges.

"Night and day they had been put through a seemingly endless and complicated series of rehearsals, attacking both bridges from different directions using a variety of permutations.

"Finally, they found themselves let loose on Exeter. They were paid out early and they all went into the city. There was pub crawling, some drank too much and damage was done to more than one window."

But Major John Howard, the company commander, was himself a former police officer, and he made a personal approach to the superintendent in charge of the Exeter police, securing the release of his men. "He got everyone back to camp without facing charges," said Col Wood, who was then a lieutenant in charge of one of the company's platoons.

"I as duty officer had to go into Exeter to collect the men. The people of Exeter were really very good about it."

Col Wood, 81, of Cullompton, Devon, said the 180 men, who included a party of Royal Engineers, ensured that the Allies' eastern flank was secure from attack.

When the German counter-attack came, they knocked out an enemy tank causing its ammunition to go up in a massive explosion. This led British paratroopers advancing on the bridges to believe a major battle was under way.

The Pegasus and Horsa raids were later dramatised in the epic war film *The Longest Day*, starring John Wayne, Robert Mitchum, Sean Connery and Richard Burton.

Col Wood, the president of the Exeter branch of the Normandy Veterans Association, played down his own role in the raids, saying he remembers little of what happened.

"Unfortunately I was hit in the leg by three rounds from a German Schmeiser machine gun," he said. "It was rather a nuisance but by then the job was done."

"All that advance training in Exeter almost drove us mad. Yet it proved absolutely vital because it ensured we could adapt to any circumstance."

"One of the gliders landed seven miles away from the bridges. Despite this we still managed to take control inside 10 minutes."

ARMY CELEBRATES ITS 103RD BIRTHDAY

On March 1 the Australian Army celebrates 103 years of professional, loyal and dedicated service to the nation.

Chief of Army, Lieutenant General Peter Leahy, said the Army's birthday was a time to reflect on the achievements of soldiers over the past year.

"2003 has again proven to be a busy year for all members of the Army. Soldiers have been fully committed on operations around the world and in day to day work in units here at home. To each soldier I say thank you for your hard work, sacrifice and dedication to duty. Today is your day."

"Australian soldiers continue to set a standard of professionalism, courage and commitment that is admired and respected by Armies around the world. In often difficult and demanding situations Australian soldiers are renowned for their ability to get on with the job."

"On the Army's birthday it is important to recognise not only the contribution Aussie diggers make around the world and at home, but also to remember those who have given their lives in the service of their country. Service in the Army is not without sacrifice," Lieutenant General Leahy said.

"I would also like to acknowledge the efforts of the families and friends of all our soldiers, particularly those deployed. Their support and understanding allows our soldiers to focus on their jobs in the service of the nation."

The Australian Army was born on the battlefield in South Africa 103 years ago. On March 1, 1901, 28,923 colonial soldiers - comprising permanent members, militia and volunteers - were transferred to the new Australian Army. The former colonial militias were serving in the Anglo Boer War at the moment of Federation. In the past 103 years, Army personnel have served with courage and honour in the Boer War, the First and Second World Wars, Korea, Vietnam, the Malayan Emergency, the Gulf War and in peacekeeping operations around the world.

Today, over 1300 Australian soldiers serve on peacekeeping, peace monitoring, military assistance and other operations around the world, including countries such as Ethiopia, Eritrea, the Solomon Islands, Iraq and East Timor. In addition, Australia has had peacekeepers serving with the United Nations continuously for more than 50 years.

In addition to the regular organisation of cohortes, manipuli and centuries, there were other sub-units for the equites legionis - the legionary cavalry - and the antesignani or lancearii, the legionary light infantry. The exact details of their organisation is still unclear even today. For a variety of duties provisional units known as vexillationes or numeri were formed. The strength and organisation of these provisional units varied greatly and was only in part based on the more regular subdivisions within a legion.

The basic fighting unit of the Roman army was the legion. During the first three centuries of the empire the army contained between 25 and 34 legions. Each legion was made up of about 5000 men recruited from the citizens. Although the soldiers of the legion were Roman citizens, they were drawn from all walks of life and legions often consisted of natives from conquered countries. The legion contained within its ranks troops trained and equipped to perform many duties in wartime and peace. Although the vast majority of soldiers served as heavy infantry, other legionaries fought as cavalry, archers or light infantry. Other troops operated artillery such as the ballista:

http://www.romans-in-britain.org.uk/mil_roman_artillery.htm#Ballista

onager: http://www.romans-in-britain.org.uk/mil_roman_artillery.htm#Onagar; and

trebuchet: http://www.romans-in-britain.org.uk/mil_roman_artillery.htm#Trebuchet.

The troops were however not solely prepared for combat. Legionaries regularly served as engineers constructing fortifications, roads and bridges. As the legion counted among its complement a vast number of men with special skills, it was in many ways self-supporting. A large part of its military equipment could be produced by craftsmen drawn from the ranks. Soldiers trained as surveyors, engineers and architects ensured that the legion needed little outside help for its building requirements. Administrative duties were performed by other legionaries both within their unit as well as in the community. Each legion carried a number and a name. For example, Legio X Gemina (the tenth 'twin' or 'double' legion), to which honorary titles like *pia fidelis* (dutiful and loyal) could be added. The numbering and naming of units followed no rational pattern. As many of the formations originated in the various armies of the civil wars following the death of Julius Caesar, several legions carried identical numerals or nicknames. Even new legions that were formed were named and numbered according to the fancies and whims of the emperor. The sense of individuality provided by these numbers and titles was reinforced by the use of different unit symbols and signs like bulls, boars or capricorns.

The organisation of a Legion

The strength and organisation of the legions changed over time and was uniform throughout the army. Generally speaking however the legio was organised in ten cohorts. These cohorts consisted each of three manipuli, literally 'handfuls', which were in their turn subdivided in two centuries or 'hundreds'. These centuries were made up of a number of contubernia or 'tentparties'. Although the name century would seem to indicate a unit of a hundred soldiers, this unit could comprise anything from 30 to over 200 troops. The usual establishment strength however is reckoned to have been 80 men. From the second half of the first century AD in at least some of the legions the first cohort was reorganised in five double strength centuries while the remainder continued to be organised in the old manner. In addition to the regular organisation of cohortes, manipuli and centuries, there were other sub-units for the equites legionis - the legionary cavalry - and the antesignani or lancearii, the legionary light infantry.

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The chain of command within a legion

Each legion was designed to be a self contained team and usually contained 4,200 men; and 300 cavalry. The ranks could increase to 5,000 men if needed. There was a rigid framework and chain of command as shown here:

Legatus legionis (Legate) - First in command

Tribunus laticlavus - Second in command

Praefectus castrorum, Camp commandant and Third in command

Primus pilus - Senior centurion

Centuriones ordinarii – Centurion.

There were 10 Centurions in a legion. Optio - Deputy Centurion: the post of Optio was optional, depending on the will of the Centurion to have a deputy. A Cohort was 80-100 Troops and there were 10 cohorts in a legion. This is very much a simplified view of a legion. The sections within a legion tended to be:

Antesignani: One name for the light cavalry. The other name was Lancearii. Centuriae or Century: A unit of troops with a legion. Mostly 80 strong, but it could actually number anything between 30 to 100 soldiers

Cohort: A unit within the legion. There were 10 cohorts in a legion. The first cohort was twice the size of the other cohorts.

