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FROM THE EDITOR:

Limited space in this issue regrettably prevents the inclusion of regular features - *John Donovan's Book Review* and *Herbert McNamara's "Nor All Thy Tears" Story* - both of which will resume in the March 2012 issue of the Newsletter.

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VALE GOOD FRIENDS

190702 CAPTAIN Clifford Roy HARRINGTON, OBE 85th ANTI-TANK 18th DIVISION. ROYAL ARTILLERY



Born in London on 13 December 1920 and late of Newlands Court, Stow on the Wold, England, Roy's daughter Jane advised with deep regret of his peaceful passing on 1st December 12 days before his 91st birthday. Late husband of beloved Babs (dec'd 1990) father of Peter (dec'd 1997) and Jane. Grandfather of Oli, Josh, PJ, Annabelle and Xander. The Service of Thanksgiving took place at St. Mary's Church, Lower Slaughter on 16th December and interment of ashes will follow at Burton Bradstock Cemetery. Roy enjoyed a close camaraderie with members of 2/19 Australian Infantry Battalion AIF whilst prisoners of war of the Japanese and slaving on the Burma-Thailand Railway. He was particularly close to and very fond of Reg and Flo Newton, Jim Stewart and Ralph Sanderson. Our sincere thanks to Roy's daughter Jane who prepared Roy's eulogy and who as a child remembers Flo and Reg Newton visiting Roy in England.

CLIFFORD ROY HARRINGTON OBE b. 13th December 1920 - d. 1st December 2011

Roy was an extraordinary man. He had a tremendous presence, did not suffer fools gladly and could be quite judgmental! However, he was an articulate and intelligent man, well-read and well-travelled. He achieved so much in his life - he reached the rank of captain in the Army, was a successful businessman, became a director of a public company at a young age, and, in 1979 was awarded an OBE for services to export. During his life he had many hobbies - chess, fishing, shooting, golf, gardening, playing the piano (by ear), learning German, acquiring his Yachtmaster's Certificate, cooking curries and, much to the grandchildren's amusement - spent countless hours catapulting any seagulls that dared to try and land on the roof of his house!

But - back to the beginning - At the age of 17, 6ft. tall, blond, blue-eyed and good-looking, Roy was starting out on his career and had enrolled on a Management Training Course - he also joined the Territorial Army. Consequently, when War broke out, as a member of the Royal Artillery he was sent to France as part of the British Expeditionary Force at the tender age of 19 - his unit advanced as far as Belgium only to then be ordered to retreat to Dunkirk. He witnessed horrific scenes, the noise of gunfire and shelling was constant - he always hated fireworks for the rest of his life. He maintained he only got out of Dunkirk because he could run faster than the others! After days and nights with no food or sleep he managed to swim to a minesweeper and arrived back "home" safely. He was left with a lifelong mistrust of the French and, also, it must be said, of British Generals!! And, as he had lost so many of his platoon in France he could not rest and was by now a tortured soul.

He therefore volunteered to go out to the Middle East at the end of 1941 - but, as the Japanese had just bombed Pearl Harbour, the ship he was on was diverted to Singapore to support British troops already there - he arrived in Singapore in February 1942. His platoon had been trained for the desert and knew nothing of the jungle. He said he had never seen Chinese or Japanese people before and couldn't differentiate between them. Needless to say - on arrival in Singapore the Japanese were waiting for them and the British couldn't fire a shot - they had orders from London to "capitulate" and expected to be executed by the Japanese. However, the Japanese had other ideas. Roy was taken prisoner almost immediately although he said he did have time to bury his gun! Whilst being held in Changi Jail the Japanese asked for volunteers to go into the jungle to so-called "holiday camps" - thousands chose to go (including Roy) only to find that they were to be used as slaves to build the Thai-Burma "Death Railway" - Roy was only just 21 and was subjected to 16 hours of heavy physical labour a day being fed only two bowls of rice - for three and half years. He fell ill many times with malaria, jaundice, beriberi and dysentery but was still made to work. Once, when very ill with dengue fever, Roy was carried by Australian fellow prisoners to a make-shift hospital in the jungle - this left him with a life-long respect for Australians and he had many Australian friends with whom he always kept in touch and visited many times. During his captivity he lost yet more friends from starvation and disease and obviously never thought he would survive - the Japanese had made them dig their own graves and threatened to shoot them if they lost the War. Well - we know he did survive. On his return to the U.K. he weighed around 7 stone and spent some time in a rehabilitation centre - Kneller Hall - where survivors were told to forget about the War and never mention their experiences to anyone. This edict he stuck to - but he had even less respect for British Generals now, a hatred for the Japanese, and was again a tortured soul.

In 1948, in happier times, Roy met Babs at a tennis club (she was a very good tennis player) although he was no good at tennis at all and only joined the club to try and impress Babs and see more of her! Babs was a teacher and had already signed up for a 3 year contract to teach in Rhodesia. Shortly after they met, Babs left the U.K. to fulfil her contract in Rhodesia. Roy wrote to her every day and eventually managed to persuade her to cut the contract short - after 9 months Babs returned to the U.K. to marry him. They were so happy and two years later were overjoyed at the birth of their son Peter. Nearly three years after that, their daughter Jane arrived. Their lives seemed perfect. Roy had a very successful career which involved travelling the world many times over and Babs gave up teaching to run their large house and garden in the country and bring up the children. The house was invariably full of guests from Canada,

Australia and South Africa as Babs was such a good hostess. However, despite apparently now having the "perfect life" Roy was still a tortured soul. Roy, as I said, had many interests and hobbies but the one hobby which really enabled him to focus and put all his painful memories to the back of his mind, was sailing. In 1966 Roy bought his first boat which was moored on the Hamble and this became his passion. Using his children as crew (Babs was the cook) he thought nothing of sailing to France for a weekend in February when it was snowing or taking other huge risks sailing in awful weathers - this was apparently all character training - for the children! and he became a fanatic yachtsman. Twelve years later he grudgingly sold his last boat - his 2 crew members had mutinied as they now lived and worked in London and no longer wanted to spend every weekend sailing! Roy took early retirement in 1980 at the age of 60 as he had been told by doctors after the War that he had probably lost 10 years of his life through the hardship he had endured as a Japanese Prisoner of War.

He and Babs moved to Pembrokeshire for 5 years and then on to Burton Bradstock in Dorset. By this time both Peter and Jane had married and produced four grandchildren who are here today - Oli, Josh, Annabelle and Xander. One would have hoped happy years would ensue. This was not to be. In 1987 Roy's much-loved son Peter, aged 36, a successful lawyer married with 2 children (Oli and Josh) and another one on the way (PJ who is now living and working in Hong Kong), was diagnosed with cancer. In 1989 Babs was also diagnosed with cancer and died a year later at the age of 66. Seven years later Peter died at the far too young age of 46. So Roy, yet again, lost those closest to him. He soldiered on but was by now even more a tortured soul. .

After Babs died Roy continued to live alone in Dorset for several years, albeit with the company of his adored Golden Labrador, Maisie, for some of those years until he sadly had to lose her as well. When Roy reached his 80's he succumbed to dementia and Jane found that she needed to travel to Dorset nearly every weekend to care for her father. This then increased to four days a week. As Roy's dementia progressed he needed more help than Jane could give so she moved him up to The Cotswolds and settled him into Newlands Nursing Home in Stow on the Wold. Here he particularly enjoyed the gourmet food! The staff (some of whom are here today) gave him the best care and he gained a new lease of life! He was so happy to be able to see Jane (and Archie her little dog) nearly every day and a lot more of his grandchildren who were all present at his 90th birthday party this time last year.

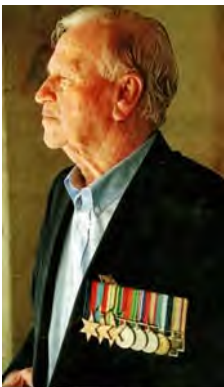
As his health deteriorated, despite having severe dementia, Roy still always recognised Jane right up to the end - which was finally peaceful and pain-free just as he would have wanted and so deserved - at last no longer a tortured soul.

MRS Ethel Jane FISHER, (Castrey).

Association member George Fisher advised with deep regret of his Mother's passing on 16 December 2011, at the Casa Mia Nursing Home, Padstow. Formerly of West Ryde and Concord West. Ethel was the loved wife of Harry (deceased) and mother of Rose and George. Grandmother to Linda, Claire and Alexandra. Great-grandmother to Keira-Leigh, Luke, Ryan, Zoe, Stuart, Catriona and Gemma.

Ethel was privately farewelled.

NX2592 PRIVATE Milton "Blue" BUTTERWORTH 2/1 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION AIF



Late of Woy Woy NSW Milton was born at Dewsbury, Yorkshire, England on 25 August 1920 and enlisted in 2/1 Australian Infantry Battalion AIF on 20 October 1939 serving in the Middle East, Greek and Crete Campaigns and the Pacific Theatre until taken prisoner of war of the Japanese. Following repatriation to Australia at War's end he was discharged on 14 February 1946. Milton sadly passed away on 16 December 2011.

Beloved husband of Lesley (deceased), loving dad of Robert and Wendy, Judy and Phil. Much loved pop of Kristy, Jeffrey, Michael, Sarah and Scott and great-pop of five. Will be forever loved by all his family and friends. Our thanks to Martin Flanagan for the following tribute to Blue which appeared in the Sydney Morning Herald 21 December 2011.

Milton Butterworth was ritually introduced as "Weary Dunlop's batman", but the description hardly did justice to a remarkable relationship between two kindred spirits, separated by rank, but united by their daring, quick-wittedness and courage. More than 2500 Australians died on the Burma Railway during World War II, but the number would have been greater had it not been for the devotion of the Australian doctors to their men. Of these, Lieutenant-Colonel Edward "Weary" Dunlop, later knighted, is the most famous. Beset by tropical diseases, malnutrition, the monsoon and guards demanding sick men work, Dunlop played a dangerous game with his captors to protect those under his command and Butterworth was his accomplice. He shared the secret of the hidden wireless Dunlop carried with him and refused to disclose its whereabouts under torture. When deadly cholera struck, Dunlop stuck to his rounds and Butterworth volunteered to nurse the cholera patients, then considered the next thing to a death sentence. The two men had met in Greece in 1941. Butterworth liked to tell the story. He delivered it with cinematic detail because, as his great mate Tom Uren liked to say, "Blue remembers everything". They were in a convoy heading south under the cover of darkness when they drove into a crater on a coast road. Dunlop took off his shirt and got beneath the car to dig it out. To Butterworth, who had grown up during the Depression in a working-class home in Yorkshire sleeping three-a-bed, Dunlop looked "like Hercules". When an English officer ordered them to abandon their vehicle and rejoin the convoy, Dunlop replied, "I don't know who you are but could you please f--- off." Butterworth knew this was someone he wanted to spend the war with. Butterworth was an 18-year-old bricklayer, born on August 25, 1920, when he arrived in

Australia in 1938. He liked the place from the start. He was in bed with a maid in a big house belonging to one of "the trumps" from the Sydney Stock Exchange when an alarm was sounded. The maid was forbidden to have male visitors. Blue took refuge beneath the bed. From this vantage point, he heard that war had been declared with Germany and decided "like a shot" that he was "in". In 1941, during the fighting on Crete, Dunlop and Butterworth were separated. Alone and with only the rank of a private, Butterworth crossed North Africa to be reunited with Dunlop in Tobruk, finding him sitting on a wharf watching a German air raid. Years later, Dunlop would remark that he and Butterworth had been bonded by war "at many levels". When the pair arrived back in Australia after the war, Dunlop insisted Butterworth accompany him to Melbourne and start a life there. Butterworth got off the aircraft in Sydney. This was where his war had started. He had people waiting for him. He became a bricklayer again.

