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Passing of an OTU Stalwart

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Snipers

A History of the School of Infantry *See story page 14.*

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DIARY OF EVENTS

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Date 2003	Chapter	Event	Venue	Contact details
15-May	NSW	Lunch	Sydney City Venue TBA	greg.todd@another.com
16-May	ACT	Monthly Lunch	TBA	wahall@ozemail.com.au
17-19 May	SA	Kokoda Training Weekend	Grampians, Victoria	garyvial@ctmc.com.au
12-Jun	QLD	Golf Day	Mt Cooloom	garymckay@bigpond.com.au
13-Jun	VIC	Annual Diner	Victoria Barracks	
20-Jun	ACT	Monthly Lunch	TBA	wahall@ozemail.com.au
21-Jun	NSW	Annual Mixed Dinner	Vic. Barracks Officers' Mess	greg.todd@another.com
27-Jun	SA	Drinks	Keswick Barracks Officers' Mess	garyvial@ctmc.com.au
10-Jul	VIC	Dinner All Welcome	Belgium Beer Hall	
18-Jul	ACT	Monthly Lunch	TBA	wahall@ozemail.com.au
25-Jul	SA	Drinks	Keswick Barracks Officers' Mess	garyvial@ctmc.com.au
02-Aug	SA	Final Kokoda Briefing	18 Wallace St, Glenelg East	garyvial@ctmc.com.au
06-Aug	VIC	Luncheon	Victoria Barracks	Rob Youl
7-17 Aug	SA	Kokoda Track Walk	Papua, New Guinea	garyvial@ctmc.com.au
14-Aug	NSW	Lunch	Concord Golf Club	greg.todd@another.com
15-Aug	ACT	Monthly Lunch	TBA	wahall@ozemail.com.au
17-18 Aug	VIC	Vietnam Veterans Day Drinks/lunch	TBA	
11-Sep	QLD	Golf Day and Sunshine Coast Lunch	Mt Cooloom	garymckay@bigpond.com.au
19-Sep	ACT	Monthly Lunch	TBA	wahall@ozemail.com.au
26-Sep	SA	Drinks	Keswick Barracks Officers' Mess	garyvial@ctmc.com.au
3-6 Oct	National	NATIONAL REUNION	Parramatta/Rosehill, Windsor/Scheyville & Singleton	State or Class Coordinators
17-Oct	ACT	Monthly Lunch	TBA	wahall@ozemail.com.au
31-Oct	SA	Drinks	Keswick Barracks Officers' Mess	garyvial@ctmc.com.au
07-Nov	VIC	Remembrance Day Dinner	William Angliss	
20-Nov	NSW	Lunch	Sydney City Venue TBA	greg.todd@another.com
21-Nov	ACT	Monthly Lunch	TBA	wahall@ozemail.com.au
22-Nov	SA	Month & 3 Days before Xmas Lunch	Flying Fish, Port Elliott	garyvial@ctmc.com.au
Dec	VIC	Wine Tasting (mixed)	TBA	
03-Dec	VIC	Luncheon	Victoria Barracks	Rob Youl
11-Dec	QLD	Golf Day	Indooroopilly	garymckay@bigpond.com.au

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Chairman's Chirpings

Tony Sonneveld
National Chairman



Whilst the Coalition has been fighting the war in Iraq, I have had my own battle with inoperable prostate cancer. It is hard to ignore the realities of life, war and the big "C", so here is my attempt to comment:-

IRAQ

It is a relief that the Coalition forces have achieved their initial goal of ending the Regime with minimal collateral damage to civilians and cities and no loss of Australian service men / women. As stated previously, the OTU Association is A political, however we are a quasi military association with more than a mild interest in world affairs, therefore I have included a *Sydney Morning Herald* editorial opinion (see page 5) which I believe is a balanced reflection on the state of play during the week Baghdad fell to the Coalition. By the time this Newsletter is published there will no doubt be many further developments on the liberation of Iraq.

It is interesting to witness the email dialogue between Malcolm Boyd 1/70 and his son Hamish in London. It seems several journalists have pounced on Lt. Col Tim Collins' speech to his troops, so we have included it and their commentary (see page 34) hoping it won't tread on the sensitivities of our members or the public.

Talking about sensitivities, politicians are avoiding the public usage of the "V" words, so I've penned a verse to make up for its absence:

PROSTATE

It is all Gary Vial's fault, he enlisted a bunch of OTU graduates to walk the Kokoda Track in August/September, me included. So I went to the doctor for a Zyban prescription to give up smoking after 48 years, whilst there, reflection of my father dying of bone cancer/prostate cancer aged 72, prompted me to have the "finger" and to fast for 10 hours prior to blood being taken for testing.

If you read my Chairman's Chirpings in *Scheyvillian* 1/2003 you will know that I am bullet proof, energetic, positive, have absolutely no symptoms of any ailment and reluctant to accept a PSA (prostate strategy antigen) blood test result of 21 which suggests – "very high probability of prostate carcinoma".

I recall reading another editorial opinion in *The Sydney Morning Herald* "The prostate and the Apostate" (see page 5) so now I am even more confused! At this point there is really no option – curiosity killed the cat – must follow through with a sequence of tests over 10 weeks since mid February to reveal the true position and establish the best treatment.

DO NOT USE THE "V" WORD

By Anon...thony

Visions of a world without turmoil
Vultures posturing greedy for oil
Venturing upon others' sovereign soil
Vanity of leaders make tempers boil.

'Veapons, where art thou?' says Hans Blix
Value the truth and play no tricks
Veto the vote, so the "UN" can fix
Vexing time for the "Coalition" mix.

Virginity revered, veils hide the face
Victims or villains lay dead, success or disgrace
Vanquish the villages, a Regime to replace
Vaporise the leaders without a trace.

Visiting armies in a foreign land
Vacant areas of rock, dust and sand
Vanguard surged ahead quicker than planned
Vast arsenal against those who make a stand.

Vaunting braggart the No 1 card
Vincible without the Republican Guard
Void of any Kurdish people regard
Virtuous cause to destroy him or discard

Vigorous progress to win and liberate
Vortex or vacuum a leaderless state
Vermin looters, law and order too late
Valuable treasures vandalised, stolen – not great

Vent your concerns in a march some day
Voice support when troops return – we pray
Vigilant against future retaliation in any way
Vested interests of the Security Council – dismay.

Venture to say it was for the best
Vindication – victory, the ultimate quest
Valour, Vengeance – ruined terrorist nest
Veterans return, no casualties, we're blessed.

(This verse is my view on the situation and not that of the OTU Association)



Sonneveld on the bench at the 'San' (Sydney Adventist Hospital) oncology linear accelerator for radiotherapy each day for 7 weeks.

The prostate and the apostate

The Sydney Morning Herald, Editorial April 2003

In the spring, wrote Tennyson, a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love. But in the autumn of life, fanciful thoughts give way to more prosaic matters, like the prostate. Ageing baby boomers find their attention travelling south to that troublesome little gland. Perhaps it's already causing them problems urinating; perhaps they worry that they might have cancer. But what to do?

Medical opinion is spectacularly divided. No less a figure than the chief of the Cancer Council Australia, Alan Coates, refuses to have the prostate specific antigen (PSA) blood test, the standard indicator for potential prostate cancer. It's a position he has taken very publicly for some time. Now his stance has been blamed for the loss of sponsorship for an education program planned by the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia. The Federal Government should step into the breach.

Professor Coates is not only head of the Cancer Council Australia, but a clinical professor in the school of public health at the University of Sydney, and he is 59. Professor Coates has no symptoms which suggest cancer so he won't have the PSA test. He says that while the cancer kills only one in 68 men – because it is usually slow-growing – the tests find cancer in one in 10. And many men who have positive PSA tests then feel obliged to pursue further treatment, though their cancer many pose no threat to them. That may mean surgery, radiotherapy or drugs. All may have serious side effects, including what Professor Coates calls the "real risk" of incontinence and impotence after surgery. He concludes that "the benefits of the (PSA test) are so small they don't stand up against the adverse effects of the process".

Professor Coates's opponents in the medical fraternity point to the 2500 Australians who die from prostate cancer each year. They say some of those lives would have been saved if the cancer sufferers had been alerted by PSA testing to their condition. Waiting for symptoms can be a death sentence, whereas surgery, whatever its possible side effects, does offer the prospect of a complete cure from prostate cancer.

Such a division of opinion invites the intervention of health authorities. A Federal Government that offers education campaigns to support mammography programs and Pap smear tests cannot shrink from an expanded public education program to illuminate PSA testing. That the issue is so divisive is all the more reason to address it. Ultimately, the individual patient must be equipped to decide whether to have a PSA test and whether to act on the result.

The Government implicitly endorses PSA testing by providing Medicare funding for 500,000 initial PSA tests each year at a cost of \$10 million. It needs to put more mouth where its money is. In the meantime, Australian men are entitled to be very confused by the controversy stirred by the apostate professor.

Baghdad victory and the long haul

The Sydney Morning Herald, Editorial April 2003

The wild scenes of jubilation in Baghdad as the last of Saddam Hussein's authority in the Iraqi capital crumbled are vindication enough of the previous three weeks of military action. Iraq's freedom is assured, and an end to the fighting draws closer. Australia's contribution to the military effort, though small in comparison with that of the United States and Britain, has not been insignificant. Our service men and women have performed professionally and with honour. Soon Australia will be sharing the burden of helping the Iraqi nation back on its feet.

However persistent – and apparently irreconcilable – the division of opinion in Australia over the war, there is not the same dissension over Australia's role in the new Iraq. Australia's primary concern is not about how the reconstruction and rehabilitation of Iraq is effected. It is rather that, whatever the plan, it should work.

There is little Australia can do to influence this planning. Yet much can go wrong. There is wrangling between the US and Europe over broad goals and responsibility for the political renovation of Iraq. And there are arguments within the US Administration about how money will be spent on Iraq's reconstruction. Tensions between the State Department and the Pentagon have been evident for weeks.

This week senior Democrats demanded an inquiry and report by the General Accounting office, the non-partisan investigative arm of the US Congress, on the bidding process at the Agency for International Development (for contracts expected to total at least \$US1.6 billion) and the Pentagon (for contracts worth tens of millions). This inquiry will touch on contracts already awarded by the Pentagon without competitive bidding to a subsidiary of Halliburton, the company once headed by the Vice-President, Dick Cheney. It will also consider whether AID bidding processes conform with World Trade Organisation requirements for openness and transparency.

The argument over Iraq's future political shape is even more important. If the US mismanages the reconstruction of Iraq or arranges matters – including the exploitation of oil resources – so that it is seen to profit from the war, there will be a heavy political price internationally. If it insists on excluding the United Nations from the process of political renovation, the price will be even higher.

Prodded by the British Prime Minister, Tony Blair, in Belfast this week, President George Bush talked of a "vital role" for the UN in postwar Iraq. There is, however, every indication that he wants the political reconstruction of Iraq so managed as to ensure future Iraqi governments are sympathetic to US interests and policies.

The relief and gratitude that overcame fear in the streets of Baghdad this week is a hopeful sign. It does not, however, translate easily into a postwar Iraq ruled in total congruence with American ideals and American policies – especially not American policy towards Israel. The more the US strives for such congruence, the less likely a new Iraqi government will retain Iraqi public support, and the more likely there will be a new instability in the liberated Iraq and, unfortunately, the region.

Remember there are no symptoms, so it's almost like you are talking about somebody else, not me.

Maybe if Professor Alan Coates had watched his father and father-in-law die, both aged 72, over a 4 year period, from prostate cancer that had metastasised into secondary bone cancer and cancer of the lymph nodes, Alan might reconsider his stance against PSA testing.

After 15 consultations/testing and reading medical guide books which are freely available from the Cancer Council of Australia, one starts to understand prostate parlance and learn that it is not a death sentence when identified early, however it does create an emotional rollercoaster. ED is a major side effect of treatment and it doesn't stand for EXTRA DUTY!

I contacted 6 brothers around Australia and received commitments from all that they would be PSA tested in the near future. Out of courtesy, spoke to 4 sisters (1 doctor, 2 nurses, and 1 teacher) and received all sorts of advice particularly about the side effects of hormone treatment – “nice tits Tone”. Radiotherapy started on 1st May and will continue daily for seven weeks

My gratitude goes out to all family, friends and OTU graduates that have freely provided moral and spiritual support over the last couple of months.

Considering the aging OTU graduate baby boomers are ripe and potentially ready for this problem, don't be like Alan Coates and stick your head in the sand, be proactive and have it checked out. So, thank you Gary Vial!
(See advertisement page 32.)

MORTALITY

Whilst investigating contact addresses for Class 1/70 we have found that 8 have since died, 3 by cancer, 1 by heart/stroke, 2 during military service (helicopter crash and KIA), 1 drowning and 1 car crash. There are seven 1/70 graduates who don't appear on the electoral roll, could be they are not registered, changed their name, gone overseas or are deceased. The OTU directory now lists 53 deceased graduates, but we suspect it could be over 100. Without sounding morbid, we must face this reality and factor it into our long term strategy for the OTU Association.

COMMANDANT PASSING

– BRIG. JOHN STUDDERT AO, OBE

Sadly John Studdert passed away on the 18th February and he was buried in the Goulburn cemetery on 24th. Brig. Geddes & Miles attended along with 7 OTU graduates.

An obituary for Brig. John Studdert has been prepared by his oldest son Col. (rtd) Martin Studdert AM. The photo of John in dress uniform was taken at Martin's graduation from RMC in December, 1978, about 7 days before he retired from the Army.

I had a special relationship with John developed over 12

years of involvement with the OTU Association which he supported by attending and speaking at many of our functions, therefore I would like to make some personal comments about this thoughtful, considerate man.

When Col. Studdert commanded OTU Scheyville (January 69 – May 72) he was on average 10 years younger than we are today. Continuing in the tradition set by his predecessors Col. Geddes and Miles, John set about to alter the criteria for cadet graduation away from a purely Arms orientated platoon commander suitable for jungle warfare in Vietnam during the last stage of Australia's involvement in the war. Scheyville ranks were being swelled with tertiary qualified national servicemen, significantly older than conscripted 20 year olds, due to deferment for study.

John & I had many discussions about the changes he deliberated and introduced in order to graduate and retain skilled experienced and qualified National Service Officers in the army. He agonised over cadet failure rates, particularly those guys who were marched out in the last few weeks.

This burden of responsibility, support for his staff, and concern for cadets weighed heavily on this physically small, pensive and gentle man who with mental prowess, determination & ability managed Army Regiment/Division/Units which earned him national recognition by being awarded the AO and OBE and he succeeded in raising a wonderful family with his wife Mavis. Any wonder we used to call him “Happy Jack” because he rarely smiled in 1970.

John, I enjoyed your support, friendship and chats – Rest Well!

FINANCES

A 12 month Income/Expenditure Statement is included in page 11 of this Newsletter. April through to March better reflects the reality of what happens each year because advance subscription income (pre 30th June) can be offset with the cost of collecting subscription renewals. The Association will still operate under a July – June conventional fiscal year for all other purposes.

It is evident that no substantial surplus has been generated in 01/02, 02/03 and as a result the Association could not remit rebates (\$10/member or 25% of Subscription rate) to State Chapters over these two years.

Year	Members	Subscription Rate	Rebates	
			\$10	25% of Subs
01/02	540	\$50	\$5,400	\$6,750
02/03	684	\$55	\$6,840	\$9,405
TOTAL			\$12,240	\$16,155

The National Executive has rescinded the motion to return 25% of subscriptions to State Chapters and has

reverted back to \$10.00 per member. All donations collected for Youth Leadership Training & Development will be held in trust for the State from which the donation was collected to be used upon request specifically for Youth Leadership in the future.

Comparison between budget years 1992/93 and 2003/04 reveals substantial cost increases and additional costs over the last 10 years e.g. the Association now has to pay for Directory printing whereas before various army units did it free of charge.

The National Executive acquainted the State Chapter Chairmen of all the cost increases and the inevitable need to increase the subscriptions. After much deliberation it was decided to increase the Subscription rate for 2003/04 to \$75.00 (refer to the cost model and budget comparisons attached). The Special Project Cost Category of \$3.00 to \$10.00 per person will cover future functions and activities like:

- ACT Banner weekend
- Presentation to St Matthews
- Gifts to Charity
- Deficit in running the Association.
- Provide subsidised or free membership to needy graduates.

Or just the ability to accrue a moderate surplus. \$75.00 subscription will be adequate should the membership remain above 700. In the event of membership drops below 450 every cost item would need to be re-appraised.

The Association has come a long way over the last 12 years and it will be very difficult for voluntary/honorary members to manage an \$80,000 revenue business in an ordinary year let alone a \$250,000 business in the year of a major National Reunion. Future committees will need to consider some paid secretarial support.

Congratulations to Alan Hirschel 2/72 & Terry Williamson 1/70 for early payment of the \$75.00 subscription. Owen Williamson 4/70 an honorary member, sent \$75.00 for Youth Leadership Training and Development which is one of the Association's core objectives formalised at the AGM 2nd October 1993. This concept was reinforced with further surveys amongst members and again ratified by the attendees at the National Council Meeting in Melbourne October 2002. Thank you Owen.

WEBSITE

Gary Vial and Geoff Bennett have been beavering away up to and including Easter to update the Website – why not check it out www.otu.asn.au

COST MODEL FOR ESTABLISHING SUBSCRIPTION RATE 2003/04

Cost Item	Membership Variable cost		1992- 93 Budget for 500 Members	
	600	800	Published in Scheyvillian	
Membership	\$19000	\$22800	4 issues no GST	\$9400
Newsletter – 3/year incl. GST	5000	5000	Post/pack 2 yrs	500
Directory \$15000 /3 years	1500	1500		Nil
Insurance	500	500		Nil
Website Maintenance	1000	1200		60
Bank Charges	1800	8000	Member Drive	1000
Special Projects \$3.00 to \$10.00/member	6000	8000		3720
Rebates to States @ \$10/member			Sponsorship	1500
SUBTOTAL	\$34,800	\$47,000		\$16,180
Cost/member	\$58	\$58.75	Each	\$32.36
Administration				
Phone/fax/email	1000	1200		Nil
Postage	2500	3000		725
Print/copy/stationery	3000	4000		725
Eftpos	900	1400	Debt & packaging	500
Audit	150	200		Nil
Secretarial	3000	4000		3000
			Incorporation	780
ADMIN SUB TOTAL	10550	13800		5730
TOTAL	\$45,350	\$60,800		\$21,910
ANNUAL COST PER MEMBER	75.58	76.00		43.82
2003/04 ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION RATE	\$75.00	\$75.00	1992/03 Subs.	\$40.00

NATIONAL REUNION – 3-6th OCTOBER:

BOOK LAUNCHES

Gordon Alexander has arranged for 2 books to be launched by Tim Fischer at NSW Parliament House at 11.30am on Friday 3rd October:

“**The Scheyville Experience**” written by Roger Donnelly – unfortunately Roger cannot attend so a representative from Queensland University Press may attend.

“**The Year I Said Goodbye**” written by Peter Winter 1/65. An advertisement for this book is on page 23 of this publication.

The launch will be sponsored by the Leader of the NSW Nationals, Andrew Stoner. Andrew will also host a luncheon for the OTU National Council in the NSW Parliamentary dining room at 12.45p.m.

COUNCIL MEETING 3-10-03 (hopefully not 4-10-03)

Venue: Meeting room NSW Parliament complex

Time: Approximately 2.00pm start with approximately 4.30pm finish

Agenda: The plan is to review the outcomes of the October 2001 National Council held in Melbourne.

We seek other agenda items from the National Council members. Should important issues arise then maybe a carry over meeting could be held at Rydges Hotel-Rosehill to resolve only contentious issues on Saturday 4th October 3.00pm onwards.

Agenda Items:

1. Finalisation of Reunion finances
2. Preparation of newsletter with emphasis on reunion
3. Conclusion of membership drive effective 31/12/03
4. Audit accounts effective 31/12/03
5. Orderly transfer of National Executive to Queensland effective 1/1/04.

LADIES PROGRAM

While the Council meeting is in progress 2.00-4.30pm, partners/wives will find much to occupy themselves in the vicinity of Parliament House:-

Hyde Park – Domain – Botanical Gardens – Rocks area
Museum – Art Gallery – Opera House
Ferry ride to Manly or Taronga Park Zoo
Shopping – Centre Point Tower, Queen Victoria Building & Sydney CBD
Site Seeing via the Explorer Bus

CLASS CO-ORDINATORS

47 Class Co-ordinators have been selected/volunteered to organise up to 34 separate functions on Friday 3/10 and / or Saturday 4/10. These dinner/luncheons are to be arranged and funded separate to the National Reunion. The National Executive and administration will concentrate on other published reunion activities.

The Class Co-ordinators' main emphasis will be on the dinners/luncheons, nevertheless we would like to broaden our membership base by using known class members to search for others.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE COUPLED WITH REUNION

Without altering the State based focus of the OTU Association, it was considered that 47 Class Co-ordinators may have more luck than 6 State Committees in raising the profile and interest in the Organisation resulting in increased membership and attendance of the Reunion. Classmates can be more persuasive in getting people to join and attend functions.

Brian Cooper and Peter Whitelaw provided data assembled from electoral rolls for further individual class follow up. Reunion notices will probably be advertised in major capital city newspapers. For one last time, a number of unfinancial members whose membership has lapsed over the last 2 – 3 years will be sent a Newsletter to try and bring them back into the fold.

FINANCES

28 organisations contributed nearly \$30,000 in cash or kind to support a successful reunion in 1993. The only financial corporate support offered at this stage for the 2003 Reunion, has been \$200 from Austed Publishing consequently the event has to be self funding, totally cost neutral to our Association and therefore priced accordingly.

Costing for Singleton was provided recently allowing us to finalise the program and publish revised prices for all events.

Now that the bulk of the organisation has been finalised, class co-ordinators can start searching and generate a membership drive which potentially could create 100-200 more financial members, i.e. \$7,500-\$15,000 additional revenue for the Association.

Reunion attendance by non-members has been priced to encourage them to join the Association. A practice commonly used by many Associations, Societies, Institutes etc.

When the Reunion organisation package is complete, we will endeavour to secure \$20,000 to \$22,500 corporate support from companies that are heavily involved in the Defence Industry.

Should a company or individual provide the full \$20,000 corporate support, they will receive free advertising in 4 issues of the Scheyvillian Newsletter, they will be entitled to naming rights or recognition on publicity documents, dinner menu, church Order of Service booklet and dedication plaque. They will be invited with partner to sit with our honoured guests at the dinner and attend any aspect of the reunion free of charge.

WHAT THE REUNION CHARGES ARE BASED ON

Using the 1993 Reunion experience and records as the blueprint, there was little time to finalise all the arrangements between December 02 and the production of Scheyvillian 1/2003. Naturally there has been much deliberation about costs, risk, contingencies, number of attendees, venues, guests, band, record of events, organisation, advertising , promotion, organisation, administration and management etc.

A. GET THE PEOPLE TO SYDNEY \$8,000
Advertising/ promotion/ newspapers/ St Matthews book. Establishment of Class Co-ordinator – TV monitors – Membership drive – extra newsletters / emails / faxes / postage / phone / copying etc.

B. ADMINISTRATION – MANAGEMENT \$11,500
A percentage of the event revenue will go towards typing, banking, registration, organisation general administration etc. rather than engage a registered event organiser.

C. INVITED DIGNITARY DINNER GUESTS \$2,000

D. SPECIFIED COSTS \$6,000
Menus, Order of Service, plaque, band, Bishop, Council Meeting, book launches, name tags, church donations, buses etc etc.

SUBTOTAL \$27,500

E. VIDEO PRODUCTION \$12,500
Pack & Post \$ 1,500

TOTAL \$41,500

Many graduates have been canvassed about producing a record of the four days activities and the bulk has responded positively. The Association cannot take the risk and cost of producing a video without guaranteed sales, therefore it has been decided to make the video part of the overall cost package for all graduate attendees.

