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FROM THE PRESIDENT

The grievous loss over recent months of three Association Members, all of them previous Officer's Commanding of the 5th Field Survey Squadron - Hugh Taylor, Alex Laing and Pat Woods has left the Association tragically depleted of Senior Members. All the above were stalwart members of the Association who gave full support to all our endeavours and each will be sadly missed.

Hugh Taylor and Alex Laing both commanded "Gading Operations" in Sumatra, Indonesia during the years 1973 to 1975 which formed a major part of the Squadron's history. As a tribute to their memory we have published in this issue of Westlink a Nominal Roll for those operations. Alex and Pat also Commanded 8 Fd Svy Sqn in Papua New Guinea.

Pat Woods' dedication and commitment to job and Corps was worthy of him being awarded the BEM (British Empire Medal) for arduous service in the Kimberley's from 1958 to 1960. His total service of 33 years speaks enough. He was also the first President of our W.A. Association, formed in 1986 from the "Old Comrades Association" and served as a Committee Member till his death last year. Pat was passionately and actively engaged on Corps history and his vast knowledge of survey and local history will be greatly missed.

Another stalwart of the Committee in Cedric Clutterbuck is not enjoying good health of late and is in fact no longer able to drive, has shocked us all by missing his first ever meeting of the Association - both Committee and Annual General. Cedric contacted me after reading the article on Boodarie Station in our last Westlink which he said jogged his memory and told of the history of his family who lived in Condon (Shellborough), population 200, located to the North of Port Hedland on the Condon Creek which runs into the Degray River. A history of the family "Hedland, For Auld Lang Syne" has been published by Cedric's sisters E G Clutterbuck and Betty Doghan. Copies may be purchased from Paul Clutterbuck, 10 Tyre Ave, Riverton WA 6148.

We wish you well Cedric

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We have organised a 'Back to Burt Street Day' for Sunday 8 Nov, The Artillery Barracks is now home to the Army Museum Western Australia. The sundial which stood at the entrance to "Survey" in Karrakatta is to be relocated at the Museum with a plaque dedicated to all RA Svy Members of Western Australia and to leave something to show "We Were Here". The day will include a tour of the Museum followed by a BBQ and the "opening" of the of the sun dial.

Ray Sargeant

#### 1997 CHRISTMAS REUNION

An enjoyable evening, with good food, good views and good Company was appreciated at the Grand Palace Chinese Restaurant by 32 members and partners. After the banquet meal the "Karioki" worked overtime with plenty of 'would be' entertainers highlighted by a rendition by Mike "the crooner" Venn. And, who were the two guests who enjoyed themselves so much that they didn't have enough money to pay for their taxi home? Thanks to the Secretary for ensuring their safe arrival home - (they say a Secretary's work is never done). Nice to meet Marlene's mum, Betty. Cedric C, despite not enjoying the best of health managed to attend.

#### ANZAC DAY 1998

Those who watched the march on television had only a very quick glimpse of our "contingent" - nine persons including the leader and the two required for carrying the banner do not make for good coverage. Several of our regular marchers were on the sick list and of course we missed having the leadership of Pat Wood. Leo Clifford won the travellers award having travelled up from Busselton the night before.

Following the march we adjourned to Karrakatta for our Annual General Meeting and the hospitality of the Sergeants' Mess. We were delighted that Cedric was able to join us - thanks for transporting him to and fro Eric. Sadly Cedric's has lost almost all sight but he still remains his cheerful supportive self.

#### NEW MEMBERS

We welcome our newest members - Shane DELANEY and Margot to the Association.

Reproduced below is a letter received from Olive Taylor to all members of the Association

Unit 39  
18 Albert Street  
Claremont 6010  
28-11-97

To The President and Members  
of the Royal Australian Survey Corps Association

Dear Sirs,

My family and I would like to thank you for your condolences for the death of Hugh. Your attendance at his funeral and your cards have been of great comfort to us. Hugh always had much respect for members of the corps, and enjoyed the social life on many occasions.

Kindest Regards  
Olive Taylor

VALEMajor Patrick Howard WOOD Rtd. B.E.M.

Pat Wood passed away on 30 December after a relatively short illness. He is survived by his daughter Perin: his wife Pom passed away in 1993.

Pat was born in Hamilton, New Zealand in 1930. He arrived in Australia in 1951 on a holiday and on the spur of the moment enlisted in the Australian Army. After basic training Pat was inducted into the Royal Australian Survey Corps and remained there for the next 33 years.

He arrived in Western Australia in 1953 and adopted this state as his home, for it was here that he met and married Pom, where his daughter Perin was raised and where his career as a Topographic Surveyor really began.

Pat possessed an encyclopaedic knowledge of the geography and topography of W.A. and he gained that knowledge by being involved in the mapping of the State from North to South over a long period of time.

During his 33 years in the Survey Corps, Pat served in W.A., S.A., Vic., N.S.W., Canberra, the United Kingdom, Indonesia and P.N.G.

Pat excelled in all the postings that he held and was awarded the British Empire Medal in 1961 for the quality of his service and was commissioned to the rank of lieutenant in 1970.

Pat was a member of the Corps during the most exciting and innovative period in the history of surveying and mapping. He saw the introduction of Electronic distance measuring equipment, the use of helicopters and field survey operations, the use of photogrammetry in all mapping, the gathering of survey data from satellites and the advent of digitised mapping.

To his credit Pat did not become dated by the introduction of this new and ever changing technology, indeed he embraced the changes and learnt to manage them all.

Pat served the Corps with distinction and he gained great satisfaction from his service. The last two postings that Pat held were his most rewarding. He was the OC. of 8 Fd Svy Sqn in P.N.G. where he superintended the completion of the Corps' mapping programme in P.N.G. and his final posting was back to his home state where he was the OC. of 5 Fd Svy Sqn, a post he held until he retired from the military in 1985.

