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Contributions sought!!

Thanks to Dave Knight, Steve Trewin, Tas Nolan and Shaun Chapman for contributions to this edition. I would also like to thank those who have sent in e-mails. So far the feedback has all been positive, but if there is something you would like to see in your Newsletter, please let me know.

As I keep saying...I would also be delighted to receive contributions from other members as well!

Michael Jenkin
(Your humble Editor)

Ramblings from the Secretary

With Michael Jenkin

By the time you read this, the Christmas turkey (or the Christmas prawns if you were smart) will have been washed down with far too much grog. The presents will have been opened and the kids will have broken at least one of the items you spent hours trying to locate. Who knows, the New Year may even have come and gone. I certainly hope that you had a joyful time with your families. Speaking of New Years, they are funny things aren't they. Offering as they do the chance to start with a somewhat cleaner slate, they are usually greeted with enthusiasm and anticipation. Sometimes of course we can be glad to see the back of the previous year. Other times, when things have been especially good, there is a sense of regret as the year is farewelled with a genuine tinge of sadness. Either way, there is usually a quiet moment - that space where you find yourself composing a list headed "New Year's Resolutions". You know the sort of thing: "get fit", "stop swearing" and perhaps "be nicer to the wife's relatives". Despite the fact that they never get followed, lists like this are a good thing. They act as an acknowledgment that things can be more than what they have become. In that sense, the process acts as a reminder that nothing should be taken for granted. I think we all have a tendency to become complacent about our friends and family, our lifestyle etc. Of course we are occasionally reminded either by global events or perhaps by personal tragedies that there are no certainties. In that context then, I believe it is important to use the momentum that the New Year brings to try make a few small changes to the way we do things - maybe we should all work a little less, play a little more, and perhaps say the things we have been meaning to say but haven't quite got round to. Above all, I guess we should try to curb that tendency to become complacent - at least until the end of January...

★ **UNIT BIRTHDAY – 07 FEB 03** ★

The Association's first social function for 2003 will be a Sundowner at a venue TBA for the Association's birthday (06 Feb 02). Dress is smart casual See you there! We also plan to have Association merchandise on sale - so don't forget bring your cheque book and stock up!

Welcome to the Following New Members

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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:

November 2002

Roger May (Associate)

December 2002

Andrew Bray 1981-84; Max Lieper 1990-95; and Kingsley Wake 1957-62.

Your Association now has 98 paid up members!

Current Unit News

CO WAUR kindly provided the following update on training for Staff Cadets:

-----Original Message-----

From: Robert Farrelly

Sent: Tuesday, 17 December 2002 8:47 AM

To: Shaun D. Chapman

Subject: RE: WAUR

Hi Shaun

There have been a few hiccups, however, we have finally got the 18 SCDTs available to commence in January on the 3rd Class at MUR.

We have 3 other new SCDTs who are either not available or have not completed the Induction training. Later today we will have a further 14 SCDTs attested. That will make 35 recruited for the year. A great effort.

The cancellation of the WAUR course, whilst disappointing was not my main concern, rather the SCDTs being able to undertake training at one of the training establishments. We have achieved this.

We will also be sending 8 and possibly 9 staff to RMC or MUR to support the courses. I trust this keeps you in the loop.

Have a Merry Christmas and a relaxing New Year.

Regards

Bob

[Ed: The Association Committee received an invite to this function, but due to prior commitments were unfortunately unable to attend]

RSM WAUR sent in the following report of the above activity:

The WAUR Combined Mess held their Formal Mixed Dining In Night at the Army Officers' Mess-Perth on Saturday 30 Nov 2002. The function was very well attended by 71 members and guests. The official guests included the HON COL, the Hon Justice R. French, the current CO, LTCOL R. Farrelly, the past CO, LTCOL P. White and the future CO, LTCOL M. Butcher. Invited guests included Mr R. Tonkin of Fremantle Legacy, WO2 (Retired) W. Raas, WO2 (retired) A. Kowald and WO2 (Retired) G. Mills.

Presentations during the evening included farewells for WO2 Raas, WO2 Kowald and LT M. White. WO2 Mills was presented his National Service Medal and CAPT S. Field was presented her promotion to MAJ by the CO. The HON COL presented LT COL White with his promotion to COL.

The CO addressed the dinner on the accomplishments of the year and explained that WAUR would not be conducting some of the important training courses for SCDTS during 2003 (contact the ADJT on 94302511 for specific details).

The evening concluded with Mr Vice conducting a quiz based on Corps skills and everyone socializing about the bar area till stumps. Photos were taken and will be available for your display later.

Regards

RSM WAUR



AGM 2002 Report

By Michael Jenkin

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The Association's second Annual AGM was held at the Anzac Club on Friday, 29 November 2002. The turn out was somewhat disappointing with only 13 members in attendance. Undaunted though, your committee boxed on with the Agenda. The minutes of the meeting (issued separately) set out the topics which were discussed. Essentially, an AGM gives an Association the opportunity to reflect on its past year to attend to certain formalities and to look ahead to the new year. The second Association AGM had all three elements.

