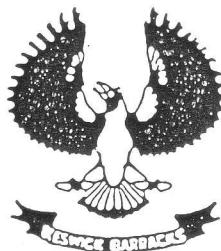


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EDITORIAL

After typing all the 'stories' for our magazine, it made me think about the work gone into producing the final product. The only contribution I have is I'm the best looking typist that our 'writer' has. (I'm the only one.)

Of course I'm talking about Alex Munro.

To tell you the truth, I don't know where he gets all his information from, and I've also noticed he is very good at remembering names. (even though he will probably deny that statement.)

Alex spends many hours writing for our magazine, but to get all the information, Alex is always on the lookout for news and spends countless hours on letters, phonecalls and visiting people, and I take this opportunity to thank him, and also George Ricketts for securing numerous news items, and Bernie Watson for providing photography.

I know I've asked everyone for articles before, but any news whether verbal or written would be appreciated by your committee.

JIM DUNN

SICK LIST

ROBIN WILSON

Robin suffered a heart attack in early July, requiring two weeks in hospital under observation and medication. He has had to go back for a day or two, undergoing tests, and hopefully no operation will be required. Best of luck Robin.

PETER PUCZKOWSKI

Since moving from Adelaide to Maroochydore in QLD., hoping the climate there would help his cancer condition, we are happy to report that Peter is feeling really well at the moment, the best for some considerable time.

HARRY BRUNE

Harry has had an operation to his eyes to correct a problem with failing eyesight, but the result was not as good as hoped for. There is doubt as to whether subsequent treatment will help, so the situation is not good. - Best of luck Harry.

RUSSELL PENGILLY

Russell has had by-pass surgery to the heart, and although not too sprightly at the moment, is reported to be improving. We all hope so too.

VALE

It is with sadness that we report that Stewart Hall passed away on August 11th, at the Royal Adelaide Hospital, aged 87 years.

Stewart was born in Bendigo, Victoria, into a family connected with the early days of the district, and was a great nephew of the late Sir George Lansell, the famed Quartz King of the goldfields. Stewart was educated in Bendigo, becoming an architectural draftsman, but preferred farming, and spent some years on the land.

Soon after the outbreak of WW2 in 1940, he enlisted in the Army and saw service in the Middle East and in New Guinea, before moving back to Bendigo and joining Survey at the former AHQ Survey Regiment. He remained at Fortuna for several years as a topo draftsman, until leaving the Corps and moving to Adelaide to take up a position with the S.A. Lands Department in 1958.

Stewart was a devoted family man and very community minded, and for many years was a member of the Gilles Plains and Hamstead RSL Sub-Branch, a member of the Enfield Masonic Lodge, as well as a member of the Gilles Plains Methodist Church, later becoming the Uniting Church.

He was well respected with many friends, and the church was completely filled at the funeral service held for him in the Windsor Gardens Uniting Church on Monday 15th August, 1994.

A similar service was held the following day in Bendigo, at the Quarry Hill Uniting Church, prior to the burial in the Bendigo Cemetery.

A large crowd attended both the service and burial, with several of Stewart's old pals from his Fortuna days being there. Condolences from all members of our Association are extended to Stewart's wife Jessie and son Tim and family.

VALE

It is with regret that we report the death of Vic Hoskings, in early July this year.

Vic was stationed at Fortuna during the early eighties, and would be well known to many of our members who have settled in Adelaide.

He died in the Peter McCullin Cancer Hospital in Melbourne only weeks after being diagnosed with terminal cancer. Not much else is known, but thanks to Kevin Boehm, for passing the report on from George Graham in Bendigo.

GEORGE GRUSZKA

It is with sadness that I report the sudden death of George Gruszka, at the age of 63 years, on Saturday, 20th August, 1994, at the Royal Adelaide Hospital.

He was in hospital at the time undergoing chemotherapy treatment for leukaemia, and his death was unexpected, especially to George Ricketts who had visited him the previous evening.

The funeral was held on Wednesday, 24th August, 1994. On that morning Requiem Mass was held in George's parish church of St. Francis of Assisi, at Newton, conducted by the Rev. Father K. Chwalek and Father Alan Welchman, and attended by an estimated 300-400 mourners, such was the esteem held for George by the community at large, and especially in the Polish community.

The coffin was draped in both the Australian and Polish flags and was borne into the church in procession by the pallbearers, preceded by the officiating priests and flag bearers representing different Polish organisations, followed by family members and a group of young people wearing colourful Polish national dress. The service was spoken mainly in Polish but also in English, and took almost one and a half hours to complete the moving ceremony.

