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Once a Sapper, Always a Sapper



SERVING and RETIRED SAPPERS JOIN IN REMEMBRANCE DAY 2016

Throughout the country, 2015 Remembrance Day services were well attended as service personnel and the general community paused to reflect on the sacrifices that ADF members have made and continue to make in service to the nation. At the Ringwood service, a wreath was laid by the RAE Association (Vic) and a catafalque party was mounted by members of 22 Engineer Regiment. The RAE Association (Vic) was also represented at the Remembrance Day

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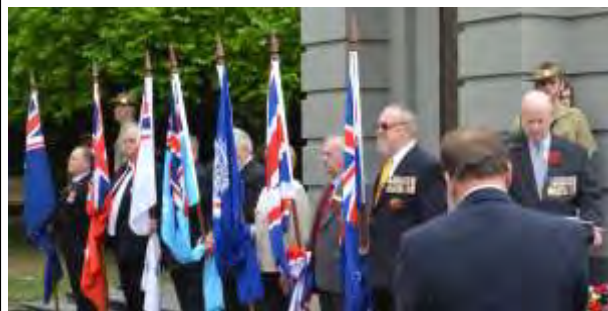
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REMEMBRANCE DAY (cont)

Service conducted at the Repatriation Hospital in Heidelberg.

With the ADF coming out of a sustained period of intense deployment activity and with world events creating an increased sense of uncertainty in the community, it is not surprising that community support and sentiment in support of the ADF is readily apparent on occasions such as Remembrance Day.



COL D. Jameson AM (Retd) addresses the 2016 Ringwood RSL Remembrance Day Service



Catafalque Party—22 Engineer Regiment



RAE Associatio (Vic) Commi ee Members Margaret Handte and Graeme Lambert lay a wreath on behalf of the Associatio . Representa ves from many local school await their turn to lay wreaths on behalf of the school communi es.



Many workers from the Eastland redevelopment project joined the service.

The following Remembrance Day addresses are printed with the permission of the president of the Ringwood RSL.

Remembrance Day Address - 11 November 2015

RINGWOOD RSL PRESIDENT

Ringwood Clock Tower Memorial Park

Today we commemorate Remembrance Day and pay tribute to Australian Defence Force members lost in the service of our country.

We gather, not to glorify war, but to remember, to honour and give thanks to over 102,000 Australians who gave their lives in the service of our country. Today we demonstrate how much as Australians we appreciate life and how highly we appreciate those who were willing to lay down their lives for our Nati n, its people and its values.

World War One was a defi ing moment in our history. On the shores of the Gallipoli Peninsula, our ANZAC legend was forged. World War 1 remains our most costly conflict in terms of the numbers killed and wounded. From a populatio of fewer than fi e million, 300,000 Australians enlisted, of whom one in fi e were killed.

World War 1 was meant to be the war to end all wars, but less than 20 years later we once again found ourselves at war. World War Two was six years of tragedy, struggle and immense sacrifici e across the World; from the skies over Europe, through the deserts of North Africa, to the islands of the Pacific, right to our own doorstep. During this me 39,000 Australian servicemen and women made the ul mate sacrifici e in defending Australia and preserving our way of life. Our Defence Force again su ered heavy losses, especially in Malaya, North Africa, New Guinea and the islands of the Pacifi . The Royal Australian Navy lost many ships in waters all over the world. The Royal Australian Air Force also su ered great losses in all theatres of war. Australian airmen serving in Bomber Command in Europe sustained the highest rate of Australian casual es of the war.

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Following World War Two Australians were called upon to participate in international military operations in the Middle East, Pakistan, Korea, Malaya, Borneo, Rhodesia, Rwanda, Vietnam, the Solomon Is, Cambodia, East Timor and Afghanistan. In these conflicts over 77,000 Australians served with distinction and courage, and some 910 were lost.

Today the Australian Defence Force is serving in many areas around the World with our deployments in the Middle East Region including Iraq, the UAE, Egypt, Israel, Lebanon; Sudan, Afghanistan, Southern Indian Ocean and border protection tasks. The total number of ADF personnel deployed is **2241**

Our men and women in uniform are serving with great distinction in the fine tradition of those that went before. The strong and spirited character of our nation rests firmly on the inheritance from each and every one of the more than 102,000 Australians lost serving their country. It is our privilege and our duty to ensure that their sacrifice continues to be remembered and honoured. This is a lasting debt we owe to all those that have served our country, but particularly to those who paid the ultimate price during their service.

Lest we forget.

A New Generation of Veterans

David J Delaney (Secondary School Student)

We honour our old veterans, we honour them with pride and read of all the horrors they have carried deep inside.

We know they served in Asia or New Guinea's highland rains, Vietnam or in Africa where many men were slain.

We know that fateful landing on Gallipoli's dark shore, wherever Aussies fought, we know there are so many more, but now a new young generation needs our help as well, they too have been to war and suffer with their private hell.

Though losses are not classed as great, their fears are just the same those electronic hidden bombs, still injure, kill or maim.

They fight against an enemy they find so hard to see who mingle in the market place, then cause much tragedy.

Insurgents in Afghanistan hide in the rough terrain or roaming in Iraq, where, wearing robes they look the same.

The suicide stealth bombers, don't care who they hurt or kill, then, with their own beliefs, they try to break our forces will.

Our fighting Aussie spirit shows on any foreign land, they're in the skies, they're on the sea, or on the desert

sand.

Now many are returning with the horrors they still see and living with their nightmares, suffering bureaucracy.

I know on this day, we all remember with a tear, but **all** vets young or old, they need our help throughout the year, support and listen to their stories, when they do get told, let's honour our **new** veterans, just like we do our old.



REPATRIATION and GENERAL HOSPITAL REMEMBRANCE DAY 2015



Jean Parry and John Vincent



Kath Banks

RAE CORPS MUSEUM & SHOP

RAE Associa on (Vic) Corps Museum Tour 12 March 2016



Members and friends of the Associatio are invited to join a private tour of the RAE Museum (incl visit to the Corps Shop) on 12 March 2016. To join the tour, meet at the gate to the Holsworthy Military Area at 0830 on 12 March. Register your interest at [h ps://www.raevictoria.asn.au/projects-and-events.php](https://www.raevictoria.asn.au/projects-and-events.php)

This is a long weekend in Victoria so you may wish to have an extended stay in Sydney. All Victorian sappers will fi d part of their service history on display in this special one o tour opportunity.

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Our Role
To collect, preserve and exhibit the history of the Corps of Royal Australia Engineers and the Royal Australian Survey Corps

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President's Column



Dear fellow Sappers, it has been an extraordinarily busy year for the Association.

Some of the highlights have been:

- having an Association banner made;
- Centenary of WW1 Sapper Muster at which over 150 people attended;
- 1915-2015 ANZAC Day March where the Association marched for the first time behind our banner with over 80 Sappers marching;
- approval of our new Constitution by the Consumer Affairs Department; and
- the Reserve Forces Day March 5 July. Over 50 Sappers attended. The march comprised members of the Old Sappers Association, RAE Association and the Woodies. It was one of the largest of the groups and they did themselves and the Corps proud.

Awards to 22 Engineer Regiment 2016

The Association has established a strong working relationship with the Regiment and has provided three awards in the following categories:

Sapper – RAE soldier
JNCO – RAE soldier CPL and below
JOC – Lt

These awards are a small acknowledgment of the efforts of the soldiers and the prizes are to be awarded to members of the Regiment deemed to have displayed outstanding service or contribution during 2015.

The winners are:

- Most outstanding Sapper 8591607 William Van Berkel
- Most outstanding JNCO 8563538 LCPL Anurag Sharma
- Most Outstanding JOC 8575643 LT Simon Duell

RAE Website

The continued development of the RAE Association's Website and we now have a Facebook page up and running. My thanks to the Webmaster, Graeme Lambert.

Membership

I am pleased to report that our membership has doubled this year. We are fast approaching 250 members which is due to excellent work by Jim Davis (Secretary) and Maureen Rundell (Treasurer).

Planning for 2016

Planning for 2016 is well underway with the following activities being proposed:

- 2016 Sapper Muster to be held Saturday, 27 Feb 2016 at Oakleigh Barracks (see flyer in this issue).
- Visit to SME Museum on Saturday 12 March 2016 (see web site and flyer)
- Association AGM will be held on 12 April 2016 more details to follow
- ANZAC Parade 25 April 2016 details to follow
- Excursion to Repatriation Hospital Heidelberg, Thursday 12 May 2016, details to follow.

Please note these dates in your diary.

2016 ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

The annual subscriptions for 2016 will remain at \$15.00. An invoice will be sent out shortly.

Membership Lapel Pins

The Committee is currently having membership lapel pins manufactured. These will be given to all 2016 financial members, either by post or personally. May I on behalf of the Committee wish you all a Happy Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

UBIQUE
Colin Bowater
PRESIDENT



Sample members' lapel pin.

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www.raefoundation.org.au

From The Regiment



CO 22 Engineer Regiment

As I put pen to paper, most of the Regiment's members have gone on Christmas stand-down. As many of them are still working in their civilian employment until Christmas Eve, it has been a welcome relief for many to reduce their commitments and enjoy some more time with family over Summer.

Last month, we hosted our unit Family Day, which was very well attended by partners, children, relatives and friends. At the Family Day, I took the opportunity to thank the partners, parents and children for their support throughout 2015 as without their support, our unit members cannot parade and therefore we cannot provide the capability that we are asked to. The commitment by the unit members and their family has been first-class and I personally am so grateful of what we have been able to achieve together.

We now are in Summer and for the sake of the Victorian people, I hope it is a relatively quiet bushfire season. However, I know that should we be asked to contribute to any operation, 22ER members will always be ready to step up and be counted.

I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy and successful 2016.

Ubique

LTCOL Michelle McCormack

Commanding Officer
22 Engineer Regiment



CO 22 ER farewells MAJ Tony Johnston, OC 105 CS, at 22 ER Family Day on Sunday 22 November 2015. MAJ Johnston is transferring to Standby Reserve in January 2016.

OC 3 Fd Sqn Sitrep



I am delighted to have been asked to provide an update on the activities of 3 Field Squadron (3 Fd Sqn) for this edition of Sapper Summit. Whilst the South Australian and Victorian RAE Associations and Units have had a number of links in the past, we have now entered a new era under PLAN BEERSHEBA that sees 22 ER and 3 Fd Sqn working directly together to provide a combined Engineer Squadron for Battle Group JACKA, in support of 1 Brigade.

PLAN BEERSHEBA has also resulted in 3 Fd Sqn coming under command of the 10th/27th Battalion, the Royal South Australia Regiment (10/27 RSAR) from January 2014, and whilst there were the usual teething problems at first, the Sqn is now functioning well in our new combined arms Bn.

One advantage of our new Bn structure is that we can more easily undertake combined arms training within unit activities, and this year the Sqn has participated in combined Bn training weekends focussing on urban operations/search, offensive operations (including a simulated obstacle breach) and defensive operations including obstacle construction and a not so insignificant amount of Battle Noise Simulation (BNS).

As CO 22 ER has previously reported, this year has seen our combined "JACKA" Sqn come together for the first time during EX COURTNEYS POST in May at Cultana, and again in October for EX POZIERES. Whilst details on these activities are provided separately in this publication, it is certainly fantastic that members from our two units are now working so well together as we proceed on the 'Road to Hamel'.

Given the Centenary of ANZAC and our Regimental history (the 10th Battalion was amongst the first ashore at ANZAC Cove) we have been involved in a large number of ceremonial activities this year, with the Sqn participating in the ANZAC Day Parade, a parade marking the centenary of the deployment of the 27th Battalion, a Freedom of Entry Parade to the City of Adelaide and the 2nd Division Centenary Parade in Canberra.



Six current or former members of the Sqn also travelled to Gallipoli for the Centenary Waterloo Dinner, which was an exceptional experience for all who attended. The subsequent Central Region Waterloo Dinner in Adelaide was also highly successful and we were delighted to have a representative of Stan Watson and our Head of Corps join us for the dinner.

Overall this has been a very busy but productive year for 3 Fd Sqn, with a high tempo being maintained into next year as we move towards EX HAMEL and 'Ready'. We will continue to be working closely with 22 ER and 1 CER in the future and are continuously exploring options to synchronise and assist with each other's training.

