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The WAURior

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

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Contributions sought!!

Thanks to Shaun Chapman and Charles Crouch for contributions to this edition. I would also like to thank those who have sent in e-mails. If there is something you would like to see in your Newsletter, please let me know. As I keep saying, I would be delighted to receive contributions from other members as well!

Michael Jenkin (Ed)

Ramblings from the Secretary

With Michael Jenkin

First off, I must apologise for the fact that this edition of WAURior is late. I would like to say it is because I have been inundated with contributions from members and that I had to extend the deadline as a result. Unfortunately the real reason is far more mundane. I have just been too busy or too slack - take your pick. Anyhow, the absence of *The WAURior* from news-stands and quality bookstores everywhere doesn't seem to have troubled the readership, so I suppose that shabby attempt at being relieved of my post as Editor-in-Chief has failed dismally.

It would be remiss of me not to acknowledge the appalling events in Bali over the past few weeks. It is difficult to put into words the feelings horror and disbelief that the bombings at Kuta have aroused. Then too, comes the sense of overwhelming compassion for the families of those who have lost loved ones and of course those injured who have been injured, burnt and maimed by the blast and subsequent fire. The events in Bali remind us of the changing environment in which we live. As we contemplate what has happened, we cannot help but reflect on the things that are important to us as Australians. Our families and friends, our way of life, our freedoms, our sense of a fair go. Reflecting on these things will help to strengthen our collective resolve to continue to strive for peace.

★ **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** ★

★ **SUNDOWNER**

The Association's Annual General Meeting will be held at the ANZAC Club, 30 St Georges Terrace Perth on 29 November 2002 at 1715 h. Following the AGM, we will have a sundowner with the usual first free beer, food platters, raffles and those famous archival videos. Dress is suit or smart casual. Association merchandise will also be on sale, so bring your wallet!

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:

July 2002

Tom Hinds (1998-2002) and Leslie Thompson (1964-1965)

August 2002

Your Association now has 95 paid up members.

Vale – Major Hedley Hernaman

30 June 2002

This in from Geoff Simpson:

"Unfortunately I must advise all members of WAUR Association of the passing of Major Hedley Hernaman, on the 30th June 2002, after a long battle with cancer. Hedley had very fond memories of his service as a Company Commander with the unit in the 1970's and his subsequent long association with RWAR. He was one of natures gentlemen and will be sadly missed. He was cremated at Pinnaroo Cemetery on Friday, 5th July at 3pm.

We will remember him

AGM AGENDA

The Agenda for the AGM on 29 November 2002 is as follows:

1. Chairman's Report (2 mins)
2. Treasurer's Report (2 mins)
3. Secretary's Report (2 mins)
4. Election of Committee members*
5. General Business

*Pursuant to Rule 10(2) of the Association's Constitution, your Committee members: John Kargotich, Shaun Chapman and Michael Jenkin shall cease to be committee members.

However, all three have decided to continue the good fight and will be nominating themselves for re-election.

Lieutenant Colonel Robert (Bob) B Farrelly RFD, B.Bus

LTCOL Bob Farrelly joined the Army in 1975 in the Western Australian University Regiment where he undertook officer training. He was commissioned in June 1989. In January 1980 after a short period as a Platoon Commander he was posted as a Reconnaissance Officer to 7 Field Battery, 3 Field Regiment, Royal Australian Artillery. He served in Regimental positions of SECO, GPO and FO before being posted to 5 Trg GP as a Mil Ops Instructor in 1987.

In 1988, LTCOL Farrelly returned to 7 Field Battery as the Battery Captain (2IC). This was followed by a posting as a S03 (Ops) on HQ 13 Bde. In 1993 he became the Battery Commander, 7 Field Battery which he held until the end of 1995. Whilst BC, the Bty was assessed as the second most proficient Bty in the Reserve through the Mt Schandk Trophy and the unit received a CDF commendation.

In 1996 LTCOL Farrelly completed his IOC after which he was posted as an Instructor to Command and Staff Wing at 5 Training Group.

In 1998 LTCOL Farrelly, as a Gunner Officer, had the rare pleasure to be 21C of 16 Battalion RWAR and deployed to Exmouth with the Bn for the Brigade Exercise. In 1999 he returned to the Regional Training Centre - WA (formerly 5 Trg Gp) as an Instructor, and Course Manager for the Intermediate Staff Course. In 2000 he was the Senior Instructor of the Officer Training Instructional Group at RTC-WA, responsible for all courses run there.

In his civilian life, LTCOL Farrelly is the Director of Human Resources at The University of Western Australia. LTCOL Farrelly has a wife, Lisa, and two children and two stepchildren.

Member Contributions

From Julie Vintiner

Her side of the story:

He was in an odd mood Saturday night. We planned to meet at a pub for a drink. I spent the afternoon shopping with the girls and I thought it might have been my fault because I was a bit later than I promised, but he didn't say anything much about it. The conversation was very slow going so I thought we would go off somewhere more intimate so we could talk more privately. We went to this restaurant and he was STILL acting a bit funny. Tried to cheer him up and started to wonder whether it was me or something else. I asked him, and he said no. But I wasn't really sure. So anyway, in the car on the way back home, I said that I loved him deeply and he just put his arm around me. I didn't know what the hell that meant because you know he didn't say it back or anything, this was really starting to worry me. We finally got back home and I was wondering if he was going to leave me! So I tried to get him to talk but he just switched on the TV, and sat with a distant look in his eyes that seemed to say its all over between us. Reluctantly, I said I was going to go to bed. Then after about 10 minutes, he joined me and to my surprise, he responded to my advances and we made love. But, he still seemed really distracted. Afterwards I just wanted to confront him but I just cried myself to sleep. I just don't know what to do anymore. I mean, I really think he's seeing someone else and that my life is a disaster.

His side of the story:

Australia lost the cricket. Got a root though!

Hello, Welcome once again to the November Cog.

October was a real bugbear of a month however I will not go into that again now as I covered it the email sent out early this month and Robin Atter covers it in the virus notes within November's Green Machine. I would like to thank you all though for taking my email seriously. With the closure of the email forwarding service for 10 days and your cooperation we killed it off quite quickly and everything and everyone appears back to normal. However barely had we got past that and a hoax virus turned up again. This is the one that is identified as looking like a teddy bear within your windows system folder. If you do receive such an email then either please ignore it or forward on to me and I will check it out for you. Please do not follow its instructions and send it to everyone in your address book. Most of us would never consider passing on a chain letter, so why fall for virus hoaxes? If you have the slightest suspicion, go to one of the reputable Anti-virus websites – <http://www.mcafee.com> or <http://www.symantec.com> and check their Virus Hoax lists. You will find all the old favourites there – the poor old Budweiser Frogs being just one example!