Several eulogies were given by speakers representing groups that George had been involved with, including one by George Ricketts, both as a friend and representing the Royal Australian Survey Corps. I think he summed up very well in conclusion, when he said "George's greatest achievement was his ability to maintain his strong ethnic ties on the one hand and his ability to fit in so well in his adopted country on the other. His humble nature was well known and he got on very well with all he worked with. He was an inspiration to many and will be sadly missed but remembered with affection."

A Guard of Honour was provided by 4 Field Survey Squadron outside the church and also at the cemetery for the cortege. Besides George Ricketts, myself and Joan, also present at the service were Noel Sproles, Tony Stephens, Mick Dempster, WO2 Peter Hammer and Major Peter Demaine.

Later, a large crowd of mourners attended the burial service at the Enfield Memorial Park Cemetery, to pay their last respects to George Gruszka.

The condolences of all Association members are extended to Eva and family in their time of grief.

ALEX MUNRO.

NO RESPECT - A SIGN OF THE TIMES

When Jessie Hall returned home to Adelaide after Stewart's funeral, she discovered that the family home had been broken into. Amongst the items stolen were Stewart's service medals.

CORPS DAY PARADE AT BENDIGO

The Army Survey Regiment paraded at Fortuna on Friday 1st July, 1994. The parade was well attended by friends and family groups, as well as invited local dignitaries, to view what was possibly the last parade by the Regiment in its present formation, something that has remained with few changes over many years.

The Director of Survey-Army, Colonel Simon Lemon, took the salute during the march past.

Because of other activities planned for the day, the parade was held at 8.30 a.m. in calm but very cold weather with the temperature at about the zero mark, which is the reason why about two thirds of the parade ground surface was covered with thin ice.

I felt a bit sorry for members of a local pipes and drums band providing music for the occasion, who I'm sure would have felt more comfortable in long trousers over long Johns rather than bare knees and kilts. Had a yarn with Don and Ruth Ridge and also Andy Covington on leave in Victoria from his Kalgoorlie parish, but had to cut it there unfortunately, as the vehicle I was hitching a ride in was leaving for Bonegilla immediately after the parade.

ALEX MUNRO.

CORPS BIRTHDAY DINNER AT KESWICK BARRACKS.

It must be a sign of age as it doesn't seem a year since the last one, but the local dinner this year was held at the Sergeants' Mess on Saturday 25th June and was well attended by both serving and former members of the Corps and their wives, with 94 attending all-up.

Pre-dinner drinks and hors d'oeuvres were served at 7 p.m., with everyone moving into the dining room at 7.30 p.m. The dinner was of 5 courses served with two whites and one red wine.

Stewards for the night were 'volunteer' sappers from 4 Fd. Svy. and I take this opportunity to compliment them on a job well done. I can remember being volunteered as a steward in my early days at Balcombe by Bill Childs, who was the adjutant at the time, to serve at officers' mess dinners. This happened three times without so much as a thankyou, so when I got wind in advance of the fourth dinner coming up one Friday night, I wrote out and had accepted an application for leave. When Bill approached me a week or two later to be a steward for the night, I did my best to look disappointed when I told him I could'nt accept his kind offer!

As is usual on the occasion, a toast to the Corps was given and responded to by Colonel Simon Lemon. This was followed later by a toast to the Princess of Wales as Colonel-in-Chief of the Corps. The formal part of the dinner concluded with a farewell to Ken Talbot-Smith, pending his departure from Adelaide to Perth as a W.O.1 in Cadets, and also a belated farewell to Eddie Jacobs, well and truly retired since early in the year.

Attending from Canberra was the Director of Survey, Colonel Lemon and from Bonegilla was W.O.2 Roger Rees who made the long trip over with his delightful wife. Also from interstate, all the way from Portland, was Dave Wicker and his wife.

As the dinner was possibly the last held by 4 Fd. Svy. before being disbanded next year, a few more locals than usual attended for old times sake. Those I noticed included George Ricketts, Rob Langley, Mick Dempster, Max Coletti, John Zuringer, Ken Jeffery, Alan Adsett, Brian Taylor, Bob Mills, Robin Wilson, John Harrison, Moyna Briggs, Tony Stephens, Ian Belmont, Desi Asaris, Eddie Jacobs, Jim Dunn, Harry Dunn, Brett Knuckey, Bob Cooper, Bob Love, Bob Williams and Jack Elverd, with my apologies to those I've missed. Apologies were received from Colin van Senden, Frank Bryant and Marj Knight, just to mention a few.

A good night and enjoyed by all. I slipped away just after midnight, but I'm told the get-together continued until after 2 a.m.