First, there was the reflection on the past year. Several highlights were identified by Association President John Kargotich. There was the Association presence at Anzac Day - the wreath laying and marching in the contingent afterwards. Next was the Association presence at the WAUR Ball - a gala event during which John presented an award to the top staff cadet for the graduating course. In the presence of luminaries past and present from Army in Western Australia, John gave an excellent speech which helped to cement the relationship between the Association and the unit. The award will now become an Annual event. At the Association's August meeting, the Commandant Regional Training Centre Australia (RTC-A), Brigadier Paramour visited WAUR and took time out of his schedule to drop in to the Association rooms and speak with members of the Committee. At a presentation to the unit, Brigadier Paramour referred to the Association by name and congratulated the committee on their efforts. Although Brigadier Paramour didn't take up our request to order current serving members of the unit to join, he did strongly encourage them to do so. Another key highlight of the year has been the excellent work being done by Shaun and his team (though mostly Shaun it has to be said) on various history projects. Shaun is now best mates with staff at the National Archives, UWA records and the Perth City Council. In summary, the Association finances are in good order and membership is steadily climbing. In 2003, we intend to do a few different things (Range Shoot, dinner etc) just to keep social occasions fresh.

AGM 2002 Photos

Courtesy of Colin Abbott



Greg Willis, Hugh Ritchie and Michael Jenkin enjoy a chat after the AGM



Matt Stacey & Andrew Jackson swap prospective Dad stories much to Max Leiper's amusement



Fresh from the cricket, Colin Abbot and Tas Nolan ham



John Kargotich explains how Association funds were spent in 2003

A royal visit

Prince Edward livened up the social scene last week. In Perth as part of his Australian tour to promote The Duke of Edinburgh Award, he was the guest of honour at the **Charter for Business dinner** held in **Government House Ballroom**. The fundraising fine wine appreciation black tie dinner attracted a who's who of the corporate world.

The Earl of Wessex is the chairman of trustees for the program which encourages young people to reach their full potential.

"Why don't we hear about this award?" he asked. "Well, because it's a good news story and we don't want to hear about young people doing well!"

Guests at the dinner sipped chilled pea cappuccinos before moving into the ballroom for a sumptuous four-course meal accompanied by award-winning WA wines specially selected by James Halliday. Master of wines Steve Charters commented on them during dinner.



BUSINESS DINNER: Andrew & Sophie Moore

Andrew Moore just can't stop being seen...here at Gov House at a dinner for HRH Prince Edward

Boning up on the drill

NORTHAM Army Camp was filled with enthusiastic cadets recently.

The two weeklong annual camps were attended by 900 cadets from across WA.

Cadets from Guildford, Midland and Mt Helena were among them.

Major Mike Jenkins, of the Australian Army Cadets WA, said 11 courses had been run during each camp.

They included survival skills, catering, defence driving, first aid, signals and survival training.

Major Jenkins said a senior training course had been offered to an

elite group, who had an opportunity to spend time with SAS soldiers.

"The group took part in a roping course, advanced weapons work and a patrol course," he said.

The camps ended with a competitions day, which included first-aid and drill competitions and a confidence and assault course.

"The focus of the camps was on having fun," Major Jenkins said.

"Cadets had an opportunity to meet people from different areas in courses, but then rejoin their unit on competition day and share their experiences."

WAURior editor Michael Jenkin gets some press of his own

This in from Steve Trewin:

BIRTH OF THE AUSTRALIAN ARMY

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth and the Infantry, and God saw the Infantry and indeed it was very good. And God spoke upon the Infantry: "Be tactical and proficient, rule the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air, and over all key terrain".

And it came to pass that the Infantry called upon their God: "O Lord, help us we are weary". And the Lord took mercy upon them, for key terrain was abundant throughout the land. And he raised up the weakest of the Infantry and set them upon beasts of burden and called them Armour. And God saw the Armour and indeed it was mediocre. And the Infantry and the Armour dwelt in the land therein.

But it came to pass that the Infantry again called upon their God; "O Lord, help us for we are weary". And the Lord heard their words and looked with favour upon the Infantry, for they were truly blessed. The Lord reached among their number and chose those with bums like base plates and mouths that ranted and raved, and called these Artillery. And God saw the Artillery and indeed, it too was mediocre. And the Infantry and the armour and artillery dwelt in the land therein.

But it came to pass the Infantry again called upon their God; "O lord, help us, for we are weary". And again the Lord heard their voices and stretched out his hands and touched those of the Armour and Artillery of small mind and called these Ordnance and Signals and Pay corps. He stretched out his hands again and touched those of lengthen arms, hunched back and excessive hair growth and called them Military Police. And he touched those with light heads and called them aviators. And those which were filled with greed and called these quartermasters. And those which were sickly and called these medics. And those who hid themselves in darkness and called these intelligence. And those who wallowed in mud and called these Engineers.

And God saw all these that he touched and knew that they were touched. And the Infantry and the others dwelt in the land therein.

But it came to pass that the Infantry again called out; "O Lord, help us, for we are weary". And the lord looked upon the Infantry with anger, and the heavens roared with thunder, and the skies burned with fire. And God spoke to the Infantry, "How couldst thou yet be weary? I have given thee Armour and artillery and a host of others to support thee". And the Infantry humbled themselves before the Lord and answered, "O Lord, it is of them that we weary!"

And the Lord smiled upon the Infantry, and forgave them, for he understood that of which they spoke.

