



The WAURior

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

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Ramblings from the Treasurer By Shaun Chapman

Well here we are a couple of weeks out from the end of the financial year 2001! The Association has been officially alive for 4 months and busy months they have been too! The remainder of this newsletter will fill you in on what's been happening. Currently, our two biggest pushes are getting people enlisted in the WAUR Association and scanning the boxes of photos at the Barracks. Many thanks to those of you who have sent in scans of photos - we also need all of you to act as recruiters for us. We have some big plans and there is a lot of talk of upcoming events and possibilities – a July Sun downer, the Mid October reunion at the "Farm" and the first Tuesday of the Month parade nights are definite. Other ideas being floated are hiring out some cabins at Tone River, a trip to the old Kingston Barracks on Rottnest and perhaps a gathering at the old Mounts Bay Road and UWA sites. Also on the cards is a "Scanfest" at Artillery Barracks – involving a day copying all that we can find with scanners, digital cameras and video.

I would like to thank those of you that have made the effort to attend Anzac Day and the Association nights so far, and hope you have enjoyed yourself and will continue to attend association functions. I would also like to thank the staff of WAUR for their ongoing support for what we are doing and huge thankyou to the Royal Green Jackets for their efforts.

★ SUNDOWNER ★ FRIDAY 6 JUL 01 ★

The Association's second social function for the year (the first being the Anzac Day get together) will be a sun downer on **Friday, 6 July 2001 at 1715 hrs.** The sun downer will be held downstairs in the Diggers & Dealers Bar, WA Club located at 101 St Georges Terrace Perth. Go in through the main door, head left and take the stairs down to the bar. Minimum dress standard at the Club is a collared shirt and trousers. This will be a great chance to meet up and have a few drinks! Bar snacks are provided and there will be some money on the bar. Look forward to seeing you there!

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

March 2001: Trevor Arbuckle: 1980-83; Dorothy Cantoni: 1980-83; Shaun Chapman: 1982-92; Charles Crouch: 1983-86; Paul Evans: 1978-81; Sue Field: 2000-current; Ron Gregor: 1955-92; Michael Jenkin: 1983-87; Brendan Lewis: 1984-86; Justin Reading: 1989-94; Les Stewart: 1955-91; Grant Thompson: 1985-98; Greg Willis: 1980-82; Alan Wright: 1967-79; Dario Zaffiro: 1981-87.

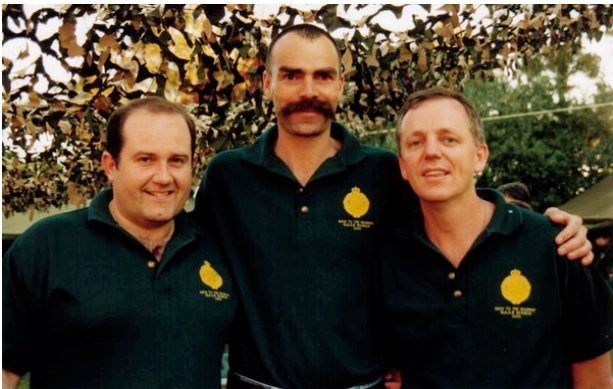
April: Ray Galliot: 1968; David Knight: 1983-88; Michael Mathews: 1978; Stephen McCarthy: 1979; Tasman Nolan: 1993-99; Julie Vintiner: (Associate); David Wee: 1981-85; Bruce Willis: 1983-87.

May: Kevin Bailey: 1999-current; Barry Cugley: 1984-90; Vanessa Darrell: 1983-91; Jamie Hislop: 1985-89; Marisa Hislop: 1989-90; Andrew Jarvis; Hugh Ritchie: 1982-83; John Rozentals: 1959-63; Vincent Smith: 1984; Greg Smith; Phil Sutherland: 1979-85; Jerry Szymakowski: 1982-87; Steven Trewin: 1983-95; Andrew Webb: 1984-current; Chris West.

Where a member is currently serving in a unit other than WAUR, only the first year of service with WAUR is shown. (*Ed: Happy now Chook? – apologies dear reader, yet another private gag*)

Committee "Parade" Nights

You are very welcome (and in fact encouraged) to visit the Association's Room from 9.00 pm or so on the First Tuesday of every month. Your Committee "parade" at the Unit's current home – the magnificent Artillery Barracks, Burt Street, Fremantle. The Association room is located on the ground floor of the left hand wing of the Barracks. Just head for the left-hand front of the building, come up the small stairs, through the door and there we are - first door inside, hard left. Look for the Association sign on the door. Your committee members are:



Left to right:

Chairperson: John Kargotich
Treasurer: Shaun Chapman
Secretary/Editor: Michael Jenkin

Current Unit News

RSM leads Colour Party

On 10 March 2001, the RSM WAUR, WO1 Kevin Bailey led a Colour Party taking part in Army's 60th Birthday celebrations in Canberra. The Colour Party comprised Captain S Edmunds, Captain D Sutton, WO2 G Skinner and WO2 Brown.

A photograph of the event appear over the page...

WO2 Geoff Skinner

WO1 Kevin Bailey (RSM)

WO2 Steve Brown



Capt Shane Edmonds

Capt Dave Sutton

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Photograph courtesy of WO1 Kevin Bailey

The threatening clouds did not stop the "Dirty Dozen" assembling on St Georges terrace to March with the Veteran contingent as guests of the Defence Reserves Association (see photo), Trevor Arbuckle, Brian Dawson, Ernie Polis and a couple who escape me at present also Marched making a total of 15 plus Ex WAUR not a bad turnout for the first association Anzac Day. Of course only a special breed would voluntary march in the rain and then stand in the rain drinking ice cold beer but it was Anzac day after all.

