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NEWS ITEMS REQUIRED

Contact Alex Munro or George Ricketts with any news that could interest members generally. Don't be shy. Anecdotes welcome.

ANZAC DAY RE-UNION - SATURDAY 25 APRIL, 1998

Our form-up point for the Anzac Day Parade is the same as usual, at the corner of Victoria Square and Grote Street opposite the SGIC building, at 9.15am. Keep your fingers crossed for a fine day.

For any member who has not previously marched in the parade, you are entitled to do so, and the RSL encourages participation by all former and serving ARA and ARES servicemen.

Our re-union is at the Old Queens Arms in Wright Street around mid-day, with lunch about 1pm and the AGM in their back room about 2.15pm

SOCIAL NEWS

Remember the 'First Friday' of each month for drinks after 5pm at the Old Queen's Arms in Wright Street. The pub is on the north side about 400 metres in from King William Street, if you are not certain where. New faces welcome.

CHRISTMAS GET-TOGETHER

Held on Saturday, 20 December, last year at the Rob Roy Hotel in Halifax Street.

This event was probably our best attended ever and provided a great opportunity to catch up with old friends. Everyone met in a side bar for drinks at 6.30pm, moving into the dining room just after 7pm with 41 sitting down to dinner.

Apologies were received from about 20 or so, mainly due to other functions or travelling.

Those attending were Marj and George Ricketts, Margaret and Rob Wilson, Pam and John Harrison, Moyna Briggs, Joan and Alex Munro, Pam and Bob Griffin, Pam and Laurie Sutton, Lea and T.J. Wicker, Diane and Harry Dunn, Dave Irving, Mary and Bob Mills, Ann and Jason Phillips, Stevo Hinic and Pauline, Pam and Bob Ballard, Lincoln Smith, Desi Asaris, Joan and John Scharber, Lorraine and Ken Talbot-Smith, Ken Jeffery and Pauline, Janeen and Max Colleti, Raeline and John Nathan, Carol and Wally Herbst. Apologies to anyone missed.

Apologies were received from John Zuringer, Darcy Patrick, Jim Dunn, Mal Paterson, Peter Davis, Gordon Santo, Alex Czornohalan, Bill Griggs, Wally Mooney, Marj Knight, Mick Hansen, Bill Love, Bob Dikkenberg, Noel Sproles, Bob Love, Mike Sarson, Colin van Senden, Allan Adsett, Ted Bear and Brett Knuckey.

CORPS BIRTHDAY DINNER

To be held on a Saturday night close to 1 July, probably 4 July, 1998 at this stage. A letter giving all details will be sent out in about 7 to 8 weeks from now. The main thing now is to mark the event and date in your diary.

INSPECTION OF THE OLD 4 FD SVY BUILDING

An inspection of the renovated building now occupied by HQ 9 BDE and also the former Q store now turned into a museum, was suggested for last February.

Gordon Santo was the only taker of the offer, but I'm sure there are others interested, should it be possible to organise something again early one evening. Please contact Alex Munro soon if interested, so that something can be arranged. I assume the pace of last Christmas put the original date out of everyone's mind.

ARMY SURVEY REGIMENT HISTORY

For those who might not know, Valerie Lovejoy is the historian researching and writing the history of the ASR. By way of the Ex Fortuna Survey Association newsletter, Valerie had a questionnaire distributed last year to former members. To my knowledge, it would have been posted to only those on the distribution list for the newsletter, and I'm not certain of that number, but my guess is that there are many living in S.A. who would have not received the questionnaire.

Valerie spoke to me by 'phone recently, and really does need the input for her research, irrespective of what rank you held while posted at Fortuna. She also mentioned that only six former members responded for the whole state of S.A. She needs the information now, so please complete the questionnaire **pronto**. If you received but have since lost your copy, or did not receive one at all, contact me (Alex Munro) on [REDACTED] and I will post the questionnaire to you. Valerie does need your help, **but now**. Her address is :-

SPRING GULLY
VIC 3550
(Phone [REDACTED])

4 FD SVY SQN HISTORY

We are bogged down with the roll books at the moment but hopefully will have extracted everything of use in about another month. A long term project, believe me. Thanks to those who have returned their service questionnaires, and a reminder to those who have not. Get on with it. Any volunteers to print-out information shortly? Please contact Alex Munro if you can help.