FOR THEY WERE INFANTRY, BY GOD!

*[Apologies to those non-Infantry types
by that I mean, I apologise that you're not Infantry]*

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 are available by mail order - see the attached order form. The lapel pins, tie bars and cuff links are in a quality gold coloured metal and feature the Unit crest. The Association ties are modelled on the original Unit tie and have been made up in a quality silk blend material.

Price List

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)

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)	

SOCIAL CALENDAR SURVEY

At the AGM, it was resolved that members would be sent a survey asking their opinions on some suggested social events for 2003. The survey will be sent out by e-mail shortly and will ask for your views on:

- What types of social events you would like to see run
- Whether you think the Association runs about the right number of events annually
- Whether you would attend a reunion function in October 2003
- Whether you would be interested in attending a Range Shoot
- Whether you would be interested in attending an Association Dinner and if so, what level of formality do you want, and should partners be invited?

**Please take a moment to fill in and return
the survey when you get sent it.**

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

IN ADDITION ALL RANKS SHOULD ACT AS RECRUITING

OFFICERS IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN THE STRENGTH AND

STANDARD OF UNITS.

Cath Callow and Al Amber (both former WAURriors) tied the Knot on 11 November 2002 on the idyllic Cook Islands.

A sumptuous tropical wedding feast followed - and as you can see, the bride and groom enjoyed it all immensely. On behalf of the Association guys - good luck and well done!



Is there something in the water??

Association members Matt Stacey (seen here left) and Andrew Jackson (seen below) revealed at the AGM that they are expecting additions to the family next year. One can only hope the mothers to be involved have more of an influence on the children than their fathers!!



Ken Keesing took time out from his busy schedule to send us the following postcard:
25/10/02 - Cannakkale - (Anzac House)

Dear Mike, Shaun & Warriors

I did my tour yesterday with an exceptionally good guide named Ali. As you know the whole experience is awesome and a great privilege. The friendliness of the Turks and their balanced view of the invasion of their country is pleasantly surprising. They credit the Anzac (Gallipoli) campaign with the birth of Modern Turkey with Mustafa Kemal becoming their first President as an outcome. I used my map of the peninsular well and have recorded the details for later perusal. The memorials were damaged in the recent earthquake and are being restored. We finished at Chunuk Bair (NZ Memorial) at sunset. Wonderful experience. Thanks for your encouragement.

Regards to all, Ken Keesing.

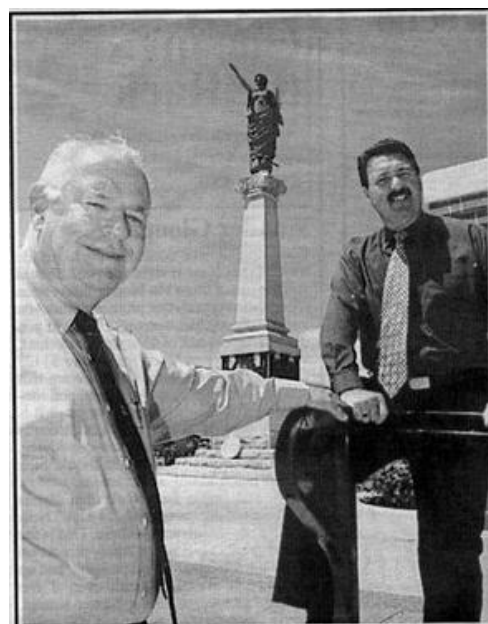
The statement below was issued at 0740 h 21 March 02. John Liston spent a few years of the 80's in WAUR – However Skills and standards are not something you would normally associate him with.

Soldiers' qualifications gained in the Army will be recognised as coming from an organisation that meets the highest training standards. In turn the skills attained by soldiers through civilian vocational education and training will be acknowledged by the Army training system. "Individual training has traditionally been a great strength of the Australian Army, and remains so today due to the dedication and commitment of the people responsible for the development and conduct of training in the Army training establishments", MAJGEN Roberts said. Quality endorsement will ensure the Army remains part of a nationally consistent, high-quality vocational educational and training system. Details: The QETO Award presentation will take place in the Conference Room at the Office of Training and Adult Education, 40 Allara St, Canberra, ACT 2600 at 230pm, Thurs 21 March 2002. For Information:

Major John Liston

HQ Training Command - Army

The article below appeared in the Hills Gazette on 9 November 2002. RSL State President and Association member Bill Gaynor and Midland Redevelopment Manager Kim Hutchinson (who is also 2IC of WAUR) are seen here at the Peace Memorial at the old Midland Workshops site. Recent upgrades at the memorial allow the public to view the statue seen in the photograph from the front for the first time.



Midland Redevelopment Authority manager, Mr Kim Hutchinson, and Returned and Services League WA Branch President, Mr Bill Gaynor.

Midland memorial for remembrance

The Peace Memorial at the former Midland Railway Workshops has been thrown open to the public.

The Midland Redevelopment Authority [MRA] has installed new stairways, improved the gardens and reconstructed the wall at the site on Yelverton Drive.

Recent works enable the public to view the statue from its front for the first time.

Returned and Services League WA Branch President, Mr Bill Gaynor, is organising a remembrance ceremony to be held at the memorial at 11 am on Monday, November 11 and all are welcome to attend.