Equites legionis: The light cavalry

Lancearii: One name for the light cavalry. The other name was Antesignani

Legio: The actual legion itself

Manipuli: A division with a legion. There were three manipuli within a cohort each consisting of two centuries.

Numeri: A unit in a legion where the soldiers had special skills. E.g. bridge building, engineering, administration etc.

Vexillationes: A unit in a legion where the soldiers had special skills. E.g. bridge building, engineering, administration etc. For more information on this fascinating topic, see:

http://www.romans-in-britain.org.uk/ind_title_page.htm

Here's a list of the countries that the U.S. has bombed since the end of World War II, compiled by historian William Blum: China 1945-46; Korea 1950-53; China 1950-53; Guatemala 1954; Indonesia 1958; Cuba 1959-60; Guatemala 1960; Congo 1964; Peru 1965; Laos 1964-73; Vietnam 1961-73; Cambodia 1969-70; Guatemala 1967-69; Grenada 1983; Libya 1986; El Salvador 1980s; Nicaragua 1980s; Panama 1989; Iraq 1991-99; Sudan 1998; Afghanistan 1998; Yugoslavia 1999. Q: In how many of these instances did a democratic government, respectful of human rights, occur as a direct result? Choose one of the following:

- (a) 0
- (b) zero
- (c) none
- (d) squat diddly
- (e) a whole number between -1 and +1

**WESTERN AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITY REGIMENT
REGIMENTAL BALL
SATURDAY 8th MAY 2004**

**Lieutenant Colonel M.D Butcher, RFD
and the WAUR Association
have much pleasure in inviting you to the
WAUR Regimental Ball**

**to be held at the Sheraton Hotel
Golden Ballroom
Perth
Saturday 8th May 2004 at 1800 H - 0001 H**

**Dress:
Mess Kit (Summer or Winter)
or Black Tie, or Jacket and Tie, or
Dress 2F Polyesters Longsleeve with Tie.
Ladies "after five" wear**

**Tickets:
\$94.00 each
Ticket includes a three course meal, all beer and
wine, table service, plus entertainment including
The Army Band Perth and The Army Pipes and
Drums**

**\$94 per ticket by 27 April to:
WO2 Leanne Mapstone 9430 2512 (leanne.mapstone@defence.gov.au)
or Major John Fisher 9370 6045 (j.fisher@ecu.edu.au)**

Units are encouraged to book tables of 10 via the above.

The 2005 WAUR Ball will be on Saturday 7 May.

Now that Uday & Qusay have been eliminated, a lot of the lesser-known family members are coming to the attention of American authorities.

Among the brothers:

Sooflay the restaurateur
Guday the half-Australian brother
Hearsay the audiologist
Huray the sports fanatic
Bejay the gay brother
Kuntay & Kintay the twins from the African mother
Ojay the stalker / murderer
Ebay the internet czar
Biliray the country music star
Ecksrays the radiologist
Puray the blender factory owner
Regay the half-Jamaican brother
Tupay the one with bad hair:

Among the sisters:

Pusay the 'loose' 22 yr old
Lattay the coffee shop owner
Bufay the 300 pound sister
Phayray the zoo worker in the gorilla house:
Sapheway the grocery store owner:
Ollay the half-Mexican sister
Gudlay the prostitute

FROM THE PHOTO VAULT



*1982 WAUR
gas training
at Bindoon –
or “not
bloody beans
again chef?”*



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 the Association Nights at WAUR and are also available by mail order. The order form is attached. 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.

Price List

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS

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

VALUE PACKS

Association pack	85.00 75.00
(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)	

Historical Tidbits



Original Shoulder Badge from 1949



The correct version

Viewers of Location Location on Sunday 26th October would have seen Marcus Bamford and his surprisingly lovely wife selling their Essendon Home in a spirited auction. Marcus is planning a return to Perth and made the comment "looks like we are buying that house in Cottesloe" Look forward to seeing you back in WA.

Below:

Obviously a media darling now Marcus also appeared in the Sunday times On 15 March 04

We are thrilled to announce the arrival of our daughter. Jasmine Amber. Born 14 October 2003, 8lbs 5 oz (3.78 kg), 51 cm All are recovering well



Dr Jerry Szymakowski
Senior Geotechnical Engineer
Golder Associates Pty Ltd



TUNED IN: Marcus Bamford at his loudspeaker business. Picture: RICHARD FOLDEN

DIY is music to their ears

By NICK BUTTERLY

A HUSBAND-and-wife team want to make a noise selling their own brand of loudspeakers.

Marcus Bamford and Josephine Muir moved their build-your-own-speaker business to Perth from Melbourne last year, attracted, they say, not just by cost advantages but by the amazing number of WA people interested in setting up their own home-entertainment systems.

"Perth is the capital of home entertainment for some reason," Ms Muir said.

"Maybe it's a niche market. In Sydney or Melbourne shift workers can attend 24-hour movie theatres and things like that. There are not really those facilities here."

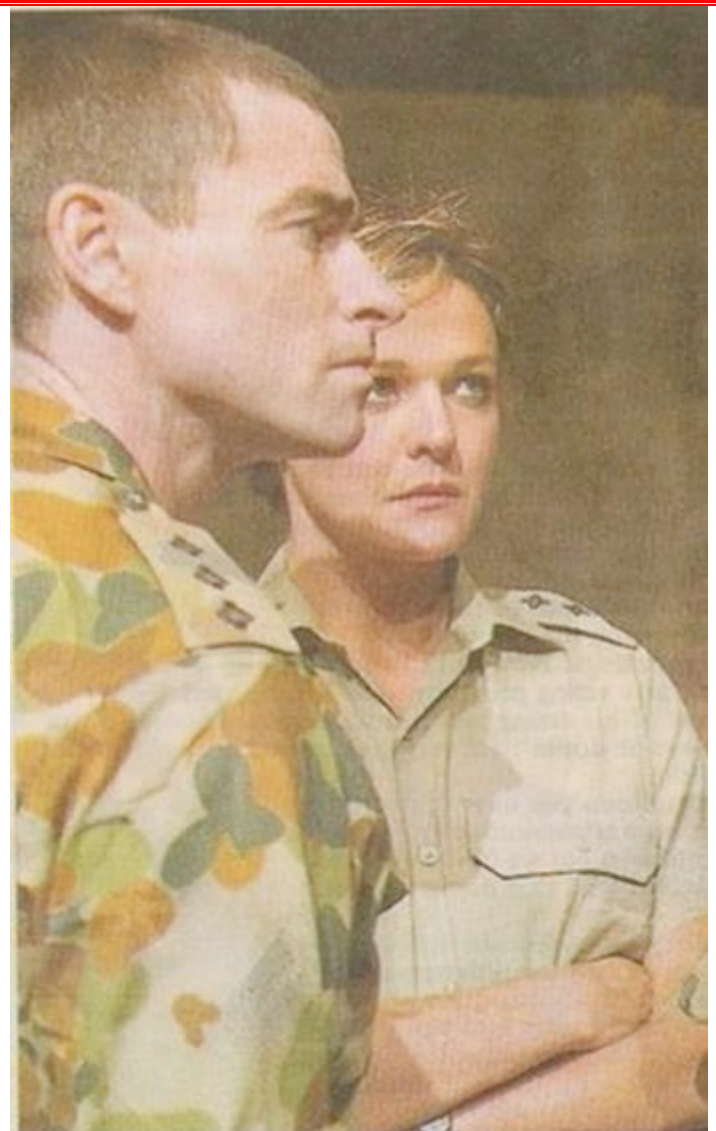
The pair say their business, The Loud Speaker Kit, sells about 1000 DIY kits a year.