After he left the Army Pat began work as a volunteer with Radio Station 6NR. at Curtin University where he took on the onerous task of computerising their record library, a task that he worked on for over 10 years. Pat was honoured by 6NR. and the University in 1997 when the record library at their new radio studio was named The PAT WOOD RECORD LIBRARY; and honour richly deserved.

Pat was a quiet achiever, a dedicated and honourable man who was immensely proud of his service with the Royal Australian Survey Corps and the part he played in the mapping and consequently the development of Australia.

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**MINUTES of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the  
ROYAL AUSTRALIAN SURVEY CORPS ASSOCIATION (WESTERN AUSTRALIA) Inc.  
Held at Karrakatta on Saturday 25th April 1998**

1. **OPENING OF MEETING**

The President declared the Meeting open at 1303 hours.

2. **APOLOGIES.**

Don Taylor, Cliff Webb, Brian Firms, Eric Brook, Peter Bowen, Frank Cohen. Geoff Helyar, Noel Clutterbuck.

3. **READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE 1997 AGM held on 25th April 1997.**

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Monday 25th April 1994 were read and accepted as follows:

Moved:           Ray Sargeant  
Seconded:       Mike Venn

4. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES.**

**Outstanding Fees**

Eric Clutterbuck asked about the outcome. The Secretary advised the meeting that letters had been sent to the 7 members with overdue fees, 2 members had paid, the remainder have been removed from the mailing list.

5. **TREASURERS REPORT.**

A copy of the Audit report was circulated to Members and was accepted as follows :

Moved :           Barry Parker  
Seconded:       Eric Clutterbuck

The Secretary informed the Meeting that Alf Till had audited the Association's financial records.

The Treasurer informed the meeting that a significant amount of the Association's funds were spent on postage. There is a mailing list of non-members who are being sent invitations with little response. This year we will not be doing this, but using the free 'Can You Help' column in the West Australian newspaper.

6. **CORRESPONDENCE.**

The Secretary advised, that the Committee had dealt with the correspondence as it was all general business.

Correspondence had been received from Col Clem Sargent regarding the writing and publishing of the Corps History.

The Association has received invitations to various functions from RAE Moorebank.

7. **GENERAL BUSINESS.**

a. **ANZAC DAY.**

The Secretary will send a letter of complaint to the RSL following our omission again from the road markings in Pier Street. It was suggested that the words RASVY be used.

b. CORPS BIRTHDAY FUNCTION.

The Committee will discuss this function at their next meeting.

c. WEST LINK.

The Editor informed the meeting that the next edition (July 1998) was at final stage.

f. SICK PARADE.

Frank Cohen, Geoff Helyar and Cedric Clutterbuck

8. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE FOR 1998/1999.

All Committee positions were declared vacant and the members present then proceeded to elect a new Committee.

Proposed: Ray Sargeant - that the outgoing Committee be returned as the 1998/1999 Committee and that Alf Till be appointed to the vacancy caused by the death of Pat Wood.

Seconded: Eric Clutterbuck and CARRIED.

<i>PRESIDENT</i>	Ray SARGEANT	
<i>VICE PRESIDENT</i>	Frank COHEN	
<i>SECRETARY/TREASURER</i>	Philip BRAY	
<i>COMMITTEE MEMBERS</i>	Cedric Clutterbuck	Eric Clutterbuck
	Mike Venn	Alf Till
	Barry Parker	Brian Firms

9. OTHER BUSINESS.

a. SAS ASSOCIATION DONATION

Ray Sargeant informed the meeting that Chris Brogan (now a paraplegic after a British military exercise accident), was raising money for the SAS Association. Chris was attached to 5 Fd Svy Sqn for Operation Gading 3 in Indonesia.

Proposed: Ray Sargeant - that a donation of \$50 be made to the SAS Association.

Seconded: Leo Clifford. and CARRIED.

b. VOTE OF THANKS

(1) Proposed: Philip Bray a Vote of Thanks to Alf Till for auditing our Financial Records.

Seconded: Bob Bruce

(2) Proposed: Philip Bray a Vote of Thanks to Fred Bullock for the printing of WESTLINK.

Seconded: Alf Till

There being no further Business the Meeting was declared closed at 2035 hours.

President

Secretary

STATEMENT of INCOME and EXPENDITURE  
for the PERIOD ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 1997

<b>INCOME</b>	Subscriptions	620.00
	WESTLINK Subscription	25.00
	Functions	1850.00
	Sales _ Survey Corps Shop	61.00
	Bank Interest	4.91
	Corps Birthday Raffle	45.00
	Payment for labels P. Bray	20.00
		2625.91
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	Bank Fees/State & Federal Taxes	9.06
	Postage	195.85
	Stationery	151.40
	Functions	2182.70
	RSL Subscription	20.00
	Scan Corps Logo (WESTLINK)	15.00
	Telephone Calls (President)	25.00
	Funeral Notices (West Australian)	48.00
		2647.01
	<b>INCOME</b>	\$2625.91
	<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	<u>\$2647.01</u>
	Excess of Expenditure over Income	\$ 21.10

STATEMENT OF ASSOCIATION FUNDS

Opening Balance (Cash at the Bank) 1st January 1997	1234.43	
Bank Balance as at 31st December 1997		1213.33
<u>Add</u> Balance of unsold Survey Corps Shop items/Stamps		<u>165.70</u>
Total of Association Funds as at 31st December 1997		\$ 1379.03

I have examined the Books and Accounts as presented to me and in my opinion the Statement of Income and Expenditure and the Statement of Association Funds are properly drawn up, so as to represent a correct view of the Financial Transactions for the Year ending 31st December 1997.