Many attendance scenarios (500-1000) have been considered as viable ways to recover the total Reunion Administration forecast cost of \$41,500 and it appears achievable without major corporate support or a fund raising raffle by recovering \$50.00 per graduate and

\$25.00 per partner for the event organisation. The Singleton exercise has been costed separately as an additional function not an option as there is no recovery of \$41,500 overheads. Thank you David Jervis 2/69 for your \$340.00 Eftpos payment already. We look forward to seeing you all in October.

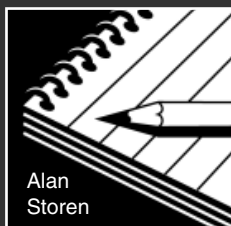
PERSONAL SUPPORT

I would like to personally thank the Scheyvillians and others who have supported me in organising this Reunion:-

- Gordon Alexander 3/66 Book launch and arrangement for General Peter Cosgrove CDF to attend the Dinner
- Tim Fischer 3/66 Scheyville Experience book launch & Guest speaker at the Dinner
- Roger Donnelly Author of “Scheyville Experience”
- Peter Winter 1/65 Author of “The Year I Said Goodbye”
- Paul Meldrum 3/68 Arranging golf at Riverside Oakes and use of Concord Golf Club
- Dick Adams 3/72 Providing a Mounted Police escort, military band and bugler.
- Paul Rees 3/68 Establishing contact with the Infantry Centre & making the Singleton trip possible.
- Lt Col Paul Roney CO & CI infantry centre
- Major Keith Fraser PMC Lone Pine Barracks Officers Mess
- Doug Oliver 4/71 Parramatta discovery booklets
- Rev Chris Burgess Rector at St Matthews – Windsor
- Jonathan Sanders Scheyville National Park
- Maj. Gen. Paul Irving 2/72 Volunteered to help – has been asked to deliver a Blackhawk Helicopter – if at all possible
- Alan Storen 1/67 Editing the *Scheyvillian* Newsletter – the vehicle to promote the Reunion.
- Craig Steel 1/70 Class Co-ordinator.
- Wayne Banks 1/70 Class Co-ordinator.
- Ray Andrews 1/70 Class Co-ordinator.
- Terry Williamson 1/70 Class Co-ordinator.

	2 Day Weekend		Dinner Only		Winsor Only		Singleton	
	Single \$	Double \$	Single \$	Double \$	Single \$	Double \$	Single \$	Double \$
Graduate Admin	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	25.00	25.00	20.00	20.00
Partner Admin	Nil	25.00	Nil	25.00	Nil	25.00	Nil	20.00
SUB TOTAL	50.00	75.00	50.00	75.00	25.00	50.00	20.00	40.00
Video	35.00	35.00	35.00	35.00	35.00	35.00		
Bus							35.00	70.00
Admin/Video Total	85.00	110.00	85.00	110.00	60.00	85.00		
Bus Admin Total							55.00	110.00
Actual event cost eg. Dinner	115.00	230.00	75.00	150.00	40.00	80.00	105.00	210.00
GRAND TOTAL	200.00	340.00	160.00	260.00	100.00	165.00	160.00	320.00
PUBLISHED CHARGE	200.00	340.00	160.00		100.00		160.00	320.00
Current non member	230.00	380.00	200.00	300.00	140.00	200.00	200.00	400.00

From the Editor's Desk



Articles. Please keep the articles coming, especially personal reflections of the life at Scheyville, or service in the Army. I am sure all of you have at least one article/story inside that is waiting to be told. A photo or two would be great. A story on what you are doing now might also be interesting or do you have any comment on articles from this or other editions – if so, please email them to me.

Memorabilia. If you have any article, photo(s), artefact, etc that relates to Scheyville please send it, or a copy, to me for inclusion in the *Scheyvillian*. I will return it if so requested or I will forward it to the RMC archivist/historian, Ross Howarth. He has established a corner in the RMC museum to hold such material and at the moment it looks bare alongside the OCS, WRAAC and RMC sections. Please feel free to visit when in Canberra.

Advertising / Inserts. Please email the Editor or Publisher to determine costs involved. Any support to offset the cost of the magazine would be appreciated.

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(Articles for inclusion should be in at least one month before publishing. Please include captions with any photos – accepted as prints or electronically as TIFFs or JPEGs.)

Gary Vial 3/69 Web Master
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And the National Executive

THIS NEWSLETTER

Has several interesting articles, inclusions, photos and inserts:-

- An obituary for Brig John Studdert AO OBE prepared by Martin Studdert AM.
- Geoff Bennett's reflections of the "final parade".
- List of 327 Vietnam Veterans and units in which they served – compiled by Roger Donnelly, Denis Townsend, Rebecca Sonneveld & Kerrie Jones.
- 1/72 Reunion August 02 – Report by Lee Beaman
- 01/72 Reunion December 02 – Report Mike Prain
- State Chapter news i.e. Richard Nicolls – NSW.
- Vale to Max Jellie.
- History of the School of Infantry Part 2 1960-2001 – written by WO2 Ian Kuring – Army History unit.
- Story by Peter Luffman covering 3TB and Vietnam.
- ANZAC poem.
- Class Co-ordinator list by alphabet and by class.
- Discover Parramatta visitor guide – free.
- St Matthews Windsor – a short guide to the church and its history – Value \$5.00.
- 12 Months Income & Expenditure Statement/Budget.
- Reunion promotional pages.
- Reunion payment advice / remittance & hotel listings.
- Subscription renewal notice.
- "Q" store etc.

The editor, publisher and National Committee hope you enjoy this 35th edition totalling 1056 pages of OTU Scheyville and graduate history over 12 years.

Tony Sonneveld



**COME ALONG
to the
NATIONAL
REUNION.**

Remember:

Amateurs built the ark ... Professionals built the Titanic.

O T U ASSOCIATION – NATIONAL Income & Expenditure Statement March 2002 to 31st March 2003 (Essentially 12 months)					
				Budget 12 Months April 03 - March 04	
Bank Balance 18/3/02		\$17,095.47			\$6,333.20
1 INCOME					
2 Reunion - 800 Sydney /200 Singleton	-			168,000.00	
3 Subscriptions from 684 members	37,480.00		800	60,000.00	
4 Donations for Youth Leadership training	8,135.00			9,500.00	
5 Sales of merchandise "Q" Store	2,231.00			3,500.00	
6 Advertising in Scheyvillian Newsletter	940.00			1,000.00	
7 Commission from Commemorative rings	180.00			500.00	
8 Interest	88.78			100.00	
9 Sundry Income	129.00	49,183.78		200.00	242,800.00
TOTAL INCOME		66,279.25			249,133.20
LESS EXPENDITURE					
Expenses generated prior 31/3/03					
1 G G Banner Relocation in Canberra	6,690.45				
2 8 O T U Banners/ flags	555.50				
3 St Matthews /Scheyville presentations	1,803.66				
4 Sundry expenses : chqs designation unknown	2,562.22				
5 2001/02 State rebate & GST accrual	5,871.00				
TOTAL EXPENSES PRIOR TO 31/3/03		17,482.83			
6 Reunion Costs – prepayments	1,760.00			154,400.00	
7 Audit Fees	120.00			150.00	
8 Bank Charges	319.50			1,200.00	
9 Insurance - Public Liability	1,221.00			1,500.00	
10 3 Scheyvillian Newsletters 2/02 3/02 1/03	21,766.70			22,500.00	
11 Presentations	279.50			250.00	
12 Purchases "Q" Store	3,452.75			3,000.00	
13 Print, post,copy, phone, fax, eftpos, emails, stationery etc	6,334.52		+4k	10,000.00	
14 Secretarial	2,100.00		+5k	7,000.00	
15 State Chapter rebates	3,256.25		03/04	8,000.00	
16 2001/02 & 2002/03 Past rebates to State Chapters	-		01/03	12,000.00	
17 Donations collected for Youth Leadership Training	7,500.00			9,500.00	
18 Subscription costs eg dishonoured cheques	105.00			150.00	
19 Sundry Expenses/dishonoured chq fees	119.00			183.20	
20 Directory – Preparation, print & distribution – 3 years				15,000.00	
21 2001/02 State rebates & GST not paid	-5,871.00			-	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE FROM APRIL 02 TO 31/3/03		42,463.22			244,833.20
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		59,946.05			
BANK BALANCE 31/3/03		\$6,333.20			\$4,300.00
\$59,946 / 684 members = \$87.64 Subs. without paying full rebates to States					
Budget Notes:					
1 Surplus on Reunion after extra admin/secretarial \$8500 & \$1760 prepayment					\$3,340.00
2 \$22,520 increased subscriptions offset by \$12,000 payment for 2001/02 & 2002/03 Chapter rebates					\$10,520.00
3 Directory preparation, print & distribution cost of which should be spread over 3 years					-\$15,000.00
			Potential 03/04 Deficit		-\$1,140.00



Brigadier John Handcock Studdert, AO, OBE

John Studdert was born in Bungonia New South Wales in December 1923, the oldest son of Charles Handcock Studdert and Bertha Geraldine Cripps-Clark. His father had emigrated from Ireland in 1912 and was the manager of the *Spring Ponds* property at Bungonia. In early 1917, Charles enlisted in the AIF and was sent to the Middle East, where he was posted to one of the battalions of the Imperial Camel Corps and on that unit's disbandment, to the 15th Light Horse Regiment. He served against the Senussi in the Western Desert and against the Turks in Palestine and was in the Aleppo area at the time of the Armistice.

Charles Studdert was not wounded or gassed during his war service, but developed ailments as a result of his service - stomach ulcers, sinus and antrium infections and later arthritis in his hands. His health never recovered after his return from the War and he died in 1936.

Before his father's death, John, known throughout his life as Pat to his family, had moved with his parents, sister Vivien and brother Charles (known as Mick) to their own property, *Danganelly*, a thousand acres on the banks of the Wollondilly River at Towrang, about 15 kilometres along the Hume Highway north of Goulburn. The property was named for Charles senior's birthplace, *Danganelly House* in County Clare Ireland and remains the family property, run since the mid 1950's by John's brother Mick.

John's high school years were spent at the Goulburn High School where he played rugby and cricket (not very well by his own description) and where he became a prefect in his final year.

In December 1943, John graduated from the Royal Military College Duntroon and was commissioned as a Lieutenant in the Royal Australian Artillery (RAA). During World War II he served as part of the AIF in the 2/6 Australian Field Regiment in the Netherlands East Indies (Halmahera and Borneo). He served also in Japan as part of the occupation forces, on the Headquarters of the 34th Infantry Brigade.

On return to Australia John had postings as an instructor at the Artillery School North Head and as Adjutant of the 6th Field Regiment in Tasmania. He completed Staff College training at the Canadian Staff College at Kingston Ontario. A short posting at the 1st Field Regiment was followed by appointment as the Instructor Artillery at the Royal Military College and subsequently by attendance at the Royal Military College of Science, Shrivenham in England.

In April 1960, John became the first Commanding Officer of the re-raised 4th Field Regiment where his task was to prepare the unit for service in Vietnam. Following his command posting and without ever deploying to Vietnam, he returned to the UK as the Technical Staff Officer Grade 1 at the Australian High Commission in London. A number of Materiel related postings followed until, in 1969, he was posted as the Commandant of the Officer Training Unit Scheyville. For his service as Commandant OTU Scheyville, he was awarded the Order of the British Empire. He moved to Canberra in 1972, serving in the Materiel Division and retiring in December 1978 as the Deputy Chief of Materiel. For his work in Materiel Division he was made an Officer of the Order of Australia.

Jack Studdert, as he was universally known by Army colleagues, is remembered by those who served with him and under him as a tough but scrupulously fair commander with absolute integrity, who was entirely focused on the well-being and welfare of the soldiers for whom he was responsible. He took the responsibility of command very seriously and saw high standards of training and discipline as essential for soldiers who may be sent to war. This applied whether he was training cadets at RMC, National Service platoon commanders for Vietnam or soldiers of the 4th Field Regiment for the same conflict. He believed that officers should lead by example and that the old adage of 'firm, fair and friendly' was pretty right. His old bombardier driver/operator from 4th Field Regiment days sent a delightful email to the family following John's illness in which he recounted a tale of the CO and he lugging ammunition for the guns during a mud-stricken Tianjara exercise.

Some of the cadets that he trained at RMC recall his solution to a 'group' misdemeanour that the cadets regarded as safe because of the large number of cadets involved - 'he can't charge all of us' was the optimistic appraisal. 'Happy Jack', as he was known, lined them all up and 'did the lot of 'em' (his words). On leaving the Army in 1978, he was presented with, amongst

other things, a mounted tyre pressure gauge, recalling his propensity to check truck and gun tyre pressures before departing on exercise with the 4th Field Regiment.

John regarded his role as Commandant of the Officer Training Unit Scheyville as the most satisfying job of his career. He felt that the quality of the young officer who graduated from OTU was exceptional and that they made and continue to make a disproportionately high contribution in both military and civil service. His respect for and ongoing friendship with so many of the trainers and staff at the OTU, amongst others, Max Almond, Wally Hall and Dick Flint bears genuine testimony to the high regard in which he held the job as Commandant.

In the 24 years following his retirement from the Army, returned to the region where he grew up and worked a property, *Bunratty*, just south of Goulburn in NSW. He spent most of those years as the Secretary of the local Gundarry Bush Fire Brigade and is very warmly remembered by his neighbours, colleagues in the Bush Fire Brigade and by the people of Goulburn. His contribution to the Rural Bush Fire Brigade at the local level reflected his approach to service and duty that he had maintained right throughout his military career. He wrote a 5-year equipment replacement and upgrade plan, established an effective command, control and communications system for the Brigade and planned and implemented regular and meaningful training for the fire fighters.

John suffered a series of heart attacks from October 2002 and died in Canberra Hospital on 18th February 2003. He was buried at the Goulburn cemetery. The funeral service at St Nicholas' church was well attended by friends and colleagues from throughout his life and included a large number of representatives of the OTU Association. The Rural Fire Service provided the pallbearers. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Mavis, sons David and Martin, daughter Fiona, their partners Valerie, Helena and Steve and by two grandchildren Nicholas and Hannah.

... And to the final parade *by Geoff Bennett*

Former O T U Commandants and graduates recently travelled to Goulburn to attend an 11:00 am funeral service and burial of Brigadier (Jack) Studdert AO OBE. The group included Brigadiers Ian Geddes and Kit Miles and graduates Wal Hall 2/68, Malcolm Brown 3/69, Paul Beerworth 1/71, Alan Parry 2/71, Dennis Archer 2/71, Tony Sonneveld 1/70 and Geoff Bennett 2/66.

“The Pocket Dynamo” invited Brigadiers Geddes, Miles and myself to travel with him to attend the service in his “gutsy limo” allowing 3½ hours for a 240km trip. This seemed a relatively simple exercise with truly admirable intent especially for John Studdert who had not only a distinguished military career but who had carried on this work through the Rural Fire Service and his pastoral property. We had planned to arrive in time to meet other graduates and the family, but alas it was not so easy or about to happen.

Tony (who lives in the western suburbs of Sydney and travels six minutes to work) discovered that peak hour cross-city traffic especially in Sydney's northern suburbs has no plan or purpose, as the Pacific Highway and Ring Road 3 were gridlocked at 7:30 am. Thus we were twenty-five minutes

late in departure from our common starting point – Kit Miles' home in Kirrawee. This delay doubled as we used another half an hour to drive 10 kilometres and so the time travel contingency was used up before we returned to Sonneveld's starting suburb.

By now, before we could leave Sydney's boundaries, we needed to refuel the vehicle and let the travellers visit the services prior to the journey. Finally we were away! But not so, we could not get through the suburbs without a Breathalyser test for the chauffeur at 9.30 am on the Great Western Highway followed by a road works delay at Eastern Creek. By now the driver was not a “happy chappie” as it started to pour with rain and we continued on to Goulburn after being diverted through Mittagong due to a major truck accident on the Hume Highway. Many modern cars do not have ashtrays so Ian and “the boy” used a fruit juice bottle full of water to dump their butts during this extended journey. Kit was amazed at the “engine poke” when we past just about everything on the highway apart from a young woman who was pulled over by the NSW Highway Patrol after passing us! Indecision by all, lead us to speed past the correct turnoff – causing an interesting detour through Goulburn

town. We finally arrived safely but not before the start of the service. Rain during the burial service maintained the solemnness of the occasion.

However, as the day progressed the weather improved. The Studdert family made everyone very welcome with a morning tea at “Bunratty”, Brigadier Studdert's home in dry sunny weather and it was a pleasure to speak with them about John and his life's work.

Our trip home took 1½ hours less time and was uneventful despite the driver's earlier frustration with the comedy of errors and events in getting to the church service late.

We spent over 7 hours in the car with the Brigadiers and listened to many stories of past military campaigns and life in general. It gave me a better insight to their personalities, knowledge of their families and I gained a different perspective of Scheyville through their eyes and recollections.

I have not known Tony to control his emotions (sheer frustration from the journey) so rigidly, which I put down to his admiration for a man of whom he held the deepest respect, not to mention the Brigadier passengers. *RIP John*.



The School of Infantry – A History

1911 to 2001

Part Two 1960 to 2001

Warrant Officer Ian Kuring (Army History Unit) continues his account of the History of the School of Infantry as researched for his monograph "Australian Infantry – A History 1788 to 2001". Part One, in Australian Infantry's March 2001 edition, followed the School of Musketry's foundation at Randwick in 1911 through various locations in NSW and Victoria concluding in Seymour Victoria in 1960 when the school of Infantry was relocated to Bardia Barracks, Ingleburn NSW. The story continues ...

The Infantry Centre, Ingleburn: 1960 – 1973

The move of the School of Infantry to Ingleburn included its amalgamation with the 4th Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment (4 RAR) and this resulted in it becoming the Infantry Centre. Since 1952, 4 RAR was the unofficial title given to the unit that had been created at Ingleburn to act as the Training Depot for the Royal Australian Regiment and carry out the basic infantry training for Regular Army soldiers allocated to the Royal Australian Infantry Corps. (4 RAR, was not officially raised as an infantry battalion until 1964).

The Infantry Centre had responsibility for conducting: basic infantry training; infantry career courses for the promotion of officers and non-commissioned officers; specialist infantry training courses (mainly related to weapons, marksmanship

and signals skills); trials of new infantry weapons and equipment; the development of infantry doctrine; and the writing of infantry training pamphlets. Its organisation included: a headquarters; Tactics Wing; Weapons Wing; Signals Wing; Depot Company RAR; and the Infantry Corps Museum.

During the early 1960s the Infantry Centre was kept very busy preparing training pamphlets and running courses for the introduction into service of new weapons such as: the 7.62mm L1A1 self loading rifle (SLR); the 7.62mm M60 general purpose machine gun (GPMG); the 81mm M29 medium mortar; and the 106mm M40 recoilless anti-tank rifle. At the same time the Infantry Centre was involved in the trials of a wide variety of new weapons, equipment and skills including: infra red night vision equipment; anti-tank weapons, including guided missiles; the 9mm F1 sub-machine gun; the Stoner 5.56mm small arms system; visual tracking; and the employment of tracker dogs.

During 1963-64 some organisational changes took place within the Infantry Centre, with the creation of Regimental Wing to conduct promotion and specialist skills courses for other ranks while Tactics Wing retained prime responsibility for running officer promotion courses; and Depot Company RAR became Battle Wing.

In 1965, the rapid expansion of the Army through the

introduction of National Service and the commitment of infantry battalions to combat operations in Malaysia and South Vietnam meant that the Infantry Centre had to quickly expand its capabilities across the spectrum of its activities. As well as having to expand and increase the frequency of the normal range of infantry career and specialist training courses to provide for the increased number of infantry battalions, the Infantry Centre also became involved in running specialist foreign weapons familiarisation courses for advisors going to the Australian Army Training Team Vietnam (AATTV) and Navy helicopter crews and diving teams going to Vietnam. During 1965, Tracking Wing was established at Infantry Centre to train visual trackers, tracking dogs and their handlers.

During 1966, the Infantry Centre established Reinforcement Wing to ensure that there was always a pool of trained infantry reinforcements readily available to maintain the strength of the infantry battalions on operations in Vietnam and Malaysia.

In June 1968 the Infantry School was re-created within the Infantry Centre under the command of its own Lieutenant Colonel, who was designated as the Chief Instructor. It took until April 1969 for the position of Commanding Officer of the Infantry Centre to be upgraded from Lieutenant Colonel to Colonel and designated as the Commandant Infantry Centre.

By 1970 the Infantry Centre organisation included: Centre Headquarters; the Infantry School; Reinforcement Wing; and the Infantry Museum. The Infantry School organisation included: a headquarters; Regimental Wing with its specialist sub-wings including, weapons, mortars, assault pioneers, signals and tracking; Tactics Wing which conducted career promotion courses for officers and senior non-commissioned officers; and Battle Wing which carried out basic infantry training for Regular Army soldiers allocated to the Infantry Corps. During the period 1965-1972, most National Servicemen allocated to the Infantry Corps received their basic infantry training at the 3rd Training Battalion at Singleton.

During the Vietnam era the inadequacies of the Infantry Centre's location at Ingleburn had become obvious. These inadequacies included: the very basic, old accommodation buildings at Bardia Barracks; the lack of adequate live firing ranges and training areas at Ingleburn; the problems of using training areas, live firing ranges and facilities at the nearby Holsworthy Military Area, in an area that also had to meet the training requirements of all Regular Army and Citizen Military Forces units in the Sydney area, including the School of Artillery from North Head; and the requirement to have to travel around 60 miles (100 kilometres) to conduct close country training exercises in the rugged forest country around Mittagong and Bulli. The Infantry Centre's training activities in the Holsworthy Military Area were further hampered by the fact that some of the units based in the area were carrying out their own preparations for service in Vietnam.

During 1967, the Infantry Centre rejected the opportunity to move to the newly constructed Tobruk Barracks at Puckapunyal in Victoria. The new barracks had been specially constructed to house an infantry battalion. The live firing ranges and training areas in the Puckapunyal Military Area were already overloaded with trying to cope with the training requirements of the local Regular Army units and the Victorian based Citizen Military Forces units, many of which were already making use of other areas in Victoria in an effort to try and relieve the pressures being placed on Puckapunyal.

With the end of Australia's commitment to the Vietnam War

and the end of National Service during 1972, the Army quickly reduced in size and its level of activity became less intense.

Infantry Centre, Singleton: 1973 - 1994

In October 1973, the Infantry Centre moved from Ingleburn to Singleton in the Hunter Valley to take over the barracks and training facilities that had previously been used by the 3rd Training Battalion for the training of National Servicemen. The advantages of Singleton as the new location for the Infantry Centre were: it had new barracks accommodation; the close proximity of a wide variety of live firing ranges, including field firing; the close proximity and easy access to a wide variety of field training areas; it was in a rural environment adjacent to a large country town; and there was easy access to road, rail and air transport. At the time of its move to Singleton, it was believed that the Infantry Centre's tenure there would be limited by the expansion of nearby open cut coal mines, as there were future plans to mine the coal seam under the military training area.

In February 1974, the organisation of the Infantry Centre included: Centre Headquarters; the School of Infantry; Administration Company; Doctrine, Publications and Trials Section; and the Infantry Museum. The School of Infantry organisation included: Headquarters; Career Courses Wing with, Officer Sub-Wing, Warrant Officer Sub-Wing, and Non-Commissioned Officer Sub-Wing; Specialist Wing with, Infantry Weapons Sub-Wing, Pioneers/Signals Sub-Wing, and Tracker Sub-Wing; and Corps Training Company.

During the 1970s and into the early 1980s the Infantry Centre was involved with the trials, introduction into service and training of specialist infantry soldiers related to: sniper training; the re-introduction of the sustained fire/extended range machine gun capability; and the introduction of a new 81mm mortar.