They make the kits at a workshop in West Leederville and sell them through a franchise store in Melbourne, through dealers in Adelaide and Brisbane, and over the Internet.

They say the kits are popular among enthusiasts because they are relatively cheap and easy to assemble and customise.

Mr Bamford said that building a home-entertainment system was as much a hobby to some as stamp collecting or train-spotting was to others.

One Melbourne enthusiast even turned his DVD speakers into replica Storm Troopers for his Star Wars-mad children.



Peter Docker one of the young gun subbies from the mid 1980's is appearing in Covert - a new play from the Perth theatre company

College's support commended

MAZENOD College has won an award for its support of staff who are also members of Australia's Army Reserve.

Last year the Defence Reserves Support Council acknowledged one employer from government and big business, medium business and small business.

Mazenod College, in Lesmurdie, was named Employer of the Year 2003 in the medium business category. Of 56 staff at the college, eight are members of the reserve.

The college was commended for its support for the reserve forces and for providing opportunities for members to meet their reserve obligations.



The Governor of WA, Lt Gen John Sanderson, presented the award.

This appeared in the community news 14 March 04 with current WAUR members occupying the first two positions on the left

This in from Jeff Peterson (WAUR 1983-1988) :

Mate,

I deployed to the Middle East Area of Operations (MEAO) as the CO of the support element to the C130 Detachment. My guys were responsible for the logistic, communications, administrative and Force Protection support for that Detachment and the command element. We also provided limited support to the Air Traffic Control Tower Det at Baghdad International Airport.

During my time over there I managed to get onto some interesting flights and visited Baghdad and Basra on a number of occasions. Visited the RAF Regiment SQN at Basra and crapped in Saddam's gold plated toilet at the Palace! The Airport is an amazing place, no civy aircraft except for some trashed Air Iraq soviet era airliners, helicopters everywhere, mortar fire and tracer in the evenings and the Duty Free is open!! The girls behind the cosmetic counter were the most attractive women I saw in three months. I'm sure the next Miss Iraq is working there! While the Australian commitment to the reconstruction of Iraq is small in comparison to the overall operation we have had a huge impact on the overall operation. As I left the AO the stats were released showing that the Australian C130 Det (never more than two aircraft) had shifted more than 7 million pounds of cargo, over 8000 passengers conducted 660 odd aero medical evacuations and completed over 1100 sorties without mission failure and the Septic's couldn't understand how we did it. When it came down to it it turns out that while they have all the toys and people the Australian military can do it faster smarter and is more flexible than the US military.

I got home four weeks before Nicholas Kyle Peterson (6lb 14oz) was born, and am looking forward to spending some time at home next year in the new job at RAAF Amberley. With luck to new job should see me coming across to Perth in the new year to visit Pearce and a number of other establishments. Hope to catch up then, preferably on a night when the association is meeting.

Jeff

Police on unusual beat in Solomons

By [JOHN ANDERSEN](#) 3 Sep 2003

AUSTRALIAN Federal Police officers stationed in the Solomon Islands are investigating chicken stealing cases going back three years. Station Sergeant Geoff Clarson and colleague Stn Sgt Donna Parsons, at Avu Avu on the remote Weathercoast where islanders still live a traditional, subsistence lifestyle, are dealing with a litany of complaints going back to 2000 when the period of lawlessness and thuggery -- which locals call The Tension -- started and to when it ended with the arrival of the Australian-led intervention force on July 24.



The two police officers who have a 35-strong taskforce of Townsville-based 2 RAR soldiers attached to them for logistics and security backup are also investigating suspicious deaths, one which occurred early in August.

A sexual assault late in August is also under investigation.

As well as chicken thefts, Stn Sgt Clarson and Stn Sgt Parsons are also investigating the theft of a dugout canoe.

Stn Sgt Clarson explains how important it is that police treat all complaints seriously and that they be seen to be following up reports of theft no matter how trivial they may appear to be from a western viewpoint of crime.

With regard to the three-year-old chicken case it has to be calculated how many eggs the chicken might have laid in that time and how many chickens it might have hatched. From that, some sort of compensatory package can be drawn.

"It's very complex. What we try to do is negotiate a compensation payment. It's the same with the canoe. We say to them 'the police are here now and we want the problem fixed. If you don't fix it, it will go to court'," he said.

The two police were at Avu Avu for the gun amnesty which finished on August 21.

They were handed six high-powered, military-style weapons and 120 homemade weapons as well as thousands of rounds of ammunition. In their region alone, which covers a 50km coastal belt going back another 21km into the mountainous, jungle-covered interior, there are probably "thousands" of villages.

A village might be only two thatched huts or it might comprise a large number of huts and more than 1000 people.

Stn Sgt Clarson feels there could still be weapons stashed in the jungle.

He said Weathercoast man Andrew Te'e had been funded by the Solomon Islands government to oppose the rampage of village burner and militia leader Harold Keke.

He said Te'e was given access to the government's armoury where he equipped his men with an unknown quantity of military-style weapons.

Ataban Wea, a special constable and father of the chief of Ngalato village near Avu Avu, said Te'e and his men forced Keke to hole up near the village of Mbiti 50km west of Ngalato where he was captured.

After the capture of Harold Keke most of the weapons used by Te'e and his men -- including a light machine gun -- have not been accounted for.

"There was no accountability," Stn Sgt Clarson said.

Villagers have told Stn Sgt Clarson there are no weapons left in their area, but he said they are loyal to Andrew Te'e because he protected them from Keke.

Police, both in the outposts and in the capital Honiara say that locals at last feel confident about coming forward and making complaints. During The Tension the legal process broke down and offenders rarely appeared in court.

On the Weathercoast which can only be accessed by boat or helicopter complaints were rarely, if ever, followed up during The Tension.

Many senior police were corrupt and villagers lived in terror of retribution if they complained to police.

"People are confident now to come to the police and that's a good thing," he said.

www.militarymuseum.org The site of the Californian Military Museum in Sacramento California.

www.historychannel.com/exhibits/military_blunders A listing and descriptions of some of the costliest military blunders in modern history.

www.anzac.org A listing of all ANZAC Officers who died in and around ANZAC Cove. Pictures, a short description of each man and links to longer descriptions. Also pictures and associated material.

www.chaser.com.au A funny, satirical, "Prosh" like newspaper. Worth a look!

www.blogsofwar.com & www.lt-smash.us & www.rooba.net/will A series of sites by American service people (apparently) and their experiences in Gulf War 2, most written in diary format.

www.ww2roll.gov.au Some 1 million Australian men and women served in WWII. This site allows you to search them by name, service number, honours received, place of birth, place of enlistment and / or their town or suburb on enlistment.

www.implosionworld.com The demolitions industries (USA) source of news and information about blowing structures up and down. Some damn fine pictures of things being reduced to chunks of recyclable concrete!