Ubique

Major Sam Benveniste

Officer Commanding
3 Field Squadron

22 Engineer Regiment Family Day - Sunday 22 November 2015

Approximately 240 Defence members, their families and Association members gathered for the 22ER family day at the Ringwood East Training Depot on Sunday 22 November 2015 to celebrate the years achievements and thank friends and family for their support over the year.

The wonderful turn out of families and guests permitted 22 ER to display some of the equipment that is used daily by our Engineers. The stands included a dark room for night vision goggles, a practical minelab display, vehicle presentation including the new Mercedes G Wagon, and a hands-on look at current small arms including the F88 with grenade launcher attachment (GLA), zodiac watercraft and hydraulic hand tools amongst others.

Thanks to our sponsors Defence Health and Defence Community Organisation, the day included entertainment for the kids (and kids at heart) with face painting, an extremely talented magician and a

well used jumping castle, followed by a BBQ Junior Ranks Club. All was enjoyed in the perfect weather and surrounds of Ringwood East Training Depot.

Commanding Officer 22ER LTCOL Michelle McCormack was on hand to deliver presentations, promotions and farewells. LTCOL McCormack took the opportunity to explain the importance of families and thanked them for their robust support for now and into the future, "It's all about capability, and without the member's family supporting them then it makes their time at Army difficult, so thank you."



Family Day—Zodiac on display.



Family Day Display

Below— Family day Mine Clearance.
Opposite le – 3 Field Squadron



le :
Sappers of
22 Engineer
Regiment
Display a
Zodiac at the
Regiment's
Family Day
2015.

Sapper Summit thanks ADJT, Officers and Soldiers of 22 Engineer Regiment for their contributions to this edition of the magazine. (Editor)

Ex PLATYPUS CONSTRUCTS

LT Tom Mulholland

22 Engineer Regiment held its annual construction activity, Exercise PLATYPUS CONSTRUCTS, over the period 16-25 Oct 15. This exercise is a major training activity for members of 105 Construction Squadron who deployed as a Composite Construction Troop and Squadron Headquarters. In addition members from 8 and 10 Combat Engineer Squadrons as well as plant operators from 3 Field Squadron, South Australia were part of the Troop. 203 Works Section provided technical expertise and a project management capability to the exercise. The exercise was held at Puckapunyal and consisted of both horizontal and vertical construction works.



Operation of borrow pit during Ex PLATYPUS CONSTRUCTS

This year the exercise saw the Squadron add to the infrastructure of the 22 ER Compound by construction of an additional training shed and retaining wall by Tradesmen and Combat Engineers. On the Puckapunyal Range the Plant Operators and Drivers constructed 359m of unsealed single lane road over the abandoned Walkers Track, whilst winning materials from local quarries. Combat Engineers participated in a Portable Sawmill course, further strengthening the Regiment's forestry capability. In addition to the works, the Squadron also developed its war fighting skills through the use of harbours, tactical road movement and practice of 5 and 25 drills. These skills are essential for the Squadron to develop as 22 ER moves into the Ready year for Plan BEERESHEBA in 2016.



Construction Section laying foundation slab for a training shed during Ex PLATYPUS CONSTRUCTS



Remediation of hardstand and construction of retaining wall at the Engineer Compound in Puckapunyal



Grading new track on the Range in Puckapunyal



Drainage works at the Engineer Compound in Puckapunyal

JACKA ENGINEERS: EX POZIERES
Written by LT Andreas Bischof - ENGR Liaison
Officer (JACKA ENGRs)

Exercise POZIERES was conducted from 17-25 October 2015 and was a live fire training activity at Puckapunyal Military Area (PMA) involving force elements of 4th and 9th Brigades as part of 2 DIVs Firepower Policy Readying Phase. 4 BDEs own 5/6 RVR oversaw and led the conduct of Weapon User Category requirements for Battlegroup (BG) JACKA personnel. Overall, this exercise was designed as an opportunity to confirm competency in support of BG JACKA Force Generation Readying certification.

The BG JACKA Engineer Sqn - known as the JACKA Engineers - was again composed of elements from 4th Brigade (22 ER) and 9th Brigade (3 Fd Sqn) – with 45 pers in total. The experiences and collaborations nurtured by EX POZIERES built on the earlier positive association of EX COURTNEY'S POST at Cultana Training Area in May. The result being a consolidation and reinforcement of Combat Engineer (CE) expertise through further skills association and training immersion.

In addition to qualifying members on live fire of the F88 Steyr rifle, JACKA Engineers also attained live fire qualifications on the M72A6 LDFSW 66mm (rocket launcher), F88 Grenade Launcher Attachment (GLA) 40mm and the 84mm L14A1 MDFS (an anti-armour weapon). Further training was included to reinforce dismounted Infantry Minor Tactics (IMTs) – based on the 2012 model), Section/Troop minus formations, obstacle crossing drills, Section/Troop harbour drills, contact/break contact drills, close combat drills as well as section/Troop attack scenarios.

Specific CE training - including educational walk through-talk throughs with the non-RAE call signs - included F3 Minelab and Exploration Drills and Route Search Road Party Drills as well as wire obstacle construction and an introduction to mine warfare. Knowledge sharing was reciprocated with assistance from Infantry elements to facilitate IMTs and attack scenarios.

This exercise provided not only an excellent opportunity for the Victorian and SA Engineers to reinforce our core CE skills but the ability to share our knowledge and training with other the other Corps. This interaction between the Corps is essential to the success and professional interoperability of a

functioning fighting force under PLAN BEERSHEBA and future of combined arms.



Fire and Movement

The reinforcement of understanding between skillsets will continue to assist all participants to move ahead within the Army's final two Force Generation Cycle Activities of 2016 and beyond: EX PREDATORS GALLOP (formerly EX BULLECOURT) in March and EX HAMEL in July.



Range Practice



Promotions and new Sappers in 2015

MAJ

MAJ R Collins

CAPT

CAPT S Hogan
CAPT A Hagqvist
CAPT B Cree

LT

LT J Kilsby
LT T Mulholland
LT C Nelson
LT M Zanier

WO2

WO2 D Ryan

SGT

SGT T Vallas

CPL

CPL J Duck
CPL S Hawley
CPL M Helmuth
CPL A Jones
CPL D Keith
CPL A McAuliffe
CPL J Staff

CPL M Radziszewski
CPL J Staff (RAAOC)
CPL B Thomson
CPL D Townsend-Booth
CPL S White

LCPL

LCPL J Cousins
LCPL S Eaton
LCPL C Farbus
LCPL A Jennings
LCPL D Knight
LCPL J Merre
LCPL A Sharma
LCPL M Sheehan
LCPL C White
LCPL R Williams

SPR

SPR M Baker
SPR B Hamilton
SPR V Kelkar
SPR J Newman
SPR F Sanchez
SPR M Speirs
SPR J Stafford
SPR D Van Den Broek

CO 22 ER welcomes all new Sappers to the Corps and congratulates all 22 ER members promoted in 2015.

FAREWELLS

Separating/Transferring

SPR Ray Harkness has discharged after 30 years of service
CPL Donna Westie has transferred to Standby Reserve after 35 years of service
SGT Ray Mackie has discharged after 37 years of service
WO2 Steve Attleir has transferred to Standby Reserve after 25 years of service
WO2 Mick Durnin has discharged after 38 years of service
CAPT Dave Rundell has transferred to Standby Reserves after 41 years of service
MAJ Tony Johnston transferring to Standby Reserves after 28 years of service
MAJ Russell Kirby has transferred to Standby Reserves after 29 years of service

CO 22 ER thanks all 22 ER members farewelled in 2015 for their service to the unit, the Corps and the Army.

Marching Out

LCPL Lemeki Brooks-Seru posting to Combined Training Centre in Townsville
SPR Dan Christie posting to 2CER
CPL Jye Staff, RAAOC returning to 5/6 RVR at conclusion of his CFTS
SGT Ed Hammond posting to SME
CPL Nathna Jones posting to 1CER
WO2 Gordon Daly posting to HQ 4 BDE
WO1 Peter Stanek posting to Force Engineer Branch
LT Steph Hogan posting to Melbourne University Regiment
CAPT Andrew Howes posting to 1CER

Farewell to – Ray Harkness

At the family day and final parade held by 22nd Engineer Regiment on Sunday 22nd November 2015 the opportunity was taken to farewell a long term sapper who has retired after reaching his Compulsory Retirement Age. It is sad to see sappers with substantial experience leave the Corps particularly as it is obvious that many of them could serve on for another year or so without much problem and pass on this valuable experience to others before leaving but there are guidelines and directives that must be followed.

3203516/8252316 Raymond John Harkness enlisted into the Army Reserve on 25th May 1985 and discharged on 30th September 2015 upon reaching the age of 65 years – his primary ENC was 270 which is Plant Operator. There was a time long, long ago when Ray was a Combat Engineer!!!

Ray was not the sort of soldier who stood out as a brilliant drill or tactical man or that of a potential RSM but he was loyal, dedicated, diligent and steadfast and a very valuable part of the Reserve but more particularly the RAE. A NCO's dream in that he was knowledgeable, experienced and reliable and could be tasked with minimum supervision in the knowledge that the allocated task would be completed to a high standard.

Until recently Ray was employed as a guard at the Shrine of Remembrance however he and his wife Lynette decided on a "life change" and moved to country Victoria to Wooragee (near Beechworth) to enjoy a life of retirement.



These few words hardly seem adequate to acknowledge Ray's contribution to the RAE but he is not

the sort of person who seeks accolades for work that is expected of a sapper.

On behalf of BRIG P.J. Hutchinson, DSC COL COMDT Southern Region Corps RAE and all sappers in

Southern Region a Silver Sapper was presented to Ray for his service to the Corps.

Jim Davis

Ray and Lynette Harkness

22 Engineer Regiment Annual Dinner Highlights



WO1 A. Leir received 22 ER plaque from CO 22 ER



LT Bichof starts a rowdy rendition of the Corps song.



WO2 Stevens and wife Lillian with WO2 Hutchinson
(centre)



Le - Former CO 22 ER, LTCOL Glen Pilbeam, re-
ceived a 22 ER plaque from CO 22 ER, LTCOL
Michelle McCormack



CO 22 ER, MAJ Collins and wife Caroline

Below-

CAPT Collins promoted to MAJOR by CO 22 ER

Mick Durnin receives 22 ER plaque from RSM 22 ER





LT Hagqvist being promoted to CAPTAIN by CO 22 ER and partner Ash



RSM 22 ER farewells SGT Hammond



LT Hogan being promoted to CAPTAIN by CO 22 ER



CAPT Howes and wife Katrin

Below-Jim Davis signs MAJ Kirby's mess uniform





MAJ Kirby and partner Sandra



Le - CAPT Rundell and wife Maureen

Right- CAPT Rundell farewelled by
SGT Smith





LT Hogan being farewelled by CO 22 ER



Le -MAJ Kirby farewelled by MAJ Kirby ...



CAPT Tipton shares a joke with SGT Vallas

SAPPER PROFILES



See notes p29

SPR FRANCIS COPPA

First impressions on arrival.

After disembarking the bus and retrieving our suitcases, we were loosely formed up in three ranks inside the HQ building where the platoon staff commenced their initial introduction and commenced the induction process. After a short spiel, we were marched to our lines where we would find our bed-space in our rooms. The training commenced almost immediately, starting with the "hallway" call.

I think most of the platoon was expecting more yelling and screaming based on what they've seen in the movies. The NCO's were firm with us, but it was all done with respect and for a purpose.

We were definitely out of our comfort zone in an unfamiliar environment where almost everyone was a stranger. At this point, all pre-conceived ideas of what this was going to be like went out the window and the reality of being a building with 45 other recruits had well and truly set in.

Adjusting to the routine.

Some recruits adjusted very quickly; in particular, the older or re-enlisting soldiers who generally took it upon themselves to help the younger recruits. Arguably the most important things to take on board early in the training process is to work as a team, look after your mates, listen to instructions and do everything with a sense of urgency.

The rooms that worked together to meet missions or complete tasks had a much easier time than those that didn't. Almost everything for the first fortnight is done with a sense of urgency, so it doesn't take long to adjust to the routine.

I enjoyed the discipline and routine, adjusting to army life was very easy for me.