By 1981 the organisation of the Infantry Centre had been changed again and included the Centre Headquarters and three wings: Training, Administration, and Development. The Training Wing was commanded by a Lieutenant Colonel and represented the old School of Infantry organisation and included: Careers Wing with Officer Sub-Wing, Warrant Officer Sub-Wing, and Non-Commissioned Officer Sub-Wing; Specialist Wing with Small Arms Sub-Wing, Support Weapons Sub-Wing, Assault Pioneer Sub-Wing, and Signals Sub-Wing; Depot Company RAR; and Training Support. Infantry Development Wing was commanded by a Lieutenant Colonel and included: Doctrine Section, Material Section, and the Infantry Museum. In 1982 the School of Infantry was re-raised as a separate unit within the Infantry Centre, however in 1985 it was again absorbed into the Infantry Centre organisation.

The Infantry Development Wing was responsible for producing a wide range of new infantry doctrine and training pamphlets as well as carrying out trials on a wide range of infantry weapons including: the small arms replacement project, light mortars, projected grenades, light anti-tank weapons, a new general purpose machine gun, and new combat clothing and webbing equipment. In 1985 Infantry Development Wing was renamed Infantry Development Staff.

During the 1980s the Infantry Centre was responsible for hosting a major, annual, firepower demonstration on the Singleton Range, which featured the full range of infantry weapons and specialist infantry skills and techniques, as well as artillery and air support. The Infantry Centre also provided support for a similar annual firepower demonstration conducted at Puckapunyal and hosted by the Armoured Centre.

During the mid to late 1980s the Defence Department investigated the possibilities of relocating the Infantry Centre from Singleton and the School of Artillery from North Head, Sydney to central western New South Wales. Briefings, investigations and committee discussions involving politicians (national, state and local), public servants, Army officers, and members of the public were carried out and land in the Bathurst-Orange area was identified as being suitable for the re-location of the two training schools. The problem was that not everyone in the Bathurst-Orange area was in favour of the plan, especially many of the local land owners and the plan was eventually dropped. As soon as the decision was made that the Infantry Centre would remain at Singleton, plans were made for the future upgrade of the accommodation, training and range facilities.

In December 1989, the Directorate of Infantry was relocated from Army Office in Canberra to the Infantry Centre at Singleton. This was part of a plan to reduce the number of senior and middle ranking officers in the Army and to decentralise some of the functions carried out by Army Office in Canberra. The move of the Director of Infantry to Singleton resulted in him becoming a triple-hatted Colonel, as he also became Commandant of the Infantry Centre and Commander of the Singleton Military Area, replacing the previously double-hatted Colonel. The move of the Directorate of Infantry from Canberra to Singleton meant the amalgamation of a number of staff officer positions as the Directorate became part of Headquarters Infantry Centre and also absorbed the tasks previously undertaken by the Infantry Development Staff. With these changes the Infantry Museum became the responsibility of Headquarters Infantry Centre and the School of Infantry again became an independent unit within the Infantry Centre.

The School of Infantry, Singleton: 1994 - 1999

During early 1994 the title Infantry Centre was officially dropped (although even in 2001 the name still exists in brass at the front entrance to the School of Infantry area at Singleton) and the title School of Infantry was officially given prominence, in spite of the continued presence of the Directorate of Infantry at Singleton and the Director's role as the Area Commander. Part of the reason for these changes related to command and control relationships, with the Directorate of Infantry being part of General Staff Division of Army Office in Canberra and the School of Infantry being a Training Command Unit. The organisation of the School of Infantry included: Headquarters; Careers Wing; Specialist Wing; Depot Company RAR; and Administration Company. The Directorate of Infantry had responsibility for the Infantry Museum.

During the period 1992-1994 the first stage of the upgrading of the facilities for the School of Infantry was carried out, including construction of new barracks accommodation for all ranks, and new barracks accommodation, administration buildings and training facilities for Depot Company RAR. The first stage of the upgrade also included a major revamp of the Singleton Range Area including a re-orientation of the layout of the live firing range and the development of new range complexes.

During 1995 the second stage of the upgrade was carried out, with the construction of a new administrative block for the instructional staff of the School of Infantry named Suakin Hall, and the construction of new instructional facilities including a library, lecture rooms, syndicate rooms, a large model room and a lecture-theatre, all incorporating the latest in electronic training aids and computer technology. For the first time in its existence, the School of Infantry had a home that had been constructed for it and state of the art instructional facilities.

Stage three of the upgrade was to include a new headquarters building for the Singleton Military Area, the Directorate of Infantry and the School of Infantry. However the Army Force Structure Review, the Defence Efficiency Review and the subsequent Defence Reform Program brought about manpower and structural changes within the Army that led to the stage three of the upgrade at Singleton being put on hold. The decision to get rid of Corps Directorates saw the demise of the Directorate of Infantry at the end of 1997. During 1996-1998 a number of reviews affecting organisation and manpower had been carried out within the Army's Training Command and these led to plans for future restructuring to take place, including the creation of the Combat Arms Training Centre (CATC) at Puckapunyal in December 1997. In July 1998 the CATC took command of the existing Schools of Armour, Artillery, Infantry, and Engineers, with a view to them all eventually being located at Puckapunyal. The creation of the CATC brought with it the expectation of increased integration of training between the combat arms as part of a greater focus on combined arms co-operation in the future.

By 1998 the organisation of the School of Infantry included: Headquarters; Careers Wing which ran infantry promotion courses for officers and non-commissioned officers and infantry specialist skills training courses; Depot Company conducting basic infantry training courses for both the Regular Army and the Army Reserve; Infantry Doctrine Section (out posted from Headquarters Training Command, Sydney); and the Marksmanship Training Detachment based at Wacol in Southern Queensland. During the late 1990s, the control of the Infantry Museum passed from the Infantry Corps to the Army History Unit in Canberra.

Training rationalisation studies concerning manpower and economy of effort related to skills training, the CATC and the Corps schools saw mortar training move from the School of Infantry to the School of Artillery at Puckapunyal during late 1998, and during 1999 assault pioneer training moved to the School of Military Engineering and infantry signals training moved to the School of Signals.

During 1999 the training facilities of the School of Infantry were enhanced by the construction and opening of a Weapon Training Simulation System (WTSS) facility at Singleton. WTSS is an indoor range system that uses computer simulation to allow up to ten soldiers at a time to practice their marksmanship and weapon skills without firing a live round. The WTSS facility provides visual and noise simulation and allows weapon firing on simulated conventional ranges and in a variety of simulated combat situations.

Dismounted Combat Division, Singleton: 1999 - 2001

On 10 December 1999 the School of Infantry became the Dismounted Combat Division of the CATC. At that time the plan was that all elements of the Dismounted Combat Division except for Depot Company would move from Singleton to the CATC at Puckapunyal by the end of 2001.

During 2000 the Infantry Company Commanders Course disappeared from Singleton and was absorbed into the Combat Officer Advanced Course conducted at Puckapunyal under the auspices of the CATC. This course replaced the Armour, Artillery, Infantry, Engineer and Aviation officer advanced courses previously run by the Corps schools. Also during 2000, the Small Arms Wing (formerly the Marksmanship Training Detachment) moved from its derelict accommodation at Wacol into purpose built facilities in Gallipoli Barracks at Enoggera, Queensland.



The School of Infantry, Singleton: 2001

On 1 March 2001, the name School of Infantry was revived at Singleton, and it became the School of Infantry of the Dismounted Combat Division of the Combat Arms Training Centre.

As at June 2001, the organisation of the School of Infantry included: Headquarters; Tactics Wing comprising, Platoon Team, Range Qualification Team, Recon-Sniper Section, and Direct Fire Support Weapons Section; Marksman Training Cell; the WTSS Facility; Depot Company; and Small Arms Wing at Enoggera. Other units located in the School of Infantry's area at Singleton included: the Special Forces Training Centre; a Detachment of the Regional Training Centre – NSW; Infantry Doctrine Section (out posted from the Combined Arms Training and Development Centre (CATDC) – Puckapunyal); and the Infantry Museum.

While the plan to have all of the Combat Arms Schools located at Puckapunyal as part of the CATC still exists, the School of Infantry is likely to remain at Singleton for the foreseeable future.

Author's Note.

This brief history of the School of Infantry was researched and written by WO2 Ian Kuring using: an unpublished draft titled – History of the Australian School of Infantry 1911-1956 (author unknown); various unit briefs prepared by a variety of unknown staff officers during the 1970s-1990s; the Infantry Centre Magazine 1985; an article titled The School of Infantry by Captain A. Levick, published in Combat Arms Journal Issue 1/90; the book Australian Armour by Major General R.N.L. Hopkins; articles from the publication – The Australian Army in Profile 1999; comments from LTCOLs Greg Pike and John. Butler; and acquired personal knowledge and recollections.

Many of the images supporting this article were researched, at the Royal Australian Infantry Corps Museum, by Captain John Land.

Warrant Officer Class Two Ian Kuring has served with the Royal Australian Infantry Corps, as an officer and non-commissioned officer, since January 1965. He saw operational service in South Vietnam 1970-71, and visited Somalia in 1993. Ian's postings include: 2 RAR, 6 RAR, Depot Coy RAR, 5 RVR, Battle Wing – Jungle Training Centre (twice), Australian Army Training Team Vietnam, 3 Training Group, 1 Ground Liaison Group, Doctrine Section – School of Infantry, Infantry Museum (twice) and Army History Unit (twice). Ian is currently a Research Officer with the Army History Unit.

the **LUFFMAN** Nashos

by Peter Luffman (4/66)

A couple of editions ago I read with interest Malcolm Brown's *'the Downside of the Scheyville Experience'*.

Malcolm and I shared secondary education experiences at Stanmore as fellow 'Western Suburbs Methodists'. However having read Malcolm's account of his experiences at 3TB I suspect we learned very different ways of judging our Military experiences.

Maybe our differently warped views of the military came from our experiences in the Cadet Corp which was headed by a bloke who looked for all the world like Capt Mainwaring and square gated more effectively than anyone I have ever experienced.

3TB, by the way, found a way of 'psych certificating out' square gating recruits, and various other misfits. If only those conscientious objectors had known the system better they could have saved everyone a whole lot of hassle by accepting enrolment, chucking a Wally on day two and they would have been home to Mum by the end of week 1 complete with a free haircut.

To properly understand 3TB one had to first understand the mix ... Firstly there were the Officers and Senior NCO's. They had to have stuffed up somewhere to get there or they had chosen an Army discipline that had nothing to do. We had officers sent home early from Vietnam, others who had failed the last major exercise with Battalions and were left off the boat bound for Vung Tau, anti aircraft gunners who had no guns and hence no possibility of a posting, numerous complete misfits, bitter senior officers who had been effectively demoted to 3TB. To top it all we had a Battalion Commander who named us the Tiger Battalion and called for 'three roars' at major parades.

My own crime was to fall from a top ten first term at Scheyville to a last to graduate performance. Along the way when asked by Colonel Clark what I thought of Scheyville I answered that I had been in worse places but never stayed as long.

Mix that officer disaster up with one or two CMF/Reserve officers who were busting a gut to make it in the Army and had ability but were facing a wall of prejudice and incompetence too high to even bother receiving.

Secondly the demands of a national service driven explosion in Army numbers plus commendable war service by very junior ranks was producing a flood of junior NCO regulars heading for the recruit battalions filled with ambition and enthusiasm.

I often wondered if when the last Nasho left town in the early seventies there were actually any private soldiers left to be bossed around.

However the great bulk of these young NCOs, whilst a little green as leaders and trainers, were very good soldiers but as Malcolm says, despite the opportunities provided by our very presence they hated Nashos with a passion and subalterns were the worst form of Nasho.

Thus is it any wonder that the place was a little strange. Incompetence and bitterness coming from the top down, competence and enthusiasm coming from the bottom up and in the middle a group of Scheyville and Portsea one pipers enthused by their authority, busting to make good, whilst parties from both sides were determined to bust them.

The Officers Mess was something like I had never experienced and never will again. Most Officers lived in, at least during the working week. The mix of remoteness, despair, a completely unsuitable PMC who had seen one ordinance rack too many, cheap grog and very little to do produced a cocktail that bubbled over almost every night. The only surprise is that we stayed alive.

I got the impression that at 3TB we produced some pretty ordinary private soldiers from the Recruit training companies but that from the Infantry training Companies we produced mostly competent soldiers.

One memory of Recruit Training will always remain with me. We flew to Brisbane early in the morning and at Enoggera picked up our platoon of 48 national service recruits. As one stood in front of them at 10am they all had their own little personality displayed in some way.

By the time one faced that same 48 some 8 hours later at the end of the 'processing hall' at Singleton you had 48 x Jo Bloggs. The bloke in the suit, the bloke in the thongs, the bloke in tears, had all gone; the system had

just reduced all those images to a number and they were all off scratch in a ten week race.

For all of the above, dealing with the conflicts of 3TB was the best possible grounding for future military service and life beyond.

I was posted from 3TB to the Infantry Centre at Holdsworthy thence to Canungra before Vietnam as a reinforcement in early 1968. I joined 3RAR to take over the platoon of a Scheyville graduate, John Fraser, much loved by his troops, who had been killed in action.

Those guys were not ready to accept a replacement to John, who I didn't know, however with my year of grounding in the relationships jungle that was 3TB we found mutual acceptance early enough to continue as a very effective unit for the remainder of their tour.

The CSM who welcomed me to the Battalion was former OTU field instructor and hard head Bill Lapthorne. Great soldier and a great bloke, however at our last dinner at OTU during our review I had played Bill Lapthorne in a send up skit a few of us did on the instructing staff.

Bill never forgot and got even as the last chopper approached during an extraction from a long operation. Bill said "Sir, I've miscalculated one too many for this bird - I'll get one back to you as soon as I can." Needless to say I found room and Bill enjoyed the moment.

The other OTU platoon commanders who served in that Company were Laurie Appleby, Mal Robinson (Perth not Bourke) and the now well known former bookie Peter McCoy.

As the stimulation for both Malcolm Brown's and my articles was indirectly 'The Scheyville Experience' I have to agree with Malcolm that OTU was the easy bit.

However on balance when I look back on 3TB it brings a smile to my face. For out of that seething mass of humanity, mostly going in different directions, came more laughs than any other year of my life.

Further military experience found me in Vietnam of my own choosing where, apart from places such as FSB's Balmoral and Coral, most of the front line Infantry responsibility and pressure was placed on forward scouts, corporals and very young platoon commanders.

One must not forget those incredibly brave Engineers who cleared tunnels and worse still mined areas where the hardware they sought was unfortunately and unknowingly provided by Australia.

If I was prepared for Vietnam, and I probably wasn't, then 3TB made a far greater contribution to that preparedness than OTU.



There's nothing like a chicken to supplement a meal of Army "C" Rations. Private John Amor of Horsham, Victoria and Second Lieutenant Peter Luffman of Bourke, NSW, pluck a chicken they caught at an enemy base camp on Operation "Diamantina", a reconnaissance in force to the north east of Nui Dat in Phuoc Tuy Province, South Vietnam.



Presentation of the 9 platoon baton by a visiting Major Weaver to 3RAR's 9 Platoon commander Peter Luffman, watched by platoon Sergeant Ray Ewell (won a Military Medal during the tour) and the platoon dog. The baton was presented to Major Weaver by the locals when he was 9 Platoon commander in Korea.

Gallipoli – The Turkish Story

By Kevin Fewster, Vechili Basarin and Hatice Hurmuz Basarin

A Book Review by Gary McKay

When I was about 10 years old I was asked by my primary school teacher to lay a wreath outside the local council chambers in Gordon in Sydney. I have never forgotten that day, mostly because as I walked tentatively up to the sandstone monument with a girl from my grade, I was shaking like a leaf. The day was heavy with solemn ceremony and I was afraid I was going to muck it up by tripping over the broad but shallow steps that we had to ascend. Thankfully it all went without a hitch and a deep sense of relief swept over me after we had returned to the ranks of the school children lined up on the flank of the parade.

Almost 50 years on I look back and think how naive it was of me to have worried about such a trivial matter, but that I suspect is the innocence of youth. My recollections of what Anzac Day was, and by that I mean the Gallipoli landings, remained almost unchanged through my teenage years until I was conscripted into the army. And then finally the truth came out. It really wasn't just about gallant men striding up thorny stony hills and forging a legend and putting Australia on the world map as a nation. Gallipoli was a massive military stuff up. It was, to put it bluntly, an empirical blunder of monumental proportions, and a military escapade that was actually an invasion. It was not a great tactical or strategic victory after all. It was about botched landings, failure to exploit success at beachheads and on several fronts, and a lengthy stalemate punctuated (on both sides) by absolutely suicidal frontal assaults into fortified entrenchments and withering machine gun fire.

The other real thing I was totally ignorant about is who the Anzacs were fighting and why. I had no real idea of how the Ottoman Empire, which was reeling on wobbly legs, was structured to defend their homeland. I had no idea of the difference between Turks and Ottomans. I did not appreciate the rationale behind Turkey's alliance. I knew all about the allies and countless

facts about the British casualties that make our own honour rolls pale by comparison. I understood the withdrawal but not a lot about what was going on only 50 metres from the Australian trenches.

I have planned to go to Gallipoli in 2004 to finally see the place where so many young Australians and New Zealanders spilt their lifeblood. Thankfully, last week my publisher sent me a copy of its latest Gallipoli book, *Gallipoli – The Turkish Story*. It is a second edition of a previously released smaller work that has been brought into the new millennium. It has given me a new perspective on the campaign. Written by Kevin Fewster, Vechili Basarin and Hatice Hurmuz Basarin this book should become compulsory reading for anyone who intends to observe Anzac Day, whether it be laying a wreath, master of ceremonies, marching or standing in the crowds, but especially if going to Anzac Cove.

I was aware of many things about Gallipoli, as I had read books by C. W. Bean and recently that wonderful book by Les Carlyon and several others. But now I have finally been given the story from the other side of the trenches and more importantly a glimpse of the Turkish culture, attitudes, and military and political aspects that before were unexplained. Even more enlightening for me has been the manner in which Turkish sentiment and observance of the entire campaign has been remembered and celebrated over the many decades since the middle of March 1915.

The naval battle at the Narrows near Canakkale on 18 March 1915 was for the Turkish people a monumental morale boost and one that gave hope to defending their homeland. For the British it was a naval disaster but amazingly it was simply put aside as a rebuff that was a deathly precursor to an invasion. The authors of this book have now shown how the Turkish military planners and strategists, ably supported by their German allies, intended to

defend the peninsular and keep the enemy on the beaches. It also allows us to see why Mustafa Kemal became so widely revered and acknowledged as the true hero of the Turkish people. His foresight, tenacity, personal example and sound tactics allowed the Gallipoli peninsula to stay firmly in Turkish hands, albeit at times it was very close to slipping from his grasp.

I enjoyed this book thoroughly from cover to cover. I only wish I knew about this side of the campaign a long time ago. But now it will make my journey to Turkey next year so much more complete and help me further understand the story of Gallipoli and appreciate what has gone before. Ataturk's words immortalised in monuments at Anzac Cove and in Australia have a much greater meaning for me now:

Those heroes that shed their blood and lost their lives. You are now living in the soil of a friendly country, therefore rest in peace. There is no difference between the Johnnies and the Mehments to us where they lie side by side, here in this country of ours. You, the mothers, who sent their sons from faraway countries, wipe away your tears; your sons are now lying in our bosom and are in peace. After having lost their lives on this land, they have become our sons as well.

I think I will be shaking even more when I am standing at Anzac Cove next 25 April; like that young schoolboy was so many years ago.

Gallipoli – The Turkish Story, by Kevin Fewster, Vechili Basarin and Hatice Hurmuz Basarin, 166pp, Allen & Unwin, Sydney 2003. RRP \$29.95

Gary McKay, Class of 2/68, served in a South Viet Nam as a rifle platoon commander, spent 30 years in the Australian Army, and is the author of eight books on Australia's involvement in the Viet Nam war and a noted oral historian.

Gallipoli & Western Front Tour

Gary McKay (2/68) is intending on taking a tour group to Gallipoli and the Western Front battlefields in 2004. He has secured the services of Mr Kenan Celik who is regarded by the Australian War Memorial as the most knowledgeable tour guide operating on the Peninsula. Mr Celik is a (recently retired) university lecturer and former head of the English Department at Onsekiz Mart Universitesi ('18th March University') in Canakkale, the gateway town to the Gallipoli Peninsula. Kenan was awarded an OAM in 2000 for his services to Australian - Turkish relations.

Gary is canvassing for interested parties who would like to accompany him and his wife for a 27-day tour that will take in Turkey, France and Belgium. Read this blurb and get an appreciation for what it involves.

"From the haunting ridges, valleys and beaches of the Gallipoli Peninsula to the evening Last Post ceremony at the Menin Gate in Ypres, the tour of Gallipoli & the Western Front embraces the major sites where Australian soldiers served. Although most travellers choose to take the whole 27-day tour, the first part of the tour, a fourteen-day visit to Turkey, and the second part, a thirteen-day tour of France and Belgium, are also offered as separate journeys.

On the Gallipoli tour you will walk the major battlefields where Australians and their allies and enemies fought and died, attend the Anzac Day Dawn Service at Anzac Cove, and enjoy the warm hospitality and distinctive culture of the people of Turkey.

The journey begins where east meets west in Istanbul - a city enriched by two thousand years of history and adorned with spectacular mosques, minarets and bustling markets. You will visit the fabulous Blue Mosque, Saint Sophia, the Dolmabahçe Palace and Harem and visit the exciting Grand Bazaar where the adventurous can haggle for traditional Turkish craftwares and bric-a-brac. You'll also visit the Topkapi Palace, take a guided boat tour along the Bosphorus, explore the old city and sample the fine Turkish cuisine.

The tour then travels to the Gallipoli Peninsula and the famous straits of the Dardanelles. Here, in this spectacularly rugged landscape, a sense of tragedy surrounds the thousands of graves of Australian soldiers who lie alongside of their comrades from many nations and those of their former Turkish enemies. At Gallipoli the tour group stays in a comfortable hotel on the Peninsula just south of Anzac Cove.

Your tour will be led by an expert from the Australian War Memorial, and with his guidance, you will scour the dramatic ridges and the isolated beaches, visiting place names which have a unique place in Australian history - Anzac Cove, Lone Pine, the Nek, Quinn's Post and many more.

Here the soldiers of Australia and New Zealand forged the Anzac legend. Their courage, resourcefulness and humour in adversity became a source of national pride and an expression of national character. On Anzac Day, the commemoration on the actual site of events that changed the course of Australian history, is the single most moving experience of the tour.

You'll then return to Istanbul for shopping and, after a tour final dinner, those continuing on the Western Front part of the tour leave for Paris and the battlefields of France."

The Western Front Battlefield Tour offers Australians the chance to retrace the footsteps of the Australian Imperial Force through France, Belgium, and the United Kingdom; to visit such places as Pozières, Bullecourt, Amiens, Fromelles, Ypres, and Peronne.

The tour provides an excellent opportunity for Australians to see places once so familiar to the generation of men and women who served on the Western Front. Quality hotels, air-conditioned coaches, and fine food contribute to the travellers' comfort, while experienced guides and historians are on hand to locate and explain the significance of places visited.

This specially designed battlefield tour, which has been operating since 1993, is both a commemorative and educational journey into an important part of our nation's history, and - for some - a personal pilgrimage. It blends these opportunities with visits to famous cultural sites, and to many fascinating places not found on the normal tourist routes.

In addition to the ancient cities and rustic villages, known to the soldiers serving in Picardy and Flanders, there are interesting new things to see. These include outstanding museums like the Historial de la Grande Guerre at Peronne and the In Flanders Fields Museum at Ypres, as well as monuments such as the new The Digger sculpture at Bullecourt, and the memorials at Fromelles and Le Hamel, unveiled in July 1998.