ALEX MUNRO

A.G.M. 1994.

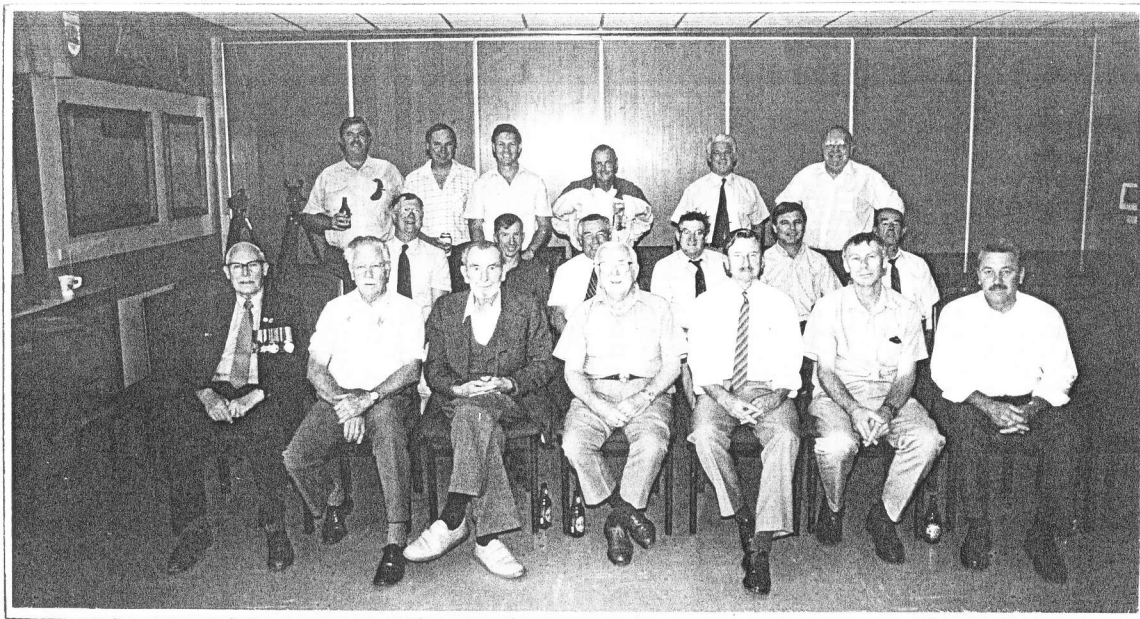
The meeting began with a minute's silence for the late Geoff Briggs.

There were three main items for discussion - Incorporation of our Association. This has been under review for the previous two AGM's, but has now been dropped unless circumstances indicate otherwise later on. Because of our relatively small numbers and the few and type of functions held during the year, the effort required against the possible benefits does not warrant going any further.

Subscriptions. Costs are rising so our annual subscription has been set at \$5.00.

Office Bearers. George Ricketts was elected President, Bob Love as Vice-President and Alex Munro as Secretary/Treasurer. The committee elected were Jim Dunn, Bernie Watson, Bob Cooper and Rob Langley.

The meeting took just on 35 minutes, so not too bad!



A.G.M. 1994

**L to R Front: Bernie Watson, Bob Love, Harry Brune, George Ricketts,
Alex Munro, Jim Dunn, Bob Cooper.**

**Centre: John Harrison, Bob Williams, Mick Hansen, Harry Dunn,
John Nathan, Dave Collins.**

**Rear: Dave Cheesman, Jack Elverd, Eddie Jacobs, Pat Cox,
Arthur Henson and Ted Bear. Present but not in the
photo - Neville Stone.**

APOLOGIES

**Bob Griffin, Allan Adsett, Kevin Boehm, Colin van Senden, Peter Davis,
Mick Dempster, Frank McMillan, Ken Jefferey, Rob Langley, Darcy Patrick
and Stevo Hinic.**

ANZAC DAY 1994.

Another fine day fortunately, but overcast and cool. Those who met for the march at Keswick Barracks, were driven to the form-up point in Victoria Square by Sgt. Marty Evans and Pte. 'Viv' Vivian. A welcome visitor was Arthur Henson, on holidays from Canberra with Barbara; it must be over twenty years since both left Adelaide.

A total of fifteen turned up for the march, which wasn't too bad, but a few more would have been better. Remember that all Association members are eligible, so keep it in mind for next year. Those who marched were Spr. Miles Da Costa bearing our banner, George Ricketts, (leading the push), Bob Cooper, Arthur Henson, Bob Love, Alex Munro, John Harrison, George Campbell-Kennedy, Harry Dunn, Alan Adsett, Peter Davis, Bernie Watson, Pat Cox, Dave Collins and Dave Pounsett. The march was slightly smoother than last year, with a few less stop/go interruptions and the crowd was as large and appreciative as ever.

