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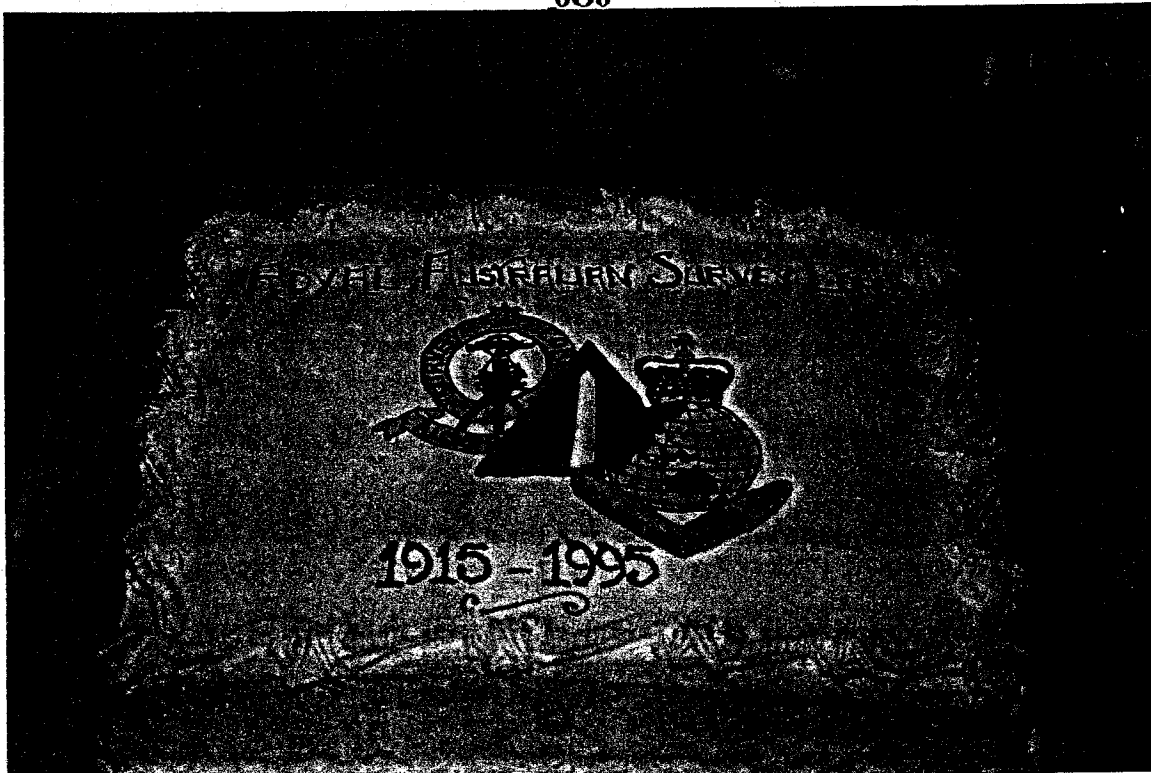
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**SURVEY MOVING TO RAE**

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**CORPS BIRTHDAY 1995 CELEBRATION**

The 80th Birthday of the Royal Australian Survey Corps was celebrated by the Association at the Leeuwin Barracks, Officers' Mess on Saturday 1st July 1995.

45 Guests were entertained in beautiful surroundings, the Mess having recently undergone a major refurbishment. Polished Jarrah tables and comfortable leather chairs ensured that the guests enjoyed their meal. The President certainly enjoyed wielding the Gavel to announce the Proceedings of the Evening.

New Association members attending including Fred and Erica Bullock, Paul and Kathleen Wakeling, Duncan & Diane Brimson, John and Sandra Greenwell.

It was also pleasing to see two ARES members, and their wives, attending, in Alan Rossow and Jack Faithful. Other attending members not seen for some time were Don and Debra Musgrave, & Bill and Helen Kemp.

Maj Pat Wood RL gave a most interesting and informative account of the History of the Survey Corps in Western Australia.

After an enjoyable meal guests retired to the ante room for Birthday Cake, Cheeseboard and Coffee.

During the evening a compilation of the "Members of Survey Units in Western Australia" was presented to Yvonne Cocker. This roll was originally the project of Don, who unfortunately passed away before its' completion. Barry Parker undertook to complete this on his behalf. A copy is held in the Association Library, should anyone wish to view it. It is intended to distribute it to other Associations in due course.

