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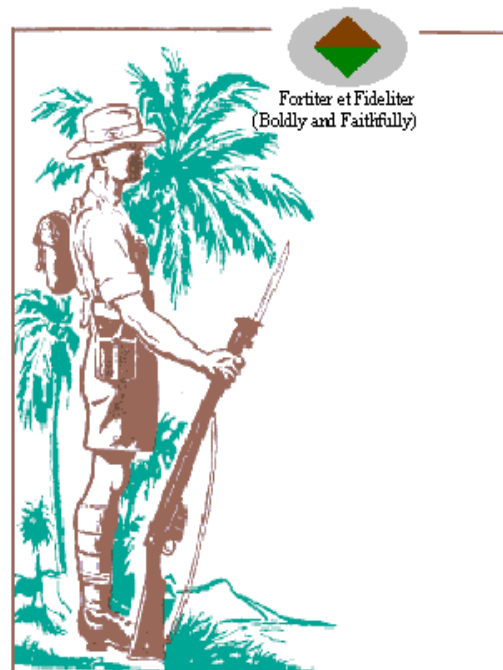
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FROM THE PRESIDENT



With the easing of COVID restrictions and a return to life with a resemblance to that we have enjoyed in earlier times, your Committee has started to look at a resumption of activities that, in recent years, we have been only too happy to avoid. That is not to say that the danger of COVID is past. IT HAS NOT! Each and everyone one of us must continue to be aware of the continuing presence of the virus and take all necessary steps to avoid contracting it.

In late August, Bob Pink and I attended the Orange HQ of the Battalion, at the request of the Commanding Officer, to review with him and his senior personnel the large number of items of Mess Property that are “housed” in the Combined Officers’ and Sergeants’ Mess. The CO is concerned to ensure that the “history” of relevant pieces from both Messes be documented while some of those who were responsible for the presentations are still with us. Bob and I were able to identify a number of pieces and were able to point out that many of the items, which today are part of that history, were merely items in day to day use of the Messes back in the early days at Old Holsworthy and Wallgrove.

This task is ongoing and, if any reader has a recollection of a specific item donated to either Mess I would be grateful if they can let Bob or myself have the details in a short message. Some “unknown” items will be featured in future issues of *FRONTLINE* with the object of jogging memories. This is important as the Battalion has now been on the Order of Battle for in excess of fifty years and the numbers of those who served from the inception are diminishing. During that same visit we had the privilege of travelling to Bathurst, in company with the CO and RSM, to visit with the soldiers of Bravo Company during their Tuesday night parade. A very pleasant evening and an opportunity to talk to the soldiers in a relaxed atmosphere after they were stood down.

Wednesday, 7 September was the 80th Anniversary of the declaration by then Prime Minister, John Curtin, of the warning to Australians of the Battle for Australia. The date was proclaimed a National Day of Remembrance in in 2008 by then Governor-General, MAJGEN Michael Jeffery AC, CVO, MC. Bob Pink, Ray Warden and I represented the Association at a very large Service, organised by the NSW Battle for Australia Committee that was held at the Cenotaph in Sydney with the keynote speaker being former Chief of Army, LTGEN Peter Leahy AC. General Leahy addressed the issues facing Australia today in a very cogent address. The Service was enhanced by a Catafalque Guard found by RAAF Richmond, the NSW Police Band together with their Soloist and Bugler, Piper Robert Pearce OAM played the Lament during the Wreath Laying Ceremony at which time I laid a tribute in memory of the valiant men of 2nd/19th Battalion AIF. Also participating were the Sydney Women’s Vocal Orchestra and the Alexandria Park Community School Choir who performed the Australian National Anthem in both the Dharawal language and in English. The Welcome to Country was performed by Uncle Harry Allie BEM.

This quarter has started off with ups and downs – but then what could you expect from an organisation that represents many who are approaching their “centenary”. One of our “matriarchs”, Valerie Veronica Crawford (our very first “Mrs CO”) has passed that milestone and is still going strong, Beryl Irwin (“Mrs CO” number two) is approaching that, having just celebrated her 93rd birthday. Beryl advised me that, reluctantly, she would not be able to attend the Annual Dinner in Orange on 29 October and that doyen of 2nd/19th Battalion Association, Shirley Drum, 91 years young also sent her regrets because the travel is getting to be too much. What we have to bear in mind that it is the wives and mothers, husbands and fathers that support the men and women who serve in 1/19 RNSWR, and indeed all of the Defence force, that deserve our praise and our thanks for that support.

Sadly, illness is also starting to move through our ranks with the sad passing of SGT Joe Clarke on Monday, 10 October after a stay in John Hunter Hospital in Newcastle. Joe was a staunch member of the Association having joined at its inception and will be sadly missed. Regrettably, Joe’s farewell is scheduled for Friday, 28 October and this will prevent many members who are committed to the annual Reunion in Orange from attending. Also, on the sick list, are our Historian, Geoff Braddon and our Honorary Auditor, Dennis Zalunardo who are both receiving treatment for cancer. Our thoughts and prayers are with them both and with their families.

Having moved on from the restrictions imposed by COVID we now find ourselves impacted by natural disasters as the current weather patterns make travel difficult – if not impossible! LTCOL Gary Beltrame has sent his apologies for the Annual Weekend because he is not sure where he might get stranded and LTCOL Peter McGuinness is remaining in the fastness of Tasmania for similar reasons – although Tasmania seems to have as many flood alerts as the East Coast of Australia.