Australia's Secret Weapon at the 3rd Test

Colin Abbot, Bart Simpson and the lads were there to lend moral support to our valliant green baggy cappers as the pummelled a hapless English team into to ground.

Aussie, Aussie, Aussie, Oi, Oi, Oi!!

Brenda and Viktor Komaromi were thrilled with the recent arrival of Amber Jane who arrived safely at 6.28 pm **[Ed: Oh alright - 1828 h]** on 19 December 2002.

Both Brenda and Amber are doing well.

In the shot to the right, a proud Viktor shows off his lovely daughter.

For with those with a head for figures, Amber tipped the scales at 7.3 pounds and was 49 cm long.



Viktor says: *"She is the most beautiful and well behaved little baby that we could have wished for. Both Amber and Brenda are doing fine."*

The Royal Green Jackets WA Chapter sent the Association a very nice Christmas card. We wish Chris McDonald and all of the boys all the very best for the festive season and for 2003.

Websites of Interest

With Dave Knight

Apparently rested, Dave Knight's popular **[Ed: poetic licence]** column returns...

www.miniclip.com - a range of free downloadable games including shoot 'em ups, penguin and Santa bowling but my favourite is the film clip of Hillary Clinton in the US Senate, have a look!

www.geocities.com/pentagon/5265/atb.htm - the Yanks are good at turning the everyday into military weapons. The HMV Jeep too wide for Hercules transport, take a dune buggy and hang MG's and anti tank rockets off it. In that vein this site looks at a new folding mountain bike the US Para's use to move quicker and arrive in better physical condition. Lots of words and lots of pictures (Chook) explain the principles learnt from Japanese and British WWII bicycle mounted troops.

www.25000cheats.com - lots of game cheats for all sorts of gaming platforms. Nintendo, X-box, PC, etc.. Become invincible, see game walk throughs and beat that game you got stuck in.

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

David Knight.

When did you join WAUR?

October 1982.

Why did you join?

It seemed like a good idea at the time.

Was it what you expected?

Yes it was.

Why did you stay?

For the social ambience I guess.

Did you have a nickname? What was it? Where did it come from?

Yes. Arbs. My surname.

What was the best thing you did while you were with the unit?

Tone River Recruit Camp 1983 & 1986 Camp at Northam was also pretty good and the beer garden at Steve's afterwards.

The worst?

Bindoon 1984 - knee blew out on Day 2 - had to go home.

What is your favourite type of food?

Hungry Jacks as served at Hungry Jacks in Claremont.

What about your first sexual experience?

Can't remember much - but it was dark and I was alone.

If you had to change one thing about yourself what would it be?

I guess it would be...mmm tough question...hang on a sec...I know, get rid of this rash.

What was the last book you read?

I think it was a warry called Behind Enemy Lines.

What is your favourite drink?

Jack Daniels.

What is the one thing you never leave the house without?

I guess my wallet - yeah the wallet - clothes is also good.



Peter holds court – circa 1985



Hasn't changed a bit...March 2002

"The changes predicted in the last issue have now taken place with Lieutenant-Colonel Trevor Arbuckle handing over Command of the Regiment to Lieutenant-Colonel Peter Sewell. Brigadier Stock has completed his term in office as Honorary Colonel and has been replaced by Colonel D. H. Aitken, ISO. In civilian life Lieutenant Colonel Sewell is a Scientist with the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization and Colonel Aitken the Vice Chancellor of the University of Western Australia. The turnover of Cadre staff was detailed in the previous issue, the only addition being a new Chief Clerk in the form of S/Sgt. "BJ" O'Sullivan. By the time this article is published WO1 Scotty Alcorn will have received his PSO Commission to the rank of Captain and retains his posting as Regular Army Quartermaster of the Regiment. The role of WAUR has also changed and we are now "to concentrate on redressing existing shortages of NCO's", this of course does not negate future officer production, but does mean that there will be a short pause whilst we swing our resources from officer production to NCO production. Sub-unit summaries of 1984 are:

A Company-Officer Commanding: Major S. E. Dean

The company maintained its role this year with the responsibility for conducting Initial Employment Training and Advancement Employment Training. During the year two intakes of recruits occurred: one in May (36), the other in July (33). Recruits, on joining the company, commenced preliminary IET which emphasised living in the field and navigation skills. An acceptable level of skill in individual fieldcraft and navigation is a prerequisite to undertaking IET in Camp 1985. Soldiers who had completed JET in Camp 1984 moved on to AET. Some however left the company and began specialist training in duties as drivers, clerks and storemen. Those who remained completed transitional training. This included firing the 21 mm sub-calibre M72 rocket launcher and observing demonstration firing of the Claymore Mine and Carl Gustav. Further training in navigation skills also occurred. A visit to a Survey Unit to learn about military map making proved to be most worthwhile, giving soldiers an insight to map making not available to many. The company is now poised for Camp 1985 when we expect to conduct AET for one platoon and IET for two platoons.