**CORPS BIRTHDAY - 1 JULY 1995**

**- HAPPY SNAPS -**



**Judy Bray - Helen Parker - Dianne Webb - Dora Sargeant - Helen Kemp**



**Ray Sargeant - Alan Rossow - John Willis - Barry Parker - Fred Bullock**

**INAUGURAL SURVEY CORPS ASSOCIATION PICNIC  
AT KINGS PARK - 15 OCT 95.**

Members and their families enjoyed the warm, but cloudy day, at the Arthur Farrall Playground in Kings Park. Several of the older members reminisced about the "good old days" Amongst those who enjoyed the outing were new members, Jodi BOWMAN and Marlene LAWLER. Peter & Janice PICKERING were welcome attendees as was Yvonne COCKER, Yvonne is a great supporter of the Association and her attendances are most welcome.

Others who attended were: Lance BARRELL and sons Scot and Adam; Peter & Beverley BOWEN, Phil BRAY with his daughter & several of her young friends; Fred BROWN; the CLUTTERBUCKS - Cedric & Nannette and Noel & Fiona; Frank COHEN; Cec LOCKE & Margaret; Jo MAZZAROL was accompanied by his son Tim and several Grandchildren; our President - Ray SARGEANT & Dora. Don TAYLOR and wife - Margaret; the WEBBS Cliff and Dianne with daughter Melinda; Pat WOOD brought his daughter Perron and Yvonne COCKER was accompanied by her Granddaughter.

**VP DAY PARADE PERTH 13th August 1995**

On a warm and sunny afternoon more than 20,000 people lined the streets of Perth to cheer the 4000 Marchers. The parade celebrated Japan's surrender 50 years ago. The Association was represented by Cedric Clutterbuck, Cec Locke and Geoff Helyar, whilst Frank Cohen and several of our members were part of the crowd who watched and cheered the Marchers.

The Parade which was organised by the Australia Remembers 1945-1995 WA Committee, was designed as a re-enactment and celebration of the original parade, which featured 7000 Marchers in front of a crowd of 100,000.

The Parade ended with a Commemorative Service on the Esplanade and included an address by the Governor, Major General Michael Jeffery, who paid tribute to those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

The Service was followed by a public concert led by Bobby Limb and featured 'Big Band' music reminiscent of the 1940's. Cedric reports that the day was most enjoyable and brought back many memories.

**THE WA ARMY MUSEUM**

The WA Army Museum has been relocated to the Artillery Barracks, Burt Street Fremantle which was once the home of Western Command Field Survey Unit/5 Field Survey Squadron. The Museum was officially opened by the Premier, Richard Court on the 15th August, 1995, VP Day.

Ray Sargeant, Frank Cohen, Cedric Clutterbuck and Pat Wood were invited to attend the Opening Ceremony and the tour of the Museum afterwards.

The Curator, Syd Jenkins, is a member of the Association and invites members to visit the Museum during its' opening hours on Saturdays and Sundays from 1000hrs to 1600hrs. Syd informs us that the Museum is getting over 100 visitors each day.

The Committee has approved for the Bronze Sundial - that had pride of place at 5 Field Survey Squadron, Karrakatta, to be erected at the Museum. Several Committee Members are overseeing the project. It is anticipated that instructions on how to read a sundial will be available to the visitors.

*Incidentally: Syd would be only too pleased to obtain the services of anyone interested in becoming a Museum Tour Guide, on a rostered basis. If you would like more information please contact Syd. His home phone number is 349 6909.*

# SURVEY MOVING TO RAE

## Corps to be absorbed by engineers

SURVEY corps will have travelled full circle when it integrates with RAE on July 1 next year, ending an 81-year chapter in Australian Army History.

RA Svy originated from engineer corps ranks in 1915 and is set to return to the fold on survey's 81st birthday.

Director of Survey Col Simon Lemon said the integration of survey into RAE was a positive step designed to restructure and enhance the Army's capability in line with a standing army.

"We've been part of the Army's overall history for a long time but our present form of having survey separate from engineers is unique to the Australian Army," Col Lemon said.

"There are no other western armies that I'm aware of which have had a separate survey corps."

Col Lemon said the integration was a flow on from the restructuring of RA Svy following the commercial support program review of its non-core activities in 1990.

The Wrigley Review defined survey's national mapping activities as non-core and duplicated by other federal and State civilian agencies.

The outcome of the review effectively saw RA Svy reduced by 400, leaving the corps with its tactical mapping capability, which supports the deployed land force.

"It is a logical re-alignment following the commercialisation of what was two-thirds of our business and had been for 80 years," Col Lemon said.

"The very reason RA Svy was formed was to carry out the national mapping function and now that has been removed as a military capability, it makes sense to restructure our

military mapping at the tactical level with engineers.

"This change has also been influenced by changing technology in the field of surveying and mapping."