As winter draws on I thought this would be a good time to bring our newer members up to date with who is doing what within the Association website and Green Machine. The website team consists of 4 members. They are Ken Ambrose, John Gard, Keith Stevens and myself. Ken is the Webmaster and ultimately responsible to RHQ however we all work together to ensure the smooth running of the website. Our ISP is a firm called Ision but this will be changing in the near future. At the moment all the various sections of the website are undergoing change. Ken is completely rebuilding the site to take advantage of the new technology now available to us but with over 600 pages of information and well in excess of 1000 photographs held on a remote server this can not be completed overnight. A short brief is contained within the Cog. John Gard handles all the day to day work for the Internet Branch and also produces the Cog for distribution at the RGJA Interim and AGM meetings. We now have 500 plus members making it the largest branch within the Association. However we see it as a holding branch and where possible encourage our members to join "regular" branches which in turn boost their numbers. This is having limited success at this time. John also shares with me the responsibility for forwarding on emails when received. We receive over 100 a week to pass on !! Major Ron Cassidy MBE – Obituaries, John Monohan RAPC –Pensions.

Finally another member who wishes to remain anonymous but calls himself "*the Oracle*" has joined the team and will where possible answer questions relating to archived photographs of passing out parades, chronicles etc if needed if posted on the guest book of the website.

Both the Green Machine and the Cog are about to undergo a major facelift which is planned for the January editions. We are always on the look out for anyone who would like to join the Green Machine team. If you have any time to spare and you would like to help out then please contact me. We are always on the look out for anyone who would like to join the Green Machine team. If you have any time to spare and you would like to help out then please contact me.

I look forward to meeting some of you at the Reunion in Oxford in 2 weeks time. Meanwhile if you are anywhere on any of the motorways between Oxford and Edinburgh this coming Wednesday (30th October) and you see 2 white and blue open top bus buses bearing the title Oxford Classic Tours along their sides trundling north at a steady 45mph then give us a wave, I will be driving the front bus and probably wrapped up like Nanook of the north. The good news is they are flying me back from Edinburgh the following day, assuming I get there in the first place of course !! Until next month, Best wishes to you all

Kevin Stevens
Deputy Webmaster RGJA
Editor Green Machine

Members will recall that the Committee wrote to the Premier and told him to keep his hands off ANZAC Day. This was the Premier's response:



Premier of Western Australia



Our Ref: 200208734 SB:BL

Messrs J Kargotich, S Chapman and M Jenkin
Western Australian University Regiment Association Inc.
PO Box 317
KALAMUNDA WA 6926

Dear Messrs Kargotich, Chapman and Jenkin

ANZAC Day

My comments in regard to Anzac Day were in no way intended to reduce the significance of this day as a day of remembrance of Australian soldiers.

On the contrary, my comments were made on the basis that the day has grown in significance for all Australians.

It is a day when people reflect on the history of this nation. They are thinking back through their fathers and grandfathers and great-grandfathers.

I strongly believe that the ANZACs encapsulated what we think of as the Australian spirit; a mixture of mateship, egalitarianism and courage. These are qualities that make us feel very proud to be Australian.

It is because this is a day of such historical importance and because it has been embraced by the Australian community as a whole, that I feel it would be a very appropriate and meaningful national day.

However, I understand your desire to preserve Anzac Day as a day of remembrance. I think this is a question that should be debated by the whole community, and I would only support a change if the integrity of Anzac Day remained intact.

Yours sincerely

DR GEOFF GALLOP MLA
PREMIER

11 SEP 2002



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 AGM 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 modelled on the original Unit tie and have been made up in a quality silk blend material. Please make sure you bring your cheque book!

Stubby Holders

Also on sale at the AGM will be the legendary top quality Association stubby holder at the bargain price of \$7.50 each (or two for \$12.00). This item will make a stylish addition to any home and is constructed of the finest materials available. The stubby holders are made of dark green wetsuit material. They have the Unit crest on one side and perhaps not surprisingly, the words: "Western Australian University Regiment Association" on the other. Get in quick, at this price they won't last!

Price List

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS

Cuff links (pair)	\$20.00	(Gold metal, swivel clasp)
Lapel pins	\$ 7.50	(Gold metal, single pin)
Association Shirt	\$30.00	(Quality fabric, embroidered logo)
Song book	\$ 2.50	(Authentic reprint - all the favourites)
Stubby holders	\$ 7.50	(Yellow text on Green, top quality)
Tie bars	\$12.50	(Gold metal, bulldog type clasp)
Ties	\$45.00	(Silk blend)

VALUE PACKS

Association pack	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)	

New Arrival at the Chapman Household

Association Treasurer Shaun Chapman and his lovely wife Ina were thrilled with the recent arrival of Jemma Kate, sister to Connor. For those with an interest in facts and figures, Jemma weighed in at 3.5 kg and was a respectable 50 cm long. Mother and daughter are both well, and Shaun is of course feeling very chuffed.



The following update in from Jeff and Julie Peterson proud parents of Natasha (right):

Hi Guys, well we are still surviving parenthood. Natasha is a really easy baby which makes it nice for us, sleeping though the night, woken for a feed at 7 in the morning then back to bed until 10.00am. Then she is awake, apart from 2 x 40 minute naps, until about 10.00pm. She's been well travelled in her first four months, going to Brisbane, Wagga, Ipswich, Cairns (twice), and the Atherton Tablelands, racking up four flights plus a few thousand kilometres in the car. Hope all is well, Julie, Jeff & Natasha, Frank & Sasha (WOOF WOOF)



James Halliday, left, with Andrew Moore from Xanadu and Vanya Cullen of Cullens at the tasting.

Association member and Xanadu Wines head honcho Andy Moore seen here at a wine tasting – nice work if you can get it!

Members of the unit in the mid-1980's would remember Simon Crafter seen below as a Corporal at a Northam Recruit graduation parade in 1984). It seems his high standards continued during his career in the ARA. This clipping (Army Newspaper, 20 June 2002, page 9) was sent in by Dave Knight. Simon received the CSC recently.

Lt-Col Simon Crafter

For outstanding achievement as a staff officer in Personnel Branch – Army.





Mike Clarson recently in Timor- (he is the one in black doing a Terminator impersonation) unfortunately we can not divulge details or we would have to kill you. Note the navy presence in the background.

A Coy Role Models Grant and Sharon Thompson are pleased to announce the birth of Siobhan Matilda Thompson born at 2117 Hrs on 1st June 2002. Siobhan weighed in at 3.35 kg (I believe that is 7lb 4oz) - We certainly hope she grows up to be a big girl...just like her Dad.



[l-r] Architect, Mr Alec Whyte, Mr Kim Hutchinson, of the MRA, architect, Mr Philip McAllister, and Mr Chris Porter, of the MRA.

MRA building wins heritage award

The Midland Redevelopment Authority's [MRA] office building has won a prestigious award from the Royal Australian Institute of Architects recently.

Architects responsible for the building's restoration, Mr Alec Whyte and Mr Philip McAllister, have won the Heritage Council Conservation Award for the best conservation of a heritage building. Refurbishment work on the building started last year, after it was damaged by fire.

The former Railway Institute building was built in 1914 and is an example of two-storey Federation Free Style architecture.

Kim Hutchinson (right) is WAUR 2IC and OPSO who as well as doing an outstanding MC job for the ball made this outing in the Echo newspaper 16.6.2002



Barney Clarson (left and above) taking part in ceremonial parades to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the bombing of Broome



Special bonds with old school

Outside Kalamunda SHS are today's students (from left) Sarah Tubman, Kellie Donnelly, Lauren Tubman and (rear) former students Chris Donnelly and Paul Tubman.