..... Signed A Till..... Auditor

.....Signed P Bray Secretary/Treasurer

.....Signed J R Sargeant.....President

Reconciliation of Survey Corps Shop Items and Postage Stamps as at 31-12-1997

Survey Corps Shop		\$
Neck Tie (quantity 8 @ \$18.00)	144.00	
Car Stickers (quantity 10 @ \$1.00)	10.00	
Tie Bar (quantity 1 @ \$4.00)	<u>4.00</u>	
	158.00	
Postage Stamps		\$
45c (quantity 15)	6.75	
95c (quantity 1)	<u>0.95</u>	
	7.70	

Total: \$165.70

**ROYAL AUSTRALIAN SURVEY CORPS ASSOCIATION  
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**MEMBERSHIP 1998**

<b>BARRELL</b>	Lance	10 Welch Way	<b>WARNBRO</b>	6169	9593 2661
<b>BOULTER</b>	Bob	223 Scott Street	<b>CLOVERDALE</b>	6105	9277 1036
<b>BOWEN</b>	Peter	8 Rosea Close	<b>MAIDA VALE</b>	6057	9454 6219
<b>BOWMAN</b>	Jodi	37 A Lichfield Street	<b>VICTORIA PARK</b>	6100	9387 6932
<b>BOWLER</b>	Stephen	3 Seacrest Drive	<b>SORRENTO</b>	6020	9447 3796
<b>BRAY</b>	Philip	33 Nalpa Way	<b>DUNCRAIG</b>	6023	9447 9699
<b>BREWER</b>	Bob	14 Arthur Road	<b>LESMURDIE</b>	6076	9291 6203
<b>BRUCE</b>	Bob	34 Gregory Street	<b>WEMBLEY</b>	6014	9381 2103
<b>BROOK</b>	Eric	6 Binns Court	<b>NORTH FREMANTLE</b>	6159	9336 4324
<b>BROWN</b>	Fred	9A Bocaccio Court	<b>SORRENTO</b>	6020	9246 4804
<b>BULLOCK</b>	Fred	42 Osmaston Road	<b>CARINE</b>	6020	9448 5141
<b>CHERRY</b>	Nevis	8 Abrolhos Close	<b>SHELLEY</b>	6148	9457 0612
<b>CLIFFORD</b>	Leo	9 Rosemary Drive	<b>BUSSELTON</b>	6280	9754 3748
<b>CLUTTERBUCK</b>	Cedric	18 Glennon Way	<b>ROSSMOYNE</b>	6148	9457 4651
<b>CLUTTERBUCK</b>	Eric	4 Carob Place	<b>GREENWOOD</b>	6024	9342 2181
<b>CLUTTERBUCK</b>	Noel	357 Hardey Road	<b>CLOVERDALE</b>	6105	9277 7072
<b>COHEN</b>	Frank	121 North Street	<b>SWANBOURNE</b>	6010	9384 7094
<b>CRADDON</b>	Clive	212 Corinthian Road	<b>RIVERTON</b>	6148	9354 1312
<b>DELANEY</b>	Shane	7/119 South Terrace	<b>FREMANTLE</b>	6160	9336 3636
<b>EDDY</b>	Peter	6 Cullen Street	<b>SHENTON PARK</b>	6008	9381 2616
<b>EDWARDS</b>	Frank	4 Batavia Way	<b>SALTER POINT</b>	6152	9450 3945
<b>FAITHFULL</b>	Jack	253 Hancock Street	<b>DOUBLEVIEW</b>	6018	9446 3949
<b>FIRNS</b>	Brian	59 Thompson Road	<b>NORTH FREMANTLE</b>	6159	9335 6825
<b>GAY</b>	Doug	89 Beasley Road	<b>LEEMING</b>	6149	9310 4685
<b>GOBLE-GARRATT</b>	Mike	16 Redwood Lane	<b>WILLETTON</b>	6155	9457 3048
<b>GRIFFITHS</b>	Leon	33 Engler Street	<b>BOORAGOON</b>	6154	9364 8019
<b>HANCOCK</b>	Archie	Sun City C'van Park - Swan Drive	<b>GERALDTON</b>	6530	9938 2239
<b>HELYAR OAM</b>	Geoff	51 Wedgewood Drive	<b>EDGEWATER</b>	6027	9306 1509
<b>JONES</b>	(Spike) R B	2/23 Yeovil Crescent	<b>BICTON</b>	6157	9339 4415
<b>LARSEN</b>	Russell	8 Hollingworth Way	<b>LEEMING</b>	6149	9313 5825
<b>LAWLER</b>	Marlene	20B Admiral Grove.	<b>HEATHRIDGE</b>	6027	9307 7652
<b>LOCKE</b>	Cec	35 Amos Way	<b>GIRRAWHEEN</b>	6064	9342 6098
<b>MACDONALD</b>	Don	8/17 Heydon Street	<b>MOSMAN N.S.W.</b>	2088	
<b>MAZZAROL BEM</b>	Jo	52 Cleveland Street	<b>DIANELLA</b>	6062	9276 6170
<b>MEAD</b>	Brian	8 Barridale Drive	<b>KINGSLEY</b>	6026	9409 8292
<b>MUSGRAVE</b>	Don	27 Marjorie Parade	<b>ROCKINGHAM</b>	6168	9527 3473
<b>PARKER</b>	Barry	41B Jefferson Drive	<b>MARANGAROO</b>	6064	9342 7245
<b>REYNOLDS</b>	Kim	39 Churchill Drive	<b>BUNBURY</b>	6230	9721 6169
<b>ROBERTS</b>	Jim	1 Chidley Place	<b>ROCKINGHAM</b>	6168	9527 5180
<b>ROSSOW</b>	Alan	25 Wolsely Road	<b>EAST FREMANTLE</b>	6158	93192789
<b>SARGEANT</b>	Ray	29 Bouvardia Way	<b>GREENWOOD</b>	6024	9448 5787
<b>SAWYER</b>	Tom	5 Mandoon Close	<b>DARLINGTON</b>	6070	9299 7039
<b>TAYLOR</b>	Don	22 Callistemon Avenue	<b>GREENWOOD</b>	6024	9447 0465
<b>TILL</b>	Alf	21 Cromarty Road	<b>FLOREAT</b>	6014	9387 5113
<b>UWINS</b>	Bev	12 Kexby Street	<b>BALCATT</b>	6021	9344 1968
<b>VENN</b>	Mick	29 Waitara Crescent	<b>GREENWOOD</b>	6024	9448 0407
<b>WEBB</b>	Cliff	8 Nalpa Way	<b>DUNCRAIG</b>	6023	9448 3176
<b>WILLIS</b>	John	1/17 Albemarle Street	<b>SCARBOROUGH</b>	6019	9341 3956
<b>WILKINSON</b>	Darren	10 Winjana Road	<b>LESMURDIE</b>	6076	9291 8426



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PERSONAL SNIPPETS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA

LEO CLIFFORD has written us from Busselton and included the following anecdote -

I found this article in an old scrap book. It was written by Cpl Nev Pappin who had a very dry sense of humour. It is an explanation for a L & D. Those dreaded forms that we all had to fill out at some stage on a field trip for those odd things that went astray from time to time, in this case a green plastic bowl.