The Governor - Dame Roma Mitchell - took the salute at the usual place adjacent to Torrens Parade Ground on King William Road. After the march, not all returned to Keswick for the BBQ lunch, but twenty-one Association members attended, at the invitation of Sqn. O.C. Major Peter Demaine.

It was a family day for 4 Fd. Svy., after the squadron marched in the parade. Barbara Henson, Pam Harrison and Dianne Dunn arrived later for lunch, and it was great to see Arthur and Barbara again after such a long break.

After lunch, the AGM was held, with the customary photograph of the group by Bernie Watson.

After a fairly short AGM, everyone returned to the canteen for further drinks and to catch up on the news over the last year, until Bob Love's son - Jim - marched in with his pipers and drummers to entertain us for quite some time. The gathering broke up around 4 p.m. to end a good day.

ALEX MUNRO

After the March 1994 - in Pennington Gardens.

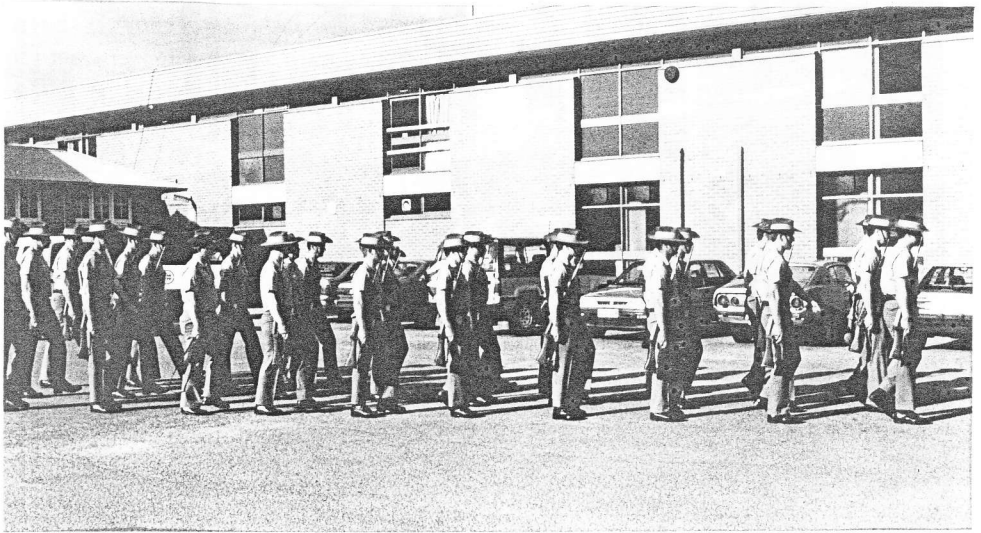


L to R Bernie Watson, Alex Munro, Peter Davis, Allan Adsett, George Campbell-Kennedy, Spr Miles Da Costa (with banner), Bob Love, Pat Cox, John Harrison, Arthur Henson, George Ricketts, Dave Collins, Harry Dunn, Bob Cooper and Dave Pounsett.



ANZAC DAY 1994.





G.P.O. Box , Canberra, A.C.T., 2601, Australia

Mr. Alex Munro,

COLONEL LIGHT GARDENS S.A. 5041

Dear Mr. Munro,,

As you probably know, the New Guinea Survey Section (later to become the 8th Field Survey Section A.I.F.) was one of the smallest army units in the Second World War. For obvious reasons, it was the first survey unit to go on active service in the Pacific War and, in its brief history, the only army unit to serve both on the Kokoda Trail (Owers Corner immortalises one of its lieutenants) and with Kanga Force, which was the longest airborne operation in any theatre of war in the Second World War.

It last paraded as a unit in Port Moresby in November 1943, when it was disbanded, most were drafted to other survey units. Others, myself included, went into aircrew.

Although the 3rd Field Association, from which the 34 'Colac volunteers' were drawn, has done a great job in helping some of us to keep in touch, most have never met for more than half-a-century.

We hope to march again as a unit in the commemorative activities to mark the fiftieth anniversary of the end of the Second World War.

Of the 82 officers and men known to have served with the unit, only 19 have so far been traced. A further 17 are known to have died during or after the war, and 46 are still 'missing'.

We seek your help in trying to locate as many as possible of these, and also the families of those who have passed on.

I am enclosing a list of their names, but some of the service numbers are not known, and some others may not be accurate.

Many thanks,



(Brian Murray)

30 June 1994

Encl.