THE AUSTRALIAN ACTIVE SERVICE MEDAL 1945 - 1975

Received a call from Noel Sproles, who has investigated eligibility for the above medal, and thinks many members would be eligible if they had served in Vietnam, Malaya, Korea, etc. For anyone wishing to determine their case, apply in writing with all service details to:-

ARMY MEDAL SECTION
SOLDIERCAREER MANAGEMENT AGENCY
GPO BOX 5108 B.B.
MELBOURNE VIC. 3001

SAPPER NEWS

From the RAE newsletter of December, 1997:-

From the column 'Moving On', I noticed the retirement of Col. Simon Lemon after 26 years service.

There was also an obituary to Col. Alex Laing and Gill Park, both mentioned in our newsletter of December, 1997.

Reading different articles, the Army seems to be a whole new ball game, regarding almost everything, especially the terminology. An article of particular interest to the bush walking fraternity, described how ARES soldiers of the 21st Construction Regiment (from QLD/NSW) during their recent Annual Field Exercise constructed a 60 metre suspension foot bridge over the Tumut River near Tumut township. The bridge is part of the Hume and Hovell Walking Track, traversing about 400 kms. between Albury and Yass, crossing the Snowy Mountains, and provides a much safer crossing for the 50,000 or so tourists visiting that area each year. Financed as a Defence Assistance to the Civil Community project, the structural parts were produced in Albury and the whole bridge assembled in 7 days by 14 sappers.

BLACKFRIARS EXPEDITION FEATURING ALEX CZORNOHALAN

During a 'FIRST FRIDAY' get together, Alex Czornohalan mentioned a 4 WD trip he and his son participated in into the hinterland of S.A. and W.A., holding our interest over a few ales with the story.

It appears a group of students from Blackfriars Priory School accompanied by their fathers (hence Alex and son Andrew) undertook a trip from Adelaide to Ayers Rock, then westward along Len Beadell's old Gun Barrel Highway to Laverton, returning along the Anne Beadell Highway to Coober Pedy and back to Adelaide. It all happened during normal school holidays over a period of 16 days and covering a total distance of 5605 kms.

The group of 35 in all, used a convoy of 8 x 4WD vehicles with 3 trailers, all privately owned, with each vehicle equipped with a VHF radio using the same channel, to provide social chit-chat along the way and for safety reasons.

Accommodation stores entailed practical deluxe camp gear, such as swags, mattresses, tents, etc but also a freezer, rapid hot water system (nicknamed the 'rocket') gas stove, gas BBQ and other items of refined and civilised living. Very professional routine orders were produced in advance, organising everyone to their share of the everyday chores, probably with some input from Alex's previous survey trips in the bush. Well into the trip, vehicle problems began to take toll, like punctures, broken struts, broken brake liner, ruptured differential seals, loose shock absorbers, carburettor problems, a sheared tow bar ball and broken suspension springs, no trouble near the Big Smoke, but requiring luck and some expertise to repair when way Out Back.

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Fortunately, discarded vehicles were not all uncommon along the track, including those left by indigenous locals, and spare parts and springs were cannibalised on occasions. Lateral thinking to the rescue, when a suspension spring had to be re-shaped, requiring a forge, which was ingeniously set-up roadside, using an air mattress pump and hollow tent pole to deliver forced air to the fire, proving very successful. On another occasion, a trailer flipped, bending the axle, which was removed from the chassis, placed in the fork of a very stout tree and straightened using a snap rope and winch with a 4 WD vehicle supplying the power.

Taking all into consideration, they did manage to see a lot of interesting things and places along the way, such as Coober Pedy with the early morning temperature down to -6° C, Ayers Rock climb plus the hordes of tourists and the dingoes, the Olgas, Lasseter's Cave, Giles weather station, Len Beadell's tree, Warburton, Laverton, Yeo Lake Nature Reserve, wildflowers galore, a crashed Cessna twin engine aircraft, sand hills galore, long stretches of dreadful corrugated tracks, Serpentine Lakes, Woomera, Emu, Tallaringa Well, Mabel Creek, Coober Pedy, etc., to name some of the sights.