When Dunlop died in 1993 and Melbourne came to a stop for his state funeral, Butterworth was given the honour of walking directly behind the gun carriage carrying the coffin. His wife, Lesley, had died only weeks earlier. In his own words, "I lost my two best mates in a fortnight." He carried on, sustained by friends and family. His sense of humour rarely deserted him. He wore his wisdom lightly. When he came home from the war, he found that people didn't believe his stories about Dunlop, considering them far-fetched, so he stopped telling them. He worked as a brickie until he retired in 1985, the last 13 as a council building foreman. He enjoyed lawn bowls and snooker, fished and was president of his RSL snooker and darts club.

In 1995, Butterworth went to Melbourne for the unveiling of the Weary Dunlop statue in St Kilda Road. The day after the ceremony, he returned to the statue and asked a woman nearby to photograph him beside it. "I was with him," he said. "That's what they all say," she replied. Butterworth saw the humour of their exchange. "Blue" Butterworth was farewelled at the Hillside Chapel, Palmdale Lawn Cemetery, on 21 December 2011.

WARRANT OFFICER CLASS ONE Michael Barry O'DONOHUE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL ENGINEERS



Late of Richmond and Baulkham Hills NSW, Michael was born at Liverpool NSW on 7 June 1942 and sadly passed away on 1 December 2011. He was educated at Patrician Brothers and worked for the Sydney County Council as an electrician until retirement.

He enlisted in the Citizens Military Forces in 1960 with the Royal Australian and Electrical and Mechanical Engineers and served until retirement. He joined the RAEME Association in 1972 and served as President from 1994 to 2001.

Michael was renowned for his keen support and involvement with the Castle Hill Community Show Group and Lions Clubs together with the Returned and Services League of Australia and his contribution and commitment to the Reserve Forces Day Council and the New Medal Group.

Beloved father and father-in-law of Dianne, Anthony and Henriette, Lachlan and Amanda. Husband of Frances. Loved brother of Patricia and Jeanette. Much loved Pop to Dean, Mark, Laura, Taylor, Kate and Joshua. Michael was farewelled at St Monica's Catholic Church, Richmond NSW on Thursday 22 December 2011.

2743234 / 2111544 WARRANT OFFICER CLASS ONE Sidney Arthur NEEDHAM 1st/19th BATTALION, THE ROYAL NEW SOUTH WALES REGIMENT



Late of Bensville and formerly of Pipers Bay NSW, Sid was born at Paddington NSW on 17 August 1936 and sadly passed away at home on Monday 19 December 2011 after battling cancer with the same fierce stoicism for which he was renowned throughout life.

He was raised in Padstow NSW and during his early years sold newspapers on the trams before joining the Sydney County Council where he was a senior manager prior to retiring after 39 years service in 1990. He married Joan Taylor in 1967 and worked 3 jobs in his early married life to pay off their home and was a barman at the Tempe Bowling Club and later at the East Hills Hotel. He was a keen golfer and fisherman, particularly at La Perouse.

Sid was enlisted in the National Service Scheme on 26 April 1955 serving with 12th National Service Training Battalion. On completion of his initial National Service training on 1 August 1955 he was posted to 32 Heavy Regiment Royal Australian Artillery on 2 August 1955 where he served until the cessation of his National Service obligation on 6 April 1960.

He enlisted in the Citizens Military Force on 7 April 1960 and served with the 17th and 18th Light Anti Aircraft Regiments until posted to the Officer Cadet Training Unit, later transferring to 19 RNSWR on its raising in December 1966 serving with 19 RNSWR and 1/19 RNSWR as Company Sergeant Major B Company and later as the Warrant Officer Regimental Duties with Bn HQ. He discharged on 4 October 1977 after 22 years service for which he was awarded the Reserve Force Medal with First Clasp, National Medal, Australian Defence Medal, Efficiency Medal with First Clasp, and the Anniversary of National Service 1951-1972 Medal.

Sid married Elena and on retirement from the Sydney County Council settled at Piper's Bay and became deeply involved in the Rural Fire Service at Forster Tuncurry for 10 years and for his service and dedication was made a Life Member.

Beloved husband to Elena. Loved father and proud grandfather. Dear brother to Lola and Arthur and extended family, Sid was farewelled at the Greenway Chapel and Memorial Gardens, Green Point NSW, on Friday 23 December 2011 and the large turnout of members of the Rural Fire Service was tribute to the high esteem in which he and Elena were held.

Association members John Elliott, George Fisher, Sandy and Marj Howard, Larry Nolan, Roger Perry, Peter "Blue" and Gladys Pearce, Roger Perry, Bob Pink, David Ring and Dennis Zalunardo were in attendance.

2107833 LANCE BOMBARDIER Dennis George RING, 3rd ANTI TANK REGIMENT, RAA



Late of Cowra and formerly of Seven Hills NSW, George was born at Brunswick VIC, on 19 August 1931 and sadly passed away on 28 December 2011 after a long 20 year battle with emphysema.

Dennis served with the Royal Australian Artillery from 14 November 1949 to 11 October 1956 with the 3rd Anti Tank Regiment at Belmore NSW. Dennis married Lynette at Marrickville NSW in 1963 and worked as a First Class Machinist. Dennis' brother James served with the 2/2 Australian Infantry Battalion AIF and his other brother Keith served with 2/17 Australian Infantry Battalion AIF.

Sadly his wife Lynette pre-deceased him in 1971 and after meeting his wife Ivy in 1985 they married in 1989 and moved to Cowra in 1999

He is survived by beloved wife Ivy, his son David, son and daughter-in-law Peter & Tako, daughter Lisa and daughter Cheryl and son-in-law Paul & family. Dennis was one of 15 siblings - 11 of whom have pre-deceased him.

John Burns and Bob Pink represented the Association at Dennis' farewell on Thursday 5 January 2011 at the Hillside Chapel, Palmdale NSW.

NX59197 PRIVATE George Harold DALDRY, 2/20 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION AIF



Late of Randwick, George was born in Sydney on 1 July 1919 and sadly passed away at home on Friday 30 December 2011. He enlisted in 2/20 Australian Infantry Battalion AIF on 15 July 1940 and fought in the Malaya and Singapore Campaigns and following the Capitulation of Singapore passed into captivity as a prisoner of war of the Japanese. Repatriated to Australia at War's end he was discharged on 9 January 1946.

From The Australian 31 DEC 2011:
**A PIONEER OF FITNESS TRAINING IN AUSTRALIAN SPORT,
HAS DIED AGED 88 IN SYDNEY.**

Daldry forged a reputation as the toughest trainer in the business and has been credited for laying the foundation for physical fitness in rugby league. Hugely respected by league legends like Jack Gibson, John Raper and Bob Fulton, Daldry toured with the Australian Kangaroos and worked with several Sydney clubs including St George, Eastern Suburbs, Manly and North Sydney. His expertise wasn't limited to rugby league and he trained the silver medal-winning rowing squad in the 1968 Olympics in Mexico. "When I coached Easts then Manly from 1979 to 1987, he was my trainer/conditioner and I have no doubt that my sides were the fittest in those times," Fulton told the Men of League website.

Raper said: "He never expected you to do anything he wouldn't do. I wasn't the only St. George player to benefit from his methods and influence." Daldry died peacefully at his home in Randwick on Friday night and a memorial service will be organised for his friends on Tuesday 24th January 2012 at Centennial Dining in Centennial Park from 4:00 p.m.

His passion and skill for motivating athletes came from Daldry's experiences during the Second World War. Daldry was posted to Singapore and then Malaya as a 16-year-old in 1938. He was captured by the Japanese in Malaya and was sent to the infamous Changi Camp.

Daldry was in the first group to be taken to Japan, where he spent three of his four years as a prisoner of war doing hard labour. "We were on the western side of Japan, not too far from Korea," Daldry told Men of League a couple of years ago. "It was bitterly cold in winter with plenty of snow. "We probably survived these conditions because we were packed in very tightly with only about two feet (61cm) of sleeping space."

Beloved son of George and Cora (deceased). Fond brother of Charlie (deceased). Much loved friend to a great many.

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NX35808 PRIVATE William Thomas Read "Bill" BAIRD, OAM,



17 Platoon, D Company, 2/19 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION AIF

It is with deep regret that we advise of Bill's passing on Friday 6 January 2012 at Hay Hospital NSW. Bill was born at Hay NSW on 20 August 1916 and was an original enlistment in 2/19 Battalion AIF at Wagga Wagga on 26 June 1940. He fought in the Malaya and Singapore Campaign and passed into captivity as a prisoner of war of the Japs following the Capitulation of Singapore.

In March 1943 he was sent to slave on the Thai-Burma Railway and in July 1944 he sailed on the infamous 'Byoki Maru' for the voyage to Japan where he slaved in the Ohamma Coal Mines before repatriation to Australia at war's end. He was discharged on 20 December 1945. Post war Bill was a dairy farmer running Baird's Dairy at Hay until retirement and became a local legend for his service to the communities of Hay and

Ivanhoe for which he was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia in the Queen's Birthday Honours in 2010.

Madeleine Heffernan of the Hay Riverine Grazier interviewed Bill on his 90th Birthday in 2006:

IN the 25 years Bill Baird has made deliveries between Hay and Ivanhoe, the roundtrip has risen in cost from about \$20 to \$140. And before the road was sealed about a decade ago, Mr Baird said he'd spent days bogged between the two towns. Tony McNamara is the manager of Ivanhoe RSL and reckons 90-year old Bill is very important to the 350-strong town.

"He's a lifeline as far as fresh food is concerned. He's done a lot for a lot of people over the years and is one of nature's gentlemen," Mr McNamara said. Mr Baird runs Baird Food and Freight and delivers the important things, gas, bread and milk and newspapers – and a few extras, like lotto tickets and stubbies, to the town's cafes, club and 60 odd pensioners.