The March went well despite a last minute change from three files to five and several step changes. Cheering crowds, a perfect mark time and take off, an eyes right at the assembled dignitaries, a quick unofficial eyes left at the service personnel on Langley park then double time to the Anzac house "Beer Garden" where old mates caught up.

On a personal note it did my heart well to see a dozen or more WAURiors standing around in a circle swapping bullshit stories and laughing it up even if they were using my son's pram as an Esky.

As the afternoon wore on the stories got better and better as beer enhanced memory's came flooding back, Just when we thought it could get no better a Volvo load of 17 year old girls dressed to kill had a bingle outside of Anzac house to the raucous cheers of 200 drunk diggers – Beer, Bullshit and entertainment – what more could you ask for.

The stayers ended up with Montechristo Cigars and the world's finest single malt whisky, care of David Wee's hospitality then went on to rock Karrakatta.

Already there is talk of Anzac day 2002 complete with a Gunfire Breakfast all I can say is if you have ever marched in uniform when you served you simply have to march with the Veteran contingent it is a outstanding experience.



Left to Right:

Colin Abbott, Bart Simpson, David Wee, Barry Cugley, Mick Bruce, David Knight, Shaun Chapman, Steve Lang, Charles Crouch, Den Heliams, Paul Tubman, Greg Willis and Friend.

Photo courtesy of Sarah Tubman

When people ask me where I went on my recent holiday and I say "Gallipoli for Anzac Day", it is amazing how many say: "Really, I have always wanted to do that". Many Australians, myself included, seem to regard the trip as a kind of pilgrimage. The reasons why so many of us feel this way are not easy to articulate. I recall trying to explain the significance of Anzac Day to some English guys – this is not easy under ideal conditions. I certainly do not recommend attempting it in the context of a noisy smoke filled English pub. The wonderful thing about coming home, is that it is not necessary to answer such questions - Australians simply know.

Anzac Day for me started at 0220 hours, when I woke with a start and realised that I had been asleep for about an hour and a half. I got up, dressed quickly and stumbled about on automatic pilot, watching in mild amusement as my good mate and travelling companion did the same. After a short while, we went downstairs to the foyer of "Anzac House" (our comfortable enough backpacker hostel in Çanakkale – our home for 4 days) and looked for our Turkish tour guide – a nice enough bloke who spoke virtually no English, and who rejoiced in the somewhat unlikely name of "Ralph". From Çanakkale, we travelled by ferry across the Dardanelles to Eceabat, a smallish town on the Peninsula and the staging point for the largest number of buses I have ever seen in one place.

Not much was said during the crossing, and I think most of us were thinking about the original Anzacs, who at about the same time as we chugged across in our lumbering steel ferry, were making ready to get into tiny wooden boats, to be towed towards Anzac Cove and on into history. We made it to North Beach (where the ceremony has been held since 2000 on account of the numbers) at about 0300 hrs. By that time, there were people everywhere and I can well understand why estimates put the crowd at somewhere between fifteen to twenty thousand.

As to the Dawn Service, in my little trip diary I wrote:

"The whole thing was quite, quite special. Cool morning, breeze at times fresh, cold in the stillness - the waves lapping the shore, waiting...Part way through the ceremony a bird flew fast and low over the crowd. A sort of victory roll."

Several things struck me about Gallipoli. The first was the scale. Everything is much smaller than I imagined. The main features are closer, the beach at Anzac Cove is much narrower. At times I felt like I was walking around a model of the place I had imagined in my mind's eye. The other thing is how stunningly beautiful the Peninsula is. The yellowish sandy rocks of the Sphinx and Plugge's Plateau, the dark green scrub, the pale blue of the Aegean, all combine to fool you into thinking that you are actually at some remote, rugged holiday resort. Suddenly your mind registers the fact that amongst all of this, young blokes fought and died in their thousands.

It is difficult to hold onto to this thought though, and again and again, the sheer beauty of the place mesmerises you. As dawn broke over the Peninsula, the only sound to be heard was made by the waves lapping against the shore.

Now and then you could have sworn that you heard snatches of sound – shouts, explosions, screams...then you realise it is only your imagination...

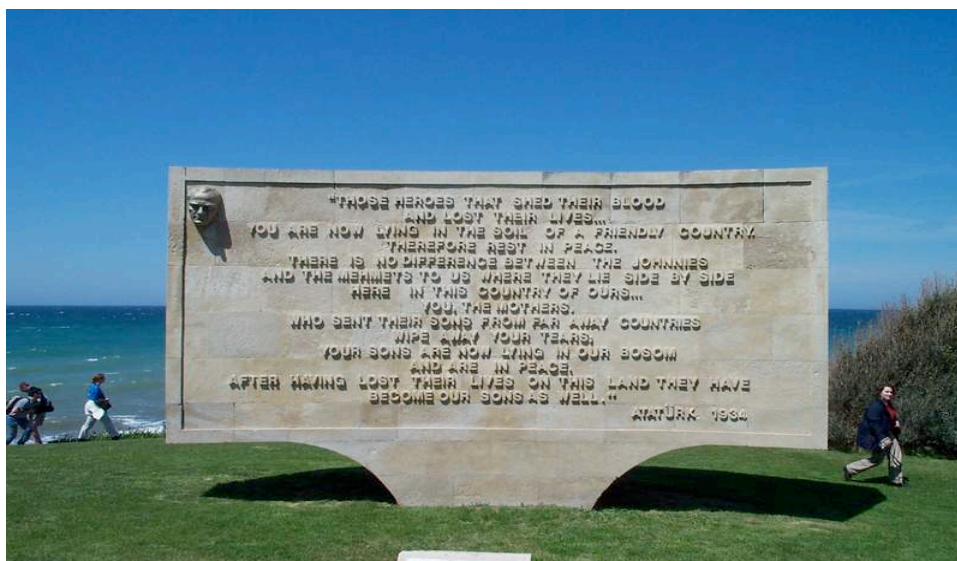
I will never forget the clear piercing notes of the Last Post, ringing out through the stillness, as the Sphinx and Plugge's Plateau slowly emerged in the dawn half-light. The feelings that flash through your mind are indescribable – but suddenly, almost unwittingly, you realise why you had to come.