Napoleon insisted his troops receive the best tucker available when moving out bush and Alex's crowd thought the same. Breakfast consisted of cereals, eggs, bacon, sausages and crumpets and lunch was normally sandwiches, fruit cake and fruit with the odd BBQ. The evening meal was naturally left as something special after a hard day.

Every night nibbles were served before the main meal, consisting of cabana, cheese, pickled onions, cracker biscuits and peanuts. The main meal varied each night with such delights as Filet Mignon, Steak Dianne, chicken, stirfry, etc., with the menu on night four being - 10 doz. oysters natural, 10 doz. oysters kilpatrick, soup, calamari rings, grilled fish and salad, pancakes and cream with Seaview cabernet sauvignon, Rouge Homme Chardonnay and port. Sinful decadence to many old time bushies, but lovely. Alex would do it again anytime.

PEOPLE NEWS

HELEN & STEVE DRUMMOND

A Darwin lass while speaking by 'phone recently to her mother in Adelaide just happened to mention a couple she had met locally, who used to live in Bendigo. Knowing Joan and I lived in Bendigo for a time, the mother passed the information to Joan, on the chance we might know them. So it appears Helen and Steve now live in Darwin, and if you can remember that far back, Helen is one of John Hogan's daughters. Small world.

JOHN DAVISON/NEIL KELLY

Had a call from a John Davison in Queensland, looking for a Neil Kelly. John's telephone number is 073 3245 2547. After a couple of calls, I was able to pass some vague info to John, but whether he located his friend, I know not. He also mentioned knowing George Timmins and Wally Herbst.

NOEL COULTHARD

Local correspondent Stevo Hinic penned a note to say that Noel and Jenny Coulthard were holidaying in Adelaide from Bendigo in early January this year, for a few days. Neville Stone organised a breakfast for them on the morning of their departure to Bendigo. Noel and Jenny still live in the same house on Lockwood Road at Kangaroo Flat.

Noel no longer works for Serco at Fortuna but is now employed by Ron Poysner Motors in Bendigo, involved in the sales operation of the small truck division.

NEVILLE STONE

Stevo also attended the breakfast to Noel and Jenny, catching up on news with Neville at the same time, and reckons he must be doing well with his Bob Jane T Mart franchise at Alberton. Neville and Diane split their free time between travelling overseas, America and Africa being two places visited, being grand-parents, line dancing, watering Nevilles' tomatoes twice a week and planning their next trip overseas.

How about a few lines on your overseas travel; Neville.

IAN THOMSON

Ian rang recently with news from the Far North. He has located Bill Mitchell living in YUNGABURRA on the Atherton Tablelands, and intends to visit him when next travelling that way. Ian also mentioned there was no sign of his cancer condition at his last medical, and is fit and well.

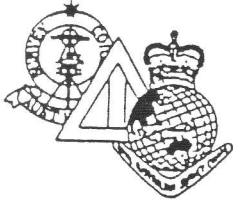
Ian's first wife died last year, although they had been separated for some years, and he has now taken up company with a lady friend from Cairns. Together they have travelled a fair bit, driving as far south as Mildura on one trip. Sounds serious.

Depending on the sale of his INNISFAIL property, Ian intends buying a villa in Cairns and living there permanently. His 'phone number is 07 4063 2372, but might change.

Best of luck in your move to Cairns, Ian, and thanks for your subscription

A LETTER FROM CLEM SARGENT

The following letter was received from Clem very recently, and contains two matters of interest. Both will be raised for consideration at our AGM on Anzac Day, and will no doubt require follow-up correspondence.



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Dear Alex,

I would like to bring to your attention two matters which will be of interest to your Association and members and could perhaps be passed on to them on ANZAC Day. They are:

The Royal Australian Survey Corps History, and

An award for service on RA Svy operations in Indonesia and the SW Pacific.

Corps History

In July 1997 you received a letter from Col S Lemon covering an Army Press Release which announced that Dr Chris Coulthard-Clark had been engaged to write a history of the Corps. The final paragraph of the Release stated:

'Additional support will be required during publication of the manuscript from The Directorate of Engineers, the RAE Corps Committee, the RAE Corps Museum, RA Svy Associations and ex-members of the Corps. It is planned to fund most of the publication costs by moneys raised by pre-publication sales. Details- - -'

I have been in touch with the Army Historian, Mr Roger Lee, who has assured me that if individual Associations are able to raise a minimum of \$500 for pre-publication purchases, their contribution will be acknowledged in the preliminary pages of the History. The pre-publication cost is expected to be \$30 to \$40 and post-publication in the range of \$60 to \$70. It is obviously to the advantage of Association members to subscribe for pre-publication sales.