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I even heard last night that a team of shearers had been marooned by floods out near Broken Hill so I am not sure whether we will see committee member John Elliott either. Needless to say, this is very disappointing but common sense must prevail and protection of life, property and livestock, as well as the welfare of the first responders has to be the first priority in member's minds. Interesting to see Association member Rocky Walshaw (the SES Commander in Forbes) on the 7.00pm news warning that the floods there might be around for some time to come, so I suppose Rocky will be another "no-show" on the weekend.

Sadly, my "expectations" proved correct and a number of members were prevented by the on-going "disasters" from attending the Annual Weekend on 28/29 October. While I have received no reports of members being directly affected a significant number of our members have been involved in the mitigation and clean-up operations. The absentee numbers were swollen by a number of late withdrawals due to COVID. Fortunately, all those have since fully recovered.

Despite the weather gods placing obstacles in our path the Annual Weekend in Orange was an outstanding success thanks, in no small part, to the exemplary efforts of our Vice president, Mick Pass and our Honorary Secretary, Bob Pink with brilliant co-operation from Mrs Kerrie Irwin and her staff at Orange Ex Services Club and outstanding support from LTCOL Ben Biddington, WO1 Jason Jackson and the Command Staff at 1/19 RNSWR. The Meet & Greet on Friday night was well attended and enabled old friends to catch up for the first time in three years.

The Commemorative Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Memorial in Romani Barracks was also very well attended and, again, the co-operation and assistance of the RSM and his staff contributed to a very respectful and moving ceremony. The RSM, WO1 Jason Jackson, recited the Ode and the prayers were led by the Battalion Chaplain, CAPT Simon Gellert. During the laying of the wreaths the Lament was played by Piper David Hovell – and we are very grateful to David, and to Ken Harper who dragooned him – for him agreeing to perform this important facet of our ceremony. Again, the RSM excelled himself by organising the Morning Tea which was catered by the 119 Café in Orange.

This year, due to the absence of both Peter McGuinness and Gary Beltrame, we were denied the very edifying talk that usually precedes the AGM and so the boring formalities, with signing off on business for the previous two years was attended to. All of the reports required by Dept of Fair Trading have now been filed and we are, once again, an Association in "good standing".

Your Committee, with the exception of the Honorary Treasurer, Joy Newton, were re-elected unopposed and I thank all of them for their continued service to the members of the Association. Joy Newton did not stand for re-election as Joy and Reg have now moved into a retirement home and Joy has had a couple of mishaps. We all owe Joy a debt of thanks for accepting the role many years ago and for the diligence with which she has performed her duties. Martin Pall was elected Treasurer at the meeting.

The main discussion at the AGM centred on the Association's participation in the Sydney ANZAC Day March and the very strong desire to see that participation recommenced. As I pointed out, the problem with participation was not a lack of willingness on behalf of the Association but A LACK OF INFORMATION from RSL NSW. The situation will be reviewed in the lead up to ANZAC Day 2023.

The Annual Dinner on Saturday evening was an outstanding success with about fifty members and partners in attendance along with invited guests. The Greenhouse Room at Orange Ex Services Club was beautifully set up by Kerrie Irwin and her staff and I was very grateful to LTCOL Biddington and WO1 Jackson, together with members of their HQ staff, for the provision of the Queens and Regimental Colours of both 1 RNSWR and 19 RNSWR.

We were honoured to have as our guests at the dinner, MAJGEN Paul Brereton AM, RFD, Colonel Commandant, The Royal New South Wales Regiment, MAJGEN Kathryn Campbell AO, CSC & Bar, former Commander 2nd Division together with COL John Brennan, former CO, 1/19 RNSWR, the current CO, 1/19 RNSWR, LTCOL Ben Biddington and RSM, 1/19 RNSWR, WO1 Jason Jackson accompanied by his wife Rebecca. Also in attendance were Mr Graham Gentles, President of Orange Ex Services Club accompanied by Mrs Elizabeth Majewski, Mr Chris Colvin, President Orange RSL Sub-Branch and Mrs Helen Colvin, the Chaplain, 1/19 RNSWR, CAPT Simon Gellert and his wife, Esther, BRIG Paul Couch CSC, RFD and Carmel, COL Brian Martyn RFD and Joanne. The "roll-up" of VIP guests is a very real indication of the esteem in which both the Battalion and the Association are held and I am very grateful for their support.

The night would not have been the success that it was without the support of the membership and many had travelled long distances to join us on this occasion. As usual, the raffle was well supported with an eclectic selection of prizes from a magnificent wall hanging, created and donated by Mrs Jo Ross, a "Shirley Drum" quilt, a basket of "goodies" donated by Brian and Arleen Schafer and a number of bottles of Association Port created by the overworked Hon Secretary. A memorable evening and a fitting return to our Annual reunion.

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Saturday, 26 November saw Bob Pink and I in attendance at the 1/19 RNSWR Regimental Dinner, which this year was held at Racecourse Barracks in Bathurst due to the fact that Romani Barracks in Orange was “occupied” by elements serving on “flood” duties.