The Western Front tour visits the many battlefields, historic sites and monuments throughout the Somme, Arras, and Flanders. It includes time in Paris for sightseeing, shopping and dinner at the Eiffel Tower. The tour travels to London on the Eurostar high speed train for visits to Horseferry Road, where AIF Headquarters was located, and the Imperial War Museum.

The tour is designed to avoid the incredibly over-crowded Anzac Day services as much as possible and allow a better appreciation of the ground and the entire battlefield. Those interested will be given a comprehensive reading and guide book list that Gary has compiled from his time spent with the Mr Ashley Ekins a senior historian at the Australian War Memorial.

This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to see the battlefield that forged the Australian nation, gave rise to the legend of Anzac and is indelibly etched into the heart and soul of Australia.

If you would like to express interest in going with Gary then contact him on his e-mail garymckay@bigpond.com.au or write to him at P.O. Box 689 Coolumb Beach QLD 4573. The price of the tour is approximately \$4500 for a 14-day tour of Turkey and \$9000 for the 27-day tour. This tour stays in 4-5 star accommodation and is extremely good value for money as we have the best guide and know the best places to stay. All prices include airfares, accommodation and meals. All you have to do is buy the souvenirs and wine.



Letter From Abroad

Dear Gary,

You appeal to my vanity to write a piece about the Solomon Islands for the Scheyvillian. I decline for all I could do is recount others' stories. Something a fiction writer would entertain, not a judge however, who shouldn't bend facts like a lawyer or worse still, dissemble like a politician.

My experience is limited to the time that I have been in Honiara, time mostly on my own without discourse. A great many of the expatriate population, including close friends of ours, left over Christmas. Some have still not returned for striking workers had, until recently, prevented aircraft movement into and out of the country. Sue fortunately for me, arrived before Christmas although how she views that move away from our four boys is for her to say.

While I have been over a month in country, my court work has been slight for the court has been in recess for Christmas. On my order, the Admiralty Marshall seized a ship, last Tuesday, a ship chartered for the cyclone relief. Now there is a story behind that, sub justice though. The relative calm has given me much time at home to arrange things, and there is much arranging to do. The house is an old colonial, fibro with a rusted corrugated iron roof, in a dilapidated state. Charming at a distance. Things are improved, my diesel generator has afforded us electricity during the often and long blackouts and the more recent evening rain storms, water for the tank. Town water is about to be cut off since the bill hasn't been paid and I haven't been here long enough to assess whether our tank will carry us far into the dry season. The court is responsible for the bill, but other priorities mean water is relegated. What could be more important than water, you may ask. Well, I don't know.

Each day we drive from our house, on a ridge behind Honiara, to the point where the road starts to snake down, with the view of the Sound with its other islands in the distance, to pause at its beauty. Now I love sea views, the great ocean road, the cornice, Monterey, Howe Sound out of Vancouver so I don't make judgments about views but this is up there with the best. Strong blues in the sea and sky, islands clear 30 miles away sharp etched on the horizon. Below, the ridge, brilliant green of the rain trees interspersed with the red of the poincianas and tall fronded coconuts cover the ground to the seas' margin, only 400 metres away. The court building on the main road is only 4 minutes by car from the house, which is on a knoll, proud of steep sided gullies about us. The gullies are given over to gardens, cassava and banana, of our neighbours. Their houses are shielded from sight from our place. So different to the ordered streets of the Gold Coast. Mendana Avenue, the main road of Honiara, parallels the coast some 100 metres distant, and the port, really a wharf, built along a small point jutting into the ocean. Point Cruz to give it, its due.

Ocean it is, for the sea bottom immediately starts shelving to some 600m deep in Iron-bottom Sound. The capital ships, sunk in the violence and carnage of huge sea engagements between the Yanks and the Japanese, lie forever in those depths. HMAS Canberra (whose memorial to her loss and those of 84 seamen

is next to the Carillon on the shore of Lake Burley Griffin), lies among her own. The area to the seaward side of Mendana Avenue is given over, close to the port, to associated works, fuel storage, container yards, local shipping wharfs, and old Nissan huts, from the time of the war, still remain and serve their purpose. On the other side of the road, shops predominate and now and then a roundabout affords access to those roads, some tarred, most potholed coronas, sharply wend their way up the steep ridges, leading away from the sea. Housing mostly occupies these ridges, although Parliament House, made in a sugary native communal house style (that's a misnomer for it lacks style) is built on one ridge immediately behind the town. Further from the centre, destitute hotels lie abandoned on the waters edge and further out, towards the airport, or Henderson Field as it is still known, is the golf club. I don't think I've missed anything, the town isn't big!

None of this really is of interest to our class, for our interests still lie in our European heritage and our encounter with the landscape and character of the Europeans strikes a far more important chord in us. Melanesian culture and mores are totally foreign, ever since the time of Quiros and Mendana, who couldn't relate, despite attempts at colonisation in early 1605, attempts which showed a genuine desire. A travel writer needs an observant eye and a gift for description coupled with preferably a perverse turn of phrase to paint the mundane with exotica. No verbal description can adequately communicate the physical nature of a place (especially in this age of digital cameras,) the emotional reaction, however is our own. I can't adequately share it in words, just as Scheyvillians don't need to seek to explain the experience amongst themselves.

If you want me to recount true tales, scuttlebutt about the shambles of government, then I don't feel free to do so since, as part of the Westminster system that sits like an unaccustomed suit, I am part of it! In any event I do not subscribe to the aesthetic religion which swept Australia at the time of the "Tampa crisis" and since, a religion which puts its faith in the mood of the moment, as Baudelaire cuttingly said, "cultivation of one's hysteria with delight and terror". So the confusion that surrounds the rumour and counter-rumour in this place is not my style. How boring, I hear you say, for everybody needs, if not a gothic tale then some story to feed their "heart of darkness".

A good travel book is a quest story. Maybe this is my quest. You will have to wait to see if the muse moves me once I go out and about the archipelago. Until then, I'll be sailing.

Sincerely,
John Rodney Brown (2/68)
Puisne Judge

feelings from the front ...

The Year I Said Goodbye

By Peter Winter



In 1970 Peter Winter said goodbye to his wife and baby. He was a young man heading off to fight in a war about which there was much controversy. The parallels with the present day and the sending of troops to the Middle East are evident.

The Year I Said Goodbye is a series of moving letters written by Peter to his wife Raylene and other members of his family. They express the couple's struggle to maintain a sense of normality during Peter's 13 month absence in Vietnam. Winter's letters – written daily from the war zone – bring home the trauma and hardship of life on the Front contrasted with life on the home front. In the midst of the horror and hostility Peter's gentle words evoke his strong love for his wife and his loneliness. It is a trial of conflict and devotion.

Peter Winter served in a leadership role in Vietnam and trained alongside (now General) Peter Cosgrove, whose wife Lynne has written the foreword for the book. Peter and Raylene's letters, together with audio tapes, were their only means of communicating the reality each other was living. For Peter they were also a form of release.

The Year I Said Goodbye is also a reuniting of a father and his son, Mark-John. Peter said goodbye to his son when he went to war and when Mark-John was 12 years old father and son were again separated, this time by divorce. Mark-John's chance discovery of

Peter's letters several years later gave him the opportunity to say 'hello' to his father and to forge a bond they had never felt before. By publishing his letters Peter hopes to create an understanding of the emotions faced by soldiers and their families during this time of conflict and the alienation and betrayal the soldiers felt on their return.

About the author

Peter Winter was born and educated in Adelaide. He graduated from Roseworthy Agricultural College. In 1965 he was called up for National Service in the first ballot. Peter was selected for officer training at Scheyville where he graduated as a Second Lieutenant and was posted to the Infantry Centre at Ingleburn to prepare soldiers for the Vietnam War. Peter remained in the army until 1986 when he resigned at the rank of Major. Currently he works at Woodside Primary School liaising with Defence Force families about their welfare. Ironically, in 2002 it was from the Woodside Army Barracks that the first SAS forces were despatched for Iraq.

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E-mails

From: walhall@ozemail.com.au
Date: 25 March 2003
Subject: Scheyville Prize

I had much pleasure in presenting the OTU Scheyville Prize at the RMC Dec 02 Graduation to Staff Cadet Craig Fielding. In what is surely a first for the OTU Association, Craig is the son of Christine and Bob Fielding (OTU 4/70 graduate.)

Tony, I have copied this email to Bob to establish an e-link for him to HQ OTU and the Membership Officer. Could you please send Bob details re the National Reunion and link him with his 4/70 Class Orderly.

Wal



Wall Hall presenting the OTU Scheyville Prize to Staff Cadet Craig Fielding. RMC Duntroon Commandant watching.



From left: Col (Rtd) Wal Hall, Captain Amanda Fielding, Staff Cadet Craig Fielding, Bob Fielding (4/70)

SCDT (SGT) CRAIG ROBERT FIELDING GALLIPOLI COMPANY ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE

Born in Hobart, Tasmania on 5 May 1980.

Parents Robert and Christine Fielding. Robert is an ex Scheyville graduate of class 4/70. He is currently a police Commander in Tasmania. Christine is a School Secretary to the Dean.

Two elder sisters, Amanda and Jeanette Fielding. Amanda is a Captain in RAOC and will begin as an instructor of 11 Class at RMC-D in 2003. Jeanette is a nutritionist in Melbourne studying to become a doctor, graduating in 2003.

Craig completed all of his schooling in Tasmania travelling all over the state from Queenstown, to Burnie and back to Hobart with his father and family on police postings. He completed high school at Dominic College in Hobart. Craig finished Yrs 11 and 12 at Guilford Young College (GYC) in Hobart. Whilst at GYC, Craig was school captain and also a private soldier in the Army Reserve 12/40 Battalion Royal Tasmanian Regiment.

In year 11 Craig was selected for entry to the Australian Defence force Academy (ADFA) and awarded an ADFA Scholarship. At ADFA (first year 1999) Craig attained a Bachelor of Science majoring in Geography and, sub-majors Geography and Indonesian. At ADFA Craig continued to play his beloved hometown sport of Australian Rules football and captained the men's seconds in the 2001 season.

Craig entered Gallipoli Company, RMC in 2002. In the second half of his time in 11 Class Craig was appointed the Company Administration NCO and in 1 Class appointed Platoon Sergeant of Chunuk Bair Platoon. In September Craig represented the College with five other cadets in Indonesian on a two week Foreign Exchange Program. Craig has graduated to Royal Australian Infantry Corps, 3 Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment and will take up his new appointment as a Platoon Commander in Sydney.

E-mails re James at Lord Somers

From: alistair.pope@optusnet.com.au
Date: 14 January 2003
To: Chris Coates
Subject: James at Lord Somers

Chris,

Apart from the donation I arranged last year I also put on another kid 'at risk', who is the son of a friend of mine.

This is part of the report. Lord Somers does significantly change people's lives for the better.

Alistair Pope

Wiremu, a New Zealander, landed at Heathrow to watch the All Blacks and was not feeling well, so he decided to see a doctor.

"Hey doc, I don't feel so good, ey" said Wiremu.

The doctor gave him a thorough examination and informed Wiremu that he had prostate problems, and that the only cure was to remove his testicles.

"No Way doc" replied Wiremu "I'm gitting a sicond opinion ey!"

The second Pommy doctor gave Wiremu the same diagnosis and also advised him that testicular removal was the only cure. Not surprisingly, Wiremu refused the treatment.

Wiremu was devastated but, with only hours to go before the All Blacks opening game he found an expat Kiwi doctor and decided to get one last opinion from someone he could trust. The Kiwi doctor examined him and said "Wiremu, you huv prostate suckness ey".

"What's the cure thin doc ey?" asked Wiremu hoping for a different answer.

"Wull, Wiremu", said the Kiwi doctor "Wi're gonna huv to cut off your b*lls".

"Phew, thunk god for thut!" said Wiremu, "those Pommy b*st*rds wanted to take my test tickets off me!"

From: dewayne.geraghty@amdg.etowns.org
Date: 12 January 2003
To: alistair.pope@optusnet.com.au
Subject: James at Lord Somers

Alistair,

James didn't like being there until the Thursday – when he came out of his shell.

He had a fantastic time, and shared his recollections for 4 hours from the moment we met him at the airport. I'm so happy for him, words fail me, so I'll share some of the comments from his "report":

"Jim, it has ben a real pleasure having you in the Dark Blue this week. I have enjoyed watching the increase in your willingness to take risks and to more actively participate in group discussions. You have worked hard to meet the challenges presented and I feel certain you will carry thoughts of new friends and experiences." Group Leader Pountrey

"Jim, Congratulations on a sensational week! Your great smile, sense of humour, openness and determination were very much appreciated by the group. Well done – Up the Demons!" AGLU Partridge

His demeanour is consistent with the outcomes described on the Youth Leadership Development Program.

Over the past two years, I can't recall when he's been so happy.

Thank you.

Dewayne

From: alistair.pope@optusnet.com.au
Date: 8 January 2003
To: dewayne.geraghty@amdg.etowns.org
Subject: James at Lord Somers

Dewayne,

Visited James today.

He is about as happy as one could expect since they removed his toenails after his escape attempt. I didn't stay for the flogging ...

He is glad he came and is having a lot of fun and it has certainly given him a broader and more challenging outlook on life

Alistair



National Reunion

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PROGRAMME

LOCATIONS: SYDNEY NSW – PARRAMATTA/ROSEHILL, WINDSOR/SCHEYVILLE & SINGLETON NSW

FRIDAY 3/10/03: 1130 Hours: Book launch of the “Scheyvillian Experience”(Author Roger Donnelly)
& “The Year I Said Goodbye” (Author Peter Winter 1/65) by Tim Fischer 3/66 at NSW Parliament complex.
(Courtesy of Gordon Alexander 3/66)

1230 Hours : Luncheon for the National Executive & State Chapter Chairman in the NSW Parliamentary dining room as guests of the Leader of the NSW National Party, Andrew Stoner.

1400 Hours: 2-3 hour National Council Meeting – Meeting room NSW Parliament Complex

1900 HOURS – INDIVIDUAL CLASS REUNION DINNERS THROUGHOUT SYDNEY (at your own expense)
Venues & arrangements through advertised Class Co-ordinators

SATURDAY 4/10/03: CLASS REUNIONS CONTINUE

0800 HOURS – GOLF AT RIVERSIDE OAKS (at own expense) – Contact Paul Meldrum 3/68

1900 HOURS – NATIONAL REUNION DINNER AT ROSEHILL GARDENS (Limit 1100 people)

GUEST SPEAKERS: GENERAL PETER COSGROVE (CDF) & TIM FISCHER 3/66

SUNDAY 5/10/03: 0930 HOURS – CHURCH PARADE MARCH WITH BAND AT WINDSOR – WEAR MEDALS

1000 HOURS – CHURCH SERVICE AT ST MATTHEWS ANGLICAN CHURCH

1230 HOURS – SPIT/BBQ AT SCHEYVILLE NATIONAL PARK

**1400 HOURS – UNVEILING OF PLAQUE DEDICATED TO DECEASED COMMANDANTS
BRIG. J STUDDERT & LT COL. D. KERR & COMMEMORATION FOR THE EIGHT SCHEYVILLIAN
GRADUATES KILLED IN VIETNAM**

POLICE BUGLER TO PLAY THE LAST POST – (Courtesy of Dick Adams 3/72)

1500 HOURS – OTU ASSOCIATION – NATIONAL AGM

1530 HOURS – CONCLUSION OF MAIN REUNION

1900 HOURS – RUGBY LEAGUE GRAND FINAL COMMENCES AT TELSTRA STADIUM

**COST FOR MAIN REUNION – SINGLE MEMBER \$200 SINGLE NON-MEMBER \$230
MEMBER COUPLE \$340 NON-MEMBER COUPLE \$380**

This cost includes a professionally made VHS video/DVD/ CDrom of the 4 days activities (one per graduate)

**REUNION DINNER ONLY – \$160.00/PERSON (Incl. Video p&p)
WINDSOR CHURCH – SCHEYVILLE ONLY - \$100.00/PERSON (Incl. Video p&p)**

SUNDAY 5/10/03: SINGLETON – INFANTRY CENTRE (Courtesy of Paul Rees 3/68)

Bus departs Scheyville 1600 Hours

**BUS TRIP ALONG COLO PUTTY ROAD PLUS OVERNIGHT AT LONE PINE BARRACKS OFFICERS’ MESS –
INCLUDING DINNER** (Restricted to 250 People as an extension to the main Reunion)

MONDAY 6/10/03: 0900 HOURS – MORPETH BUS TOUR – RETURNING SINGLETON 1245HOURS

ALTERNATIVELY TEST YOUR SKILL AT WTSS (STEYR RIFLE) –

VISIT INFANTRY MUSEUM AND/OR DEPOT COMPANY

1300 HOURS BBQ LUNCH & WINE TASTING AT OFFICERS’ MESS CELLAR

1500 HOURS – RETURN IN BUSES TO HOTELS AROUND PARRAMATTA (Arrive 5.30-6.30pm)

COST FOR SINGLETON TRIP: SINGLE MEMBER \$160 SINGLE NON-MEMBER \$200
(includes bus, 3 meals & accommodation) MEMBER COUPLE \$320 NON-MEMBER COUPLE \$400

See attached for accommodation details & remittance advice



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ACCOMMODATION

Hotels around Parramatta expect to be heavily booked in October next year consequently several block bookings have been made at some of the following hotels:-

	Hotel	Block	Phone	Location	Room Rate
1	Rydges – walk	100	(02) 9897 2222	James Ruse Drive RoseHill	\$157 Incl breakfast
2	Crown Plaza – shuttle	100	(02) 9689 3333 1800 456 749	Phillip Street Parramatta	\$170 Incl breakfast
3	Marriott – shuttle	80	(02) 9891 1277	Anderson Street Parramatta	\$130 - \$150
4	Carlton – shuttle	50	(02) 9630 4999	Church Street Parramatta	\$142 - \$174
5	Norwest International		(02) 9634 9634	Columbia Crt Baulkham Hills	\$135 - \$157
6	Hills Lodge	15	(02) 9680 3800	Windsor Rd Baulkham Hills	\$115 - \$135
7	Parramatta City Motel		(02) 9635 7266	Gt Western Highway Parramatta	\$105 - \$125
8	Prospect Hotel		(02) 9631 3461	Gt Western Highway Prospect	\$95 - \$105
9	Travelodge		1300 886886	Reservoir Rd Blacktown	\$99

You must book & pay for your own accommodation.

Please advise the booking clerk / receptionist at the hotel of your choice that you wish to secure one of the block booked rooms reserved for the OTU Association.

Reunion payments due by 31/8/03 Late applications will depend on availability &/or cancellations

YES I will be attending: Please make cheque to OTU Association & forward to 14 Bessemer Street Blacktown NSW 2148

NAME _____ CLASS: _____ PARTNER: _____

ADDRESS: _____ POSTCODE _____

CONTACT PHONE NO'S: _____ FAX/ EMAIL: _____

MAIN REUNION: Non member \$230/single \$380/couple AMOUNT \$ _____
Member \$200/single \$340/couple

REUNION DINNER ONLY: \$160/single (incl. video)

WINDSOR CHURCH – SCHEYVILLE ONLY: \$100/single (incl. video) AMOUNT \$ _____

SINGLETON TRIP: Non Member \$200/single \$400/couple AMOUNT \$ _____
(EXTRA NOT AN OPTION) Member \$160/single \$320/couple

Reunion film record – Please indicate Preference: VHS DVD CDROM TOTAL \$=====

Will you require Shuttle Bus to/from Dinner? Yes / No (Please circle)

Will you require coach from hotel to Windsor? Yes / No (Please circle)

Alternatively Payment by MasterCard/Visa/Bankcard: FAX TO 02 9679 7888

CARD NO _____ / _____ / _____ / _____ EXPIRY DATE ____ / ____

NAME ON CARD: _____ SIGNATURE _____

**PLEASE NOTE: YOUR STATEMENT WILL SHOW TERMIMESH.
Transfers are made to OTU as soon as they clear our bank account.**



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CLASS CO-ORDINATOR CONTACT DETAILS

CLASS CO-ORDINATORS BY NAME

NO	CLASS	NAME	HOME	BUSINESS	MOBILE	EMAILS
1	3/72	Adams Dick	047 517 078	02 9265 4920	0408 266 805	dickadams@ozemail.com.au
2	1/70	Andrews Ray (Vic & Tas)	03 9819 5019	03 9820 8133	0419 558 341	ray@andrewsmarketing.com.au
3	1/70	Banks Wayne (WA)	08 9364 4810	08 9249 3868	0408 916 311	wayne@termi-mesh.com
4	1/72	Beaman Stan (Lee)	02 9617 0910	02 9847 8225	0414 903 900	Lee_Beaman@Barker.nsw.edu.au
5	2/66	Bennett Geoff	02 9481 8754	02 9897 8750	0418 146 561	geoff.bennett@shell.com
6	4/68	Boag Les	02 6285 2175	02 6285 2175	0418 210 348	boagfamily@ozemail.com.au
7	4/72	Brown Wayne	02 9997 4175	02 9979 1261	0418 257 758	aapswayne@bigpond.com
8	4/71	Chapman Michael	02 9629 3513	02 8824 4463	0417 268 423	sandygnd@ozemail.com
9	3/71	Coates Chris	03 9844 1330	03 9606 2158	0411 440 460	chris@angliss.vic.edu.au
10	1/71	Colls Geoff	07 3369 0036	07 3368 2633	0412 134 511	DNA@uq.net.au
11	01/72	Cotter Paul	02 9871 8751	02 9872 9133	0414 486 544	coffer@tig.com.au
12	1/69	Coulter David	02 9552 6544			davidcoulter@bigpond.com
13	2/71	Ford Paul	03 9800 2039	02 6270 8803	0412 519 850	ford3nc@bigpond.com.au
14	4/67	Garard Gerry	07 3392 1919		0418 735 257	
15	2/66	Geecy Tom	02 9290 1230	02 9290 1230	0438 290 123	tom.gecye@bigpond.com
16	2/68	Hall Wall	02 6288 5251	02 6287 3773	0418 658 010	walhall@ozemail.com.au
17	2/71	Hateley Peter	03 9879 9504	03 9675 6586	0414 290 184	hatelep@cba.com.au
18	2/72	Hirschell Al	02 9327 4560		0415 259 777	w.martin@bigpond.com.au
19	1/65	Hurford Gordon		02 9913 8282	0407 926 270	ghurford@monash.cc
20	3/70	Greg Jenkins	02 9874 5494	02 9874 0418	0418 486 501	greg@hnscape.net.au
21	4/69	Lampe Victor	02 9528 6848	02 9330 6222	0411 744 727	VLampe@hurstville.nsw.gov.au
22	1/67	Longhurst David	02 9810 4416	02 9378 9653	0415 211 743	davidlonghurst@connexus.net.au
23	4/66	Luffman Peter	02 9420 8689	03 9420 1200	0416 250 940	peter_luffman@bigpond.com;
24	4/70	Maffescioni Barry	07 3263 6151	07 3832 5488	0418 748 460	maffa@bigpond.com
25	2/68	McKay Gary	07 5446 2292	07 5446 3833	0411 574 019	garymckay@bigpond.com
26	3/68	Meldrum Paul	Kings Langley	02 9838 8428	0413 745 090	robertsnissen@ozemail.com.au
27	3/68	Meldrum Paul	City	02 9221 7871	0413 745 090	robertsnissen@ozemail.com.au
28	3/70	Merralls Stephen	08 9387 1133	08 9387 1133	0408 944 351	smerralls@ddd.com stephenm@iinet.net.au
29	3/72	Murray John	02 9546 3723	02 9555 5578	0414 451 922	johnm@bdsi.com.au
30	2/67	Neervoort John	02 9545 4275		0414 278 621	JNNeervoort@bigpond.com
31	1/66	Nichols Richard	02 9418 3634	02 9439 2615	0418 201 588	nico@aquariuscarwash.com.au
32	3/71	Nomchong David	02 9440 1200	02 9440 1200	0414 242 200	nomchong@ozemail.com.au
33	2/65	Parker Lance	02 9630 7749			
34	1/69	Pemberton Allan	02 9876 8971	02 9827 0700	0412 245 961	allanp@australwright.com.au
35	2/68	Peters John	02 6292 4251	02 6266 2699		jepeters@alphalink.com.au
36	1/68	Prowse Grant	02 9417 4337	02 9924 7524	0412 419 538	gprowse@optusnet.com.au
37	4/66	Russell Geoff	02 4385 3914		0407 100 096	bulwaira@terrigal.net.au
38	3/67	Scantlebury Brian	02 6025 4106	02 6023 8060	0418 239 651	bscantlebury@awdc.gov.au scandon@ozemail.com
39	2/70	Springall Doug	02 9636 4931	02 9682 0304	0417 298 472	douglas.springall@det.nsw.edu.au
40	1/70	Steel Craig (SA)	08 8381 5812	08 8226 7147	0401 124 828	steelk@senet.com.au
41	2/70	Stone Jim	02 9428 1330	02 9714 7349	0409 976 702	jim.stone@sopa.nsw.gov.au
42	2/71	Todd Greg	02 9876 2958	02 8227 3305	0401 994 123	greg.todd@geneSYS.com
43	4/71	Turner Neil (Brig.)	02 9144 7221	02 9902 4402	0418 307 219	neilturmer@idx.com.au
44	3/69	Vial Garry	08 8376 5701	08 8376 2525	0414 762 525	garyvial@cimc.com.au
45	2/69	Watson Billy	02 6281 7271	02 6260 5886	0411 481 613	bwatson@warec.com.au
46	1/65	Webster David	02 6236 9677		0416 266 872	
47	3/66	Whitelaw Peter	03 9699 1780	03 9699 1818	0411 107 039	whitelaw@internex.net.au whitelaw@rational.net.au
48	02/72	Whyntie Peter	02 9876 3203	02 9995 1227	0419 970 266	pwhyntie@yahoo.com.au peter.whyntie@zurich.com.au
49	4/70	Williamson Owen	07 3841 0807	07 3246 1017	0407 462 341	williamson@oznet.com.au
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						terry.williamson@bigpond.com



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CLASS CO-ORDINATORS BY YEAR

Individual Class Dinners are to be held on **FRIDAY EVENING 3/10/03** at Nominated Venues Around Sydney.