NEW GUINEA SURVEY SECTION - THE MISSING

Of 82 officers and men known to have served with the New Guinea Survey Section (later the 8th Field Survey Section A.I.F.) on the Kokoda Trail, with Kanga Force and in other parts of Papua and New Guinea in 1942 and 1943, only 19 have been traced and 17 others are believed dead. More than half the unit, some 46, are 'missing'.

With your help, we are keen to contact as many as possible. We should also like to hear from the families of old mates who have passed on.

Those whom we are trying to trace include:

BOGIE, Bob (V 151263), BROWN, A.D. (N185242), BROWN, L.C.(N99858), BROWNE, John (PX159), CAHN, Les (P262), CAMERON, Ken (Curly) (QX25), CAMPBELL-KENNEDY, George (SX25062), COOKE, K.C. (N281355), DAVIDSON, C.B. (an old New Guinea hand), DAVIES, or DAVIS, Joe (V151044), DORROUGH, Matt (NX159809), EDMONDS, H (NX112575), FRANKLIN, Bill (V11910), FULTON, Alec (VX131700), GIBLIN, Kevin (QX43143), GILL, Joe (N202789), GRATTON, Roy (VX112353), GREEN, Athol (QX...), HAND*, Viv (VX...), HANN, Bob (NX48523), HARRISON, Ken (QX...), HARTLEY*, Tom (SX30890), HINES, P.H. (QX...), HODGINSON, Gerry (QX...), KEENAN, Wally (QX...), KRUTLI, Otto (P 8), LAMBERTON, W.A. (QX...), LAUGHLIN,

Ian (VX116360), McDONALD, Bernie (VX116365)
McKENZIE, Gordon (PX92), MANSFIELD, Ossie (VX137966), MILNES, S
(N21263), MURPHY, J.F.L. (VX100761), O'BRIEN, P.S.J. (Chips)
(VX116361), O'REILLY, Eugene (P381), PHILLIPS, Ralph (P199), POWELL,
Ray (PX185), PUNCH, S (NX119090), ROBERTS, Peter (VX124340), SIMMONS,
S.V.(Vince) (P265), SKINNER, Des (QX55445), SUTTON, W.J. (N273839),
TEALBY, P (P342), THOMAS, Bill (QX41985), VICTOR, Vince (QX54139),
WEIER, Ted (QX51591), WRIGHT, J.H. (Warwick?) QX31123, WYHOON, Terry
(VX 116369)

* Transferred to N.G.F. Photo-interpretation
Unit in the latter part of 1942

As mentioned, the names and addresses of the next-of-kin of mates who
have passed on would particularly appreciated since, if it is possible for
us to organise a Last Parade, we should like to give them the opportunity
of also taking part.

Brian Murray, G.P.O. Box CANBERRA A.C.T. 2601 (Tel/Fax 06 - 3)


30-6-94

PRIVATISATION AT FORTUNA - THE OUTCOME

The decision as to whether map production at Fortuna remain under military control or be privatised under control of a civil agency, has been decided in favour of the Army Survey Regiment.

Their bid, referred to as the in-house option, won the day over that of the final bidder, a Perth-based group.

The original concept was to reduce the defence budget, by all service units operating in the most cost efficient way, and replacing servicemen with civilian staff where practicable.

Even though the in-house option was successful, the regiment will be completely restructured, in that the present strength of over 320, will be reduced to around 150 servicemen and women and a similar number of about 150 public servants or perhaps contract workers.

The problems involved in integrating such a group are numerous, some are no doubt known and possibly many are yet to surface, so it will probably be well over a year before the whole thing is sorted out and running, including any new building requirements, etc., naturally a slow process.

This process has already started, in that a U.K. based company, Serco-GM, operating world wide, has a contract to supply services within Fortuna, such as catering, ground maintenance, cleaning, security, minor works, etc., and have about 50 staff operating now. Front gate security is now maintained around the clock, seven days a week, an example of one change. It will certainly be interesting to see the final outcome.

COMMITTEE MEETING

On Monday, 25th July, the committee held a meeting at the Keswick Barracks Sergeants' Mess to discuss business. Present were Alex Munro, George Ricketts, Rob Langley, Bernie Watson and myself.

The main points that were discussed were the newsletter front page set out, and our annual dinner for all members and friends.

Some minor changes will occur for the newsletter front page and hopefully we might be able to add a little colour to it.

Concerning the annual dinner, the venue is subject to change, but it was agreed upon to hold it on the first Friday/Saturday of November each year.

This year the venue will be the Union Hotel, Waymouth Street, Adelaide on Saturday 5th Nov. See the separate article for more details.

