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AN APOLOGY FROM THE EDITOR

I regretfully omitted from the final draft of Westlink Issue No 19 July 1999 Rod Keene's tribute to Spike - Robert Biram JONES. Here it is now: Barry

TEARS FOR SPIKE

Ive been trying to think of the things to say,
about a friend of mine who the other day,
gave me a call to say "giddyay"
but has now since passed away

He rang to say he'd reread my poems,
had a smile to himself of events recalled.
now the news of his passing made me realise why,
he really rang to say "goodbye"

Tears for Spike? I think not,
he wouldn't want that but I'll tell you what.
When friends all gather to say farewell,
raise you glasses, say "Hooray Spike, we'll not forget you pal."

Lofly

FROM THE PRESIDENT

This has been a reasonable year for the Association. Unfortunately our numbers have decreased with the deaths of several very supportive members in the last twelve months. Attendance's at functions has been a little disappointing, especially the family picnic day in Kings Park. However, attendance at the Anzac Day parade and reunion was very heartening with 15 members parading. We seem to have settled down to a permanent venue for our reunions - the Victoria League Club in Shenton Park are only too willing to accede to our wishes. Having a private room and the setting of the ante-room for drinks adds to the night.

I would like to thank all my Committee for their support over the past year and in particular I would like to mention Philip Bray whose enthusiastic and untiring work has been invaluable to the running of the Association. My thanks also to his wife Judy, who takes on an ex-officio role during Phil's many absences on work commitments.

The Committee and I would like to thank those members, and non-members who have made donations to the Association in the last 12 months. Your contributions will ensure that we continue to run the Association and help to keep our fees to a minimum.

The Association also records it's deep appreciation to Cedric and Nannette for donating their extensive collection of photography taken over many functions. As it was difficult to escape Nannette's viewfinder we now have a very significant and historical record of many happy times. Cedric, now blind, still sets many of us an admirable record - he hasn't missed a meeting yet - in fact I understand he's only missed one function in all.

Ray

NEW MEMBERS

A hearty welcome is extended to our latest "recruits" - **Doug BATH** : **Michael (Mike) GILLHAM** : **Frank LENANE**
Doug is retired and although residing in Bunbury has already made a special trip up to Perth for several Anzac Day Parades, Doug served in the Corps in 4th Field Survey and the 2/1st Field Survey Coys.

Mick Gillham, originally enlisted in 3RAR and transferred to RA Svy, as a Litho Camera Technician serving in both 5 Fd Svy Sqn and the Regiment during the period 1978 -1989. Currently he is a Fireman with the WA Fire Brigade.

Frank, Information Systems Manager at St. John of God Pathology (WA), served as a Lithographic Camera Operator 1975 to 1996.

ANZAC DAY 2000**Nominal Roll**

Ray Sargeant Philip Bray Barry Parker Doug Bath Brian Mead Fred Brown Chris Dixon
Gus Bottril Frank Lenane Mike Venn Bob Boulter Peter Bowen Jo Mazzarol
Clive Craddon Bob McKenna

The Cadets from **58RCU** Carine did a great job carrying the Association Banner especially considering the strong winds blowing along St. George's Terrace. At one stage it looked as though one young fellow was about to go para-sailing.

13 Fd Sqn RAE acknowledged our presence with a hearty 3 cheers. Several other ex-Corps members either called out to us or came over and spoke, notably Peter Eddy and Leon Griffiths.

Our retiring State Governor, Maj-Gen Jeffrey again acknowledged the Corps contribution to the Services as we marched past.

After the march and service most of our attendees retired back to Karrakatta to the Mess for our Annual General Meeting which was followed by a Buffet meal.

ROYAL RECOGNITION (At Last)

Ray Sargeant and Philip Bray, represented the Association as official guests at the Lighting of the Flame of Remembrance in Kings Park by Her Majesty the Queen in April. Ray was wearing one of our collar badges on his lapel and the Duke of Edinburgh on noticing same enquired of him "What badge is that". So now he knows.

VALE - Kevin Thackerah
 Geoff Helyar
 Archie Hancock
 Don Taylor

LEST WE FORGET

KEVIN THACKERAH 11 December 1999

WX38021 Wilfred Kevin Thackrah was a Sergeant in the computing section of 4 Fd Svy Coy Feb 1942 to March 1944 then located at Karrakatta.