CLASS CO-ORDINATOR CONTACT DETAILS

NO	CLASS	Graduation Date	No of Graduates	Class Reunion Co-ordinator/Volunteer
1	1/65	Dec-65	76	Gordon Hurford Bus: 02 9913 8282 Mob: 0407 926 270 Email: ghurford@monash.cc
2	2/65	Mar-66	41	David Webster Home: 02 6236 9677 Mob: 0416 266872
3	1/66	Jun-66	79	Lance Parker Home: 02 9630 7749
4	2/66	Sep-66	54	Richard Nichols Bus: 02 9439 2615 Mob: 0418 201 588 Email: nico@aquarius.wash.com.au
5	3/66	Dec-66	56	Geoff Bennett Bus: 02 9897 8750 Mob: 0418 146 561 Email: geoff.bennett@shell.com
6	4/66	Mar-67	42	Tom Gecey Home: 02 9290 1230 Mob: 0438 290123 Email: tom.gecey@bigpond.com
7	1/67	Jun-67	97	Peter Whitelaw Bus: 03 9699 1818 Mob: 0411 107 039 Email: whitelaw@inter.net.au
8	2/67	Sep-67	65	Peter Luffman Bus: 03 9420 1200 Mob: 0416 250940 Email: peter_luffman@bigpond.com
9	3/67	Dec-67	50	Geoff Russell Home: 02 43385 3914 Mob: 0407 100096 Email: bulwarra@terrigal.net.au
10	4/67	Mar-68	43	David Longhurst Bus: 02 9378 9653 Mob: 0415 211 743 Email: davidlonghurst@connexus.net.au
11	1/68	Jun-68	92	John Neervoort Home: 02 9545 4275 Mob: 0414 278621 Email: JBNeeervoort@bigpond.com
12	2/68	Sep-68	64	Brian Scantlebury Bus: 02 6023 8060 Mob: 0418 239651 Email: bscantlebury@awdc.gov.au
				Gerry Garard Home: 07 3392 1919 Mob: 0418 735 257
				Grant Prowse Bus: 02 9924 7524 Mob: 0412 409538 Email: growse@optusnet.com.au
				Gary McKay Bus: 07 5446 3833 Mob: 0411 574 019 Email: garymckay@bigpond.com
				John Peters Bus: 02 6266 2699 Email: jepeters@alphalink.com.au
				Wall Hall Bus: 02 6287 3773 Mob: 0418 658 010 Email: Wallhall@ozemail.com.au
13	3/68	Dec-68	64	Paul Meldrum Bus: Kings Langley 02 9838 8428 City: 02 9221 7871 Mob: 0413 745 090 Email: robertsnissen@ozemail.com.au
14	4/68	Mar-69	36	Les Boag Bus: 02 6285 2175 Mob: 0418 210348 Email: boagfamily@ozemail.com.au
15	1/69	Jun-69	76	Allan Pemberton Bus: 02 9827 0700 Mob: 0412 245961 Email: allanp@australwright.com.au
				David Coulter Home: 02 9552 6544 Email: davidcoulter@bigpond.com
				Billy Watson Bus: 02 6260 5886 Mob: 0411 481 613 Email: bwatson@warec.com.au
17	3/69	Dec-69	57	Gary Vial Bus: 08 8376 2525 Mob: 0414 762 525 Email: garyvial@ctmc.com.au
18	4/69	Mar-70	32	Victor Lampe Bus: 02 9330 6222 Mob: 0411 7474727 Email: VLampe@hurstville.nsw.gov.au
19	1/70	15-Jul-70	92	Ray Andrews (Vic & Tas) Bus: 03 9820 8133 Mob: 0419 58341 Email: ray@andrewsmarketing.com.au,
				Craig Steel (SA) Bus: 08 8226 7147 Mob: 0401 124 828, Email: steel4@senet.com.au
				Wayne Banks (WA) Bus: 08 9249 3868 Mob: 0408 916 311 Email: wbanks@q-net.net.au
				Terry Williamson (NSW) Home: 02 9742 5746 Mob: 0418 970 120 Email: terryw.williamson@bigpond.com
20	2/70	Sep-70	74	Jim Stone Bus: 02 9714 7349 Mob: 0409 986 702 Email: jim.stone@sopa.nsw.gov.au
				Doug Springhall Bus: 02 9682 0304 Mob: 0417 298472 Email: douglas.springhall@det.nsw.edu.au
21	3/70	Dec-70	51	Stephen Merralls Home: 08 9387 1133 Emails: smerralls@ddd.com stephenm@inet.net.au
				Greg Jenkins Bus: 02 9874 0418 Home: 02 9874 5494 Mob: 0418 486 501 Email: greg@inscape.net.au
22	4/70	Mar-71	35	Owen Williamson Bus: 07 3246 1017 Mob: 0407 462 341 Emails: williamson@oznet.com.com.au owilliamson@hatch.com.au
				Barry Maffescioni Bus: 07 3832 5488 Mob: 0418 748 460 Email: maffa@bigpond.com
23	1/71	Jun-71	104	Geoff Colless Bus: 07 3368 2633 Mob: 0412 134511 Email: DNA@uq.net.au
24	2/71	Sep-71	62	Peter Hateley Bus: 03 9675 6586 Mob: 0414 290 184, Email: hatelep@cba.com.au
				Paul Ford Home: 03 9800 2039 Bus: 02 6270 8803 Mob: 0412 519 850 Email: ford3nc@bigpond.com.au
				Greg Todd Bus: 02 8227 3305 Mob: 0401 994 123 Email: greg.todd@genesys.com
25	3/71	Dec-71	31	Chris Coates Bus: 03 9606 2158 Mob: 0411 440460 Email: chrisc@angliss.vic.edu.au
				David Nomchong Home: 02 9440 1200 Mob: 0414 242200 Email: nomchong@ozemail.com.au
26	4/71	Mar-72	57	Michael Chapman Bus: 02 8824 4463 Mob: 0417 268423 Email: sandygnid@ozemail.com
				Brig. Neil Turner Home: 02 9144 7221 Mob: 0418 307 219 Email: n.turner@bedminster.com.au
27	1/72	Jun-72	82	Stan (Lee) Beaman Bus: 02 9847 8225 Mob: 0414 903900 Email: Lee_Beamer@Barker.nsw.edu.au
28	2/72	Sep-72	77	Al Hirschell Home: 02 9327 4560 Mob: 0415 259 777 Email: w.martin@bigpond.com.au
29	3/72	Dec-72	39	Dick Adams Bus: 029265 4920 Mob: 0408 266 805 Email: dickadams@ozemail.com.au
				John Murray Bus: 02 9555 5578 Mob: 0414 451 922 Email: the_muuzman@hotmail.com
30	4/72	Mar-73	23	Wayne Broun Bus: 02 9979 1261 Mob: 0418 257 758 Email: aapswayne@bigpond.com
				John Murray Home: 02 9546 3723 Bus: 02 9555 5578 Mob: 0414 451 922 Email: johnm@bdsi.com.au
31	B1/67	May-67	10	*
32	01/72		26	Paul Cotter Bus: 02 9872 9133 Mob: 0414 486 544 Email: cotter@tig.com.au
33	02/72		23	Peter Whyntie Bus: 02 9995 1227 Mob: 0419 970266 Emails: pwhyntie@yahoo.com.au peter.whyntie@zurich.com.au
34	01/73		19	*
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18 February 2003

Mr Todd,

I would like to begin by thanking you effusively for the sponsorship that you and your Association provided me with, and the fantastic opportunity to attend the 2003 Lady Somers camp. I can assure you that the camp itself was a more than awesome experience and I believe that the lessons and motivation gleaned from the week will be elemental in my life. All the arrangements which you made for both Linda and I were flawless and we were both flattered by the welcome we received from Paul Ford when we arrived in Melbourne and how efficiently everything went.

Somers is certainly a unique experience that pushes you to, and beyond your comfort zone and shows you just how far away your limits lie. Experiences such as "the pig pen", several motivational speakers and the gruelling three kilometre cross-country on the Friday are memories I believe I will savour, or try to forget, forever.

Even though I was slightly disadvantaged (I came from Sydney!) I fitted in extremely well with the other twenty girls in my group and am still in close contact with them. The bonding of twenty absolute strangers into a tightly knit group was incredibly quick. I hope that next year I will be able to travel to camp as a helper and see them all again.

Again thank you and your Association.

Yours sincerely,

Sarah Spurrett

The OTU Association regrets the passing of Phil Roden on March 13 2003. Phil Roden was one of the heroes of Kokoda. He was a Captain, aged just 27, when his commanding officer was lost in the early battles along the Kokoda Track during World War II. Phil took command of the 2/14th Battalion and led his men in their magnificent guerrilla fighting withdrawal back down the track.

Phil always attributed the success of his men in the Kokoda Campaign to three key elements: "One was interdependence on each other, mateship; the second was the ability to fight on when there's scarcely a breath left in your body for the sake of your mates; and the third was respect for each other. It's important because it represents the characteristics which go to make a fine person and the sum of which goes to make a fine country."

Phil was given a wonderful send off in Melbourne, attended by a host of his old comrades and a church full of old and new friends.

ACT Chapter Events

by Clive Badelow (4/69)

Annual 2003 Dinner at RMC

The ACT Chapter Annual Dinner hosted by 'El Presidente' Wal Hall and his wife Anne, in the RMC Officers' Mess, Duntroon on Saturday evening, 15 Mar03.

The dinner was preceded by a presentation of the official Register of OTU Graduates for safekeeping with other important OTU historical records and memorabilia by Wal Hall to RMC's Director of Military Arts, COL Jeff Sengleman.



A dedicated group of diners and their ladies had a great night. Guest speaker for the evening was 'Media- Man-of-the-Moment' BRIG Mike Hannan CSC (4/70), who delivered a fascinating insight into the ADF's contribution to the 'Coalition of the Willing', from an 'insiders' perspective.



Annual Golf Day & Xmas BBQ

For the second year, we ran our annual Charity Golf Day and Xmas BBQ to raise funds for the Lord Lady Somers Camp for Youth Development on 6 Dec 02 at the Royal Canberra Golf Club.



Jim Gilchrist 1/72 helped by classmate Noel McRoberts, putting for serious money.

A most successful day was enjoyed by all and raised sufficient funds to sponsor up to 3 deserving recipients to attend this year's program.

Winner of the Grand Raffle prize of 3 nights accommodation at the Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel, Singapore (many thanks to General Manager, Nick Israel 2/70) was National OTU Assoc Treasurer and golfing' visitor', Paul Meldrum 3/68.

Meanwhile, the day's events formed an early part of the weekend's OCS/OTU Class 1/72 reunion. I'm told a great time was had by all.

John Wilson DS and Brian Curren 1/68

VALE – Max Jellie

Lt-Col [ret] Maxwell David Jellie, 82, stalwart of the SA Association and father of Scheyville graduate Alan [3/67] who was KIA in 1968 Vietnam died last week.

Ironically, he died on his 60th wedding anniversary, not long after sharing a last glass of champagne with his bride.

His funeral was held at the Heysen Chapel, Centennial Park, Adelaide on Mon 17March.

The OTU Association was represented by Frank Brookes and Gary Vial

who after the service, gave the Association's and their personal condolences to his widow, Phyllis.

The non-demominational service paid particular tribute to his dedication to his family, and his 30 year Army service, which commenced in 1939 and with a short post-war break, ended with his retirement in 1974. The Last Post was played; the Ode recited; and his coffin was lowered to the skirl of the pipes.

Sadly, Max was predeceased by all three of his sons.

My last memory of Max was at our Christmas function at the Salopian Inn.

Never afraid to express an opinion, Max as usual held fort at his end of the table, and by regular tasting, ensured that the wines were up to scratch.

He rarely failed to attend any function, and could always be relied upon to offer assistance.

He will be sadly missed.

Gary Vial



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Chance Reunion

Neil Leckie (3/68)

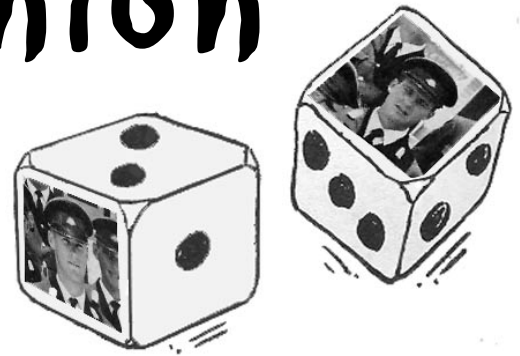
Two members of Graduating Class 3/68 met up under unusual circumstances at the Omeo Bushfires in NE Victoria in January.

After obtaining work in Ballarat, I moved my family to Clunes, “Victoria’s First Gold Town” in 1981 and, wanting to be a part of the community, joined the local CFA Brigade in 1982. Living out of town meant that I do not hear the fire siren and consequently have not attended a large number of fires since joining.

Recently, a Regional Support Unit was formed in CFA Region 15 in Ballarat and a number of CFA Volunteers like myself were asked to join. Our task is to assist the Region’s Incident Control Centre (ICC), formed when major fires occur, by taking over shift duties in the ICC. It’s a bit like being a Duty Officer in a CP.

With the NE Victorian fires running for over 20 days, CFA Staff at the Swifts Creek ICC needed replacing. Region 15 provided 9 staff members, 5 for the ICC and 4 for the Omeo Staging Area (the A Echelon). As I had an Admin background in recent years with the ARes, I was allocated the position of Deputy Logistics Officer, directly reporting to the Department of Name Changes (Sustainability & Environment or DSE) Logistics Officer, but in charge of CFA Logistics for that fire.

I went with the DSE Facilities Officer to inspect the facilities at the Benambra Division of the fire. As the crews were showering at the Benambra Hotel we went to check it out. (No, we did not use the bar!) The owner asked if we would take two hoses across to the CFA and ask someone to take them out to Gary Siggins and see if he was alright. Gary lives



on the Besford Track about 15 minutes by road from Benambra and had not been seen since the fire on Sunday 26th January.

I said: “I know that name!” My DSE companion agreed to take me out to Gary’s. After driving the last 10 minutes through burnt country we finally found Gary’s place. We found Gary was safe and well, but his phone was out and he could not contact anyone.

Back in 1998, when arranging a 30-year reunion for 3/68, I had contacted Gary. He told me then that he had gone a bit ‘feral’ after discharge, but had finally settled down and has now lived in his house, which has no mod-cons except the telephone, for the last 20 years.

Gary’s house surprisingly was untouched by the fireball which raced in from the NW, down the hill (see photo) burning part of his garage, and exploded anticlockwise around his block, burning up the road then around the back of his house destroying his veggie garden and hot house and a few sheep.

Unfortunately, we couldn’t stay long, but Gary was in good spirits when we left him on the 29th and was ready to rebuild what he had lost in his “little piece of heaven”.



AN OPINION ON

IRAQ

by the Son of a Scheyvillian
Hamish Boyd

Below is an email which I received a couple of weeks ago from my eldest son, Hamish, who is presently living in London. I think that the article has a powerful message within all the confusion that this war has generated. I would think also that it would be of interest to many of our members – caught up, as we are, with many mixed feelings about it all.

Malcolm Boyd

Thought I should throw you this interesting article regarding a speech made by a Lieutenant-Colonel Tim Collins, the 42-year-old commander of The Royal Irish battle group. Not getting too political here but I think a good read.

I originally had read a story covering the speech on Thursday in which it was a simple article summarising what he said, but I was immediately taken by his words. Interestingly, so have a number of people apparently because today's Saturday paper had follow up articles regarding Tim Collins and this following article I have pasted below was in the opinion section. With this war playing on everyone's mind for its many shades of grey, I was strangely re-assured to read a speech that sounded incredibly sure footed in its objective, without sounding triumphalism. Giving clarity to the objectives, goals and "rules of engagement" to soldiers involved in a war that has divided opinion everywhere.

I love a good flamboyant speech, and this just seemed right considering the context it was given. I just hope American Military leaders have the same attitude to their objectives, but after seeing pictures of US Marines raising an American flag in Iraq I'm sadly sceptical. (Although it has to be said that it was removed shortly after, nevertheless, the attitude is obviously there.)

Don't whether it's the speech of the century suggested in the article but it helps give a context as how it was given. Have been looking on web for a complete transcript of it, but didn't find it, although many are commenting on it.

Anyway have a read see what you think:

Rimbaud meets Rambo

The Second Gulf War has already produced its first great work of oratory, a battlefield speech that could stand, in an unassuming way, alongside Lincoln's Gettysburg Address and Churchill's inspiring wartime rhetoric.

A century hence, people will still be reading the speech written

by Lieutenant-Colonel Tim Collins, the 42-year-old commander of The Royal Irish battle group, which he delivered to his troops in Kuwait on Wednesday afternoon, just hours before they went into battle. Colonel Collins has a history degree, but does not look like a poet. Readers of *The Times* will have seen his photograph, in shades and combat gear, a cigar clamped between his teeth. He has the air of a Rambo, but the literary touch of a Rimbaud.

Imagine you are in the Kuwaiti desert, your face sandpapered raw, scared to your bowels and stoned on adrenalin, knowing you are about to fight, and kill, or die. And hear this:

"THE enemy should be in no doubt that we are his Nemesis and that we are bringing about his rightful destruction. There are many regional commanders who have stains on their souls and they are stoking the fires of Hell for Saddam. As they die they will know their deeds have brought them to this place. Show them no pity. But those who do not wish to go on that journey, we will not send. As for the others, I expect you to rock their world.

"We go to liberate, not to conquer. We will not fly our flags in their country. We are entering Iraq to free a people, and the only flag that will be flown in that ancient land is their own. Don't treat them as refugees, for they are in their own country.

"I know men who have taken life needlessly in other conflicts. They live with the mark of Cain upon them. If someone surrenders to you, then remember they have that right in international law, and ensure that one day they go home to their family. The ones who wish to fight, well, we aim to please. If there are casualties of war, then remember, when they woke up and got dressed in the morning they did not plan to die this day. Allow them dignity in death. Bury them properly, and mark their graves.

"You will be shunned unless your conduct is of the highest, for your deeds will follow you down history. Iraq is steeped in history. It is the site of the Garden of Eden, of the Great Flood, and the birth of Abraham. Tread lightly there. You will have to go a long way to find a more decent, generous and upright people than the Iraqis. You will be embarrassed by their hospitality, even though they have nothing ...

"There may be people among us who will not see the end of this campaign. We will put them in their sleeping bags and send them back. There will be no time for sorrow. Let's leave Iraq a better place for us having been there. Our business now, is north."

The words of Colonel Collins will long survive this war, for in their raw clarity, they capture its essence, and a military sensibility that is peculiar to our time. In sharp contrast to the gusts of war rhetoric from politicians we have been hearing for the past month, Collins spoke of history, family, respect, dignity, and the individual moral choice between killing justly, and just killing. Saddam may merit the fires of Hell, but Collins's men will also remember the ordinary man who got dressed this morning in tattered Iraqi uniform, with a culture older than ours.

Collins' oration echoes the King James Bible, but it is also the language of the Playstation: rock their world. It comes without demons, or plastic martyrs; he does not promise Dulce et decorum, but sharp modern irony: we aim to please. Put out fewer flags, he urged them, and tread lightly. This is precisely the reverse of the battlefield oratory used to motivate British troops a century ago.

The language of war was changed forever by the First World War. Before 1914, battle rhetoric strictly followed the cadences of Henry V and Henry Newbolt: "We few, we happy few"; "Play up and play the game." But after four years of carnage, the holy abstractions of honour, patriotism and duty, framed into set-piece epitaphs by Rudyard Kipling and carved on numberless gravestones, seemed grotesque.

"I was always embarrassed by the words 'sacred', 'glorious', and 'sacrifice'," wrote Ernest Hemingway in *A Farewell to Arms*. "Abstract words such as 'glory', 'honour', 'courage' or 'hallow' were obscene beside the concrete names of villages, the numbers of regiments and the dates."

The language of the Second World War was more honest, but it still harked back to an ancient tradition of patriotic warrior poetry, while introducing the grim dishonesty of military euphemism, memorably lampooned by Joseph Heller in *Catch-22*, that continues in such cowardly combinations as "collateral damage" (dead people) and "target-rich environments" (lots of dead people).

Collins, by contrast, spoke in an emotive modern vernacular: ferocious, but also slangy, ironic, and gentle. God and country are there, but in undertone. The valour lies not in bloodshed, but in decency; not in winning, but in leaving well. And at its heart, his speech offers this unlikely truth: that war is not glorious, or fun, but complicated and morally messy; not a matter of sacred shrouds, poppy fields and noble deaths, but of dead friends, wrapped in sleeping bags.

Millions of war words will be spilled in the coming weeks, but none more powerful than these. Perhaps Collins does not know it (Lincoln genuinely thought few would remember his speech at Gettysburg), but he has written a simple and stirring prose-poem for the 21st-century soldier.

You will have to go a long way to find a more decent, generous and upright evocation of what modern war means.