Physical demands of the training.

I was 32 years old with average fitness when I arrived at Kapooka. The physical training was quite intense at times; however, nothing was unachievable. I never finished a PT session thinking that I or anyone else had done a poor job, in fact, my sense of achievement increased in line with the difficulty of the workload.

I marched out of Kapooka much fitter and healthier than when I marched in.

Coping - how did you adjust to the demands and how did others manage?

The first week or so is by far the most intense, we didn't

really have much choice but to "go with the flow" so the adjustment to Army Life was quite organic. Learning to work as a team early in the course definitely helped, the training program deliberately assigns tasks that are impossible to achieve on our own.

Most of the other recruits did well, the younger guys with little experience out of home or school quickly learned how to do things the "Army way"

Greatest challenges/greatest highlights.

I love the outdoors, so the field phase towards the end of the course was a highlight for me. It was evident that the NCO's loosened the reins on us a little and pushed us to use our initiative.

Another great sense of achievement (and some bragging rights) came from winning the platoon's marksmanship award for being the top shot of the course.

Pushing hard to keep up with my mates in the PT sessions was the most challenging aspect of the course for me.

Reflections on graduation day.

Graduation day was full on; we had spent several days rehearsing the march out parade drills to the beat of a drum. We didn't feel like recruits anymore, the corporals were sharing jokes with us and there was a relaxed feel about the place.

Our Troop Sergeant lined us up in our hallway, closed the doors and congratulated us on a job well done. He then instructed us to remove our green tabs and put on our Private rank slides for the first time. I have never felt like this before, it had finally dawned on us that we'd done it!

We were marched onto the parade ground for the 20-minute final parade. The Commanding Officer gave a speech about our customs and traditions, congratulated us and handed out the awards for best shot and top recruit.

From there, we marched off as Australian Soldiers to see our families for the first time in over a month and enjoy a few well earned beers.

Reflections on the overall recruit training experience.

I loved my time at 1RTB.

The pace at Kapooka is intentionally designed to put recruits under pressure and set us up for the Initial Employment Training courses which will in turn qualify us in our chosen corps. Having recently completed phase 1 of my IET's, I can safely say that the pace changes considerably – once you've marched out of 1RTB, you are expected to conduct yourself as an Australian Soldier.

The directing staff (Corporals) were experienced, professional and delivered the training very well. They provided real-world scenarios based on their own experience which kept us engaged and provided context to what we were learning.

The food was abundant and to a good standard, nobody ever went hungry. I enjoyed the Combat Ratio Packs CRP's, the steak bars made for some handy bush currency.

The environment was firm but fair, we all knew our place and what needed to be done. Ironically, we would often make things harder on ourselves by not working properly as a team – which usually led to some well-deserved, self-inflicted and yet totally avoidable “re-training”.

My only advice to new recruits is to go in with an open mind, look after your mates, listen to the words of command and do everything with a sense of urgency.

8589539 SPR Coppa, F. V. 05JUN15 – 11JUL15, Session 0008 (35-day pilot course)

Sapper Coppa went on to complete RAE IET Phase 1 in Oct 15

PTE TRN IRWIN

My first impressions on arrival?

My first impressions were mixed, on one hand I believed I could survive and make it to the end of Kapooka but my mind was working pretty hard to reassure me that I would actually make it to the end. Arriving at 1RTB was quite a patriotic experience for me knowing that I was representing this new country I now call home. Seeing the remembrance plaques of all those that have gone before to secure our future and our safety reassured me that the decision I made at DFR was the right

Adjusting to the routine?

Adjusting to the routine I found very easy as the home I grew up in as a child was very regimented as the result of both my parents having served in the British Army. I too had served in 1998 for a period of five years giving me a small advantage as I came through the gate. My impression was that other recruits were questioning their decision on that first night, if only for a moment.

Physical demands of the training?

The physical demands that are required of you are achievable for anyone with the necessary will power. I found the physical demands of training easy, and what helps enormously is being there with your section or even your platoon and at that moment when it gets really hard, you just can't give up and let your mates down. You also have the support of your mates to



push yourself more. My physical struggle was my push-ups and it's something that I continue to work on.

Coping- How did you adjust to the demands and did others manage?

I didn't particularly find the demands required of me by the Army too much

of an issue. Keeping busy was the key. Having a wife and a little girl at home was hard at times but it inspired me to write to them more and made me more determined to push myself and to achieve the Army's four core principles. For others being away from family was tough, a lot of people wrote home, evident to that was the size of the post bag, and I suppose one of the main ones that helped us all cope with the demands was the friendships that we all formed with each other.

Did ARA and ARES recruits train side by side or were they in different platoons?

ARA recruits and ARES recruits did not train along side each other and they were in different platoons.

Greatest challenges/greatest highlights

My greatest challenges were leaving my wife and 22month old little girl for 5 weeks and knowing there wasn't going to be the opportunity for much phone contact. My biggest Army challenge was the time frames that we had on us as reserves to learn things like the weapon handling and the different stoppages that the rifle can have and be tested on the second day. My greatest highlight was “Bayo day” (Bayonet assault course) I thoroughly enjoy myself from the bear pit to the fling fox ultimately one of the best days you will have at Kapooka.

Reflections on Graduation day.

The things I reflect on from my graduation day are as a body of men we marched in at Kapooka 5 weeks beforehand with most of the recruits never having experienced army life and at the end of it marching out as soldiers of the Australian Defence Force. I also wish that I had my family there to see us march out as it was a very proud day for my mates and me.

Reflections on the overall recruit training experience

Personally I enjoyed my time at Kapooka though I found it tough with making notes from the lessons due to the slides not being left up long enough and the time restrictions on each lesson because of how short the training is compared with how much we need to learn. With weapons, first aid and navigation they gave out books (pams) on the lesson. I think it would be a good investment if this could be rolled out all in one big textbook so you would have ease of learning. The text would have all of your classroom subjects.

SAPPER PROFILES



8257902 Captain David Grant Rundell

David enlisted into the Australian Reserve Army in September 1974, when he was not called up for compulsory service. After recruit training at 3 Training Group Puckapunyal, he was allocated to the Royal Australian Engineer Corps and completed his Corps specific training at 6 Engineer Group, Swan Street Melbourne.

His first posting was to 7th Field Engineer Regiment East Ringwood in 1974. Whilst posted there he completed his Subjects for Corporal and Sergeant in 1977 and 1981 respectively. From 1989 to 1995 he completed his subjects for promotions WO2 and WO1. He worked with Plant and Vehicles and along with field engineer works, he said that he, "found (his) niche within Engineers."

His positions included:

1993: Army Personal Agency as Career Advisor RAE and RAEME (ARES).

1995: 22nd Construction Regiment as Sqn SSM

1998: RSM of 22 Construction Regiment Full time Service

2000: HQ Army Cadet Vic as Training Warrant Officer

In 2001 he was selected to ASWOCS and commissioned as a Captain in the RAE Corps.

He was then posted to:

2002: 22nd Construction Regiment as a Works Officer

2004: Regional Training Centre as Instructor Officer Promotion Cell

2006: 22nd Construction Regiment as Sqn 2IC and OC

2008: 4th Combat Engineer Regiment as Sqn 2IC and OC

2013: 22nd Engineer Regiment as S7 Training Officer and S33 OPS Officer.

David said, "My 41 years of service has provided me with the following awards, Federation Star, RFM with five clasps and Australian Defence Medal.

My service has enabled me to assist with three field support activities, the Kangaroo Exercises, Exercise Tasman Reserve, and then to become an Instructor on

courses from Field Engineering, Plant, Vehicles, through to Officer Promotion Courses. The many courses and training the Military provided have assisted me through my civilian life and work. I am moving to the Standby Reserve on 10th December and will be available until 7th November 2016 when I reach the compulsory retirement age."

David added, "I encourage all young people who think they have something to offer to this Nation to enlist and the achievements you receive from service are far greater than the time that you are enlisted for.

I am looking forward to my retirement, to spend more time with my wife Maureen and our extended gathering of 8 children and 14 grandchildren. We hope to travel around Australia and meet up with some of the many friends we both have made in the Army."



Federation Star recipient, CAPT David Rundell

On behalf of the Committee and members of the RAE Association, I take this opportunity to both thank and congratulate David Rundell for his outstanding service to the nation and to the corps. Many a sapper, both serving and retired has benefited from David's mentoring and guidance. (Editor)

A SAPPER'S BEST MATE!

By Don Hughes

Veteran Liaison Team

Heidelberg Repatriation Hospital

Three tours of duty in Afghanistan with Special Operations Command can expose a Sapper to much trauma and stress. Dogs have always been used at the sharp end of war; as attack dogs, guard dogs, tracker

dogs and various types of detection dogs. Sappers particularly have had a long and special relationship with dogs in training and operating explosive detection dogs since the Asian conflicts of the latter half of the 20th century.

Dogs too, after conflict ceases, are helping young diggers back into civilian life by becoming Assistance Dogs. They support our serving and ex-serving ADF members who are dealing with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). The Young Diggers Dog Squad Programme not only helps affected diggers but also saves the lives of many rescue dogs and provides invaluable rehabilitation and nurturing skills to the inmates of Bathurst Gaol who impart the initial 6 month training standards with the rescued dogs. The prisoners benefit greatly and oversee their dog until they graduate to the care of a young digger and then receive another dog to train. A real win, win, win situation!

Ex Sapper Tyson experienced horrific trauma during his tours of duty but has found an innate internal peace thanks to his best mate – Assistance Dog “Beau”! The Young Diggers Dog Squad can be contacted at www.youngdiggers.com.au Please make a donation to support our Sappers.



*Beau. A Young Diggers
Tyson's Best Mate,
Beau
Assistance Dog*

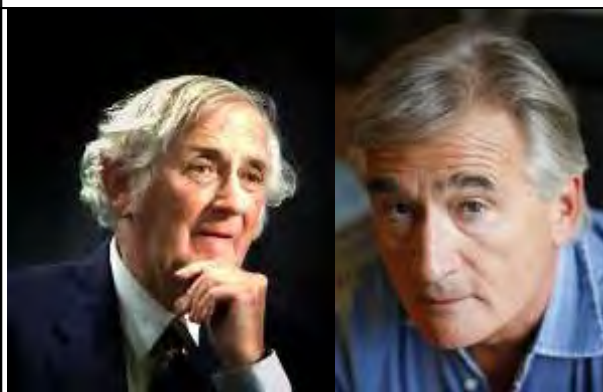
Issue 92 Podcasts

ISIS: Inside the army of terror

ISIS – the ongoing fighting dominates most evening news bulletin. But you rarely hear about the complex broader context of the conflict. Michael Weiss brings you exactly that: valuable insights into the key players; how the movement has a fractured global support and financing; and why ISIS is such a threat to the world.

Click on the link below to listen to this podcast:

<http://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/bigideas/isis/6867332>



Geoffrey Blainey

Antony Beevor

The historians: Geoffrey Blainey and Antony Beevor

Geoffrey Blainey discusses international relations past, present and future.

Military historian Antony Beevor explains why there's an enduring interest in the Second World War.

Click on the link below to listen to this podcast:

<http://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/bigideas/blainey-and-beevor/6793750>

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**ROYAL AUSTRALIAN ENGINEERS
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22nd ENGINEER REGIMENT
ANNUAL SAPPER AWARDS
2015
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Sapper : Sapper William Van Berkel

Junior NCO: LCPL Anurag Sharma

Junior Officer: LT Simon Duell

The Committee and Members of the RAE Association (Vic) congratulate this year's award winners and recognize the efforts made by all members of 22 Engineer Regiment during 2015 in the service of the nation.

The President, LTCOL C. Bowater RFD (Retd) wishes all sappers, serving and retired, and all friends of the association, a happy, safe and peaceful festive season.

Best wishes to all members of the sapper family for a rewarding 2016.



Rob Youl's Column

I want to follow my essay on Military Medallist Mick Mace, the long-serving sapper senior NCO—WWII to Vietnam—still resident in Frankston, with a column on a WWI counterpart, Donald Victor Darwin MM.

Older readers may recall that in Victoria until the 1980s, many heads of state departments were household names, such as Alf Dunbavin Butcher, Alan Croxford, Alf Lawrence, Dr Lawrie Shears, Dr Eric Cunningham Dax, and so on. They put their stamp on their organisations: one saw their names on posted lists of regulations and foundation stones, for example, and, in contrast to today, they seemed to issue more press statements than their ministers.

