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The WAURior

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

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Contributions sought!!

Thanks very much to Ernie Polis, Michael Heenan, Ken Keesing, Bart Simpson, Shaun Chapman and David Knight for their contributions for this Newsletter. I would be delighted to receive contributions from other members as well! So again this edition, I am asking all members to think seriously about writing a short blurb on their time in the unit, or about something funny or strange that is WAUR related. I appreciate receiving feedback!

Michael Jenkin (Ed)

Ramblings from the ~~President~~ **Treasurer**

~~By John Kargotich~~

John has been busy fighting bushfires and missed the deadline so I get to hop on a soap box for the first issue of 2002 - The big news for your Association is that LT COL Farrelly, WAUR's current CO and a great supporter of what we are trying to do, has agreed to our request to move office from the old RSM's cool room to the now closed OR's Boozer, a much bigger and more appropriate space. This is where we will set up a historical display of photos and other memorabilia we have collected so far. Being unable to mark the walls we plan to set up office partitions to fix items to (anyone help with some?) we will also be on the scrounge for some display cases of some sort and of course items to put in them.

The next Association event is ANZAC Day 2002. The RSL have asked us to lay a wreath at the Kings Park dawn service, an offer we have gratefully accepted. Secretary and WAURior Editor Mike Jenkin will do the honours and we encourage all members to make the effort to witness this historic event. Further details and timings will be sent out closer to the day.

With 90 members and growing the Association is in tip top shape. Several active members and a keen committee will see us on to bigger and better things. The main push now will be to distribute the historical work collected to date to our members via the Internet and the display at WAUR.

Shaun "Chook" Chapman

A man who knows his limitations when it comes to port
[Ed: see AGM report]

★ ANZAC DAY – 25 APR 2002 ★

Once again this year, we invite all members to march with the DRA contingent on Anzac Day. It would be great to achieve a platoon plus sized group! Form-up time/location will be advised as soon as we hear from the RSL. After the March & the service on the Esplanade, a Mess crawl is planned. Dress for marchers is beige/cream trousers, white shirt, dark tie, black dress shoes and blue or dark jacket.

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/December 2001:

Kath Callow 1987-88, 1991-93 & 1995.

January/February 2002:

Barry Campbell 1989-92; Geoff Clarson 1987-90; Ossie King 1952-63; Jeff Peterson 1983-88; Simon Watters 1983-85; Kurt Zink 1979-82

Member Contributions

Association member Ernie Polis sent in these two gems - talk about "What's in a name"...

"In 1969 as a new recruit to WAUR during a camp at Northam, I can recall an elderly S/Sgt giving an evening lecture on field hygiene. It went something like this: He marched in and said nothing, went straight to the black board and perfectly drew a picture of Donald Duck. Turning around he then said, "that's my name, Donald Duck, Staff Sergeant Donald Duck to you all". He then informed us we had 30 seconds to laugh, after that we were to shut up and listen to him. We found out later he was born before Walt Disney penned the cartoon character of Donald Duck. I don't know where he came from as I never saw him again."

Then there was a Nasho serving his time in the CMF, but was from Sydney and did a camp with WAUR in 1970 or thereabouts. His name was John Parts, needless to say he was nick named "spare". One morning during a parade he must of upset the RSM, by committing some indiscretion the night before. The RSM approached the formation and yelled out "PRIVATE PARTS WHERE ARE YOU?" Some quick-witted digger from within the ranks yelled back "right between your legs sir". Everyone got the giggles, the RSM threatened to charge us all, the Platoon Sergeant had difficulty restraining his laughter and John Parts was disgusted at the thought.

Another Darwin Award nomination from Bart Simpson...

Robert Puelo, 32, was apparently being disorderly in a St. Louis market. When the clerk threatened to call the police, Puelo grabbed a hot dog, shoved it into his mouth and walked out without paying. Police found him unconscious in front of the store. Paramedics removed the six-inch wiener from his throat where it had choked him to death.

In a recent interview, General Norman Schwarzkopf was asked if he didn't think there was room for forgiveness toward the people who have harboured and abetted the terrorists who perpetrated the Sept 11 attacks on America. His answer was classic Schwarzkopf. He said: "I believe that forgiving them is God's function. Our job is simply to arrange the meeting."

This in from Charles Crouch after the AGM:

*"A good night on Friday and I much enjoyed the video. I noted in the recent newsletter that you seem to be scraping the bottom of the barrel for content...[Ed: **Get stuffed Chaz, you cheeky prick!**]...so submit this photo of the WAUR association assault on the Bibbulmun Track led by former corporals Crouch and Tubman. Note the extremely sad wearing of items of military uniform complete with rank badges plus the surrogate SLRs."*



Paul Tubman and Charles Crouch on the Bibbulmun Track

[Ed: shouldn't those slouch hats have been returned on discharge?]

Just to show our members get around...this in from Association member Michael Heenan:

"Further to previous correspondence, enclosed is a recent photograph of myself. It was taken on a visit to China. The location is the Summer Palace in Beijing – the stone boat in the background was used by the Emperor of the day as a personal pleasure and leisure place. Regards, Michael Heenan Lt Col (Ret'd)."



Warrant Officer Class One Jeffrey Raymond Murray enlisted into the Australian Army Reserve on 15 Jun 1975 and at the completion of initial training at Northam was posted to 7 Fd Bty RAA where he served for 5 years in the capacity as Gun Number on the 105mm L 5 Pack Howitzer and the 105mm M2A2 Field Gun, Command Post Operator, Battery Surveyor and BC's Ack. He received the rank of Bombardier. Discharged from the Army Reserve on 30 Jun 1980 and re-enlisted on 19 Dec 1981 joining the Army Reserve Troop of 5 Fd Sqn RASVY. Returning to the rank of Sapper, he served with RASVY for 8 years in the capacity of Cartographic Technician and Stereoplotter Operator, concluding as Warrant Officer Class Two. During his career with RASVY he filled a non-Corps posting at 5 Trg Gp at Leeuwin Barracks. Here Jeff was employed on Army Reserve Recruiting Courses as a Platoon Sergeant and Platoon Commander, plus instructed on various Promotion Courses.

Whilst at Leeuwin Barracks the RASVY underwent a restructure resulting in a transfer to RAINF. Upon becoming Infantry he was posted to OCTU and then to WAUR as a General Officer Training Instructor, DEO Course Warrant Officer and FAC Sergeant Major. From Oct 1997 till Jan 2001 he was posted to 16 RWAR fulfilling Company Sergeant Major positions with Spt Coy and B Coy, the Cameron Company. During 2000 he accompanied Exercise Pacific Reserve to Hawaii as the Company Sergeant Major and completed the full-time Regimental Sergeant Major Course in Canungra. Prior to posting to WAUR he was appointed the Manager HQ 13 Brigade Retention Cell where he also understudied the Bde RSM and supervised the Reserve Forces Day 2001 parade.

In his civilian career Jeff is a Cartographic Officer with the Department of Land Administration and is a Justice of the Peace. He is married to Anne with a daughter Amanda and a son Scott.

UNIT BALL

Warning Order – the Unit Ball is to be held on 11 May 2002 at Government House. The costs will be a paltry \$40.00 per head.

Your Association will be presenting an award to the most outstanding Officer Cadet for the first time. We are hoping to have at least three tables, so why not make it a date!

Ball flyer will be issued ASAP.