22 March, 2003

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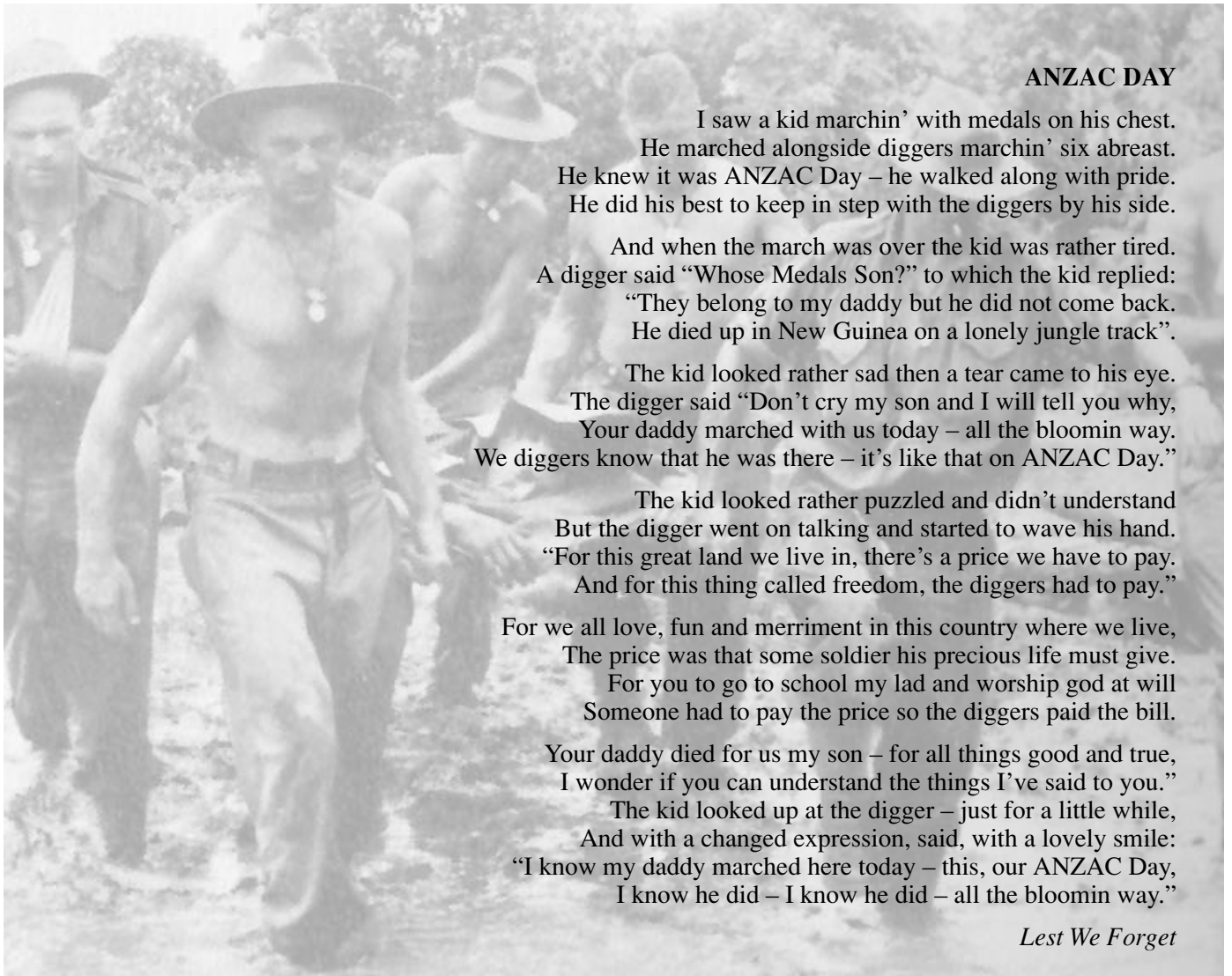
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ANZAC DAY

I saw a kid marchin' with medals on his chest.
He marched alongside diggers marchin' six abreast.
He knew it was ANZAC Day – he walked along with pride.
He did his best to keep in step with the diggers by his side.

And when the march was over the kid was rather tired.
A digger said "Whose Medals Son?" to which the kid replied:
"They belong to my daddy but he did not come back.
He died up in New Guinea on a lonely jungle track".

The kid looked rather sad then a tear came to his eye.
The digger said "Don't cry my son and I will tell you why,
Your daddy marched with us today – all the bloomin way.
We diggers know that he was there – it's like that on ANZAC Day."

The kid looked rather puzzled and didn't understand
But the digger went on talking and started to wave his hand.
"For this great land we live in, there's a price we have to pay.
And for this thing called freedom, the diggers had to pay."

For we all love, fun and merriment in this country where we live,
The price was that some soldier his precious life must give.
For you to go to school my lad and worship god at will
Someone had to pay the price so the diggers paid the bill.

Your daddy died for us my son – for all things good and true,
I wonder if you can understand the things I've said to you."

The kid looked up at the digger – just for a little while,
And with a changed expression, said, with a lovely smile:
"I know my daddy marched here today – this, our ANZAC Day,
I know he did – I know he did – all the bloomin way."

Lest We Forget

*"... their story will stand ... it rises, as it will always rise, above the mist of ages, a monument
to great-hearted men; and, for their nation, a possession forever." C.W. Bean*

Units and Graduates Serving in Vietnam

CODES FOR AUSTRALIAN REGULAR ARMY UNITS IN VIETNAM

Code	Unit		
1	A Section 1 Topographical Survey Troop	49	Headquarters Australian Army Force Vietnam
2	A Squadron 1 Armoured Regiment Light Aid Detachment	50	Headquarters Australian Force Vietnam
3	A Squadron 1 Armoured Regiment	51	Headquarters 1 Australian Logistic Support Group
4	A Squadron 3 Cavalry Light Aid Detachment	52	Headquarters 1 Armoured Task Force
5	A Squadron 3 Cavalry Regiment	53	Headquarters 2 Company RAASC
6	Australian Army Assistance Group Vietnam	54	Headquarters 110 Signal Squadron
7	Australian Army Training Team Vietnam	55	Headquarters 145 Signal Squadron
8	Australian Embassy Guard Platoon Saigon	56	Headquarters 26 Company RAASC
9	Australian Forces Overseas Fund	57	Headquarters 5 Company RAASC
10	Australian Force Vietnam Amenities Unit	58	Miscellaneous
11	Australian Force Vietnam Cash Office	59	Royal Australian Army Medical Corps
12	Australian Force Vietnam Provost Unit	60	Royal Australian Army Nursing Corps
13	Australian Logistic Support Company	61	Red Cross
14	Headquarters Australian Logistic Support Company	62	Salvation Army
15	B Squadron 1 Armoured Regiment Light Aid Detachment	63	Section 1 Division Provost Company
16	B Squadron 1 Armoured Regiment	64	Detachment 1 Field Medical and Dental
17	B Squadron 3 Cavalry Light Aid Detachment	65	Detachment 11 Movement Control Group
18	B Squadron 3 Cavalry Regiment	66	Detachment 1 Divisional St Workshop
19	C Squadron 3 Cavalry Light Aid Detachment	67	Visit
20	C Squadron 3 Cavalry Regiment	68	YMCA
21	Citizen Military Force - Officer Visit	69	1 Armoured Personnel Carrier Squadron
22	Detachment A Squadron 3 Cavalry Light Aid Detachment	70	1 Armoured Personnel Carrier Troop
23	Detachment 1 Armoured Personnel Carrier Squadron Light Aid Detachment	71	1 Armoured Squadron Workshop
24	Detachment 1 Communications Zone Postal	72	1 Armoured Squadron Workshop Stores Section
25	Detachment 1 Division Cash Office	73	1 Australian Reinforcement Unit
26	Detachment 1 Division Intelligence Squadron	74	1 Australian Civil Affairs Unit
27	Detachment 1 Division Postal	75	1 Australian Field Hospital
28	Detachment 1 Forward Delivery Troop	76	1 Australian Rest and Convalescence Centre
29	Detachment 1 Ordnance Field Park	77	1 Field Regiment
30	Detachment 1 Topographical Survey Troop	78	1 Field Regiment Light Aid Detachment
31	Detachment 1 Field Hygiene Company	79	1 Field Regiment 103 Battery
32	Detachment 131 Divisional Locating Battery	80	1 Field Squadron
33	Detachment 131 Divisional Locating Workshop	81	1 Field Squadron Workshop
34	Detachment 152 Signal Squadron	82	1 Independent Armoured Squadron Workshop
35	Detachment 176 Air Dispatch Company	83	1 Independent Armoured Squadron Workshop Stores Section
36	Detachment 2 Australian Field Canteen	84	1 Ordnance Field Park
37	Detachment 30 Terminal Squadron (B)	85	1 Psychological Operations Unit
38	Detachment 5 Australian Services Canteens Organisation Unit	86	1 Battalion Royal Australian Regiment
39	Detachment 52 Supply Platoon	87	1 Special Air Service Squadron
40	Detachment 547 Signal Troop	88	1 Task Force Headquarters Light Aid Detachment
41	Detachment 55 Advanced Engineer Stores Squadron	89	1 Transport Platoon
42	Detachment 55 Advanced Engineer Workshop and Park Squadron	90	1 Terminal Group
43	Detachment 6 Ordnance Field Park	91	101 Field Workshop
44	Detachment 8 Petroleum Platoon	92	101 Field Workshop Stores Section
45	Detachment 86 Transport Platoon	93	102 Field Workshop
46	Everyman's	94	102 Field Workshop Stores Section
47	Field Operation Research Section	95	103 Signal Squadron
48	HMAS Staff	96	104 Signal Squadron
		97	105 Field Battery
		98	105 Field Battery Light Aid Detachment
		99	106 Field Workshop
		100	106 Field Workshop Stores Section
		101	110 Signal Squadron
		102	12 Field Regiment
		103	12 Field Regiment Light Aid Detachment
		104	12 Field Regiment 102 Battery
		105	13 Ordnance Supply Control 2 Advanced Ordnance Depot
		106	13 Ordnance Supply Control 2
		107	14 Ordnance Supply Control 2 Advanced Ordnance Depot
		108	14 Ordnance Supply Control 2 COD
		109	15 Ordnance Ammo Platoon 2 Advanced Ordnance Depot
		110	15 Ordnance Ammo Platoon 2 COD
		111	16 Ordnance Vehicle Platoon 2 Advanced Ordnance Depot
		112	16 Ordnance Vehicle Platoon 2 COD
		113	161 Independent Reconnaissance Flight
		114	161 Reconnaissance Flight
		115	17 Construction Squadron
		116	17 Construction Squadron Workshop
		117	176 Air Dispatch Company
		118	18 Ordnance Depot LDY S2A0D
		119	18 Ordnance Depot LDY S2C0D
		120	19 Ordnance Supply
		121	19 Ordnance Supply CON 2COD
		122	198 Workshop Section
		123	2 Advanced Ordnance Depot
		124	2 Company Ordnance Depot
		125	2 Field Ambulance
		126	2 Battalion Royal Australian Regiment
		127	2 Special Air Service Squadron
		128	2 Transport Platoon
		129	20 Ordnance Stores 2 Advanced Ordnance Depot
		130	20 Ordnance Stores 2 C Ordnance Depot
		131	21 Engineer Troop
		132	21 Supply Platoon
		133	25 Supply Platoon RAASC
		134	3 Field Troop
		135	3 Battalion Royal Australian Regiment
		136	3 Special Air Service Squadron
		137	32 Small Ship Squadron
		138	33 Dental Unit
		139	4 Field Regiment
		140	4 Field Regiment Light Aid Detachment
		141	4 Field Regiment 106 Battery
		142	4 Field Regiment 107 Battery
		143	4 Battalion Royal Australian Regiment
		144	4/19 Armoured Personnel Carrier Troop
		145	5 Company RAASC
		146	5 Company RAASC Workshop
		147	5 Battalion Royal Australian Regiment
		148	503 Signal Troop
		149	506 Signal Troop
		150	520 Signal Troop
		151	527 Signal Troop
		152	532 Signal Troop
		153	547 Signal Troop
		154	55 Engineer Workshop Park Squadron
		155	552 Signal Troop
		156	557 Signal Troop
		157	561 Signal Troop
		158	581 Signal Troop
		159	6 Battalion Royal Australian Regiment
		160	67 Ground Liaison Section
		161	7 Battalion Royal Australian Regiment
		162	704 Signal Troop
		163	709 Signal Troop
		164	8 Field Ambulance
		165	Detachment 8 Petroleum Platoon
		166	8 Battalion Royal Australian Regiment
		167	85 Transport Platoon (Tipper)
		168	86 Transport Platoon
		169	87 Transport Platoon
		170	9 Battalion Royal Australian Regiment

Dear Tony

Please find attached a copy of the list of Scheyville graduates that I used to reconcile with the official government listing of Vietnam Veterans.

The top page is a list of codes for army units that served in Vietnam as indicated at the top of P1 of the Scheyville list. I have entered the army unit code that each fellow served in. Some people went to a couple of units whilst some did two tours (I think). The total is incorrect because some people have a different army number in the Vietnam vets honour roll to the number allotted to them as a national servicemen eg David Webster, I think the ones that aren't noted are those people like Webster who were early nashos and the army had a policy of giving them a new number if they became a regular. Dennis Townsend helped me do the reconciliation.

Best regards

Roger Donnelly

O T U SCHEYVILLE GRADUATES SERVED IN VIETNAM – 1965-1973

Serial No.	Surname	Christian Names	Units served	Grad No.	O.T.U Class	Army No	Corp
1	ACKLAND	Graham James	50, 73, 159	0111	2/65	4717383	RA Inf
2	AINSWORTH	John Fraser	52	0504	2/67	3791408	RAASC
3	ALEXANDER	Gordon Charles	102	0296	3/66	2784425	RAA
4	ANDERSON	Lloyd Neill	135	0147	1/66	2782572	RA Inf
5	ANDREW	Robin Nigel	115	0304	3/66	3789011	RAE
6	ANDREWS	Colin George	65	0218	2/66	6708448	RAE
7	APPELBEE	Lawrence Eugene	52, 135	0272	3/66	5714396	RA Inf
8	APTED	Robin Heath	73, 123	0996	3/69	3796297	RAAOc
9	ASHFIELD	Rodney John	7	0319	4/66	1731884	RA Inf
10	BAKKER	Timothy James	102		O1/73	2795704	RAA
11	BANNAN	Richard Frederick	137	0285	3/66	2782876	RAE(Tn)
12	BANNON	Wayne	161	0085	2/65	3786779	RA Inf
13	BARWELL	Gordon Richard	113	1043	3/69	3796875	RAAC
14	BASFORD	Gary	73	0792	3/68	1734166	RAA
15	BEASLEY	David Leslie	73, 126, 159	0025	1/65	1730894	RA Inf
16	BELL	Gary Robert	50	0079	2/65	2782376	RA Sigs
17	BELL	John Hamilton	113	0813	3/68	5714247	AA AvnC
18	BENDEICH	John Anthony	7	0883	1/69	2791605	RAAC
19	BENTON	James William	137	0872	1/69	2791744	RAE
20	BERRY	James Hunter	36	1126	1/70	2793564	RAASC
21	BLACKMAN	Ian David	137	0346	4/66	3789641	RAE
22	BLACKMORE	Marcus Charles	137	0563	4/67	1733272	RAE
23	BLEAKLEY	Lionel Dale	12 - RAAF	0321	4/66	A19292	RAAF
24	BLEECHMORE	Ralph Christopher	50, 73, 143	0461	2/67	4718724	RA Inf
25	BOAG	Leslie Godfrey	50, 51, 73	0849	4/68	3176923	RA Inf
26	BOMM	Alexander	50	0009	1/65	3787079	RA Inf
27	BOTWRIGHT	Graham	96	0246	2/66	6708455	RA Sigs
28	BOWCOCK	Geoffrey William	86	0335	4/66	3789644	RA Inf
29	BOX	James Edward	77	0160	1/66	1731552	RAA
30	BOYLE	Thomas Malcolm	50	0443	1/67	4718900	RAAOC
31	BRADFORD	John Walter	51	0626	1/68	2788624	RAAOC
32	BRIERS	James Leonard	37	0340	4/66	2785211	RAASC
33	BROWN	David Walter	50	0203	2/66	2784120	RAAEC
34	BRYANT	Gary Herbert William	77, 139	0158	1/66	2783050	RAA
35	BRYON	Ernest Stanley	102	0362	1/67	2786201	RAA
36	BUICK	Terence Michael	123	0397	1/67	5714824	RAAOC
37	BURG	D'arcy Collins	50	0427	1/67	2785727	RAEME
38	BURNS	John Lindsay	102, 139	0164	1/66	2783176	RAA
39	BUSHELL	John Frederick	52, 73, 143	1050	4/69	2793067	RA Inf
40	BUTLER	Michael John	20	0175	1/66	1731558	RAAC
41	BYSOUTH	Peter Alexander	113	0349	1/67	2243939	RAA
42	CAMERON	P J	50		B1/67	217230	AALC
43	CAMPBELL	Eric Harold	73, 126	0086	2/65	2781711	RA Inf
44	CAMPBELL	Warren John	36, 38	0169	1/66	2783348	RAASC
45	CANNON	James Spencer	50	1026	3/69	5716793	RA Inf
46	CARLTON	William George	115	0841	4/68	5716213	RAE
47	CASTLE	Denis Hedley	168	0289	3/66	2783564	RAASC
48	CHARLES	Michael Paul	50, 73	0107	2/65	6708343	RA Inf
49	CHITTY	David Ronald	52, 161	0453	2/67	3791321	RA Inf
50	CLAGUE	Patrick John	147	0195	1/66	2783359	RA Inf
51	CLARKE	Anthony John Burgess	73, 166	0741	2/68	2788584	RA Inf
52	CLARKE	Christopher Alan	50	0527	3/67	2787295	RAAOC
53	CLELAND	Matthew David	102	0375	1/67	2785230	RAA
54	CLISDELL	Peter Robert	65	0637	1/68	2788651	RAE
55	COATS	Peter Howard	73	0980	2/69	2791661	RAAOC

56	COFFEY	Dennis Brian	113	0355	1/67	1732683	RAA
57	COLCLOUGH	Roger Keith	113	0035	1/65	216515	RAA
58	COLE	Martin Ernest	139	1039	3/69	627488	RAA
59	COLLAS	Peter John	50	0108	2/65	1731258	RA Inf
60	COMMERFORD	Peter William	73, 161	0854	4/68	2791171	RA Inf
61	CONEYBEARE	Bruce Richard	73, 143	1201	2/70	2794695	RA Inf
62	COOK	Ian William	36	0590	4/67	3792081	ALCO
63	COOPER	Brian Charles Thomas	50, 73	0988	3/69	3796960	RA Inf
64	COOPER	Robert George	39	0192	1/66	3787894	RAASC
65	COOTES	Thomas Robertson	143	0447	2/67	4719015	RA Inf
66	CORNELL	Eric Gregory	20	0523	3/67	217761	RAEME
67	CORNISH	R	50		B1/67	217448	RAAEC
68	CROOK	Keith Taylor	73	0673	1/68	1733759	RAAOC
69	CROOK	Peter Llewellyn	113	0463	2/67	2786569	RAASC
70	CURTIS	Alan Alexander	115	1079	1/70	2794329	RAE
71	DALY	Geoffrey Aylmer	73, 161	1047	4/69	147789	RA Inf
72	DAWSON	Douglas Bruce	113	0432	1/67	55351	RA Inf
73	DEANE-BUTCHER	John Hugh	147	0015	1/65	1731087	RA Inf
74	DICK	Barry John	113	0370	1/67	217349	RAEME
75	DICK	Douglas	135	0311	4/66	4718547	RA Inf
76	DICKSON	Neville James	113	0454	2/67	5715197	RAASC
77	DILLON	Kevin Lesley	73, 159	0591	4/67	4719272	RA Inf
78	DONKIN	Robert John	135	0936	2/69	1477354	RA Inf
79	DRIVER	Errol David	113	0184	1/66	55165	RAASC
80	DUNN	Ian Michael	161	0621	1/68	3173832	RA Inf
81	DUNN	Ross	102	0408	1/67	5714852	RAA
82	DUUS	Glen Martin	113	0007	1/65	1200637	RA Inf
83	EARLE	Terance Leo	102, 139	0287	3/66	4718352	RAA
84	EARLEY	David Herbert	113	0264	3/66	1200953	RAAC
85	EDDY	Michael Ross	50, 126, 136	0198	2/66	1732019	Ra Inf
86	EGAN	Phillip John	51, 73	0312	4/66	2785265	RA Inf
87	EMSLIE	John William	115, 154	0547	3/67	1733308	RAE
88	EVENNETT	Robert Herbert	80	0691	1/68	2788700	RAE
89	EVERETT	Geoffrey Thomas	166	0112	2/65	2782488	RA Inf
90	FAWKNER	Matthew Peter	166	0579	4/67	2788298	RA Inf
91	FENNELL	Mervyn Richard	77	0645	1/68	3793063	RAA
92	FENTIMAN	James Douglas	73, 135, 170	0639	1/68	2788302	RAA
93	FINLAY	Kenneth Ross	36	0899	1/69	3795279	AA AvnC
94	FISCHER	Timothy Andrew	86	0273	3/66	2784385	RA Inf
95	FITZGIBBON	Maxwell Alan	50	0580	4/67	3792283	RAE
96	FLANAGAN	Paul James	50	0960	2/69	2791758	RAE
97	FLETCHER	Murray James	10, 52, 126	0220	2/66	1731783	RA Inf
98	FLETCHER	Peter Lawrence	7	0348	4/66	2782271	RAASC
99	FOOTNER	Prime Rodney	77	0671	1/68	4719682	RAA
100	FORBES	William Neil Nutt	6, 8	1183	2/70	3797869	RA Inf
101	FOWLER	Michael Irvine	10, 50	0093	2/65	1731289	RAASC
102	FOWLER	Richard Thomas	73, 126, 135	0329	4/66	5174683	RA Inf
103	FRASER	John	135	0083	2/65	1731113	RA Inf
104	FRIEND	Nicholas McArthur	115	0442	1/67	2786254	RAE
105	GALE	Neville Aleck	52, 73	0131	1/66	5714078	RA Inf
106	GALLAGHER	Michael John	77	0004	1/65	1730940	RAA
107	GARARD	Gerald	10, 50	0588	4/67	1733448	RAAOC
108	GARTON	Peter Leonard	113	0034	1/65	43873	RAE
109	GAUNT	Ian Stuart Manning	65	0143	1/66	2783216	RAE
110	GIBSON	Fraser Maxwell	113	0525	3/67	39548	RAE
111	GILL	Brian Selby	73	0732	2/68	3793758	RA Inf
112	GILLESPIE	Michael Joseph	159	0037	1/65	1730944	RA Inf
113	GLEESON	Ian	24	0115	2/65	3787359	RAASC
114	GRAETZ	Raymind John	12	0559	3/67	4719409	RA Pro
115	GRAY	David Malcolm	123	0501	2/67	4719048	RAAOC
116	GRIFFITHS	Lawrence Winston	73, 126, 159	0114	2/65	5713842	RA Inf
117	GRIFFITHS	Peter William	137	0330	4/66	2785600	RAE
118	GROVES	Nigel	77, 102	0548	3/67	1733319	RAA
119	GUEST	Andrew Geoffrey	77, 102	0538	3/67	3791754	RAA
120	GYGAR	Terence Joseph	113	0522	3/67	147389	RAAOC
121	HADDON	John Arthur Donald	51	0120	1/66	2783533	RAAOC
122	HANNAM	Robert James	74	1130	1/70	4721421	RA Inf
123	HARNWELL	Peter John	139	0166	1/66	2783535	RAA
124	HAYDEN	Brian Cecil	51, 73	0187	1/66	216816	RA Inf
125	HAYES	Frederick Victor	123	0300	3/66	5714511	RAAOC
126	HAYES	Terence John Michael	113	0511	3/67	39545	RAE
127	HENDERSON	William Russ	52, 73, 86, 143	0569	4/67	1733455	RA Inf
128	HERBERT	Leslie Robert	139	0286	3/66	5714514	RAA
129	HERLIHY	John Daniel	135	0369	1/67	2786260	RAAEC
130	HERRON	Lynton Murray James	5	0002	1/65	3786633	RAAC
131	HEYDE	Ross Stanley	126,73	0545	3/67	2787398	RA Inf
132	HIND	Warren Maxwell	20	0873	1/69	3138385	RAAC
133	HOARE	David Paul	73	0537	3/67	2787405	RA Inf
134	HODGE	Brian Vincent	73, 135	0151	1/66	1731630	RA Inf
135	HOLLOWAY	Guy Robert	73, 52	0012	1/65	6708248	RA Inf
136	HOOD	Jan Francis	50, 73, 147	0589	4/67	1201506	RA Inf
137	HOULISTON	John Brian	75	0888	1/69	5716497	RAAMC
138	HOUSEMAN	Anthony Karl	73, 159	0479	2/67	2786686	RA Inf
139	HUDSON	Peter Ross	52, 85	0633	1/68	2788747	AAPsych
140	HUNT	Robin Vere McKay	139	0997	3/69	3797079	RAA
141	HURFORD	Gordon Warrington	126	0081	2/65	1730824	RA Inf
142	HURREY	Thomas Roger	128	0173	1/66	3787816	RAASC
143	HUTCHISON	Robert Allen	147	0561	4/67	1733741	RA Inf
144	JACKETT	Geoffrey Raymond	52, 73	0299	3/66	2784543	RA Inf
145	JACKSON	Richard George	102	0543	3/67	2787429	RAA
146	JAMES	Jeffrey Lance	93	1525	4/71	216568	AA Avn
147	JAMES	Peter Samuel Noel	50	0457	2/67	4719228	RA Inf
148	JELLIE	Alan Douglas	113	0521	3/67	39510	RAE
149	JENSEN	Norman Arthur	52, 73, 126, 135	0235	2/66	1732067	RA Inf
150	JONES	Grame Victor	3, 20	0631	1/68	3793246	RAAC
151	KELSO	David Phillip	50, 73, 159	0814	3/69	5715886	RA Inf
152	KETTLE	Alan Ernest	73, 170	0575	4/67	3792607	RA Inf
153	KILPATRICK	Peter Robert	139	0829	4/68	3794201	AA AvnC