ANNUAL MIXED DINNER/GET-TOGETHER

Now that a firm date of the first Friday/Saturday in November of each year has been set, a booking has been made at the Union Hotel in Waymouth St, City, for Saturday 5th November, '94 at 6.30 p.m. for 7 p.m.

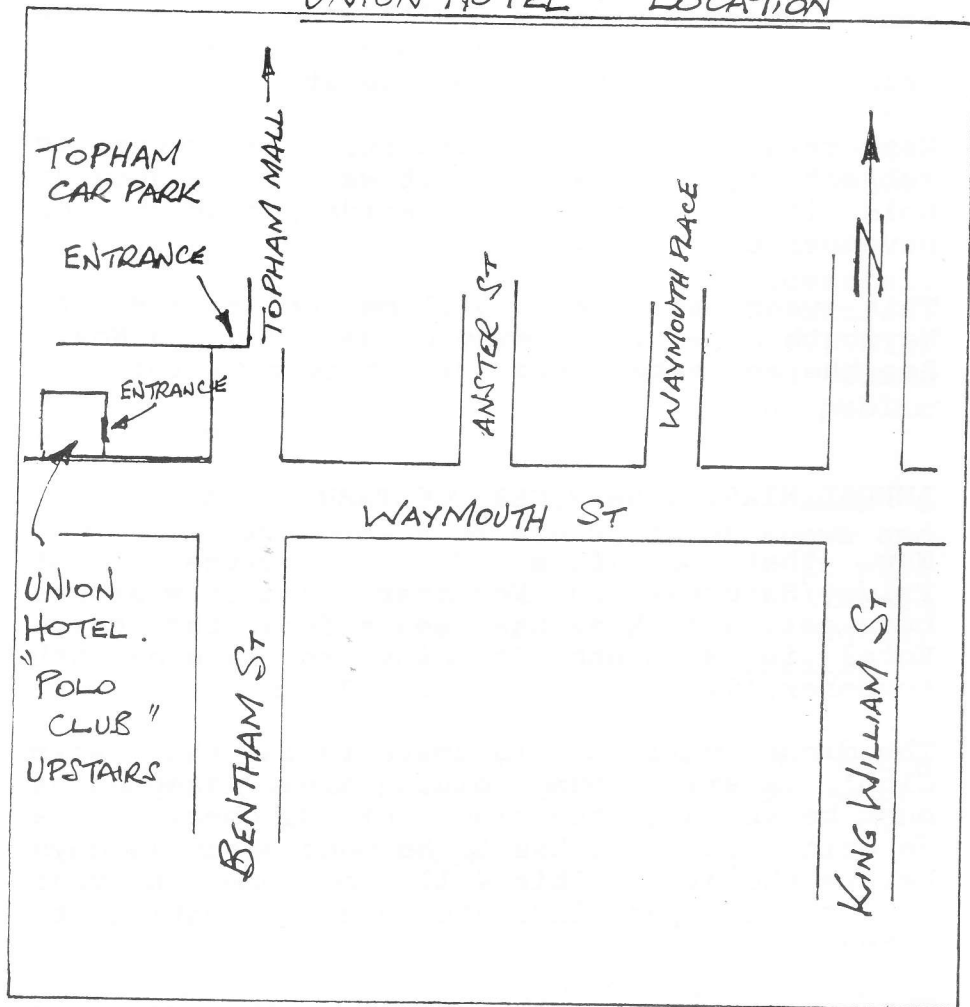
The dinner will be held upstairs in the 'Polo Club', a small lounge/dining area. Acceptances must be known by the middle of October, as a deposit per head has to be made about 10 days before the night. This will be done on your behalf if you indicate your intention to attend.

The menu is à la carte, but is not available yet for November, as it changes periodically, but the selection and prices seem reasonable. Drinks at normal hotel prices.

Car parking is available, if required, in the Topham carpark next to the hotel at 50 cents per hour. See the enclosed map.

The venue seems very cosy, so it should be a good night out. Contact any of the committee on our newsletter cover for extra details and bookings.

UNION HOTEL - LOCATION



DINNER AT BONEGILLA

The annual Corps Day Dinner organised by the SMS, Bonegilla, was held in the Latchford Barracks Sergeants' Mess on Friday, 1st July, 1994.

We arrived in the early afternoon and were allocated rooms in the Apprentice Quarters, a mixture of beds and stretchers squeezed together but comfortable and adequate, with no complaints about the tariff.