"It is the commander's near-real-time mapping capability that will be enhanced out of this restructure."

Col Lemon said that while there was a lot of the Army's history in RA Svy Corps, it was not the intention to throw it away.

"Disbandment of RA Svy does not mean that our past contributions to the national mapping program and regional defence co-operation mapping projects will be forgotten.

"RA Svy is unique to Australia's military history and that historical record will be passed to RAE for safekeeping.

"RAE is now challenged to continue the high professional standards of Army mapping which have been the hallmark of RA Svy for 80 years."

He said RA Svy's reputation was achieved through the personal qualities, excellence in training and the professional pride of all ranks.

"Clearly, there are many details of integration with RAE to be finalised, but all RA Svy members will be kept informed of significant developments as they emerge."

One significant development will see the School of Military Survey relocate and integrate with the School of Military Engineering on July 1 at Moorebank.

*Article copied from 'Army' Number 890: October 5, 1995; which was written by Sgt Noel Gilby.*

**ROYAL AUSTRALIAN SURVEY CORPS ASSOCIATION  
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MEMBERSHIP 1995**

31st October 1995

BARRELL	Lance	10 Welch Way	WARNBRO	6169	593 2661
BOULTER	Bob	223 Scott Street	CLOVERDALE	6105	277 1036
BOWEN	Peter	8 Rosea Close	MAIDA VALE	6057	454 6219
BOWMAN	Jodi	7/900 Cambridge Street	WEMBLEY	6014	387 6932
BOWLER	Stephen	3 Seacrest Drive	SORRENTO	6020	447 3796
BRAY	Phillip	33 Naipa Way	DUNCRAIG	6023	447 9699
BREHENY	Keith	20 Sarre Place	MARANGAROO	6064	343 3396
BRIMSON	Duncan	40 Nolyang Crescent	WANNEROO	6065	405 4017
BROOK	Eric	30R Leake Street	PEPPERMINT GROVE	6011	384 9093
BROWN	Fred	9A Bocaccia Court	SORRENTO	6020	246 4804
BULLOCK	Fred	42 Osmaston Road	CARINE	6020	448 5141
CHERRY	Nevis	8 Abrolhos Close	SHELLEY	6148	457 0612
CLIFFORD	Leo	21 Rudall Way	PADBURY	6025	402 1590
CLUTTERBUCK	Cedric	18 Glennon Way	ROSSMOYNE	6148	457 4651
CLUTTERBUCK	Eric	4 Carob Place	GREENWOOD	6024	342 2181
CLUTTERBUCK	Noel	357 Hardey Road	CLOVERDALE	6105	277 7072
COHEN	Frank	121 North Street	SWANBOURNE	6010	384 7094
CRADDON	Clive	212 Corinthian Road	RIVERTON	6148	354 1312
EDDY	Peter	6 Cullen Street	SHENTON PARK	6008	381 2616
EDWARDS	Frank	4 Batavia Way	MANNING	6152	450 3945
FAITHFULL	Jack	253 Hancock Street	DOUBLEVIEW	6018	446 9562
FIRNS	Brian	59 Thompson Road	NORTH FREMANTLE	6159	335 6825
GAY	Doug	89 Beasley Road	LEEMING	6149	310 4685
GOBLE-GARRATT	Mike	16 Redwood Lane	WILLETTON	6155	457 3048
GREENWELL	John	74 Upton Road	ST JAMES	6102	362 6828
GRIFFITHS	Leon	1 Gairloch Street	APPLECROSS	6153	364 8019
HALL	Warren	170 Roberts Street	JOONDANNA	6060	444 4351
HANCOCK	Archie	Sun City Cvan Park - Swan Drive	GERALDTON	6530	099 382239
HELYAR	Geoff	51 Wedgewood Drive	EDGEWATER	6027	306 1509
JENKINS	Syd	12 Fagan Street	YOKINE	6060	349 6909
JONES	(Spike) R B	2/23 Yeovil Crescent	BICTON	6157	339 4415
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LAING	Alex	29 Harris Street	HACKETT A.C.T.	2602	
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LOCKE	Cec	35 Arnos Way	GIRRAWHEEN	6064	342 6098
MACDONALD	Don	8/17 Heydon Street	MOSMAN N.S.W.	2088	
MAZZAROL	Jo	52 Cleveland Street	DIANELLA	6062	276 6170
MEAD	Brian	8 Barridale Drive	KINGSLEY	6026	409 8292
MUSGRAVE	Don	7 Haselmere Circus	ROCKINGHAM	6168	527 3473
PARKER	Barry	41B Jefferson Drive	MARANGAROO	6064	342 7245
REANY	Graeme	7 Arrabella Mews	CURRAMBINE	6028	305 3187
ROBERTS	Jim	1 Chidley Place	ROCKINGHAM	6168	527 5180
ROSSOW	Alan	25 Wolsey Road	EAST FREMANTLE	6158	3192789
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SAWYER	Tom	5 Mandoon Close	DARLINGTON	6070	299 7039
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TAYLOR	Don	22 Callistemon Avenue	GREENWOOD	6024	447 0465
TILL	Alf	21 Cromarty Road	FLOREAT	6014	387 5113
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WOOD	Pat	39 Hendon Way	HAMERSLEY	6022	342 8981