154	KIMPTON	Andrew Rex	50, 73, 159	0684	1/68	2788019	RA Inf
155	KINSELLA	Michael Vincent	73, 126	0121	1/66	5714118	RA Inf
156	LAMBERT	Roger Anthony	147	0237	2/66	2784009	RA Inf
157	LANGLANDS	Terrence Edwards	73, 86	0476	2/67	2786939	RA Inf
158	LAUDER	Peter John	166	0207	2/66	1731459	RA Inf
159	LEADBETTER	K	159		B1/67	126456	RA Inf
160	LEWIEN	David Gladstone	73, 166	0817	3/68	3794108	RA Inf
161	LEWIS	Clemet Richard	36	0326	4/66	2785432	ASCO
162	LEWIS	Robert Basil	135	0795	3/68	4719949	RA Inf
163	LINDSAY	Gregg	161	0567	4/67	2788031	RA Inf
164	LOADSMAN	Grahame Francis	128	0096	2/65	2782438	RAASC
165	LOGAN	Brian Russell	50	0659	1/68	3792878	RAE
166	LONG	Francis Kevin	52, 167	0322	4/66	2784200	RAASC
167	LONGLAND	Geoffrey Noel	113	0514	3/67	1201446	RAA
168	LOWE	Allan Francis	135		O1/73	55982	RAAEC
169	LOWIS	John William	50	0947	2/69	1735289	AA Avn
170	LUFFMAN	Peter Ronald	73, 135	0336	4/66	2785352	RA Inf
171	LYONS	Trevor Vivian	126	0106	2/65	1731148	RA Inf
172	MADDEN	Christopher John	85	1090	1/70	2794172	RAAC
173	MADDEN	James Edwin	101	0204	2/66	2783742	RA Sigs
174	MAIN	Alexander Richard	102	0544	3/67	2787484	RAA
175	MANNING	Robert Charles	75	0707	2/68	1734304	RAAMC
176	MARGETTS	Rodney James	7	0943	2/69	2792099	RA Inf
177	MARR	Andrew George	93	0353	1/67	2785911	RAEME
178	MARSDEN	John Charles	113, 137	0756	2/68	218587	AA AvnC
179	MARTIN	Anthony Edward	73, 159	0809	3/68	1734653	RA Inf
180	MARTIN	Robert George	52, 73, 161	0100	2/65	2782761	RA Inf
181	MATHERS	Ian George	102, 139	1094	1/70	2794496	RAA
182	MATHESON	Hector Munro	113	0253	3/66	39048	RAAC
183	MCANDREW	Kevin Henry	5	0118	1/66	2782432	RAAC
184	MCARTHUR	Stuart Roger	102, 139	0297	3/66	2784061	RAA
185	MCBAIN	Ian Roalin	50	0491	2/67	2785783	RAEME
186	MCCOY	Peter	51, 135	0317	4/66	2784707	RA Inf
187	MCDANIEL	Daniel Nolan	143	0576	4/67	5715492	RA Inf
188	MCGHIE	John Jefferson	113	0560	3/67	55479	RAEME
189	MCKAY	Gary John	143	0714	2/68	2789609	RA Inf
190	MCKEAND	Ross Tyndall	50	0881	1/69	2791988	AALC
191	MCLAUGHLIN	William Millen	7, 73, 77, 139	0664	1/68	2789318	RAA
192	MCNEE	Ian David	161	0588	4/67	1733361	RA Inf
193	MCNEILAGE	Angus John	3, 16	0011	1/65	3787293	RAAC
194	MCPHERSON	David Bruce	139	0225	2/66	2784253	RAA
195	MEAD	David John	7, 147	0396	1/67	1201164	RA Inf
196	MECHAM	Donald Creagh	113	0846	4/68	1734691	RAASC
197	MEEHAN	John William	115	0267	3/66	3788760	RAE
198	MELLINGTON	James Terrence	159	0627	1/68	2789153	RA Inf
199	MICHELL	Mervyn Douglas	139	0168	1/66	5714144	RAA
200	MILLER	Bruce James	39	0231	2/66	3788820	RAASC
201	MINNIKIN	Robert Neil	115	0582	4/67	1733484	RAE
202	MITCHELL	Craig Leslie	5, 18, 52	0654	1/68	4719816	RAAC
203	MOFFATT	Donald Leslie	113	0132	1/66	1200786	RA Inf
204	MOLE	Barry John	88	0210	2/66	1731824	RAEME
205	MOLLOY	K V	52		B1/67	1201015	AALC
206	MONTEITH	Gregory Darryl	113	0465	2/67	1733011	RA Sigs
207	MOODY	Peter Graham	123	0498	2/67	1732754	RAAOC
208	MORGAN	Peter Ross	73, 159	0153	1/66	2783234	RA Inf
209	MORRIS	Antony James	7	0984	2/69	6709468	RA Sigs
210	MOSELEY	Gary Grant	143	1583	1/72	2787510	AA Avn
211	MOYLE	Harold James	147	0562	4/67	3792222	RA Inf
212	MUIR	Peter Allan	113	0145	1/66	1200785	RAA
213	MURRAY	Steven Ross	50	0382	1/67	3790025	RAAOC
214	MYERS	Leslie Dennis	86	0095	2/65	2782590	RA Inf
215	NATION	Roger John	75	0796	3/68	3794192	RAAMC
216	NEERVOORT	John Bart	159	0466	2/67	2786218	RA Inf
217	NICHOLSON	John Andrew	73, 126	0110	2/65	2782514	RA Inf
218	NORTON	William James	102		O2/72	219874	RAA
219	O'BRIEN	Brendan Paul	73, 161	0080	2/65	3787158	RA Inf
220	O'CONNELL	John Raymond	135	0536	3/67	4719424	RA Inf
221	O'HALLORAN	John Patrick	159	0028	1/65	2781996	RA Inf
222	O'HANLON	Terrence Harold	147	0003	1/65	1731021	RA Inf
223	OWENS	Robert Leslie	20	0161	1/66	2782911	RAAC
224	PARTRIDGE	Thomas Robert	113	0371	1/67	2786491	RAAC
225	PATERSON	David	135	0366	1/67	4718855	RA Inf
226	PATON	Ian Hume	102	0555	3/67	3791489	RAA
227	PATTERSON	Kenneth John	36	0824	4/68	3794636	ASCO
228	PEARSE	Rodney Taunton	139	0866	1/69	2792078	RAA
229	PEARSON	Stephen Kuvay	113	1035	3/69	5716949	AA Avn
230	PEATLING	Norman Bruce	135	0308	4/66	3790090	RA Inf
231	PETERS	John Edmund	123, 52	0718	2/68	2790154	RAAOC
232	PHILIP	John	133	0087	2/65	3787794	RAASC
233	PHILLIPS	Peter John	73, 51	0834	4/68	2790930	RA Inf
234	POLDOJA	Rudi Walter	123		O2/72	39626	RAAOC
235	POPE	Alistair Alan	145	0338	4/66	5714577	RAASC
236	POTT	Arther Edmund James	147	0008	1/65	1730857	RA Inf
237	PRICE	Frederick John	77	0391	1/67	39269	RA Inf
238	RAFFERTY	Ian Malcolm	126	0644	1/68	5715583	RA Inf
239	REDDROP	William George	5	0283	3/66	3789454	RAAC
240	REIDY	Thomas Gary	143	0128	1/66	2783262	RA Inf
241	RENOWDEN	John Arthur	161	0136	1/66	3787475	RA Inf
242	RICHARDS	William John	77, 139	0807	3/68	2790851	RAA
243	RICHES	Graham Philip Arnold	50	1164	1/70	3797560	AALC
244	RILEY	Glenn Conway	51, 73	1052	4/69	2793614	RA Inf
245	ROBINSON	Raymond William	73, 135	0472	2/67	5715150	RA Inf
246	ROE	Melford James	147	0001	1/65	5713714	RA Inf
247	ROGERS	Peter Harry Dickon	113	0255	3/66	1200956	RA Inf
248	ROUBIN	David John	123, 124	0033	1/65	1731038	RAAOC
249	ROWE	Kevorn Lloyd	113	0278	3/66	42784	RA Sigs
250	RUSSELL	Brian William	127	0790	3/68	2790626	RA Inf
251	RUSSELL	Geoffrey Milton	12	0334	4/66	2785524	RAA Pro

252	RUSSELL	John	73, 147	0736	2/68	5715939	RA Inf
253	RYDER	Jeffrey Alan	77, 139	0896	1/69	3795598	RAA
254	SABBEN	David Rae	159	0022	1/65	2781294	RA Inf
255	SAVAGE	Patrick Daniel	126	0263	3/66	4718242	RA Inf
256	SCHROEDER	Peter Gustav	36	0904	1/69	3795738	ASCO
257	SCHUBERG	Geoffrey Esmond	12	0532	3/67	2787586	RA Pro
258	SEE	Gregory James	77, 102	0615	1/68	2788963	RAA
259	SERLE	Peter James	16, 20	0054	1/65	38640	RAAC
260	SEYMOUR	Jeffree Silvester	74	0180	1/66	1731418	RAA
261	SHARP	Gordon Cameron	159	0050	1/65	2781465	RA Inf
262	SHARPE	Roger William	73, 166	0893	1/69	3795108	RA Inf
263	SIERAKOWSKI	John Patrick	52	0927	1/69	3795805	AACC
264	SILLAR	Ross Alan	143	0449	2/67	2787078	RA Inf
265	SINNOTT	Ian Reginald	113	0437	1/67	1201166	RAA
266	SLATTERY	Bryan Laurence	139	0771	3/68	2790897	R IA
267	SLAVIN	James Francis	161	0199	2/66	2784308	RA Inf
268	SMITH	Anthony Thomas	86	0159	1/66	5714195	RA Inf
269	SMITH	Barry Langham	74	0090	2/65	2782315	RAASC
270	SMITH	Christopher Robert	143		02/72	220359	RA Inf
271	SMITH	Graeme James Hodgman	18	0772	3/68	3794142	RAAC
272	SMITH	Ian Victor	85, 166	0361	1/67	1732791	RA Inf
273	SMITH	Malcolm Roy	113	0281	3/66	44101	RAAC
274	SMITH	Neil Colin	166	0519	3/67	535603	RAAOC
275	SMITH	Peter Basil	36	1179	2/70	3798374	RAASC
276	SONNEVELD	Michael John	113	0708	2/68	3112007	AA AvnC
277	SPOOR	Peter Bernard	113	0019	1/65	1200638	RAAC
278	SPURR	Raymond John	124	0167	1/66	3787952	RAAOC
279	STACH	Robert Barry	18	0643	1/68	3792838	RAAC
280	STEEL	Craig Maxwell	52	1146	1/70	2794623	RAAMC
281	STEELE	Ian	50, 73, 161	0324	4/66	2784657	AlntCor
282	STEGMAN	Trevor Robert	86	0352	1/67	2786019	RA Inf
283	STOREN	Alan George	123	0387	1/67	3790748	RAAOC
284	STRACHAN	John Charles	99	0385	1/67	1732799	RAEME
285	STRAKER	James Arthur	115	0129	1/66	1731510	RAE
286	STUDLEY	Leonard James	135	0089	2/65	2782714	RA Inf
287	SULLIVAN	Brian John	16, 20	0149	1/66	2783093	RAAC
288	SUTTON	Robert James	52, 86	0202	2/66	3788851	RA Inf
289	SWARBRICK	Reginald John	143	0842	4/68	3794441	RA Inf
290	SWEENEY	Christopher John	3, 16, 20	0368	1/67	4718905	RAAC
291	TAYLOR	Leonard Alexander	135	0189	1/66	3787987	RA Inf
292	THOMSON	Robert Wallace	113	0262	3/66	217039	RA Inf
293	THORPE	Brooke Ellery Powell	67, 137	0318	4/66	4718676	RAE
294	THORPE	Bruce Raymond	5	0298	3/66	5714609	RAAC
295	TIZZARD	Stephen Kendall	113	0044	1/65	215225	RAA
296	TRAVERS	Michael Hilary	52, 73, 147	0154	1/66	4718066	RAAOC
297	TRICK	Donald James	113	0097	2/65	2782334	RAA
298	TRIPLETT	Thomas Seth	113	0798	3/68	1202197	AA AvnC
299	TUCKER	Ross	52	0524	3/67	2787637	AACC
300	TURNBULL	Noel Stuart	102	0551	3/67	3791592	RAA
301	TURNER	Graham Thomas	12, 50	0275	3/66	2784668	RA Pro
302	ULANOWICZ	Roman	135	1012	3/69	2792279	RA Inf
303	UTTING	Richard McKinnell	73, 86	0421	1/67	5715024	RA Inf
304	VALE	Brian Lawrence	164	0578	4/67	2788184	RAAMC
305	VIAL	Phillip James	143	0223	2/66	2784078	RA Inf
306	VICKERY	Brian James	170	0183	1/66	2783281	RA Inf
307	WALLS	Geoffrey Nowell	123, 124	0252	3/66	3789583	RAAOC
308	WALSH	Terry	50	1018	3/69	3796469	RAAOC
309	WARD	Colin James	36	0710	2/68	1734371	AACS
310	WARD	David Hamilton	50, 52, 135, 161	0213	2/66	5714428	RA Inf
311	WARREN	Duncan Robert	166	0789	3/68	5716170	RA Inf
312	WARWICK	Philip Clive	12	0602	4/67	2788431	RAA Pro
313	WATSON	Peter John	5, 18	0413	1/67	1732823	RAAC
314	WATT	Brian George	74	0411	1/67	2786447	RAEME
315	WEBBE	John Francis Pascoe	50	0784	3/68	4720259	RA Inf
316	WEBBER	Peter Francis Paul	73, 86, 143	0333	4/66	2785050	RA Inf
317	WEEKES	Neil Harvey	86	0358	1/67	1732646	RA Inf
318	WEINGOTT	Pierre Leo	80	0219	2/66	2789880	RA Inf
319	WHITBURN	John Malcolm	1	0665	1/68	4719812	RA Svy
320	WHITE	Robert Peter	48	1393	1/71	5718153	RA Inf
321	WILKINSON	Damien Richard	115	0365	1/67	2786485	RAE
322	WILLIAMS	Gordon Benton	32	0271	3/66	2783891	RAA
323	WINTER	Peter James	161	0020	1/65	4717601	RA Inf
324	WOOD	John Francis	44	0190	1/66	2783590	RAASC
325	WOOLAN	Raymond	52, 73, 86	0502	2/67	2787006	RA Inf
326	WRIGHT	Graeme Colin	113	0584	4/67	39549	RA Inf
327	YOUNG	Robert John Barclay	139	0126	1/66	1731740	RAA

Bob Buick, MM (Gordon Sharp's platoon Commander at the Battle of Long Tan) took this snap on a recent trip. I know of two DS who lived in this street.

Gary McKay



I haven't seen them in 30 years ...

by Stan Beaman 1/72

Glenn Longmire rang me from Perth in December 2001 and raised the idea of a thirty year reunion in 2002. Our graduating class 1/72 had never been back together before. Being a local, I volunteered to be the organising person.

Through contact with the national committee, I received an address list. I guess that, in all, through this list and personal contributions, we made contact with about 50% of our 86 graduates, mostly by email. Of these, 22 (25% of the graduates) were able to make it to the weekend. Together with some partners, mates and a ring-in from 4/71, we had a total of 32 present.

The Recce

Glenn came to Sydney in early April and we conducted a recce, tying in all the major aspects of the plan. It would be simple and allow maximum time for people to get to know each other again. That Friday afternoon was enormously important in the planning process, and so much fun. We checked out accommodation options, visited St Matthew's Church, Scheyville itself and then finished up with a beer at a Richmond pub.

The Plan

The plan was: accommodation at The Sebel Resort – it had everything we needed and was geared for exactly this sort of thing; Saturday afternoon at Scheyville; a dinner at The Sebel on Saturday night with an ex-staff member invited as our key speaker; Sunday morning service at St Matthew's for those who wished, then lunch in Windsor.

The Highlights

Without doubt, the best part of the weekend was just **being together**. Some of us have kept in regular contact at the local level (the Brisbane guys appear to meet monthly for lunch), but most of us had not met since that six months in 1972. And

we were like mates. Much time was spent in recounting the many stories that needed to be told, lubricated by the occasional glass of beer or whiskey. I think we were all amazed at how significant that Scheyville experience was for us.

Scheyville had not been an exhilarating experience for everyone. One friend told me that he'd been hesitant about attending the reunion as he'd found OTU a difficult time, personally. However, he loved the reunion and is looking forward to more.

The afternoon at Scheyville was marvellous. Everyone loved it, including the wives and friends. Cruising around, picking through the ruins, locating the position of our old rooms along the concrete foundations that remain, recalling the friendly Drill Sgts on the parade ground, remembering the barber in his shop, the fieldcraft training area (Where was the red mill?), signing in late at King's Row, eating chocolates before dinner in the Mess (if you could buy one before they ran out). I had booked a local Coaster bus and driver to deliver us there and pick us up later. I'd also thought to provide afternoon tea with snacks and cold drinks in a couple of eskies. (A couple of folding tables would have been useful as I had to set it out on the grass.)

Some of the old buildings have gone, some are dilapidated, the historic buildings have been maintained. Our imaginations filled in the gaps. The place is now Scheyville National Park so it is open for visitors and there's usually a ranger to assist with queries.

I found my old room in Chauvel along the concrete foundation and realised how small it had been. I stood there and reminded myself of a quiet, sunny winter's morning when I'd paused at my door and listened to the sounds of Don Maclean's Vincent being played through the

loudspeakers by the cooks. On the floor where grass was protruding through the concrete, I found an old key. It could well have been the key to my room, who knows? I slipped it into my pocket and kept it as a memento.

The dinner on Saturday night was an absolute highlight. Most wore suits and ties for the occasion and we were regaled by Victor Lampe (ex-staff), who was very entertaining except that he suggested that the staff at OTU had to work extraordinarily hard (and us??), then Humphrey Maltman had us in tears with his lies about life at Scheyville.

Things to consider if you're planning a reunion

The biggest problems in planning were only two: firstly, not being able to contact every graduate and, secondly, trying to crystal ball the final numbers, which was important when agreeing to a contract with The Sebel Resort.

I found that I didn't have the time to research names and addresses and would encourage any class member who wasn't contacted to get in touch with me (details below) for future links. I suggest starting low when forecasting numbers to The Sebel – it's easier to add more at the last minute than to drop them. If rooms aren't available, there are some good local motels. Be prepared for the inevitable couple of last minute drop-outs through illness.

If you're planning to attend the morning service at St Matthew's, Windsor, you'll find that the rector is appreciative of our link with the church and will be happy for class members to contribute to the service. I suggest you check who's preaching and encourage him to keep the sermon as brief as possible and interesting (in as tactful a manner as possible).



Require those attending to pay a deposit in advance (make a commitment) and have the remainder paid on arrival. Get it all out of the way as quickly and efficiently as possible. Provide receipts.

The value of the weekend

For me personally, one of the best aspects of the whole activity was all the contact I enjoyed by email and phone with so many of my fellow graduates during the months preceding the reunion.



For us as a group, everything was good with "just being together" topping the list. This would be supported by the large number who continued on in the bar and the courtyard at The Sebel until at least 2 am after the dinner. Additionally, we are all keen to follow it up in various ways – perhaps at Doug Brown's pub at Bega, at Des Forrester's Balgownie Estate Vineyards, at the 2003 National Reunion, or at our 35th reunion.



A few reflections on the weekend

From Peter Gadsden: I'm really glad I made the effort to attend. I was quite excited on Saturday morning, heading out to Tullamarine with Ron Storey, but with a little apprehension because you never know if the occasion will be as good as the expectation. Ron and I waited at Sydney airport for Rob Walters and Brian Nankerville, then we all got into the hire car and were off. Even at that early stage, I knew we were going to enjoy ourselves. When Rob told the story about falling asleep, in the At Ease position on the parade ground, during a drill class, and the resultant displeasure (and "charge yourself") of the DS, I knew the weekend was going to be more than just a couple of laughs; there



were going to be a heap of laughs. And so it was! There were slightly larger girths, some grey hair, a few longer foreheads, but everyone was recognisable. I'm looking forward to seeing some of the many photos that were taken that afternoon and evening.

From Brian Nankivell: Being one of the babies of the course, and without formal tertiary qualifications at the time (ergo more grey hair than grey cells! – even accounting for being bald), the most powerful impact of the weekend on me was the recognition that all these other guys had unwittingly shaped many aspects of my life and character. I looked at these familiar (albeit older and more prosperous – another way of saying plumper) faces from that perspective, and it gave me an opportunity to appreciate qualities of determination, grit, humour, story embellishment, and a view of the world that breaks things down to simple concepts and basics.

And finally, from Alan Nisbet: I was not sure what to expect but I knew there would be a few stories and a few beers – the quality of these didn't let me down and I'm really pleased to have made the effort to attend. I hope that the success of this one will encourage the rest of 1/72 to come to the next one.

If you are passing through Singapore please get in contact and I will arrange a special sitting of the Singapore Branch of the OTU Association (now four of us).

Once again – thanks for the memories.

Queensland Chapter Annual Black Tie Dinner

In keeping with the historical requirement to have our OTU anniversary dinner as close as possible to the 1 April formation date the dedicated Queenslanders gathered at the United Service Club in Wickham terrace in the Brisbane CBD on Saturday 29 March 2003. It was only a small group (38) but what they lacked in numbers they made up for in quality. The dinner was run along regimental lines but formality disappeared soon after grace by acting chaplain Geoff Daly (4/69). The time between meals was kept lively with the interjection of random speeches (MX 6 or Military Expression 6) a subject selected by the Dining President Gary McKay (2/68). The best story of the night went to Dr John Kiss (4/69) who had travelled all the way from Warwick with a junior classmate and ex-Wallaby Geoff Richardson (1/70). The class of 4/69 took out the door prize with four class members present.

The evening finished some time after midnight with a few hardy souls battling on and telling lies until way past their bedtime. Thanks were passed at the dinner to Mick Hart (2/69) and his private secretary Stephanie who push out the Queensland newsletters and maintain the Queensland database. Thanks were also passed to Humphrey Maltman (1/72) and Owen Williamson (4/70) who assisted with making the dinner such a great success.