You may care to discuss this with your members with a view to raising a minimum of \$500 later in the year when a firm cost and the publication date are known. It will then be necessary for pre-publication moneys to be paid to a central organisation to ensure acknowledgment in the History. You will be advised later of arrangements in this regard.

Service Award

In December 1994 Lt Col Peter Cates, then on D Svy Staff, submitted a request that consideration be given to an award under the Awards and National Symbols System, now administered by the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, for service on Survey Operations in Indonesia and the SW Pacific. In August 1995 Peter Cates was advised by HQADF that 'the matter of recognition of specific operations, other than that normally prescribed as UN Peacekeeping, is still under consideration by Defence'.

The matter was taken up again in September 1997 by Col Don Swiney, in his role as the last Colonel Commandant of the Corps, with the Minister for Defence Industry, Science and Personnel; a copy of his letter and the supporting schedule of operations is attached. At the last RSL National Executive meeting a motion was passed supporting the grant of an award. A copy of this motion is also attached.

As you know, the wheels of bureaucracy grind awful slow, particularly in Defence, but this is an election year, so it is suggested that any of your members, interested in seeing his service on these ops receive some formal recognition, should approach his local Federal MP and bring the matter to his/her attention. While the schedule of ops can be used to support any submission to politicians it would be better if Don's letter is used only as a guide and that the submission should be on the basis of personal experience. Ideally it should be kept to no more than one page. The more that are submitted the more the likelihood of success.

For many of the post-Vietnam enlistments in the Corps, and for some earlier ones, this could be the only recognition of service, apart possibly from the Defence Force Service Medal, that they could receive. If our submissions are successful it will provide a unique, valuable and overdue recognition of the achievements and history of the Corps.

All the best,

*Kindest regards,
Clem Sargent.*

The following article appeared in the September 1992 edition of Australian Aviation, it was 'borrowed' from a doctor's waiting room by Bob Mills, and gives the history of a helicopter type often used on mapping operations during the late 60's and early 70's. If your memory is good enough, you perhaps can remember the odd serial number or two.

A1 - BELL 47G Sioux

In August 1960 it was announced that No 16 AOP Flight, based at RAAF Fairbairn and equipped with Cessna 180 aircraft, would be increased to squadron strength by the addition of eleven Bell 47G Sioux helicopters.

The new 16 Army Light Aircraft (ALA) Squadron, under the command of WGCDR K V Robertson, moved to RAAF Amberley and remained a joint Army RAAF unit until 1965. The first three Sioux (A1-560 to A1-562), arrived on October 24 1960, and were received by 16 ALA Squadron from 3AD on December 12. By January 1961 eleven aircraft serialled A1-560 to A1-570 (Bell constructor's numbers 2560 to 2570) had been delivered.

The Bell 47 had first flown on December 8, 1945 and had been widely used worldwide as a utility and training helicopter. Entering US service in 1946, over 5,000 were eventually built by Bell in the US, Westland in the UK, Kawasaki in Japan and Agusta in Italy. This was the type that changed medical evacuation in the Korean War - immortalised in "MASH" - by a stretcher platform on each skid, either side of the bubble cockpit.

By 1962 three Sioux of 16 ALA Sqn had been lost in accidents and three replacements were obtained. These were 47G-2A aircraft, serialled A1-660, A1-672 and A1-721 (c/n 2660, 2672, 2721). A1-721 didn't survive long. Delivered on October 12, 1962, it crashed two months later in New Guinea and was written off. Strangely, A1-721 was reallocated in 1968 to another aircraft; this is the only time in the RAAF third 'A' series of serial numbers that a last three has been reused.