I also had the privilege of delivering the annual Peryman Awards to three outstanding soldiers of the Battalion. As I said in my brief remarks before MAJGEN Brereton handed out the Awards, I was very glad that I did not have to make the selection from the fourteen nominations put forward.

The Peryman Award, established 30 years ago by the family of the late CAPT Mario Peryman are highly prized by members of the Battalion and are looked on with envy by other Battalions of the Regiment. The young men and women who were the “winners” this year have given exemplary service and were well deserving of the Awards. The Regimental Dinner was made even more memorable by the “re-appearance” of SGT Wendy Sparkes. Wendy and her team produced fabulous canapes, a magnificent three course meal and further “after snacks”. It took my mind back to earlier times when Wendy was the “resident” caterer in 1/19 RNSWR and meals were ALWAYS fabulous. Not sure where Wendy managed to rustle up her “staff” from but they did an absolutely amazing job. Entertainment was provided by the Lancer Band and I believe the party continued late into the night. A great end to what has been a challenging year for 1/19 RNSWR. A year in which, as expected, they delivered exemplary service across a number of fronts.

I am not sure whether this issue of *FRONTLINE* will get to you before Santa Claus comes but I want to wish each and every one of you, my fellow members, a peaceful and joyous holiday season. I hope that you have time to relax and celebrate with family and friends and that you go into 2023 rested and refreshed.

To those members who have been affected by the natural disasters that have impacted wide areas of the country during 2022, be assured our thoughts and prayers are with you. There are still troubled times ahead and we must look out for each other as well as ourselves.

Until we meet again may God hold you in the palm of His Hand.

Roger Perry

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COMING EVENTS 2023

TUE	15 FEB 2023	1645h	<p>FALL OF SINGAPORE COMMEMORATION</p> <p>The Australian War Memorial has advised that Free entry Tickets WILL be required for all who plan to attend the Ceremony. These will be able to be booked directly from the AWM Website</p> <p>https://www.awm.gov.au/visit/plan in early January 2023 .</p> <p>Closer to the date it would be very helpful to know who may be planning to lay wreaths during the ceremony so that the AWM Visitor Services team can be fully prepared for the day</p>	 <p>AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL CANBERRA ACT</p>	<p>Jacket & Tie Medals to be worn</p>
TUE	25 APR 2023	1230h for 1300h	<p>ANZAC DAY SYDNEY SYDNEY HARBOUR CRUISE</p> <p>MV "Aussie Magic" Departs 1230h Commissioner's Steps Circular Quay Returns to Commissioner's Steps at 1630h at conclusion of cruise</p>	<p>MARCH ASSEMBLY POINT TO BE ADVISED</p>  	<p>Coat & Tie Decorations & Medals</p> <p>\$90.00 per person - includes drinks & Lunch</p>
FRI	27 OCT 2023		<p>1/19 RNSWR ASSOCIATION 23rd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WEEKEND</p> 		<p>The Association will reserve 25 rooms at the MERCURE HOTEL which adjoins the ORANGE EX SERVICES CLUB. Bookings Tele: 02 6362 5611 Email: hb038@accor.com PLEASE MAKEYOUR BOOKINGS EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT (HOTEL CUT OFF DATE IS 01 OCTOBER 2023) The Format of the Weekend will include: MEET & GREET on FRIDAY evening 27 OCT 23 \$20 per head Saturday 28 OCT 23: Morning 0930h WREATH LAYING / MORNING TEA at Romani Barracks Afternoon 1345h PRESENTATION: To be advised Afternoon 1500h ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Evening 1800h FORMAL DINNER \$90 per head (Please reply by 14 OCT 2023) RSVP form will be enclosed with the JUNE 23 FRONTLINE Newsletter)</p>
SAT	28 OCT 2023		<p>ORANGE EX SERVICES CLUB 231-243 Anson Street ORANGE NSW 2800</p> <p>NOTICE</p> <p>OF 1/19 RNSWR ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1500h SATURDAY 28 OCTOBER 2023 ORANGE EX SERVICES CLUB 231-243 Anson Street ORANGE NSW 2800 (Function Room to be advised)</p>		
FRI	11 NOV 2023	1030h	<p>REMEMBRANCE DAY SYDNEY CENOTAPH</p>	 <p>CENOTAPH Martin Place SYDNEY NSW</p>	<p>Jacket & Tie Medals to be worn</p> <p>Refreshments will follow the Service at the Combined Services Club 5-7 Barrack St SYDNEY</p>

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ACT BRANCH - RESERVE FORCES DAY COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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RESERVE FORCES DAY COUNCIL – ACT BRANCH Chairman's Message

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Dear Fellow Reservists, family members and supporters,

The effects of three years of Covid-19 have had a very marked effect on our annual commemorations and on the life of the Council in general. The National Council was 'wound up' last year.

Some of you may be unaware that the 'founder' of Reserve Forces Day, Lieutenant Colonel John Moore OAM RFD ED passed away recently. I sent our condolences to his widow, Virginia.

Next year marks the 75th anniversary of the raising of the modern Citizen Military Forces the Citizen Air Force and the Royal Australian Navy Reserve. We hope to commemorate this at the Australian War Memorial on Saturday 24th June, 2023.