The station mentioned is approx 400 km South East of Broome in the Great Sandy Desert and is on top of a high sand dune.

"I offer the following explanation for the loss of the above item. Whilst carrying out routine survey duties at position R691 in the Great Sandy Desert.

Whilst carrying out domestic duties on the evening of 6 Sep 85 and preparing the evening meal it became immediately evident that one of the two bowls plastic utility was missing.

A subsequent intensive search of the camp area of some 200m radius of the camp failed to locate the said missing item.

It was determined that as the bowl contained some remnants of food scraps from the previous night meal, and numerous dingo prints had been found within 2 metres of the tent itself, that a dingo or indeed dingos were responsible for the disappearance of the said item.

It should be remembered that in this harsh environment of the Great Sandy Desert it is survival of the fittest and dingos would go to any great length for a bite to eat and such offerings a food scraps readily contained in an easy takeaway container would have been easy pickings.

I trust this explanation is viewed in the utmost seriousness that is intended."

If I remember rightly the L&D was approved but it did cause a few good laughs. Some two days before this event I had one of my boots taken by a dingo, but that is another story

Regards Leo

*(I seem to remember another classic L&D from Bill Kemp regarding a psychrometer left on a hill which was found when he returned to the hill to search and which was found underneath the wheel of his returning vehicle - Barry)*

CHRIS BROGAN

The following appeared in the West Australian of Monday April 13 1998. Chris was attached to the Squadron in 1993 for Operation Gading III, from SASR. He would have been one of the fittest members of SASR - I often used to see him from the comfort of my car on the way to Swanbourne from Craigie - either cycling or running. .... Barry

"CHRIS BROGAN did not loose his determination after he was paralysed during a British military exercise in Central America nine years ago.

Instead, the former Special Air Service Regiment warrant officer turned to sport and has since carved himself a name in paraplegic triathlon circles.

Yesterday he slipped into the waters of Challenge Stadium pool for a 1600m swim and then took to the roads for consecutive 34km hand cycle and 19km wheelchair rides to raise money for three other former SAS members who were also paralysed during their service.

Dick Rollaston was paralysed in an SAS exercise in the early 1960s in the Philippines; Laurie Walker was paralysed on a demolitions course in the early 1990s and Gerry Bampton was paralysed in the Black Hawk disaster in 1996.

Mr Brogan, who now lives in Southern England with his wife and son, was visiting his former Regiment at Campbell Barracks in Swanbourne, where he was stationed until he left in 1985 to join the British army's Special Boat Service.

He is no stranger to gruelling challenges, having competed in both the London and Berlin marathons in a wheelchair.

His personal best time for an Olympic distance triathlon, which comprises a 1.5km swim, 40km cycle and 10km run is 21 minutes, 14 seconds. He needs to break 4hours to qualify for the world triathlon championships - his next competitive target.

To contribute to the Brogan Triathlon Fund, people can either send a donation to the West Australian SAS Association, (Western branch) care of the SAS Association House at Campbell Barracks, Swanbourne, WA 6010 or phone Bruce Wallis on 9387 6768.

*Ray and I (Barry) renewed our friendship with Chris at the Anzac Day Service on the Perth Esplanade and Chris asked to be remembered to his RA Svy mates.*

*Our Association has forwarded a donation to the fund.*

#### FROM OTHER SURVEY ASSOCIATIONS

Phil has received a letter from John Hillier and as it contains much of interest to our members the text has been included in this issue of Westlink. The letter also addresses the question posed by Phil in our last Issue regarding J K C Herridge.

Dear Phil

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*" It was not a happy issue, as President RAY recorded.*

*Members may be interested to know that as a former Colonel Commandant when Diana, Princess of Wales was Colonel-in-Chief I forwarded a message of condolence on behalf of all members of the former Corps to the Royal Family and especially the Princes William and Harry, with the request that it be passed to them.*

*Amongst a large number of his Corps compatriots, and I would guess all of his class mates from the RMC Class of 58?, I paid homage to Alex Laing at a Remembrance Service held for him at the NORWOOD Crematorium Canberra on Thursday 23 October 1997. In a moving eulogy Brigadier Kerry Mellor (Retired) (who was Alex's "Grand-Son in his first year when Alex was in senior class) read a description of his life and their lives written by Dawn, William and Mandy. Alex's last surviving brother attended from Perth. His mother was not able to come. It was the sort of farewell that Alex would have wanted. Maj-Gen Murray (Bludger) Blake (Retired) (and given that nickname by Alex) described his experiences with Alex from the day they first met in Perth in the Schoolboys Australian Rules Grand Final, before either had applied for entry to RMC. The boy from Sandstone won the game for his school in not just that year but the following one as well! Imagine their surprise when both met again as 1st year Cadets. Murray and Alex remained friends from that first football encounter. He described Alex as the "lovable larrikin" who showed great courage in his attitude towards his long illness.*

*And lastly John Bullen told of Alex's skill on the sporting field - firstly from the perspective of a Senior Cadet head hunting for new blood in the Cricket Team and then the Aussie Rules side - Both of which Alex played in a representative of RMC. In addition, he excelled in Tennis and*

Hockey. John also spoke of Alex's leadership as President of the Molonglo Cricket Club (RMC Old Boy's Team) as the successor to the late Maj Gen Derek Deighton when John was Vice-President.