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

ARTILLERY BARRACKS Update

30th October 2003 The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Defence, Fran Bailey, met with the Army Museum of Western Australia Foundation to discuss the future of the Museum at Fremantle Artillery Barracks. This follows the decision by the Western Australian Government to decline the Australian Government's offer to gift the Barracks to the State Government. "I had a very positive meeting with the Foundation Board and Executive, and we are working towards an option to secure the future of the heritage precinct and the Museum at Artillery Barracks," Ms Bailey said. The Parliamentary Secretary also met with the Mayor and the CEO of the City of Fremantle Council. "Our discussions were very positive and we examined ways in which Defence and the City of Fremantle Council could cooperate on the future of the site," Ms Bailey said.

The Fremantle Artillery Barracks is a 3.87-hectare Defence owned site. It is heritage listed on the Register of the National Estate. In 1999, the site was declared surplus to Defence requirements. Currently, the Western Australian University Regiment is located on the site and is to be relocated to another Defence site in the medium term.

The site also houses the Army Museum of Western Australia, a sub-unit of the Army History Unit, and the Army Museum of Western Australia Foundation. In 2001, the Australian Government offered to gift the entire site, less Gun House, to the Western Australian Government, with the requirement that the Museum be retained on site for a peppercorn rental. In September 2003, the Premier of Western Australia formally declined the Australian Government's offer. The Australian Government is now considering the best way forward for the site.



Man of the Year Nominations

Sent in by Brendan Lewis

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We can only dream of getting away with this !!

THE WEEKEND SOLDIER - UNIT SONG Circa 1980

*When I was just a spotty youth
And tired of being ignored
I suddenly said to myself, "Oh why are you so bored?"*

*I wanted some adventure
Some muscle and some power
So I went to my local ARES regiment
And joined WAUR*

CHORUS

*Oh yes I am a weekend soldier
And the world is scared of me
I've fought a million battles
But, I'm always home in time for tea*

*Well I've been in the ARES for a wee while
now*

*And I must say it isn't all that bad
'Cause when I put my blue beret on
I feel like Alan Ladd
And my tropical smock fits me perfectly
But the trousers could be improved
I have to take three steps or more
Before I even start to move*

*So watch out all you baddies
Or I'll be on you in a trice
This is the way to see the world boys
I've been to Bindoon (Northam) twice
And all You Left Wing radicals
Don't give us any of your SHIT!
And have the revolution on a Saturday
'Cause I have to study through the week*

TONE RIVER CAMP SONG By Robert Oakes Circa 1982

Well we're all off to the mighty Tone

Singing - DO - WAH - DiDDY - DiDDY - DUM - DiDDY- DO
'Cause that's where the boys in green are thrown
Singing - DO - WAH - DIDDY - DIDDY DUM - DIDDY - DO
We look good..... LOOK GOOD
We feel fine FEEL
FINE Training for the front line
Singing.....

Yes Tone River camp is the place to be Singing.....
We are 4 platoon from B Company Singing.....
We work hard WORK HARD Every day EVERY
DAY Do it all for little pay Singing.....

Well here we are just a marching down the track
Singing.....

We're at the front with rest at the back
Singing.....

We march on MARCH ON

A little more LITTLE MORE We're
platoon number four Singing.....

Here we go at the double past you Singing.....
We're out in front cause were 4 platoon
Singing.....

We run fast RUN FAST

With style WITH STYLE Beat the rest by a
mile
Singing

Now we're the best unit that this army has found
Singing.....

The enemy run and we shoot them all down
Singing.....

We win WE WIN
They lose

OUR INCREDIBLE DEFENCE SYSTEM

I think it was when I was doing an officers course on Rottnest that we had the lecture on Australia's advanced defence system. It was one of those torpid hot January afternoons as we sat in a closed airless room listening to a junior officer say that what he was about to reveal to us was top secret and that as members of the armed forces we were sworn to secrecy. He informed us that our first line of land based rocket defences was a sophisticated system that only needed 4 hours warning to activate. In other words, given 4 hours notice of an incoming missile or enemy plane attack we could activate certain rockets that when primed and programmed they had a range of 200ks and might with a bit of luck knock out an incoming enemy plane. When the question was asked as to where these rockets were located and how many we had, the lecturer became rather evasive, but I seem to recall we had less than 20 and their location was a secret. Some of us now began to wake up as it dawned on us how ridiculous was this state of affairs. There were subdued chuckles, knowing looks and bemused muffled mirth. But more was to come. The now somewhat agitated officer delivering the talk raised his voice and declared that the great triumph of our defence system was the second line of defence which consisted of our most potent defence missiles, these had a range of 600ks and could be put into action within eight hours of receiving notice of an incoming enemy force. At this stage we could no longer maintain our silence; the group came alive and we burst out laughing much to the lecturer's discomfort. However this was nothing compared to when he proudly informed us that Australia possessed three of these awesome missiles. That was the end, we collapsed in fits of laughter with soldiers rolling on the floor unable to contain themselves until the uproar we made attracted a senior officer, who stormed in demanding to know what was going on. We crawled back to our seats and feigned an apologetic interest as we were informed this was no laughing matter and that with defence budget cutbacks we were lucky to have any missile defence system at all. A sense of order was restored, but deep down there was this memorable feeling that if we had to rely on our rocket defence system for protection, then we had no hope what so ever, even Botswana land, probably had more and better missiles.

MORTAR FIRE

An enjoyable activity on Rottnest was firing the 3" mortars. This usually started off with the appointment of sentries at various points along the coast to ward off fishermen, nude bathers or any boats that may have entered into our firing zone.. The next procedure was to inform us that, "This morning we have to get rid of \$20,000 worth of mortars, that is we will be firing 400 mortar bombs in rapid fire from two mortars located at Porpoise Bay. There will be two teams, one for each mortar and there will be a competition to see which team can get the most bombs into the air in a given set time.

With the teams allocated and the mortars bedded in, the army truck would deliver the huge stack of bombs and we would be issued with tin helmets and ear muffs. A few bombs would be launched to zero in the firing zone by seeing where the bombs landed, minor adjustments would be made depending on whether we wanted the bombs to land in the sea or land on a small rocky island some 300 - 400 metres off shore. Once everything was set up and the two teams were readied a whistle would be blown and the launching of the mortar bombs began. It was a dangerous activity as when the bomb was dropped down the tube onto the fixed firing pin it immediately launched itself up the tube into the air with its explosive package. The object was to get your head and hands away from the tube as fast as possible to escape the air blast and noise from the escaping projectile, but at the same time grasp the bomb that someone else handed you and drop it down the tube as quickly as possible. A skilled operator might get 9-10 bombs into the air before the first one landed in an explosive outburst and we could study the pattern of the exploding bombs which although aimed at the same place, the idiosyncrasies of wind, projectile power etc. caused them to explode usually over a radius of 30 - 40 metres. The great danger in all this gung ho competition was if someone managed to drop another bomb down the tube before the preceding one had escaped and been projected into the air above. Fortunately this never happened and as we proceeded we became noticeably slower as the sustained effort of getting rid of \$20,000 worth of bombs in a mornings work proved to be a lot of hard noisy yakka.