Mr Baird has done the 440-kilometre round trip on Tuesday and Thursdays, and on Saturdays if need be – rain, hail or shine. Mr Baird said the business began when his employers told him he was "too old" – at the age of 65.

Mr McNamara described the Hay resident as an "excellent driver". "He waves to everyone and everyone knows him" Mr McNamara said. "He's up here by about nine o'clock and he drives back in the arvo" Mr McNamara said.

Bill's beloved wife Doris pre-deceased him in the mid 1980's and he is survived by his sons and daughters in law, Brian and Anna of Wee Waa, Mervyn and Lynne of Sydney, Graham and Janet of Mildura and daughter in law Crystal of Broken Hill, widow of Bill's son Robin who predeceased him in the early 1990's and their families. Bill's daughter in law Martha, widow of Bill's son Raymond who also pre-deceased him in 2005.

Association member Mrs Dorothy Farlow (widow of NX45746 Cliff Farlow 2/19 Australian Infantry Battalion AIF) attended Bill's farewell at his graveside service at Hay Cemetery on Wednesday 11 January 2012.

NX32600 GUNNER Sydney Steel PEARCE, 2/15 FIELD REGIMENT RAA AIF

With deep regret we advise of Syd's passing in early January 2012. Late of the Blakeney Lodge Aged Care Tumut NSW. Syd was born at Tumut NSW on 16 March 1913 and enlisted in 2/15 Field Regiment RAA AIF at Paddington NSW on 18 June 1940. He fought in the Malaya and Singapore Campaign and passed into captivity as a prisoner of war of the Japs following the Capitulation of Singapore. He slaved on the Thai-Burma Railway with Joan Bye's husband Allan, and had close ties with members of 2/19 Australian Infantry Battalion AIF. Discharged on his return home on 3 April 1946 he returned to farming. Syd retired from the land due to blindness and was a long term resident of Blakeney Lodge for the past 20 years and was a good friend to Association member Mrs Joan Bye, also a resident of Blakeney Lodge and her late husband NX35419 CPL Allan Bye, 2/19 Australian Infantry Battalion AIF who Syd had met at Hintok while slaving on the Burma Railway.

Association members Robert Watson Lindsay Dobbie and members of the Tumut RSL Sub Branch and Club attended his farewell on Monday 9 January 2012 at the Church of England Tumut where Tumut RSL Sub Branch President Mr Frank Delany delivered to RSL Tribute. A special memorial service for Syd was also held at Blakeney Lodge.

NX35358 GUNNER Kevin Andrew ANDERSON 2/19 Battalion AIF

Following the 'Return to Sender' marking on the Association's September 2011 newsletter – checks ascertained that Kevin had passed away on 31 December 2010. Late of Narrandera NSW Kevin was born at Cooma on 20 March 1919 and enlisted in 2/19 Australian Infantry Battalion at Wagga Wagga on 19 June 1940. Kevin is recorded in the 'The Grim Glory' and as his World War 2 Nominal Roll entry shows his rank as Gunner and Posting at Discharge 'HQ AA Defences L of C Area' and that he was not a POW, indications are that he escaped from Malaya/Singapore and made his way back to Australia.

Lest We Forget

COMING EVENTS 2012

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	Remarks
WED	15 FEB 12	1030	FALL OF SINGAPORE COMMEMORATION	SYDNEY CENOTAPH	
WED	25 APR 12	0930	ANZAC DAY MARCH & REUNION – SYDNEY	March - Form Up Outside NSW Leagues Club Elizabeth St Reunion – "MV Good Time" - Sydney Harbour Cruise	
SAT	19 MAY 12	1800	RNSWR WO/SNCO'S REGIMENTAL DINNER OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATION & BREAKFAST INCLUDED IN VERY REASONABLE COST	SCHOOL OF INFANTRY SERGEANTS' MESS SINGLETON NSW	Phone Bob PINK 0414 907 427 or Warren BARNES 0409 909 439 for a booking
SAT	23 JUN 12	1800	ROYAL NEW SOUTH WALES REGIMENT OFFICERS' REGIMENTAL DINNER	TBA	Further details & cost Tele: Regimental Secretary LTCOL Don SHEARMAN H: (03) 9437 2383 W: (03) 9450 7059)
SUN	24 JUN 12	0930	ROYAL NEW SOUTH WALES REGIMENT ANNUAL CHURCH SERVICE	GARRISON CHURCH MILLERS POINT SYDNEY	
SAT	24 JUN 12	TBA	RIVERINA RESERVE FORCES DAY	WAGGA WAGGA NSW	Further details Tony CANTWELL 0428 247 003
SUN	30 JUN 12	1345	CANBERRA RESERVE FORCES DAY	CANBERRA	West Courtyard Australian War Memorial
SUN	01 JUL 12	1030	SYDNEY RESERVE FORCES DAY REVIEW	SYDNEY DOMAIN	Reunion at NSW Leagues Club Phillip St
SUN	22 JUL 12	0930	POZIERES DAY COMMEMORATION	WOOLLAHRA	St Columba Church Ocean Avenue
WED	15 AUG 12	1030	VICTORY OVER JAPAN DAY	SYDNEY CENOTAPH	
WED	07 SEP 12	1030	BATTLE FOR AUSTRALIA DAY	SYDNEY CENOTAPH	
FRI SAT SUN	26 OCT 2012 27 OCT 2012 28 OCT 2012		1/19 RNSWR ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & REUNION WEEKEND	ORANGE EX SERVICES CLUB	DETAILS OF VENUES BEING FINALISED
SUN	11 NOV 12	1030	REMEMBRANCE DAY	SYDNEY CENOTAPH	

SID NEEDHAM'S FAREWELL GREENWAY MEMORIAL GARDENS GREEN POINT NSW

L to R: Bob PINK, Sandy HOWARD, Marj HOWARD, Dennis ZALUNARDO, Roger PERRY, John ELLIOTT,
Gladys PEARCE, Peter "Blue" PEARCE, David RING, Larry NOLAN, George FISHER





FROM THE PRESIDENT



As the previous edition was going to press we were gearing up for the Annual Reunion weekend in Tumut on 21 – 23 October. Bob was snowed under with organising the weekend and the printer also had a few hiccoughs, so my apologies that the delivery of the September issue was delayed. Rest assured it was not the fault of our overworked Honorary Secretary.

The Annual Weekend was a resounding success due to, on the one hand the organisation by Bob and Mick Pass and on the other hand the exceptional hospitality of Tumut RSL Club under the management of Association member, Robert Watson.

The Meet and Greet on Friday was a barbeque where Association members Antony Bottero and Lindsay Dobbie did sterling service cooking for a very large gathering and the salads and other accompaniments provided by the Club, together with a “small” amount of liquid refreshment contributed to a great evening to get the weekend underway. The Saturday tour of the beautiful Tumut district was voted as a great success by all who participated. The presentation by Peter McGuinness on the Saturday afternoon of a talk of the Italian Front in World War I was most informative and, at least in my case, corrected misconceptions about the valour of the Italians in that conflict. As is usual in lectures by senior officers there are a number of damning photographs of people in the rear rows nodding off but those of us who stayed awake learned a great deal. My thanks to Peter for his painstaking research and presentation! My thanks also to his assistant Bill Edwards for the “logistic” support!

The AGM followed the usual pattern and the Committee were re-elected unopposed. The Assistant Treasurer’s nomination was not received prior to the meeting and, as there were no nominations from the floor that position was left unfilled. I am pleased to say that Bob Weir’s nomination was received in the mail on the Monday after the AGM and I have re-appointed him to fill the “casual” vacancy. He was, no doubt, occupied with his duties at The School of Infantry.

The Commemoration ceremony at the RSL Memorial in Richmond Park was well attended and, despite the absence of music for the Last Post and Reveille, went well. I am indebted to our Chaplain, LTCOL Rev Canon Colin Aiken for taking the leading role in this service. Wreaths were laid on behalf of 2/19th Battalion, 1/19 RNSWR, Tumut RSL Club and Tumut RSL Sub Branch and, again I am indebted to both of the latter organisations for their participation in what is a very important and intrinsic part of our Reunion weekends.

The Reunion Dinner was extremely well attended with over 70 members, partners and guests sitting down. I was particularly happy to welcome Joan Bye, widow of Allan (Wimpy) Bye of 2/19 Battalion as our Guest of Honour. Joan was accompanied by her daughter Robyn, both these ladies being local Tumut residents. We were very pleased to welcome 2/19 Battalion AIF member Glen Scriven and his daughter Robin. We were also privileged to have as guests Mr Frank Delany the President of both the RSL Club and the Sub-branch together with Bruce Brien, Senior Vice President of the Club and the Sub Branch. Bruce was accompanied by his charming wife Anne. Thanks to the publicity efforts of Robert Watson we welcomed a new members, David Polsen and David Rosetta, whose uncles served in 2/19th Battalion and we had a number of “first timers” at this year’s reunion, among them Bob Lidden and his wife Ellen, Alan and Cathy Palmer and Tony O’Reilly from Coolamon. We celebrated Peter McGuinness’ 73rd birthday during the evening and had the chance to congratulate Malcolm (Frenchy) and Jane Le Comte on their recent wedding. Again, Tumut RSL Club did us proud with their service and a great night was enjoyed by all present.

One of the high points of the AGM was the awarding of Life Membership to Peter McGuinness for his exceptional efforts on both *The Grim Glory* and *Boldly & Faithfully*, to Joy Newton for her work over many years as Treasurer and as a tireless fund raiser, with her magnificent quilts, for both publications and to Bob Wade who has performed the role of Merchandise Manager for the entire length of time the Association has had merchandise on sale. Bob has decided he needs to spend more time with his family and we are extremely grateful to him for his efforts over an extended period. We are fortunate that Ray Warden, supported by his lovely wife Gay, has taken on the role and they exceeded expectations in their efforts over the weekend so I think we can be sure that the service that members have come to expect from Merchandising will continue.

The efforts of these three members were recognised by a unanimous vote of those present at the meeting. While I wholeheartedly support the honour that has been granted I must say that Joy, Peter and Bob are a small sample of the great number of our members who step up to the mark on any occasion that I put out a “call to arms” I welcome the additions to the ranks of Life Members and look forward to further additions in the future.

On Remembrance Sunday, 6 November, I represented the President of the Eighth Australian Division AIF Association at the Remembrance Ceremony conducted by the NSW Association of Jewish Ex-Servicemen and Women. The Ceremony, conducted at the NSW Jewish War Memorial in Darlinghurst was very moving.