In August 1964 it was announced a further 17 aircraft had been ordered at a cost of almost \$2 million. As only ten aircraft remained for both training and reconnaissance, these new improved models would prepare the Squadron more fully to meet its operational role. The larger 47G-3B-1 model, which replaced the 240hp Lycoming VO-435 engine with the 270hp TVO-435, had an improved performance in tropical areas. These aircraft were serialled A1-394 to A1-410 (c/n 3394 to 3410) and were delivered in late 1965. Subsequently, these aircraft and those of later batches were considered for reserialling from A1-201.

This reserialling of Army aircraft had been considered for all aircraft types in 1968. Cessna 180 aircraft were allocated last threes in the "one hundred" series, serialled A98-101 to A98-110, and Porters last threes in the "three hundred" series from A14-301 to A14-315. This system, which was to

deconflict aircraft individual serial numbers and make an aircraft identifiable by its last three, was not implemented.

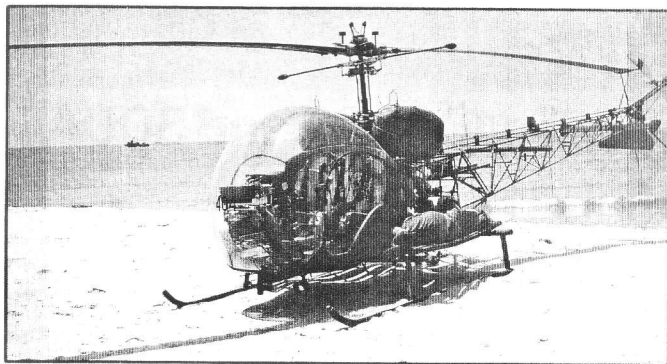
With Australia's entry into the Vietnam War, a further 16 aircraft were delivered in 1967. These 47G-3B-1 aircraft were serialised A1-635 to A1-648, A1-673 and A1-720 (c/n 6635 to 6648, 6673 and 6672). The final batch was an order for seventeen aircraft, but in fact eighteen were delivered. These were ordered in 1968 and were serialised A1-721 to A1-738 (c/n 7401 to 7418). The final aircraft, A1-738, was a gift from Bell at a nominal cost of \$1 and was received on April 11, 1969. A proviso of this gift was that the aircraft could not be resold, so today A1-738 has been restored for display.

In Vietnam the Sioux was operated with the callsign Possum by No 161 Recce Flt. Eight aircraft were lost over six years of operations without the loss of a pilot. One aircraft, A1-409, was lost in Vietcong territory on May 27, 1967 and was subsequently bombed by allied aircraft to ensure its write-off.

Other users of the Sioux included 183 Squadron in PNG, and 162, 171 and 182 Flights.

The Sioux was withdrawn from service in 1977, being replaced by another Bell type, the 206B Kiowa. In June 1976 two aircraft, A1-673 and A1-738, were demonstrated to Indonesia, and in 1978 twelve 47G-3B-1s were supplied under the Sioux Aid Project. These aircraft became serialised H4701 to H4712. Some Army Sioux have also been sold on the civil market in Australia, where they have proved a popular machine for mustering livestock.

Of those Sioux remaining in military colours, the Museum of Army Aviation and Flying (MAAF) at Oakey flies A1-720, has A1-568 on static display and is restoring A1-406 to flying status. Also the MAAF has A1-732, currently being restored for static display by Brisbane TAFE. The Australian War Memorial at Canberra has A1-404 on display, and A1-738 is held by the Queensland Air Museum at Caloundra. A1-410 saw service at the RAAF Museum Point Cook and is now at the Camden Air Museum at Narellan NSW. At the RAAF School of Technical Training (RSTT) Wagga, three examples (A1-402, -405, -407) served as instructional airframes until late 1991 when two moved to Point Cook and A1-407 to Oakey.



BELL 47G-3B-1*Description: Three-seat utility and training helicopter**Powerplant: One 270hp Lycoming TVO-435**Dimensions: Diameter of main rotor 11.32m (37ft 1in); length 13.20m (43ft 4in); height 2.83m (9ft 3in)**Weights: Empty 825kg (1,819lb); loaded 1,340kg (2,950lb)**Performance: Max speed 91 kts (169km/h); cruising speed at 5,000ft (1,525m); 72kts (134km/h); range at low level 182nm (338km)*