We are aware that many of us are getting older and that being out on what is often a very cold day is asking quite a bit. However, this is a very significant day and we would like to have as many people there as is possible. Without a reasonably large turnout, the commemoration loses its effect, and can be an embarrassment if there are senior service officers present. Your Council believes that if

we cannot expect a good number, we should not go ahead with a major commemoration, and instead just mark the day at the Last Post ceremony – to which, due to the current building program at the Memorial, numbers are limited. We hope that this will not be the case!

Your Council believes that the time has come to disband and we propose that this will be the last commemoration in Canberra. The combined effects of Covid, increasing age of our membership and the restricted access to the Australian War Memorial have taken their toll on us all. We will, however, still liaise with the Memorial to have the date of Reserve Forces Day marked at a Last Post Ceremony.

Please could you let the Council's Secretary, Mr Nigel Webster, know if you would be proposing to attend, no later than **January 25th**, so that we can make a decision and inform the Australian War Memorial accordingly. Nigel's contact is: nigelwebster303@gmail.com.

Hoping to see you all on 24th June, 2023.

Best wishes

Joe.

2023 RESERVE FORCES DAY COMMEMORATION

(Saturday 24th June 2023)

We look forward to seeing you and your family at this commemoration ceremony.

The ACT Reserve Forces Day Council

Acknowledges with gratitude the continuing support of

The Canberra
Southern Cross Club

The Australian
Rugby Choir

The Australian War
Memorial

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V A L E GOOD FRIENDS




520449 SERGEANT Joseph CLARKE – Signals Platoon Sergeant 1/19 RNSWR



1/19 RNSWR ASSOCIATION MEMBERS AT JOE CLARKE'S FUNERAL
 L to R: Peter TRACEY, Roger PEARSON, Peter REYNOLDS, Michael McMAHON,
 David RING, John BURNS, Dan JOHNSTON, Les FORDHAM.


*Our thanks to Mrs Joan Fordham for her photographic expertise,
 David Ring for their transmission and to Major Lee Monzo for the photo of Joe Clarke*

Australian Government

 Department of Defence
STATEMENT OF SERVICE

Full name:	Joseph CLARKE
Service number:	520449
Categories of service:	01 July 1975 to 18 October 1977 Citizen Military Forces General Reserve
Employment:	Rifleman; Signaller
Rank on discharge:	Sergeant
Postings:	16 Battalion, the Royal Western Australia Regiment 01 July 1975 1/19 Battalion, the Royal New South Wales Regiment 05 September 1979
Operational Service/Deployment:	New Zealand 14 January 1983 to 29 January 1983
Honours and Awards:	Reserve Force Medal Australian Defence Medal

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13 October 2022




Joe was born in the UK and migrated to Australia after service with the British Army which included several overseas operational deployments in 'desert warfare'. Following a recent long spell in hospital he sadly passed away on 10 October 2022 and was farewelled at Lake Macquarie Memorial Park – the Ryhope Cemetery on 28 October 2022. He was very fond of recalling that the British Army Regiment 'The Green Howards' bore the same numerals 19 and XIX on their badges and it was probably this knowledge which influenced him to move from Western Australia to NSW in search of the and enlistment in 1st/19th Battalion RNSWR.

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VALES



VX35556 Lieutenant Kenneth George DUMBRELL 4 ANTI TANK REGIMENT

Yashmin Beaumont, Welfare and Treasurer of 4 ANTI TK Association advised with sadness on 20 October 22 of Ken's passing on 16 October 2022 - in his 102nd year

Kenneth was born on 17 January 1920 at Surrey Hills VIC and enlisted as a Lieutenant in the 4 ANTI TANK REGIMENT on 2 July 1940 at Royal Park VIC. His locality on enlistment was Balwyn VIC and his Next of Kin was Edith Dumbrell.

He served with the 4 ANTI TANK REGIMENT in Malaya and following the Fall of Singapore passed into captivity of the Japanese as a Prisoner of War. His records show he returned to Australia after the War and was Discharged on 13 December 1945.



NX5979 (424764) Lieutenant Alfred Clive CARPENTER, OAM 2nd/4th Australian Infantry Battalion AIF

Alf was born at Wagga Wagga NSW on 22 April 1917. He enlisted in the Australian Army on 7 July 1934 and his locality on enlistment was Wagga Wagga NSW. His Next of Kin was Marjorie Carpenter.

Alfred served with the 2nd/4th Australian Infantry Battalion AIF in the Middle East and Greece.

Following the end of the War Alfred was posted to 42 Landing Craft Coy AIF on 18 September 1945 and was discharged on 25 March 1946.

In the Queen's Birthday Honours of 11 June 2012 he was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia for Service to veterans and their families particularly through the Hamilton Sub Branch of the Returned and Services League of Australia.

Our thanks to LT Joe Elkus who advised of Alfred's sad passing on 6 September 2022

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A TRIBUTE

NX57223 Private Walter George WILLIAMS, OAM
2nd/19th Australian Infantry Battalion AIF



MR Walter George WILLIAMS, OAM

Citation: For service to veterans and their families.
Suburb: Narrabeen 2101

Pittwater Sub-Branch, Returned and Services League of Australia

- President, 1992-2002.
- Club Representative, Northern District Council, 1998-2002.
- Welfare Officer, 10 years.
- Member, since 1979.
- Volunteer and Resident, Kokoda Hostel, RSL ANZAC Village, current. Returned and Services League of Australia, NSW

- Member, since 1968.
- Life Member, 2002.
- Former Chair, *Australia My Country* art competition at New South Wales schools.