On Remembrance Day, accompanied by Bob Pink, I was present at the Cenotaph for the NSW Government service led by Her Excellency, Professor Marie Bashir, AC, CVO, Governor of New South Wales. There was a

large crowd in attendance and we were joined by Bruce Loynes, Kevin Connelly, Barry Nesbitt and David, Yvonne and Cooper Cowdrey. The XO of 3rd Battalion, the Royal Australian Regiment gave a very moving Occasional Address.

On Saturday, 19 November, Bob Pink and I travelled to Dubbo in Western NSW, to attend the 1/19 RNSWR Battalion Ball and present the Peryman Awards. It was unfortunate that the majority of the recipients were unable to be present to receive their awards.

The Association congratulates the winners of the 2011 Peryman Awards – PTE Brenda YOUSE; CPL Robert TREANOR; SGT Stephen METCALFE; and MAJ Jason INGHAM.

SGT Metcalfe, who is from the Catering Platoon in Admin Company, demonstrated his abilities, along with his Catering Platoon colleagues, in providing an absolutely outstanding meal. Congratulations are due to all who worked to achieve an amazing spread for the assembled guests.

Advice has been received from the Department of Veterans' Affairs of a Commemorative Mission to Singapore in February 2012 to commemorate the 70th Anniversary of the Fall of Singapore. Bob Pink has circulated the material to all interested members but I regret that age has taken its toll on our veterans. We received nominations from four veterans and I have forwarded these, with my strong endorsement, to DVA.

Christmas week brought the sad news of the death of Sid Needham who lost a long battle with cancer on Monday, 19 December. Sid was one of my instructors when I joined the Army Reserve (CMF) in 1965 and he subsequently transferred into the fledgling 19 RNSWR where his distinguished military career culminated with him being the first Army Reserve Infantry Warrant Officer to achieve the rank of Warrant Officer Class 1. Sid's farewell was at Green Point on 23 December and I was joined on that sad occasion by a number of his former colleagues led by Bob Pink, Dennis Zalunardo, Sandy and Marj Howard, John Elliott – who travelled all the way from Wilcannia, George Fisher, David Ring, Larry Nolan and a surprise guest, Peter (Blue) Pearce and his wife Gladys. Blue was the Training Warrant Officer in the early days of 19 RNSWR and who, in later life had come across Sid during Sid's long service as a Rural Fire Service volunteer.

The same week also brought news of the passing of Captain Clifford Roy Harrington OBE who died in an English nursing home on 1 December. Roy served with the Royal Artillery in Malaya and became friendly with men of 2/19 Battalion AIF on the Burma/Thai Railway. He was a long-time member of the Association and a number of his former POW comrades visited him in England after the war.

I also learned recently of the death, earlier in December, of the mother of George Fisher. Our thoughts go out to George and his family in their sad loss.

As I close this message it is appropriate that I record, and acknowledge, the absolutely exceptional work undertaken by our Editor, Bob Pink. This, it turns out, is the 47th time I have penned my "President's Address" – usually no more than two pages. What this means is that Bob has produced 47 editions of *Frontline*. I doubt that anyone has any concept of how much work that this has entailed and how much the membership is indebted to Bob for his efforts.

By the time this edition of *Frontline* reaches you the festive season will have been and gone. I trust that you have all had a very happy and peaceful Christmas with your loved ones and I take this opportunity to convey to each and every member, and their families, my very best wishes for a bright and happy 2012.

Roger Perry

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NEW MEMBERS

A very warm and sincere welcome is extended to the following new members who have joined since the last newsletter:

PTE	David	POLSEN	TUMUT NSW	2720
PTE	David	ROSETTA	TUMUT NSW	2720

THE GINGHAM DRESS

A lady in a faded gingham dress and her husband, dressed in a homespun threadbare suit, stepped off the train in Boston and walked timidly without an appointment into the Harvard University President's outer office. The secretary could tell in a moment that such backwoods, country hicks had no business at Harvard and probably didn't even deserve to be in Cambridge.

'We'd like to see the president,' the man said softly. 'He'll be busy all day,' the secretary snapped. 'We'll wait,' the lady replied. For hours the secretary ignored them, hoping that the couple would finally become discouraged and go away. They didn't, and the secretary grew frustrated and finally decided to disturb the president, even though it was a chore she always regretted. 'Maybe if you see them for a few minutes, they'll leave,' she said to him! He sighed in exasperation and nodded. Someone of his importance obviously didn't have the time to spend with them, and he detested gingham dresses and homespun suits cluttering up his outer office. The president, stern faced and with dignity, strutted toward the couple.

The lady told him, 'We had a son who attended Harvard for one year. He loved Harvard. He was happy here. But about a year ago, he was accidentally killed. My husband and I would like to erect a memorial to him, somewhere on campus.' The president wasn't touched. He was shocked. 'Madam,' he said, gruffly, 'we can't put up a statue for every person who attended Harvard and died. If we did, this place would look like a cemetery.'

'Oh, no,' the lady explained quickly. 'We don't want to erect a statue. We thought we would like to give a building to Harvard.' The president rolled his eyes. He glanced at the gingham dress and homespun suit, then exclaimed, 'A building! Do you have any earthly idea how much a building costs? We have over seven and a half million dollars in the physical buildings here at Harvard.' For a moment the lady was silent. The president was pleased. Maybe he could get rid of them now. The lady turned to her husband and said quietly, 'Is that all it costs to start a university? Why don't we just start our own?'

Her husband nodded. The president's face wilted in confusion and bewilderment. Mr. and Mrs. Leland Stanford got up and walked away, traveling to Palo Alto, California where they established the university that bears their name, Stanford University, a memorial to a son that Harvard no longer cared about.

You can easily judge the character of others by how they treat those who they think can do nothing for them.

---- A TRUE STORY by Malcolm Forbes

SICK REPORT



Pictured above Barry Chapman recuperating in Newcastle Hospital in early January 2012 after a bout of spinal surgery.

OUR GET WELL WISHES TO THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS

- Gordon WILLIAMS after successful major surgery
- Terry IRWIN a couple of spells in hospital
- Terry CURTIS after his very successful surgery
- Helen HANSON back home after her successful op
- Peter HALL recovering from hip surgery
- Jack VARLEY's wife Meryl after a fall at home requiring hip surgery 2 days before Xmas
- Bob O'CALLAGHAN shoulder reconstruction after a disagreement with a motor bike
- Joy NEWTON now back home after a hospital trip in mid October
- Peter McGUINNESS after a spell in Hobart Hospital
- Malcolm LE COMTE recovering from knee surgery



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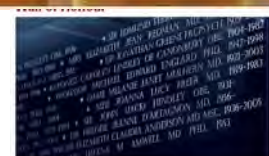


TO Graeme DAVIS ON HIS 60th BIRTHDAY

To Barry CHAPMAN whose name was recently included on the Wall of Honour at the prestigious Royal Society of Medicine in London



GRAEME DAVIS' 60th BIRTHDAY BASH AT THE LANE COVE COUNTRY CLUB
L to R: Bob PINK, John & Louise BLANCH, Sue, Nicole & Graeme DAVIS, Edna & Bruce SCOTT, Linda & Bob COLLIGAN





SEEN AROUND THE TRAPS



LONG TIME TRADITION: Noel Selway plays the bugle with Wooroolin State School students Gregory and Brittany Lumb at the Wondai Remembrance Day service. Wooroolin State School students have played the last post at the service for more than 50 years.
Photo: Kate Benedict / South Burnett Times



Tom Fletcher knocking out a tune or two at the Swell Beach Festival

ANZAC DAY 2012 CONDOBOLIN



Association Members Dave RING, Garry LEWIS, and Jim "Blue" STEWART will be attending Condoobolin for ANZAC Day this year and convey a sincere invitation for anyone interested to join them. For details of accommodation and rationing and the programme please contact:

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ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

JUST A REMINDER FOLKS THAT ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS FELL DUE ON 1 JANUARY 2012 AND THE HON SEC WOULD BE VERY PLEASED TO RECEIVE YOUR COMPLETED SUBSCRIPTION SLIP ENCLOSED WITH THIS NEWSLETTER.

FRONTLINE REMEMBRANCE DAY SYDNEY CENOTAPH 11 NOV 11



RESERVE FORCES DAY LAUNCH 26 NOV 11



DO YOU KNOW THIS WAR HERO'S FAMILY ?

The Parliamentary Secretary for Defence, Senator David Feeney, today called on RSLs, historians and ex-servicemen and women to come forward if they know the next-of-kin of 12 brave Australian servicemen who died in World War II prisoner of war camps. "In March this year, the Gillard Government announced that twenty prisoners of war who were killed while escaping during WWII will be posthumously awarded the Commendation for Gallantry," Senator Feeney said.

"So far eight families of these servicemen have been found. We're looking for the rest".

"I am asking RSLs, historians, ex-servicemen and women and Australian Defence Force families to come forward if they have information about the next-of-kin of these brave servicemen. "As Christmas approaches and we think of our Australian troops keeping our region and the Middle East safe and secure. We should take a moment to remember the time that POWs spent in camps," the Senator said.

"Their bravery should never be forgotten," Senator Feeney said.

This was the result of the independent Defence Honours and Awards Appeals Tribunal inquiry into *Recognition for Far East Prisoners of War who were Killed while Escaping*.

Anyone who is related to any of the following men, or knows of someone who may be related, can call the Directorate's telephone enquiry line on Free Call 1800 111 321 or write to:

Directorate of Honours and Awards
Department of Defence
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Sergeant Caryle Benjamin Jones (27 years) 2/15 FD REGT	Murrurundi NSW	NX45920	22 Mar 42	Djambi Camp, Sumatra
Major Alan Mull (41 years) HQ 8 AUSTRALIAN DIVISION	Maroubra NSW	NX12243	10 Mar 43	Thambyujayat, Burma
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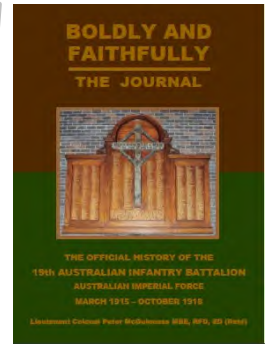
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THE PERYMAN TROPHY 2010 - 2011



President 1/19 RNSWR Association & Chairman of the Peryman Trust Roger Perry attended 1/19 RNSWR Unit Ball at the Woolpack Function Centre, Wingewarra Street DUBBO NSW 2830 on SATURDAY 19th NOVEMBER 2011 and was able to present SGT Stephen METCALF with his copy of 'Boldly and Faithfully'. Regrettably the other 3 recipients were unable to attend.



“BOLDLY AND FAITHFULLY” – “THE JOURNAL”

THE OFFICIAL HISTORY OF THE 19th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE MARCH 1915 – OCTOBER 1918

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AUSTRALIAN ARMY INFANTRY MUSEUM SINGLETON

An update on the completion of the Australian Army Infantry Museum [AAIM] at Singleton. Since the first sod was turned for the building construction to commence by the then Vice Chief of Defence Force LTGEN David Hurley AC, DSC on 19 January 2011, and subsequently the opening of the AAIM building complex on 1 September 2011, by Chief of Defence Force General David Hurley AC, DSC the completion is approximately 3-1/2 months behind schedule due to various building and construction constraints.