RA SVY CORPS WESTERN AUSTRALIA NOMINAL ROLLS 1961 - 1963WESTERN COMMAND FIELD SURVEY SECTION

1961

3/37628	MAJ	L B J	SPRENGER
5/1172	CAPT	H	TAYLOR
5/448	WO2	F B	COHEN
5/418	WO2	A H	SIMPSON
1/1543	WO2	K R	BREMNER
5/1878	SGT	H A J	BURGESS
5/606	SGT	N G P	ABBOTT
4/700	SGT	K J	MAZZAROL
3/3672	SGT	P H	WOOD
3/11031	SGT	B	UWINS
5/2715	SGT	P J	GIBLETT
5/2884	SGT	J	LAMBIE
5/2882	SGT	J	GRUSZKA
5/2700	CPL	R B	JONES
5/2930	CPL	R	KEENE
5/3196	CPL	R W	McKENNA
5/3065	CPL	A C	TSAKALOS
5/2892	CPL	G M	ULLINGER
5/3068	CPL	J M B	SKATES
5/2816	SPR	A W	HANCOCK
5/3123	SPR	E	MUIR
5/3229	SPR	N B D	CLUTTERBUCK
5/3463	SPR	R J	CASWELL
5/3258	SPR	C R	WALKER

IN

5/410871	SPR	B E	PARKER	4 Jan - School of Mil Svy
5/3912	SPR	C K	LUTZE	12 Jan - School of Mil Svy
2/35151	LT	J	BULLEN	23 January
3/10207	CPL	G	HASWELL	31 Jan - Army Svy Regt
52909	CPL	R H	BECKETT	10 Feb - W Comd Pers Depot
14992	SPR	W G	PLINT	24 Jul - AHQ Fd Svy Depot
36193	LT	M J	HAYES	15 September
53248	SPR	B J	HARMS	12 Oct - Army Svy Regt
53806	SPR	J	BEERS	17 Nov - HQ S Comd

OUT

CPL	G M	ULLINGER	11 Feb - Discharged
CPL	R H	BECKETT	7 Mar - Discharged
CPL	R W	McKENNA	30 Mar - N Comd Fd Svy Unit
SGT	P H	WOOD	14 Apr - School of Mil Svy
SGT	B	UWINS	9 Jun - Discharged
SPR	E R	MUIR	27 Jun - Discharged
SPR	C R	WALKER	29 Sep - Discharged
SPR	W G	PLINT	2 Dec - E Comd Fd Svy Sec

PROMOTIONS

SGT	J	LAMBIE	SSGT - Mar
WO2	A H	SIMPSON	WO1 - Jul

WESTERN COMMAND FIELD SURVEY UNIT

1962

Notes: 1. "/" deleted from Regimental Numbers  
2. Change of Unit Title

337628	MAJ	L B J	SPRENGER
51172	CAPT	H	TAYLOR
235151	LT	J	BULLEN
36193	LT	M J	HAYES
5418	WO1	A H	SIMPSON
5448	WO2	F B	COHEN
11543	WO2	K R	BREMNER
52884	SSGT	J	LAMBIE
51878	SGT	H A J	BURGESS
5606	SGT	N G P	ABBOTT
4700	SGT	K J	MAZZAROL
52715	SGT	P J	GIBLETT
52882	SGT	J	GRUSZKA
52770	CPL	R B	JONES
52930	CPL	R	KEENE
53065	CPL	A C	TSAKALOS
53068	CPL	J M B	SKATES
310207	CPL	G	HASWELL
52816	SPR	A W	HANCOCK
53229	SPR	N B D	CLUTTERBUCK
53463	SPR	R J	CASWELL
5410871	SPR	B E	PARKER
53912	SPR	C K	LUTZE
53248	SPR	B J	HARMS
53806	SPR	J	BEERS