One of these eminent men (women departmental heads were generally absent until the late 1980s), although less public than some of his colleagues, was

Donald Victor Darwin MM, BCE (Melb), MCE (Melb), MICE, MIEAust, CE, FAPI, a civil engineer who ably chaired the Country Roads Board.

Darwin was born on 11 October 1896 at Redhill, South Australia, son of Henry Darwin, a bank manager of colonial birth, and his wife Jessie Louise Cleta, née Gmeiner. Educated at St Peters, Adelaide and the University of Melbourne (BCE 1920; MCE 1926), where he served for three and a half years in MUR, he enlisted in the Australian Imperial Force on 3 January 1916, deferring his studies. He reached France in November as a sapper in 10 Field Company RAE. From 28 March to 4 April 1918 at Buire-sur-Ancre, between Amiens and Albert, he reconnoitred front-line posts and drafted crucial plans and maps whilst under continual fire, for which he was awarded the Military Medal. He was discharged in Melbourne on 25 May 1919, apparently a lance corporal.

Joining Victoria's infant Country Roads Board, Darwin

was appointed an assistant engineer in October 1920 and bridge engineer in 1924. A major project of the decade was the Princes Highway crossing over the Barwon at Geelong. In 1928, as assistant chief engineer under founding chairman, William Calder, in an era when cars were proliferating, Darwin helped develop CRB plans for a system of 'low cost' motor roads. The Board tested numerous local soils and rocks for their road-building qualities, and encouraged the development of efficient construction on machinery and streamlined bitumen surfacing techniques for arterial motor routes. Amongst many activities, Darwin supervised the compilation of load limits for the various classes of Victorian roads. All the while, he continued to lecture and examine in civil engineering at his old university.

Promoted to chief engineer in 1941, Darwin found his extensive home state highway responsibilities extended to building municipal facilities and airfields in Victoria, and to defence-related construction in the Northern Territory, including the Stuart Highway. Donald Darwin was appointed to the three-member CRB board in 1945, becoming chairman in 1949 when WL Dale retired. Directing long overdue maintenance and modernisation of Victoria's roads and bridges, he also had his staff plan for and commence work on the high-density, heavy-duty freeways that connect major centres today. Foreseeing that the CRB would increasingly be involved in metropolitan projects, he further ensured some of his staff acquired planning qualifications and became members of the then Regional and Town Planning Institute.

Because of his military service, Donald Darwin always supported the army, and played an important role in inaugurating the RAE's post-war Supplementary Reserve (SR), which operated very effectively thereafter in Victoria and NSW for some four decades. The *West Australian* of 23 March 1949 recorded that the Institute of Engineers had just announced that the Minister for the Army, Mr Cyril Chambers, had accepted the Institute's proposal to create the SR, a new force of part-time engineering units sponsored by government departments and authorities, and designed to ensure specialist skills were rapidly available in strategic emergencies. Personnel with the trades required more or less immediately after mobilisation did fourteen days' training annually in military skills. The report named Donald Darwin as a key proponent. Many of his employees would soon enlist, or re-enlist if they were WWII veterans, in either of three formidable CRB-sponsored units: HQ 22 Construction Regiment, 104 Construction Squadron and 107 Plant Squadron (Heavy) in 6 Engineer Group RAE at Swan Street, Melbourne.

Moreover, several senior CRB staff, such as Caleb

Roberts and Ian ('Paddy') O'Donnell, were also soldiers. Roberts, son of artist Tom Roberts, born in NSW in 1898 and educated in Britain, served in the RE in WWI in Palestine, France and north-west Russia, winning the MC. Returning to Australia in 1925, he worked for the CRB. During WWII he led Australia's military intelligence effort, including the Pacific coast-watchers. Following Donald Darwin, he chaired the CRB briefly from 1962-63 before retiring. Another POW in Singapore, 'Paddy' O'Donnell, the revered group commander at Swan Street from 1959-62, followed Roberts as chair from 1962-71. Bill Dolamore and Bob Easick were other WWII veterans who became reserve officers.

Highly intellectual and articulate, Darwin was renowned for going straight to the nub of an issue. With his superb memory, he was a demanding administrator and stern critic of inefficient effort, but equally had visionary goals and fostered leadership throughout the CRB. One contributor to a CRB staff oral history in 1985, recalled 'an academic person ... quite shy but humorous ... a hard person to get to know'. Another said he was 'dynamic ... fearless'. When a stenographer suggested what the CRB might do in a certain situation, he said something like: The cheek of her, trying to tell me how to run my business! Someone else wrote of his limp handshake, but undoubtedly he was a gentleman and gently humorous. It was said, however, that CRB influence declined because of his lesser political skills and lack of compromise. Apparently his relationship could have been better with public works minister, Sir Thomas Maltby, whom he met every Tuesday at 10.00 am after a flurry of reassessment of the board meeting the afternoon before, often necessitating retyping and rebriefing, before a swifter ride to East Melbourne. Nevertheless, the Maltby Bypass around Werribee opened in 1961, the first stretch of roadway in Victoria built to freeway standards.

Moreover, he was utterly dedicated to engineering and its professional institutions. Darwin became a councillor of the Institute of Engineers Victoria Division from 1949, and its president in 1957. He was appointed to the Tourist Development Authority in 1958, from which he stood down in June 1962, however after he retired he continued at the Australian Road Research Board. That same year he won the Kernot medal; in 1963 the Imperial Service Order (ISO) followed, and finally the Peter Nicol Russell Medal from the Institute of Engineers in 1966.

Otherwise his life seems to have been his family and his local Anglican church, and he sketched and painted. On 1 March 1930, at the Presbyterian Church, Malvern, Darwin married 24-year-old Auburn music teacher Evelyn Hope Scott, born in Melbourne on 13

September 1905, a violinist from a well known medical and musical family. They lived in Canterbury. Their one child, Alice, born in 1945, sadly had spina bifi a, relying on a wheelchair. Her parents resolved that she would lead a conventio al life, rather than go to an instit tio , so she a ended Fintona, where faciliti s for disabled students did not exist—doubtless an almost universal situati n then. She got to fi st-fl or classes by pulling herself hand-to-hand upstairs. Family photos and records however reveal her as a gutsy and happy woman who donned ballgowns for school dances, was a bridesmaid for her cousin Janet Hubbard, drove herself everywhere, painted, played the violin, tutored and was studying for her MA in philosophy at Melbourne when she died of kidney failure, aged 27, a few weeks a er her father's passing on 8 March 1972 at Malvern. Her experience with her daughter drew Mrs Darwin towards Christi n Science. She contin ed to live in the family home, but dementia set in and she resided in a hospice unti her death in 1997.

Finally, in preparing this column, facilitated by Major Paul Nowak and the Hubbard family of Strath Creek, I have had access to Darwin family records: le ers from WWI, family histories, photo albums, CRB offi al and oral histories, some of Darwin's pencil sketches from northern France, travel and theatre brochures, fragile ba lefied maps, faded newspapers and intelligence reports, and so on, an interesting indeed moving experience. To end the column, here are a couple of items that increased my appreciatio of this fi e man, and an excerpt from the war diary of 10 Field Company RAE.

Letter home from France 14 May 1918

My Dears

The last week has gone like winking and I hope a mail hasn't been missed.

We've been having a decent tim of it, and are enjoying the spring sunshine when it's not drizzling or thunderstorming. The woods are now fully out, & I have seen a few neatly tucked-away little nests of eggs.

There are woods here between all the villages, very fi e tim er in them too: some giant beeches with shiny leaves & tall upright stems, a few of the copper variety, a few white blossomed tall cherries, darker young oaks, airy birches, and along the rivers white fl ering poplars.

Sunday a few of us went up to divvy H.Q. to a presentatio . They give you a bit of ribbon pro tem & say come back again in six months for the disc. Ted got his medal, which he won at Ypres.

It took us about an hour to get sorted out into order, then came three bands and three of our brigade's ba alions, all of which had to be moved into posi on around a fl g. There were about two or three hundred recipients altogether, most of them of pre y ancient prestig but others up for the latest handout.

Then came two divines (?), as we began with general salute as the red ones stalked up, and then carried on with church parade, when we helped those good old bands with odd verses of Fight the good fi ht, O God our Help, and Onward Christia soldiers. Then the medal queue began, Birdie (presumably General Birdwood) handing over the shiny stu with about two words to each, as a sta captain proclaimed the proud one's name and award. Then came the ribbonists in a similar wiggle undergoing a similar undemonstrati e treatment. Then we got into several rows (not to compliment them with the military term 'line'.) behind the fl g, while the 'pongos' (a ectio ate term = infantry) marched past & kept the generals' hand in an eyescratching atti de.

Then, as a drizzle came on, we were dismissed on the spot without further ado. Altogether a decently quiet show.

A few words more another day, for now Geo calls me for the umpteenth tim to rub out our old whist enemies.

16 May 1918 – same le er

The old sun's sti l out, & rather too warm for protracted labour except in short, sharp rushes, with a spell every few minutes. Indeed we're not doing much. The sectio has had a couple of decent jobs during this & last month, & I managed to get o of the 'old Henry' stunt and join them. Now that he's got a li to 2nd Cpl. I have been shivering lest they'd haul me back again but all's been serene to date. Today we had a holiday, having presented No. 1 with our job. Yesterday a er the shift I had a swim in the adjacent creek so as to wash o all the sweat of toil for a few days.

In the evening wrote out and got censored another cable. Our list now comprises eight, Harold, "Johnnie" (Mungo is too long) George Cov. Ted. Frank. Les & me. Today took a stroll to next village where there's nothing to see.

Will write again soon

Best love always

Don

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And an extract from *Roads for the People*, by WK Anderson (1994) on p199 ... with my Landcare interests I appreciated this greatly, especially in light of recent works on the Western Freeway, and the planned new Ravenswood intersectio :

The Board's practic was to preserve natural vegetatio wherever possible and to restore and improve the beauty of the roadside by the plantin of trees, [and co-operate] with fi ld naturalist organizatio s in the protectio of nati e fl ra, treatment of ba ers along some sectio s of roads and the eradicatio of pests which a ected or destroyed timber.

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Extract from War Diary—10 Field Company RAE, 1AIF

HEILLY 8.5.18

Re No 10239 Spr Darwin DV on 28th 29th 30th March 1918 and 1st 3rd 4th April No 10239 Spr Darwin DV carried out a reconnaissance of Front Line Posts in daylight and accurately fixed positions of same by Compass bearing at great personal risk. His work was of great value owing to the uncertainty of the exact position of our Infantry. The work was done under heavy shell & machine gun fire. His coolness and daring whilst doing this work was remarkable. (Awarded Military Medal DRO 4051/aiv? 1806 of 21.4.18)

Notes

I am investigating whether a small booklet detailing Mick Mace and Don Darwins' careers is feasible.

Don Chambers' account of the life of DV Darwin in *Australian Dictionary of Biography*, Volume 13 (MUP), 1993, pp 572-73 has been invaluable. Colonel Geo Hunt also helped me greatly.

See *Swan Street Sappers* for more on the foundation of the RAE SR.

4. A history of Evelyn Sco's family indicates Donald Darwin briefly worked with the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission before joining the CRB.

5. Evelyn Sco's brother was Dr Rutherford Kaye Sco, well known radiologist and musician, a name closely associated with Ormond College.

6. Darwin and his friends played a lot of whist to pass the time.

Googlemaps indicates a village called Heilly 19 kilometres northeast of Amiens on D52 and the Amiens-Albert railway, with over 3000 graves in its military cemetery; 10 Field Company operated here. However, a section was at Buire-sur-Ancre, a few kilometres east. The company's War Diary, which is online, covers April 1918 and includes maps of Heilly (which correlate to Googlemaps satellite images), along with one of Darwin's sketches of the front. Here is the medal recommendation, with its illustrious proposer's signature. The location is given as 'BUIRE, near Albert'.

During the period from 28th. March to 1st. April, 1918, at BUIRE, this sapper carried out reconnaissance of Front Line posts in daylight and accurately fixed their position at very great personal risk. This work was of great importance owing to the uncertainty of the line held by the infantry, and was carried out under heavy shell and machine gun fire, and it was only his coolness and disregard for danger that he completed the task.