Training Company-Officer Commanding: Major J. B. Houliston

Once again the training year began with the Officer Course 4 commencing the final phase of their training during the Regimental Camp from 3rd January to 17th January 1984. After two weeks of theory the course moved to the Collie Training Area which is situated approximately 150 kms south of Perth. Here the Officer Course members underwent their final assessment in tactics in two six-day exercises designed around an infantry rifle platoon carrying out all four phases of war, patrolling and ambushing. The course commenced camp with thirteen students and seven finally graduated on 14th April 1984. During the same period the last Officer Course, Course 5 commenced training and the successful members will graduate in April 1985. This will be the last Officer Course for the immediate future as the emphasis in training has changed within the regiment. Emphasis is now being placed on the production of junior leaders, and to achieve this a junior NCO coaching platoon was established after the 1984 Annual Camp. This platoon will culminate its training by attendance at the 1985 Annual Camp where promotion subjects 1 and 2 for Cpl and Sgt. will be run. It is anticipated that many of the vacant Cpl and Sgt. postings will be filled at the end of camp. The emphasis in the training of junior NCO's will continue in 1985.

Headquarter Company-Officer Commanding: Captain D. Cocker

As is the nature of a Headquarter Company, once again the primary function for 1983-84 was to support the Regiment in its training activities with the medics, clerks, cooks and storemen exercising their skills during the Regiment's training periods and furthering their own qualifications where possible on external courses. The company participated in the Regimental Range practices and displayed that their skills were up to the standards demanded as they were on the Annual Regimental Parade. During the Annual Camp and throughout the year, the drivers were able to increase their knowledge in advanced driving skills Such as cross-country by day and night, difficult loads, fault-finding, recovery, black-out driving and many others. The catering staff shortages were overcome by the dedication shown by those available. The general shortages in the Company are hoped to be resolved in the coming year, by both internal and external recruiting. The venue for 1985 Camp is to be the Northam/Bindoon area, less than 100 km from Perth and preparations are in full swing.

Our 21C, Major Les Stewart, was intrigued by the photograph of the 2nd Battalion King Edward the VII's Own Gurkha's in the 1983 Chronicle and visited them at Fan Ling in the New Territories of Hong Kong recently and exchanged unit plaques. We wish them well in Brunei."

List of Current Members

(And Years served with WAUR if known)
As requested by several Association members

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A-E

Colin Abbott: 1994-98; Ron Adams: 1981-82 & 89-92; Scott Arbuckle: 1978-83; Trevor Arbuckle: 1980-83; Peter Arbuckle: 1983-87; Kevin Bailey: 1999-; James Blythe; Simon Bodycoat: 1983-?; George Boucher: 1982-87; Liam Boyd: 1982-90; Andrew Bray: 1981-84; Michael Bruce: 1986-90; Kath Callow: 1987-88/91-93 and 1995; Barry Campbell: 1989-92; Dorothy Cantoni: 1980-83; Shaun Chapman: 1982-92; Geoff Clarson: 1987-90; Ian Cook: 1955-60; Charles Crouch: 1983-86; Barry Cugley: 1984-90; Andrew Curtis: 1996-; Vanessa Darrell: 1983-91; Mark Davis: 1982-87; Phil De Saint Jorre: 1983-87; Robert Edel: 1983-86; Ian Esmond: 1980-87; Paul Evans: 1978-81; Greg Evans: 1986-87.

F-J Bob Farrelly: 1975-; Sue Field: 2000-; Ray Galliot: 1968-; Daniel Garstang: 1988-91; William Gaynor: 1981-83 & 92-94; Ian Gaynor: 1981-86; Ron Gregor: 1955-92; John Griffiths: 1965; Bill Hawthorn: 1958-65; Denham Helium: ; Chris Hill: 1985-99; Tom Hinds: 1998-02; Adrian Hinds: 1956-58; Jamie Hislop: 1985-89; Lyndon Hopkins: 1987-90; John Horvarth: 1986; Andrew Jackson: 1990-99; Andrew Jarvis: ?; Michael Jenkin: 1983-87; Roger Jones: 1949-1951

K-O John Kargotich: ?; Ken Keesing: 1954-1968; Alex King: 1963-66; Ossie King: 1952-63; David Knight: 1983-88; Viktor Komaromi: 1995-2000; Tony Lambe: 1980-87; Max Leiper: 1990-95; Brendan Lewis: 1984-86; Stephen Mathers: 1986-89; Michael Mathews: 1978-; Roger May: Associate; Tim Mazzarol: 1975-83; Dean McAuliffe: 1993-96; Stephen McCarthy: 1979-; Jeff Murray: 2002-2004; Tasman Nolan: 1993-99

P-T Jeff Peterson: 1983-88; Ernest Polis: 1969-1975; George Pollini: 1984-96; Justin Reading: 1989-94; Hugh Ritchie: 1982-83; John Rozentals: 1959-63; Andrew Russell; Geoff Simpson: 1967-71 & 88-91; Bart Simpson: 1990-01; Vincent Smith: 1984 -; Greg Smith: ; Gavin Sonsee: 1985-86; Matthew Stacey: 1987-98; Ben Stewart: 1981-85; Les Stewart: 1955-91; Phil Sumner: 1967-73, 79-81, 97-99; Phil Sutherland: 1979-85; Jerry Szymakowski: 1982-87; Leslie Thompson: 1964-1965; Grant Thompson: 1985-98; Steven Trewin: 1983-95; Paul Tubman: 1983-85.