IN

213569	SGT	P	ROSSITER	22 Jan - S Comd
54599	CPL	G M	ULLINGER	9 Oct - Re-enlisted
53689	SPR	D P	O'HARA	9 Nov - Army Svy Regt
53202	CPL	D J	WOODS	15 Nov - Army Svy Regt
53196	CPL	R W	MCKENNA	17 Dec - N Comd Fd Svy Unit
57058	LT	A W	LAING	19 Dec - RMIT

OUT

CAPT	H	TAYLOR	3 Jan - HQ W Comd
SSGT	J	LAMBIE	3 Feb - Army Svy Regt
SPR	A W	HANCOCK	21 Mar - C Comd Fd Svy Regt
CPL	J M B	SKATES	6 Apr - Discharged
SPR	B E	PARKER	28 Apr - AHQ Fd Svy Depot
SPR	C K	LUTZE	23 Jun - Discharged
WO2	K R	BREMNER	3 Aug - Discharged
SGT	P J	GIBLETT	17 Aug - Discharged
WO1	A H	SIMPSON	26 Aug - Discharged

PROMOTIONS

LT	J	BULLEN	CAPT - Jan
SPR	J	BEERS	CPL - Mar
CPL	R B	JONES	SGT - Jul
SPR	N B D	CLUTTERBUCK	TCPL - Sep
SGT	J	GRUSZKA	LT - Nov



WESTERN COMMAND FIELD SURVEY UNIT

1963

337628	MAJ	L B J	SPRENGER
235151	CAPT	J	BULLEN
36193	LT	M J	HAYES
57058	LT	A W	LAING
52382	LT	J	GRUSZKA
5448	WO2	F B	COHEN
51878	SGT	H A J	BURGESS
5606	SGT	N G P	ABBOTT
4700	SGT	K J	MAZZAROL
213569	SGT	P	ROSSITER
52700	SGT	R B	JONES
52930	CPL	R	KEENE
53065	CPL	A C	TSAKALOS
54599	CPL	G M	ULLINGER
310207	CPL	G	HASWELL
53202	CPL	D J	WOODS
53229	CPL	N B D	CLUTTERBUCK
53806	CPL	J	BEERS
53196	CPL	R W	MCKENNA
53463	SPR	R J	CASWELL
53248	SPR	B J	HARMS
53689	SPR	D P	O'HARA

IN

54460	SPR	H A	NEWMAN	2 January
42814	SPR	J H A	LEISKER	15 January
6126	WO2	J T C	BOOTON	21 January
54447	SPR	P A	TOOMEY	21 Jul - School of Mil Svy
53004	SPR	I J	HASTINGS	19 Aug - Area Comd Northam
53903	SPR	W M J	SPENCER	30 Aug - E Comd Fd Svy Unit
42910	SPR	R J	BLACK	9 Dec - School of Mil Svy
51172	CAPT	H	TAYLOR	2 September

OUT

LT	J	GRUSZKA	15 Feb - Army Svy Regt
SGT	N G P	ABBOTT	18 Feb - Discharged
CPL	D J	WOODS	7 Feb - Discharged
SGT	H A J	BURGESS	10 Jun - Discharged
CAPT	J	BULLEN	5 Aug AAS (UK)
SPR	D P	O'HARA	23 Aug - Discharged
LT	M J	HAYES	9 Sep Army Svy Regt
CAPT	H	TAYLOR	12 November
CPL	G	HASWELL	16 Nov - AHQ Fd Svy Depot

PROMOTIONS

CPL	A C	TSAKALOS	SGT - Jan
CPL	R	KEENE	SGT - Jan
SPR	B J	HARMS	CPL - May
WO2	J T C	BOOTON	WO1 - Sep
CPL	G	ULLINGER	CPL

**PERSONAL SNIPPETS**  
**WESTERN AUSTRALIA**

**NEW MEMBERS**

During the year we have had the pleasure to Welcome the following new members to the Association:

**JODI BOWMAN**

**JOHN GREENWELL**

**MARLENE LAWLER**

**PAUL WAKELING**

and to welcome back **SYD JENKINS** as a member.

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**THE "BEES KNEES"**

A little bird, or was it a bee? reports to us that our 'Honey Man' one **CEDRIC CLUTTERBUCK** has again tasted the sweet taste of success with the award of 6 Prizes at the Perth Royal Show. Apiculture has been a hobby of Cedric's for many years and he is a regularly enters competitions. Prizes were gained in the following categories; Liquid Honey - both Light & Dark ; Chunk Honey : Yellow Beeswax & Beeswax display - Moulded or Sculptured Form.

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**JO** (the Smithy) **MAZZAROL** was another successful exhibitor at the Royal Show, his skills in Blacksmithing was rewarded with the gaining of 4 Prizes.