In stark contrast to the Dawn Service was the Australian service at Lone Pine at 1100 hrs. Although the dignitaries and most of the crowd were the same, there was an almost festive atmosphere prior to the service. The Navy Band pumped out "Click go the Shears" and "Road to Gundagai" and the crowd clapped and cheered. Dignitaries were greeted with rapturous applause as they arrived and took their seats. War veterans who were called forward to take up spare seats in the official enclosure were given a standing ovation.

The sun shone and people relaxed in the balmy conditions. No one said anything, but everyone knew what was happening – the emotional spring, wound tight during the Dawn Service, was slowly unwinding a little. In fact it was Australians at their best – spontaneous, joyful, proud. The moment the MC approached the microphone, the crowd was suddenly still – ready to again do its job. Lone Pine, though different in character to the Dawn service, was also moving – poems were read by the young, sacred odes were read by the old, we sang hymns and listened – and watched. Suddenly it was over.

But there was one more duty to perform. The New Zealand service at Chunuk Bair entailed a 5 kilometre walk in warm sunny conditions. It felt good to be doing something physical, and as we ascended the steep slopes of that mighty feature, it became clear why so many men had died trying to capture and hold it. The New Zealand service was more low key. Perhaps less powerful, certainly no less meaningful. Soon it too was over. In my diary I wrote:

"Feeling elated, and though a little tired, very, very contented – at peace with the world. A feeling of having achieved something, a duty done, a pilgrimage completed...."



**Turkish Monument – Ariburnu (just North of Anzac Cove)
24 April 2001**

A couple of photos I took on Anzac Day 2001:



Looking towards Anzac Cove just after Dawn



Australian service at Lone Pine about to start



New Zealand service at Chunuk Bair about 1.45 pm

Photographs in this article courtesy of Michael Jenkin

In 1987, WAUR fielded a youthful and enthusiastic Tug of War team at the Royal Show's inaugural Tug of War State Titles. In the aftermath of that eventful day, (during which WAUR took an end off 2 Base in the longest tug of the day), a small group of very drunk and weary WAUR tuggers descended on side show alley wearing green foam frogs on their heads. So it was that the Frog Squad was born. The Frog Squad set the standard for royal show behaviour and in the opinion of those who were there, has been equalled since but never quite beaten!

In 1988, the Frog Squad got its own uniform, which was elaborated on in preceding years to form the "Full Battle Kit" we know today. Over time members of the Frog Squad were "Christened" with a Frog name relating to a particular or event.

Also in 1988 the Squad earned its well deserved notoriety by steadfastly refusing to abandon the pants-down weigh-in tradition established the year before. The Frog Squad has since refused to bow to convention and has every year been threatened with expulsion for its wanton luridness.

1988 also saw the introduction of fascinating get togethers, which passed for "meetings" including the much revered port'n'porn nights. These feeble excuses to get fall-down drunk with your mates on a week night were a real test of fortitude. Due largely to the huge mess created at these meetings a change in direction was called for and in 1989/90, the Frog Squad's regular meetings moved to Steve's Hotel, the Briar Patch and then back to Steve's.

The crowning glory of the Frog Squad's on-field achievements was undoubtedly the winning of the State Title catch weight division in 1993. The WA Tug of War Association was totally perplexed because the Frog Squad was just not meant to win! The other teams had excuses, but the Frog Squad had the Trophy! How proudly the WATOWA's most coveted prize sat above the bar at the Briar Patch.



The Frog Squad has always fielded a team at the State Titles and in 1994 actually fielded a team in the 640, 720 and catch weight divisions. This has never been repeated and with good reason, it hurt a lot! Most hard-core tugger's wardrobes are testimony to the successes of the Frog Squad's on-field endeavours with a string of seconds, thirds and (mostly) fourths in all divisions. Above all however the Frog squad has always shown the other teams how it should be done off the rope, whilst remaining fiercely competitive on the rope. OK, OK that may be stretching things a bit but no one ever accused the Frog Squad of not having a sense of humour.

Finally, much to the chagrin of the WATOWA, the Frog Squad has always attracted more public attention than all the other teams in the competition put together. Last year, Frog Squad Escargot was interviewed, pants down, live on the Verity James Radio Show with accompanying backing vocals from similarly disrobed Frogs. The Frog squad also made an impact at the Fremantle Sardines Festival in 1994 and even featured in the Channel 7 news after a particularly eventful Royal Show.

[One member of the team even featured on a St John's Ambulance training video
but that is another story...Ed.]