(Sgd) John Mace
Major Mace
G.O.C. 10th Australian Division

Ringwood RSL – A Welcoming Club for Serving and Retired ADF Members and a Home Away from Home for the Soldiers of 22 ER



As many members and friends would know, Ringwood RSL has been undertaking major re-development works for some time. With the majority of those works now completed, the Sub Branch President and regular contributor to Sapper Summit, David Jamieson, gave Sapper Summit a guided tour of the new RSL complex.

The new facility is certainly a great improvement on the old RSL and the changes are evident as soon as the complex is approached. "We have tried to create an environment that caters for our members and their families," David said. "We have a welcoming foyer area which leads directly through to the new bistro style dining room. The bar, lounge and gaming areas are on the side to keep them well separated from the family areas," he explained. These areas are light and welcoming. The bistro is spacious and diners can view the chefs and staff prepare their meals through an open fronted kitchen area. David said, "We are not aiming to provide a fine dining experience but we do want to provide very good quality "pub food" at a reasonable price." Younger family members are also catered for with an adjacent games area with slide tubes and video games available for children of all ages.

The gaming area is also spacious with clear windows offering views of the passing parade of activity around the Ringwood station precinct. The lounge bar is also light and spacious and has been designed with sound limiting features to ensure the sound from the gaming area does not intrude on the lounge where members and guests meet. The lounge has three pool tables for members' use.

RSL and service memorabilia is prominently displayed.

The club holds an extensive collection and it is hoped that items will be rotated through the displays to keep the displays fresh and interesting. The new club has a large function room and plans are being made to make additional display areas here so that the military heritage of the club can be more extensively displayed.



There is no doubt that the club has done a great job in revitalizing the facilities. Not content with what has been achieved, the club hopes that in the future, it will be able to develop a street level entry from the newly constructed Ringwood Station and Eastland complexes. With this, the club hopes to construct a multi-storey facility with income generating apartments incorporated within the building.



Although Ringwood RSL provides a modern and welcoming environment, David is aware that the RSL struggles to attract serving personnel and younger veterans. "We see the RSL sub branch as a place of comradeship where all veterans (current and past ADF members) can meet in a comfortable and welcoming environment," David said. "We are constantly working on trying to make the RSL more appealing and relevant to all ADF members..... We have designed this facility for members and their families. We also provide services that are available for members that relate specifically to ADF service," David added. Ringwood RSL provides the welfare services of a qualified welfare worker who can assist members in need. These services can include managing DVA matters or connecting members with local services or home help.

"We are here to support veterans, that is, anyone who has served or is serving in the ADF and this is the focus of our welfare worker," David explained. "Members never know when they will be in need and we are here for them if that ever happens."

The Sub Branch also provides a pension service where pension advocates and pension officers help members put together cases to DVA. David said that DVA now prefers claims prepared by advocates or pension officers and the RSL recommends members use these services from the start rather than relying on them at the appeals stage. The RSL can help with compensation and rehabilitation matters through this service.

David said, "We articulate views on public policy issues, issues that cause us to send ADF members into harm's way. We are active in the local community and we promote veterans' outlooks at local, state and Federal levels. I'd like the RAE Association's members and the soldiers of 22 ER to feel at home here and to see this as a sub branch where they can enjoy our facilities with their families." David went on to add that serving members of 22 ER who joined the Ringwood sub branch would be exempt of paying subscription for the time they remained with the Regiment.



The new Ringwood RSL complex is a friendly and welcoming facility where serving and retired ADF members can truly feel at home. The sub branch offers extensive support services for service members and these can only be retained by an active and prosperous club. Members and friends of the RAE Association who live in the outer eastern suburbs are encouraged to visit the new Ringwood RSL facility and consider joining this energetic and supportive RSL sub branch.

Sapper Summit expresses its thanks to David Jamieson for his contribution to this feature. (Editor)

SAPPER MEDALS FEATURE

This is part 3 of a series of features highlighting medals commonly worn by Australian Sappers.



The National Emergency Medal was approved in October 2011 for award to members of eligible organisations or individuals who rendered qualifying service in response to nationally significant emergencies within Australia.

The Star of Gallantry (below-right) was introduced in 1991 and is awarded for acts of great heroism or conspicuous gallantry in action in circumstances of great peril. A further award is denoted by a gold-plated bar with the Federation Star on a horizontal row of flames. Recipients are entitled to the post nominal letters 'SG'. Recipients of a bar add 'and Bar' to the post-nominal



The Order of Australia was instituted with both a General Division and a Military Division. The two divisions are distinguished by a different ribbon.

All classes of the order (Companion, Officer, Member and Medal of the Order) are available in both divisions. The eligibility criteria for the equivalent classes in the two divisions require similar levels of achievement, but those for the Military Division are designed to reflect military service.

An individual may hold awards in both divisions and is entitled to wear the insignia of both. Appointments in the General Division take precedence over the equivalent appointment in the Military Division.



The Conspicuous Service Cross was introduced in 1989 to recognise outstanding devotion to duty, or outstanding achievement in the application of exceptional skills, judgement or dedication, in non-warlike situations. Recipients of the Cross are entitled to the post nominal letters 'CSC'. Recipients of a bar add 'and Bar' to the post nominal.



The Commendation for Distinguished Service was introduced in 1991 and is awarded for distinguished performance of duties in warlike operations. Further awards are made by Warrant describing the separate action being recognised. Second and subsequent awards are denoted by additional Commendation insignia that are attached to the ribbon above the insignia of previous awards. No additional insignia are added to the ribbon bar.



The Distinguished Service Medal was introduced in 1991 and is awarded for distinguished leadership in action. Recipients of the medal are entitled to the post nominal letters 'DSM'. Recipients of a bar add 'and Bar' to the post nominal.



The Anniversary of National Service 1951-1972 Medal was introduced in 2001 to recognise those who completed their obligation under the two National Service schemes that had operated in Australia between 1951 and 1972.



Officially known as the **'NON-ARTICLE 5 NATO MEDAL FOR SERVICE ON NATO-LED ISAF OPERATIONS'**. In order for Australian personnel to officially accept and wear a foreign award, such as the **North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) medal**, a formal order needs to be made to the Australian Government by the country or international organisation wishing to confer the award. In 2007, the Commander International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) General Dan K McNeill, offered the NATO ISAF to the Australian Government. The Chief of the Defence Force, Air Chief Marshal Angus Houston announced that the NATO ISAF had been formally accepted for wear by Australian Defence Force (ADF) members for their service in Afghanistan in support of the ISAF. Defence civilians working with ISAF are also eligible for the award.

SAPPERS BLITZ ART AWARDS Victorian Veteran Community Story Writing & Art Competition (SWAC)

By Don Hughes

Sappers from around Victoria have scooped significant prizes in the 2015 (ANZAC Centenary Year) Veteran Story Writing & Art Competition (SWAC) announced on 27 November 2015 by the Patron of SWAC Major General David J. McLachlan AO the President of the Victorian RSL along with Mr John Geary the Deputy Commissioner of the Victorian Department of Veterans Affairs and Doctor Brendon Murphy the CEO of Austin Health.

Betty Franke won the coveted First prize in the Experienced Oil painting category with her wonderful landscape *"Hunter Valley River, NSW"*. Betty's husband was a member of the 15th Field Company RAE 3rd Division 2nd AIF and was its Association Secretary for many years



Second prize in the same category went to Anthony



Stancombe with his Vietnam battle scene entitled *"Red Flare"*. Anthony served with 21 Engineer Support Troop (attached to 1 Field Squadron RAE) at Nui Dat in 1969/1970.

In the difficult Ceramics & Glass category First Prize went to another Sapper, Bob Pride, with his outstanding hot glass work entitled *"After the Storm"* depicting poppies and crosses on a World War One battlefield. Bob was a Plant Operator with the Land Clearing Team with both 1 Field Squadron RAE & 17 Construction Squadron RAE as a Sapper in Vietnam in 1968/1969.



Not a Sapper but an Infantry Platoon Commander in Afghanistan, Michael Williams RAInf, has commanded Sappers on operations and has the greatest respect and admiration for their skill and courage. He won Second Prize in the Novice Oil category with his action-packed depiction of a Blackhawk helicopter in Afghanistan entitled *"Insertion"*.



Michael also won Second Prize in the Photography category with his alluring photograph of Australian Diggers with locals in Afghanistan entitled *"Hearts & Minds - Shura"*. Michael was also awarded a Vietnam Veterans Association of Australia (VVAA) encouragement award. Michael Williams served on Operation Slipper as part of Mentoring Team 2, Mentoring Task Force 4 in the Chora and Baluchi Valley region. His unit was the 8th/9th Battalion, Royal



Australian Regiment.

Another friend of Sappers in Victoria, CAPT Russell Halden RFD, is OIC of the Army Cadet Unit at the Ringwood East Engineer Training Depot. Russell scooped Third Prize in the elite All Media Advanced Category with his painting "Wi enoom Gorge Vista". CAPT Halden initially enlisted in 2 Commando Company and has held numerous appointments in 2nd Royal Victorian Regiment (now 8/7 RVR) and was the Assault Pioneer Platoon Commander of the 5th/6th Royal Victorian Regiment. He retired in 2002 from the 3rd Training Group to concentrate on painting.

Siobhan Hodgins, from the Veteran Liaison Team at the Heidelberg Repatriation Hospital (part of Austin Health) is the SWAC Coordinator. Siobhan said *"the standard of entries was outstanding this year and is a credit to the Centenary of ANZAC!"* She also *"praised the Sappers & friends of Sappers, for their outstanding contributions!"*



SAPPERS & THE REPATRIATION HOSPITAL HEIDELBERG FREE TOUR & LUNCH! THURSDAY 12 MAY 2016

Sappers have had a long and close association with the Repatriation Hospital (originally the 115th Heidelberg Military Hospital) as patients (from every conflict since World War Two to the present) including young injured Sappers from Afghanistan. There have even been members of the staff of the hospital who have been Sappers providing building and property maintenance support (including a female Carpenter & Joiner).

The tour will commence at 1000hrs at the brand new Health & Rehabilitation Centre in "Digger's Way" near gate 5 on Edwin Street [Melways 31 4G]. Free car parking is available. Highlights of the tour will include:

- The state of the art Kokoda Gymnasium;
- The Hydrotherapy pool;
- The only "Bomb Shelter" in a hospital in Australia;
- The Jessie Mary Vasey Labyrinth;
- The Remembrance Gardens;
- The ANZAC Memorial Chapel with its amazing stained glass, and
- Numerous other Memorials and Gardens remembering all conflict since the Boer War.

We will finish with a lunch supplied by the Repat Veterans Liaison Team and then a Tour of the Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder facility (Ward 17).

Please RSVP: a fortnight before the event to Don Hughes vicepresident@raevictoria.asn.au to allow for catering.

With Care & Compassion: We Remember

"Intelligence Coup?"

A reader has sent this photo to Sapper Summit and has asked if the vast knowledge held by our members and friends might be able to verify if this is a mine clearance prototype seen during spring in Warrandyte.





Royal Australian Engineers Association of Victoria Incorporated

2016 SAPPER MUSTER

The President and committee of the Association would like to extend an invitation to all Sappers, family and friends to join us at the 2016 Sapper Muster to be held at the Oakleigh Army Barracks on Saturday 27th February 2016.

Who: the Muster is for all sappers, serving, retired, ARA or Reserve their partners and friends

Timings: 1700hrs to 2300hrs

Where: Oakleigh Barracks Messes

Dress neat civilian attire

Cost \$15 per head members and partners.
\$20.00 per head non-members and partners

Food finger food and light supper.