U-Z Julie Vintiner (Associate); Kingsley Wake: 1957-62; Simon Watters: 1983-85; Andrew Webb: 1984 - now; David Wee: 1981-85; Chris West: 1983-86; Greg Willis: 1980-82; Bruce Willis: 1983-87; Alan Wright: 1967-79; Dario Zaffiro: 1981-87; Kurt Zink: 1979-82.

Updates:

The unit history project is steaming along with over 2000 images scanned so far. The big news is that the first of hopefully many Video clips are on the website (www.waurassociation.iinet.net.au) - go to the members area login as: waurior password: duck and select the movies button follow the on screen instructions – congratulations to Bart and Vik and thanks for the hours spent getting this together.

Outstanding Tasks: Trevor Arbuckle handed in 60 slides which are being scanned by Ray Galliot these will be up on the Website when available at this stage early 2008.

Work in progress: work continues on the Barracks occupied by WAUR, further information from National Archives is shedding a bit more light on this intriguing subject – at one time the section of Mounts Bay Road in front of the barracks was called Bazaar Tce leading to the title Bazaar Tce Drill Hall for what we knew as the Mounts Bay Rd Depot. Unlimited access to all files has been granted uncovering floor plans site reliefs, letters of complaints and a request from WA Newspapers to run lunchtime Aerobic classes in the drill hall!! – We have also started Research on the original barracks at UWA when WAUR was based on the UWA Campus – UWA have unearthed several files of brilliant information on WAUR including the original request to establish WAUR on campus dated 1947 two years before WAUR's official formation.

Recently completed: scanning of 25 odd photos from Grant O'Neil some from 1983 Tone river camp and some from FAC 29 which he was a part of and the 1983 joining instructions for annual camp. Also in from Grant the digitising of the regimental march's "Sons of the Brave" and "Nachtlager en Grenada" which was briefly used in the mid 50's - completing his mission above and beyond the call of duty, Grant has put together a CD of stirring marching music interspersed with military sound effects – well done that man!

Recently promised: Mick Mathews has several dozen photos from the 80s when WAUR was in its prime - I expect delivery soon, Dom Fragomeni also has photos from the late 70s. Kevin Byrne is locating several old WAURiors from 1970s which he had a hand in producing.

Website:

The Website has had a major facelift Bart has simplified its layout and navigation it is work in progress so keep logging on to see what's new. Future additions will includes Web casts, video clips and the regimental marches when we sort out our web space drama's.

Historical Display:

The display is taking shape, office dividers have been put up on legs to display photo print outs on and various historical documents and photo albums will be laid out for all to see. Copies of all non photo scans have been bound and are available to interested members. The long promised computer will hopefully make its debut next year this will be used to view photos and a offline website.

We are still desperate for some shop / dress makers dummies to display uniforms on – contact me if you can help.

[Ed: late breaking news....the computer arrived on 3 Dec 02 and is now fully operation - thanks go to our mystery benefactor who took time out from his dairy farm in Byford to make the delivery...

...On 15 September 1961 the Regiment received a short visit from the Citizen Military Forces Member of the Military Board, Major-General Cullen, and towards the end of October Captain O.M. Carrol vacated the post of Adjutant/ Quartermaster. His place was taken by Captain D. Hill. Captain Carrol had left quite an impressive memory on all ranks through his skill with the guitar, which he occasionally used as a shillelagh.

The second Camp on Rottnest following the 1960 re-organisation of the Citizen Military Forces took place between 10 Feb 62 and 25 Feb 62 and was, as usual, carried out in warm weather, but the choice of the location was well justified in that the Island site had the amenities which enabled members to cool off with a swim, immediately training finished in the afternoon. Attendance figures for this Camp were a slight improvement on the previous years. Attending for the first time since his appointment was our new Honorary Colonel, Brigadier A.L. Dawkins, OBE, ED. Another "first" was the arrival at last of our 7.62 mm Self Loading Rifles and the new drill and handling was quickly learned.

The main exercise of the 1962 Camp exercise "Moon Rider", the flushing out of isolated pockets of "Phantom" sympathizers, featured some amusing events, particularly the penchant shown by the Rifle Company Commander and his complete entourage for setting up shop in a prominent steel and concrete blockhouse, a war time gunnery Observation Post. The bandmen masquerading as stretcher-bearers spent their time burning vast quantities of hexamine tablets in the smallest of ill-ventilated compartments in the base of the bunker to brew a continuous menu of stewed tea. Not even unsubtle hints by the Chief Umpire that seaborne bombardment had rendered the position a heap of rubble caused the merry band to vacate the place for long.

Some displeasure was shown by the lighthouse keeper at 2 a.m. when a pitched battle was fought on his front porch. His picturesque but somewhat uncouth turn of phrase heard at a range of two hundred yards in the not too stilly night would have done justice to any old sea dog.

Long night patrolling was a feature of the exercise and light aircraft were used to locate day laying up positions. This was another "first" for the Regiment. The use of aircraft up to this time had been a desired wish but never till now an accomplishment. An enemy provided by 1 Special Air Service Company, Royal Australian Regiment proved the need for tighter security and quite a few lessons were learned. Feeding over the three day period was from 24 hour packs but for those seeking a variety of diet, living off the land presented some problems for a sand covered island has little, to offer except what lies in the surrounding waters; so the natural thing for at least one officer, who had best remain anonymous, was to go fishing with a spare wireless aerial. One might add that for those with strong teeth and poor taste, the Island offers a great number of Quokkas. Living on an island with several salt lakes the creatures only drink salt water, they are also protected fauna, two factors contributing to their unsuitability for the menu.