Once again the Queenslanders stuck by their motto: Fade Away with Dignity, But Drink The Funds First.

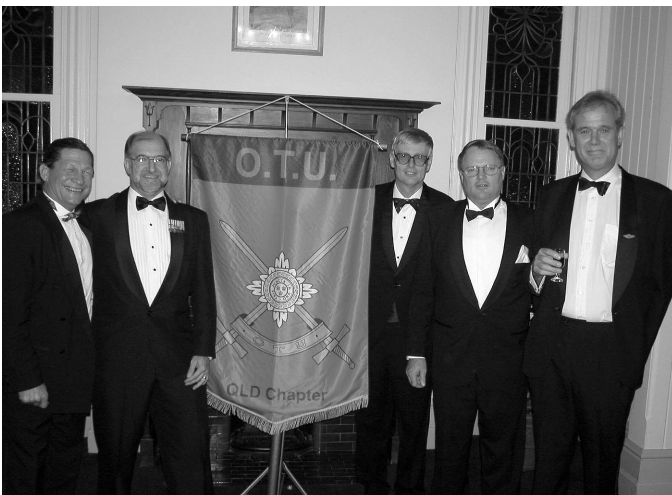
*Gary McKay
Head Banana*



*Gary McKay (2/68), Mike Fowler (2/65), Mick Hart (2/69)
and Alan Petersen (2/69).*



*Geoff Richardson (1/70), John Kiss (4/69),
and Owen Williamson (4/70).*



*Peter Moody (2/67), Rob Johnson (4/71), Owen Williamson
(4/70), Leo Menkhens (1/71) and Humphrey Maltman (1/72).*



*Geoff Daly (4/69), Geoff Gardiner (4/69),
Don McNaught (4/69) and John Kiss (4/69).*

QLD HAPPY SNAPS AT XMAS



Geoff Daly, Chook Fowler, Stephanie Mauchlan (Honorary Secretary) and Gary McKay discuss Stephanie's next pay rise.



Qld Chair Gary McKay leads the congregation in prayer at the 2002 Xmas lunch. 35 devotees were present.



Lang Kidby (left) and Mick Hart discussing the theory of flight, whilst Rabbi James describes to Hugh Begbie the biggest fish he has ever caught.



A foursome led by Barry Maffescioni (left) overlooking the Brisbane River.

Lunch at Concord Golf Club

20 February 2003 – Report by Richard Nicholls (1/66)

The *Scheyvillian* arrived on Monday and that night I saw the Quarterly Lunch listed in the Diary of Events – for the following Thursday. I had not attended a Luncheon in years. On the way to the office next morning the car radio played Monday, Monday by the Mamas & Papas – a hit song I enjoyed hearing during those rare DS-free moments each afternoon as I spit-polished boots outside my cell in '66 ... that did it!!

Three played golf, or at least Terry Williamson (1/70) did, while Wayne Broun (4/72) and I slashed about in the trees and bunkers and took notes. We joined 15 others for lunch in the comfort of the clubhouse afterwards.

National Chairman, Tony Sonneveld (1/70) informed us of the death of Brigadier Jack Studdert (OTU Commandant 1969-72) on the 18th and we drank a toast to his memory; Malcolm Brown (3/69) managed to extend his Sydney Morning Herald deadline to attend his first Luncheon, along with another first-timer, Greg Jenkins (3/70); security was slack enough to allow Neil Leckie (3/68) from Ballarat, Vic to infiltrate the function; Tim Fischer (3/66) attended with his hat and spoke to everyone, and was seen swapping business cards with Alex Main (3/67) – late political career, Alex?; Al Hirschell (2/72) told some old but very funny stories; Gordon Alexander (3/66), dressed in black, looked like he had just come from the Rolling Stones concert; all in attendance, including Geoff Bennett (2/66), Malcolm Boyd (1/70), Grant Prowse (1/68) and John Murray (3/72), were encouraged to consider joining the next Kokoda Trail walk 2003 ... that is something I'll be happy to read about!

NSW Chairman, Greg Todd (2/71) passed around

written supervisor comments on the three NSW funded attendees to recent Somers' Camps – all were very positive and underlined the worthwhile nature of the commitment; Treasurer (and Concord member) Paul Meldrum (3/68) creatively organized the food and wine and we were well looked after by the Club, which also provided entrees gratis.

The function raised over \$200 in donations towards Lord Somers' Camps.

New Reunion Class Co-ordinators volunteered:

1/66 Richard Nicholls **3/66** Peter Whitelaw
2/68 Gary McKay, John Peters, Wal Hall
4/69 Vic Lampe **2/71** Greg Todd, Peter Hartley, Paul Ford
1/72 Stan (Lee) Beaman
3/72 Dick Adams, John Murray **4/72** Wayne Broun.

It was a good turnout for a most enjoyable lunch ... and a resolution not to miss the next one! How about you, why not come along to the next one and catch up with others like yourself?



Tim Fischer at Concord



The cordial gathering.

Then the Next One ...

Royal Automobile Club, Sydney City, 15 May 2003 by Doug Oliver (4/71)

Our quarterly luncheons never fail to remind us what the OTU Association is all about. Another strong roll call of 24 of us not only had a chance to catch up and spin stories tall and true, but also hear about what is going on in the Association.

We heard that nominations are being sought from 16 to 18 year old students – male and female – for the next Lord and Lady Somers Camps. This has been a very successful program over many years, with good support from several schools. But we members of the Association can help Greg Todd (2/71) with his recruitment drive.

Greg also brought us up to date with arrangements for our annual Mixed Dinner on 21 June at the Victoria Barracks Officers' Mess. As in previous years, our guests will include last year's Lord and Lady Somers Camp veterans. Their experiences will not only impress us but will bring back memories of when we were not

much older and slogging our way through Scheyville. As this dinner is usually booked out well in advance, RSVP with payment should be sent in ASAP.

Greg and Tony Sonneveld (1/70) brought us up to date with planning for the National Reunion in Sydney in October. The Class Coordinators – several were at the luncheon – are already busy calling their classmates on parade. And several NSW Branch members are busy helping with the organisation of this big event.

It's always good to welcome a virgin or few to our luncheons. David Logie, Peter Benson, Ian Dawson and Brian Roberts came in from the cold and Sydney's big wet and found out what they had been missing. I'm sure that there are many more graduates out there who would be welcome.

\$100 was raised for Youth Leadership & Development.

The next quarterly luncheon is on 14 August 2003 at the Concord Golf Club.



David Logie (virgin)



Brian Roberts and Ian Dawson (virgins)



Peter Benson and John Marsden (nearly virgins)



Front from left: Bob Senior, Peter Blackwood, Greg Carmody & Peter Benson. Back from left: Doug Oliver, Ian Dawson, John Marsden, Brian Roberts & John Murray.



From left: David Logie, David Longhurst, Peter Luffman, Al Hirschel, Paul Meldrum, John Carrol & Greg Todd.



From Right: John Neervort, Gordon Alexander, Wayne Broun, Greg Jenkins, Ken Leo, Neil Turner & Malcolm Boyd.



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RSVP: by Friday 13 June to Greg Todd (02)8227 3305 Email: greg.todd@genesys.com
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Left to right: Gary (Shorty) Barker, Les Haines, Ric Schurmann, John Sands, Gary Byles, Mike Prain, Paul Cotter, Gary Van Ree, Gary Ward, Paul Brady, Jim Gilchrist, Richard Boyce, Peter Whyntie, Calvin Tilley and Noel McRoberts.

Officer Cadet School Scheyville Wing 1/72 THIRTY YEAR CLASS REUNION

From Mike Prain – OCS/OTU 1/72

I am not sure of the date that the decision was made, but at some time in late 1971 it was decided to open a Wing of the Officer Cadet School (OCS) Portsea at the National Servicemen's Officer Training Unit (OTU) at Scheyville. To be colloquially known as OCS/OTU, the *raison d'être* we Cadets of that first intake were given as to why we were at OTU was that Army had too many successful applicants to be accommodated at Portsea. Given the Vietnam War was still raging, rather than lose a number of potential Officers, it was decided to establish the OCS Wing. In all, 68 OCS Cadets, from three classes, were to successfully undertake their Officer training at Scheyville during the period Feb 1972 to Dec 1973. All believe they were better Officers for the experience and if the 1/72 is any example, despite actually graduating from Portsea, all remain very proud of the Scheyville connection.

Some criteria were placed on the selection of those who were to join the 1/72 OCS/OTU Class. We were told that we had to be single, that we were the top of the candidates selected for Portsea, that we had the mental and physical aptitude to handle the rigours of 12 months at OTU etc, etc (I believed them). From what I recall, 36 Officer Cadets arrived at Scheyville in mid February 1972 and were totally integrated into the Battalion of Officer Cadets. We lived along side our National Service brothers being evenly dispersed between the four Companies (Bridges, Monash, Chauvel and Blamey). We took part in all social activities including inter-platoon and inter-company sports with the National Servicemen, but we paraded and trained as a separate OCS Class. We spent approximately 10 months at Scheyville before, on the 2nd Dec 1972, 26 proceeded to Portsea to join the greater OCS Class for graduation. By that time we were "great grand fathers" and held most of the rank appointments in the Battalion of Officer Cadets (but then you would have expected that after 10 months).

Enough of the background to this select group of (then) young men. I am sure our story has been more than adequately covered in many other writings, including this magazine. The purpose of this article is to provide some insight into the 1/72 thirty years on. To celebrate the occasion, a Class reunion was held in Canberra over the second weekend of Dec 2002. Activities included: a Golf day and luncheon on the Friday at the Royal Canberra Golf Club; the main event – dinner at Olims (known as the Ainslie Hotel in a previous life) and a BBQ luncheon at Jim and Kay Gilchrist's home on the Sunday. For the stayers, a "greater" OCS (Portsea) Class reunion dinner was held on the Monday evening. All activities coincided with Graduation Week at RMC.

Of the 26, 1/72 OCS/OTU Class members whom graduated, 13 (with partners) attended the dinner on the Saturday evening. Pete Whyntie, an original class mate who later graduated in Jun 1973, also attended. Of the remainder of the graduates, two unfortunately are deceased (Marty Vincent and Stu Cameron). Six could not attend due to other commitments and one (Bob Deer) could not get through the bush fires north of Sydney, having set out from Murwillumbah earlier that morning. Three seem to have disappeared off the face of the earth (Peter Martin, Bill Lawrence and Denis Rose) and try as we did, these three could not be located (do any readers know their whereabouts?).

Two staff members were also in attendance: Neil Turner (the hero of Long Weeny Creek) and Vic Lampe, the then AQM.

The Dinner on the Saturday evening was a great success and those present relived many a memory of those wonderful days at Scheyville. Funny, I do not remember us speaking so favourably of the place back in 1972. Fortunately Paul Brady, the Class pianist, was there and I had made sure sufficient copies of the Class song-book were available; the result, a number of very pleasant hours reliving many an evening around the old Cadets' Mess piano. Perhaps by later in the evening our partners/wives would not agree.

The photo, taken on the night, reveals how we all look today. As Graham Campbell (Wheels) put it in an email to me after I had sent him a copy, "I thought you said it was a Class Reunion – I don't remember being with any of those fat and bald ugly bastards" (Graham could not make it on the night). So, we have aged a little, but mostly like a fine wine.

We started organising this reunion back in Feb 2002 and it was a real pleasure communicating with mates I had not seen in many years and in some cases, not since graduation. All have been successful in their endeavours within and outside of the Army. Only two are still serving (BRIG Gary Byles and MAJ Paul Brady). A number, largely the Canberra set, are employed as Defence Public Servants. We also have a motel proprietor, a couple of academics, a couple of Financial Advisers, a very successful physiotherapist (Noel McRoberts) and a number of other professionals.

Given the success of the weekend it was decided that these "get-togethers" should be held more often. To this end, a concerted effort is to be made by the 1/72 to attend the National 30-Year Reunion to be held at Scheyville in Oct this year. Details may be obtained from Paul Cotter, the Class Coordinator for this event, at: cotter@tig.com.au.

Victorian Chapter

Peter Hateley is this year's OTUA chair for Victoria. Peter is general manager of corporate banking for the Commonwealth Bank in Victoria, SA and WA. He follows Carl Wood, now working at the State Equestrian Centre, Werribee, who did a great job for OTUA in 2001-2, and continues to be responsible for membership. Thanks Carl!

Peter Don remains as secretary, as do treasurer Ray Elder and PRO Rob Youl. Others on the committee are Noel Osborne, Chris Coates, Brian Cooper, Neil Leckie and Ian Kelly.

The committee aims to be active, and to run one fund-raiser for the year, yet to be arranged.

The last Victorian function was a lunch at Victoria Barracks, a small but enjoyable gathering involving John Taylor, Noel Osborne, Ross Kelso, Rob Youl and Peter Don. John heads the Spencer Street Station Redevelopment Authority and Ross is moving to Brisbane to commence a PhD. Two more will be held – on 6 August and 3 December.

Remember to book early for the 2003 Victorian Annual Dinner, also at Victoria Barracks – the limit is 110 diners. Last year many were disappointed. (See next page.)

Committee meetings are held on the second Thursday each month at 6.00 pm on Level 12, CBA building, 385 Bourke Street (Peter Hateley 0414 290 184). Any Victorian member is very welcome.

STILL SERVING (UNTIL 60?) *by Neil Leckie (2/68)*

How many Scheyvillians are still serving? On 23rd September 2001, after almost 25 years of (non-continuous) service with the Army, CMF and Army Reserve, I reached the magic age of 55 years and as far as the Army was concerned, it was time to retire.

However, the CO of my Army Reserve battalion, 8/7 RVR, decided that I was still useful to the battalion and I applied for an 'Age Extension' for 16 months. This time would take me to the start of the 2003 Training Year where I could hand over to an incoming officer. After almost 4 months the approval came through and I was posted, after 4 years as OC Admin Coy, to Executive Officer (i.e. Bn 2IC).

As the year of 2002 progressed, it became apparent that there would be a shortage of officers in the country based 8/7 RVR and that a further extension for me would be useful for the battalion. The Adjutant made enquiries in early 2002 and was told that there was a new writing that

specified one extension and a maximum of two years. This meant that on 22nd January 2003 I was out!

In line with the way of current thinking, and finances, the days of separate Officers and Sergeants Messes are going and the battalion now has a Regimental Mess. A visitor to our June Dinner was no less than the Local MHR who suggested that 'someone' should write her a letter and she would 'see what she could do'.

After a delay of 4 months the word came through that a further extension of 8 months to complete the two years had been granted and to 'talk to us next year'.

Now, does the left hand know what the right hand is doing? The approval for the extension was signed by Minister Vale on 5th November 2002. The same Minister issued a Media Release on 3rd December 2002 stating that the Compulsory Retirement Age for Reservists is now 60 with Extensions available to 65.

Those on Age Extensions will continue to serve without doing anything. There was no mention of this possibility in my Extension Approval for the further 8 months. Governments work in mysterious ways!

The end result is that I can now retire when I feel that I am of no use to the Army or when I feel that I can no longer physically handle it. Physically, I feel fine and can identify a sit up, identify a push up (actually I need to do 6 and 16 for my age) and can walk 5 km in 45 minutes (or run 2.4 km in 14.5 min) in the twice annual Basic Fitness Assessment. The only time I think 'what am I doing here?' is about 10 km into the annual 15 km Combat Fitness Assessment carrying 30 kg of webbing, pack and rifle. Fortunately, the CFAs are temporarily suspended.

So. If 'she who must be obeyed' does not grumble too much, I will serve until I am 60 or she retires from work and we can do 'the big trip'!



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Late Respondees may be disappointed.***

A fundraising raffle will be held during the evening. To assist in organising such, any member who would like to donate a prize, could you please indicate Prize and "Perceived" Value. Thank you in anticipation.

E-mails

From: Peter.Wotton@bsf.com
To: geoffbennett@optusnet.com.au
Date: 28 April 2003
Subject: Lawyer in Port Moresby

Does anyone have details of a reliable lawyer in Port Moresby? I need someone to do some debt recovery work there for Bekaert Specialty Films.



From: Gary Vial <Motu@ctmc.com.au>
To: Alan.Storen@wesleycollege.net
Date: 12 February 2003
Subject: Scheyvillian 0103

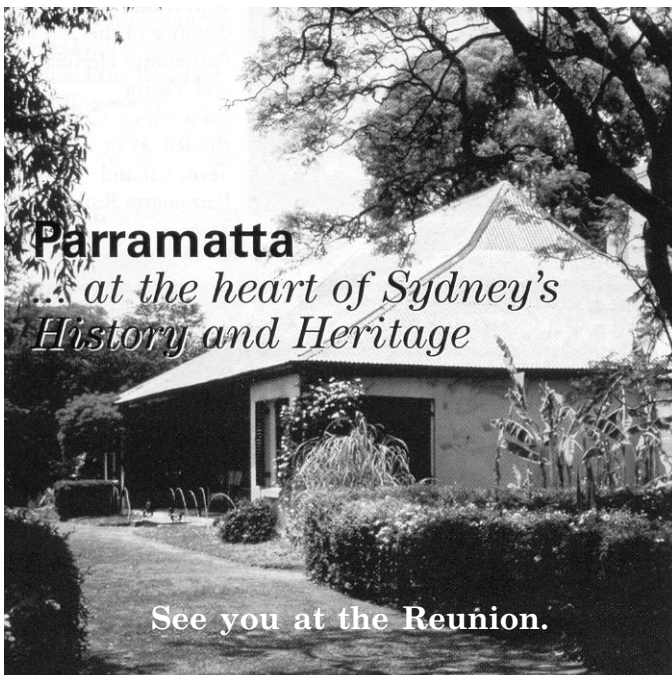
A small glitch in the SA report. A few attendees dropped out of the info submitted. This is the line "as sent" ...

Frank & Elizabeth Brookes, Fred Cook & Maureen Barker, Don Fairweather & Carmel Keane, Chris & Judy Gunn, Max & Phyl Jellie, Simon & Jan O'Brien, Gary & Libby Vial and Ray & Jodie Williams made up the party. Sixteen Scheyvillians tendered their apologies.

Other than that another fabulous issue ... well done!

Incidentally, is it possible when material is sent, to just send a 'one-liner' back that it HAS been received ... and when original material is sent (photos, documents, etc.) to ask whether the submitter wants it back?

Regards



From: Gary Vial <Motu@ctmc.com.au>
To: Ian & Jan Geddes
Date: 3 April 2003
Subject: Foundation Day

Ian and Jan.

Hope this finds you both in good health and spirits.

After much deliberation and nil feedback from anyone else, I cheekily decided that April 1st (at least in SA or until someone advises otherwise) would be OTU's Foundation Day. The date is easy to remember and there is a certain irony that appealed to my sense of humour.

The Dinner at the Naval, Military and Air Force Club proved an outstanding success, dragging new blood out with the long-time stalwarts.

Frank & Elizabeth Brookes, Neil Curnow & Linda Mawer, Don Fairweather & Carmel Keane, Barry & Elizabeth Knott, Brian Nankivell, Greg Rosser, Craig & Ashleigh Steele, David & Carol Zundell ... and of course yours truly, enjoyed an excellent meal and wide ranging, animated discussion in OUR celebration of the establishment of the Officer Training Unit, Scheyville.

Toasts were drunk to you, OTU, and recently departed Max Jellie.

Next year; same time; same place; more people.

Best regards.



From: janian2000@bigpond.com
To: garyvial@ctmc.com.au
Date: 3 April 2003
Subject: Foundation Day

Dear Gary, thanks for your message. I agree with 1st April as that was the day OTU was officially established at Scheyville and the flag was raised for the first time. I am glad to hear that the dinner was a success and read the names with interest. Well done! I am flattered by my toast and most grateful. Sorry to hear about Max Jellie.

With my best wishes, Ian.

National Service Medals

Some Queensland Scheyvillians are pictured receiving the National Service Medal from the Hon. Alex Somlyay, MP for Fairfax on the Sunshine Coast. Left to right: Gary McKay, Bernard Carney, Alex Somlyay, Rick Vickers and Dave McKay.



“The medal is awarded for national service to a grateful nation. The medal is supported by a ribbon whose colours are denoted from the centre as: the royal blue and wattle gold as the official colours of the nation; then the three services are represented by the white, green and sky blue vertical stripes being Navy, Army and Air Force respectively; and finally the ochre coloured vertical strip on each end of the ribbon denotes the colour of the land, Australia.

Today's recipients are:

Mr Dave McKay who was conscripted in May 1968, graduated from Scheyville OTU in October 1968 and was posted to Signals Corps where he served with 2 Signals Regiment at Watsonia (which I might add was never once over run during his defence of the establishment).

Mr Gary McKay, who was conscripted in May 1968, graduated from Scheyville OTU to Infantry Corps in October that year and served in South Viet Nam with 4 RAR where he was awarded the Military Cross. Mr McKay served for 30 years and retired in 1998 as a lieutenant colonel.

Mr Bernie Carney who was conscripted in August 1968, graduated from Scheyville OTU in December 1968 and was posted to Infantry Corps and served with the Pacific Islands Regiment in Papua. In 1975 he was awarded the Australian Service Medal for his service in PNG.

Lieutenant Colonel Rick Vickers, was conscripted in January 1972, graduated from Scheyville OTU in to the Royal Regiment of Australian Artillery and like Gary McKay stayed in the army. After a successful career as a gunner officer, Colonel Vickers retires in January next year after 31 years service. He was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal for his service in the USA.”

COINCIDENCES OR FATE?

Abraham Lincoln was elected to Congress in 1846.

John F. Kennedy was elected to Congress in 1946.

Abraham Lincoln was elected President in 1860.

John F. Kennedy was elected President in 1960.

Both were particularly concerned with civil rights.

Both wives lost their children while living in the White House.

Both Presidents were shot on a Friday.
Both Presidents were shot in the head.

Now it gets really weird ...

Lincoln's secretary was named Kennedy.
Kennedy's Secretary was named Lincoln.

Both were assassinated by Southerners.
Both were succeeded by Southerners named Johnson.

Andrew Johnson, who succeeded Lincoln, was born in 1808.

Lyndon Johnson, who succeeded Kennedy, was born in 1908.

John Wilkes Booth, who assassinated Lincoln, was born in 1839.

Lee Harvey Oswald, who assassinated Kennedy, was born in 1939.

Both assassins were known by their three names.

Both names are composed of fifteen letters.

Now hang on to your seat ...

Lincoln was shot at the theatre named 'Ford'.
Kennedy was shot in a car called 'Lincoln' made by 'Ford'.

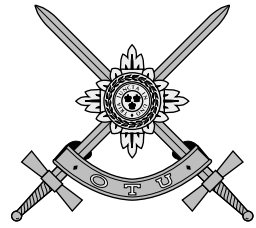
Booth and Oswald were assassinated before their trials.

And here's the kicker ...

A week before Lincoln was shot, he was in Monroe, Maryland

A week before Kennedy was shot, he was with Marilyn Monroe.

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• <i>Pullovers Navy</i> (with OTU emblem – size 18 only) Clearance Price	_____	30.00
• <i>Video</i> (2/69 Reunion and Scheyville Plaque Dedication)	_____	25.00
• <i>Postage – \$7.00 flat charge</i> (except badges & cuff links only \$3.00)	_____	7.00
Total Order Cost \$		_____

Your cheque in pre-payment should accompany the order.

A short note from the Quartermaster (Geoff Bennett 2/66)

New stocks of the OTU plaques are now available. New ties are 9cm wide to meet current fashion designs, so perhaps you need another one now. Clothing is being deleted from the range so sorry not all sizes are available.

Gary McKay (garymckay@bigpond.com) has quality polo shirts available at \$34 + \$6 p&h. They are dark blue with the OTU emblem – great for golfing or reunions.

The *Scheyvillian Experience* videos and books must be ordered directly from Film Australia at North Ryde or Queensland University Press respectively www.filmaust.com.au and www.uqp.uq.edu.au

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