This was a standing room only occasion on a warm Canberra October day that was really an RMC funeral service for an old comrade rather than a Corps occasion for a former Director.

The CGS, General John Sanderson attended in uniform.

A wake was held at Harris Street, Hackett later that afternoon.

I understand that 1 Fd Svy Sqn (or its Engineer equivalent name) intended to hold a memorial dinner for Alex.

I was saddened to hear of the passing of Hugh Taylor a life long Corps associate from circa 1948. Neil was present at Alex's funeral just a few days before. (Alex enabled Neil to graduate to RA Svy - as his mentor).

### JOHN HERRIDGE - Missing Person

J K C (John or Jake) HERRIDGE served in the Middle East with the Corps. He was a licensed surveyor with the Sydney Water Board prior to enlisting in the 2nd AIF. He served in N.G. in the early days when things were not looking so good.

After the war he was OC N Comd Fd Svy Sec (and perhaps 3 Fd Svy Coy immediately following the war) and DAD Svy HQ N Comd.

He became C.I. School of Military Survey at Balcombe when Wally Relf became Deputy Director of Survey circa 196? when Don Ridge was Senior Instructor.

He retired from the School to return to the Sydney Water Board and lived at Manly. He died some years ago, after his wife Joan had died (I believe). They were survived by two children, a boy David and a girl (can't remember her name) who was a nursing sister I think, whilst David may have studied engineering.

John Herridge was a very thorough Surveyor; in his time at the School he personally wrote the instructions and syllabi for Basic Courses in particular. Paul Billing was his "chief writer" and star pupil (based on the old days of "master and pupil")

I trust this is of some value

Regards to all those "over there".

John Hillier

(The information on Col Herridge has "revived" my memory of "JKC" as he was CI at the School during my period there, 1959 - 1960. I particularly remember picking him up from Frankston one evening in the staff car on a night of one of the heaviest fogs I've ever seen and driving back to Balcombe with both of us leaning out the side windows to keep track of the road and his saying "you can come a bit more this side driver".) Barry Parker

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We have recently received a letter from Clem Sargent regarding two matter of general interest. The first is regarding the publication of the Corps History and this has been passed to members with the notice re the Corps Birthday. The second matter is reproduced below:

#### "Service Award

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

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

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

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

**Members may obtain a copy of Don Swiney's letter by contacting me - Barry Parker on 9342 7245. The Schedule of Operations appears below:**

### **ROYAL AUSTRALIAN SURVEY CORPS INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS**

**1970 - 1989**

#### **INDONESIA**

17 April -	15 August 1970	MANDAU	Kalimantan Barat
15 May -	7 July 1971	GADING 1	Sumatera
26 April -	27 August 1972	GADING 2	Sumatera
26 April -	9 September 1973	GADING 3	Sumatera
21 April -	9 August 1974	GADING 4	Sumatera
6 May -	22 August 1975	GADING 5	Sumatera
22 July -	21 November 1976	CENDERAWASIH 76	Irian Jaya
9 May -	10 October 1977	CENDERAWASIH 77	Irian Jaya
2 July -	15 October 1979	PATTIMURA 79	Maluka
20 April -	30 July 1980	PATTIMURA 80	Maluka
29 April -	10 June 1981	PATTIMURA 81	Maluka
12 November	17 December 1982	NUSA TIMOR 82)	Islands in the South
9 May -	14 August 1983	NUSA TIMOR 83)	China Sea
2 June -	3 August 1984	NUSA BARAT	Islands West of Sumatera

#### **SOUTH PACIFIC**

15 September -	4 December 1980	SPEARLINE	Solomon Islands
July -	September 1981	AUSSURV 81	Fiji
1 September -	20 December 1981		Tonga
5 December -	25 December 1982	AUSSURV 82	Western Samoa
18 June -	29 October 1984	ANON 84	Kirabati/Tuvalu
30 June -	22 September 1984	ALGUM 84	Vanuatu
15 July -	29 September 1985	ALGUM 85	Vanuata
20 June -	12 September 1985	ANON 85	Kiribati/Line Islands
22 June -	14 November 1986	ALGUM 86	Vanuatu
31 March -	28 May 1989	KUMUL 89	PNG

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**GENERAL ITEMS****HONOURS AND AWARDS**

From the "Army" Newspaper 5 February 1998

**Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM)**

**Capt Matthew Jackson. 1 Topo Svy Sqn, for outstanding service as the topographical support system project officer with 1 Topo Svy Sqn.**

**AUSTRALIAN ACTIVE SERVICE MEDAL 1945-1975**

From "The Listening Post - Autumn 1998 - Page 8"

On 11 July 1997 the Minister of Defence Industry, Science and Personnel, the Hon Bronwyn Bishop MP, announced the Government's intention to establish a distinctly Australian medal to recognise warlike service between 1945 and 1975. The new medal, called the Australian Active Service Medal 1945-1975, will recognise those who received, or have an entitlement to, an Imperial General Service Medal for service in the Korean War 1950-1953, the Malayan Emergency 1948-1960, the Indonesian Confrontation 1962-1966 and the Vietnam War. Eligibility will also be extended to those who have received the Vietnam Medal; however, eligibility for those recipients of the Vietnam Logistic and Support Medals is yet to be determined. It is anticipated that all current and former members of the ADF will receive the new medal.

Since holders of the Vietnam Medal are included in this initiative, bars to the Vietnam Medal will not be awarded to recognise multiple tours of duty. Likewise, the current prohibition, which prevents a person who qualifies for the Vietnam Medal also receiving the Vietnam Logistic and Support Medal, will be retained.

In-principle approval for the new medal has been received from Her Majesty the Queen. The formal process for instituting and manufacturing the Australian Active Service Medal 1945-1975 is expected to be completed in time for the initial medals to be awarded by Anzac Day 1998.