The delay has not allowed for the installation of the internal design or the exhibits to be installed into the display cabinets and cases. It is anticipated that we will get the museum building handed over to us on 3 December 2011 [TBC], and after that day we commence our installing of the exhibits into display cabinets and moving the larger items into position. We anticipate the Museum being opened to the public in January 2012, all going to plan and by the 26 January 2012.



The Museum will have the following:

Access to the Museum without having to enter the School of Infantry complex. Coach and private motor vehicle parking areas with ease of access Cafe that will seat up to 60 people [tourist coach size], theatre that will also seat 60 people [tourist coach size], Corps Shop, and an outside BBQ area Rest room facilities including accessible facilities for people with disabilities. A lift between the two floors of exhibition area. Tea and Coffee facilities, hot food items such as pies, sausage rolls, selected sandwiches and cakes, cold drinks and confectionary items. Two levels of exhibitions, ground floor with our involvement from 1885 Soudan to current day operations in Afghanistan and larger

display items, with the mezzanine level that will have weapons and technology from 1885 to 2011 displayed, including weapons, bayonets, grenades, uniforms and equipment.

As additional information comes to hand for the Exhibition opening we will keep you informed.

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1/19th Battalion RNSWR Association reunion

Rich history of 'Bushman's Rifles' unit

OVER 80 members of the 1/19th Battalion, Royal New South Wales Regiment Association, gathered at the Tumut RSL Club over the weekend for a reunion.

About half a dozen Tumut men who served in the battalion were on hand for the reunion, which included a meet and greet barbecue on Friday and dinner on Saturday.

The Battalion was a Special Conditions Reserve Unit and was commonly known as the Bushman's Rifles.

The 2/19th Battalion AIF Association, from which the 1/19th takes its traditions, was incorporated in the reunion, but few of its ageing members could attend.

Members of the 1/19th came from throughout the country to Tumut for the gathering, travelling from as far as Brisbane in the north and near Hobart in the south.

They were from all walks of life - a cardiologist, journalist, farmers, managers and retirees.

Closer to home, Tumut men Lindsay Dobbie, David Rosetta, Antony Bottero, Robert Watson, Ken Fitzgerald and David Polsen, attended.

Association secretary Bob Pink said the reunions provided an

opportunity for members to enjoy a beer, tell some stories and remember the fallen.

"The only other time we seem to see each other is at funerals, so we much prefer this type of atmosphere," Mr Pink said.

"It's the second time we've had the reunion at Tumut and I have to acknowledge the effort of Robert

Watson (an association member, and RSL Club manager) for his efforts.

"We're made to feel very welcomed here."

While the battalion traces its routes back to the turn of the last century, it was in 1966 that the 1/19th was re-raised as a special conditions unit to provide an opportunity for men from remote areas of New South Wales to serve as reserve soldiers.

Over the years, more than 7000 men and women have served in the battalion. Vietnam veterans, members of the NSW and Federal police, state and federal government employees were part of the diverse make-up of the battalion.

In peacetime, the battalion has participated in major military exercises.

It has been involved with natural disaster assistance, Sydney Olympic duties, and overseas deployment with USA, British, New Zealand and PNG Armed Forces.

The Battalion has more recently provided men and women for active service in Timor, Iraq, Afghanistan and Solomon Islands.

The 2/19th Battalion, meantime, fought the Japanese in Malaya during World War II.

The Battalion inflicted heavy casualties on the Japanese but suffered horrific casualties themselves, with over 800 men killed from a total strength of 1800.

Many more were wounded and still more carried the physical and mental scars for life.

The 2/19 lost more members than any other Australian unit



Bob Pink OAM, Lindsay Dobbie, Les Fordham, Robert Watson, Joe Clark, Alan Palmer, Antony Bottero, Frank Delany, Kate Dobbie, Christine Watson, Cathy Palmer and Belinda Bottero.



Many Tumut men belonged to the Battalion, which was commonly referred to as the Riverina Battalion.

Many became captives of the Japanese from February, 1942, until August 1945.

John and Vick Samin (Barraba), Dianne and Josh Elliott (Wilcannia) and Ronda and Ken McKay (Penrith).



Joan Bye (front) with Anne Brian, Bruce Brian and Robin Jeffery.



Above: Ken Fitzgerald, Albert Kolbuch and Geoff Braddon,

Right: Tom and Hazel Cooper from Jamberoo and Harry Cole from Burraneer.

Left: Harry Bauer (Wagga), Peter Morrissey (Canberra), Peter McGuinness (Lower Snug, Tasmania) and Peter Hughes (St Lucia, Brisbane).



Maureen and Daniel Johnston travelled from Newcastle for the reunion.



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REUNION DINNER TUMUT RSL CLUB 22 OCT 11



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OUR THANKS TO OUR HONORARY PHOTOGRAPHERS Dan JOHNSTON & Graeme GILL FOR THEIR PHOTOGRAPHIC EFFORTS AND ASSISTANCE AT THE TUMUT WEEKEND & OUR OTHER FUNCTIONS.



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MINUTES OF 1/19 RNSWR ASSOCIATION (PROUDLY INCORPORATING 2/19 BATTALION A.I.F. ASSOCIATION) 13th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD AT TUMUT RSL CLUB ON SATURDAY 22nd OCTOBER 2011 at 3:00 pm

OPENING: The Chairman, Mr Roger PERRY opened the meeting at 1505h and noted the apologies.

ATTENDANCE & APOLOGIES: It was MOVED by John SAMIN and SECONDED by Les FORDHAM that the apologies be accepted. **CARRIED**

IN ATTENDANCE

LTCOL	Colin	AIKEN, OAM, RFD, ChStJ	MAJ	Bob	LIDDEN, RFD
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PTE	Tony	BRAY	WO2	Neil	MELVILLE
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CFN	Lindsay	DOBBIE	PTE	Alan	PALMER
CPL	Alan	DRINKWATER	SSGT	Mick	PASS
MRS	Peggy	DRINKWATER (By Invitation)	WO2	Roger	PERRY
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MAJ	Ken	FITZGERALD	PTE	David	ROSETTA
SSGT	Bill	FOGARTY	SSGT	John	SAMIN
LTCOL	John	FOGARTY, RFD, JP, AFAIM	MAJ	Bryan	SCHAFFER, JP
CPL	Les	FORDHAM	MR	Glen	SCRIVEN
MR	Graeme	GILL	LCPL	Graham	TIPPETT
CPL	Peter	HALL	LCPL	Ray	WARDEN
LT	Peter	HUGHES	MRS	Gay	WARDEN (By Invitation)
CPL	Dan	JOHNSTON	PTE	Robert	WATSON
LT	Corinna	KELLY	MAJ	Charlie	WATSON, RFD
SGT	Malcolm	LE COMTE			

APOLOGIES

SGT	Rick	AVERY, JP	MR	Bill	LEECH
MR	Bill	BAIRD	MR	Cliff	LOWIEN
WO1	Terry	BEER, OAM	SNLDR	Alan	LYONS
LTCOL	Doug	BELL, RFD	MR	Alf	MANSFIELD
LTCOL	Gary	BELTRAME, RFD, JP	WO1	Kev	MARSHALL, JP
LTCOL	Terry	BETTS	COL	Brian	MARTYN, RFD, psc (r)
MAJ	Robert	BINNS, RFD	PTE	Lizzie	McFARLANE
LCPL	Geoff	BLAIR	MR	Geoffrey	MILGATE
MAJ	Allan	BRABY	WO1	Roy	MUNDINE, OAM
LCPL	Kevin	BRANCH	WO1	Sid	NEEDHAM
LTCOL	John	BRENNAN, B.Comm, M.B.A, Grad Dip. Def. Mgt., Dip. Pol.	SSGT	Don	NEWMAN
MR	Allan	BRIDEOAKE, J.P.	MAJ	Reg	NEWTON
MR	Bruce	BRIDEOAKE	MRS	Joy	NEWTON, RN, BHSc
MR	Col	BRIEN	PTE	Larry	NOLAN JP
MAJ	Robert	BUTT, RFD, JP	PIPE MAJ	Don	PECK
MR	Fred	CLARK	LCPL	Eddie	PITT
MR	Jack	CLARKE C.DEC	PTE	David	POLSEN
WO2	Bob	COLLIGAN	MR	Fred	POWER
LCPL	Brad	COLLIS	PTE	Roy	RAE
MR	John	CONNELL	MAJ	John	RALPH, RFD
MR	Joe	COOMBS	MRS	Ettie	READ
BRIG	Paul	COUCH, CSC, RFD	CPL	Barry	REES
WO2	Ken	CURRAN, OAM	SGT	Peter	REYNOLDS
WO2	Mick	DANIELS	CPL	GP	ROSS, JP
MRS	Rita	DEAN	MR	Jack	SANDERSON
MR	Col	DENGATE	LCPL	Eric	SAVILLE
MAJ	Maree	DERRICK	PTE	Adrian	SCHLIEPER
MRS	Shirley	DRUM	SSGT	Roy	SCHMIDTKE
PTE	Bill	DUMBRELL	WO2	Bodo	SCHWARZ, JP
MR	Charles	EDWARDS	SGT	Noel	SELWAY
MRS	Dorothy	FARLOW	MRS	Helen	SHEEDY
SSGT	George	FISHER, JP	MR	Laurie	SHEEDY
MRS	Marj	FLACK	MRS	Esther	SLATER
CPL	Tom	FLETCHER	LTCOL	Geoff	STEVENTON, MBE, RFD
MR	Jim	FORBES	MRS	Jean	STEWART
THE HON	Duncan	GAY, MLC	MAJ	George	THOMAS, RFD
SNLDR	Philip	GERBER LL.M., M.Crim.	MRS	Jan	THOMAS, OAM, SSSJ
SPR	Allen	GIDDINGS JP	LTCOL	Trevor	THOMPSON, RFD
MAJ	Peter	GODFREY, B.Com.CPA.	SGT	Peter	TRACEY
WO1	Trevor	HAGAN, OAM	MR	Jack	VARLEY MC
MR	Jack	HALL	SGT	Bob	WADE
WO2	Martin	HANSON, JP,	CAPT	Mike	WALDRON, OAM
MR	Keith	HARRIS	MR	John	WALSH, PSM, JP
MAJ	Tony	HARVEY, RFD, JP	MRS	Mavis	WARD
MR	Ron	HASSETT	MAJ	Charlie	WATSON, RFD
MR	Michael	HEYDON	PTE	Don	WAYNE
SGT	Sandy	HOWARD	MAJ	Bob	WEIR
LTCOL	Terry	IRWIN, MBE, OAM, ED, ARMIT, MIR, JP	COL	Peter	WIGHTMAN, RFD
COL	John	JACKSON RFD, ED	MR	Wal	WILLIAMS
CPL	Charles	JENSEN	MR	Gordon	WILLIAMS
WO2	Kevin	JONES, OAM	MR	Eric	WILSON
MR	Mick	KILDEY	SSGT	Tuck	WILSON, OAM
PTE	Robert	LAVINGTON	WO2	Tex	WINTER
MR	Maurie	LAYTON	CAPT	Dennis	ZALUNARDO, OAM, JP