Actually our greatest enjoyment came one time when a small boat inadvertently wandered into the firing zone during a protracted lull in our firing. The beach sentries armed with flags had failed to attract the boats attention and the boat had drifted within range of our mortar bombs. Fortunately someone fired a rifle which attracted the boats attention and on seeing our signs and the military personnel the boat made a hurried exit before we resumed launching more missiles into the area. I often used to think later how our tax payers would regard our efforts at getting rid of their money.

By Bill Hawthorn

Another enjoyable activity was using the Bazooka. In order to practice firing at enemy tanks we would drag an old 10,000 gallon water tank to the top of a hill ; imagine it to be an armed tank advancing towards us and from a distance of about 150 metres we would try to blast it to oblivion. This was easier said than done, however a few direct hits resulting in a mangled water tank always gave us a modicum of confidence in our ability. The procedure for firing the Bazooka as I recall was that you adopted a kneeling position with the Bazooka tube balanced over your right shoulder. Weaning your tin helmet you sighted the tank in the middle of the crossed hair lines of the eye piece and waited for your number 2 man to load the weapon and notify you that it was armed ready for firing. This procedure involved him sliding the rocket up the tube and connecting the electrical wires to it. When ready he would thump you on the helmet and make sure he was out of the blast zone at the back as it would emit a 6 metre flame from the back of the tube, effectively cooking not your enemy, but your own men. A weapon not to be stood behind. The trick for the number 1 man was to adjust his sights when the weight of the bomb would suddenly pull the back of the tube down and thrust the front sky ward. Once he had adjusted and steadied the sights on the target by squeezing the trigger he launched the rocket towards the target -without any jarring recoil at all.

This was a wonderful piece of advanced technology compared to my earlier anti tank training when at a camp at Northam in the Avon valley we were instructed in the effects of the mighty PEE WIT anti tank weapon. This ingenious device was a spring loaded affair which projected a missile some 50 metres, but it was considered more effective against tanks at a range of no more than 30 metres. I remember thinking we were still in the stone age as several men struggled to compress the spring that would launch the missile at an approaching tank. So inaccurate and ineffective it appeared to me that at the appearance of a tank I thought evasive action would be a far safer bet. In fact my father's account of how during the Second World War when he was stationed at Exmouth they were instructed to roll hand made bombs under the tracks of the expected Japanese tanks as they approached their air base. This was probably a more effective initiative. The hand made bombs consisted of large empty jam tins that were filled with nuts and bolts and scrap metal and explosives. A fuse was lit and the smoldering device was rolled under the tank as the contraption was designed to impede a tanks progress. They proved more effective in the ocean for catching fish.

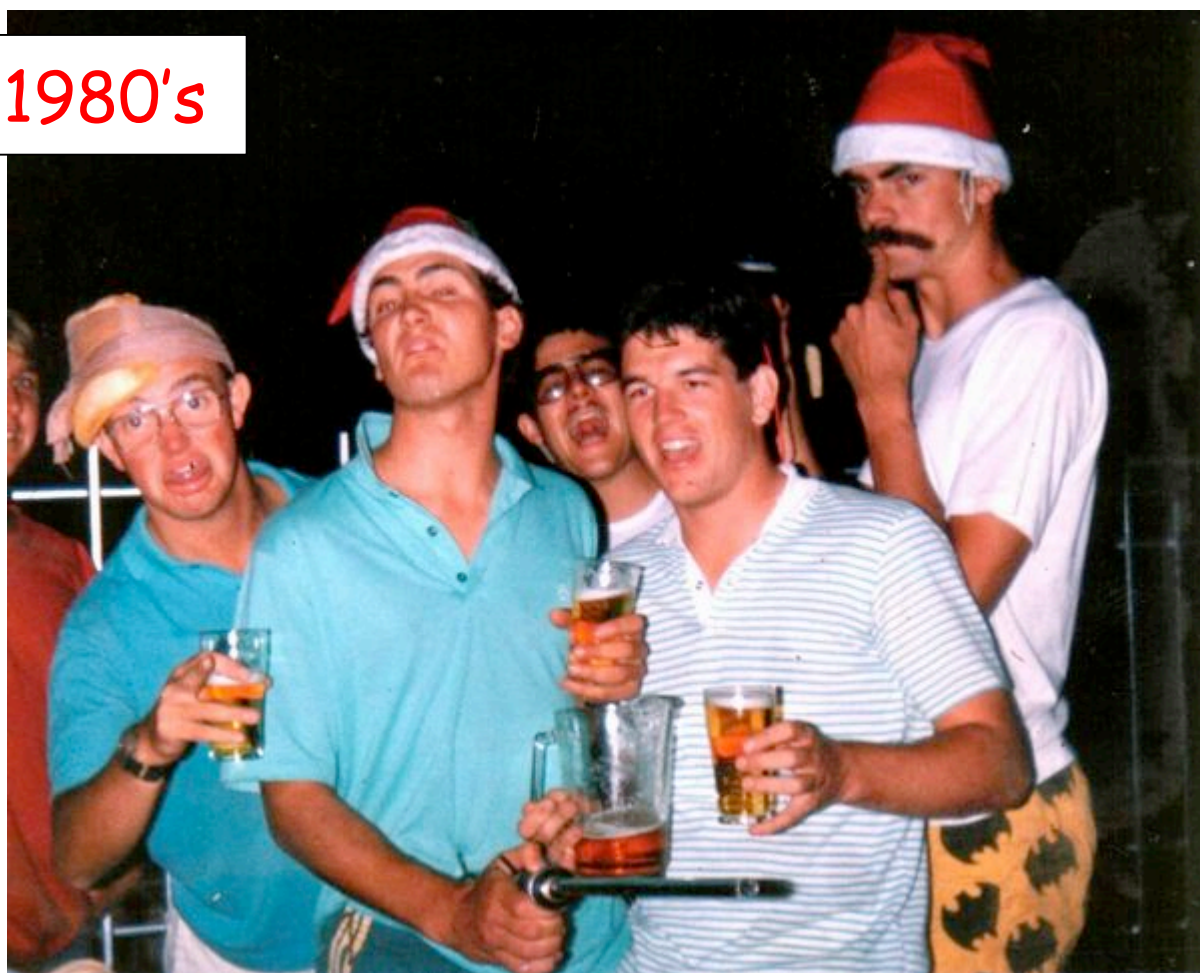


This photo sent in by new member Robert Oakes is one of the B Coy platoons from Tone River January 1983
Can you help with the names? If so email chapmans@iinet.net.au



1960's

1980's



NOTICES (*Font cover*)

1. This parade card is issued in accordance with AMR 488 for the Western Australian University Regiment for the training year 1 Jan 82 - 31 Dec 82.