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1 RGJ Report - 1st January 2002

Much has changed since the June edition. On return from Ex POND JUMP WEST in Canada, the Battalion was warned for deployment to Sierra Leone instead of fulfilling the role of Spearhead Land Element B Company Group was first to deploy to establish the Military Reintegration Program supervising training for ex combatants, primarily members of the rebel organisation and civil militias. A Company Group followed to provide the force protection for the British personnel committed to the International Monitoring and Advisory Training Team, with C Company Group relieving them before Christmas. This presented the Battalion with an excellent opportunity to conduct operations other than War in the challenging environment of a war-torn Sierra Leone, having trained alongside the Parachute Regiment to acquire some of the specific skills such as use of vehicle-mounted .50 Caliber machine guns. Within a month of the last Company returning from Sierra Leone, we begin training in February for a 6 month tour as NIBAT 3 to reinforce 39 Inf Bde in Belfast. I Company will be committed to demanding surveillance operations throughout the tour, while the remainder of the Battalion will be deployed in Belfast during increased periods of tension. Training will include a sophisticated range package to Lydd and Hythe and a Battalion exercise at Stanford, together with numerous specialist courses and challenging training in the public order role. Although the main focus will be on the Battalion's operational responsibilities in Northern Ireland, planning is underway to develop expertise in mountain operations amongst those based back in Weeton Barracks. A climbing wall is being built and a series of climbing courses and exercise scheduled to expand on the Mountain Cadre in Scotland East June and the Recce Platoon's training in Canada. The Battalion aims to establish itself as the centre of excellence for mountain training in the North of England and is establishing links with the local TA infantry battalion and its mountaineers for the Lake District. The challenges of training for urban operations in Northern Ireland and developing the mountain role certainly provide contrasting challenges for the future.

2 RGJ Report - 1st January 2002

You would be forgiven for thinking that the pace of Battalion Life would have dropped off since we returned to Germany from OP PALATINE in Bosnia last September, but that has not been the case. The focus has switched from peace support operations (for the time being), towards training for our new role in Warminster as the Land Warfare Training Centre Battle Group (LWTC BG) which we become on 15 April. This phase of training began with a JNCO Cadre which passed off with style with GOC 1 (UK) Armd Div taking the salute with the remainder of the battalion looking on. Rfn (now LCpl) Boyd, Recce PI, won the Bankier Cane. This training continues in the New Year with all the Support Weapons cadres running, together with Recce, Sniper and a variety of Driving Cadres too. All these have to be fitted into our Forecast prior to the Arms Plot move which starts in earnest in March. At the same time Ex WINTER WARRIOR - a skiing adventurous exercise in Bavaria and Ex TANZANITE - a combined IS and adventure training expedition to Tanzania will be running as well. We certainly are not going to pass up on any of the opportunities still available while we remain in Germany. We are looking forward to the move to UK next year and to our first home posting since Dover in 1995. Now that the main recce of Warminster has taken place, everyone is in the picture as to what to expect. We are all going to have to hit the ground running with the companies picking up exercise commitments as soon as they arrive. However, as the majority of these involve exercises on the Plain this has got to be something to look forward to. The burden of having to work on "the wagons" will not go away, but will reduce considerably. More low level conventional training will be carried out, to ensure that we provide the best possible enemy and exercising troops to the various training organisations we will be working to. From the Rifleman's point of view life in Warminster will be a case of "work hard, play hard". Perhaps the best benefit of 'working on a fixed exercise programme is that block leave and leave weekends will be booked and tinned up in advance with a greater degree of certainty than has been the case here in Germany, With the majority of peoples homes not more than a few hours drive away this will really allow us to live life to the full.

By any measure, the Association's inaugural Annual General Meeting was an outstanding success. Held on the rather auspicious date of 7 December 2001 (hence the reason no sushi was offered) the AGM attracted 28 members with apologies received from a further 8 members.

The AGM was conducted in the Anzac Club, 30 St Georges Terrace, Perth. After the meeting (the Minutes of which have already been issued), your Association put on drinks and bar snacks as a prelude to several videos. The first video shown was made up of 16 mm footage and showed the Parade for the Presentation of the Colours, two camps at Rottneest and "Army Week" at the Show Grounds. There was also an intriguing 10 minute clip of what appeared to be deep sea diving (which no-one had any idea about). The other videos showed an item from Terry Willis's current affairs program. This footage featured an interview with the then (then CO WAUR) Trevor Arbuckle. It was shot in the early 1980's and also contained some precious footage of the unit training at Bindoon. The tone of the evening then took a nose-dive as Dave Knight's Super 8 mm film was shown. This tawdry video records aspects of the unit's training at Northam in 1985. Apart from anything else, this video features the genitalia of several unit members.

The raffle conducted towards the end of the evening raised almost \$60. In view of his distinguished record in the Regiment, Ken Keesing was asked to draw first prize in the AGM raffle. In somewhat controversial circumstances, he proceeded to draw his own name out of the barrel. In a gesture of what was thought at first to be good will, Ken donated half of his prize, and graciously directed that there be a re-draw. This time around, he pulled his old mate Ossie King's name from the barrel! By this time suspicions were aroused, but it was too late!! Although sacked as raffle-drawer, Ken was completely unfazed, and returned smiling to his seat clutching his bottle of port...***[Ed: at least he would have done so if our esteemed Treasurer had remembered to bring it - instead what he actually carted off was a piece of beer stained cardboard on which someone had written the words "good for wun port" (sic) in red crayon].***

All agreed that the Association's first ever AGM had been a triumph, and after several cleansing ales, members drifted out into the cool night air. Some shots of the AGM appear below:



George Boucher & Peter Arbuckle



Charles Crouch, Chris West, Greg Smith & Greg

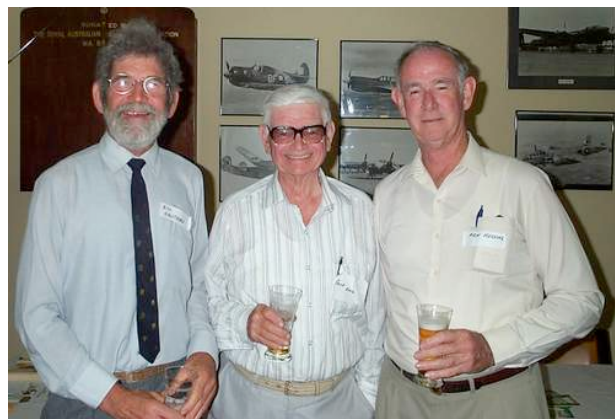
AGM 2001 Report

Photos & text by Michael Jenkin

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Watched by Michael Jenkin, Ken Keesing feigns surprise as he draws his own name out in the raffle



Bill Hawthorn, Ossie King & Ken Keesing



Dorothy Cantoni, Greg Smith & Paul Evans



Chris Page and Former "Soldier of the Year" David Knight



Ray Galliot, John Kargotich, Greg Willis & David Wee



Scott Simpson, Viktor Komaromi & Shaun Chapman



Peter Arbuckle assists with the raffle – at least he didn't pull his own ticket out!

NEW PRODUCT!!

Association Stubby Holders

Quality Association stubby holders are now available 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. Thanks go to Association stalwart and Treasurer Shaun Chapman for his hard work in organizing this project.

To get hold of an Association stubby holder, either come along to a monthly meeting, or order by post. If ordering by post, send your cheque to the Association at PO Box 317, Kalamunda WA 6926, adding \$2.00 postage.

The scans below give some idea what the stubby holder looks like. Basically 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!

[Ed: Surely the words "But wait there's more" should appear somewhere in this blatant advertorial...]