Two platoons were first raised at the University and then, in July 1951, a third platoon was raised at the Teachers' Training College, Claremont. This platoon was commanded by Captain H.J.A. Ford, Sociology lecturer at the College. Although the Teachers' College platoon was essentially part of the Regiment its training was conducted at Claremont. Young men attending the Teachers' College provided a fine recruiting potential and the third platoon was composed of twenty nine volunteers. Later as National Service men swelled the ranks the Claremont detachment became 'B' Company with three platoons. Variety seems to have been the keynote in the early days in respect of Camps for between February 1950 and February 1951 three 14-day Camps were held at Rottneest Island, Swanbourne Rifle Range and Guildford Camp. These camp dates were arranged so that they came either following the completion of final exams in late November or in the early part of the year before the study period began. These dates were the most suitable as no time was lost by the students either from their studies or between closure and opening of the University. It also allowed them an unbroken period in which to follow some vocational occupation, this latter being vital as a large number of students depended on money thus earned to assist them financially during the following year's study.

The following transfers were made:

Capt A.H. Morton, DFC	Transferred to 16 Inf Bn,
Lt R.T. Jones	Transferred to 28 Inf Bn
Lt M.J. Hood	Transferred to 11/44 Inf Bn
Lt A.B. Lawrence	Transferred to 28 Inf Bn
Lt J.F. Hoare	Appointed to 28 Inf Bn
Lt B.J. Parkes	Appointed to 16 Inf Bn

The Regiment suffered a loss when Lieutenant Colonel Sublet was forced, by pressure of work in his civil occupation, to relinquish command on 28 February 1953. Major W.R. Bray who had been seconded to WAUR as Senior Officer Instructor for the OCTU was appointed to administer Command of the Regiment from 1 March 1953 and was later appointed Commanding Officer with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel on 1 July 1954. In August 1951, the establishment was increased by the addition of an Officer Cadet Training Company, allowing for one hundred and forty four members as students with a staff of six officers, two Majors and four Captains, as instructors. These officers were seconded from their parent units to this task. Vacancies for Cadets were available to all Western Command Citizen Military Force Units all nominees being subject to a psychology test; Lieutenant Colonel F.H. Sublet, DSO, MCI who had commanded 16th Infantry Battalion, Cameron Highlanders of Western Australia from 1948 was appointed to command on 9 August 1951.

Acknowledgment should here be made of the work of Captain Morton who had guided the unit through a very delicate stage until, at the time of relinquishing his command, it was firmly established with a recruitment of two officers and sixty-three other ranks. It is interesting to compare this figure, one almost identical, with the recruitment figures of the Oxford University Officer Training Corps, a British Territorial Army unit which, for the benefit of readers in Australia, should not be confused with the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry with which the Western Australian University Regiment was later allied.

To be continued...

On 9 May 2001, I travelled to Peninsula Barracks in the historic city of Winchester, about one hour southeast of London. Winchester is the home of the Royal Green Jackets Association (RGJA) and perhaps the finest regimental museum in the country, the Royal Green Jackets Museum. I was in the UK visiting relatives at the end of a trip to Gallipoli for Anzac Day and then on to the battlefields of Flanders and the Somme Valley and finally, the Normandy Landing beaches (but more on that next WAURior).

My aims were to meet with members of the RGJA, present a plaque on your behalf, and visit the excellent RGJ Museum. On arrival at the Barracks, I was received in an extremely warm and enthusiastic manner by Lt Col Peter Chamberlin (Regimental Secretary RGJ; Reg Secretary 43rd & 52nd; Secretary, Green Jackets Club and Secretary RGJ TA & Cadets Council!). I briefed him on the status of the Association and our aims and ideas for the future. We discussed ways in which our associations could assist each other and the best ways to maintain the close contacts already established. I presented LT Colonel Chamberlin with a WAUR plaque on behalf of the Association, and in return, was delighted to accept a very handsome RGJ plaque on your behalf (and yes, it will be displayed in the Committee's room at Artillery Barracks and not at my house!). A photograph of this exchange appears below. I was also pleased to meet Major Poett, Secretary, RGJ Association; Editor of "Swift & Bold; Editor – The Rifleman's News & Controller, Rifleman's Aid Society) and Mr Steve Kinrade (Regimental Adjutant & Asst Secretary RGJ Association).

Following my meeting, Lt Col Chamberlin escorted me to the RGJ Museum. The museum is quite excellent and contains an extraordinary collection of weaponry, medals and awards, uniform items, mess silver and artefacts from all of the units which combined to form the RGJ, as well as items relating to the RGJ itself.

A feature of the museum is an excellent diorama of the Battle of Waterloo, complete with a sound and light show. Also located within Peninsula Barracks are museums of the Royal Ghurkha Rifles and the Light Infantry. Reluctantly, after spending a very happy time at Peninsula Barracks, it was time to leave.

I was overwhelmed by the interest that Lt Colonel Chamberlin and his staff showed in what WAUR and our Association were up to. As those of you who have visited the RGJA website will know, our Newsletter and a range of WAUR photographs have already been posted.

Anyone planning to visit the UK should contact the RGJA and let them know you are coming. They have members in all parts of the UK who would be only too happy to show you around. A visit to Winchester is also well worth it!

Lt Col Peter Chamberlin & Michael Jenkin exchange plaques outside the Royal Green Jackets Museum, Winchester.



The attached message came in from LT COL Colonel R. G. Cook, Coordinator of Reserve Forces Day 2001. All WAURiars are urged to attend – it should be a good day!

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

1000 hrs

Participants assemble in grassed area NORTH of Gun House, Tuckfield St, Fremantle. (Includes uniformed elements Colours Parties / Bands)

1030 hrs

Step off – Route is Tuckfield St, Canning Hwy, Queen Victoria St, Burt St into Artillery Barracks.

