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## The WAURior

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

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### Ramblings from the Committee

The idea for the Association grew out of a conversation between John Kargotich, Shaun Chapman and Michael Jenkin on Anzac Day 2000. By the end of Anzac Day 2000, (all soggy with nostalgia) we had decided to hold the Reunion and see what the response was like. Then if enough people were keen, an Association would be formed as the next logical step. The Reunion was a great success (more on that later), and there was strong support for the formation of an Association. Your committee then embarked on the long process of incorporation. The Unit has been very supportive of the process and finally, on 6 February 2001, the Western Australian University Regiment Association Inc. was born! We look forward to the Association going from strength to strength and welcome your input.

### Message from the Commanding Officer WAUR

Fellow WAURiors, on being appointed as CO, WAUR and having been commissioned as an officer through WAUR it is with great delight that I welcome the creation of the WAUR Association Inc.

The objects of the association are to foster an interest in the history and traditions of the Unit, to provide a forum for former and serving members of the Unit to maintain contact, and to conduct social functions. These in my view are admirable and important objectives. For too long the history of the unit has been unclear. To this end, I have tasked one of my staff to assist in piecing together the history of the unit. After all, unit esprit de corps is developed through history and tradition.

WAUR has had many staff over the years including who have risen to high commissioned and non-commissioned rank and those who are influential in their own right in the community. To this extent active support for the Association will be important for the unit. I, for my part will seek to actively support the Association and assist it in furthering its objects. I commend the Committee and founding members.

I look forward to meeting members in the near future.

**R. B. Farrelly RFD**  
Lieutenant Colonel

## 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 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebrations in Canberra. The Colour Party comprised Captain S Edmunds, Captain D Sutton, WO2 G Skinner and WO2 Brown. A photo or two of this important activity will feature in the next edition of the WAURrior.

### New Officers graduate at Unit Ball

Ten officer cadets graduated at the Unit Ball on 10 March 2001 following their completion of the gruelling First Appointment course. The officer cadets graduating and the units to which they are being posted are listed below. The Association wishes these graduates all the best for their careers in the GRES.

2LT Bowen (16 RWAR) 2LT Cross (11/28 RWAR) 2LT Hawke (A SQN 10 LH) 2LT Mattin (16 RWAR) 2LT Morris (13 FD SQN)

2LT Moss (11/28 RWAR) 2LT Peterson (A SQN 10LH) 2LT Stuart (16 RWAR)

2LT Williams (11/28 RWAR) 2LT Zepeda (13 BSB)



## Unit History Project

As you will be aware, the Unit has been accommodated in various locations in its time (including UWA, the Mounts Bay Road Depot, Irwin Barracks, Leeuwin Barracks and Artillery Barracks). These changes of scenery have of course meant that a great deal of the Unit's memorabilia has disappeared. Some was thrown out, some was souvenired and some simply cannot be accounted for. That is not to say that there is not a great deal of material still at the Unit, and we suspect, a great deal more in the hands of ex-members.

The long process of collating and preserving the Unit's history is underway. The aim of the project is to produce a CD (or several CD's if it comes to that) containing the history of the Unit in words, photographs, drawings etc. As a sub-project, we are also keen to source photographs of all of the Unit's CO's and RSM's for display in an appropriate spot in the Unit. **To make this project happen we need your help!**

We are convinced that former members must have a significant amount of material that should be included in the Official History. No questions will be asked, and all items will be returned to you in pristine condition - all we want is access to items for scanning, copying etc. We are also after photographs, especially those pre 1980. 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.

## Reunion 2000 Report

The 14<sup>th</sup> October 2000 started peacefully enough. That was the day on which sixty-five hearty souls descended on “Yoothamurra” a tranquil 3,000-acre dairy farm on the verdant plains of the Darling Escarpment near the sleepy hamlet of Oakford. “The Farm” as everyone calls the property has been in the Kargotich family for generations, however, I doubt that anything could have prepared the locals for what was about to happen - the reunion of the century! The Farm had been transformed into a base camp by a small but hardworking advance party and consisted of 14 x 14 tents, a cam net, and even an old F1 (which our illustrious Chairperson bought at an auction 5 years ago, on the off-chance that it might be needed for a reunion such as this!). There was a stores tent, a Memorabilia display and a huge tent housing the grog. The night began in typical Army fashion with the issue of stores (ie: Reunion shirts and nametags) and rations (ie: bottles of Reunion Port). Then there were the usual pre-embus rituals to take account of (ie: Group pics – during which the Committee was unceremoniously sprayed with beer courtesy of Tubbo, Lambey and Smithie). Next came the opening address by former Unit 2IC Major Les Stewart. Once these preliminaries were attended to, the Juke box started pumping out Cold Chisel's Khe Sahn, and the consumption of liquid refreshment began in earnest. Some statistics at this point may be instructive. During the course of the evening, as best as can be determined, the following items were consumed:

30 x cartons of beer (ie: 720 stubbies)  
4 x 1125 ml bottles of spirits  
12 x bottles of wine  
12 x bottles of port  
40 x cigars



Of course the consumption of vast quantities of alcohol was by means the only activity engaged in by the assembled throng. There were sing-alongs – the first being a heart wrenching rendition of the Unit Song, various mess games and of course, increasingly frenetic swapping of increasingly outlandish and dubious tales.