<i>Serial</i>	<i>C/n</i>	<i>Other Serial</i>	<i>Receipt</i>	<i>Fate</i>
416-2 Sioux				
A1-560	2560	-	24/10/60	CR 6/62, app component 29/8/63
A1-561	2561	-	24/10/60	CR 27/8/62 Mt Stradbroke QLD
A1-562	2562	-	24/10/60	CR 21/1/65, app for w-o 22/6/66
A1-563	2563	-	04/12/60	CR 20/5/68 nr Ipswich QLD
A1-564	2564	-	12/12/60	sold VH-RFE 7/77
A1-565	2565	-	12/12/60	sold VH-PSL 7/77
A1-566	2566	-	12/12/60	sold VH-RFY 9/9/77
A1-567	2567	-	11/01/61	sold VH-RGX 7/77
A1-568	2568	-	07/01/61	CR 21/6/66, t/a 29/3/68, MAAF
A1-569	2569	-	07/01/61	CR 1/11/61, t/a 16/5/63, RSTT 6/75
A1-570	2570	-	07/01/61	DAM 27/5/70, sold 72 VH-PDT
416-2A Sioux				
A1-660	2660	-	01/62	sold VH-ORC 26/6/86
A1-672	2672	-	09/02/62	171 Air Cav Flt, sold
A1-721	2721	-	12/10/62	CR 16/12/62 New Guinea
41G-3B-1 Sioux				
A1-394	3394	A1-201	05/07/65	COL A1-399 14/11/69 Tocumwal
A1-395	3395	-	02/08/65	CR landed 10/10/66 SVN
A1-396	3396	A1-202	27/08/65	store 9/75, Indo Aid 78 H4712
A1-397	3397	A1-203	13/08/65	store 24/12/73, RSTT 25/2/75
A1-398	3398	A1-204	27/08/65	storage 24/12/73, RSTT 25/2/75
A1-399	3399	A1-205	23/09/65	store 12/73, sold VH-HMX 14/6/84
A1-400	3400	-	27/08/65	DEA 22/11/67 SVN
A1-401	3401	-	27/08/65	CR recce mission 20/11/67 SVN
A1-402	3402	A1-206	23/09/65	DAM 29/7/77 to RSTT, RAAF Mus
A1-403	3403	-	17/09/65	CR 6/6/67 SVN, con comps 23/6/67
A1-404	3404	A1-207	03/11/65	store 12/73, 13/6/79 AWM display
A1-405	3405	A1-208	03/11/65	store 12/73, RSTT 29/7/77, RAAFM
A1-406	3406	A1-209	03/11/65	store 12/73, RSTT 29/7/77, MAAF
A1-407	3407	A1-210	03/11/65	store 12/73, RSTT 21/9/77, MAAF