1045 hrs

March past saluting dais – Reviewing officer takes salute.

1050 hrs

Official program – Reviewing officer addresses parade.

1120 hrs

Dismissal.

1130 hrs

Post parade events for interested participants

Tour of Army Museum of WA (\$3.00 per head)

Sausage sizzle – arranged by Army Museum of WA.

Refreshments by a WAUR mess.

1500 hrs

RUSI Program at Leeuwin Barracks “The Future of the Reserves” for interested Participants – all welcome.

Wet Weather Programme

As above except at 1050 Colour Parties and Bands leave parade and fall in the upstairs lecture theatre of WAUR.

How can you help the Association?

1. Encouraging others to join the Association
2. Using your contacts to publicise the Association
3. Loaning photos and/or memorabilia to the Association for copying/scanning
4. Submitting items for the Newsletter
5. Attending functions and activities organised by the Association
6. Making suggestions to the Committee for things you want to see happen

The editor tells me that this column will be a regular feature. If you have any suitable sites, please forward them to me at: dsknight@bigpond.com. The following websites may be of interest:

www.awm.gov.au

Australian War Museum in Canberra. I looked at a virtual tour of the museum that I thought was a bit limited. There are lots of online photos, I searched in the photos for those relating to Vietnam, get some 10, 000! Searched the photos under WAUR and get none [I suspect that the Unit History sub-committee will be sending them some soon]. I also searched under "University" and get no reference to WAUR, although one photo of an ex CO of Sydney University Regiment in WWII did pop up!

www.collectorsarmoury.com.au

A military museum on the Eastern seaboard. Has items for sale covering most years of Australian Army history. Items range from armoured vehicles, items of dress and equipment.

www.warbooks.com.au

Books on Australian involvement in conflicts of all eras. The site [listed as "under construction"] is a little simplistic but once you look at individual books it shows their cover, a brief description of the content and the price you could order them at from the site.

www.rgjassociation.ndirect.co.uk

The official website of our affiliate Regimental Association (Royal Green Jackets Association). The website is very well set out and includes lots of interesting information and some links.

Sightings By Michael Jenkin

Jerry Syzmakowski was a brief visitor to Perth on 25 May 2001. Jerry was en-route to a conference in Finland to deliver a paper on aspects of shear forces that act on rocks (the technical details of which were way beyond my comprehension). He managed to score this junket on the strength of a paper he wrote detailing his current research in the area. For those that don't know, Jerry is a PHD student at Monash University. Following the conference, Jerry and his wife are attending a fascinating technical tour looking at holes in the ground, rock cuttings, machinery etc. (*Ed: Who wrote this drive!*)...To maintain sanity (and probably his marriage), Jerry then jets off to Paris with his wife to join a tour of the continent and finishes with a week in a Chateau in the South of France - nice work if you can get it!

Apart from briefly visiting family, Jerry's other reason for the fly-by Perth was to settle his two beloved dogs into boarding kennels - although they no doubt have such facilities in Melbourne, it is nothing but the best for Jerry's pampered pooches, and they will be staying with the lady who bred them.

Peter Arbuckle arranged the encounter with Jerry at short notice, and Peter, Andrew Jarvis, Shaun Chapman and I had a great lunch at an unsuspecting City café. Several other members were unavailable - Tubbo and Knighty had RDO's (*Ed: they had what?*), Bods got lost or caught up with clients (*Ed: Or had a better offer*) and Russo was interstate.

Jerry will be back in town on or about **12 July 2001** - so keep an eye out for an e-mail about another catch-up lunch at that time.

VISIT TO HELL FIRE PASS (QUIET LION TOUR) by Lt Col Peter Winstanley

From 20 to 28 April I had the privilege of travelling to Thailand with 80 people and to observe Anzac Day in Hell Fire Pass and at the Kanchanaburi War Cemetery. The tour was organised by a small voluntary committee which included three veterans from the railway. Bill Haskell, Keith Flanagan and Neil Macpherson. The itinerary also included – trip to Three Pagodas Pass on the border with Burma, train journey over the Wampo Viaduct (part of the death railway), relaxing boat trip down the River Kwai (with lunch), walk across the Bridge over the River Kwai, visit to a number of areas of military and historical interest (including the new Military Museum at Hell Fire Pass). The tour was very comprehensive with good accommodation at each location.

Quiet Lion Tours have been conducted each year since 1985. "Quiet Lion" is a reference to the name given to Sir Edward "Weary" Dunlop by the Malay soldiers "Singa yang Diam".

MEMBER'S DINNER

A members Dinner (with partners) is to be held as shown below:

Location: Royal Australian Air Force Association, Bullcreek Drive, Bullcreek

Date: Wednesday 20 June 2001

Time: 7pm for 7.30pm

Dress: Lounge suit or jacket & tie (ladies equivalent)

Cost: \$28.00 per person

Menu: Buffet meal with soup served at the table and buffet selection as follows:

2 roasts (carved by the chef), another hot dish, selection of 3 vegetables, cold meat platter, salads, choice of 3 deserts, tea & coffee & chocolates (served to the table).

Drinks: From the bar at AFA Club prices.

RSVP: Wednesday 6 June 2001 – see attached response form.

This is a great opportunity to get together. Please come along and make the evening a success. Please return the following slip to Peter Winstanley, 55 Jeanes Road, Karrinyup 6018, together with your cheque (made out to "Defence Reserves Association"), **Wed 6th June 2001**.

✂.....