Given that an Army marches on its stomach, it came time for a feed. Now Kargo is a man who likes his food, and he had arranged a banquet would have satisfied the requirements of an entire Battalion and then some. Tables groaned with food of a quality that was never known during weekend bivouacs. Amusingly, when the time came for the caterers to pack up, Kargo noticed that they were discretely loading leftover food into their vans. Never one to shrink from a challenge, Kargo enquired as to what was to become of the said food. [Actually, it was more like “Oi, where the f&%\$ do you think you are taking all that shit”, but lets not get bogged down with technicalities... Ed.]. The night seemed to go on and on. There was a cultural interlude featuring some fine local dance rituals, and of course the consumption of port as the night grew old. The hardest lasted until 4.30 am. The clean up started at about 8.00 am, after a hearty recovery breakfast which featured the remains of the feast Kargo had diverted from the caterers van the night before. The whole thing wrapped up around 12.00 noon, when the Committee farewelled the last of the WAURiors. Although the cows will never be the same – the Reunion it will be on again this year!

## Committee "Parade" Nights

You are welcome to visit the Association's Room from 8.30 pm 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 right. Look for the Association sign on the door. Your Innaugral Committee is as follows:



(Left to Right)

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

## This Sporting Life

### Did you know?

In 1987-1988 the Unit entered a Volleyball team in a local competition based at City Beach High School. Chiefly organized by Andrew Russell, the team was made up of mainly of his section with various ring-ins from A Coy to make up numbers as required. The successes and failures of the team have of course been lost to distant memory. As with most things though, the standout recollections are of cleansing ale or three after a hard fought set of Volleyball and very little else.



**The team at a Fancy Dress Game**  
*Left to Right: (standing) Jimmy Townsend, Shaun "Chook" Chapman, Andrew Russell, Brendon Burns, Peter Byrnes, (squatting) Jeff Miller & Rolf Graham.*

## Member Services Register

Do you run a business or provide a service that you want other members to know about? We are compiling a register of services and goods that can be offered to members, (hopefully at a discount of some kind!). It does not matter whether you are an accountant, mow lawns, sell wine, or do vasectomies...if you have a service, or you sell a product you think that members might be interested in, please let us know. We will then include you in the register and circulate copies to all members of the Association. We will also include businesses which, though not run by members that are recommended by members (but only where a discount of some sort is offered to Association members). This initiative is just another way in which your Association is working for you!

### **Unit History Part 1**

#### ***Extract from the Unit's official History***

This chapter sets out the very earliest days of the Western Australian University Regiment and shows the reader how modest a beginning this Regiment had. Few who served the unit in these times are in a position to add to the story of the early days and the writer must rely on existing printed matter to bring out the story. The organisation of the Australian Citizen's Military Forces provides for the establishment of University Regiments in all mainland States with the exception of the Northern Territory, which has no University. For many years, Western Australia was the only mainland States which had not raised a University Regiment. This was done four years after the end of the World War. On 22 April 1949, an establishment known as Perth University Regiment was raised in Western Command. This, however, was strictly incorrect nomenclature, as pointed out by the University, and the Regimental title was changed in August of that year to Western Australian University Regiment.

The original Training Depot was a large, iron-roofed building in the southeast corner of the University grounds at Crawley, originally erected as part of the flying boat base and used during the latter part of the War. This building now forms part of the Anatomy School of the Medical Faculty. From the Unit's inception, and until October 1951, the 16<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion fostered the Regiment, the Adjutant in the same capacity for both Units. Flight Lieutenant A.H Morton, DFC, of the RAAF Reserve, a lecturer in the Physics Department of the University, was appointed to the Reserve of Officers, Australian Military Forces and promoted Temporary Captain on 25 April 1949. He was appointed to administer command of the Unit which was placed on a Lower Establishment of one Rifle Company.

The Unit was provided with an Australian Regular Army Cadre of one Warrant Officer Class Two, Instructor, a Corporal Clerk and a Private Storeman. In January 1950, WO2 H.C. Vaisey and Corporal F. Perkins arrived to take up duties. At this time the Regimental strength consisted of one officer and seven other ranks.