Jo was also hard at work at the Show and was seen demonstrating his skill and knowledge of this ancient art to the public. (Jo is well known for his willingness to demonstrate this art and is often in demand). He is also the Editor of a National Blacksmithing Journal.

*It is certainly pleasing to see our members receiving recognition for their hobbies.*

*Late news just received is that on the 19th October **CEDRIC** was awarded a further 12 Prizes for his Honey and Beeswax at the Swan View Horticulture and Agriculture Society Show and that at the Kelmscott Show a further 4 Prizes.*

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**JOHN COLLINS** is returning to the "West" shortly after an absence of many years. John was the Transport NCO with 5 Fd Svy for a number of years during the 70's.

We're looking forward to 'joining you up' John.

The following postcard was received by Cedric Clutterbuck from **KEVIN AGREN**.

"Dear Cedric & Nannette

Thank you very much Ced for the copy of WESTLINK.

Eric must have a very good memory as I told him about the train episode probably 8 - 10 years ago.

Mick Venn's article re seeing a Doctor reminds me of my time at Wewak where I was the Project Manager for Bunnings, when building the Wewak Hospital. that was in 1957 - 1959.

I later returned to Wewak with the 22 Construction Company for a two week camp in 1965.

We are enjoying the sunshine here in Carnarvon, have been lucky to catch a few feeds of fish.

Cheers for now

Kevin & Fay.

Postmarked Carnarvon 4th August

*Thanks for passing this on Cedric - I'm sure many of us have wondered where Kevin was now.*

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**ERIC CLUTTERBUCK**. Hopefully by time this goes to print Eric will be back on his feet. Following a fall at home Eric has had to have surgery to remove his kneecap.

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**RAY SARGEANT & PAT WOOD** are off to South Australia to attend the Closing Down of 4 Fd Svy Sqn on 25th November. We have asked them to convey a message of greetings and commiserations from our Association on this very sad occasion.

FRANK COHEN'S TRIP DIARY

Last May I went on a twenty day trip to Turkey with the W.A. Newspapers Tour Group. The tour also included a six day voyage on a cruise ship visiting Rhodes, Israel, Santorini, Mykonos and finally Athens.

We landed at Istanbul after a twenty-one hour flight. The "natives" are very friendly even though nearly everyone carries either side arms or a machine gun. The Turks claim it will take them only 24 hours to rally one million troops ready for action.

The hotels we stayed in were of a very high standard. I purchased a small jar of coffee and a half litre of milk and all it costs 110,000 Turkish Lire (about \$4A). With Turkish money in one's wallet one thinks he is very rich. Carrying 2 million T.L. is quite normal.

The highlight of Istanbul was a visit to Topkapi Palace, once the residence of the Ottoman Sultans. Displaying baubles like an 86 carat diamond surrounded by 39 smaller diamonds, an emerald and diamond encrusted dagger and several gold and diamond tea services, it was no wonder that armed guards were all through the Palace. We also visited the Blue Mosque and the Underground Cistern (built during the 6th century).

and Anzac Cove. Gallipoli itself is very mountainous. Had the ANZACS seen the site before they landed, they would have gone home. It was a no win situation. Thousands of young soldiers on both sides were killed, fighting each other from a range of 20 metres. Incidentally I didn't see any officer's name on the honour board with a rank higher than Captain.

We visited Troy and saw it's replica wooden horse. The Horse stands about 15 metres high. There must have been some gullible Trojans around not to think that something wasn't quite Kosher when the horse suddenly appeared.

Our drive continued to Pamukkale, a spectacular sight - unique in the world. Thermal spring waters laden with calcareous rocks have formed dazzling white formations of stalactites, cataracts and basins along the plateau edge.

hused to Jerusalem and Bethlehem. Next it was on to Santorini and the town of Thira, which is balanced on the edge of an extinct crater some 600m above sea level.

Next port of call was Mykonos, probably the nicest island of them all, and so on to Athens to wind up a wonderful trip of culture and intrigue.

*Ed: Thanks for this item Frank. We look forward to your follow up report on the Greek Adventure for our next Bulletin.*

BARRY PARKER' TRIP DIARY

Helen and I left Perth on 19th July and flew direct to Los Angeles (amazingly we left at 6am Wednesday and arrived at 1025am still on Wednesday. Our main reason for the trip was to attend our youngest daughter's (Alison) wedding in St. Petersburg Florida on the 29th. Alison has been living in Santa Monica Calif. for the past 3 years. The wedding went off well and we met a whole heap of new rellies from all over the U.S.A. (good for future trips).