Alcohol at bar prices

RSVP no later than 7 February with full payment

Direct RAE Association (Vic) Inc. Westpac Bank
BSB 033 181 - Account No. 16-9032

Include your name in the reference place if you direct credit

Postal Cheques made out to RAE Association (Vic) Inc.
posted to the Treasurer Maureen Rundell at 16/65
Gordons Road South Morang Vic 3752

More information available from Colin Bowater President
RAE Association (Vic) Inc. 0400 809 444



RSVP NO LATER THAN 7th February 2016

PLEASE INDICATE IF YOU ARE ATTENDING Yes.....No

IMPORTANT FOR CATERING AND SECURITY PURPOSES (ESSENTIAL)

If you are attending please print your name and that of your partner/guest if they are attending

Your name

Partner/Guest name

Please email this form to Jim Davis at jdavis01@bigpond.net.au

or

Post to Jim Davis at 28 Ireland Ave, Wantirna South, 3152

Mobile 0413 479 157



The RAE Association (Vic) is conducting a number of events and tours in 2016. Please check our web site regularly for updates and event details at www.raevictoria.asn.au

RAE Association (Vic) Events Calendar 2016

Committee Meetings 09 Feb, 12 Apr, 14 Jun, 09 Aug,
11 Oct, 13 Dec. Locations and times TBA

History Project Meetings (bi monthly) Contact Noel
Tipton 22 Construction Regt and Don
Hughes for 4 CER details.

Sapper Summit - tri monthly.

"LARK FORCE" celebrations Jan (OSA)

2016 Sapper Muster 27 Feb at Oakleigh Barracks

Visit to SME Museum Saturday 12 March

Good Friday Children's Appeal (Bus from Ringwood
Depot) 25 MARCH

Association AGM 12 April preceded by Committee of
Management Meeting

ANZAC Day wreath laying Dawn Services Ringwood
RSL and 22 ER Repatriation Hospital
Heidelberg, ANZAC Ceremony 23 April
ANZAC Parade 25 April. March with RAE Association
Victoria banner.

VISIT to Repat Hospital Thursday 12 May

Blue Tongues Reunion Nagambie dates TBA

Sir CLIVE STEELE Lecture 27 May Oakleigh Barracks,

Waterloo Dinner -18 June -Loc TBA

OSA Waterloo Dinner June Loc TBA

Reserve Force Day March 3 July at the Shrine.

Long Tan Vietnam Veterans' Day August 18

Peacekeepers and Peacemaker Day = September

22 Reunion Group Location and dates TBA

Woodies Location and dates TBA
Visit 22 ER Sapper training TBA

RAE Foundation "Reynolds
Dinner" visit www.raefoundation.org.au

Puckapunyal Firepower Demonstration – October

Remembrance Day 11 November

22 Engineer Regiment End of Year Parade and RAE
Association Awards presentation – November

Sapper Christmas get together - TBA

**Please check this web site regularly as event details
will be displayed here as soon as they are
known. Event details will also be advised in Sapper
Summit.**

PRESIDENT THANKS MELBOURNE HIGH SCHOOL CADETS FOR SUPPORTING RAE ASSOCIATION (VIC) ON ANZAC DAY 2015

RAE Association (Vic) President, Colin Bowater and
Committee Member, Graeme Lambert, attended
Melbourne High School on 15 November to personally
recognize the cadets who carried the RAE Association
banner on ANZAC Day 2015. Each cadet was presented
with a framed photograph of the banner party taken in
front of the Shrine of Remembrance after the ANZAC
Day parade.



Colin Bowater personally thanked each cadet who
assisted the Association on ANZAC Day. Colin said, "The
Association looks forward to a long co-operative
relationship with Melbourne HS ACU."



1 RTB KAPOOKA PICTORIAL FEATURE

Transforming Civilians into Soldiers



The bus arrives at Kapooka. Last sense of civilian life.



Initial briefing at Kapooka—"welcome to the army!"



Into a new world Transformation begins



Building confidence.



Building skills.



Building toughness.



Building Strength





Building team.



Building Endurance.



Creating Australian Soldiers



SUPPLIMENTARY PHOTOGRAPHS

Issue 91 of Sapper Summit included an extensive feature from Mark Shanks following his trip to the Centenary Waterloo Dinner and to the Gallipoli battlefields in Turkey during June 2015. Mark has provided the following photographs to add to the detail provided in his story.



Above: The Lone Pine Cemetery located at the site of the Lone Pine Battle. The prominent tree is a descendant of the original "Lone Pine".



Above: A photograph taken looking down on the ANZAC landing site from a part of the Turkish defensive position.

Photographs are provided by Mark Shanks

Ex Chong Ju - 21 October 2015

Since retiring from the Army in 2001, I have kept in touch with the RAE Association through its evolution into the current (Vic) Inc via Sapper Summit and various Secretary's. This has been a stronger connection for me after my wife and I started working outside Victoria in 2009. Over the years as we returned to Melbourne every few months to visit family, I caught up with a few old RAE friends and enjoyed the opportunity to chew over old times.

A couple of months ago in Brisbane, I saw an email from Jim Davis seeking nominations to attend Ex Chong Ju on 21 October and thought why not? Then the realism struck home, it was a bit of a long trip for a Wednesday, and I kept the idea in the back of my mind. However as is so often the case an opportunity arose with an unexpected family visit to Melbourne again. So I contacted Jim, attended the firepower demonstration, and am happy for this opportunity to describe the experience.

Let's see now, my memories of Puckapunyal in October? Cold, wet and dry, windy, flies, kangaroos, emus. Yes that was it. However Pucka has changed over the 15 or so years since I was last there. Plenty of new infrastructure, a few old landmarks gone but the few remaining familiar ones were enough for me to navigate to the bus pick-up at Bridges Barracks. Who did I know in the milling crowd? Ah the one familiar face was Stu Hipwell. It was great to have a quick catch up before departing for the range.

The setting of the viewing stand overlooked an enemy position located from small arms range out to approx 5km distance. Targets varied from a dismounted enemy section (Fig 11) at close range, through simulated light armoured vehicles (Connexes) and minefield at medium range, heavier armoured vehicles (tanks) approx 2km from the stand to a defended hilltop (Connexes just visible using binoculars) 5km from the stand.

The tactical scenario was of an armoured combat team supported by Artillery, Engineers, Aviation and RAAF, assaulting across an open valley.

The attack began with a gun crew deploying a M777 howitzer (towed 155 mm gun), with close fire support from two Tiger Armoured Reconnaissance Helicopters, engaging targets at point blank range.

This was followed by a troop of M1A1 Abrams MBTs firing on the enemy hilltop position while a Cavalry troop supported by Artillery, Armour and Engineers manoeuvred to breach an enemy minefield.

An ASLAV Armoured Reconnaissance Troop engaged enemy armour and dismounted infantry while an M113

APC Troop, deployed a Company of infantry whose members demonstrated the capabilities of the F88 AUSTEYR, Minimi (5.56mm MG), MAG58 (7.62mm MG) both bipod and tripod mounted, M72 (66mm LAW), L14A1 Carl Gustav and sniper rifle.



While the dismounted infantry engaged the enemy, their organic M113s provided supporting fire

The dismounted infantry successfully engaged enemy tanks using the Javelin Portable Anti-Tank Guided Missile, fired from the shoulder. Finally an Armoured Engineer Troop carried out an explosive breach of the minefield below, followed by an Abrams MBT fired with a mine plough proving the breach.

The culmination of the attack occurred with FA18s deploying 500Kg guided bombs against Connex targets located on the enemy hilltop.

And yes of course there were kangaroos crossing the field of fire, and none were casualties.

Following the live fire demonstration, we were invited to a static display of the weapons systems used in the demonstration as well as of new vehicles and equipment being introduced.

My overall impressions? The Australian soldier has been, and is being, equipped with some of the best weapons systems available in the presence of a tight defence dollar. It was like old times being close to gunfire again, even if only for a couple of hours.

Martin Thomason



Above: Unserviceable Abrams MBT being recovered by an M88 Hercules Armoured Recovery Vehicle, with support from M113 APC and Ambulance.

VISIT TO WEST HEAD GUNNERY RANGE AND MUSEUM AT HMAS CERBERUS 24TH SEPTEMBER 2015

After a great deal of planning the much anticipated trip to West Head Gunnery Range and museum at HMAS CERBERUS went ahead with 34 RAE members, family and friends making the trip. In addition we were joined by 21 members of the RAA Association giving us a total of 55 people on board for the visit.

Preparation and planning for this day commenced several months ago with a lot of negotiations to make it come together – we are just very lucky that we have a personal link to the senior person at HMAS CERBERUS and this certainly assisted.

It was always planned to have this as a combined day between the RAE and RAA Associations with the RAE Association taking the lead in the negotiations – this was simply to stop the personnel at West Head getting two lots of emails about the same thing.

Like all good planning there is always something that crops up at the last minute to test you and in our case it was with the RAA Association's transport arrangements which were withdrawn at the last minute however throwing the day into doubt. Luckily we had a Coach Captain on our side that solved the problem.

The RAE Association has an energetic and cooperative member in Gary Nash who also just happens to be a Coach Driver and when Gary heard we were arranging this day he came forward and offered his services and a coach from his employer at a reduced cost – Gary provided his services for free and along with the reduced coach cost we were able to pass these savings onto the those RAE Association members attending the excursion.

When Gary learnt of the RAA Association's dilemma (he was driving to Ballarat at the time) he came back within the hour with an offer of a larger coach at no extra cost meaning that we could accommodate both Associations on the coach.

Upon arrival at West Head we were given the necessary safety briefs and introductions by the Range OIC (LCDR Peter Arnold) – we were going to watch the firing of the 76 mm gun firing at a towed target by the students of the Principal Warfare Officers Course – each student fired two warming shots, two for effect and one confirmation – the students were not allowed to fire directly at the target until the last run of the day.

We were broken in groups with an allocated guide and

had the opportunity of seeing the gun fire from several locations, visited the control room where the target was plotted and also visited the armoury where we were given the opportunity of getting up close and personal with a 50 cal.



Firing took most of the morning and when completed we were given debriefs and provided with a wonderful lunch in the mess – the Chef went out of her way to make sure we had plenty to eat. The variety and choice was great – no one came away hungry and amazed that the Navy had such wonderful food.



After leaving West Head we moved onto HMAS CERBERUS and after the usual fuss at the security gate we managed to get clearance and moved onto the museum where we were greeted by Curator and Historian Ms Toni Munday who love and knowledge of the museum were evident from the outset. Toni provided a very detailed explanation of the major exhibits and left the group in no doubt about her love for everything Navy.

Before we moved into the museum we were given an address and welcome by the Commander HMAS CERBERUS – CAPT S.J. Bowater OAM RAN – it was great that CAPT Bowater could take time out of his busy schedule to come and visit the group.

In addition to the museum the group also got the opportunity of visiting the two Chapels next door to the museum – these Chapels are magnificent constructions and worth the time to visit.

Aft r fi shing the visits to the museum and Chapels it was back onto the bus for the trip back to Melbourne – before leaving Toni presented each member of the group with a Navy baseball cap.



The Tour Group

The day got o to an early start leaving Ringwood at 0615 am so that we could be at West Head Range by 0815 am. It was a long day as we did not arrive back at Ringwood until aft r 5.00 pm. All pre y weary but a wonderful experience from a most enjoyable day where the members of both Associatio s got the chance to meet and enjoy each other's company and see the Navy in ac on.

The highlights from the day were many.



CAPT S. Bowater OAM RAN Commanding Officer HMAS Cerberus (left) with LTCOL C. Bowater RFD (Retd) president RAE Association (Vic)



ROYAL CHILDRENS' HOSPITAL APPEAL 2016



The Good Friday Appeal next year will fall on the Friday the 25th March. This will mark our 28th year of collecting for the Royal Children's Hospital.

Many of you will be aware of this event and have been supporting me for many years.

This is a fun day. Lots of our younger friends dress up or just turn up to support this worthy cause. We collect at the front of the Hospital on Flemington Road. I will transport you in there and return you back to Ringwood courtesy of Invicta / Ventura Bus Group which has been a valuable supporter of the Appeal for many years. Please put this event on your calendar for next year. I need your HELP to HELP the Kids at the Royal Children's Hospital.

A flyer will be distributed prior to Good Friday.

Thank you for your continued support.

Jock Howa .

Further informati n will be posted on the associatio 's web site and Facebook page;

See www.raevictoria.asn.au

Notes to Sapper Profiles:

Some Acronyms Explained:

Soldiers who sign up are Private Recruit (PTE REC or REC) when completing RRTC

Once completed RRTC they become Private Trainee (PTE TRN or PTE(T)) until they complete their IETs

Once IETs completed they become Sapper (SPR) and when they have completed 12 months they become Sapper Proficient (SPR(P))

Centenary of ANZAC Feature

TRENCH FIGHTING WEAPONS OF THE GREAT WAR

(This is not an exhaustive list but it provides a snapshot of the variety of issued and improvised weapons used by the major combatant forces.)