Camp medical needs were once more in the hands of our RMO Captain M. Traub. Captains F. Kirwin and J.A.D. Treloar attended the Camp also, the latter remaining to serve for some time before posting to the R of O in 25 Jun 64.

Rottnest Island has but one hotel, a handsome building used as the recreational resort of State Governors in the early days of the Colony. Not only was it the hub of Regimental leave night activities, but the Regimental Band playing on three or four occasions, was a draw card to the holiday makers, particularly on the last night of the Camp. So Camp literally ended on a bright note.

In regard to sport in 1962, the Unit basketball and badminton teams just didn't make the showing of previous years. Perhaps our Depot being further away from the University than the Stirling highway Drill Hall may have resulted in the dropping of interest in inter unit sport.

On the other hand, the Mounts Bay Road Regimental Depot had proved most satisfactory in the provision of many amenities lacking in either of our two previous Regimental Headquarters; the Officers and Sergeants messes have good entertainment facilities and the Other Ranks' Canteen ample room in which to operate. An all Ranks Regimental Ball was held in mid-year and seemed to hold promise of becoming a regular annual function; in actual fact this did not come about and such functions became irregular though enjoyable events.

From the point of view of training, a weapons course was run in the middle of the year and most members made the acquaintance of the American M60 General Purpose Machine Gun replacing the Bren LMG and the Vickers MMG. During the year the Australian made SLR, a slightly modified version of the Belgian FN, fully occupied the racks vacated by the faithful .303.

A Royal Green Jackets visitor seeking refuge from the steaming heat of West Africa was Captain K.J. Smith attached to the 3rd Queens own Nigerian Regiment. Captain Smith spent a few leisure hours in the Officers' Mess. He is a son-in-law of Brigadier L.H. Rush, one of our Honorary members, whose snuffbox had been rashly sampled on a few occasions.

Some interchange between the Regularly Army and the Citizen Forces was evidenced by Sergeant N. Mason-Jones, who forsook law studies, left the Regiment at the beginning of the year and graduated from the Officer Cadet School at Portsea, being commissioned into the Royal Regiment of Australian Artillery. During the year Lt. G.R. Belleville embraced civilian life, coming to us from the Special Air Service Company of the Royal Australian Regiment with a background of service in Korea and Malaya. These and other movements of members in the Regiment made it feel almost like a transit camp, for in addition Lt. M.J. Dilworth gained his Ph.D. in Bio Chemistry and left in August to post graduate work at Oxford University under a Nuffield Scholarship, having managed in between times to become married. Captain B.F.R. Pratt left toward the end of the year for France to study at the University of Aix-en-Provence, vacating the position of senior master in French at Governor Stirling High School. Representing the Sergeants Mess WO2 D. Treloar was fulfilling a scholarship with work in connection with the Beef Roads in the North of the State.

To cap off these departures, the end of the year about a change in command, mentioned later and the Regimental-Sergeant-Major WO1 D. Munrowd moved on to the appointment of Command RSM at Swan Barracks. His place was taken by WO1 L. Williams.

For the VII British Empire and Commonwealth Games held in Perth during November, WAUR personnel were called in for a diversity of duties. The Depot had originally been set aside as the venue for the wrestling, however, the Drill hall proved to be undersize so was relegated to the secondary role of training ground. The centre court at Royal Kings Park Tennis Club was ultimately chosen as the tilting ground and several officers were assigned to VIP reception in short this meant a free night in the Royal Box. Junior members of the Unit found themselves entrusted to the collection of tickets, parking of vehicles and ushering at the main stadium. At the fencing venue, one officer, Capt. J.A.D. Treloar, formerly a State sabre and epee champion very nearly found himself a participant in an impromptu bout with an official who doubted the legality of his presence at that centre. Several members of the Unit were also employed on the administrative side of an impressive ceremony on the W.A. Cricket Association's Ground when His Royal Highness, The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, presented new Colours to the first Battalion Royal W.A. Regiment. Prior to the presentation, a stirring sight was witnessed in the final trooping and marching off of the eight old Colours of the 11th, 16th, 28th, 44th Infantry Battalions now amalgamated in the new Pentropic Battalion.

The massed bands of Western, Central and Southern Commands in white helmets and tunics contrasted well with the jungle Green of the troops.

On 27th November His Royal Highness visited the University of W.A. to attend a lecture by Sir Marc Oliphant. Members of the Unit and our opposite number from the University Air Squadron provided a detachment to line the entry to Winthrop Hall. Although not a formal Guard of Honour, it was agreed that it added "tone" to the occasion.