SIDE A



SIDE B



Song Book

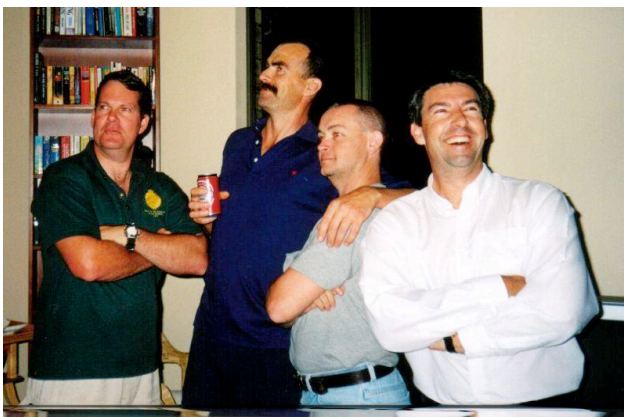
Originally issued in 1984 when printing technology was prehistoric and production values low, the song book has been reprinted for the modern era. It maintains its political incorrectness, and is a vital piece of kit that should be carried at all Association functions.

Price: \$2.50 (includes postage)

Association Port

Bottled for the "Back to the Regiment" Reunion on 14th October 2000, this hand-selected port has the critics raving. We are constantly asked how it is possible to bring you such a premium quality port at such a low price. This quality port is still available in limited quantities. Price: \$12.50 (includes postage)

Jeff "Rudeman" Peterson and his lovely wife Julie made a pre Christmas visit to Perth. Making the most of this visit, ex-A Company Corporals Paul Tubman, Andrew Russell and Shaun Chapman caught up with Jeff to relive past glories over a few beers. Jeff is now based in Townsville (after a Corps transfer back to Airforce) and is, amongst other things, Mess PMC. Highly amusing when recalling the grief he dispensed to mess staff over the years.



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Could this be Dirk Van Noort's secret twin brother?
[Ed: the one with the short hair]

Below is an extract from the Modal Website where former "A" Company legend Andrew "Chukka" Russell makes an appearance. In the glowing reports on his successful career (well done Chukka) the following appears

"Andrew is a results orientated facilitator. Modal's customers often call upon Andrew's skills when strong negotiation and conflict resolution skills are required. His experience ranges from facilitating business planning and team building sessions to partnering agreements."

Those who remember Andrews wet mess exploits will be amused by the conflict resolution bit as causing conflicts was his forte back in the 1980s.

See:

http://www.modal.com.au/display_consultant.asp?id=10 for further info.



2001



Censored

1985

Sightings (continued)

By Shaun Chapman

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Dirk "Norscaman" van Noort and his lovely wife Erin, welcomed Christian Paul into the world on 4 January 2002. Christian weighed in at a healthy 4.3 kg (9lbs 3 oz) and was 52 cm long. Mother Erin is well and Dirk should hopefully have sobered up by now.

[Ed: and who knows, maybe he will join the Association some time this decade!]

Viewers of Channel 31 at Lunchtime on 16 January 2002 would have been bemused to see former WAUR "Solider of the Year" David Knight in a show titled "*So you want to be a Rocket Scientist*" in which David dispenses advice on career opportunities for those unhappy with their lot in life. Stay tuned for the next episode in which David deals with the vexed question of how to make a career out of marketing your bellybutton fluff...

Interesting Websites

With Dave Knight

Here is this quarter's list from David...

www.waurassociation.iinet.net.au

This one should go without saying. Have a look at the MIA photos and help ID some of the faces!

www.sofmag.com

God, America and Apple Pie are all better with a good war! Least that's what the one eyed writers of that old classic Soldier of Fortune magazine reckon. Many links and sales of T-shirts with things printed on them like "Osama – wanted Dead or Alive – Preferably Dead".

www.ufomind.com/area51/

An old "frozen" site but with many, many links to UFO, Area 51 and secret conspiracy theorists sites.

www.regiments.org

History site of Land Forces of Britain, the Empire and Commonwealth Forces. After a little mucking around – Military History / Nations / click on the map of Australia we get to us, lots of links to books, history, research material (VC winners, etc. to name some) about the Australian Army or Britain or the Empire of. WAUR is listed in the Register and Index of all the Regiments and Corps of Australia alphabetical index but has no further information other than the name. Some of the other Regiments and Corps have links to their sites from this page.

www.rmc.edu.au/part_time/uni_regts/waur.htm

The WAUR part says it's under construction and just lists the address and contact details.

www.apple.com/trailers

From here you can view movie trailers on line from a range of movie houses.

www.janes.com

Catalogue site for Janes range of publications and products. Also seemed to have some downloadable simulations available from the site.

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

Update: the Unit History Project is going full steam ahead, at this stage we have 1600 scanned images mainly photos, but an assortment of Parade cards, newspaper clippings and dining in night leaflets as well. I would like to thank Ken Keesing, Trevor Arbuckle, Geoff Simpson and Simon Bodycoat for handing over more items for the collection. Bart Simpson handed over 326 scans of photos from 1990 onwards – well done. The recent History Request innovation has resulted in two lost WAURiors coming out of the woodwork many thanks to Ray Galliot and Phil Sutherland for that, we have also got the sheet music, a CD and a short history on Nacht Lager en Grenada (many thanks to Ken Ambrose from the RGJ) which was the unit march for 1956-57 before being knocked on the head by Western Command and replaced with Sons of the Brave (the original unit march), we still need the sheet music and a short history of Sons of the Brave (Can anyone help). Grant O'Neil is hard at work digitising both unit marches, one from an vinyl LP (Thanks Trevor Arbuckle). Eventually all this info will be on the Website and in future WAURiors.

Website: The Website has had a facelift, our over worked, underpaid but dedicated “beastmaster” Bart Simpson has done an outstanding job putting it all together. The Members page is nearing completion. This password protected area will have past Minutes, WAURiors and the more risqué photos among other things. Once that has been sorted work will start on an expanded history page with photos from each era. Viktor Komaromi and Bart (the Associations IT team) are also working on Web casting association events and short Movie clips on the Website. If you have ideas for the site or can help please contact Bart or myself.

Future Directions: often after listening to me babble on about the latest bit of WAUR trivia to emerge I am asked where are we going. So below is a very flexible 5 year plan.

By 1-2 years: Continue gathering photos and items of interest, Detail each of the Barracks occupied by WAUR, set up a static display of the unit's history.

By 2-3 years: Detail each annual camp held by WAUR with locations numbers and highlight stories.

By 4-5 years: Write the book “WAURiors a history of the Western Australian University Regiment”.

As you can see there is a lot of work to do, even something as straight forward as researching a past barrack involves dealing with local councils and Government departments - a mission in itself.

What we really need to do is to document the mess stories that come out after a few beers, to that end we hope to interview our members to record their thoughts both individually and in groups from the same era. You can also help, below is an example of what we need, this was sent by sent in by Dom Fragomeni:

“An item of history that may be of interest. In 1975, WAUR obtained 84mm Carl Gustav RCLs. AN ATK team was formed consisting of Lt Ian Tindale, WO2 Dave Gill, Sgt Kim Hazelgrove, Cpl Ray White and the Privates Fragomeni (Ed Dom and his brother). Tim Mazzarol may have been in there, but I am not sure (he certainly was in there later). Some time later, in Feb of 1977, an ATK course and driving course were conducted together at Northam. That camp was one of the most enjoyable camps that I attended, bloody hard work but with a great team. Following up from that, we attended a range practice with another unit where a member of the other unit fired our entire allocation of 84 mm rounds spectacularly missing with all. It seems that nobody knew that we might have qualified people present.”