This is the fourth and final feature in a series on weapons used in the Great War. In the centenary year of the first ANZACs, Sapper Summit has published a number of features related to the Great War. A feature on Service Rifles of the Great War was included in Sapper Summit 89, Pistols of the Great War was included in issue 90 and Machine Guns of the Great War in issue 91.



British Army trench fighting weapons including "Mills Bomb" and Webley Mk VI .455 calibre pistol.



US Army 1918 Trench Fighting Knife



British Army tunnellers' modified SMLE rifle - "trench shotgun" for close quarters battle within the confines of tunnels.



British Army Trench Maul.



Pritchard Greene revolver bayonet- here attached to a Webley Mk VI



Sharpened entrenching tools, commonly used by all Western Front combatant forces.



Legend: MP18 was the first practical submachine gun used in combat. It was introduced into service in 1918 by the German Army during World War I as the primary weapon of the Sturmtruppen, assault groups specialized in trench combat. 500rpm



Above: "Push Knife"



Canadian Trench Fighting Shotgun.



Above Improvised trench raiding club attributed to British Commonwealth Forces. Below a trench raiding axe.



Examples of German trench raiding weapons.



Above: British soldiers try on captured German trench fighting body armour.

Thompson Sub Machine Gun .45ACP. Invented by US GEN J.T.Thompson in 1918 as a "trench sweeper" or "trench broom" for use in trench warfare. The war ended before it could see service but it appeared in later conflicts.



Above: Samples of trench fighting weapons used by various combatant forces on the Western Front.



.45ACP calibre
600-725 rpm
20 and 30 round box magazine
50 round drum magazine

38 Field Squadron Unit History

Major Mike Meany RFD has put together a unit history for 38 Field Squadron RAE(CMF).

The Squadron was initially raised in 1952 to absorb the output in the La Trobe Valley area of the National Service Training Scheme. In the 1950s, National Servicemen underwent a full time training period, and were then required to spend a further 2 years of part-time obligatory training. 38 Field Squadron RAE at Yallourn filled this purpose.

Of special interest to many will be the 33 Platoon photographs of some 440 local young men who underwent National Service Training between 1952 and 1959. Each photograph highlights by name, those individuals who served and trained in 38 Field Squadron.

As well as the initial National Service members, the Squadron recruited locally. The book details each decade of change plus, the diverse activities, training and achievements of the Unit. The alphabetic index of individuals totals more than 1000 names.

The front page of the book includes a photograph of the Yallourn Army Depot. This was selected because of its importance to the local community and its significance to all National Servicemen who were posted there throughout the 1950s.

In addition to the 33 NS Platoon photographs, some 90 photographs are included throughout the book, many containing large groups of named individuals.

It is available now for purchase at \$16 a copy delivered. Contact the Treasurer Maureen Rundell on rundellmaureen@gmail.com or mobile 04144 20251 to place your order ?????

It has been well put together and congratulations to all who contributed.

Buy it and enjoy reminiscing about your mates and your service!

REPORT ON THE UNVEILING CEREMONY AT THE AUSTRALIAN LIGHT HORSE MEMORIAL PARK SEYMOUR (SITE 17)

On Saturday 10 October, two plaques were unveiled at The Australian Light Horse Memorial Park Seymour (Site 17). The first plaque commemorates units of the Corps of the Royal Australian Engineers known to have trained in this area during World War 2

1932 to 1945; and

CMF – Army Reserve Units 1948 -1960

The second plaque outlines the role of the Royal Australian Engineers and gives a brief outline of the construction of a bailey bridge.

The plaques are mounted on a bailey bridge panel which leads to a bailey bridge foot bridge that spans a creek leading to the park. This bridge was built by 22ER in 2014.

My thanks to Maj Bruce Campbell for his work in researching the information for these plaques.

Over 50 Sappers and partners attended on a lovely spring day at Seymour. The first plaque was unveiled by Maj Bruce Campbell and WO1 Norm Dodgson both of whom had trained at this site.

The second plaque was unveiled by Maj Tom Glazebrook and SSgt Neville Trevena.

A number of Sappers present had trained at the site,

including Bill King and Peter Washusen who completed their school cadet annual camps at this site.

This project has finally come to fruition after ten years of work by Historical & Heritage committee and then the RAE Association (Vic) Inc. A job well done!

At the conclusion of the unveilings, the Committee of the Australian Light Horse Memorial Park catered for us with an excellent BBQ lunch.

Colin Bowater



Bruce Campbell Norm Dodgson formerly Historical and Heritage Association



Left Neville Trevena (sponsor) Right Tom Glazebrook ex 22 CR



Above left to right– John Wertheimer, Bruce Campbell and Colin Bowater



Above– Bruce Campbell and Norm Dodgson unveiling a plaque.

FROM THE ASSOCIATIONS



WOODPECKERS

In mid October, the Woodies held a weekend reunion at Koetong between Tallanga a and Corryong. Ten members and spouses enjoyed seeing works on the High Country Rail Trail, to which Victorian RAE units have contributed over the years. The forward scouts gathered on Friday 16 October at the old Shelley plantation camp, a Forests Commission location housing numerous pine planters and other forestry workers for decades. It is now holiday accommodation run by the local Landcare group.

To our huge delight, Beth Stephenson of Dunedin could attend. Catering was excellent under Neville Handley, and the Caulfield Cup sweep run to the highest standards by former gaming overseer, Mick Murray. A great attraction was the former gardens of *Avondale*. Once a nearby farmstead, these days it is a pleasing small park with conifers, bowerbirds and views. And deer galore!

Other attendees: Oliver and Carolyn Raymond, George Weeks, Col Kobiolke, Bluey Bellies, Rob Youl and Alison Harris.

The next Woodies get-together will be at Wangarua, on Bluey Bellies' home turf. The plan: the weekend after the Grand Final.

The WWII trophy for axemanship competitions in Britain between the Australian and NZ forestry companies, which turned up at ANU a few months ago, will now be on display at the RAE Museum, SME.

On behalf of the Woodies, I sent a letter to the ANU forestry station endorsing the idea, as did other sappers, and have just thanked Prof John Dargavel for this pleasing gesture. John handed over the cup to Brig Wayne Budd CSC, RAE Head of Corps, early in December in Canberra.

Rob Youl



UNIT HISTORY WRITING PROJECTS

Victorian Engineers: 4 CER & 22 CONST REGT

Brigadier "Hutch" Hutchinson DSC, our Colonel Commandant RAE Southern Region, is impressed with the enthusiasm displayed towards the Victorian Sapper Regimental history project, thus far! The teams are based on *"CO's Years of Command"* of both of our Regiments and the writing teams are starting to group together well! Stronger teams however, are always desirable & much needed!

The secret of a good history is to get a broad diversity of views and a true assessment from both the Political level to the Sapper on the ground, "blood & guts" level! We welcome diverse input to your history and we encourage the various "eras" to get together and produce your story!

To align both unit histories **Brig "Hutch"** decided to have both the 4CER and 22 Construction Regiment histories follow on from the classic Victorian Sapper History up to 1995, *"The Swan Street Sappers"* written by **Lt Col Rob Youl OAM, RFD (Retd)**. This is a most sensible approach as it includes both Regiments from 1995 until 2013 – including some amazing years for 22 Construction Regiment at both Weipa and Cultana that would have otherwise been excluded if we had only commenced 22 Construction Regt's history from 2000 as previously proposed!

We always need assistance. A suggested template or guide for the project is included at the RAE Victoria Website: <https://www.raevictoria.asn.au/projects-and-events.php>

Any submissions should be directed to: sapper.history.vic@hotmail.com.au

Captain Noel Tipton is looking after the 22 Construction Regiment history whilst Lt Col Don Hughes is monitoring the 4 CER history.

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Message from MAJ R. Kirby 2IC 22ER

UNIT HISTORY PROJECT 4CER & 22 CONST REGT

Not all of the CO's have the time to be fully committed to writing the Regimental Histories during their time in Command at either 4CER or 22 Const Regt between 1995 and 2013.

Brigadier "Hutch" Hutchinson DSC, the Colonel Commandant for Southern Region along with our Patron Colonel John Wertheimer AM, RFD are both extremely keen for the history of Victoria's two Sapper Regiments to be told. These two great Regiments provide the wonderful and rich heritage for the newly established 22 Engineer Regiment (**Victoria's Own Sappers**)!

We still need a few story tellers and wordsmiths to tell the story of Victorian Sappers. The CO's need assistance from "their team" during their period of command: 2IC's & OPSO's; SQN COMD's & SQN 2IC's; RSM's & SSM's; Troop members, Admin staff & Q staff. Indeed, anyone is welcome to help tell the story of the "**Victorian Sappers**"! Particularly Sappers themselves can make a great contribution.

22 CONST REGIMENT ANNUAL REUNION



Approx. thirty five ex 22 Members including partners, gathered together at Lakes Entrance for the annual reunion held on the weekend of 23rd to 25th October 2015.

The majority were accommodated at the R.S.L. Motel where we held our usual meet and greet on the Friday night. It is a great venue offering excellent facilities where we could gather around with a good discussion and refreshments before having an excellent meal at the reserved tables in the Bistro.

Saturday saw members up early and on a bus with a local knowledgeable driver who showed us around the town and beyond, giving us a history of Lakes Entrance and the surrounding district. Following the tour of the town, we set off to Swan Reach and followed a quiet country road adjacent to the Tambo River, taking in the views of the surrounding country as we followed the river to the town of Bruthen. Our Hostess and Tour Organiser for the trip was Gayle Biddenback, also a local from the district who kept us up with much

information during the day.

At Bruthen we had time to visit the local market and a walk around before heading to a picturesque property on the Great Alpine Road heading back towards Bairnsdale. Some of our people appeared to be laden down with goodies from the market.

The property is the Cockatoo Rise War Veteran's Retreat owned and operated by our hosts for the day, Greg and Annie Carter who welcomed us with a tour of his museum, morning tea and a trip to an isolated part of his property where we practised our golf skills on the 9 hole golf course and a BBQ lunch, well catered at the Digger's Rest (19th hole).

The day concluded with our usual informal / formal dinner at the Grand Central Hotel, the duties of the Dining President being carried in an excellent manner by Maurice Squirrell. Entertainment was covered by our own Country and Western Star, Shane O'Keefe and the traditional singing of the Inn of Inverary lead by Norm Dodgson. Lucky Draws through the evening and our own informal chatter made a great evening.

Sunday morning breakfast for the group was arranged and catered for in the Bistro giving all the opportunity to say fare well, au revoir or "See you next year."

A big Thank You goes to Gayle Biddenback for the huge effort in organising such an excellent weekend; also to Jenny Eaton for her administration and once again coming along with the candelabra, table decorations and for maintaining these items from one year to the next.

Please see further information regarding the Cockatoo Retreat in a future issue of this magazine.

Jeff Brumhead.

PS The next reunion would be held in Bendigo on the weekend of 21 to 23 October 2016.



WELFARE AND WELLBEING

RINGWOOD RSL President's Column

Remembrance Day 2015



Remembrance Day on the 11th November is an occasion when the Nation stops to pay tribute to the Australian Defence Force members lost in the service of our country. We gather, not to glorify war, but to remember, to honour and give thanks to over 102,000 Australians who gave their lives in the service of our country. Our commemoration is a demonstration of how much we as Australians appreciate life and how highly we appreciate those who were willing to lay down their lives for our Nation, its people and its values.



In Ringwood Remembrance Day 2015 was marked by a Community Commemoration Service hosted by the Sub Branch followed by a reception back at the Club premises. As is usual the catafalque party was provided by 22 Engr Regt from East Ringwood who performed the task with the high degree of professionalism we have come to expect. Our thanks go to the members who formed this guard. The Victorian Engineers Association was represented by Graeme Lambert who laid a wreath on behalf of its members. From the feedback we have received from those attending, members of the public who were there found the commemoration a very moving tribute to those ADF members who paid the ultimate sacrifice.