For Navy and Air Force, currently serving members who qualify the Medal need not apply for the award of the medal. For Army, currently serving Regular members who qualified for the Vietnam Medal need not apply for the award of the medal. The Service medals section will automatically place the above members' names on schedules for the Governor-General's approval. Army Reserve Force members will be required to apply.

Application forms may be obtained from the Navy Medals Section on (02) 626 52331, DNATS 86 52331; Soldier Career Management Agency on 1800 065 149; or Medals Section Air Force on (02) 626 65864, DNATS 86 65864; and branches of the RSL.

(Courtesy: DEFENCE PERSONNEL EXECUTIVE NEWSLETTER NO3 DEC 97)

**ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION?**

"The Listening Post - Autumn 1998 - Page 16"

Certificates of Appreciation honouring the service of Australian Veterans and civilians during World War II are now available under the Federal Government's commemorative program, *Their Service - Our Heritage*.

The certificates recognise the contribution made by individuals to the national effort in World War II. Among those eligible for certificates are former servicemen and servicewomen (both those stationed overseas and in Australia) and civilians who worked in factories, on wharves and farms, in offices and with voluntary organisations.

Similar certificates were available under the *Australia Remembers 1945-1995* program. The certificates were pre-signed by the Prime Minister and the then-Minister for Veterans' Affairs and signed by the local Federal MP.

However, despite publicity for the certificates, many people did not hear of the awards until after the *Australia Remembers 1945-1995* program had been concluded.

Many requests continue to be received from members of the public. Others, who are unaware of the existence of the certificates, have expressed disappointment that their efforts during the war have never been recognised.

Members of the community who believe that they are eligible for a certificate, or wish to nominate another person or apply on behalf of a family member for a certificate may do so through the office of the Attorney General and Minister of Justice, Daryl Williams, who is also the Member for Tangney.

For an application form write to: Suite 8, The Gateway Garden City, Booragoon WA 6154 or phone (08) 9316 3633 or fax (08) 9364 9971

### HOW TO FIND DIGITAL NORTH

**Introduction:** The advent of digital watch technology has brought with it its own set of problems. For example, how can Surveyors determine North by using a digital watch? Scientists have conducted extensive research on this subject, and have now come up with a solution to the problem.

**Aim:** The aim of this precis is to provide a stand-by means of finding True North for those ill-equipped 'Surveyors' who are frequently in need of inspiration but rarely at a loss for excuses.

**Step One:** Find the Sun. This is done by looking skyward when a blinding glare, often accompanied by pain in the eye, will indicate the direction of the sun. Alternatively look at the ground (to find the ground, see step two) and find your shadow. Then, keeping yourself upright align the tip of your shadow (SI) with the top of your head (H) and slowly turn H through 180 degrees to look along the line of SI-H-Sun.

**Step Two:** Shadow stick. Find a straight stick and place it upright in the ground (to find ground, look immediately below your feet where ground will normally be parallel to and continuous with the soles of your boots). Note that stick (S) will cast Shadow (SI) on the ground (G).

**Step Three:** Clock face. Refer to digital watch and ensure that time shown is correct by either (a) checking with conventional watch owners nearby, or (b) when out in the bush, by dialling 1194 from the nearest telephone. Then having established the time of day, draw on ground (G) a conventional clock face around a stick (ST) using ST as pivot for clock hands not normally shown on digital watch. Onto representational watch face draw in the hands of conventional watch at correct time of day as per digital watch.

**Step Four:** Aligning clock face. Align the figure 12 on the clock face with sun (S) by rotating ground (G) around stick (ST) until the figure 6 coincides with shadow (SH) to achieve the alignment 6-SH-ST-12-S.

**Step Five:** Find North. Draw a line on the conventional clock face from pivot (P) to a point mid-way between 12 o'clock (12) and the hour hand (H). This line, P-(12-H) should indicate North, If in doubt, firmly close your eyes and spin around until you feel dizzy and fall down, whereupon rising from the ground (G) there is at least a chance that you will be facing North (N).

**Finally:** If all else fails, remove digital watch from you arm and swing it around overhead and LET GO. Your digital watch will have then "Gone West" in which case True North is probably over your right shoulder.

**Instructors note:** Find North by digital watch is to be regarded as "confidential information" and should only be taught to Surveyors who are advanced in map reading.

**THE GADING OPERATIONS : 5TH FIELD SURVEY SQUADRON**

**GADING III - 26 April - 9 September 1973**

## 5 Fd Svy Sqn Personnel

51172	Maj	H TAYLOR
42046	Capt	P BATES-BROWNSWORD
53196	WO1	R McKENNA
53229	WO2	N CLUTTERBUCK
53236	WO2	D COCKER
548706	Sgt	J COLLINS
44001	Sgt	W KEMP
2205890	Sgt	J MOBBS
54378	Sgt	B PARKER
517658	Sgt	J SARGEANT
313932	Cpl	R BECHAZ
313937	Cpl	P COLWELL
313933	Cpl	P BOYLE
45314	Cpl	P BRAY
217573	Cpl	W CAMPBELL
55978	Cpl	D MUSGRAVE
311432	Cpl	J KERR
45484	Cpl	P OSTERHAGE
1201837	Cpl	B PARTRIDGE
313096	Cpl	C WEBB
56027	Cpl	C ANDREW
56426	Pte	J CROSS
526186	Spr	L BEATSON
3114401	Spr	H JONES
5719443	Pte	I KANE
315512	Spr	J KERNAGHAN
220441	Spr	B SILVER
315326	Spr	D SMITH
157511	Spr	A VAN LEEUWEN
313993	Spr	M VENN