2. **AUTHORITY.** This parade card represents a summary of the unit training plan for 1982 training year and provides the authority for pay, legal and compensation matters.

OBLIGATION

3. To be classified as an efficient soldier, all members are required to complete a minimum service of 26 days' home training. This service must include a camp of at least 14 days' continuous training. He must also complete an Annual Range Practice and have performed satisfactory service. Failure to render the minimum service will result in a member being classified NON EFFICIENT (AMR 507).

4. Absence from three consecutive Home Training parades without an approved Application for Leave will result in a member being classified as NON EFFECTIVE and subsequently discharged (AMR 176(1) (a)).

TYPES OF TRAINING PERIODS

5. **HOME Training (HT)** - All parades marked (HT) are compulsory attendance parades for all members (This includes the Regimental Camp).

6. **ADDITIONAL TRAINING (AT)** - All parades marked (AT) are to, attendance by nominated or selected personnel only.

7. **ADDITIONAL/HOME TRAINING (AHT)** - **All parades** marked (AHT) are regarded as additional training parades, but may be used as an alternate Home Training parade for selected or nominated personnel to enable them to complete their service obligation for efficiency.

LEAVE

8. When a member finds he is unable to attend a programmed activity, he is to inform his Company Commander through his platoon commander by submitting an Application for Leave - (CMF AAF A401).

9. When an unforeseen circumstance prevents a member's attendance at the last moment, the Regimental HQ Orderly Room is to be notified by telephone. A written application for leave is still to be submitted as soon as possible.

RELATIONSHIP WITH EMPLOYER

10. The Defence (Re-establishment) Act places legal obligations on all employers to release their employees for periods of unit training which a member is bound to attend. On request, the unit will provide a member with a Formal Training Notice which may assist in informing the employer accordingly. There is no obligation on employers to pay wage* for time spent in Reserve service.

COMPENSATION

11. When on duty or travelling to or from parades, all members are covered by the Commonwealth Employees' Compensation Act. Any injury or illness sustained whilst on duty must be reported to the Orderly Room as soon as possible.

IDENTIFICATION

12. This parade card is to be completed on the front and signed by the member. Whilst wearing uniform the parade card must be carried and produced on demand.

NOTICES (*Back Cover*)

STANDING ORDERS

1. All members are to read or listen to Unit standing Orders, Routine Orders and other instructions and check all information on the Unit Notice Board at every parade.

PERSONAL OCCURRENCES

2. Members must inform the Unit of any changes in their personal situation, e.g.:

- a. Change of Address
- b. Change In NOK
- c. Change In Employment
- d. Change In Marital Status

CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT ISSUES

3. Personal issues remain the property of the Commonwealth. They are to be kept In good order, and any loss or damage is to be reported Immediately. The member can be expected to pay for any loss or damage caused by neglect.

4. Before a member can be discharged he must return his clothing and equipment to the Unit Q Store.

DRESS

5. Members are to wear their uniform, cleaned and pressed, to all parades. Uniform is not to be worn on other occasions without the approval of the Commanding Officer. The wearing of Items of uniform with civilian dress is an offence.

6. The following orders of dress are to apply:

- a. Field Dress: (All field and weapon training).
- b. Jungle Greens: General Duty - (Recruit and weekend training in depot).
- c. Battle Dress: General Duty : (Winter uniform In depot on training nights and weekends). Officers and SNCO's may wear Winter Service dress or Winter Dress (Modified).
- d. Battle Dress: Ceremonial: (For all winter ceremonial occasions or as directed).
- e Summer Dress: Summer uniform in depot on training nights and weekends.
- f. Summer Dress : Ceremonial: (For all summer ceremonial occasions or as directed).

7. UNIFORM CHANGE OVER DATES

Winter Dress - 3 May 82

Summer Dress - 11 Oct 82

PARADE TIMINGS

8. Except when joining instructions state differently, the following parade timings are to apply:

- a. Tue Night Parades - 1930-2230 hrs
- b. 2½ day Weekend Parades - 1900 hrs Fri to 1700 hrs Sun
- c. 2 day Weekend Parades - 0800 hrs to 1630 hrs daily
- d. ½ day Parades - 0800 hrs to 1200 hrs
- e. 1 day Parades - 0800 hrs to 1630 hrs



WAUR Patch

Unknown Swan
emblem



By Shaun Chapman

Sons of the Brave

Composed by Thomas Bidgood

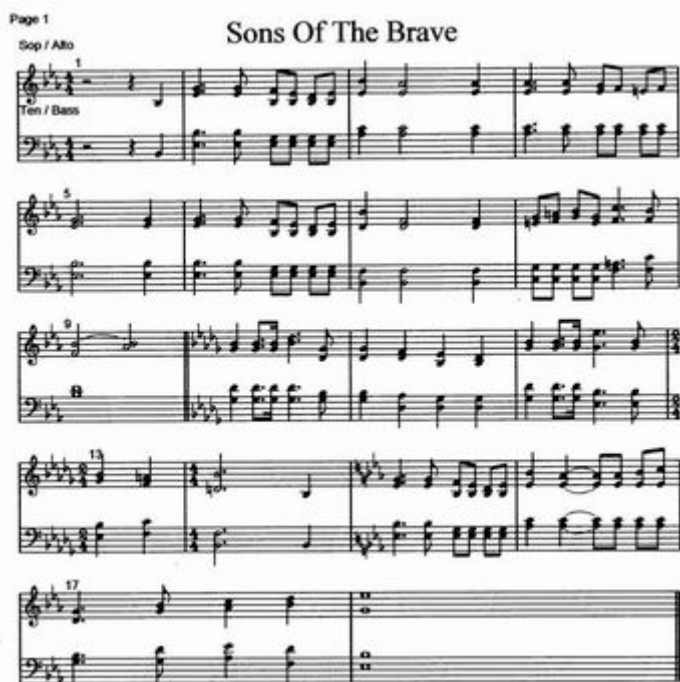


Thomas Bidgood (1858-1925), born in Woolwich, Kent, was the son of William John Bidgood, a master plumber, and his wife Jane, née Williams. In his youth, Thomas Bidgood sang in the choir of St. John's Church. He studied the violin under the tutelage of Signor Erba at the London Academy of Music. As a boy, he attended concerts given by the band of the Royal Artillery, as a result of which he studied various wind instruments. He joined the band of the 9th Kent Artillery Volunteers in which he played the althorn and E flat bass. Later, he became bandmaster of the Beckton Band of the Gas, Light and Coke Company. (He was an employee of the Becton Gasworks.) Later still, he served as the bandmaster of several bands in the east of London

Bidgood composed the march Sons of the Brave in 1898. It was published by Boosey and Hawkes the following year and became hugely popular during the Boer War (1899 – 1902). At the relief of Pretoria, Lord Roberts had the massed bands of the relieving force play the march in celebration of the city's relief. The ready and enthusiastic reception of Sons of the Brave by the public and military alike established Bidgood as a popular composer.