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By August of that year (ie: 1950) the Unit had grown by only a further thirteen other ranks. As may be seen, enlistments were few and resulted in the main from the personal efforts of Captain Morton. Recruiting drives were held, one featuring a display of weapons and equipment at the University. Later, in March 1951, an impressive demonstration of the capabilities of DUKWs, Australian built Machine Gun Carriers and the PIAT was staged for the new students. During the afternoon this demonstration was attended by the then General Officer Commanding Western Command. Major General J.E. Whitelaw, CB, CBE. By May 1951 the Regimental strength was one officer and thirty four other ranks.

To be continued....

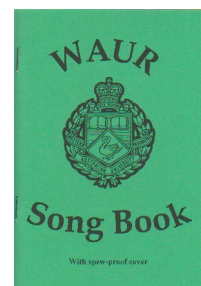


This is one of the many photographs in the Unit's archives which are not annotated in any way. Do you know when and where this photograph was taken and more importantly, can you identify any of the members?

## Association Merchandise

### 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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" Reunion 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 [+ \$1.00 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



## The Royal Green Jackets



As many of you will know, the Unit is affiliated with the Royal Green Jackets. What you may not be aware of is that our Association intends to forge close links with the Royal Green Jackets Association (RGJA) – in fact this process has already started. More on this in the next Newsletter. The RGJA has an excellent website, which in time we hope to emulate. Their website is at:

<http://www.rgjassociation.ndirect.co.uk/>

### **A Brief History of the Royal Green Jackets\***

On 1st January 1966 The Royal Green Jackets was formed as a single Large Regiment. Its creation followed logically from the composition of The Green Jackets Brigade in 1958, which grouped together three single-battalion infantry regiments: [The Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry \(43rd & 52nd\)](#), [The Kings Royal Rifle Corps](#) and [The Rifle Brigade](#). A family tree of these regiments and their antecedents is to follow.

It was no accident that these particular regiments, each having had such a distinguished record in the past, should have progressively, voluntarily and successfully come together, avoiding the stresses which often accompany amalgamations, because they shared a large measure of their history and their traditions. They, and The Royal Green Jackets as their heir, lay claim to being the innovators who developed much of the new thinking in the British Infantry in the fields of tactics, training, equipment and man-management from the mid-eighteenth century onwards.

The leadership of such distinguished officers as Henri Bouquet, Francis de Rottenburg, Coote Manningham and Sir John Moore generated a succession of advanced ideas later to be adopted as ideals by the rest of the Army: open-order tactics and mobility in place of rigid drills and ponderous movement, camouflage and concealment in place of serried ranks of red coats, individual marksmanship in place of massed musket fire, and intelligence and self-reliance in place of blind obedience instilled by fear of brutal punishment. These themes are recorded in the stories of four regiments whose fortunes were often closely linked to the point where they fuse together in The Royal Green Jackets today.

***\*The above extract (along with the Regiment badge) were downloaded from the RGJ Association Website.***



## How can you help the Association?

1. Pretty obviously by joining the Association if you haven't already done so
2. Use your contacts to publicise the Association (see flyer below)
3. Loan photos and/or memorabilia to the Association for copying/scanning
4. Submit items for the Newsletter
5. Attend functions and activities organised by the Association
6. Make suggestions to the Committee for things you want to see happen

(Flyer - please consider placing this in any journals you subscribe to)

### **Western Australian University Regiment Association Inc.**

We are pleased to announce the formation of the above Association - We need as many past and present members of Western Australian University Regiment to participate as possible. All former and serving members of WAUR are eligible to join the association regardless of rank, sex, age or length of service. The Association will organize several annual functions and a regular newsletter.

The core functions of the association are to unite past and present members from the WAUR, and to foster an appreciation of unit history.

Please contact a member of the Committee for a membership form or further information.

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### **Association Membership**

All former and serving members of WAUR are eligible to join the association regardless of rank sex, age or length of service. Those who have a close association or interest in the Unit but who were not actually serving members may join as "associate members". The Association will organise several annual social functions and will publish a regular newsletter. The core functions of the association are to unite past and present members of the Unit, to conduct social functions and to foster an interest in the Unit's history. Membership forms can be e-mailed or posted to you— please contact one of the Committee ASAP.

### **Order Form - Association Merchandise**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

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POSTAGE \_\_\_\_\_

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**PLEASE SEND YOUR SEND CHEQUE\* AND THIS ORDER FORM TO:**

**Hon Treasurer  
135 Orange Valley Road  
KALAMUNDA WA 6076**

**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.**

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### EMAIL WARNING

Those of you who have e-mail will know that we have been sending out mass e-mails to former members of the Unit. Please be very aware that most of the addresses we have are work e-mails. These addresses are usually subject to strict security (firewalls etc) and many have a limit on file size they can accept. Please do not send dodgy material or mass e-mails to members of the Association. This can cause embarrassment and we ask for your co-operation in this important matter.

### BACK PAGE FUNNY

This is a scan of the original (authentic) document