## Attached for Operation Gading III

	Lt	C THOMAS	AHQ Svy Regt
218966	Cpl	L MORRISON	AHQ Svy Regt
219958	Cpl	J THOMSON	AHQ Svy Regt
51255	Maj	R PERKINS	2 RAR
243041	Capt	D COCKERELL	Army Avn Regt
313250	Lt	A WESTMAN	Army Avn Regt
280981	Capt	J ERIKSON	2 Mil Hosp
450636	Capt	R LEWIS	HQ 4 MD
5714577	Capt	A POPE	51 Sup Bn
1411325	Sgt	M ANSEN	2 Sup Dep
1411242	Sgt	G BRAMMER	SASR
4718340	Cpl	W KACMAREK	SASR
2244274	LCpl	C BROGAN	SASR
2244266	LCpl	W MARCHANT	SASR
3799458	LCpl	R NEIL	SASR
1201710	Pte	B STEYGER	SASR
15711	Sgt	G McPHERSON	1 Sig Regt
220379	Cpl	K PEARCE	1 Sig Regt
372462	LCpl	J WRIGHT	1 Sig Regt
221224	Sig	J ADAMS	1 Sig Regt
218414	Sig	J BEWLEY	1 Sig Regt
1202973	Sig	D BOYD	1 Sig Regt
44266	Sig	K ELLIS	1 Sig Regt
46077	Sig	R MATHEWS	1 Sig Regt
46180	Sig	R MERRETT	1 Sig Regt
1203668	Sig	J SAIT	1 Sig Regt

16069	WO1	K SCOTT	5 Base Wksp
243207	Sgt	K ELLIS	5 Base Wksp
1202969	LCpl	B ROCHE	5 Base Wksp
220575	Cfn	Z AGOSTON	5 Base Wksp
48704	Cfn	J BYRNE	5 Base Wksp
45455	Cfn	M RAMM	5 Base Wksp
37118	Sgt	I DELFOSS	SCPD
44000	Sgt	H MACK	Armd Centre
4719658	LCpl	C CLASSEN	21 Const Sqn
5718981	Spr	R CARLISLE	22 Const Sqn
55931	Cfn	I COOMBE	W Comd Wksp
221132	Cfn	W SCIBBERRAS	RAEME Trg Centre

### GADING IV - 21 April - 9 August 1974

#### 5 Fd Svy Sqn Personnel

57058	Maj	A LAING
42046	Capt	P BATES-BROWNSWORD
511371	Lt	F BROWN
18246	WO2	D HOCKING
37696	SSgt	D DUQUEMIN
37791	SSgt	W VAN MALENSTEIN
548706	Sgt	J COLLINS
44001	Sgt	W KEMP
517658	Sgt	J SARGEANT
314070	Cpl	G CLARKE
313937	Cpl	P COLWELL
61747	Cpl	P CONNORS
313412	Sgt	C DIXON
1202965	Cpl	J LEES
45484	Cpl	P OSTERHAGE
1201837	Cpl	B PARTRIDGE
1203211	Cpl	A ROSSOW
313993	Cpl	M VENN
56246	LCpl	J CROSS
314268	LCpl	R McKAY
1736675	LCpl	P TWYDALE
56306	Spr	T ALLANSON
314878	Spr	B COSFORD

#### Attached for Operation Gading IV

4905027	Maj	D ROSSI	7 Camp Hosp
51797	Capt	C LEE	5 MD
154316	Capt	J LUCAS	HQ 1 MD
359230	Lt	L COLLINS	1 Avn Regt
43963	Sgt	J DOIDGE	1 Sig Regt
314223	Cpl	A GILBERT	1 Sig Regt
57351	Sig	J KILGOUR	1 Sig Regt
1204450	Sig	D MARTIN	1 Sig Regt
316134	Sig	N McLEAN	1 Sig Regt
2185451	Sig	M MORGAN	1 Sig Regt
46515	Sig	R BROCK	1 Sig Regt
1203666	Sig	D O'SHEA	1 Sig Regt
1203668	Sig	J SAIT	1 Sig Regt
26988	WO2	L MCGARRY	HQ Coy 1TF
5411149	Sgt	H FRUIGTNEIT	5 FF Gp
57379	Spr	M ABBEY	5 FF Gp
16955	Sgt	F GROSS	11 Fd Amb



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29021	WO1	A QUIN	
392994	Cpl	C ADAMS	2 Cav Regt
53453	Cpl	D LANGHAM	DSU Perth
219144	Cpl	R PRESTON	HQ 2 Sup Gp
316243	Pte	L BARRATT	HQ 2 Sup Gp
62537	Pte	P COOMBES	HQ 2 Sup Gp
15172	Cpl	P ROSS	176 Sd Coy
220379	Cpl	K PEARCE	
45072	Spr	N McDONALD	5 FF Gp
45068	Spr	G SCHULTZ	5 FF Gp
2791138	Pte	R OAKES	5/7 RAR
1201036	Pte	E ROGERS	HQ 2 MD
1737938	Spr	A VAN DER MEER	2 Fd Engr Regt
57702	Spr	A VIDOT	2 Cav Regt
120292	Capt	G VON HOFF	

**GADING V - 6 May - 22 August 1975**

5 Fd Svy Sqn Personnel

57058	Maj	A LAING
519349	Capt	R WOOD
511371	Lt	F BROWN
222272	Lt	R GUNTHORPE
18246	WO2	D HOCKING
37696	SSgt	D DUQUEMIN
548706	Sgt	J COLLINS
54378	Sgt	B PARKER
517658	Sgt	J SARGEANT
54467	Sgt	B FIRNS
1202211	Sgt	K KENNEDY
56027	Cpl	C ANDREW
1202482	Cpl	A KAVANAGH
1201837	Cpl	B PARTRIDGE
313096	Cpl	C WEBB
314878	Spr	B COSFORD
56306	Spr	T ALLANSON
220468	Spr	J GILBERT
316097	Spr	P CHEATER
314268	LCpl	R McKAY
315293	Spr	R VAN DER BOM
1204525	Spr	D VOLZ