We then flew up to New York for 3 days - the place is mind blowing, it's so huge and busy. Did the usual sightseeing - Empire State Building, Central Park and the Statue of Liberty. After this we joined a coach tour and then travelled through 14 States back to Los Angeles: (Washington, Niagra Falls, Chicago, St Louis, Wichita, Dodge City, Denver, the Grand Canyon and Las Vegas - no I didn't break the bank at any of the Casinos). We did this trip with the COSMOS Company (as was the one in Europe several Years ago) I recommend them to anyone contemplating an organised tour - they are budget priced, but very efficient, well organised, the buses modern and accommodation clean & comfortable (private facilities).

After resting up back at Santa Monica and doing the "right things", Universal Studios, Hollywood, DisneyLand we drove up to San Fransico with the bride and groom for a few days, then back to L.A. for another breather before setting the sights on home. We broke this journey with three days in Honolulu. Whilst there I visited Pearl Harbour and the Arizona Memorial - truly and inspiring and moving place.

So for now it's back to work for Helen and I've got a magazine to produce, and the family history to finish writing.

**LEN BEADELL - A BRIEF BIOGRAPHY**

As reported in "Westlink - Issue 10" Len Beadell passed away in Adelaide in May this year. Reproduced below are two items that summarise his achievements:

**Bibliography from his Book "End of An Era"**

*LEN BEADELL, the last of the true Australian explorers, was born on a farm at West Pennant Hills, New South Wales, in 1923. After taking up surveying as a hobby at the age of twelve under the guidance of his Scoutmaster, he began his career on the military mapping programme of northern N.S.W. as a surveyor's assistant in the early stages of the second World War. A year later he joined the Army Survey Corps, serving in New Guinea until 1945.*

*While still in the army after the war, he accompanied the first combined scientific expedition of CSIRO as a surveyor into the Alligator River country of Arnhem Land. His next army appointment was to carry out the initial surveys for the establishment of the Woomera Rocket Range.*

*His work for the next twenty years as a civilian involved continual camping, surveying, exploring, and road making, opening up for the first time 2.5 million square kilometres of the Gibson, Great Sandy, and Great Victoria Deserts. This included discovering and laying out the first atomic bomb site in Australia at Emu and later the site for the succeeding atomic tests at Maralinga.*

*In 1958 as Range Reconnaissance Officer at the Weapons Research Establishment he was awarded the British Empire Medal for his work in building the famous Gunbarrel Highway - the first 1600-kilometre road link east-west across central Australia. Since then he has surveyed and made over 6000 kilometres of lonely roads in the deserts.*

*The author of six best-selling books, Len Beadell and his wife have three children - Connie-Sue, Gary and Jackie - and the whole family has features in outback Australia named after them.*

From the Adelaide Advertiser of 19 May 95 (Article Headed 'Deserving the Diggers' ultimate accolade'

*Permit one of his wartime mates to pay tribute to NX 13485 Len Beadell, whose passing is recorded (The Advertiser, 13/5/95). Kym Tibbrook rightly refers to Len's considerable post-war achievements but his wartime service to Australia also deserves to be known.*

*Enlisting at 18 in December 1941, Len joined the New Guinea Survey Section, later renamed the 8th Field Survey Section AIF, in New Guinea as a reinforcement in October, 1942.*

*It was the only in the Australian Army to serve on the Kokoda Trail (Owers Corner was named after one of its lieutenants, Gerry Owers) and with the Kanga Force which, built around the 6th Division's 17th (Victorian) Brigade, was to become the longest airborne operation of World War II.*

*One of the roles was to map "future areas of operation" which were, of course, held by the Japanese. As when a six-man party walked into the Markham Valley to map it for the subsequent attack by American paratroops and airborne infantry from the Australian 7th Division. However, mostly they worked in two-man parties, protected only by the jungle.*

*The only time the unit failed to fulfil the tasks given it was when I was told to blaze a jeep track over the Owen Stanleys to replace the Kokoda Trail and its small, lightly armed parties were forced back by the Japanese advance.*

*Commended by General Douglas MacArthur for its work, the unit was disbanded. After home leave, the survivors were posted to larger units, as Len was, or boarded unfit for further active service.*

*Of the 85 originals and reinforcements, there were recently only 26 known survivors, including Len, and he was looking forward to seeing his old mates for the first time since November, 1943.*

*Our reunion will be held in Canberra from August 1 and will include wreath laying ceremonies at the Australian War Memorial and the Carriers Memorial at Manuka ACT, in tribute to the carriers who served with us and to the people of Papua New Guinea who supported us.*

*Len would have understood and approved. We shall miss him when the unit's survivors gather at our "last parade". He fully deserves the Diggers' ultimate accolade "He was a good mate."*

BRIAN MURRAY  
Unit Reunion Organiser  
Canberra, ACT

#### NOTES FROM OTHER ASSOCIATIONS

*(The following items have been taken from publications received from Other Associations)*

##### Alex Laing

Underwent surgery for the removal of a cancerous growth from the bowel, earlier in the year. To the best of our knowledge, Alex had recovered fully and returned to his job in P.N.G. about July.