This is a good example because it contains full names, ranks, locations and dates. We need to record the humour, the highlights, the sheer affront of the WAURior, from the spotty pre-recruit to the omniscient CO - Don't dawdle! Put pen to paper and recount your WAUR adventures now!

VALE CALLS ON NATIONAL SERVICEMEN TO APPLY FOR MEDAL

National service who served between 1951 and 1972 can now apply for a medal marking the 50th Anniversary of the introduction of universal conscription in Australia, the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence, Danna Vale, announced today. Mrs Vale outlined the medal application process following advice from Government House that Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II had granted Royal Assent for the Anniversary of National Service 1951-1972 Medal (ANSM). "More than 300,000 former national servicemen are expected to apply for the ANSM and to help fast-track the process the Department of Defence has specially designed an application form," Mrs Vale said "The application, in the form of a purpose-designed statutory declaration, requires basic information relating to the national serviceman's service and will be available through the electorate offices of all Senators and Federal Members of Parliament, and State Branches of the National Serviceman's Association and the Returned and Services League of Australia. It can also be obtained via the internet at: www.defence.gov.au/dpe/dpe_site/honours_awards/

Eligibility for the medal will be dependent upon individuals having completed their national service obligation under either scheme. Mrs Vale said national servicemen or Nashos as they became known, were conscripted from all walks of life into military service during the 50's, 60's and 70's and the ANSM will recognise their contribution to the nation. "The ANSM obverse features a distinctive emblem representing the Navy, Army and Air Force, below the Federation Star. It is surrounded by the words Anniversary of National Service 1951-1972. "The medal's reverse features a central device of radial lines overlaid with the stars of the Southern Cross. Surrounding the device is a cog, symbolising the spirit of cooperation between the Australian Defence Force and the Australian community. "The medal ribbon colours are drawn from white, green and light blue representing the then colours of the Navy, Army and Air Force, while the central yellow and dark blue colours represent Australia's national colours of the time, with the outer ochre stripes representing the soil of Australia." The Anniversary of National Service 1951-1972 Medal will be worn immediately after long service awards with the Australian Order of Wearing. Mrs Vale said applications for the ANSM would be processed in receipted order and she hoped that a great many national servicemen would be able to wear their medal with pride on Anzac Day 2002.

**Don't forget that your Association website
is up and running!**

The address is:

www.waurassociation.iinet.net.au



circa 1985
Corporals Symakowski, Horvarth, Willis and Lamb



1986 - Eat Meat Night - Mounts Bay Road Depot
Jeff Peterson, Liam Boyd, Jerry Symakowski, Peter Arbuckle & Michael Jenkin

...WAUR received further notice by the general public when, in mid February 1956, as a contribution to the 1955 Festival of Perth, it presented a short play to mark its affiliation with the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry. This play depicted members Western Australian University Regiment learning from the ghosts of men of the 43rd and 52nd the battles of Canada, the Peninsula and the wreck of the Birkenhead. This was played in period uniform as an interlude between musical offerings by the Western Command Band in the new Supreme Court Gardens Orchestral Shell. A large audience, seated on the lawns, witnessed the presentation of a copy of the Regimental March of the "Ox and Bucks", to the Commanding Officer, Lt. Col. W.R.Bray by Major R.A. Newman, assistant director of the Australian School of Music. The Regimental March "Nachtlager in Grenada" was thence adopted as the march of the younger unit. Unlike British Light infantry, which marches at 140 paces to the minute, the University Regiment marches at a tempo of 120 paces to the minute. This new march replaced "Sons of the Brave" which had been in use for two years. A further link with the 43rd and 52nd was fashioned in October 1956 when Major General Sir John Winterton, KCB, KCMG, CBE, Colonel of the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry presented to the officers Historical Records of the two older Infantry Regiments, the volumes respectively 88 and 96 years old, at the time. The March "Nachtlager in Grenada" was first played before the Regiment when it paraded at Northam Camp the following month, the occasion being, the presentation of the Returned Servicemen's League Trophy for the second year. The President of the RSL, Mr. W. S. Lonnie, MVO, MC, carried out the function in the presence of the General Officer Commanding Western Command, Major General L.G.H. Dyke, CBE, DSO, and other officers of Western Command, University officials and members of the Northam Municipality. The numerical growth of the unit was shown to effect when all troops left camp in convoy to participate in a four-day battalion exercise, "Exercise Thoroughbred". Troops left transport to advance in simulated jungle conditions into guerrilla-infested territory. A firm base was established in isolated bush terrain and patrols dispatched to ferret out the enemy. All positions were dug in and overhead cover placed on pits. The only sufferers in this stage of preparations were the local spiders who were blasted into eternity by some little men using blank rounds for a purpose other than that for which they were issued! The Mortar and Machine gun pits had a business like appearance and the Battalion Command Post was well dug in and lined with maps. During one night attack, the combination of rifle blanks, Aldershot grenades MMG blank and gelignite explosions was sufficient to bring forth nostalgic comments from Directing Staff, Captains P. Bennet, and J. Church, who had been familiar with these and more savage noises in Korea. While the Unit was deployed in this position the newly appointed Commander of 13 Infantry Brigade, Brigadier J.C. Newbery paid a visit, touring the Battalion area from the Command Post to the foremost two-man weapon pit. It was a case of farewell on 1 May 1956 when the Regiment's first Regimental Sergeant Major, Warrant Officer, Class One H.C. (Chum) Vaisey moved to another posting. His position was taken by Warrant Officer, Class Two E. Lunn-Garner, who was formerly Company Sergeant Major, Support Company, 11th/44th Infantry Battalion, City of Perth Regiment. That evening the Brigade Commander Brigadier J.C. Newbery Paid his first formal visit to the Officers' Mess. Also paying his first Visit was the Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Colonel J.E. Barrett, OBE. With the expansion of the Unit, two factors affected a move to new Regimental Headquarters. The original buildings adjacent to the University had become too small to cope with the training by all Companies at the same time. Furthermore, the Crawley building had been passed into the hands of the University for the development of the Medical School...

The new Training Depot had been vacated by 10 West Australian Mounted Infantry for WAUR to occupy soon after returning from Annual Camp, in April 1956. The building itself, constructed in 1908 as a roller skating rink, contained a large concrete hall floor capable of holding all troops when paraded and separate Company offices and stores, the dearth of which had been felt in the original depot. The Camp of 1957 was interesting in that it provided us with a hurricane and a bushfire to deal with. The hurricane was the tail end of a summer cyclone which came down rather more southerly than usual and provided some brilliant lightning flashes around the hills of Northam. The Area Commander of the Northam Camp Major T. Howes, terminated his conversation with the Commanding Officer very hastily when lightning ran along the telephone wires overhead and quite close to the explosives store. All ranks were busy with hammers and nails fastening down suspected loose sheets of iron on roofs and windows. Visitors Day was abruptly shortened by an announcement that all light cars were to be ordered off the road. In actual fact the winds, though very strong were not too destructive, due to a last minute change in course of the cyclone. It was the aftermath of this storm, coupled with a pre-arranged display of atomic warfare that started the Regiment off on one of its regrettably not uncommon fire fighting excursions. For troops to realise the importance of digging in as protection against nuclear weapons, a demonstration of positions before and after the dropping of a 20-kilo atomic bomb was provided for Western Australian University Regiment and other persons of 13 Infantry Brigade and Western Command Group (other arms) by Engineers and Medical Corps. The detonation itself was a thing of pyrotechnic beauty, a large golden red fireball. The mushroom cloud dispersed sooner than was anticipated, due to the strong wind, actually the cyclone blowing itself out, which was responsible for spreading a sheet of flame over an expanse of tinder-dry scrub. The remainder of the afternoon was spent in observing, the wrecked defended position and fire fighting, but mostly fire fighting. The detonation, however, provided some rather trite detail for the local country newspaper. The Year 1957 also saw the retirement from Command of WAUR of Lt. Col. W.R. Bray after six years with the Regiment. He was dined out by members of the Officers' Mess at the Naval and Military Club on Saturday, 13 July 1957 and passed the Unit into the hands of Lt. Col. A. McD. Coward.