Other marches followed, including Knight Errant (1901); The Lads in Navy Blue, Merry Soldiers, and Silent Heroes (1909); The British Legion and A Call to Arms (1912); My Old Kentucky Home and On to Victory (1917) and Vimy Ridge (1921) to name a few, Bidgood's compositions were not restricted to military marches. During his productive life, Bidgood composed a wide range of musical numbers, dances and orchestral works such as the intermezzo Honoraria and A Motor Ride.

Bidgood however remains best known for Sons of the Brave one of the worlds most popular marches, thought to be inspired by the canvas entitled Sons of the Brave (see top photo) by artist Philip Richard Morris A.R.A. (1838-1902). Morris began his working life as a labourer. He painted canvas art in his spare time, but entered the Royal Academy School of Art at the age of 17 in 1855. His work was exhibited in the Royal Academy in 1858 when he was twenty and the year he was elected A.R.A. The main body of Morris's work is unashamedly sentimental, particularly his canvasses portraying young girls in their Victorian finery in sugary rural settings. Some canvasses, however, are evocative country summer scenes that harbinger the work of the French impressionist painters. In 1880, the Royal Academy exhibited Morris's ambitious and striking Sons of the Brave canvas, which portrays the band of the Royal Military Asylum (RMA) (as it was still known in 1880) on the steps of the Asylum.



The Duke of York's Royal Military School was founded in 1801 located in Dover UK it opened as "The Royal Military Asylum for Children of Soldiers of the Regular Army" in 1803. The official title was changed in 1892 to its present form. The Duke of York's Royal Military School provides a schooling for 11-18 year old children of those who have served for a minimum of four years on regular engagements in the British Armed Forces. whether Thomas Bidgood attended the school is a matter of some conjecture a link was always assumed but no evidence can be found to support this, indeed his parents occupation would exclude him and he appears on no attendance records. Whilst there is no direct evidence to connect Thomas Bidgood to the RMA or the Duke of York's School. There is indirect evidence of a connection, his naming his first march Sons of the Brave is clear evidence that Bidgood knew of the School, probably through the many Dukies

(Former students) who filled the London market with its insatiable appetite for accomplished musicians. One presumes he was familiar with Morris's painting on exhibition at the Royal Academy, which inspired him to compose the march in the first place. Alternatively, he may first have written the march and then found a suitable title for it in Morris's magnificent painting.

To complicate the matter the Duke of York's School hymn is titled "Sons of the Brave" written jointly by G. H. Andrews and J. H. Maunder (the words by Andrews, music by Maunder) for the School's centenary year in 1901. it bears no relation to Bidgood's March.

Words to Bidgood's Sons of the Brave are of Australian origin. The march took Australia by storm and became a national icon by the outbreak of WWI. In 1932, the Australian bass-baritone Peter Dawson recorded the song. Dawson was a prolific and accomplished singer, over a fifty year period HMV made over 3,000 discs of which an estimated 25 million copies were sold. The words of the song are reputed to have been written by an unnamed employee of a music store in Sydney.

Next issue Nachtlager En Grenada

Can you Help?

Yes I am abusing the privilege of acting editor but there's got to be an upside - I need old style King Brown beer bottles for home brew - not the poofy twist tops the real thing - if you have a crate in your shed then please donate them to a worthy cause by contacting me at chapmans@iinet.net.au





22 March 2004

THE RETURNED & SERVICES LEAGUE OF AUSTRALIA WA BRANCH (INC.)

UNIT & KINDRED ASSOCIATION - ANZAC DAY 2004 UPDATE

The Returned & Services League WA Branch, as the coordinator of the ANZAC Day March and Services is pleased to provide you with current information relative to the conduct of ANZAC Day 2004.

Enclosed is the layout for the 'Forming Up Areas Ex-Service Organisations ANZAC Day 2004'.

It must be stressed at this point that the layout 'IS NOT TO SCALE'; the formation of the parade should not extend to William Street as shown. Your members should be briefed to look for the number along side the association name i.e.: No. 12 - Tribal Class, No. 60 - RAASC Association.

We will bring all units forward as close as possible to Barrack Street.

With the changes to the layout it is not envisaged that the formation would extend past Howard Street off of St Georges Terrace.

As a result of recent meetings with supporting elements it has become necessary to relocate the 'Saluting Dais' from St Georges Tce to Victoria Avenue.

This change has occurred to facilitate several logistic requirements for the conduct of the march, the primary factor being the live telecast of the march and service, followed by moving the VIP's from the Saluting Dais to the main Dais for the service.

You are requested to give this information widest possible dissemination to your members, their family's and friends. All details will be included in the West Australian on Friday 23 April 2004.

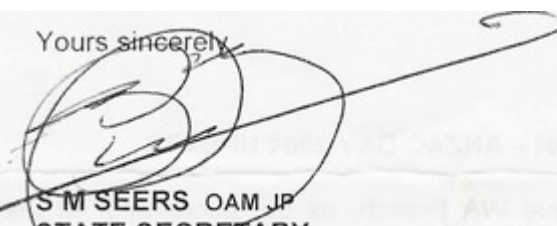
You are also encouraged to have a representative at the next scheduled meeting of the Unit & Kindred Association Meeting, Tuesday 6 April 2004 at 1.00 p.m.

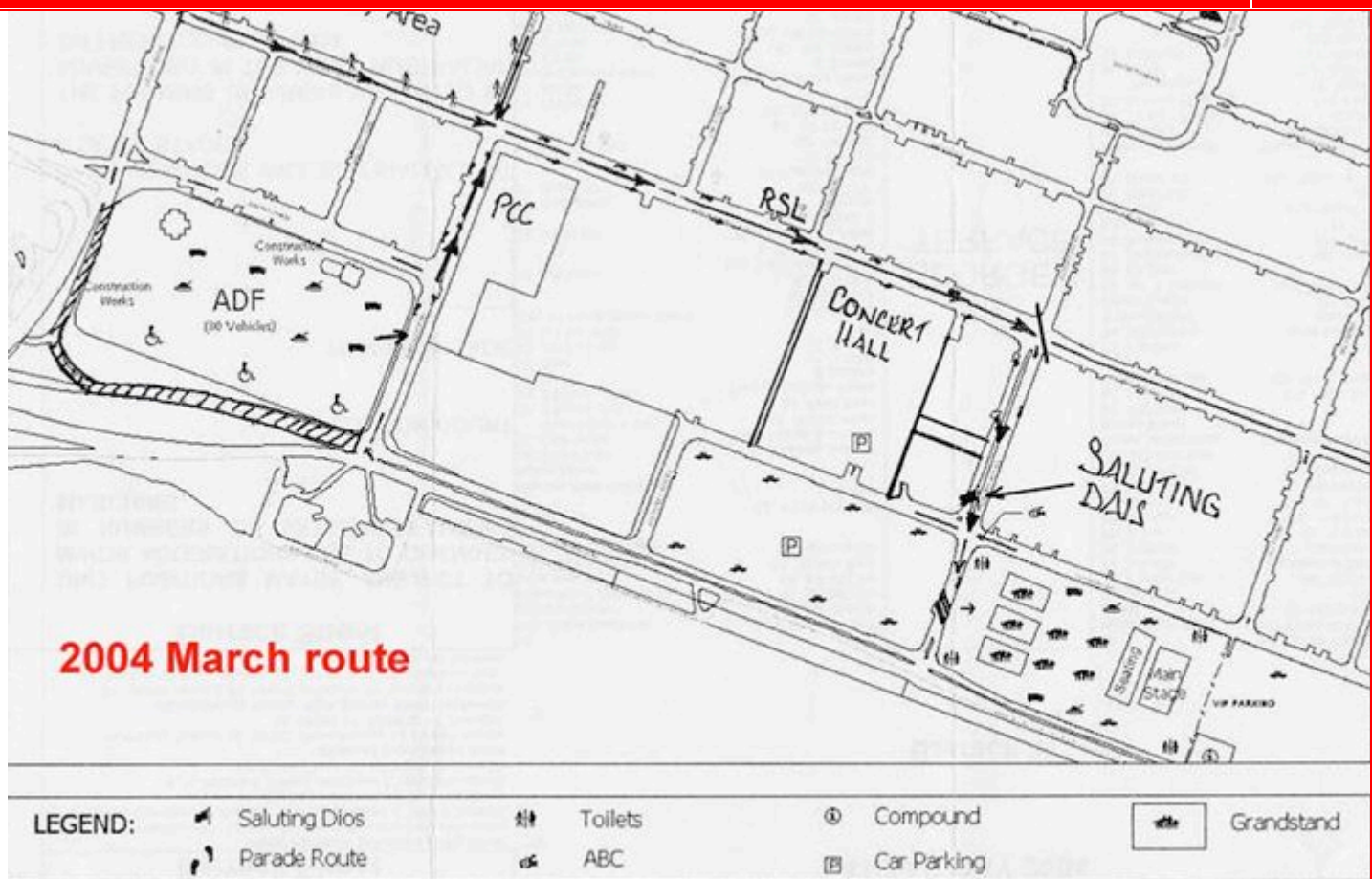
It is further requested that your members be advised that there is to be a car park on Langley Reserve to the rear of the Dais / Screen and that we will be running a shuttle service from Langley Reserve to Barrack Street for those who park on the Reserve.