Association member Paul Tubman with Ex OCTU Graduate Chris Donnelly made the Hills Gazette of 17 August 2002 promoting an upcoming 20 year school reunion

When did you join WAUR?

January, 1983

Why did you join?

Well, two of my mates from school (Peterson and McGinty) thought it would be a good idea. We drove past and it just so happened they were having a recruiting day.

Was it what you expected?

Oh yes, and more!

Why did you stay?

Well, I didn't in the end.

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

Yes. Bods. My surname - legacy of school days.

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

Hawaii trip - Operation Sink More Piss - can't recall what it was officially called.

The worst?

One night at Muchea - long, wet, cold - with 11/28 RWAR and APC's.

What is your favourite type of food?

Asian fusion.

How old were you when you had sex?

Umm - do I have to answer this. Oh alright, I was 16. *[Ed: and the goat?]*

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

My age.

What was the last book you read?

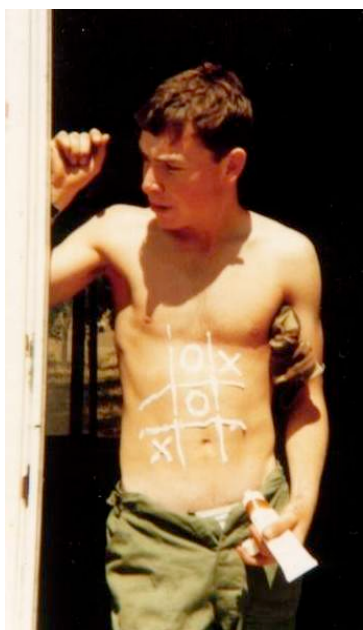
Irvine Welsh's latest book "Porno".

What is your favourite drink?

Water.

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

My watch.



Wilbur Smith writes: *It has been said at last..... Well done that man. Well even if the higher echelons of the ADF spend every second breath apologising for our existence, it would appear someone has forgotten to tell our junior officers when they should be suitably outraged and pander to the sensationalist media. If you know the author buy him a beer.*

What shall we do with a drunken sailor? - June 5 2002

I had always aimed to be an eccentric or, as Blackadder said, to get old, pretend to be deaf and annoy people. And what a great time it is to be Cranky of St Ives: Nazi-communist style dog-checking of the citizenry as it daily applies for the privilege of being in the State's open space, the Fed's patently engaging in Newspeak every time they open their mouths, and everyone being too busy watching humans treated as circus animals on Big Brother to notice the distinctly Orwellian way in which freedom is being abolished. But today I'm ranting about drunken sailors and soldiers. A few weeks ago the papers ran a story about the horror of several young enlisted lads from the 3rd Battalion of the Royal Australian Regiment (3RAR) being involved in drunken, but apparently voluntary, group sex. Terrible, terrible behavior. If the same was done in Martin Place by some purple-haired performance artists from Newtown the Herald would celebrate it as an exciting lifestyle choice, but no, damn it. These are private soldiers who should be providing the moral example. Since when? The unofficial regimental song of 3RAR starts "We're a pack of bastards" and ends "We'd rather f---than fight for li-ber-ty". At least that last bit should be encouraging to journos and left-wing backbenchers who think soldiers should also be pacifists. But the point is, these guys aren't priests - you know you're not supposed to leave your teenage daughters in a room full of larged-up diggers. Indeed, it is every young soldier's right to find himself, at least once, running from a house with his pants around his ankles as an irate father rains blows upon him and a deluded daughter yells "Call me" as she rebuttons her blouse. And furthermore, Your Worship, one of the many fine battles fought by our now mythical Anzacs was the Battle of Wazzir, wherein a soldier was ripped off in a whorehouse so the AIF went in and burnt down the whole Cairo red-light district. Excellent soldiers they were; Joans of Arc they weren't. More moral indignation came from the Herald when one of the RAN's ships docked at Christmas Island, and some of the sailors went to a bar. The worst behavior mentioned was the pinching of a female sailor's rear, obviously unacceptable, but given a comic twist when she immediately fractured her wrist on the jaw of her assailant. God bless her and her right hook. Other things that inspired a lead editorial included the dropping of pants while dancing. The editor asked, "What is the Navy for if not to set the highest standards of behavior?" Well, Ed, one might say: to defend Australia and its interests through the application of state-sanctioned violence by sea. They aren't social workers; they're professional killers. Since when do we think: "I'm in need of moral guidance. I think I'll head to the Woolly Bay and observe some drunken sailors"? Enlisted soldiers and sailors are generally young, fit, blue-collar lads and lasses, and when they get on the turps they behave only slightly better than their civvy cousins at the General Bourke on a Friday. And then there's the hypocrisy. Pardon me if I have trouble envisaging Australian journalists as a group of Victorian ladies. "Did you enjoy your foray to the public house, Miss McGuinness?", "Oh it was just awful, Mrs. Carlton. There were enlisted sailors whom one would have hoped would behave as gentlemen, but instead they asked to see my..."Mmmm. No, I think we all know the reason that journos and leftist backbenchers pretend to be horrified at the antics of the common soldiery: they envy the respect given to enlisted diggers. To quote the Bard's King Cosgrove the Fifth: "And journalists and politicians now asleep in their Australian beds will call themselves accursed, and hold their manhoods cheap, that they did not fight with us here for East Timorese Independence Day."

Sean Richardson spent 18 months as transport officer 3RAR and about 17 months on punishment as duty officer 3RAR, due to the amusingly inventive misbehavior of his diggers. 3RAR is again bearing arms in a foreign land on behalf of, among others, winging journalists.

This month David Knight is resting [*Ed: read too slack to get off his fat arse...*] and so place of his usual column, we present the following blurb on reunion sites:

Being able to trace old friends has become one of the best uses of the Internet. But just finding old school friends is one thing. Tracing other friends from later stages of your life - such as from college or work, perhaps where you used to live, or even from a favourite holiday - has been much harder. Until now! Stay Friends is the new international website that has taken reunions one step further. With its extensive database covering many different countries and life stages, Stay Friends now gives you the opportunity to find old friends or post your own details for contacts to find you, within any of the following categories:

Schools - with over 12,000 Primary, Elementary and High schools listed for Australia, you can start your reunions here!

<http://www.stayfriends.com/school.asp>

Colleges and Universities - the best days of your life?

<http://www.stayfriends.com/college.asp>

<http://www.stayfriends.com/university.asp>

Work - find ex-colleagues from previous jobs and compare notes!

<http://www.stayfriends.com/work.asp>

Armed Forces - ever wonder what happened to that close-knit team?

<http://www.stayfriends.com/forces.asp>

Relatives - if you've lost contact and want to find them again, try here first.

<http://www.stayfriends.com/relatives.asp>

Holidays - remember those good friends from a favourite holiday

<http://www.stayfriends.com/holiday.asp>

Friends & Neighbours - track down friends from a previous address.

<http://www.stayfriends.com/neighbours.asp>

Lost Loves - when you want to rekindle an old flame!