FALLEN COMRADES RELATIVES & FRIENDS:

The Chairman asked all present to stand and observe a period of silence in solemn memory of Fallen Comrades, relatives and friends:

QX2338	PTE	Kevin Maurice	GRIFFIN	01-Aug-07	2/19 Battalion AIF
NX2898	SGT	Allan Hilary	NUGENT	12-Mar-10	2/10 Australian Light Aid Det & 2/11 Field Regiment RAA
27075371 / 2172378	SSGT	Sidney Cirino "Sam"	VASTA	23-Aug-10	19 NS Battalion & RAEME
NX36029	LT	John David Fleming	LEAKE	11-Oct-10	TULIP FORCE 2/19 Battalion AIF
NX42969	LCPL	Thomas Michael	KANE	18-Dec-10	3 PI A Coy 2/19 Battalion AIF
NX55940	PTE	James Thomas Hoyle	STEWART	26-Dec-10	Signals PI HQ Coy 2/19 Battalion AIF
2268423	LCPL	Peter Francis	BURNS	16-Feb-11	Battalion HQ & C Coy 1st/19th Battalion The Royal New South Wales Regiment
NX36893	LCPL	Louis Joseph	CORBY	19-Feb-11	2/19 Battalion AIF
	MRS	June Daphne	HORLEY	01-Apr-11	Sister of NX36003 PTE Henry James HUBBARD 2/19 Battalion AIF
	MRS	Lillian	SANDERSON	27-Apr-11	Wife of NX77960 PTE Jack Sanderson 17 PI D Coy 2/19 Battalion AIF
NX10356	PTE	Arthur	BRADSHAW	30-Apr-11	2/4 Pioneer Battalion AIF
NX44567	PTE	Keith Stanley	SHEARIM	13-May-11	2/19 Battalion AIF
NX1391	PTE	Alfred John	STONE, OAM	27-May-11	2/2 Battalion AIF
NX35850	PTE	Allan Cuthbert	BERTRAM	26-Jun-11	HQ Coy 2/19 Battalion AIF
F465357	PTE	Zita Josephine	BURROWS	04-Jul-11	Australian Army Medical Womens' Services & sister of NX73463 PTE John Stanislaus Purcell 2/19 Battalion AIF died Sandakan 17 Jun 1945
S3428	LEADING TELEGRAPHIST	Horace Stewart	YOUNG	18-Jul-11	Royal Australian Navy
	Mrs	Hilda	FLAHERTY	20-Aug-11	Wife of NX73601 PTE Jack Flaherty 2/19 Battalion AIF
NX50914 / 2400507	PTE	Percival Cecil	HUNT	09-Sep-11	2/19 Battalion AIF and 3rd Battalion Royal Australian Regiment KOREA
	MRS	Flora Jean	BIRCH	15-Sep-11	Widow of NX582246 PTE Cyril Dilley 2/19 Battalion AIF & MAJ Clifford Birch 2/6 Field Regt RAA
525057 / NX52529	SSGT	Clarence	HARVEY	23-Sep-11	54th Battalion and CQMS C Coy 2/19 Battalion AIF
TX12841	CPL	Albert Valentine	McGUINNESS	30-Sep-11	281 Light Aid Detachment & brother of LTCOL Peter McGuinness
	MRS	Claudina Catherine	HIBBERT	01-Oct-11	Widow of NX59745 PTE Kerry Hibbert 2/19 Battalion AIF

MINUTES OF THE 12th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT GOSFORD RSL CLUB ON 13 NOVEMBER 2010:

The Chairman advised that the Minutes of the previous AGM held on Saturday 13 NOV 2010 had been circulated to all members via the Association's Frontline 4/2010 Newsletter of December 2010.

It was **MOVED** by Harry COLE and **SECONDED** By Malcolm LE COMTE that the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 13 NOV 2010 be taken as read.

CARRIED

MATTERS ARISING:

There were no matters arising.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Honorary Secretary tabled the Inwards and Outwards Correspondence since the last Annual General Meeting on 13 NOV 2010. A total of 110 Inwards and 1979 items of Outwards Correspondence had been dealt with since the last Annual General Meeting. These items include the Association Newsletters, but do not include the many email messages received and sent including exchanges between committee members and the general membership.

It was MOVED by Alan DRINKWATER and SECONDED by Robert WATSON that the Correspondence Register be taken as read and the correspondence be accepted.

CARRIED

MATTERS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

The Honorary Secretary advised that the Correspondence Register did not include those many items of Association memorabilia which were despatched throughout the year.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

The Chairman reported that details of the Association's activities and functions conducted during the preceding year are contained in the Association's newsletters.

The Chairman delivered an overview on several of the Association's activities this year which included the various Commemorations viz: ANZAC Day, and the Launch of "*Boldly and Faithfully*" the official history of the 19th Australian Infantry Battalion AIF for which we are all indebted to our former Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel Peter McGUINNESS, MBE, RFD, ED who devoted an immense amount of personal time and effort in research and preparation to enable this long awaited history to finally make it into print.

The official launch of "*Boldly and Faithfully*" at the Royal Automobile Club of Australia on Saturday 27 August 2011 by Her Excellency Professor Marie BASHIR AC CVO, Governor of New South Wales and Honorary Colonel, The Royal New South Wales Regiment was a glittering event attended by 222 guests. Her Excellency had accepted the Association's invitation to launch the book with alacrity and was very pleased to have been invited to officiate and had replied within 24 hours of the invitation being extended, which is a great honour for the Association.

Senior Defence Officers in attendance included the recently appointed Chief of Defence Force, General David HURLEY AC DSC, & Mrs Linda Hurley, Commander 2nd Division, Major General Craig WILLIAMS AM & Mrs Susan Williams, Head Cadet Reserves and Employer Support Division, Major General Paul BRERETON AM RFD, and Mrs Susan Brereton and the Regimental Colonel, The Royal New South Wales Regiment, Brigadier Paul COUCH CSC RFD and Mrs Carmel Couch, First Commanding Officer of 1/19 RNSWR Lieutenant Colonel Terry IRWIN MBE OAM ED and Mrs Beryl IRWIN and former Commanding Officers Colonel John JACKSON RFD ED & Mrs Ros JACKSON, Colonel Brian MARTYN, Lieutenant Colonel Peter MORRISSEY, Lieutenant Colonel John BRENNAN & Mrs Kathryn Brennan (Colonel Kathryn CAMPBELL CSC) and the present day Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel Terry BETTS.

The Chairman reported that it was also exceptionally pleasing and an honour to have in attendance members and their families of 2/19 Battalion Association AIF which included Mr Jim & Mrs Margaret FORBES, Dr Maurie and Mrs Elizabeth BRENNAN, Mr Fred & Mrs Moira POWER, Mr Glen SCRIVEN & Ms Kim COOPER and Mr Eric & Mrs Helen WILSON, Overall it was a brilliant occasion and the Chairman congratulated and thanked all those who had assisted and contributed to its success on the day.

Other commemorations attended during the year were The Fall of Singapore, VJ Day; Sandakan Commemoration, Lidcombe RSL Remembrance Day under the auspices of Mr Joe COOMBS, Battle for Australia Day, Remembrance Day and sadly the funerals of our members, family and friends.

The Chairman thanked the executive for their efforts and close support throughout the year, particularly Vice President Mick PASS, Treasurer Joy NEWTON who has not enjoyed good health in recent times but whose undertakings continue unabated, Brian SCHAFER, Graeme GILL, Geoff and Molly BRADDON and other members who stepped in and assisted so readily at the Book Launch. He also expressed his thanks to Association member and Secretary Manager of Tumut RSL Club Mr Robert WATSON for his generous and valued assistance in facilitating the Association's visit to Tumut this weekend.

Geoff BRADDON rose and advised the Chairman and the meeting that he is very grateful to be a part of the Association and endorsed the Chairman's remarks and thanked him on behalf of all present for his ongoing leadership of the Association.

The Chairman reported on the upgrade to Association's Web Site which had recently been undertaken by our Web Site Manager, John FOGARTY and which had resolved several problems the site had experienced over the past 12 months and he thanked John FOGARTY for his efforts which were very much appreciated.

The Chairman spoke on a meeting held yesterday to discuss the Association Website:

The Association Website has been updated by John FOGARTY and is working well with the current and previous copies of the Association newsletters once again available on line;

Peter McGUINNESS made the observation that the unit history finishes in 1999 and there is a need to catch up to the present day and he undertook to add data and contribute further to the website;

The history of 19 Battalion AIF does not 'match' with that recorded in 'Boldly and Faithfully' (Australian War Memorial agreed - 'a Naval and Expeditionary Force') and the details of Commanding Officers etc., and need to be corrected. Some data in the history of 2/19 Battalion AIF may also need correction to bring the information shown up to date;

Discrepancies in some of the Battle Honours shown – 'Herbertshohe' credited to the Australian Naval and Expeditionary Force – AWM plaque includes Herbertshohe to 1st Battalion AIF –the inheritance of Battle Honours";

Peter McGUINNESS is to look at the site and its historical significance in preparation for research to undertake the writing of the History of 1/19 RNSWR. The history as such will have limited interest and much of it will be based on anecdotal history and will demand a great deal of research and involve at the outset the collection and collation of data and memoirs of former Commanding Officers and Regimental Sergeant Majors to establish the details of the Battalion's Officers', Warrant Officers, Senior and Junior Non Commissioned Officers and the Soldiers;

The Website will be used to solicit anecdotes and photographs with captions and develop interest in the writing of the history and invite contributions;

The project will also require face to face interviews and the gathering of material;

Updating of the Website will also promote the writing of the history and attract contributors; and

John FOGARTY advised that the website has links to other organisations e.g. Reserve Forces Day Council etc.

RAFFLE & FUND RAISING:

The Chairman reminded all that a raffle would be conducted at this evening's dinner and he thanked the following members for their kind support in donating the prizes:

Mrs Shirley DRUM for the magnificent crocheted woollen rugs (one will be raffled at this evening's dinner and the other raffled on ANZAC Day 2012)

Major Bryan & Arleen SCHAFER
8 bottles of fine Port & Wine

Major Robert and Christine BUTT
Engraved wine glasses

The Chairman reported on the generosity of donations received from those ex-service organisations and sub branches who had so kindly and so readily contributed with several of their representatives attending the Book Launch.