I wish to attend the DRA Members Dinner on Wednesday 20th June 2001 to be held at RAAFA Bullcreek.

Name of Member.....

Name of Guest... x \$28.00 per person = \$

My cheque for \$..... is enclosed

THE "BURMA-THAILAND RAILWAY" TOUR NOVEMBER 2001

Peter Winstanley has completed the reconnaissance for the above proposed trip. The initial itinerary is attached. At this stage 13 people have indicated an intention of attending, however, we do need 26 people, or more, for it to be a goer. The good news is that we will be able to get the price down to around \$1,800 which includes airfares, accommodation and most meals for the stay in Thailand. Add about \$280 if you want a room to yourself. Our tour is a modification of the well tried Quiet Lion Tour. We have approval from the QLT to work from their itinerary. There will be a need for a deposit of \$300. Only one person has confirmed their intention in writing. We need to have firmer commitments. ***Please contact Peter Winstanley on 93416883 or 55 Jeanes Rd, Karrinyup, 6018 or e-mail pgwinstanley@bigpond.com. It will be a good tour!!***

There will be a briefing, with video, for interested people, before the Members Dinner at RAAFA on 20th June 2001 at 18.30hrs sharp. People not able to attend above can contact Peter Winstanley 9341 6883 and an alternative will be arranged.

INITIAL ITINERARY

Day Date

- 1 **Wed 7 Nov** Perth to Bangkok (Accommodation - Air Port Hotel)
- 2 **Thu 8 Nov** Bangkok to Home Phu Toey Resort (200km). Visit Ban Pong (start of Burma Thai Railway), Visit Nakhon Pathom Temple, Kanchanaburi & Chengkai War Cemeteries en route. Home Phu Toey
- 3 **Fri 9 Nov** To Three Pagodas Pass on Burma Border 160km, visiting Khao Laem Dam (a Snowy Mountains project), Sanghlaburi monastery. Evening – Light & Sound show. History of the Bridge over the River Kwai. Home Phu Toey
- 4 **Sat 10 Nov** To Hintock Road & Hintock River POW camps, Visit Sai Yok Yai waterfall and raft down river (lunch on board). Free late afternoon. Home Phu Toey
- 5 **Sun 11 Nov** Morning: Hell Fire Pass War Museum. Observe Remembrance Day 11am. Pang Waan Hotel. Afternoon: Walk Burma Thai Railway Memorial & Kanchanaburi Trail.
- 6 **Mon 12 Nov** Visit Prasart Muang Singh 12th century walled settlement & cross the Wampo Viaduct by train. Walk over the River Kwai Bridge. Visit Jeath Museum & Ban Kao Neolithic Museum. Pang Waan Hotel
- 7 **Tue 13 Nov** Return to Bangkok. Visit Ancient capital of Ayutthya. Lunch cruise Chao Phraya River. Dinner at "Condoms & Cabbages Restaurant" (Royal Benja Hotel)
- 8 **Wed 14 Nov** Day at leisure (Accommodation - Royal Benja Hotel)
- 9 **Thu 15 Nov** Morning at leisure (1300 hrs return to Perth)
- 10 **Fri 16 Nov** Arrive Perth - early hours

INITIAL ITINERARY MAY BE SUBJECT TO SLIGHT CHANGES

Here are some of the questions potential members have asked the Committee over the past couple of months:

Q. Who can join the Association?

A. All former and currently serving members of WAUR (whether serving with WAUR or not) are eligible to join the Association as Ordinary members regardless of rank, sex, age or length of service. Those who have a close association or interest in WAUR but who were not actually serving members may join as Associate members.

Q. Why does my membership take so long to process?

A. Under the Association's Constitution, all applications must be approved by the Committee. This occurs at the Committee's regular monthly meetings. Immediately after each meeting, applications are processed and receipts are issued. So, depending on when your application is received you may have to wait up to a month for your receipt. However, your membership takes effect from the date your application is received.

What do I get for my membership fee?

A. Apart from a warm fuzzy feeling, you get a range of things - quarterly Newsletter, member link-up service, subsidised Association functions (including the highly successful Annual Reunion), access to scans of unit memorabilia and photographs, cheap Association merchandise and much, much more.

Q. What's in it for you guys (ie: the Committee)?

A. (OK, OK, no-one has really asked this question, but we thought you would like to hear a response anyhow)...Apart from the fact that we have a lot of fun, nothing. The Association is non profit and every cent received is spent on the Association's members. The surest way to keep tabs on what is happening with your money is to drop in on a monthly meeting at Artillery Barracks.

Q. How can I help out?

A. In several easy ways. First, and most obvious, join the Association, and encourage others to do so. Second, attend the Association's monthly meetings – our biggest task at present is to scan and log all the Units memorabilia. If you want to help by taking some photos, documents etc away, scanning them and returning them on a CD or floppy disk, that would be an enormous help.

Q. Who are you guys anyway?

A. See the Committee profiles articles in this edition of WAURior.

Q. I went through OCTU can I join the Association?

A. By all means. However, if you went through OCTU when it was attached to 5 Training Group and you were never actually posted to WAUR, then you would join as an Associate member.

Q. What is the difference between the Joining fee and the Membership fee?

A. The Joining fee is a once off fee of \$20 payable when you first join the Association. The Joining fee was intended to allow us to generate some much needed start-up capital. The Membership fee is an annual subscription payable in advance, for each year you are a member of the Association. Inter-state and overseas members do not pay the Joining fee.