<http://www.stayfriends.com/love.asp>

Stay Friends has taken online reunions one step further, giving you the opportunity to make contact with old friends from years gone by. And because Stay Friends covers Australia, as well as the UK, the USA, Canada and New Zealand, you can track down old friends, even if they've moved abroad! More countries - and categories - will also be added in months to give you a truly exceptional reunion database of contacts. Of course, it takes two to make contact, so even if you can't find the old friend that you're looking for, don't forget to register your own details as well, so that anyone looking for you will find success. For an annual fee of little more than AUS\$13 you can enter your details into all of the categories you wish, and you can make contact with any familiar names that you find as well. Sign up here now:

<http://www.stayfriends.com/newmember.asp> We look forward to welcoming you as a new member of Stay Friends and wish you every success with your next reunion! Best wishes, StayFriends.com

For next edition, have you got any other interesting, unique, weird, odd or strange web sites? Send them to dsnknight@bigpond.com for consideration in this column.

Updates: The unit history project is steaming along with over 2000 images scanned so far the latest find is the first four WAURiors ever produced these have been uncovered in storage at the Reid Library at UWA these gems from 1975 have been copied and will be available to interested members.

History Requests:

Outstanding Tasks: Grant O'Neil is still working on the unit march Sons of the Brave and Nacht Lager in Grenada which was adopted by WAUR from the Ox Bucks upon affiliation these will be up on the Website as soon as Grant has worked his magic.

Trevor Arbuckle handed in 60 slides which are being scanned by Ray Galliot these will also be up on the Website when available.

Viktor Komaromi is putting extracts of the various films we have to play on the Website the technology of which totally mystifies me – however we should be up and running with clips of past events in a short while.

Work in progress:

Work continues on the Barracks occupied by WAUR, Ken Keesing has done an outstanding job on the Mounts Bay Road Drill Hall. I am gathering further information from Customs (who at one time shared the building) and the Perth City Council – look for a detail history in the next WAURior. We have also started Research on the original barracks at UWA when WAUR was based on the UWA Campus where the Catalina Flying boats were housed.

Recently completed:

All entries submitted by WAUR for publication in the Chronicle a bound book produced by the Royal Green Jackets have been scanned into text documents dating back to 1966 these are a fascinating insight into WAUR's past. Missing volumes are being chased up by the RGJ.

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 include Web casts, video clips and the regimental marches.

Historical Display: Having been given use of the old OR's Boozer work is starting on a world beating display on WAUR. We are slowly gathering furniture and photos to display. The Royal Green Jackets have sent a mammoth parcel of posters, CD Rom's, Stationary and booklets these will form a separate display marking a almost 50 year affiliation with the RGJ.

**THE WESTERN AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITY
REGIMENT****Honorary Colonel:**

Brigadier J. C. Newbery, C.B.E.I

Commanding Officer:

Lieut.-Colonel H. G. Mawson, E.D.

Your affiliated unit, Western Australian University Regiment, has had another active year, Our members are from tertiary bodies located in Perth and include, not only the University of Western Australia, but also the Western Australian Institute of Technology (W.A.I.T.), Murdoch University, Colleges of Advanced Education and part time students. All these bodies have their vacations at periods when we conduct our camps of continuous training. Our role has recently been reviewed and the Unit structure is now geared to provide military training for undergraduates as well as officer production for the Australian Army Reserve. This has resulted in our units' strength reaching nearly that which we had during the period of National Services in the early '70s, but we are proud to report that all serving members are volunteers.

The increase has enabled us to put into the field a support company, consisting mainly of members, who for reasons of their own, do not at this stage wish to immediately move through the officer promotion stream. Our strength has further been enhanced by the recruitment of female undergraduates who take part in our activities on the same basis as their male counterparts.

During the year we have carried out our normal battalion training activities at Rottnest Island, Northam, Bindoon, Collie and Muchea. Rottnest Island (Kingstown Barracks) is where we conduct our Annual Camp of twenty-four days duration in the early summer, when most end of year examinations have been completed. The other places are approximately sixty-ninety kilometres from our depot in areas where the terrain is compatible with the type of training we require to fulfill our role. Each bivouac is of two-and-a-half days duration and is held about every four to six weeks. This year we have increased the scope of our training and participated in exercises with artillery and cavalry units. Another activity enjoyed by our unit during the year has been the week-ends during which members have participated with the Special Air Services Regiment at Swanbourne. On these occasions, soldiers have taken part in rappelling, when a helicopter has been available. We are sure this is looked forward to in future with much enthusiasm by all members who have had the opportunity to "go to ground" in an unusual manner. Our Honorary Colonel, Brigadier J. C. Newbery, formerly Commander 13 Infantry Brigade, is an active participant in our activities and adds to the lustre of our unit by his regular attendance and interest in the soldiers. During March/April of this year our C.O., Lieut.-Colonel H. G. Mawson, visited U.K. and Europe and while in London he took the opportunity to visit 4 (V) R.G.J. Lack of available time caused his visit to be restricted to visiting Battalion Headquarters and "B" Company. He was impressed with unit facilities (including the Unit Museum) and the enthusiasm of the personnel. Through discussions with Officers and O.R.s he came to the conclusion that the ideals are very similar to our own. The atmosphere prevailing was similar to that encountered in Australian Army Reserve Units (our equivalent of the Territorial Army). Later in the evening he enjoyed the social function of the Officers Mess and was very pleased to meet the Commanding Officer, Lieut. Colonel A. E. Berry and the Honorary Colonel. He had hoped to meet WO2 Hetherington from our Unit and was disappointed not to have seen him. A few days earlier he had visited the Regimental Headquarters at Winchester. Unfortunately being a Sunday, the Regimental Museum was closed. During the year, our Messes (O.R.s, Sergeants & Officers) have enjoyed fellowships both within the unit and with other units. We have, of course, been the focal point of the senior headquarters and see a different officer group within our unit in 1978.

As 1977 closes, we see the departure of our C.O., who will have completed his three year term of office. We also lose our Adjutant, Capt. Bob Craze, who is reposted to Melbourne. His replacement, Capt. Noel Partridge, assumes in January 1978 from 1st Battalion Royal Australian Regiment. Capt. Les Stewart has already assumed his appointment as Quartermaster. 1978 will also bring us a new 2nd in command, Training Officer and Training Company Commander, so we take this opportunity to say farewell to Major Hernaman and Major Gascoigne and to Capt. Boxsell. Fortunately they are not being lost to the Army Reserve as they have received appointments to other units/ formations. We are also losing some junior officers to other units, however, they will be replaced by some of our own recently promoted members and some who have been transferred into our honoured ranks. Whilst it appears to be all work and no play, we do have within our structure an Aquatic Club, capably led by Lieut. Shackles. This club participated in the "Descent of the Avon" which is an annual "white-water" event of some sixty kilometres down the Avon River to the Swan River. In their other spare time they built their own canoes for the event. Whilst they did not win any major title, their efforts did not go unnoticed. It is interesting to observe the double canoes which are crewed by an officer and a private soldier (we're not sure who does most of the paddling on these occasions!!) It is also pleasing to record that our Unit was honoured in the Queen's Silver Jubilee Awards List when our outgoing 2nd in Command, Major Hernaman, was favoured with recognition for his services to the Army over the past few decades. Since the writing of this report for the *Chronicle*, Capt. A. Wright of this unit has left Australia to visit Canada and America. He- also hopes to visit 4(V) R.G.J. during his visit to the U.K. We take this opportunity of wishing all units associated with the Royal Green Jackets a prosperous 1978 and look forward, we hope, to our bonds becoming closer as the world appears to get smaller in terms of time and space.