Because the number attending was less than in previous years the Mess dining-room was used for the dinner instead of the way-off OR's dining area. Even so, about 94 guests sat down to dinner. No one missed the 5 minute walk as in other years, to the OR's mess hall, along dark pathways in freezing weather, and missed even less the return walk when many found they were not as sure of foot as on the trip over. The weather was usual for June/July - freezing cold. Down from Canberra were Colonel Simon Lemon, Clem Sargent, Gavin Nielsen, Phil Boyle and from Bendigo were Don Ridge, John Hogan, Bob Mason and from the local scene were Ross McMillan and Rocky Camps, while Ian Lever was conspicuous by his absence. There were numerous others, but I can't recall the names right now. I also caught up with Rowan Gillies, Roger Rees, George Timmins and Jim Cheater's son 'young' fluffy.

From Adelaide besides myself, were Bob Williams, Tony Stephens, Bob Dikkenberg, Paul Baker and Stevo Hinic, while from down Melbourne way was a group of former 2/1 Topo Svy. Coy. characters - Jack Holmes, Jack Yarra, Tom Hunter, Ern Folks, Kevin Prowse, Maurice Sharp, Jack Chamberlain and Ken Johnson.

John Hogan's son - Michael - is now a W.O.1 and SSM of the School, as well as being Dining President for the night. Besides the customary toasts to the Corps and the Princess of Wales, there were also toasts to the President of the U.S.A. and the King of Thailand, because an American exchange officer was present at the dinner, as well as some Thai officers.

What has become almost a tradition during the dinner, is for everyone to join in a rendition of the Corps song - 'Wandering the Kings Highway'. At very best, there have been some pretty woeful attempts in the past, and someone suggested once it might be kinder to recite it instead!

But surprise, surprise, it was sung right through with great gusto, everyone keeping in time and in tune. Marvellous. The taped music played probably helped a lot, and was specially prepared for the dinner by one of the few remaining military bands, possibly from the manuscript provided by Ray Smith from the 3rd Fd. Coy Assoc'n.

A great night, which I'm sure was enjoyed by all, and as usual went on into the dawn hours.

At breakfast the following morning, there was a small band of bleary eyed stalwarts who had gone right through the night. Maybe once, but not now!

Congratulations once more to Major Owen Moss and his staff in organising another successful Corps Day Dinner.

ALEX MUNRO.

THE CLOSURE OF 4 FIELD SURVEY SQUADRON

The closing down of the squadron was scheduled for about now, but due to many reasons, including federal budget restraints, it will probably be about another year before the final move to Brisbane.

ODD HOURS AT FORTUNA

This will come as a shock to the military purist or conservative, but the bar of the Sergeants' Mess and also that of the Officers' Mess at the Regiment only opens now on a Friday night. On all other days, to have a quiet ale after work, the Officers, Warrant Officers and Senior NCO's have to use the OR's Tavern.

This is something of an experiment as I understand, designed to cut costs, and will be reviewed in the future.

At the moment there is a full time bar person in the OR's Tavern until 9 p.m. Monday to Friday, but not sure of week-end hours. This is part of the privatisation scheme, with Noel Coulthard managing contract staff, but as stated, will be reviewed.

SURVEY EX-SERVICEMEN'S ASSOCIATION - N.S.W.

An invitation has been received from John Maltby, inviting our members to attend their mixed annual dinner on Friday, 9th September, 1994, and also their Christmas Re-union on Friday 2nd December, 94, both functions in Sydney, naturally enough. For anyone who might be going that way about those times and be interested, his address is:-

COLLARROY, N.S.W. 2097.
Phone (02) 982 1230

Thanks for the invite John.

NEWS ITEMS

PETER ROSSITER

A letter from Peter arrived about a month ago. Talk about out of the blue, and if asked I would have said the odds of this happening were about the same as winning a big time lottery. It must be around thirty years since Peter left Adelaide on posting.

It appears that Frank Bryant recently located Peter and posted him our last newsletter.

Hence the letter, recalling old memories from Ted Laker's slouch hat to the Pigeon Fancier and Yung'Arrison.

Peter's address is:-

BALLINA, NSW 2478

Thanks for the letter Peter, it's great to hear from you after such a long break, and you can expect a reply sometime in the next month or so, including a mailing list.

NOEL COULTHARD

Retired last year as QM at the Regiment, and worked for some time with one of the Holden distributors in Bendigo. He is now back at Fortuna as the local manager to the civil firm of contractors supplying catering, security and ground/maintenance staff to support the logistic requirements there. At a glance only, they seem to be doing a good job, better than the previous system and hopefully this is not just another case of the new broom syndrome.