Although not seen for a number of years Kevin was one of the founding members of our Association.

GEOFF HELYAR 23 April 1923 - 23 December 1999

Geoff Helyar ran his way into the record books in 1940 when he sprinted 100 yards in less than 10 seconds. His time of 9.9 seconds earned him the national senior and junior 100-yard dash titles before he was old enough to vote. He had a scrapbook of clippings which his children, Tracey, Rohan and Susan would flip through, looking back to a time when their dad was a WA hero.

To them, he was always a hero.

He joined the army, working as a cartographer in the survey corps travelling the length and breadth of Australia, and was too busy to keep up his running.

On return to Perth, he went professional but hamstring problems cut short his career as a sprinter. Determined to stay active in sport, he became a football and athletics correspondent for *The Sunday Times*.

He went on to write two books - *They Led the Way*, a history of the Northern Territory Lands Branch, and *A Voice In The City*, the first history of Perth Baptist Church's first 100 years. When he died late last year, he was writing an autobiography.

Mr Helyar married his young bride, Lois, in July 1957. As soon as the honeymoon was over, they moved to Darwin, where Mr Helyar took up a post as chief draughtsman with the Northern Territory Lands Branch.

Mr Helyar, remembered by his family as mischievous, would tell people he moved all that way just so he wouldn't have to wear a tie to work.

The couple spent the early years of their marriage cooking with Lands Branch camping equipment and sleeping on a 5cm thick horsehair mattress on the floor as their belongings did not arrive until later. Despite this harsh introduction to Darwin, the couple stayed 28 years.

Mr Helyar worked his way into top government schooling positions around the country. He was at various stages, national president of the Australian Council of State School Organisations, chairman of the Northern Territory Schools Commission innovations committee and chairman of the Teacher Promotions and Placement Panel.

In 1976, he was awarded a Churchill Fellowship to study foreign education systems.

He made scrapbooks of his children's achievements, which included Rohan's career in the South Australian State football team and Susan's achievements with the Northern Territory hockey side.

He received the Order of Australia medal in 1986 for public service and service to the community.

The Helyar children have a favourite story about their father. He told them that during the war, he flew on a top-secret space mission, and when he passed the Southern Cross, he grabbed a piece of one of the stars. That's why one star is a bit dimmer, he would say, and he would produce a piece of porous rock as proof.

He is survived by his widow, his three children and nine grandchildren.

The above article is reproduced from the "Memories" Section of the Sunday Times of January 30, 2000.

ARCHIE HANCOCK 16 September 1935 - 7 January 2000

Archie passed away in Geraldton on Friday 7th January after a long fight with cancer.

His popularity the town was evidenced by the large attendance at the cremation service held at the Utakarra Crematorium. Although never able to attend a meeting or reunion he was an inaugural member of the Association. Some time ago Archie expressed a wish to have his casket covered with the Corps Flag and at the invitation of his partner Meryl we were honoured to accede to his wish.

Ray Sargeant, Frank Cohen and Barry Parker drove up to Geraldton with the flag and after enjoying a few beers at his home proceeded to the Crematorium where Ray read a final message from Lofty Keene and I was asked to read the ode. The service ended with the playing of the Last Post.

Archie's partner Meryl wrote and delivered the eulogy which gave a hitherto largely unknown insight into his background. The Association is indebted to Meryl for permission to reproduce it here.

"As most of you know, Archie and I have spent the last sixteen years together. We've known one another for round about twenty years, first as a workmate and later as my partner.

I'd like to start this by giving a little bit of history into Archie's life.

First off, when he was about four years old he and his two sisters were placed into a home. He in one and his sisters into another home, where he remained for a year and the girls a bit longer. He was then fostered by his Aunt and Uncle to Karrimup down near Margaret River.

They had a dairy farm and Archie worked his insides out because he felt he owed his Aunt and Uncle for bringing him up and caring for him. He stayed on that farm until he was old enough to go in the Forestry with his Father.

His Father was, I think, a Supervisor in the Forestry and he went to work in the Forestry for quite a few years. Sometimes on look-out watch looking for fires, other times felling with a chain-saw or bow-saw, and he spent quite a few years with them until he joined the Army.

Now, I will not tell of the Army very much because I have two gentlemen here that are going to cover his army life. He spent twelve years in the Army, mostly in the desert areas and the back country in the Survey Corps and fifteen months up in the Islands and New Guinea.