The Commonwealth Games concluded with an activity, "The Festival of the Swan". This festival included an army parachute drop into the river in which one member of the Unit participated. He cannot altogether be blamed for this frivolity for after all a temperature of 102 °f had been recorded on the third day of the games. With 1962 at an end, our Commanding Officers tour of duty also came to an end. It was significant that Lt. Col. I.G. Medcalf, ED, left the Regimental Headquarters of this Unit, the same building that had been the RHQ of the 16th infantry Battalion, Cameron Highlanders of W.A. in which Private I.G. Medcalf had enlisted 22 years before. His place taken by a former sapper, Lt. Col. M.A.S. Williams who, prior to migration to this State in 1957, commanded a field Squadron in 106 Field Engineer Regt RE (TA) in Sheffield and who enlisted in the Territorial Army as a driver in the 55 Division RASC in Southport in April 1939. Lt. Col. Williams appointment dated with effect from 3 Jan 63.

By the time WAUR was ready to move to Camp, recruiting had improved for camp attendance rose by 22.9% on that of the previous year. Of the Regiment, 115 moved over to the Island. The spiritual welfare of the troops rested in the hands of three padres. Chaplain M.B. Kirny (C of E) attended the weekend 9-10 Feb and Chaplain A. W. Morris (PD) attended the weekend 16-17 Feb. Chaplain J.P. Chauncey (RC) managed to be with us for the whole of the Camp, 9-24 February. Medical needs this year were attended to by Dr. N.L. Cass who had been a wartime Army doctor and prior to 1939 had served as RMO with 25th Light Horse (Machine Gun Regiment). As with most of our Camps, the first week was devoted to settling in to Barrack life with minor tactics, drill, weapon handling, fieldcraft and the like occupying the time during training. Night work was generally interesting, although the main lighthouse was inclined to "Give away" a tell-tale bearing if a night compass march was miscalculated. The second week featured Exercise "Parmelia". Readers with a taste for local history will appreciate that a vessel of that name brought the small band of settlers to the Swan River Colony one hundred and thirty four years before, setting forth into the unknown from the fastness of Olde Englande.

Well, from the fastness of Olde Rottnest, this year's band- of brothers embarked for the unknown of Garden Island. Troops left in the LOREDA and a landing barge to do a dawn assault on a beach previously reconnoitered from the air, however by the time two or three assaults had been executed, that television cameramen might obtain good action photos, the sun had reached some height. Nevertheless, the troops established two firm bases and patrolling was initiated to find out the extent of enemy tenure on the Island. On two days a Cessna light aircraft was used to drop "supplies" to the ground forces. These drops were a bit of a "have" for people on the Ground, as the "Supplies" were only brick dummy loads. The experiment proved successful, however, the following year the re-supply was genuine food and mail. Up till this time the marking of Dropping Zones was taken rather much for granted until it was recognized that a practical exercise could be undertaken. The dispatcher on the four sorties flown over the first and second days was Captain J.J. Le Tessier, who recommended that greater attention should be given to this marking of dropping zones, adding that the best example was a spurious one laid by the enemy under the command. of WO L. Moon, as a decoy. One of the flights brought an experimental drop of two well insulated cold cans of welcome refreshment. This was appreciated more than secondhand house bricks

TO BE CONTINUED...

Reprinted from the 1991 WAURior: reflecting on a camp where some idiot gave LCPL's Chapman and Clarson the task of organizing the bar for Annual Camp.

"Hi, I'm Zimmo, the yuppie. Big time IET leader". Sometimes of a night, I'm restless, I want to go cut and cut the rug. I want to play the game. So where do I go? Chook and Barney's On The Terrace - that's where! Yes trendsetters - Chook and Barney's On The Terrace, the place for an old fashioned family man with a bit of time on his hands. At the door I give my trousers to P.B. and say "Pete I want to lose control". P.B. takes my trousers and I visit the bar. Fancy a game on their roulette table? Why not spin the dice with that old salt Capt. Caporn? Or food ... have you sampled the A Coy favourites? Tabasco Sauce perhaps? You can also visit the luxury lounge. See the dancing girls.... look at the awesome combination of Sprogue and Lineham as you've never seen them before...Visit the Greensill boutique for shopping, or try the Jones Kerb service repertoire ...all this and more at Chook and Barney's On the Terrace "Thanks Chook ...Cheers Barney"

Cpl Hugh Zimmerman

This in from Tas Nolan...

Last night as I lay sleeping
I died or so it seemed,
Then I went to heaven
But only in my dream

Up there St Peter met me
Standing at the pearly gates,
He said "I must check your record
Please stand here and wait."

He turned and said "Your record
Is covered with terrible flaws,
On Earth I see you used women
In fact, you were a male whore"

I see that you drank alcohol
And smoked and used drugs too,
Fact is, you've done everything
A good person should never do.

>

We can't have people like you up here
Your life was full of sin",
Then he read the last of my record
> Took my hand and said "Come in."

He lead me up to the big boss and said
"Take him in and treat him well,
He used to work for the Defence Force
He's done his time in Hell".

Comforting to know the World's safety is in good hands...



Free stubby holder to the best caption for the above pic
Send your entry to the Editor - jenkin@iinet.net.au
Entries close 30 Jan 03

This is one of only two known shots of former WAUR home - the Drill Hall at Mounts Bay Road, Perth. Association Historian Shaun Chapman has unearthed an amazing amount of information about the Drill Hall including the cost to build it, its former uses etc. Interestingly, the original address for the Drill Hall (when it was a Bond Store) was "Bazaar Terrace".





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