The month of May in Western Australia can be glorious or bring a deluge of early winter rains. 25 May, 1958 was, however, one of the best our climate can produce, and it was from a cloudless sky that a pleasantly warm sun shone down upon the lawn of Whitfield Court. The air held an atmosphere of excitement as, promptly at 2.30 p.m., the Regiment marched on to the parade line to the strains of "The Great Little Army". For the purposes of this ceremony the Regiment was drawn up in line of four companies with a number of troops used to line the ground. On the parade being dressed, the Regimental Sergeant Major WO1 E Lunn-Garner handed over to the Adjutant, Capt. J.O. Taggart who ordered the parade to fix bayonets and then posted the officers. Each Company was under the command of a Captain. No 1 Company Capt. J.J. Le Tessier, No 2 Company Capt. A.J. Anderson, No 3 Company B.J. Silbert and No 4 Company Capt. J.F. Hoare. The subalterns detailed for the Colours were Lieutenants M. H. Bungy and E.S. Carlin. The remaining subalterns were allotted two per company, they were: Lieutenants G.J. Melrose and A.B. Burns; C.R. Thomas and D.O. King; B.F. Pratt and J. Jewell; and R.E. Hopkins and G. Beyer. The Commanding Officer, Lt. Col. A. McD. Coward, took the parade from the Adjutant and all was in readiness. Prior to the arrival of the Regiment's official guests, the Regimental drummers under the Drum Major, Sergeant P. Buck marched out and made a drum pile across which were laid the Colours, uncased for the first time...

Distinguished visitors to be received by the parade were the Honorary Colonel, Colonel J.E. Barrett, O.B.E., The Chancellor of the University, Dr. A.J. Reid, C.M.G., I.S.O., The Commander of 13th Infantry Brigade, Brigadier J.C. Newbery, and the General Officer Commanding Western Command, Major General J.W. Harrison, O.B.E. At 2.50 p.m. the strains of the National Anthem and a present arms from the Regiment marked the arrival of His Excellency, the Governor of Western Australia, Lieutenant General Sir Charles Gairdner, K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., C.B., C.B.E., who, as representative of Her Majesty The Queen was to present the Colours to the Regiment. The Commanding Officer then escorted the Vice-Regal party on an inspection of the Regiment while the Band of Western Command played the inspection march "Colours". On His Excellency's return to the saluting dais the Ceremonial began. Lt. Col. Coward and the men made the Pledge of Dedication to the Colours and the officiating clergy representing the major denominations of the Christian Church consecrated, blessed and dedicated the Colours. This is thought to be the first occasion in Australia upon which Colours were co-consecrated. On behalf of the Anglican faith Chaplain-General, The Right Reverend Bishop C.L.Riley, C.B.E., V.D., assisted by chaplain A.H. Tassell, consecrated the Colours. Next, on behalf of the Catholic Church, Senior Chaplain E.E. Rogers assisted by Chaplain L.S. Leunig Blessed the Colours and on behalf of the other Protestant Denominations, Senior Chaplain A. Macliver, representing the Chaplain General, assisted by Chaplain R.B. Sparks dedicated the Colours. The Colours were then taken up by two Majors from the Regiment. The Queen's Colour by Major S.B. Blanchard and the Regimental Colour by Major J.R.C. Fisher. The subalterns detailed to carry the Colours moved forward, halted and knelt before His Excellency. The Queen's Colour was placed in the care of Lt. M.H. Bungey and Lt. E.S. Carlin received the Regimental Colour. Both officers then rose. It was clear that such a stirring sight moved the Governor, who now addressed the Regiment and charged them with the safe keeping of these symbols. The Officers bearing the Colours then turned about, the Regiment presented arms and to the buoyant notes of the General Salute the Regiment greeted for the first time its dedicated Colours. The Band then playing the National Anthem, the Colours were slow marched into the ranks. Western Australian University Regiment after 9 years, had its own Queens and Regimental Colours. Readers who, are familiar with procedures of such a nature will know that what follows is marching past in slow and quick time. It should then be recalled that with only part-time soldiering a satisfactory standard of slow marching could not be attained and rather than mar such an occasion, it was wisely decided that this should not be done. Western Command Band then moved across the front of the parade in slow and quick time playing "Scipio" and "Nacht Larger in Grenada" the Regimental quick march of our affiliated British Regiment the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry. Following this, the Colours, with an escort of three Sergeants were paraded down the line of the parade for all to see, to the tune of "By Land and Sea". Resuming their position in the centre of the line, the centre of the line, the Regiment marched past the Saluting Base in quick time to "Soldiers of the Queen" and re-formed on the inspection line. The Ceremony began to draw to its close as the first 16 bars of "The British Grenadiers" played the advance in Review Order, following which His Excellency received the farewell compliment of the present arms and left. The shadows were beginning to move across the lawns as the Regiment moved to the right in file and with the Band once more playing "Soldiers of the Queen" the sun shining on swords, bayonets and the golden Crests at the head of the Colour pikes the Parade marched off to conclude a most memorable occasion...**to be continued next time...**



**1953 B Coy at Guildford
River Crossing instruction by Ford**



**1960s Colour Party
Messrs Hoare, King, Roe, Keane, Keesing, Sivewright
about to take the Regimental Colours to Rottneest Island
[Try pulling a stunt like that today!]**

The following photos and captions are courtesy of Ken Keesing:



**1953 - WAUR B Company at Guildford
Ford, King, Beckett, Burns, Dean, Gatti, Ambrose**



**1955-6 WAUR Northam Army Camp
John Le Tessier & Ossie King**



**1953 - WAUR B Company at Guildford
King, Ambrose, Keane, Burns**

Peter Evans Marathon:

WAUR fielded teams and individuals in almost every Peter Evans Marathon event from the late 80's to the mid 90's, one year an "all Girls team" ran (as opposed to the teams entered by 11/28). The Peter Evans marathon started at the old Holdfast Barracks near the Causeway and went over the Bridge along the foreshore, up through Kings park, back over the Narrows bridge then along South Perth foreshore. It was about 18km. Peter Evans was a Sergeant in 16 Battalion who succumbed to cancer. In his memory, teams and individuals participated and paid an entrance fee that went to charity. Run like the CFA, the contents of your pack were checked to ensure that no one skimped on the weight.



The team of 1993 decided that the first aid post was the safest place to hang out!.

Past glories include Steve Trewin winning the 1989 individual run, with Mick Bruce coming 3rd in the same race. Other teams usually did quite well given the size of WAUR at the time. The shot below shows the team of 1992 - Messrs Ritchings, Murdoch, Trewin, Binning, Gloggner, Coventry and McCarthy:



Can you help: please send details to Chook of any stories you wish to see told in this column. We are especially interested in details on the Nannup log carry.