The out of hand and somewhat curt rejection by the NSW RSL State HQ not to support the production of the history of an Infantry Battalion of the First AIF via the approval of an Association Letter to Sub Branches seeking donations was indeed difficult to understand and very disappointing.

'*Boldly and Faithfully*' was a non profit venture and has been printed and sold 'at cost' – with the Association bearing the ancillary costs associated with its production. It was interesting to note that the cost of \$700.00 was borne by the Association in forwarding the mandatory 7 gratis copies to the following organisations:

- The Australian War Memorial (3 copies)
- The National Library of Australia (1 copy)
- The State Library of New South Wales (1 copy)
- The Parliamentary Library of New South Wales (1 copy)
- The Sydney University Library (1 copy)

In closing the Chairman spoke on the ongoing financial support received from the Orange Ex Services Club and the Association's gratitude for its magnificent assistance.

It was **MOVED** by Geoff BRADDON and **SECONDED** by John ELLIOTT that the President's Report be accepted.

CARRIED

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Chairman, in the absence of the Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer, drew attention to the meeting's Agenda sheet which disclosed the Association's Financial Statements for the period 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011 which were formally tabled on behalf of the Treasurer.

- Audited Financial Report containing Balance Sheet, Receipts & Payments, Income & Expenditure Statements and Auditor's Report for the period 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011.

- Dorm 12 Annual Statement
- Certificate of Currency of \$5,000,000.00 Public Liability Insurance (expires 4.00 pm local Standard time on 3 August 2012) QBE policy No. AVA173345BPK.

The Chairman reported that the balance of the Association's Bank account as at 30 September 2011 was \$2,030.95. The Chairman commended and thanked (in absentia) Mrs Joy NEWTON for her valued efforts as Treasurer.

CARRIED

1/19 RNSWR ASSOCIATION INC STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

The Committee have determined that the Association is not a reporting entity.

The Committee have determined that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards in so far as they are relevant to the members of the Association.

In the opinion of the Committee the financial report as set out on pages 1 to 3:

1. Presents fairly the financial position of 1/19RNSWR Association Inc. as at 30 June 2011 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that 1/19 RNSWR Association Inc will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee and is signed for and on behalf of the Committee by:



ROGER J PERRY
President



ROBERT PINK
Secretary

30 July 2011

1/19 RNSWR ASSOCIATION INC INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF 1/19 RNSWR ASSOCIATION INC

Scope

I have audited the financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of 1/19 RNSWR Association Inc for the year ended 30 June 2010 as set out on pages 2 to 3. The Committee is responsible for the financial report and has determined that the accounting policies used are appropriate to meet the needs of the Associations Incorporation Act (NSW) and the needs of the members. I have conducted an independent audit of this financial report in order to express an opinion on it to the members. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used are appropriate to the needs of the members.

The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (NSW). I disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial report to which it relates to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

My audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report and the evaluation of significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether, in all material aspects, the financial report is presented fairly in accordance with the accounting policies adopted by the Association so as to present a view which is consistent with my understanding of the Association's financial position and performance as represented by the results of its operations. These policies do not require the application of all Australian Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements. The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

Audit Opinion

In my opinion, the financial report presents fairly in accordance with the accounting policies adopted by the Association the financial position of 1/19RNSWR Association Inc. as at 30 June 2010 and the results of its operations for the year then ended.



DENNIS ZALUNARDO, OAM
Honorary Auditor
31 July 2011
1 Jacaranda Avenue
BAULKHAM HILLS NSW 2153

STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES AS AT 30 JUNE 2011

2010		2011
ASSETS		
8,331	Cash at Bank	12,243
6,173	19 Bn History costs carried forward	7,688
2,903	Stock for sale	6,081
92	Equipment at written down value	0
17,499		26,012
LIABILITIES		
1,566	Medal Fund	1,566
297	Welfare Fund	297
4,212	Revenue in advance 19 Bn History Fund	10,103
2,750	Subscriptions in Advance	2,750
8,825		14,716
8,674	NET ASSETS	11,166
Represented by:		
7,641	Accumulated earnings 1 July 2010	5,169
3,505	Life subscriptions transferred	3,505
(2,472)	Add: Surplus/(deficit) for year	2,492
8,674	MEMBERS FUNDS	11,166

STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2011

2010		2011
INCOME		
6,500	Subscriptions	4,930
64	Bank Interest	46
1,885	Profit Merchandise sales	1,291
5,318	Donations received	5,533
13,766		11,799
Less: EXPENDITURE		
42	Bank Charges	7
1,799	Comfort packages	0
145	Donations	195
258	Depreciation	92
983	Insurance	983
5,168	Net Cost of Functions	1,027
4,248	Postage, Printing, Stationery & Phone	3,007
2,292	Magazine costs	2,336
47	Filing fees	48
100	Subscriptions	275
566	Welfare	639
486	Website	0
103	Sundry expenses	699
16,238		9,307
2,472	NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	2,492

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2011

2010		2011
5,140	Subscriptions	5,060
64	Bank Interest	46
2,341	Sales – Merchandise	799
3,240	Sales – The Grim Glory	2,400
	Sales – Boldly & Faithfully	100
6,650	Donations	10,264
2,880	Quilt – Raffle	1,060
11,785	Functions	10,443
32,100		30,172
PAYMENTS		
42	Bank Charges	7
1,799	Comfort packages	0
145	Donations	195
983	Insurance	983
16,951	Functions	11,470
	Postage, Printing, Stationery & Phone	3,007
4,248		3,007
72	Purchases – stock for sale	1,424
2,600	Printing -The Grim Glory	3,663
4,326	Production - 19 Bn History	1,515
103	Sundries	698
100	Subscriptions	275
566	Welfare	639
486	Website	0
2,292	Magazine	2,336
47	Filing fees	48
34,761		26,260
(2,661)	SURPLUS OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS	(3,912)
10,992	Cash Book Balance at 1 July 2010	8,331
8,331	CASH BOOK BALANCE at 30	12,243

MATTERS ARISING:

Corinna KELLY sought an explanation regarding the recording of donations shown in the Statements. The Chairman thanked Corinna KELLY for her query and explained that the figures were shown separately as some were donations received (in Receipts) and the others were donations made (in Payments).

The Chairman asked if there were any further questions regarding the Financial Statements. After discussion the Chairman, with reluctance - agreed that he had financed the printing of "Boldly & Faithfully" from his personal resources. The Association has paid \$17,000.00 so far for the cost of printing 'Boldly & Faithfully' and owes a further \$15,000.00.

Bob PINK on behalf of the Association and all present at the meeting conveyed their sincere thanks and deep gratitude to the Chairman for his generosity, without which the 19th Battalion AIF history would never have made it to print, and which was acknowledged by the hearty acclamation of all present.

It was MOVED by Malcolm LE COMTE and SECONDED by John FOGARTY that the Treasurer's report be accepted.

CARRIED

FRONTLINE

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

The Association financial membership currently totals **305**

CATEGORY	NUMBER
1/19 RNSWR	171
Former 2/19 Bn AIF Association Honorary Life Members	52
Former 2/19 Bn AIF Association Associate Members	82
TOTAL	305

13 New members joined the Association since the last AGM.

MRS	Barbara	BRIGGS	CAMPBELLTOWN NSW	2560
MR	Scott	BURNS	HAZELBROOK NSW	2779
MR	Phil	CATLIN	LEEVILLE NSW	2470
PTE	Rick	GARDNER	GRENFELL NSW	2810
MR	Tony	HEYWOOD	BAULKHAM HILLS NSW	2153
PTE	Robert	LAVINGTON	ULLADULLA NSW	2539
LCPL	Adrian	MOCZAR	GOOLOOGONG	2805
PTE	Terry	NIXON, JP	FOREST REEFS via MILLTHORPE NSW	2798
PTE	Tony	O'REILLY	COOLAMON NSW	2701
PTE	Alan	PALMER	FORSTER NSW	2428
SGT	Craig	RUPRECHT	VICTORIA POINT QLD	4165
PTE	Andrew	SAYWELL	COWRA NSW	2794
PTE	Grant	TERRY	COWRA NSW	2794

UNFINANCIAL MEMBERS:

Despite follow up, 42 (1/19) and 20 (former 2/19 Association Associate) members regrettably failed to renew their Year 2010 Subscriptions and have been written off:

CATEGORY	NUMBER
Former 1/19 RNSWR	42
Former 2/19 Bn AIF Association Honorary Life Members	NIL
Former 2/19 Bn AIF Association Associate Members	20
TOTAL	62

DEATHS:

Sadly, 15 members passed away during the year.

ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER:

The Association's newsletter continues to be produced on a quarterly basis in a professional format, and the Honorary Secretary acknowledged the valued assistance of the printer in its production.

The Association maintains contact with other unit Associations and 56 copies of the newsletter are currently sent to the following kindred associations and organisations:

Association of First Infantry Battalions
 1st Battalion AMF Association
 Friends of the City of Newcastle Regiment 2nd Infantry Battalions
 3rd Battalion RNSWR and 3rd Inf Battalion Association
 Association of 4th Battalions
 Association of 17th Battalions
 Ex 22 Battalion RVR Association
 30th Battalion NSW Scottish Regimental Association
 CO 1/19 RNSWR
 OPS OFFR 1/19 RNSWR
 ADJT 1/19 RNSWR
 RSM 1/19 RNSWR

Defence Reserves Association
 8 Division Council Association (3)
 National Library of Australia
 Australian War Memorial
 State Library of NSW
 UNSWR Association
 Reserve Forces Day Council (33)
 14 Field Squadron Association
 RAAOC Association
 3 Coy Transport Association
 RANR Association

1/19 RNSWR Depots at Orange, Bathurst, Dubbo, Parkes & Wagga Wagga, (175 copies).

Newsletters are also sent with application forms to enquirers throughout the year.

A total of 600 copies of the magazine continue to be despatched each quarter.

The Honorary Secretary spoke on the generosity and the many donations received from the membership which has enabled the Newsletter to continue to be forwarded gratis to several ill and frail widows of 2/19 Battalion AIF members.

YEAR 2012 SUBSCRIPTION PAYMENTS:

Fall due and payable on 1 JANUARY 2012. A subscription slip will be enclosed with the December 2011 Newsletter to all members.

It was MOVED by David RING and SECONDED by Tom COOPER that the Honorary Secretary's Report be accepted.

CARRIED

SOCIAL COMMITTEE'S REPORT:

Vice President Mick PASS spoke on the Association's activities during 2011.

Next year's functions will be published in the December 2011 newsletter and subsequent newsletters and he looked forward to increased attendances next year. The MV "Good Time" will again be booked for next year's ANZAC Day cruise on Sydney Harbour.