Name: **Shaun Chapman**

Also known as: Chook

Age: 36

Enlisted in WAUR in October 1982, Recruits at Tone River Jan 83 followed by IET and AET and numerous annual camps - followed WAUR from Mounts Bay Rd to Karrakatta then Leeuwin and Artillery Barracks discharging in April 1992 as LCPL.

Highs: So Many! – 2 Weeks IET under hoochies at Bindoon, AET at Northam, the Nannup camps, The Sub 2 Northam Beach Party (or was it Toga?), Going feral at Lancelin Leopard using Mogs as APC's and discovering a MX82 500lb UXB, The Nannup camps, K89 & Skippy's revenge at Exmouth. The mix of absolute full on seriousness when training as opposed to the absolute full on bad behaviour when in the mess are the stand out impressions. Lows: Watching the unit go from a strength of over 600 soldiers to less than 100

Married 4 years with one son Connor age 5 Months what spare time I have is spent with relish on the Association and renovating a 70's homestead.

Name: **Michael Jenkin**

Also known as: Jenks

Age: 39

Enlisted in WAUR in Feb 1983, Recruits at Northam May 83 followed by IET and AET and numerous annual camps - discharged in the late 1980's (can't recall the exact date) as LCPL.

I had a fantastic time with WAUR on activities too numerous to mention. The main thing I took away from that time was a host of good mates and fun times. That is why I was keen to get an Association off the ground.

I have been married for 9 years and two children, a boy aged 21 months, and a girl who is 4 years. Apart from the Association, I am the Training Officer for Australian Army Cadets, Western Region.

Name: **John Kargotich**

Better known as: Kargo

Age: 37

Recruits at Tone River Jan 83 followed by IET and AET and numerous annual camps - discharged in the late 1980's (can't recall the exact date) as LCPL. Joined the Naval Reserve (*Ed: the less said about that the better*)

Life is amazingly busy – Apart from the Association, I run the family dairy farm in Oakford as well as a communications company. I also like to collect old Army trucks which I keep in a shed at the farm for Reunions and similar functions (*Ed: an in-joke for those who went to Reunion 2000*).

Martin Richards sent in this one:

The British Military writes EPRs which are officer fitness reports.

The form used for Royal Navy and Marines fitness reports is the S206. The following are actual excerpts taken from people's "206s"....

- His men would follow him anywhere, but only out of idle curiosity.
- I would not breed from this Officer.
- This Officer is really not so much of a has-been, but more of a definitely won't-be.
- When she opens her mouth, it seems that this is only to change whichever foot was previously in there.
- He has carried out each and every one of his duties to his entire satisfaction.
- He would be out of his depth in a car park puddle.
- Technically sound, but socially impossible.
- This Officer reminds me very much of a gyroscope - always spinning around at a frantic pace, but not really going anywhere.
- This young lady has delusions of adequacy.
- When he joined my ship, this Officer was something of a granny; since then he has aged considerably.
- Since my last report he has reached rock bottom, and has started to dig.
- She sets low personal standards and then consistently fails to achieve them.
- He has the wisdom of youth, and the energy of old age.
- This Officer should go far - and the sooner he starts, the better.
- In my opinion this pilot should not be authorized to fly below 250 feet.
- This man is depriving a village somewhere of an idiot.
- The only ship I would recommend this man for is citizenship.
- Works well when under constant supervision and cornered like a rat in a trap.

Source: "Jackspeak: The Pusser's Rum Guide to Royal Navy Slang" by Rick Jolly, 1989.

Here are some of the classic questions that were asked of the Sydney Olympic Committee via their Web site, and answers supplied where appropriate.

Q: Does it ever get windy in Australia? I have never seen it rain on TV, how do the plants grow?

A: Upwards, out of the ground, like the person who asked this question, who themselves will need watering if their IQ drops any lower...

Q: Will I be able to see kangaroos in the street? (USA)

A: Depends on how much beer you've consumed...

Q: I want to walk from Perth to Sydney - can I follow the railroad tracks? (Sweden)

A: Sure, it's only three thousand miles, so you'll need to have started about a year ago to get there in time for this October...

(Ed: Apologies for this drivel – it was added late one night close to the deadline to fill in a small gap)

From the unit history file
CONDITIONS OF SERVICE 1979

Role:

1. The role of the University Regiment is to provide officers for the Army Reserve and in so doing so provide military training for undergraduates.

Membership:

2. Membership of the University Regiment is open to all male persons who are engaged in tertiary education studies either on a *full time or a part time* basis. Staff and graduates of Universities and other Educational Institutions may be enlisted also.

Length of Service:

3. Members may enlist for two years or up to four and six years at a time.

Rates of Pay:

4. Details of rates of pay for the Army Reserve are attached. All pay received for Reserve training is TAX FREE.

5. A man who enlists in WAUR may, by attending and applying himself to all courses, achieve the following advancement:

- a. *At six months ~ recruit training*
- b. *At twelve months to fifteen months be promoted to the rank of Corporal.*
- c. *At eighteen months to twenty-four months be promoted to the rank of Sergeant*
- d. *At twenty-four months be qualified for promotion to the rank of Second Lieutenant*

6. Members are required to attend a minimum of 26 days training per training year, ie. July / June. The training is to comprise 14 days continuous and 12 days Tuesday nights and weekends.

7. The unit parades on about 15 Tuesday nights per year and approximately one full weekend per month between January and June, with one weekend in the second half of the year for the Annual Range Practice.

Home Training:

8. Home training is conducted on Tuesday nights at the WAUR Drill Hall at 20 Mounts Bay Road, Perth between 7.30 p.m, and 10.30 p.m.