The following letter was sent to the Royal Green Jackets by WAUR in 1966...

Dear Editor,

This year of Grace, 1966, has seen a steady if quiet development in the life of the Regiment. This little diary of events treats only the highlights. Several staffing changes have taken place and there has been the usual crop of promotions. The year began on a very sad note when it was learned the Captain G.R. Belleville had been killed in action in Vietnam. A former Regular Officer who had served in the ranks in Korea, Graeme Belleville came to the unit in 1962 and commanded the Training Company for a period before the Regular Army life beckoned him back. His death in a Viet Cong ambush impressed on all ranks the purpose of our training, which he had so recently been teaching. His was the first death in action of a former member of WAUR. He was also the first graduate of the Officer Cadet School, Portsea, Victoria to give his life. Graeme's death meant that our adjutant, Captain Kevin Aspinall was posted to fill the vacancy in Vietnam and in his stead came Captain Andy Mattay fresh from service in Borneo. Two of our senior officers, Majors P.M.R. Smith ED, and D.E. Leslie ED, were transferred to the Officer Training Group. In their place came Major J.D. Thompson ED, and a crop of new subalterns, Lieutenants B.S. Pearson, A.E. King, R.D. Dalby, N. Norris and A.L. Pate received their first star. Our RSM, Warrant Officer Class I Joe Lee left us in mid year to take up the post of first RSM of the 8th Battalion Royal Australian Regiment which was raised in August. His place was taken by Warrant Officer Class I Lou Reid who had filled the same appointment with Melbourne University Regiment. Other changes included a Quartermaster's Commission for Lieutenant G FRANKLIN whom we expect to lose to an interstate posting soon. The middle of the year brought three interesting visitors to the unit. The first name will be familiar to some readers of this chronicle. Colonel P.R. Hayter MBE MO. The Colonel accompanied by our Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel M.A.S. Williams ED, toured the Regimental Depot on the night of July 12th and saw training in progress. He afterwards visited the messes and later spoke with all the officers. Despite Colonel Hayter's appointment being with the British Defence Liaison Staff in Canberra it nevertheless meant a journey of some 2,000 miles across our continent to visit us. Another Canberra visitor was Mr. Kim Beazley MHR, a member of the Opposition in the Federal Parliament and former schoolmaster. He addressed the...(missing text)...that all ranks had thoroughly appreciated this talk. Quite in contrast with the last visit, the following month a lecture team of the American National Aeronautics and Space Administration in association with the Australian Department of Supply arrived. It should be explained that from the time of Colonel John Glenn's first orbital flight, Perth has had a rather popular glow in the eyes of American space travellers. Perth, if you look at the map, is certainly one of the more isolated capital cities in the world and has earned the nickname "The City of Light" for its glow on the night side of the world. The space tracking station at Carnarvon some 500 miles to the north is a key link in space communications. Our lecturers were aided by sixteen very attractive models, however it should be mentioned that these were eight rockets and eight space vehicles and capsules. Demonstrations with liquid oxygen and flaming methylated spirits gave some small inkling of what a blast off could produce. Our last visitor brought us back to earth with the problems of casualty evacuation in Vietnam. Major Bruce Scott, RMO to the Special Air Service Regiment spoke to the unit in October showing also a movie film taken in close contact with the action. Looking at the social life in Offices' and Sergeants' messes we see that the Sergeants have gained a fine status symbol in the form of a magnificent refrigerator bar...[continued next page]....

...A more homely note is sounded in the Officers' mess where the families of four members increased to the tune of two sons and two daughters, presumably for the benefit of a population census conducted in the Commonwealth this year. In Australia the academic year runs from March to November so training is eased up in the second half of the year to take the pressure off at exam times and training follows pretty well known lines. With the annual camp held in the January vacation last camp is now water under the bridge and preparation for '67 is well under way at the time of writing. With 1967 about to march onto the desk calendars, all members of WAUR hope that the readers of this chronicle will have a successful year's training. We hope that any Green Jackets passing through Perth will not hesitate to sample the magnificence of our Swan – River and Lager. Best wishes, WESTERN AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITY REGIMENT

Open Letter from CO WAUR LT COL SEWELL - 1984

In the midst of the feverish preparations for Annual camp, you now have an added burden; a new CO to train. LTCOL Arbuckle handed over to me (LTCOL Peter Sewell) on 5 Dec 83, and I thought the "getting to know you" phase could be shortened if I wrote a few words on myself, my thoughts on training, and my philosophy of soldiering.

Myself:

My career in the ARES has been long and varied. It all started in Jan 59 when I served as a Pte in WAUR. After weaving through the ranks for about 9 years I was kicked out of the nest as a LT to serve in 16 RWAR. Having left the WAUR nest I served with 16 RWAR, OCTU, 11 IRC, 28 IRC and recently with the Reserve Command and Staff College (RCSC) not Retired Colonels Social Club. My last Regimental postings were: OC Spt Coy 16 RWAR, 2IC 11 IRC RWAR, OC B Coy 16 RWAR and OC 28 IRC RWAR. On first impressions you may find me to be the antithesis of LTCOL Arbuckle, but I hope you will find me just as dedicated to your training as he was. As with all changes of command, there are some changes I would like to see to make my life as your CO easier. I hope these will not be too traumatic for you as an individual.

My Thoughts on Training:

My aim for WAUR is to achieve your retention in the ARES through a thorough and high standard of training. To this aim I am truly dedicated, and nothing will daunt me, for I have been exposed to sub-standard training and I know how demoralising it is.

My Philosophy of Soldiering/Life:

You may find the process of thought confusing, but if you think about this philosophy, many things will become understandable to you.

STEP 1: If you have an enemy, you would not tell him what he is doing wrong. Conversely, if you have a friend you must tell him what he is doing wrong.

STEP 2: It is far easier to criticise someone else's performance than do the job yourself.

Conclusion:

From the two steps above, the logical deduction is: If you are a true friend, you must not allow any wrong to go uncorrected, and you as an observer can best do that for your friends. For those of you who do not know, the conclusion above is the exact definition of military "discipline" - that no error ever goes uncorrected. In training we learn by our mistakes so that we will not make them in war. Do not be embarrassed if you stuff up a task, just learn from the experience and tell others why you stuffed up so that they may learn from your mistakes.

Australia's military Reserve Forces are in a state of crisis with no solution in sight, according to Malcolm Brown:

From <http://www.smh.com.au/news/0105/14/features/features2.html>

It is a sad irony that at 100 years after the Australian Army was founded, from the part-time volunteers of six colonies, with a small coterie of professionals, the Reserve Forces of Australia are in a state of crisis. The body of men, and women, volunteers who provided the backbone of Australia's defence till after World War II, when the Commonwealth Government established a full-time, professional defence force, are now beset by plummeting numbers, prospective closure of units and training demands which reservist leaders describe as well-nigh impossible. The military has insisted that if the reservists are to take their place beside regulars in operational deployment, they must be able to perform like regulars. This, in terms of the sacrifices of time required of citizen soldiers and their employers, is wrecking the morale of a group whose spirit has always been present for the nation to call on in times of crisis. The spirit was certainly present in 1901, when 27,298 part-timers, including a Naval Brigade of 2,700 personnel, and a permanent staff of 544, decided that Australia was worth defending. The army is taken to have been founded on March 1 that year when Sir John Forrest was appointed Minister for Defence. On July 1, 1903, the formal disbandment of the State units was proclaimed and the title of Commonwealth Military Forces bestowed on new units. From that beginning, the likes of General Sir John Monash came and went, as did the former militiamen who fought on the Kokoda Track. They had trained on weekends, juggling work, family and military commitments, attending annual camps and proud of their status as citizen soldiers. The spirit lives to this day. Reserve Forces Day on July 1 will be effectively a centenary celebration for the Australian Army. But it is overshadowed by gloom. Changes introduced within the Reserve Forces and by legislation over the past two years, aimed at overhauling the reserves, have on the face of it been good. The reserves - previously relegated to the role of home guard, providing a domestic defensive capacity while other units were deployed overseas - have now been made available for non-warlike operations such as peacekeeping in Bougainville and East Timor, disaster relief and humanitarian work. Where previously they had to leave the reserve units and enlist for active service, reservists can now be engaged directly in such operations. But the training needed for such deployments, in the eyes of the army, needs to be substantially enhanced. Full-time regulars have previously looked down on the "chocolate soldiers" or "cut-lunch commandos". The military believes that to come up to scratch, the reservists must have more and better training. Hence initial training, which used to be two weeks full-time, followed by periodic training at community-based units, has been replaced by a requirement for 45 days initial training, effectively seven weeks, with further lengthy periods for continued training. The cry has immediately gone up: what bosses are ever going to let an employee go for as long as that? The impossibility many potential reservists are confronting means that many have declined to sign up or have withdrawn. Instead of augmenting of Australia's defensive capacity, the changes have weakened the reserves. Where there were 26,000 five years ago, there are now 14,000 and numbers are continuing to decline. Colonel Graham Fleeton, State president of the Defence Reserves Association, told the *Herald* the system - with its seven weeks of basic training and longer periods afterwards, instead of two weeks initially and further training in local units - had proved unworkable. The Commonwealth Auditor-General has confirmed there are serious problems. His report last week said reserve numbers had fallen to a deplorable state, producing "hollowness" in the reserve structure.

...The Auditor-General said the problem was so serious the Defence Force now had the choice of "maintaining a relatively large and ill-trained reserve or transforming it into a smaller and better-resourced structure more able to link in with the permanent army". Major-General Warren Glenny, national president of the Defence Reserve Association, said what was needed was a total return to unit-based recruiting rather than the remote capital city-based centralised system operating over the past four years. He strongly disagreed with the report, saying it blamed the reserve for failures in recruiting, and "hollow units", when decisions about these matters had been made and implemented by Defence. "The association is not prepared to see the reserve and the communities it draws from suffer," he said. "The current situation is not caused by the reserve and should not be used as justification to disband units. When is the Government going to make a strong policy statement, supporting an ongoing reserve, that will warn off the detractors, all of whom have their own agendas?" Mr Bruce Scott, Minister for Veterans' Affairs, whose portfolio takes in reserve forces, stands by the Government's policy. "Reserves play a vital role in the defence of Australia and Reserve volunteers have also made significant contributions to our successful commitments in Bougainville and East Timor. In excess of 1,000 reservists have given service in East Timor." The Governor-General, Sir William Dean, patron-in-chief of Reserve Forces Day and a former member of the Citizen Air Force, in a recent speech praised the reserves' contribution in war and peacetime operations such as at the Olympic and Paralympic Games. The military has defended the present system where reserves, on official figures, come to 16,800, and with 6,000 "inactive" reservists could number 23,000 personnel. Military spokesperson Squadron Leader Jo Elkington said the Defence Reserve Service Act, 2000 produced "historic changes" which would "greatly enhance the contribution made by the reserves and will permit the Defence force to operate in all circumstances as an integrated total force ... these changes will allow the training and employment of reservists in the same circumstances as regular personnel and provide a wider range of response options". The Defence Legislation Amendment Act, 2001, provides for call-out of reservists for non-warlike operations. It enables the Government to compensate employers, students and self-employed reservists, subject to certain criteria, for allowing employee-reservists for undertaking continuous defence service. The Defence Reserve Service (Protection) Act, 2001, provides for protection of reservists against discrimination, such as an employer not wanting to put someone on if that person might be called out for military service. It also provides for other forms of protection so that a reservist does not suffer a disadvantage. It is also introducing a degree of flexibility, including splitting initial training into two periods of about three weeks each. But even with this, the necessity of meeting such training requirements, which require travel to places such Wagga Wagga, imposes a burden. Many employers, though obliged to obey the law in regards to call-out, are resentful of it. Similar protection provisions applied under the old National Service Act and some employers found ways of circumventing it, such as sacking an employee on the eve of their call-up so they did not have to give them their job back after two years. The immediate imposition now is demands of training time. "If they [the military] had more interaction with the commercial world, they would realise the sorts of things they are asking don't work," Colonel Fleeton said. The military did not realise that the commercial world was tougher now, and employer's demands were tougher. The requirement for more training time extended to all levels. A man who worked for a major bank was a reservist but needed seven weeks off to go to the Royal Military College, Duntroon, to train for a commission but had been unable to get the time off.

"Prior to these changes, a system operated that allowed a person to become competent as a soldier but at the same time live a sensible and ordered civilian life," Colonel Fleeton said. The Reserve Forces did come up several years ago with an initiative called Exercise Executive Stretch, which involves getting employers out in army fatigues and roughing it in bivouacs so they at least will empathise with employees who want to do service with the reserves. "They are taken in section groups of 10 and put through a number of challenges," said a retired Lieutenant-Colonel. "The civilians are senior and junior managers and they see the junior non-commissioned officers leading them and they can relate that to their own leadership role in their own company. They have got to be fit and they work in a team environment." But that only works with some employers. Today's employers who have not seen World War II service, and with no experience of the pre-war militia, have not got the same attitude that employers had of old. And with rationalisation of staff numbers in so many companies, such as banks, there is no longer the same pool of personnel. And beyond that, the military's insistence that the highest training is necessary for operational service is a barrier not only in terms of time but in attitude. "The military are saying that the reservist has got to be exactly like a regular soldier," the retired Lieutenant-Colonel said. "That is ridiculous. The reservist goes home and the regular soldier just keeps on training. But the value of civilian soldiers is that they have their own skills and their own perspective which they put to military use, and these in their own right represent a huge national resource which should never be underestimated. They have also provided a large pool of potential manpower for the regular forces. The military is making a huge mistake in adopting a regime that is going to deprive the defence of that resource."

Army Cadets seek Sam Browne belts & Swords

By Michael Jenkin

[Ed: normally, begging letters such as the one printed below would not be tolerated in this esteemed publication. However, its presence is explained by the fact that I wrote the begging letter and I also edit the Newsletter...]

As some readers may be aware, in addition to being the sometime editor of this Newsletter, I am also the Training Officer for Australian Army Cadets Western Region. Australian Army Cadets is a volunteer organisation that provides youth development training to young men and women in a military setting. In Western Region, there are over 1,661 cadets in 26 units. One component of training within Australian Army Cadets is drill and ceremonial training. Cadets are currently involved in numerous ceremonial activities each year including unit parades, Australia Day, Anzac Day and Remembrance Day as well as various other Unit and Corps commemorations. I am seeking donations of Infantry pattern swords and/or Sam Browne belts. These items would be worn by senior cadets of the rank of Cadet-under-Officer as well as the Cadet RSM. Being able to correctly attire senior cadets on ceremonial activities will have a number of important benefits. For senior cadets, these items represent an acknowledgement of the dedication and commitment they have displayed in achieving the highest cadet rank within Australian Army Cadets. For more junior cadets, the possibility of wearing these items acts as a positive and important motivation to aspire to achieve high rank. I realise that this is a big ask. I can assure the Association that all donated items will be treated with the utmost respect and care. All donations will be acknowledged with a special certificate. I can be contacted on (08) 9444 87 54 (home) or (08) 9264 1694 (work). I can also be reached by fax on (08) 9264 1440 or e-mail at: jenkin@iinet.net.au.