2nd/19th Australian Infantry Battalion AIF Association

- Committee Member, 1992-1992.
- Life Member, 1985.

Other

- Senior Board Director, Pittwater RSL Club, 1999-2000, and Member, since 1998.
- Secretary, Harbord Diggers Soccer Club, 4 years.

Military Service

- Australian Army, 1941-1946.
- Taken prisoner on Fall of Singapore, interned at Changi Prison before being sent

to work on the Burma Railway. Sent to Japan as prisoner labour and ship was sunk enroute. Spent a year as prisoner labour in Japan and survived the bombing of Tokyo and Yokohama. Returned to Australia on 10 October 1945 - his 23rd birthday.

Awards and recognition include:

- 1939-1945 Star.
- 1939-1945 Pacific Star.
- 1939-1945 War Medal.
- 1939-1945 Australian Service Medal.
- 1939-1945 Australian Service Medal, SW Pacific Clasp

L to R Bob LUNNON President
NBDC & Forestville RSL Sub Branch –
John BALFOUR, OAM, MSM, (latter announced
today) and
Sandy HOWARD, Forestville RSL Sub Branch
and 1/19 RNSWR Association

**AT THE UNVEILING TRIBUTE TO
NX57223
PTE Walter George WILLIAMS, OAM,
2/19 Australian Infantry Battalion AIF
at Mona Vale Beach NSW
on Fri 14 October 2022.**

Sadly Wal passed away 4 June 2021



Lest We Forget

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SICK REPORT

The following members have reported Sick and we wish them a very speedy recovery:

SSGT	Geoff	BRADDON
MAJ	Harry	COLE
SGT	Boris	HALIN
PTE	David	RING
SGT	Ross	TAYLOR
CPL	Phil	WILLMOTT
MAJ	Doug	WILLCOXSON
CAPT	Dennis	ZALUNARDO

DONATIONS

It is a pleasure to once again acknowledge the generosity of the following members which is gratefully received

PTE	Tony	BRAY
BRIG	Paul	COUCH
LTCOL	Vin	HALLINAN
PTE	Tony	OHLBACH
MR	Unable to Identify	QUINITON ??
MAJ	John	RALPH
SGT	Ross	TAYLOR
SGT	Bob	WADE
PTE	Robert	WATSON
CAPT	Dennis	ZALUNARDO

NEW MEMBERS

There were no New Members welcomed this Quarter



OUR BOOK REVIEWER

JOHN DONOVAN

John Donovan worked in the Department of Defence for over 32 years, principally in the fields of intelligence, force development and resource management. He also served for several years in the Australian Army Reserve, (Infantry).

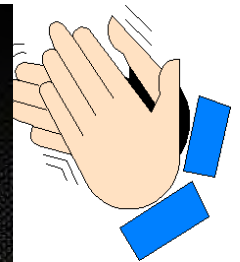
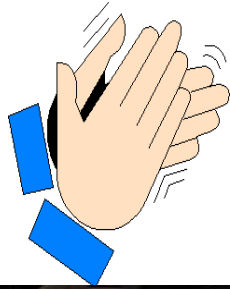
John has been reviewing books for 1/19 RNSWR Association for the past 20 years and we were sadly distressed when he informed us that the time had come for him to retire. His contribution to each edition has been, for many readers, the highlight of the magazine.

The professionalism of his reviews that were published in "*FRONTLINE*" speak highly of his immense dedication and commitment.

To John, and his wife Kathy, on behalf of all of his readers, we send our very best wishes for their recent move to a new home and thank him for the immense contribution he has made to "*FRONTLINE*" over the past 20 years.

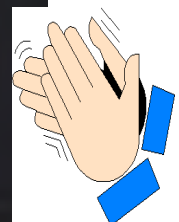
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CONGRATULATIONS



LCPL Brad COLLIS WAS RECENTLY AWARDED A NATIONAL EMERGENCY SERVICES MEDAL FOR HIS COMMITMENT AND WORK WITH THE RECENT BUSHFIRES

WO1 John BALFOUR, OAM, WAS RECENTLY AWARDED THE RETURNED & SERVICES LEAGUE'S MERITOROUS SERVICE MEDAL



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1st/19th BATTALION THE ROYAL NEW SOUTH WALES REGIMENT ASSOCIATION FORMAL DINNER SATURDAY 28 OCTOBER 2022 – ORANGE EX SERVICES CLUB



ADDRESS BY MAJOR GENERAL THE HONOURABLE JUSTICE PAUL BRERETON, AM, RFD COLONEL COMMANDANT THE ROYAL NEW SOUTH WALES REGIMENT AND THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES REGIMENT ON THE OCCASION OF THE 1/19 RNSWR ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING DINNER ORANGE NSW

Dining President Mr Roger Perry, Commanding Officer Lieutenant Colonel Biddington, General Campbell, Brigadier Couch, Colonels Martyn and Brennan, Ladies and Gentlemen:

May I begin by acknowledging the traditional custodians of these lands, the Wiradjuri people, and pay my respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.