WALLY HERBST

Spotted fairly recently, Wally still works on the Moomba Gas Fields, which would account for his absence from Association functions, but this is the same for all of us-paying the bills comes first.

Wally now sports a beard(going white according to our informant) and has added a few pounds to the former athletic figure. Life on the gasfields might be less arduous than we thought.

Sorry Wally, but talking of bills, you're a bit behind in subs. An article on the gas fields for our newsletter would be nice too.

JOE STAZIUK

Very little information here, except that Joe is living in Runaway Bay, QLD, and that there was a recent increase to the family, sex unknown. Does anyone know more?

WALLY AND EILEEN GILLARD

Recently travelled through Adelaide enroute from Tasmania to W.A. Eileen took time out during the stop-over to ring George Ricketts and catch up on the missing years, and to say that Wally has recovered from his illness of a few months back.

LEN BEADELL

For anyone who didn't read it in the newspaper, Len was nominated as "Adventurer of the Year" by the Australian Geographic magazine. Well done Len.

JOHN HUNTER

Now back in Adelaide after a long absence. On his way home last Anzac Day, George Ricketts had a brief chance meeting with John. Not much to tell, except that John is now in the wholesale perfume business and was driving a very smart up-market car in the company of a nice looking friend. (was it Henry Ninio, he's in the perfume industry?)

GARRY KENNY

Garry is now the padre (Uniting Church) at the Kapooka Recruit Training Centre, with the rank of Captain. Previously he was padre at the Apprentice School, Bonegilla.

SKY-PILOT TRAINING?

Peter Rodriguez (now in Gympie, QLD), is reported to be studying at bible classes, but it is not known to what end.

THE WICKER BROTHERS

Dave was over from Victoria for the Corps Day Dinner at Keswick Barracks. He has sold the motel business he was running for some years, and is now the manager of the power tools section of Mitre 10 Hardware in Portland, where he still lives.

John (better known as T.J.) is still in the Army Reserve at Hampstead, but thinking of giving it away fairly soon because of other commitments. He now works in the Attorney General's Department as a mediator/advisor with the Division of Consumer and Business Affairs. So if you have been diddled of late by a shonky tradesman or used car salesman or similar, John might be able to help.

YOU CAN'T GO IN YET PRIVATE SMITH... THE O.C. AND ZIC ARE DISCUSSING YOUR PROMOTIONAL PROSPECTS!



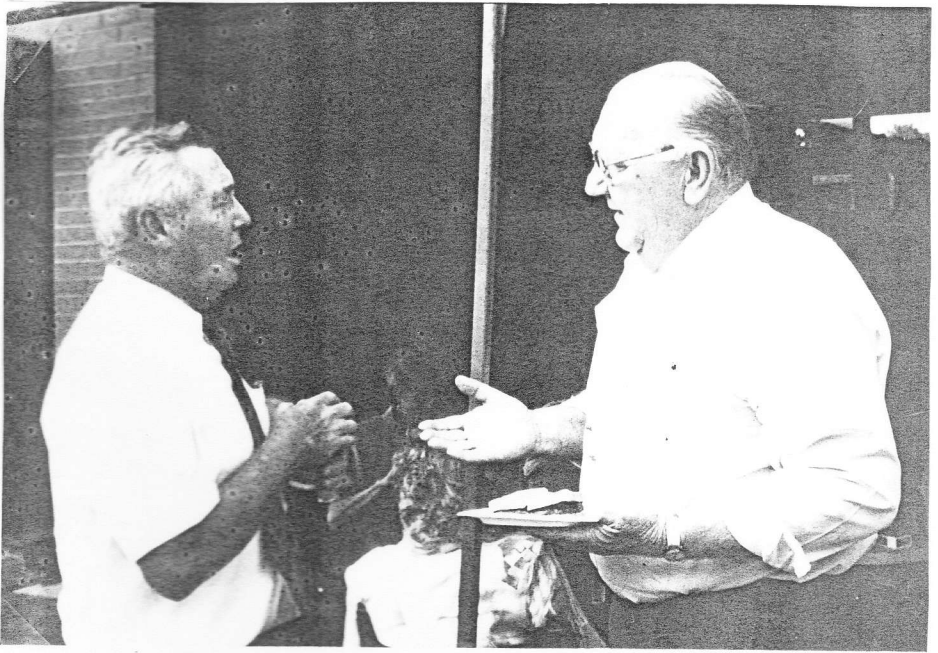
I KNOW YOU'RE NEW TO THE JOB... BUT IT'S QUITE OBVIOUS THAT YOU'RE CONFUSED AS TO WHAT YOUR DUTIES AS THE OC'S BATMAN ARE.





ANZAC DAY 1994.





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