Camps, Courses and Periods. of Continuous Training

9. To achieve as much continuity as possible and to benefit from the advantages of centralised training, periods of continuous training are planned to coincide with holidays and vacations. Currently camps are conducted in each training year as follows:

- a. *December - 21 Days - 14 days obligatory, 7 days voluntary*
- b. *January - 14 days - Voluntary/Alternative*
- c. *May - 10 days - Voluntary/Course*

These Camps which provide a complete change to the student's routine and environment are designed as part of the promotion scheme from Recruit to Second Lieutenant.

10. Other courses are conducted during the year on a voluntary basis, and include subjects such as Driving instruction on heavy Army Vehicles, Methods of Instruction etc.

11. Courses conducted by units outside WAUR are also available to Senior NCO's and Commissioned Officers. These include challenging courses conducted at the Jungle Training Centre, Canungra, Queensland, and the Special Air Services Regiment based at Swanbourne.

Training Areas:

12. The majority of periods of continuous training conducted by WAUR are spent at Kingstown Barracks Rottnest Island, where adequate facilities exist. Tuesday night parades are conducted at the unit training Depot 20 Mounts Bay Road, Perth. Weekend training includes Friday nights and is conducted at:

- a. *Collie - Field Training*
- b. *Bindoon - Annual Range Shoot*

A performance audit by the Australian National Audit Office of the Australian Defence Force Reserves was today welcomed by the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence, Bruce Scott. Mr Scott noted that the 13 recommendations contained in the ANAO report were broadly consistent with the Federal Government's Reserve initiative outlined in last year's Defence White Paper.

"The Defence White Paper highlighted changes in the strategic role of Reserves from mobilisation to meet remote threats to that of supporting and sustaining operations in which the ADF may actually be engaged," Mr Scott said. "The Coalition Government is committed to ensuring that Reserves are an integral part of a modern readily deployable ADF."

"The Government has moved quickly to implement the White Paper's strategic guidance through the passing of two pieces of legislation to enhance the Reserves. "On 19 April 2001, the Defence Legislation Amendment (Enhancement of the Reserves and Modernisation) Act 2001 and the Defence Reserve Service (Protection) Act 2001 became operative." The Defence Legislation Amendment (Enhancement of the Reserves and Modernisation) Act 2001 has significantly broadened the range of circumstances under which Reserves can be called out. It also enables the Government to compensate employers and self-employed Reservists to undertake periods of continuous defence service."

The Defence Reserve Service (Protection) Act 2001 provides protection for Reservists in time of call out, on volunteering for protected continuous full-time service, and for the normal requirements of peacetime service. "These two Acts provide for far greater employee and employer protection than has ever previously been the case. Reserves play a vital role in the defence of Australia and reserve volunteers have also made significant contributions to our successful international commitments in Bougainville and East Timor. In excess of 1,000 reservists have given service in East Timor. The Government's reforms to Reserve legislation will further enhance the capacity of the Reserves to participate in, and support, short notice operations."

***Source - Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence Media Mail List
Monday 7 May, 2001 Min 126/01***

Unit History Project

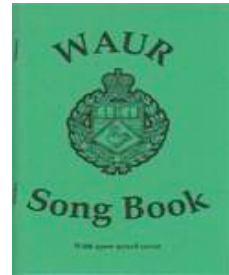
As we reported in the last Newsletter, the long process of collating and preserving the Unit's history is underway. To date, Shaun Chapman has been on this mammoth task virtually single handed. He has already scanned a very precious album of photographs and memorabilia from the Unit's earliest days and the results are stunning! The aim of the project remains to produce a CD (or several CD's if it comes to that) containing the history of the Unit in words, photographs, drawings etc.

We would again invite your help on two fronts. First – do you have any photographs, joining instructions, WAURiors etc that we can include in the Official History. All items will be returned to you in pristine condition - all we want is access to items for scanning, copying etc.

As we said in the last edition of WAURior, we are especially interested in pre 1980 photos. Please contact a member of the Committee to arrange for collection of any items you may have and are prepared to share with other members.

Unit Song Book

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



\$5.00 [incl postage]

Reunion Port 2000

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 available in limited quantities.



\$7.50 [+ \$2.00 postage]

"Back to the Regiment 2000" commemorative shirt

Look the part with this quality-embroidered shirt - hand crafted carefully chosen dark green fabric and export quality contractors have made this top class polo shirt a fashion icon. Limited sizes available.



\$30.00 [+\$4.45 postage]

"Back to the Regiment" Reunion Group Photographs

The big discount order has been and gone - but you can still order a laminated A4 size photo of the Reunion – there is a choice of three shots: "Serious arms crossed" (shown at right), "Serious relaxed" and finally the very popular "Going nuts".



\$18. 00 each [includes postage]

Watch this space for...

- ❖ CD ROM of Unit stuffed full of pics and memorabilia
- ❖ Stubby holders



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Note: if you want to save on postage, you can arrange to pick up your order in the City, in Victoria Park, in Kalamunda, or from the Association room at Artillery Barracks in Fremantle (on the first Tuesday night of the month).

* Please make cheques payable to the WAUR Association Inc.



↑Picture 1



↑Picture 2



↑Picture 3



EMAIL WARNING

We would like to thank members for their co-operation as far as e-mails are concerned. As you know, most of the e-mails we have are work e-mails which normally have a limit on the messages they can accept. Sending "dodgy" material or mass e-mails to members of the Association can cause embarrassment. Thanks again for your continued co-operation in this important matter.

BACK PAGE FUNNY

(Ed: No idea if this is authentic)