I would like also to pay tribute to the unstinting efforts of your President and the ubiquitous Bob Pink, in fostering the Association and its rich heritage. Although other Associations try hard, yours is I think unique in its success in maintaining a quality publication *Frontline*, an informative website, and most importantly a practical connexion with the Battalion in being, notably through the Peryman awards. This year, the resurrection of the Pozieres Day service, now at St Columba's in Woollahra was a tremendous achievement, as is this weekend. I am also very grateful for the endless support Roger and Bob provide to our Regimental activities, including their participation throughout the Regimental weekend this year.

The Commanding Officer has rightly spoken of the present; it falls to me to speak of the past. In your Association resides the collective heritage of those who have served in the 1st/19th Battalion and its forebears: the 1st and 19th Battalions of the First AIF; the 2nd/1st and 2nd/19th Battalions of the Second AIF; the various militia battalions which have since 1921 bore the numerical designators 1 and 19, most notably the City of Sydney's Own Regiment as the linked 1st and 19th Battalions were known in the 1930s, and as the 1st Battalion was designated in the 1950s; all supplemented in more recent times, through Charlie Company in Canberra, with an infusion from the Werriwa Regiment.

The Battalion and its predecessors have had many distinguished servants who have brought lustre to its record, in peace as well as in war, and in civilian as well as in military service. Their examples inspire those who continue to serve in that tradition today. Some of their stories have often been told. A stained-glass window and plaque in the Sailors' and Soldiers' Memorial Church of St Luke, Clovelly, commemorates two of them: Lieutenant Colonel William Kenneth Mackenzie, who commanded the 19th Battalion at Gallipoli and on the Western Front, and was later a leading barrister, editor of the State's law reports, and author of a leading work on matrimonial law; and Brigadier Harold Burfield Taylor, who as a junior officer in the 19th Battalion on the Western Front received a Military Cross. His diaries provide the backbone of *Boldly and Faithfully*, Peter McGuinness' history of the 19th Australian Infantry Battalion. Between the wars he commanded Sydney University Regiment, 18th Battalion, 56th Battalion and 5th Brigade. During the Second World War he commanded 22nd Brigade – which included 2nd/19th Battalion - in Malaya, before going into captivity, where he established the University of Changi for the education of prisoners-of-war. After the war he became the Government Analyst, the then equivalents of the state's Chief Scientist, he became well known for giving evidence in criminal trials involving poisoning.

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Also well known is Lieutenant Colonel Charles Anderson, a teacher, who received the Victoria Cross for his command of the 2nd/19th Battalion in the Battle of the Muar in Malaya in January 1942, in which the fierce defence of the crossroads at Bakri so enraged the Japanese Imperial Guards as to provoke the atrocity at the bridge at Parit Sulong – on which some of you have stood to commemorate the sacrifice of those who were murdered there. After the war he was elected for several terms as the Member of the House of Representatives for Hume.



But this evening I wanted to tell the tale of another, who is less often spoken of, though there is a short article about him on your Association's website, and an excellent account of his life by my colleague Rear Admiral the Hon Justice Michael Slattery in the NSW Bar News for 2018, to which I am much indebted.

Percy Valentine Storkey was born on 9 September 1893 at Napier in New Zealand. He came to Sydney in 1911 where he worked as a clerk for the Orient Steamship Co. In 1912 he joined the administrative staff of the University of Sydney and the following year enrolled as a law student.

With five years service in the Wellington Infantry when he was still in New Zealand, he enlisted in the Australian Imperial Force as a private on 10 May 1915; in September, he was commissioned second lieutenant. Described as a 'well-knit figure 5 ft 7½ ins [171 cm] tall with dark hair and eyes ... a laughing face and dare-devil, happy-go-lucky ways', he embarked for England in December with the seventh reinforcements for the 19th Battalion. He joined the Battalion in France on 14 November 1916.

Five days later, in an attack on Gird Trenches north of Flers, he was wounded. Promoted lieutenant in January 1917, he was again wounded on 10 October during the 3rd battle of Ypres.

Then, on 7 April 1918 the 5th Brigade, including the 19th Battalion, was assigned to clear the area north of Hangard Wood, near Villers-Bretonneux. Intelligence had reported that the wood was 'lightly held'; surprisingly, it wasn't. The lead company of the 19th, whose men were tired, lay down in the FUP [forming up place] at dawn; some of them, including Storkey, who was second-in-command, fell asleep, and the company stepped off without him; it had advanced about 75 metres when he woke. He caught up with his men, only to encounter heavy machine-gun fire which had already struck a quarter of them, even before the company reached the edge of the wood. The company commander was shot in both knees and Storkey took over, leading six men through head-high saplings to outflank the machine-gun position. When they broke into a clearing behind the trenches from where the Germans were firing at the rest of Storkey's company, one of the Australians yelled upon seeing the enemy, some of whom looked around and saw Storkey's party. Storkey instantly led the charge, engaging the nearest Germans before they could fully react. His party killed or wounded thirty and the survivors surrendered – there were more than fifty of them. Storkey's confident and determined leadership had created the impression that he led a much larger force than the handful visible to the Germans, which in fact were all that were there. For this, he received the Victoria Cross.

He was later again wounded in action, and was promoted Captain in May 1918. He returned to Australia in November 1918 and resumed his legal studies, while working as associate to a Supreme Court judge. He graduated and was admitted to the Bar in 1921.