A minimum attendance of 70 persons is required to make it financially viable and the Vice President earnestly requested all members to give this premier function their keen support.

The Vice President delivered a brief on the programme and arrangements for this afternoon's Commemorative Wreath Laying Ceremony in Richmond Park Tumut in conjunction with the officers and members of Tumut RSL Club and this evening's Formal Dinner to be held in the Tumut RSL Club. He thanked all for making a special effort to be present this weekend – particularly those who have travelled long distances.

David RING spoke on next year's planned ANZAC Day activities in Condobolin NSW and conveyed an invitation for all to attend.

The Chairman advised that whilst in the spirit of the "Bushmens Rifles", many Association members attend ANZAC Day Commemorations in many cities and towns throughout Australia, the official Association ANZAC Day venue is Sydney NSW, in support of 2nd/19th Battalion A.I.F.

The Chairman thanked David RING for his input and directed the Honorary Secretary to publish further details of David RING's and Mr Gary LEWIS' phone contacts in the next Newsletter to enable and facilitate their planning and co-ordination for the ANZAC Day March and Reunion at Condobolin NSW.

CONFIRMATION OF RE-APPOINTMENTS

HONORARY CHAPLAIN:

The Chairman had much pleasure in confirming the continuation of the appointment of Lieutenant Colonel Reverend Chaplain Canon Colin AIKEN OAM RFD ChStJ as the Association's Chaplain and expressed his personal thanks to Colin and Patricia for their continuing support and their attendance this weekend despite recent illness.

HONORARY AUDITOR:

The Chairman also confirmed the continuation of Dennis ZALUNARDO, OAM, JP as the Association's Honorary Auditor for the ensuing year. The Chairman thanked Dennis for his exemplary undertaking of auditing the Association's accounts and that we are very grateful for his ongoing oversight and control

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE FOR 2011-2012:

The Chairman advised that only one nomination had been received for each of the positions of President, Vice President, Honorary Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Honorary Secretary, Assistant Treasurer and 6 Committee positions.

The Chairman then declared the following elected to the positions shown. This declaration was endorsed with acclamation by all present.

FRONTLINE

POSITION	ELECTED	
PRESIDENT	Roger	PERRY
VICE PRESIDENT & PUBLICITY OFFICER	Mick	PASS
TREASURER	Joy	NEWTON
HONORARY SECRETARY/ NEWSLETTER EDITOR / 8 DIVISION LIAISON OFFICER / ASSOCIATION PUBLIC OFFICER	Bob	PINK
ASSISTANT SECRETARY	Bryan	SCHAFFER
ASSISTANT TREASURER	Bob	WEIR
COMMITTEE MEMBER & MERCHANDISING MANAGER	Ray	WARDEN
COMMITTEE MEMBER & WEBSITE MANAGER	John	FOGARTY
COMMITTEE MEMBER & ASSOCIATION HISTORIAN	Geoff	BRADDON
COMMITTEE MEMBER	John	ELLIOTT
COMMITTEE MEMBER	Graeme	GILL
COMMITTEE MEMBER	Kevin	JONES

The Chairman congratulated all on their election.

MERCHANDISING MANAGER:

The Chairman advised that Bob WADE had declined to re-nominate for the position of Association Merchandising Manager and had stood down after 11 years at the post – and we are very grateful for his outstanding dedication and immense effort he has contributed and we owe him a large debt. Bob WADE's response to all merchandise orders has been instantaneous and his management of stock and sales records over the past 11 years has been highly commendable.

It is often a thankless task and Bob's undertakings have been performed exceedingly well, without fuss and with a high degree of accuracy and professionalism and it stands him in great credit that only one item – an Association cap has 'gone astray' during his long tenure and which was subsequently ascribed to the fault of Australia Post.

We are also very fortunate that Ray WARDEN has stepped into the breach and has replaced Bob WADE as the Association Merchandising Manager. The Chairman opined that Ray, most ably assisted by his wife Mrs Gay WARDEN will continue to provide the same high standard in the Merchandising role and we thank them for stepping into the role.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

The Chairman read out advice from the Commanding Officer 1/19 RNSWR Lieutenant Colonel Terry BETTS advising of his inability to attend the Association's AGM and Reunion Dinner being held this weekend and conveying his best wishes to the Association and members for a successful and memorable function.

The Chairman reported that the CO 1/19 RNSWR continues the close relationship the Association enjoys with the unit and is very supportive of the Association's endeavours.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP:

Ray WARDEN rose and addressed the meeting on the highly valued service furnished by:

Lieutenant Colonel Peter McGUINNESS MBE RFD ED in the editing and production of the reprint of "*The Grim Glory*" and his painstaking authorship of "*Boldly and Faithfully*".

Mrs Joy NEWTON RN BHSc as Association Treasurer and her fundraising initiatives and efforts through her magnificent hand stitched quilts over many years which have so greatly assisted funding for the production and printing of the reprint of "*The Grim Glory*" and the production of "*Boldly and Faithfully*".

Mr Bob WADE for his most professional and dedicated service as a Committee Member particularly as the Association Merchandising Manager since 2001.

It was then MOVED by Ray WARDEN and SECONDED by Geoff BRADDON, OAM, JP that Lieutenant Colonel Peter McGUINNESS MBE RFD ED, Mrs Joy NEWTON RN BHSc and Mr Bob WADE be granted Life Membership of the Association with effect today.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACCOMMODATION AGM WEEKEND ORANGE 26-28 OCT 2012:

Graham TIPPETT spoke on the availability of accommodation at 1/19 RNSWR Romani Barracks ORANGE NSW during the period of next year's AGM/Reunion Dinner weekend.

LTCOL Peter McGUINNESS advised that recent Department of Defence Policy forbids former serving members and civilians being accommodated in Defence establishments.

AGM & DINNER VENUE 2012:

Peter HALL spoke on a proposal to conduct next year's AGM and Dinner weekend at Ballina NSW and tabled documents and details of the facilities, accommodation, function and, recreational venues which were available at Ballina NSW, together with costings.

The Chairman thanked Peter HALL for his detailed research and the effort he had undertaken in relation to Ballina.

The Chairman addressed the meeting on the Association's commitment to the 'Battalion's Home' at Orange NSW in 2012, its close links with 1/19 RNSWR Orange and how it was important to maintain these links with the unit. In view of this the Association would conduct its Annual General Meeting and Reunion Dinner weekend at Orange NSW biannually.

AGM 2012: The 2012 AGM and Reunion Dinner weekend will be held:

DATES: FRI 26 OCTOBER 2012
SAT 27 OCTOBER 2012
SUN 28 OCTOBER 2012

VENUE: ORANGE EX SERVICES CLUB Anson Street ORANGE NSW 2830.

The Chairman requested that members forward their submissions and proposals, including costings and points of contact on suitable venues, for the AGM 2013 weekend to the Honorary Secretary by not later than 01 October 2012 for inclusion in the 2012 AGM Meeting Agenda .

VOTE OF THANKS TO LTCOL PETER McGUINNESS:

The Chairman thanked Lieutenant Colonel Peter McGUINNESS for the impressive and interesting address he delivered on The Italian Front in WW1 earlier this afternoon which provided unique insight into this little known WW1 campaign and the horrific casualties inflicted on the Italian Army.

The Chairman on behalf of the Association also paid tribute to the enormous undertaking by LTCOL Peter McGUINNESS in writing '*Boldly and Faithfully*' the history of 19th Battalion AIF.

VOTE OF THANKS:

Mr Glen SCRIVEN of 2/19 Battalion AIF rose and addressed the meeting, particularly on behalf of the members of 2/19 Battalion AIF in thanking and congratulating Lieutenant Colonel Peter McGUINNESS and the Association in bringing to fruition the re-print of "*The Grim Glory*" and the recent publishing of "*Boldly and Faithfully*" which was received by acclamation.

Mr David RING rose and on behalf of those members who had attended ANZAC Day 2011 at Carcoar NSW conveyed their thanks and appreciation to Geoff BRADDON for his valued support and efforts in facilitating rationing and accommodation arrangements during their visit to this historic township, which had been very much appreciated.

NEXT MEETING:

Annual General Meeting SAT 27 OCTOBER 2012

Venue: Orange Ex-Services Club, Anson Street ORANGE NSW 2800

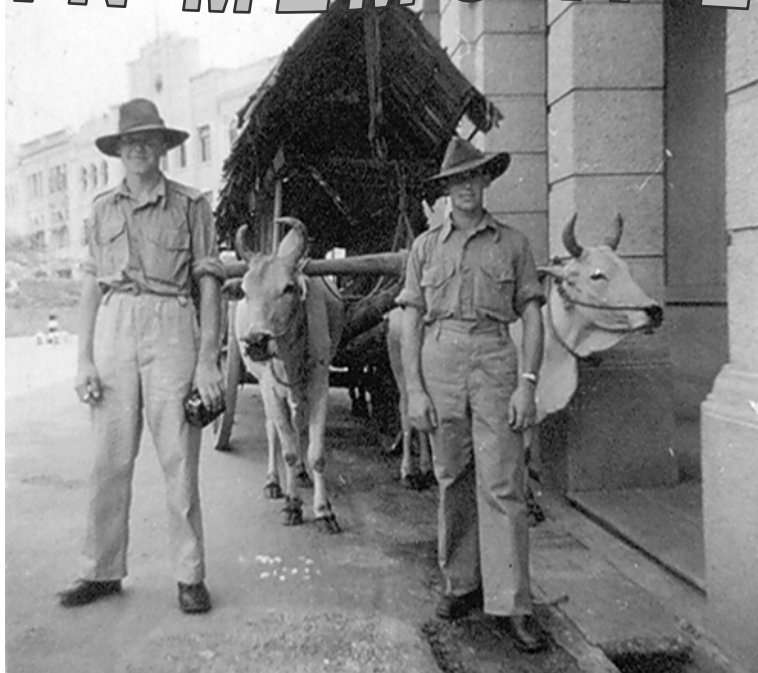
CLOSURE:

There being no further items of business the Chairman thanked all for their attendance and closed the meeting at 4:18 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN

FRONTLINE

DOWN MEMORY LANE



**Cliff FARLOW & Norm FLACK
ON LEAVE - MALAYA - 1941**

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'GREEN CLAD JUNGLE KILLERS'

Part of C COY 1/19 RNSWR - GAN GAN NSW - APRIL 1977

Back: Garry 'Lew' LEWIS, 'Gypsy' GUMBLETON, David 'Pulse' POLSEN
John 'Scales' AVERY, Peter 'Wog' TULLIA, Brian 'Closey' CLOSE,

Centre: John 'Corp' COLLYER

Front: Bruce 'Ferret' LEE, Jim 'Blue' STEWART

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