Another excellent Railway of Death tour is being organised by the DRA. The cost is approximately \$1750 (includes all accommodation and most meals). The draft itinerary is as follows:

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| 1 | Wed 6 Nov: PERTH to BANGKOK (BKK) | ROYAL BENJA |
| 2 | Thu 7 Nov: BKK TO AYUTTHAYA
Visit Ancient Capital of Ayutthaya
Lunch cruise Chao Phraya River
Return to BKK. Dinner at Hotel | ROYAL BENJA
Meals: B/L/D |
| 3 | Fri 8 Nov: BKK TO HOME PHU TOEY RESORT
Visit Nakhon Pathom Temple, Kanchanaburi & Chenkai War Cemeteries en route
Visit Ban Pong (Start of Burma Thai Railway) | HOME PHU TOEY
Meals: B/L/D |
| 4 | Sat 9 Nov
Visit Khao Laem Dam (a Snowy Mountain Project)
Sanghaburi Monastery, Three Pagodas Pass
Evening – Light & Sound Show – History of the Bridge over the River Kwai | HOME PHU TOEY
Meals: B/L/D |
| 5 | Sun 10 Nov
To Hintock Road & Hintock River POW Camp sites.
Visit Sai Yoke Yai Waterfall & Raft down river
(Lunch on Board) Free late afternoon | HOME PHU TOEY
Meals: B/L/D |
| 6 | Mon 11 Nov
Morning: Hell Fire Pass War Museum
Observe Remembrance Day – 11 am
Afternoon: walk Burma Thai Railway Memorial Trail | HOME PHU TOEY
Meals: B/L/D |
| 7 | Tue 12 Nov
Visit Prasart Muang Singh 12 th Century walled Settlement & Ban Kao Neolithic Museum
Jeath Museum, Lunch
Cross the Wampo Viaduct by train (return Journey)
Revisit Kanchanaburi cemetery if time permits. Return to Home Phu Toey | HOME PHU TOEY
Meals: B/L/D |
| 8 | Wed 13 Nov
Return to BKK | ROYAL BENJA
Meals: B/L/D |
| 9 | Thu 14 Nov
Morning at leisure – leave for airport at 1.00 pm
Return to Perth 4.30 pm. | ROYAL BENJA
Meals: B/L/D |
| 10 | Fri 15 Nov
Arrive Perth early morning. | |

For bookings and further details, contact Peter Winstanley -
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The AGM of the Defence Reserves Association is to be held at the Army Officers Mess Leeuwin Barracks, Riverside Drive, East Fremantle, on Sun 10 March followed by Buffet Lunch at cost of \$21. (Members may bring their spouse)

Format 1030 Briefing Nov Thailand trip
 1100 AGM Members only Guests enjoy view from Balcony
 1230 Buffet lunch

Why not come along support the DRA and also have a good time!

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Once were WAURiors...

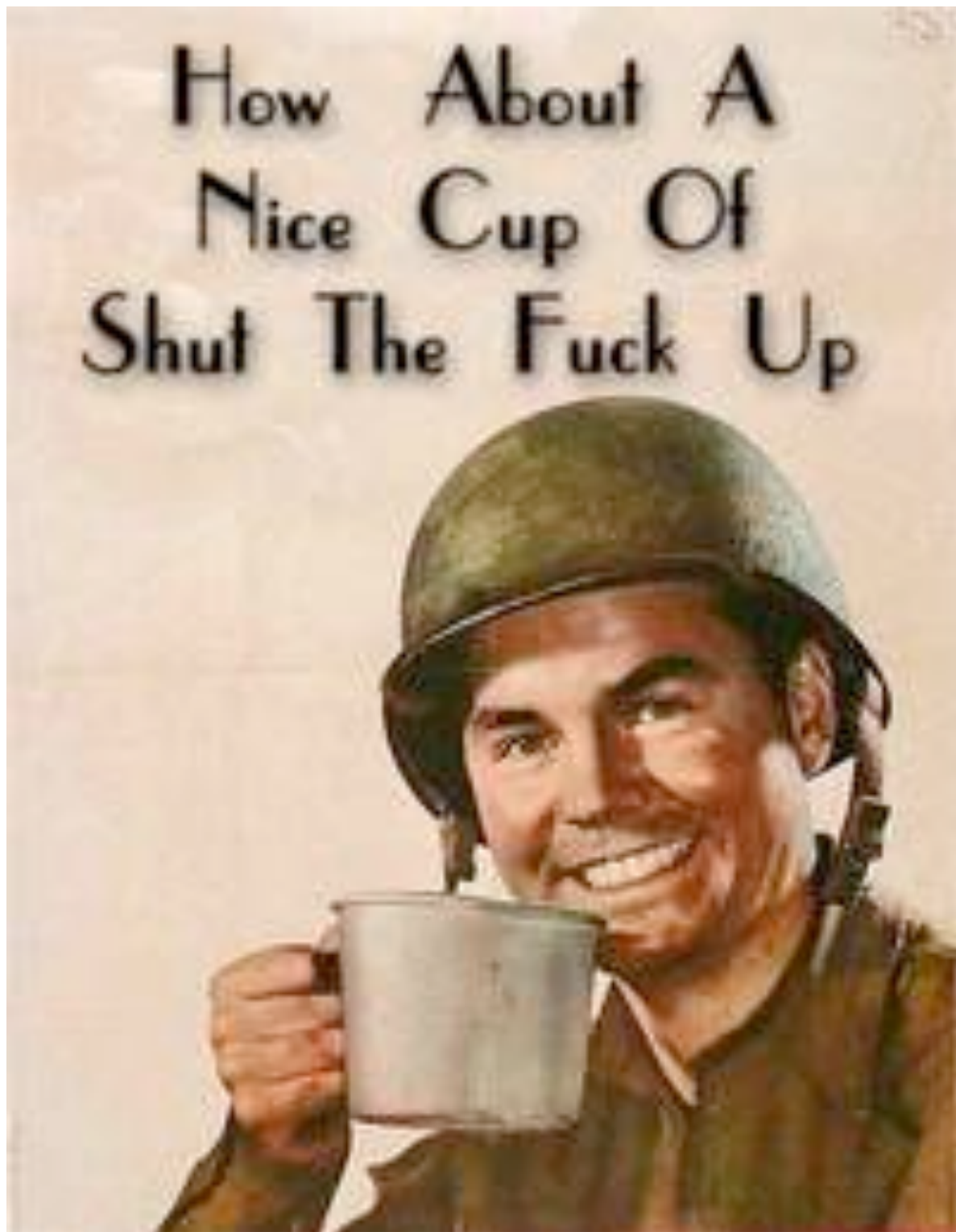


1952 - One of the first officers commissioned in WAUR, Roger Jones steps out on St Georges Terrace



2000 - Roger Jones auditions for a role in a play

How many times have you come across someone you would like to say this to?



Quotable Quotes

"We only have sex once a year and every time I get pregnant" Lisa Richards (nee Johnson) bemoaning life with soon to be member and former WAUR legend Martz.