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On 15 April 1922 he married Minnie Mary Gordon, at St Stephen's Presbyterian Church, Sydney; they made their home at Vauclose.

In 1925 he was appointed Crown Prosecutor for the south-western circuit, which stretched from Goulburn to Albury to Deniliquin and Broken Hill and places between. Perhaps unsurprisingly given his experiences, as a prosecutor Storkey was regarded as practical and realistic, with an outlook tempered by humour and compassion. It is said that having prosecuted two men for theft for removing a safe, blowing it open with explosives and then stealing its contents, Storkey later fell into private conversation with the judge, who expressed some reservations that he may perhaps have sentenced them too leniently. 'Dangerous men Storkey, using explosives like that ...', the judge said. The prosecutor, who had rather more experience of explosives than the offenders or the judge, offered reassurance: "Well judge, how else were they to get the money out?".

Storkey became an active member of the RSL and founding President of the Vauclose sub-branch, an office he retained for many years. He served in the militia in the 1920s, and resumed active duty in 1938 as the clouds of war once again loomed, serving as a legal officer on Headquarters 2nd Division.

But in May 1939 he was appointed a judge of the District Court, presiding in the northern district. There he became an identity, making many friends and being recognized for his quick assessment of character and his sound common sense. His cases were often reported in the (Taree) Northern Champion and the Manning River Times, according to which in March 1947 he dismissed an appeal by a butcher, George Bulley, whose lorry had run into some cows on the John's River bridge when coming home early in the morning, ostensibly after fishing, saying "No one travelling in a reasonable manner should run into a wall of cows without seeing them". Another unfortunate appellant was Victor Lyne, who had driven a motor lorry under the influence of liquor; in words that hold true 75 years later, Judge Storkey said "The sooner people realise that they must leave liquor alone if they are to drive cars, the better it would be for them".

One final apocryphal story must to be told. It occurred during the Second World War. There was a time when country trains were fitted with a special private compartment for travelling judges and their staff. This was a most salutary arrangement, because it avoided judges encountering those with whom they had to deal in court while travelling. As those of you who saw me on the XPT this morning would have observed, it has now been reduced to allowing us a vacant adjacent seat. Anyway, Storkey was returning from a sitting in Glen Innes and the train stopped at Whittingham, which as most of you would know was the entraining point for Singleton army camp. A battalion piled on. They were resentful that this man, a civilian, had a compartment all to himself. Envyng the vacant seats around the judge, the soldiers began bashing on the door. Still worse, the Commanding Officer sent his Second-in-command to commandeer the apartment for himself and his staff. At this point, the judge's associate discretely left the compartment and spoke to the major. Then he returned and said to Storkey, "I don't think there'll be any more trouble". On arrival at Sydney, the judge received a grovelling apology. Later he asked his associate, "What on earth did you say to them?". To which the reply was, "Oh I just asked them if they knew they were making trouble for a man who won a Victoria Cross in the last War".

Storkey retired in 1955, and went with his wife to live in Middlesex, England where he died in 1969. He bequeathed his Victoria Cross to his old school in Napier; it is now held in New Zealand's National Army Museum.

Among the icons of the 19th Battalions, Captain his Honour Judge Percy Valentine Storkey, VC, the only Australian judge to have received a Victoria Cross, is deserving of a prominent position.

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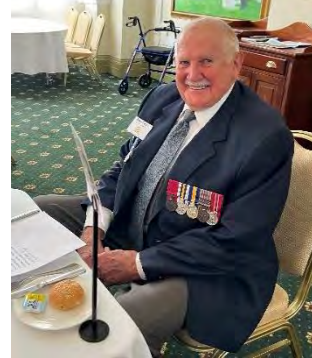
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Castlereagh Boutique Hotel



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ROOKWOOD CEMETERY WAR GRAVES Remembrance Sunday – 6 NOV 2022



Mr Glen ELMORE of Cumberland Council
(at Left) & COL Graham FLEETON, RFD (at Right)
at the Ceremony at
Rookwood War Graves Remembrance
Sunday 6 NOV 22.

The Identity Disc at left belonged to Glen's
Grandfather and is inscribed
888 W.J. HAWKINS C COY 19th BATTALION AIF
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1/19 RNSWR OFFICERS' – SERGEANTS' MESS REGIMENTAL DINNER - BATHURST SAT 26 NOV 2022



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To
LIEUTENANT Eric WONG
Platoon Commander,
B Company

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Lieutenant Wong has filled the key appointment as a regional Platoon Commander within Bravo Company in 2022. Often travelling long distances to facilitate training for his soldiers, Lieutenant Wong has consistently made a sustained contribution to the Battalion over a number of years. Lieutenant Wong has demonstrated dedication to duty well beyond expectation, supporting multiple domestic operations, all training weekends and actively seeking to improve not only himself, but his soldiers as well. He has represented the Battalion to an exemplary standard on a number of significant ceremonial occasions. Lieutenant Wong's dedication to his duty will have a lasting effect on all soldiers within Bravo Company.