Attached for Operation Gading V

51757	Capt	G LEE	DSU Perth
56350	Capt	G MUMME	DSU Perth
423626	Capt	J SPENCER	HQ 4 MD
39269	Capt	L KIDBY	1 Avn Regt
322061	Capt	I McCALLUM	1 Avn Regt
216296	Cpl	P EDWARDS	1 Avn Regt
313867	Lt	D MARTINDALE	22 Const Sqn RAE
61283	WO2	R GILLARD	HQ FF Comd
18874	WO2	J McNEIL	2 Base Wksp
58723	Sgt	B WILSON	2 Sig Regt
38026	Sgt	K McKENZIE	2 Sig Regt
62195	Cpl	G BRAITHWAITE	2 Sig Regt
55972	Cpl	R FLORANCE	2 Sig Regt

313935	Cpl	J CAMERON	2 Sig Regt
1203234	Sig	S BULLPITT	2 Sig Regt
175566	Sig	R FRASER	2 Sig Regt
315826	Sig	R LUNDBERG	2 Sig Regt
316336	Sig	J McINTYRE	2 Sig Regt
222416	Sig	J OWENS	2 Sig Regt
3177123	Sig	G DRUMMOND	2 Sig Regt
53824	Sgt	K REYNOLDS	3 Fd Engr Regt
1203026	Pte	R WEBER	3 Fd Engr Regt
57605	Pte	B DAXTER	3 Fd Engr Regt
43464	Sgt	C DAHLBERG	2 Fd Svy Sqn
54980	Cpl	A EGGLESTON	22 Const Sqn RAE
218143	Spr	R SIM	22 Const Sqn RAE
57795	Spr	I BYRD	22 Const Sqn RAE
514159	Spr	N LONDON	22 Const Sqn RAE
57362	Pte	A BEVERIDGE	UL 5 MD
53159	Cpl	L FORSYTH	Perth Wksp Coy
56495	Pte	P GILES	SASR
2190641	Cfn	G MAUNSELL	3 Base Wksp Bn
221011	Cfn	G EVANS	4 Base Wksp Bn
47317	Pte	G JONES	HQ 9 Tpt Coy
46348	Pte	P GIBBONS	5 Tpt Coy
1202652	Pte	S SIMPKIN	5 Tpt Coy
57593	Pte	C TYLER	5 Tpt Coy

The Following Personnel from 22 Const Sqn were attached for the period 21 April - 23 May

5967	WO2	J McDONALD
313166	Spr	D HAZELDINE
62276	Spr	C HOELL
3803061	Spr	M WEBB
518408	Spr	R DAVIE
316339	Spr	J FLAHERTY

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**AN EXTRACT FROM THE ADDRESS BY  
HIS EXCELLENCY MAJOR GENERAL MICHAEL JEFFERY, AC MC GOVERNOR OF  
WESTERN AUSTRALIA. AT THE ANZAC DAY SERVICE, PERTH**

"..... there are crucial and enduring lessons from the sacrifices of our Anzacs and they are these:

First, the security of the nation is its first responsibility. And if we don't pay an adequate insurance policy then sooner or later our house will almost certainly be burgled and possibly burnt down. Capable defence forces can be run down in a year or so but take 5 - 15 years to rebuild, yet in the history of modern war, we have never received more than 6 -12 months notice to prepare.

The second is a need to get back to the fundamental philosophy of what a worthwhile life is all about, and what I suggest our ex-servicemen and women intrinsically believed and fought for,

That is. a spirit of service before self; of being close communities again; an abiding sense of honesty and fair play in our dealings with others; a firm and practising belief in the essential spirituality of man; a sense of individual and group responsibility; a total commitment to family values as the basis of a just and caring society; and an absolute conviction that true democratic freedom has to be nurtured and protected, and when threatened is worth fighting for, and if necessary, dying.

And I am confident given the fundamental characteristics of our people and the diversity and great wealth of our nation, that there hopes of those who paid the supreme sacrifice, will have every prospect of coming to fruition and in so doing if demonstrated collectively, will show Australia as a generous, integrated and caring people and a s a nation of excellence; a beacon of all that is good, strong and enduring within the global community....."

**REFLECTIONS**

## The Royal Australian Survey Corps Song -

### Wandering the King's Highway

So long to you, got to be on the road again  
So long to you, got to hitch up my load again, It's  
been great to meet you here  
Right good company, right good cheer.  
Now then my lads, anyone like to come with me  
A wanderer's life is free  
I can say, night and day,  
Nothing ever worries me.

I've always been a rover,  
Summer and winter too  
Wandering the whole world over  
Tramping my whole life through.  
But when I start my journey  
At the dawn of another day,  
I give a health to comrades,  
Pals of the great highway.

Nights are cold  
Maybe I am growing old  
Yet I thrive  
And the friends I meet make it good to be alive  
Now then my lads, anyone like to come with me  
A wanderer's life is free  
As I go, rain and snow,  
Wandering the King's Highway

### March to Remember

Why do you march old man, he said  
Why do you march in the sun?  
I march young man to remember.  
To remember when I was young.

Why do you march old man, he said  
Why do you march in the sun?  
Your steps are so slow and weary  
And each one causes you pain.

I march young man, to remember  
My friends and comrades all slain,  
On beaches in mud and in trenches  
They died your freedom to gain.

Why do you march young man, I said  
With me while my life is an ember?  
I march to bear you up old man  
And I march so I will remember.

- B. Baker, 1996

### Thoughts on Anzac Day

No more our lives they share,  
No anxious fears or care  
Beset each tranquil mind.  
We ask: "Did each one find  
The fulfilment he sought  
As in battle he fought?"

Harsh and grim were those days.  
So young to learn war's ways.  
So young to bear the strife.

What value is one's life?  
What point is there to strive  
To keep one's dream alive  
When all reason seems gone  
From a mad world gone wrong?

What might they have become?  
What deeds might they have done?  
Lives spent for you and me,  
Pure spirits flying free,  
Their boyish dreams denied.

We remember with pride  
Their hallowed, crumbling clay  
In green field far away  
They feel not heat nor chill  
On silent alien hill  
Where crosses vigil keep,  
And loving hearts' still weep

- Elsie Webb