Open air car parks are available for parking, it is not confirmed at this time if they will be free as per previous years, Langley Reserve most definitely is free.

The RSL, ANZAC Day planners are very confident that this year's parade and service will be as successful and enjoyable for all who attend as have been in recent years, the changes should not affect the 'Customs and Traditions' of our National Day of Commemoration held in Perth.

"THE PRICE OF LIBERTY IS ETERNAL VIGILANCE"

Yours sincerely,

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STATE SECRETARY



Barrack Street

Perth Fortress Salvation Army Band

3. HMAS Perth 2. Fleet Air Arm 1. Naval Association Exec

6. HMAS Canberra-Shropshire 5. HMAS Hobart 4. HMAS Sydney

9. Ex-Wrens 8. HMAS Westralia 7. HMAS Australia

12. Tribal Class 11. N Class 10. RANCB

Midland Brick Brass Band

15. HMAS Bataan 14. HMAS Warramunga 13. HMAS Arunta

18. FESR 17. RANCB 16. Corvette

Churchlands Senior High School Wind Orchestra

21. HMAS Assault 20. HMAS Brisbane 19. Vietnam Logistics

24. Navy in Vietnam Welfare 23. D.E.M.S. 22. Submarines Assn

25. Allied Merchant Seaman

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THE FORMING UP AREAS WILL ALSO BE ADVERTISED IN THE WEST AUSTRALIAN ON FRIDAY, 23 APRIL 2004.

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Barrack St

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Floreat Park Salvation Army Band

26. 6 DIV CAV

27. Combined Commandos Sqn

28. Z Force (WA)

29. Z Force (Aust)

30. RAAC

31. RAA

32. 2/3 Fd Regt

33. 2/7 Fd Regt

City of Perth Brass Band

***E**

34. AA Assn

35. 2/3 Lt AA

36. RAE Units

37. Water TPT

38. RAEME SVY

39. RASigs

40. 2/7 Bn

Perth Concert Band

41. 2/11Bn

42. 2/16Bn

43. 2/26Bn

44. 2/28Bn

45. 2/32Bn

46. 2/43Bn

47. 2/48Bn

***F**

City of Cockburn Pipes & Drums

48. 2/3 MG Bn

49. 2/4 MG Bn

50. 25 MG Regt

51. 1 Aust Para Bn

52. 13 Inf Bde AIF Group

Fremantle Sailing Club Pipes & Drums

53. RWR Assn

54. RAR Assn

Trinity College Pipes & Drums

55. 1 RAR

56. 7 RAR

***G**

57. Aust SAS

58. Malaya & Borneo Vets

58a. East Victoria Park & VV Sub-Branch

Presbyterian Ladies College Pipes & Drums

59. AATTV

61. Aust Int Assoc

60. RAASC

62. RAAC

63. 2/7 Fd Amb

64. 2/13 Fd Amb

***H**

Australian Army Pipes & Drums

65. Ret Sisters

66. VADIAAMWS

67. AWAS

68. WRAAC

69. Red Cross

70. AWLA

***I**

Australian Army Band

71. RAAFA

72. Fighter Sqn

73. WAAAF

74. WRAAF

75. 3 Sqn

76. Bomber Command

77. Pathfinder

78. RAF POW

79. 467-463 Sqn

Town of Victoria Brass Band

80. 460 Sqn

81. 458 Sqn

82. Sutherlands Sqn

83. Catalina

84. WA Spitfire

7 Wing AAFC Drum Corps

85. No. 3 Telecom

86. 25 Sqn

87. Airfield Defence

88. Airfield Const. Sqn

89. Ubon

90. RAAFS

91. RAAF VV

***J**

Coastal Scottish Pipe Band

92. 39ers / Polish

93. Borneo POW Relatives

94. BCOF

95. KSEAVA

***K**

WA Police Pipe Band

96. VVAA WA Branch

97. HQ1ATF/D&E Platoon

98. 102FD BTY

Combined Districts Concert Band

99. RAEME VV

100. 1FD Hosp VV

101. Gulf War/Peacekeepers

102. Def Reserves

103. Nat. Svcnns

Midland Brick Brass Band

***L**

Churchlands Senior High School Wind Orchestra

114. Pegasus

115. Normandy

116. Burma Star

117. Rhodesian

118. Reserved

119. Netherlands

120. Korean

121. Vietnamese



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SNAPSHOT - The following appeared in a past WAURior

Frederick the Great (Prussia mid-eighteenth century) Gave an officer candidate who was not living up to expectations a last chance by giving_ him the task of preparing a plan of an impregnable position. A few days later the candidate handed in a sketch of a swamp with an island in the middle, held by troops.

"Now just listen my son", said Frederick, I with Your troops in this position I could cannonade them from every side".

"With respect, Your Majesty, the swamp is so broad that no cannons not can carry over it".

"Yes, yes! But do you have enough provisions on the island?"

"For at least 20 years, Your Majesty".

"Well I just have to wait until the swamp freezes over".

"With respect, Your majesty, the swamp never freezes over".

"But how in earth did you get on the island? And how are you going to leave again?"

THE CANDIDATE FAILED.



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