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8634654 Sergeant Nicholas NESBIT / Royal Australian Infantry Corps / Training Warrant Officer Charlie Company / 1st/19th Battalion, the Royal New South Wales Regiment

Sergeant Nesbit has filled the role of Training Warrant Officer within Charlie Company, HMAS Harman in 2022. He has consistently displayed an exceptional attitude, used his positive influence and communication skills to win resources and equipment to enhance Charlie Company training. Sergeant Nesbit has worked tirelessly on multiple lines of effort to enable training, operations, governance, provide mentoring and trusted advice at all levels to an ever growing rifle company in Canberra. Sergeant Nesbit is proactive and willing to learn in to any area to rectify any deficiency. Sergeant Nesbit's influence and dedication to duty will have a lasting effect on all members of Charlie Company for many years to come.

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PRIVATE (P) Renee STOCKDALE
Q Store, A Company

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8658081 Private Renee STOCKDALE / Royal Australian Army Ordnance Corps / Q-Store Alpha Company / 1st/19th Battalion, the Royal New South Wales Regiment. Private Stockdale has filled the critical role within the Alpha company Q-Store for 2022. Private Stockdale is a critical member of the team and has assisted with numerous requests in the last 18 months, including logistical support and administrative tasks in support of company and battalion operations, often at short notice. Private Stockdale has deployed on multiple domestic operations and has consistently supported training support requests, further developing her individual skills and knowledge of broader Army. Private Stockdale received a letter of thanks from Commander JTF 629/COMD 2 DIV for her outstanding support to 11th Brigade's readiness activity in July 2022. Private Stockdale is a hard worker, with a positive attitude and her contribution will continue to have lasting effects on both Alpha Company and Battalion Logistics. Private (P) Renee Stockdale was unable to attend the Presentation evening due to a previous commitment and the OC A Coy Major Edward Guinea was delighted to receive the Trophy on her behalf and would present it to her on the next unit parade.

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DOWN MEMORY LANE

5th Re inforcements 19th Battalion AIF, Liverpool 1915

516 Rein., 1916 Batt., Liverpool, Sept., 1915.



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Top Row—(Left to right) E. E. Gully, E. S. Matthews, A. L. Davies, Pte. Emery, W. Breen, Pte. Green, H. Allen, J. E. Manbow, H. J. Newman, J. Maunsell, Pte. Porter, F. Derby, H. O. Iwerach, E. T. Lancaster, Pte. Johnson, E. C. Miller, B. A. Goffin,
2nd Row—C. Croess, Pte. Jordan, Pte. Powell, Pte. Goulton, Pte. Glover, Pte. Rodgers, Pte. Cork, Pte. Brown, T. E. Gully, Pte. Chamberlain, Pte. Randall, Pte. Allen, N. J. Falls, T. Erlam, Pte. Leahy, R. Davies, F. Pritchard, E. Mason, J. Bourke,
3rd Row—J. Murphy, A. J. Buchanan, N. P. Olsen, L. V. Gully, D. Jones, A. R. Cameron, Pte. Mallard, Pte. Winter, T. Dean, Pte. Henderson, Pte. Davies, Wambler, T. C. Murphy, Pte. Doherty, B. Gibson, J. Cook, D. W. Greenshields, Pte. Robertson,
4th Row—W. V. Booth, F. Burke, G. Hardy, Pte. Blake, W. N. Barlow, A. Jones, Pte. Currie, J. E. Biggers, J. Orchard, Pte. Soper, H. J. Clarke, Pte. Reynolds, J. R. Laidlaw, N. J. Foclan, Pte. Munro, A. L. Dignam,
5th Row—R. C. Buchanan, Pte. Le Bean, Pte. Oliver, T. Bungate, S. Brown, Pte. Mulhvey, J. Hardy, F. Joyce, Pte. Carrall, H. R. Goodwin, R. P. Creaghe, W. E. Noble, R. C. A. Brooks, W. G. Pope, E. G. Greenshields, W. A. Green, A. Miller, Pte. Smithers, O. Liang, Pte. M.
6th Row—S. Horton, O. Pratt, Corp. Hyde, Corp. Hammond, Corp. Hammer, Sgt. Molligon, Sgt. Dewar, Sgt. Casselden, Lieut. Hart, Lieut. Forsyth, O. C., Sgt. Major Booth, Sgt. A. Smith, Sgt. A. A. Reed, Corp. Snelling, P. E. Browne, O. C. Preston, Pte. Croakir.
Front Row—Pte. Alkman, Signaller, Cahill, R. E. Bolton, Pte. Weaver, A. Mitchison.

HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II'S PLATINUM JUBILEE PARADE



Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee Parade

05 AUGUST 2022



	Parade Commander MAJ Joel Bevan	Adjutant CAPT Callum Stewart	Regimental Sergeant Major WO1 Robert Munro	Escorts Senior SGT Phil Holley Junior SGT David Buckley
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	3 RAR Ensigns Senior LT C. Brown Junior LT A. Moran			
	4 RAR Ensigns Senior LT A. Hvejsel Junior LT L. Khamis			
	5 RAR Ensigns Senior LT I. Robinson Junior LT D. Cahill			
	6 RAR Ensigns Senior LT Jebudah Barton Junior LT Nicholas Hinks			
	7 RAR Ensigns Senior LT K. Johnson Junior LT R. Harst			
	8/9 RAR Ensigns Senior LT D. Kelleher Junior LT A. Hill Senior LT D. Kingdon Junior LT A. Johnson			
	9 RAR Senior LT I. Hess Junior LT A. Zaal			
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