A Coy - The first week - from the 1990 WAURior

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

The following exchange was sparked by an e-mail from Association member Dave Knight [Ed: *Who although apparently too busy to submit his "Interesting Websites" column is not too busy to spark debate on recent World events*]. Normally this sort of thing would not warrant publication, published, but it is a slow news week so here then is the exchange that followed:

Dave Knight - Fri - 25 Oct 02 - 2116 h

"A thought that's been growing in my head over the last few days that is niggling at me enough to share. Most of you have some insight into me, that I'm not a real political animal and rarely make comment re this sort of stuff. So for me to do this is out of character hence needs a subject that's been really bugging me. Most of you know I served in the Australian Army Reserve for 6 years. It suddenly occurred to me whilst riding the bus to work the other day that the governments advocating loudly and strongly to invade Iraq had never fought a ground war across their own countries (USA, Australia, Britain). Those, not so loudly, urging caution have (France, Germany, Russia {?}). Could these countries whose leadership cadre was alive and present during WWII remember the suffering such an event caused and despite the perceived threat of Iraq those countries "wouldn't wish that on their worst enemy"? Just a thought."

Paul Tubman - Fri - 25 Oct 02 - 2312 h

"Giddy Dave, And an interesting thought it is. Of these countries you mention, Australia is in fact the only country that has not had a major ground war fought within it's own national boundaries. I hope you recall that the USA has had the American War of Independence and the American Civil War fought on it's own soil in addition to which it bore the brunt of supplying a greater proportion of the allied land forces in Western Europe during WW2. Britain has been ravaged by a variety of military campaigns throughout time including such examples as Edward I's campaigns to subdue Wales and Scotland and the English Civil War which affected all parts of Britain at the time. Certainly within the context of the 20th century these countries may not have fought the campaigns of 'Total War' on their own soil but they and their citizens have certainly borne their fair share of the brunt of these wars either directly (i.e. as a result of bombing) or indirectly in the contribution of their nation's wealth in resources and young men to these campaigns. Iraq may well be a threat to world security if armed with WMD and certainly should be dealt with harshly if intelligence suggests Saddam is prepared to use these weapons. Better sooner than later. But lets hope the US and the UN doesn't take their eye off the ball as far as terror is concerned. It would appear there is enough work here to keep them busy for some years to come. In my own humble opinion I believe the US, supported by Britain and to a lesser extent Australia, have enacted a strategy designed to spur the UN into action on Iraq after years of inactivity. Whether this has been successful or not, and whether the US is actually prepared to act unilaterally if their bluff is called, remains to be seen."

Barney Clarson - Sun - 27 Oct 02 - 1219h

Well, well, well. Things have changed haven't they, here we are in the midst of intelligent, informed dialogue on the repercussions of a possible military conflict! What ever happened to - let's kick ass, up the guts with heaps of smoke, don't forget me if you go!!!! You guys have changed. Don't get me wrong, I'm IMPRESSED, but.....you guys have changed!!!!!!!!!!!! Luv Barney

Chris West - Tue 29 Oct 02 0934 h

Dave, Nice to hear your thoughts! It is probable that these countries do remember and are responding from a sense of compassion or awareness of the impacts of war. I think though, humans tend to forget quickly and act out of self interest more often than not (its human nature). It is useful to remember that most (generalisation, some may have) decision makers today are baby boomers and have never had to experience the suffering of war. It is also important to remember that France, Germany and Russia have considerable business interests in Iraq, not just in the oil industry but broadly throughout the Country. The Bulletin Magazine had an interesting article on this a few months ago. It can be accessed on the web. I think Iraq was a partitioned country forming out of the last world war. As a consequence all the major economic countries have been fucking around with Iraq and Iran since then, trying to extract the best possible economic outcome for their nations. You will recall that the Yanks supported Iraq in its struggle against the Iranian Mullahs many years ago. Hussein in fact came to power as a consequence of this support. (it is all this interfering in domestic policy which I think is now causing the Yanks so much grief). Russia has the most significant businesses interests in Iraq. The French, in fact sold the technology to aid Iraq's first nuclear power plant (the Israelis blew it up just before completion). I think that no nation now days truly speaks from a point of compassion. Politics and business are too intertwined now days for noble notions of compassion and understanding to influence foreign policy, in particularly where these conflict with business. I hope the above is not the case, call me a cynic. Have a read of the Bulletin articles on the French, German and Russian interests in Iraq, very interesting and provides some understanding about the posturing currently going on in the UN. Westy

Chris West - Tue 29 Oct 02 - 0939 h

Barney, Fuck off!!! Take that smoke you talked about and shove it firmly up your arse. Feel better now!

Mark Reid - Tue 29 Oct 02 - 1200 h

G'day David, Tubbo, and All. Yes interesting thoughts indeed, and good dialogue can come from this. My thoughts fall directly in line with Tubbo. He has pretty much put my thoughts and transposed them into print...telepathy or what? Amazing! In regards to Iraq, I truly believe that the U.N. has dropped the ball and needed a solid boot in the bum to get its act together. I wonder if it can. What President Bush has done has made Iraq a major thorn in the side of the UN and the security council and forced them to deal with it. My hope is the Sadaam Hussein will be knocked off within Iraq, but with that said one wonders who would replace him and would they be any better. As for a war in Iraq we already own the airspace except for the middle strip of the country and it wouldn't take long to control that. Sadaam's support is fragile within Iraq and I'm sure his forces would jump ship pretty quickly. You rule like Sadaam, you make many enemies that want to kill you! (Yes you rule like Bush or Clinton and you make enemies too, but thankfully it is only political.) That is why Hussein has numerous doubles to stand in for him and why he has many palaces to hunker down in. Would the real Sadaam Hussein please stand up! Not many leaders in this world watches his back as much as Hussein does. What I don't understand is what the "peace demonstrators" who preach "No War in Iraq" say about Sadaam Hussein and his cronies. Do they think they are "good leaders"? The very freedoms the demonstrators have in expressing their opinion in the west the Iraqi people do not...**see next page...**

Mark Reid - Tue 29 Oct 02 - 1200 h (continued)

And I'm sure if they could speak their mind, Sadaam would not get glowing reviews. The only way Hussein will ever be removed from power is by force. From outside or within! That is how he got into power and how he stays in power. That is the brutal honest truth. History has shown that dialogue with dictators has never worked. I don't ever want Hussein to have nuclear capability. Yes the U.S. helped build up Hussein during the Iran-Iraq war. He then turned on uswhat a surprise. Ironically the U.S., has no relations with Sadaam but "good relations" with the next hardline country in the region, Saudi Arabia. I wish the Bush administration would put major pressure on the "royal dictators" as much as it is doing to Sadaam. Why? Because oil is a factor and it will be until hydrogen fuel cells can be widely and safely produced and stored to transport people and goods and services. It is coming but it won't happen tomorrow. Long live freedom and peace! Mark "Reido" Reid, Kearney, Nebraska, USA, formerly a "Sandgroper"!