A1-408	3408	A1-211	07/02/66	store 12/73, sold	VH-KSO 18/6/84
A1-409	3409	-	05/11/65	DEA 26/5/67	Xuyen Moc SVN
A1-410	3410	A1-212	05/11/65	store 6/75, RAAF Mus,	Camden Mus
A1-635	6635	A1-218	05/01/68	DEA 5/3/70	Nui Dat SVN
A1-636	6636	A1-219	11/09/67	CR 12/5/70	PNG
A1-637	6637	A1-220	11/09/67	DEA 9/11/70	Phuoc Tuy, SVN
A1-638	6638	A1-221	11/09/67	store 11/74, Indo Aid/78	H4711
A1-639	6639	A1-222	11/09/67	CR 2/69	SVN
A1-640	6640	A1-223	11/09/67	store 4/75, Naval Air Mus	Nowra
A1-641	6641	A1-224	11/09/67	CR 28/9/71	nr Amberley QLD
A1-642	6642	A1-225	11/09/67	store 12/74, sold	VH-KSL 1/3/84
A1-643	6643	-	16/10/67	CR 9/12/67	Singleton NSW
A1-644	6644	A1-226	11/09/67	CR 29/3/71	nr Cairns QLD
A1-645	6645	A1-227	25/09/67	store 10/74, Indo Aid/78	H4710
A1-646	6646	A1-228	25/09/67	store 6/75, Indo Aid/78	H4709
A1-647	6647	A1-229	25/09/67	CRS 19/6/72	Cleveland Bay QLD
A1-648	6648	A1-230	05/01/68	w-o 5/72	Oakey ground run
A1-673	6673	A1-233	29/04/68	store 8/75, sold	VH-HMI 29/3/85
A1-720	6672	A1-234	29/04/68	store 8/75, MAAF flying	display
A1-721	7401	A1-235	22/11/68	store 8/75	Indo Aid /78 H4708
A1-722	7402	A1-236	22/11/68	CR 29/11/73	Mt Wilhelm PNG
A1-723	7403	A1-237	22/11/68	CR 16/3/70	Singleton NSW
A1-724	7404	A1-238	22/11/68	DAM 9/73	Amb, sold VH-KSM 1/3/84
A1-725	7405	A1-239	22/11/68	CR 6/73	Cooktown QLD
A1-726	7406	A1-240	22/11/68	store 4/75, Indo Aid/78	H4707
A1-727	7407	A1-241	04/12/68	storage 4/75	
A1-728	7408	A1-242	04/12/68	store 6/75, Indo Aid/78	H4706
A1-729	7409	A1-243	04/12/68	store 4/75, Indo Aid/78	H4705
A1-730	7410	A1-244	05/12/68	store 11/74, Indo Aid/78	H4704
A1-731	7411	A1-245	04/12/68	CR 8/73	Malaysia
A1-732	7412	A1-246	04/12/68	CR 10/73	PNG, Bne TAFE restore
A1-733	7413	A1-247	05/12/68	store 8/75, Indo Aid/78	H4703
A1-734	7414	A1-248	05/12/68	CR 8/72	PNG
A1-735	7415	A1-249	21/01/69	written-off	9/69
A1-736	7416	A1-250	21/01/69	store 9/75, Indo Aid/78	H4702
A1-737	7417	A1-251	21/01/69	store 8/75, Indo Aid/78	H4701
A1-738	7418	A1-252	11/04/69	MAAF 12/75, 6/76	Indo Dem, QAM

VALE

PAT WOOD

It is with considerable regret that Pat's passing is reported. he died in late December, 1997, suffering from a cancer which even at the time of his death, had not been positively identified within him. Although Pat spent the main part of his service career in W.A., he was very well known throughout the Corps through various postings, and was posted to 4 Fd Svy Sqn at one stage. When the unit was disbanded in November, 1995, Pat came over from Perth to attend the farewell party, being his last visit to Adelaide. At the time of his retirement, Pat had reached the rank of major. With time to spare he did research into the history of 5 Fd Svy Sqn and was also at one time a member of the executive committee of the W.A. Ex-Survey Association. The condolences of all our members who knew Pat are extended to his daughter Perrin. Thanks to Ray Sargeant for the call.

WALLY GILLARD

Wally passed away at Lindisfarne, Tasmania, early this year, the news received with sadness. Wally enlisted as a draftsman into the Corps during early WW2, and afterwards like many others was posted to Fortuna, where he remained until about 1960 or thereabouts, when he was commissioned and posted to SMS Balcombe as the adjutant. Like many of that era, Wally was something of a character, and could tell a good story, not too unusual in our Corps of course. I remember his story as a newly appointed WO2 during the war, and being proud of his rank, he bought a new slouch hat which he nurtured carefully into a very smart regimental shape. Attending a dance for servicemen one Saturday night, an altercation of some sort happened, causing a very rapid exodus of the soldiers there, but Wally being a W.O. disdained from such an unseemly exit, and stood back while the others rushed out and when things had settled a bit, sauntered out to the cloak room to collect his new slouch hat. On the peg and the only hat in sight, was a battered dirty and sweat stained apology; some scoundrel had done a mean swap. He wasn't too happy at the time, but was able to chuckle about it years later.

Wally retired from the service about 1966 with the rank of captain or major, and settled in Tasmania.

Our condolences are extended to his wife, Aileen.

For those who might desire the address, Wally lived at 39 Tianne Road, Lindisfarne, Tasmania 7015.

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For WW2 members, the subscriptions will remain at \$5.00. Association funds have always been maintained at a level sufficient to pay our way only, as there was no point in accumulating funds without a good reason, plus our operating costs were kept to a minimum by the support we always received from various sources. A lot of previous support given has now gone, plus there are costs in researching and later preparing the 4 Fd. Svy history, so we now have a need for extra funds at least for two or three years. Hence the new subscription of \$10.00.