The murals honouring our service personnel on the Ringwood railway bridge uprights on Wantirna Road adjacent to the Clock Tower Memorial Park are continuing to be added to. They now comprise a depiction of personnel from all three Services, the Ode, a representation of a light horseman, the contribution by indigenous ADF members and a drawing of Vivian Bullwinkel who was the lone survivor of a group of Australian Army nurses who whilst attempting to escape from the Japanese in Singapore were marched into the sea on an Indonesian Island and machine gunned. The murals are part of our contribution to the Centenary of ANZAC. The work is being done by a local artist with some talented local youths.

Ringwood Sub Branch Club News



We are now expanding the range of activities we conduct for members. The once a month giant raffles have returned to the last Friday of each month and we have live music on Sunday afternoons and on most Friday nights. The Bistro has an extensive menu selection and its children's play area remain very popular particularly families with younger children. It is open for breakfast on Saturdays and Sundays so come along with your family and mates and enjoy the hospitality we provide.

ADF Member and Veteran Support Issues

The Government after extensive consultation with the members of the Ex Service Round Table members (the major national ESOs) is legislating for a single appeal pathway to challenge adverse decisions made by DVA delegates. This pathway will just about replicate the existing provisions under the VEA and will allow the Administrative Appeals Tribunal to award costs to the veteran where the appeal is successful. A mandated internal appeal is provided for when a delegate's decision is to be appealed before the Veterans Review Board. This government decision is a significant example of successful consultative processes following a strong lobbying effort to ensure veterans receive fair treatment.

The welfare of serving and former ADF members is a primary concern for us. The Sub Branch welfare and pension staff and volunteers are there to help. If you need advice or assistance, please don't hesitate to call us on 98706604.

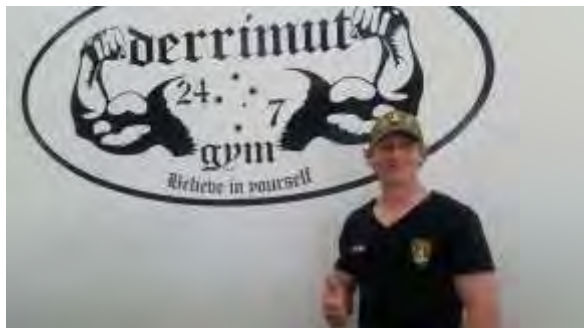
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THE ANGEL SQUAD



The "Angel Squad" continues to assist younger Veterans suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder who wish to escape related drug and alcohol dependence. Our efforts are enjoying continued success as more of our members reach personal goals and earn the various achievement 'bars' associated with our program.

The Angel Squad was primarily founded to address the



issue of no "veteran's only" support being available for those leaving Ward 17 at Heidelberg (now known as the Psychological Trauma Recovery Unit) and other health facilities. Young Veterans generally felt uncomfortable in civilian rehab groups so did not attend, and after further bouts of unsupported isolation, often ended back in hospital to repeat the process yet again.

A most important milestone in our mission was reached on 19th October 2015 when representatives of the Angel Squad were invited to address the clinical staff of the PTRU at Heidelberg to discuss our program. After a very productive, informative and enjoyable meeting the PTRU have decided to refer discharging patients directly to our group and have put up our flyers and general information around the facility. Furthermore, we have been invited to attend the hospital on the first Thursday of each month and speak directly to patients who may be interested in availing themselves of our assistance once they discharge.

This is a very satisfying outcome which will ensure that young Veterans are aware of the Squad when they leave hospital, and have an opportunity to continue their efforts to break the cycle of dependence among people who understand their particular problems and speak their 'language'.

WELFARE and SUPPORT

Sapper Summit recognizes the demands placed on individuals through their military service. Through Sapper Summit, the RAE Association (Vic) aims to provide information to the Sapper Community on support and welfare services available both locally and nationally. The Association also aims to promote welfare, well being awareness and education. **Members have suggested the following support services.**

Our Team Leader, Damon Valentine, has recently won another personal accolade in being named as one of Derrimut 24/7 Gym's "Inspirational People". The Gym's website honours nine chosen people by sharing pictures and biographies of their journey towards overcoming serious health, disability and personal issues and attaining a high standard of health and fitness.

All biographies can be viewed on www.derrimut247.com.au/humans-of-derrimut/

From all of us at the Angel Squad – we wish everyone a happy and peaceful Christmas, and a prosperous New Year filled with purpose and achievement.

Colleen McKenna. 0423 408 993.

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VICTORIAN SAPPERS—A HISTORY in PHOTOGRAPHS No 4

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From the Past—8 Field Squadron SME 1982



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Professor Bob Breen PhD (AWM) Dave Sinai CSC



Hello all,

A warm welcome to everyone, including veterans, partners and supporters of Soldier On who've recently joined our newsletter mailing list.

"Learn To Surf" Weekend, Torquay

Our annual "Learn to Surf" event was held on 20-22 Nov, where 4 families enjoyed a wonderful weekend away at beautiful Torquay. Despite the cool weather and even cooler water, big and little folk braved the conditions, jumping into the surf and trying out their new surf skills. Thanks to Kevin, 'V' and Sebas from the Torquay Surf Academy for their fantastic instruction.

Cadel Evans, the People's Ride

Registrations have now closed for this event, and participants have been notified. A lucky few will be joining Cadel Evans in the People's Ride, covering either 68km or 114km. The Trois Etapes team from 2014 and 2015 will be participating as well.

Enabled Employment

<https://www.enabledemployment.com>

Enabled Employment are proud supporters of Soldier On, and have a great understanding of issues faced by wounded veterans wanting to return to the workforce.

Mrs Jessica May is the founder and Chief Executive Officer of this innovative new start-up, which is a labour hire company for people with a disability. Enabled Employment is unique in Australia and possibly the world with its approach of using flexible arrangements to enable highly capable people with a disability to find productive and well-paid employment. Enabled Employment makes it easy for businesses to fill skill gaps. The company has been successful from the start and after just five months already has over 1000 candidates and 56 businesses using the service. These businesses include Aspen Medical, federal and local government, Just Better Care and Veritec.

The company is a commercial private entity with an entirely new approach to eliminating barriers to employment for people with a disability. Enabled Employment has brought together multiple innovative elements to make this happen including the use of remote work, the employment agency business model and the latest cloud technology to make the process easy for businesses and candidates.

All staff at management level and candidates of Enabled Employment are people with disability. The enterprise is unique – operating in a private sector environment and employing only people with disability, hence the description 'for people with disability – run by people with disability'. The company is proud to engender a culture which recognises people with disability have skills and talents which are highly valuable to businesses, and to the company itself.

December Activities

Please see attached our **Activity Timetable** for December 2015. Directions are also located on the back of the Timetable.

All activities are held at:

Mayfair House (CSIRO)
351 Royal Parade
Parkville 3052 VIC

On street parking is available either in Royal Parade, or in nearby streets. Alternatively, you can catch Tram No. 19 (which travels up Elizabeth Street and Royal Parade from the city). The tram goes right past our front door – just alight at stop No. 16 and walk approx. 70m to Mayfair House.

We are located in the lovely house with beautiful bay windows. Just come up to the front door (located in-between the two bay windows) and ring our doorbell!

Please don't park in CSIRO car parking areas.

Coffee Catch-ups

Coffee Catch-ups are an informal opportunity for veterans, supporters and family members to drop in to our Melbourne reintegration centre, and to have a chat with each other over a free cup of hot tea or coffee. Participants are welcome to stay for part, or all of the catch-up time, and no appointment or pre-registration is needed.

Art Sessions

We have one more art session planned for 2015, so please feel free to come along and join in our last session. No pre-registration is required, and all art materials are provided. No artistic ability is needed!

Yoga Sessions

Come along to our last few yoga classes that we'll be holding this year, in our sunny art/yoga studio at Mayfair House. Many thanks to our yoga instructor Sarah Pickering, who is donating her time. Some of you may already have met Sarah at yoga classes held in St Kilda earlier this year.

What to bring:

No need to bring a yoga mat if you don't have one - we have some you can borrow

A water bottle

A hand towel

What to wear:

Comfortable gym clothes, and/or leotards are best. While this may sound counter-intuitive, tighter clothes leave less to the imagination than baggy ones. As yoga moves can include twists and forward-bends, loose fitting tops can slide up (or gape) and reveal things you'd rather keep to yourself!

With regard to pants, ladies, please make sure your leggings do not become "sheer" when you bend forwards, and guys, please make sure that your shorts aren't too short! You're welcome to bring any layers, socks, jackets, etc that you can then remove as you begin to warm-up. While yoga is practiced barefoot, you may like to have some socks with you to keep your feet warm to begin with.

About the RAE Association (Victoria) Inc

Vision Statement

The Royal Australian Engineers Association (Victoria) Incorporated will be the most relevant and recognized Sapper Association in Victoria with substantial membership and an enhanced profile and standing within the serving and retired sapper community.

Mission Statement

To promote the wellbeing and betterment of our members along with serving and retired sappers by the provision of a collegiate sapper association that values and promotes comradeship, esprit de corps, service identity and traditions.

Objectives

- Increase the Association's membership.
- Develop the capacity of the Association to communicate with the serving and retired sapper community through the enhancement of the Association's journal "Sapper Summit" and through an internet presence.
- Establish and enhance the relevance of the Association to all sappers - serving and retired.
- Undertake the research and recording of sapper history in Victoria.
- Provide sappers with an organized identity for participation in ANZAC Day and other commemorative events.
- Promote the achievements of 22 Engineer Regiment and those of its members.
- Disseminate information relating to sapper events and activities.
- Recognize and acknowledge excellence and achievement within the sapper community.
- Provide and promote awareness of welfare issues and resources relevant to service personnel.
- Promote mateship.
- Promote esprit de corps between all members of the sapper family.
- Maintain and promote the traditions and achievements of the Australian Defence Force in general and the Royal Australian Engineers in particular.
- Seek continual improvement in administrative practices to ensure members receive optimal value for the membership fees and donations.
- Liaise with and develop cooperative working arrangements with like organizations and associations.
- Formally develop succession planning for key appointments within the Association.
- Raise funds to support these objectives and other Association priorities that may arise from time to time.

For full details and news about the Association's projects and events, click on:

www.raevictoria.asn.au

That's it for now.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email or call – we're also very happy to hear any suggestions you may have for future events.

Kind regards,

KAY SADDLER
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Membership Categories



1. Ordinary Members and Associate Members (members who support the Association but do not meet service membership criteria) who pay their subscriptions by 1st of January receive a receipt.
2. Concessional Life Membership. A member, who upon reaching the age of 65 years (prior to 1st of January of the membership year) may elect to make a one off payment equal to ten times the annual subscription for an Ordinary Member. Such members will be granted Concessional Life Membership with no further fees being payable. They will receive a letter from the Committee to confirm the granting of this category of membership.
3. Complementary Life Membership. A member who has made a significant contribution to the Association either by way of a substantial financial or memorabilia donation, may be awarded a Complementary Life Membership together with a letter from the committee confirming the granting of this membership.
4. Honorary Life Membership. Members over the age of 80 will be awarded Honorary Life Membership in recognition of their age status and contribution to both the community and the Corps. They will receive a letter from the committee confirming the granting of this membership.
5. Honorary Life Membership. Members who have made an outstanding contribution to the Association will be awarded Honorary Life Membership together with a framed certificate confirming the granting of this membership.

In categories 3 and 5, nominations are to be submitted to the committee with supporting justification and documentation. Nominations will be considered on a case by case basis.

Membership of the RAE Association Victoria costs \$15 per year with subscriptions due on 1 January each year. All members will receive an electronic copy of each issue Sapper Summit, the magazine of the Association. Hard copies will be available to members without email. All members will receive a coloured, hard copy of the post ANZAC Day edition of Sapper Summit along with an electronic copy of that edition.

Applicants over the age of 65 may elect to pay ten times the annual fee to receive life membership. Fees are not required from applicants over the age of 80.



APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP
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Jim Davis
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SIGNED: _____ / /

Wish to become a member of The Royal Australian Engineers Association of Victoria Incorporated (RAE Association (Vic) Inc. for the time being in force. In the event of my admission as a member, I agree to:

1. Support the purposes of the Association.
2. Comply with the rules of the Association.

Note: Under the Application for Membership clause in the Association Rules, a person who wishes to join the Association must submit a signed written application to a committee member, and agree to the two items 1 & 2 listed above.

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