TO BE CONTINUED I AM SURE...



Australian Army Cadets is looking for staff

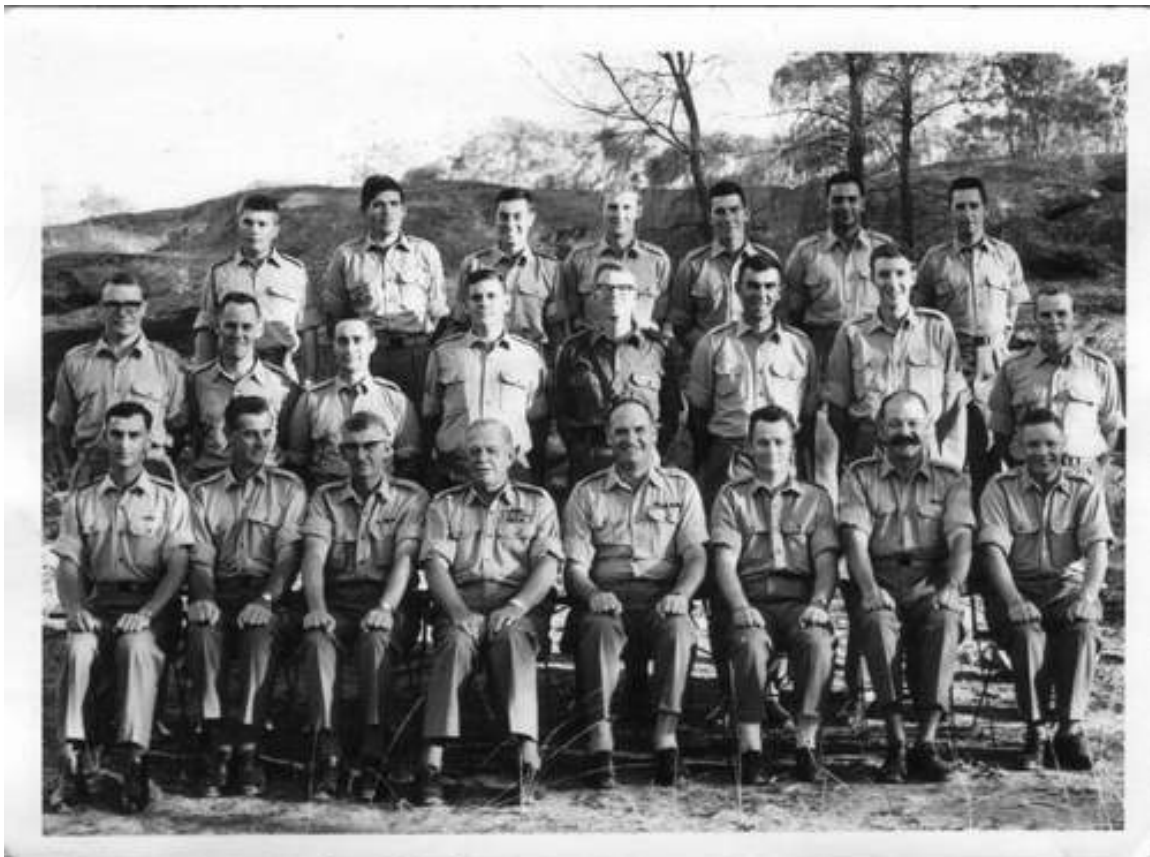
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WAUR 1967 Annual Camp Northam

Rear Row: Foulds, Harris, King, Carson, Muir, Pate, Lawrance

Centre Row: Harvey, Riley, Denton, Dalby, Waltham, Sewell, Pearson, Norris

Front Row: Mattay, Keesing, Anderson, Dawkins, Williams, Hoare, Le Tessier, Eccleston

Annual Camp 1967 - Northam



Subject 2 for Sergeant's Course 1991

...In the Avon Valley training area members had their first opportunity to fire the Self Loading Rifle on the "shoot to kill" ranges, from tree firing stands and the shooting gallery. The Adjutant, Captain O.M. Carrol, who had served in Malaya, demonstrated that quick, accurate fire could be obtained with this weapon for those who had trouble converting from the bolt action 303.

From the base plate position near Bald Hill the Mortar and Machine gun platoons had a fine field of fire to the north side of the Valley. An amount of tracer was issued and soldiers got some satisfaction from seeing how accurate their aimed rifle fire could be at a large tree in the impact area, over a range of several hundred yards.

The three-day exercise this year was Exercise "Stormcloud" and whilst the Regiment was in the field, the newly appointed Commander of Western Command Brigadier G.P.Hunt, OBE, paid his first visit. The lunch was prepared on a field cooker by an unhappily ill-trained cook whose name no one particularly wishes to remember. That the Commander's first meal with us should have been the disaster it was is regrettable, as we had always felt we fed our guests well - until this occasion! All the other officers at exercise headquarters found an infinite number of excuses to absent themselves, leaving the Commanding Officer to make polite conversation over cold soup and burnt vegetables - an unhappy day!

The enemy for the exercise was commanded by Lt. D.O. King and a more evil-looking lot, mostly assault pioneers, would be hard to find, the writer's first impression of them being gained as a jeep flying an outsize in red flags and loaded with aimed brigands careered round a corner. There were some matching red flags also when the enemy had to be asked, politely to return the Adjutant's jeep as that was the day the Commander was due!

Some day, an anthropologist tracking through the lonely bush is going to stumble on a second-hand 20th Century house brick and wonder how, with no buildings for many, many miles it came to rest there. This Regimental History will provide the clue. As preparations were under way in Camp one bespectacled officer, spying a large paddy melon considered the humorous prospect of sending it off in the pack of the company commander, Captain Hoare. The partner in crime, a be-whiskered fellow suggested the substitution of one of any number of old bricks offering, so as this was heavier anyway and a little less noticeable, into the pack it went. A very terse and rude comment came from the porter when late the next day he had discovered it in his bed-roll. He had had a very busy time carrying it several times about the Company area, to say nothing of the approach march.

The camp was marked by a very free and happy atmosphere generally. In the Officers' and Sergeants Mess there were some lively personalities, and perhaps, the men in the ranks felt the end of their obligatory service coming up. That is possibly an unjust evaluation, but it is true that When the all volunteer element was re-established, a good deal of zest went into the training. work hard and play hard.

WAUR has never had a Regimental Mascot but during this Camp the Adj., Capt. Carroll, brought his golden Labrador to Northam. Other officers had somewhat off beat notions off pets as the officers lines were also inhabited by mice. Captain Anderson invested in a suitable trap and from then on one always looked closely at the inside of the wardrobe before taking anything out. A mouse recently deprived of its life might well be gazing steadfastly at the person from under a peak of his cap or out of his boot top.