##### Pat Long.

Had an operation in May this year, but we have no idea as to what the problem was, except that Pat has recovered OK, or so we hope.

##### Clem Sargent

Operated on at St. Vincents Hospital in Sydney some time back, but we have no idea as to why. Clem has apparently recovered fully and getting around as well as ever.

Clem has been honoured with a Life Membership of the Australian Institute of Cartographers.  
Congratulations Clem

Kym and Fay Weston are reported to be living in Buderim, QLD

##### John Hillier

Still sails regularly on Lake Hume, commuting down to Albury/Wodonga from Canberra most week-ends during the season.

##### John Bullen

John has left the Australian War Memorial, after working there for several years, and at the moment is taking things easy at home.

**SONG OF THE TOPO PRESS**

Submitted by Don Taylor

Recently I was looking through some boxes which belonged to my late Uncle. The boxes contain material and memorabilia from his service in the Army in WWI in Egypt, Gallipoli and France.

One of the items is a book produced by a Phillip. L. Harris on behalf of the Australian War Museum; the book contains copies of all the editions of a magazine called "Aussie" which was produced in the field from January 1918 to April 1919. There were 13 editions in total with 3 of these being printed after the Armistice in November 1918.

The interesting part of this story is that the magazine was printed by the AIF printing section which I assume was part of the Survey Corps. I could not find any proof of this in the foreword to the book or through enquires to the Army Museum in Fremantle; but their historian (librarian) was sure the printing section was part of the Corps.

It would have been a fantastic feat to produce 60,000 copies of a sixteen or seventeen page magazine in the field on an old Platen Machine under very adverse conditions and then distribute the copies to the troops.

While reading through the magazines I came across a poem in issue No.6, August 1918 which goes as follows.....

### Song Of The Topo Press

I sing a song of the Topo Press  
 With its clatter and clash and clang!  
 With its creak and squeak and inky mess,  
 It's rattle and rumble and hang.

Like a Smithy's forge by Satan possessed  
 "Onward through life it goes".  
 How many millions of plans it has pressed  
 The good God only knows.

In Marie - in Nissen - Old Chateau  
 It has never been known to stop.  
 And every plan that comes from its maw  
 It registers with a loud flop.

From area to area its shifted about  
 As sunshine follows the snow.  
 The gay little plans go trickling out,  
 And none know where they all go.

So damp her up, Jack, and spin her round, Joe -  
 We've a big fat "wallup" to do;  
 If we don't get a bustle on to her now  
 This eighty will never get through.

Someday they'll be done with stouthing the Hun  
 And we'll stand a chance to get level;  
 We'll consign presses and all inky messes  
 For ever direct to the Devil.

C. Brown

That's it, just C. Brown; no other information as to who C. Brown was or what his duties were, but judging from the last verse C. Brown had had a gutful of the old Topo Press.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

### AUSTRALIA REMEMBERS

We gratefully acknowledge the Australia Remembers Committee 1945-1995 for their generous support of our Corps Birthday Dinner and Commorative Evening in the way of their grant of \$350 towards the cost of the function.

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### CORPS BIRTHDAY EVENING

To the President, Officers Mess, Leeuwin Barracks and his Mess Supervisor we are most grateful and appreciative for the use of the Mess, and for the fine food provided for the Dinner.

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We indeed owe to Committeeman Leo Clifford our appreciation for his arranging the services of the Stewards and Staff for this important event.

We are indebted to the members of the 1st Waylen Bay Rover Crew for their most excellent and indeed "professional" services in this capacity.

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We also gratefully acknowledge the services of Paul Burrows for his photographic record of the proceedings

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### PRINTING OF WESTLINK

**FRED BULLOCK**

Sincere and Grateful thanks for your support and assistance in the Printing of this Journal.

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#### *Spell bound*

I have a spelling checker  
It came with my PC  
It plainly marks four my revue  
mistakes I cannot sea.  
I've run this poem threw it and,  
I'm sure your pleased too no,  
It's letter perfect in it's weigh.  
My checker told me sew.



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**THEIR FAMILIES**

**AND TO THE MEMBERS OF OUR**

**KINDRED ASSOCIATIONS**