In the aforementioned reorganisation which took place in this year, the Regiments of 13 Infantry Brigade lost their individuality and with the headquarters of that formation formed the Royal Western Australia Regiment.

This entailed the vacation by 16 Infantry Battalion from the Mount's Bay Road Drill Hall and it was to this building, the present Regimental Depot, that Western Australian University Regiment moved, in the latter part of 1960. With 11/44, 16 and 28 Infantry Battalions reorganised to the Pentronic scale, an Australianised, tropicalised adaptation of the Pentomic, this Regiment also went on to a new Establishment. The role remained one of training tertiary students to the standard of taking examination to first appointment. Whereas the former establishment comprised an Headquarters, two Rifle Companies, an Administrative Company and a Support Company, the new organisation gave us an Headquarters one Rifle Company and an Advanced Training Wing with a recruiting ceiling of about; 125 men.

Whilst the Stirling Highway Drill Hall had been a great improvement on the original accommodation, the new building provided even greater amenities, especially as our numbers were reduced with the reorganisation. This building was to become the third home of the Regiment and one it was to occupy for several years to come.

The Years Overseas

To the uninitiated reader the chapter title above might convey the impression that Western Australian University Regiment had served away from Australia. True, we left the mainland to do our Annual Camps over four years on Rottnest Island, but the total time spent "overseas" amounted to a bare eight weeks. Notwithstanding these short interludes, the camps were memorable and the training undertaken with as much enthusiasm as was leave in the settlement. It became part of the daily ritual for officers going up to the Mess for breakfast to gaze eastwards just to check that Australia had not drifted away during the night.

Following the reorganisation of the Australian Citizen Military Forces in 1960 the Unit was reduced to an establishment of 125 all ranks, this meant that the 25 years old Kingston Barracks at Rottnest would be admirably suited to the size of this unit and as the Barracks were sited at one end of the Island away from the settlement, close training areas, field firing ranges and recreation areas were readily accessible. These were the most obvious impressions gained by members, but actual reasons for Rottnest being selected were put forward clearly in the official request to use Kingston Barracks thus:

*The psychological desirability of a change of location as a result of the Unit's change of role in the reorganisation.

*Suitability of accommodation bearing in mind the reduced size of the Unit and the accommodation requirements of an officer training course.

*Minimisation of leave problems owing to a lack of transport.

*Proximity to beach so that early morning and late Swim parades could be held, thus ensuring a high standard of physical fitness.

*The beneficial effect which it is believed such a change would have on the Unit's recruiting campaign at the University.

Readers will recall that this was actually not the first time the Regiment had been "overseas" as Chapter 1 mentions the first Camp held by WAUR in February 1950 when a very small contingent of 1 officer and 7 other ranks occupied the Barracks. It was a disappointment to most of us that the long awaited 7.62 SLR was not available for issue, but we realised that the Lithgow made .300 Lee-Enfield was doing its last Camp with us. The 3.5 inch Rocket Launcher was not available either, but a number of members had the opportunity of familiarising themselves with the 3 inch Mortar, HE rounds being fired out to sea, the fall of shot being well observed by splash pattern.

The big event of camp was, of course, exercise "Sea Lion" – this was just a cover for our attempt to incinerate the Island! The choice name for this exercise was somewhat unfortunate in the first place, for this was the code name for the operation which was to have been Hitler's invasion of Britain! An event that fire is reputed to have stopped also. The troops sallied forth under a starry sky at 0500 hours and the Barracks settled down to a quiet cup of tea and the anticipation of a peaceful day to deal with administrative matters. This stopped immediately at about 0930 when a pall of black smoke was seen from the direction of the airstrip and the alarm. was frantically beaten by a red-faced little man.

To learn the reasons for this behavior, we would need to have been with Lt. H. James' platoon at the seat of the crime. Apparently a thunder flash got out of hand in the tinder dry scrub in a sun temperature of about 120°. The cry of "Fire!" "Fire!" had a startling effect on the recruit platoon, Who, plunged into the fury of their first battle, unleashed a profuse amount of blank ammunition at a non-existent enemy, thereby adding greatly to the confusion. Strong easterly winds fanned the flames which accelerated across the open grassy areas at an alarming rate. Several attempts at burning back proved unfruitful for the wind had become master of the situation. The civilian fire fighting party from the settlement was unable to contain the blaze and was only capable of limiting the flank-ward spread of the flames. It was most fortunate that the direction of the inferno did not lead towards the housed area. Snakes and quokkas were worst affected. The heat, of course, was considerable and some amateur fire fighters waded out into the lakes to cool off - an action they later regretted when the salt hardened on their clothing. A night watch was established at several points with radio communication and those who kept vigil were at last treated to the sight of a partial eclipse of the moon. By lunchtime on the following day, the fire was considered no longer a hazard and troops returned to barracks. The fire did not cause great notice from observers on the mainland where several other sizeable outbursts surrounded the metropolitan area. There were, however, some less sympathetic members of the local community who claimed that 20% of the island was burnt out, be that as it may, the most embarrassing part of it was the presence of the Commander, Western Command! Under the circumstances, our casualties were light, in view of the fact that the whole Unit was very actively concerned in the fire confrontation. Twenty two members required eye treatments of which two cases required removal of corneal foreign bodies and one case of collapse through heat exhaustion occurred. On the camp as a whole, the RM0, Capt. M. Traub, reported "a high standard of health was maintained".

The year 1961 saw the Centenary of the Volunteer Movement in Western Australia. The origins of the Citizen Army may be read in some detail in Colonel George F. Wieck's book "The Volunteer Movement in Western Australia" produced to coincide with the Centenary. On Parades of Citizen Military Force Units were held in Perth and Fremantle. Western Australian University Regiment paraded through the streets of the latter City with members of 17 Field Ambulance and Western Command Engineer units. The start point was the RAAMC Depot in Queen Street and the march took troops past the railway station, into High Street, where the Mayor of Fremantle, Sir Frederick Samson, took the salute outside the Town Hall, and thence back to the start point.

In August, the first RAAF Lockheed C130 Hercules Medium Range Transport aircraft to visit this state was made available for inspection at RAAF station, Pearce. A demonstration of loading, dozers, gun and. tractor and land rovers was given, the various lashing points were shown and the capabilities and characteristics of the aircraft given. The regrettable aspect of the day was a malfunction in a starter-motor which prevented a familiarisation flight being undertaken. Regimental members present at this demonstration were Captain J.J. Le Tessier, Lt. R. James and Sgt. N. Mason-Jones. (Also present was Major M.A.S. Williams, a later Commanding Officer, at that time OC 13 Field, Squadron.)

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This in from Charles Crouch...

[Report from the Bibulmun Track](#)

As the journal content drought continues it was felt that there might be some interest in the latest WAUR Association assault on the Bibulmun Track led by ex-Corporals Crouch and Tubman - the former representing the Islamic Jihad faction of the Association.

The three day attempt in early June took us from North Bannister on Albany Highway through to Dwellingup - a distance of some 75 km. Stage 1 - to the campsite at White Horse Hills (some hills - very little evidence of any horses white or otherwise) was 16 clicks and took a little under four hours. The campsites on the track are basic but have everything you need. Three sided shelters with wooden sleeping platforms, picnic tables, rainwater tanks and fireplaces give a comfortable if not luxurious night's sleep. Those whose last experience of a night in the scrub involved lying in a hole in the ground amidst the pissing rain before getting up to spend two hours next to a freezing cold machine gun (happy days) will enjoy the contrast.

Day 2 dawned bright and early for the 30 km through to Chadoora campsite. The day could usefully be divided into two sections - the pre lunch or walk in the park and the post lunch or rooted phase. We emerged at Chadoora site footsore and weary at 1600 hrs. Unusually for the track it was completely deserted so the quintessential track experience of communing with hard core track junkies, Monty Python fans, escaped criminals and misanthropes with limited social skills (these categories are by no means mutually exclusive and there tends to be a fair degree of overlap) was denied us. By this stage Cpl Crouch (ret) was working on an alarming collection of blisters and had, in a fit of nostalgia, collected around a dozen ticks on various parts of the body.

Day 3 saw a foot weary (20 km) trudge through to the charming hamlet of Dwellingup enlivened by walking along the Hotham Valley Tourist Railway and providing entertainment for the train-spotting passengers. Eventually we emerged just outside the pub and spent some time with a counter lunch and doing some practical experiments as to the restorative powers of Guinness versus lager (results inconclusive - more research needed).



Total distance covered to date is 210 km of a total distance of just under 1000 km. At this rate ETA Albany is some time in 2007, although there is talk of a sustained (week long or more) assault, admittedly usually in the first half hour or so of walking, the prospect looks rather less appealing at the end of the day.

Of course several weeks afterwards, with the blisters healed and the tick bites receding, there seems no good reason why we shouldn't knock the whole lot off in one go.

Charles Crouch

[Ed: As a result of his strident criticisms of the content of recent WAURiors, Charles Crouch was asked to have a look at membership records and write an amusing piece. The following drivel resulted and given its quality, , Crouch was put on a charge and ordered to have another go. In any event, here , is his first effort. My comments – 4/10 – See Me!.]

"Chook and Jenks made it clear some time ago that the dearth of anything approaching worthwhile content continues *[Ed: Crouch, you always were a cheeky prick]* and they will therefore consider absolutely anything for publication. I thought it might be interesting to have a look at the Association membership records to see if anything of interest could be gleaned. In fact I was wrong. Very wrong. For reasons best known to themselves, our esteemed Committee members have deleted virtually all of the interesting information from the membership lists. Agonised over what vignette to put on the form that best illustrates your formative years of military service? Sweated blood over a pen picture that accurately captures the delight your children inspire in you? Even exposed yourself to ridicule by resurrecting a long dead nickname in the interests of historical verisimilitude? Doesn't matter. Wherever this information has gone it ain't in the membership records. Ex Lance-Corporals Jenkin and Chapman are reticent on the reasons for this dereliction of duty. Whether anticipating problems with the privacy legislation or not being on roster to give a stuff cannot be said. But it is clear where the blame for the stunning dullness of what follows can and must be sheeted home.

Sex

As might be expected, the association, like the institution that spawned it, is a masculine affair. Out of a membership roll of 91, only 7 are female with the remainder presumably being male.

Length of service

The most common service period was four years, with the average being 7. The range was extremely wide with the shortest being a year and the longest 37. Length of service seems to include elsewhere in the defence forces and there is no way of knowing which Association member spent longest with WAUR.

Residence

Most (81) members live in WA, with a further 5 in Victoria. NSW, Queensland and the USA all have 1 member each. The most common address is Shelley, although Association members obviously are not all that keen on living next to each other, as it's only attracted a total of four members. Next most common is Wembley with 3 members. Finally, the dodgiest of piece of analysis was trying to determine the average place of residence. It works out at being in the 6092 postcode, however, as this is not an assigned postcode this is of little or no relevance."

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The Defence Reserves Association, is an organisation which amongst other things, aims to

- foster and assist the Australian Defence Force with particular emphasis on the Reserves;
- be actively involved in the welfare and betterment of serving and former Defence Force Members with specific attention to those of the Defence Reserves and ADF Cadets staff;
- consider and where appropriate seek changes to the conditions of service, amenities and equipment.

The Association has a State Branch Committee which meets monthly. The State Branch also has meetings which all members are invited to attend. These meetings feature a speaker on a Defence. subject and also have a period for exchange of information.

The State Branch has an Annual "All Ranks Dinner". This provides a forum for former and present service people and their partners to get together in a social environment.

Since 2001 the Branch has organised Military History Tours on a non profit basis. The **Burma Thailand Railway** tour in Nov 2001 was a successful start to this venture, and is being repeated in 2002 and 2003. A **Gallipoli 2003** tour is taking bookings currently. These tours are great value because they are planned and run on a non profit basis, by voluntary effort.

The National Council has a conference once a year and decides upon issues which need to be pursued with Heads of Service or, if appropriate, at a political level. The National President has frequent contact with Chief of Army, Chief of the Defence Force, Minister for Defence and, on occasion, the Prime Minister.

Current issues which have been dealt with are:-

Compensation - Training days - Protection of Employment Legislation (fifteen years) -
Superannuation - Honours & Awards - Effect of work place agreements on Reserve Service -
Command of ARES units by ARES personnel
Common Induction Training
Work Place Agreement Act
Submissions to Defence White Paper, FADT & Senate Committees
Retention of Lancelin Training Area
Defence Force Remuneration
A Volunteer Defence Service medal to be awarded after two years' service (to provide
equivalence to the National Service Medal)

The Association invites all members of the Reserve Forces and ADF Cadets to become members.
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Bring me the name of that man, I already know his rank!



A bloke walks into a pet shop and looks at the animals on display. While he is in there, another man walks in and says to the shopkeeper, "I'll have a Private Monkey please." The shopkeeper nodded, went over to a cage at the side of the shop and took out a monkey. He fitted a collar and leash, handed it to the customer saying, "That'll be \$1000 please." The smiling and grateful customer paid and walked out with his monkey. Startled, the tourist went over to the shopkeeper and said, "That was a very expensive monkey. Most of them are only a few hundred dollars. Why did that one cost so much?" The shopkeeper answered, "Ah, that Private Monkey can clean warehouses, workshops and parade grounds, empty bins, perform routine maintenance on vehicles, troubleshoot and repair complex electronics and engineering systems with no mistakes, its well worth the money." The tourist looked at the monkey in another cage. "That one's even more expensive! \$5,000! What on earth does it do?" "Oh, that one's a Sergeant monkey; it can instruct the Private Monkey to perform tedious tasks it doesn't normally like to do and even get the Private Monkey to do limited paperwork. It can take charge when nobody else is willing to stick their hand up, and can perform perfectly almost any paperwork nightmare. All in all it does the really useful and necessary stuff," said the shopkeeper. The tourist looked around for a little longer and saw a third monkey in a cage of its own. The price tag around its neck read \$50,000. He gasped to the shopkeeper, "That one costs more than all the others put together! What on earth does it do?" The shopkeeper replied, "Well, I haven't actually seen it do anything, but it says it's an Officer Monkey.



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