After leaving the Army he brought a truck and ended up cutting firewood to try and make a living. That didn't work out too well apparently, and after that he went to work for Gollan who used to handle pine wood and all this type of thing. He worked with them for quite a few years and eventually ended up at Millars Timber Company. He was there for eleven years where I met Archie during that time, when I went to work there. He was a very hard taskmaster, he liked everything done exactly right, - he was a Virgo which I think explains a lot.

He had a brilliant mind, in particular his ability to instinctively work out the most economical cut of a piece of timber for optimum use and minimal waste, acknowledged by not only his peers but by Foremen as well. Usually Archie had all this planned well before his staff reported for work.

He was first a leading hand and eventually became a Supervisor in the softwood section of Millars. When Bunnings took over Millars a few years later he went to Bunnings but could not work there, it was entirely different from what Millars had been. He asked me if I would go to the Goldfields prospecting. We left in 1983 and we went first to Siberia, North of Kalgoorlie out of Broadarrow, we spent several months there prospecting living in a Cargill Camper and an annex. From there we went to Cannownah where we spent nearly two years. We did a lot of dry blowing, a lot of detecting and both worked very hard for little return, but we enjoyed it.

From there we travelled across to Yalgoo where we lived for four years. Some of the time we got part time work, myself at the Post Office and the School, Archie ended up as part-time barman and helper at the Yalgoo Hotel.

His health started to fail with Emphysema towards the end of our time there and he had to come to Geraldton for medical attention. He came here and just over about eighteen months ago he was diagnosed with lung cancer. He could only have a new drug that was coming out from America, which they hadn't tried but would have the same side effects as chemotherapy and he decided to sit it out and let nature take its course.

He suffered a lot in those eighteen months, not being able to breath, not being able to do things, he got very frustrated because he was always an active man and he'd try anything and could turn his hand to almost any direction, of the last two months he spent one month in bed unable to even get out of it - and he hated that.

A week before he died he was given higher doses of medication and was able to get up and walk out into the caravan annex, sit out there and have a beer with his mates in the afternoon. By this time he was using an oxygen bottle a day."

Many who served in Western Australia will share with me, I'm sure many great memories of Archie - in particular his habit of shaving in the field using cold water, soap and a razor blade (no handle).

Barry

DON TAYLOR 5 June 1943 - 29 January 2000

Don, at only 56 years of age, passed away peacefully on 29 January 2000 after a courageous battle with cancer. A measure of his popularity and community involvement was shown by the large attendance at his funeral service. Many of us were unaware of his involvement with a number of sporting clubs and in particular his interest in, and indeed his extensive bonsai garden.

Don was an ardent supporter of football and a "one eyed" Collingwood supporter. His casket was draped with the Corps flag and crowned with his cap, medals and a Collingwood jumper. I believe that Mick Malthouse on being informed of the seriousness of his illness sent a message of support to Don, which, unfortunately arrived too late.

Grant Small, Stan Campbell, and their wives journeyed from Queensland to pay their last respects and were invited by Margaret to deliver the Eulogy. as follows"

"It is impossible to distil the essence of the man, Don Taylor, into a few paragraphs - the depth and multi-faceted nature of his character was such that different people saw and felt his considerable influence in various ways. The central view is, though, that one could not be indifferent to him. His universal popularity ranged right across the social spectrum - family, all ranks in his service career, business associates, friends from all walks of life, and sporting team-mates and opponents.

That popularity is witnessed by the turnout here today - no one could possibly have this number of relatives!

Don was success in life and did well because of his very well developed work ethic and management ability. He was a very straight forward man, direct in all his activities - whether it be making maps, pouring concrete with Bill Forrest or moving furniture with Wally Mooney. More importantly he was a success in living - he enjoyed life and took time to nurture his relationships with his family and the people who mattered to him.

He chose his life partner well - one who had the same basic down to earth views as his own, but with enough differences to disallow boredom in the relationship. His love for Margaret could never be questioned and he was always her best mate. He was a strong loving guide to his own children, Marilyn and Greg, and a loving and fun grandfather to Marilyn's children.

To his friends he was simply a great mate. It was his absolute steadfast strength of character, keen intelligence, "uncommon" common sense and not so obvious sensitivity that made him a wise counsellor for all sorts of issues and it was his total disrespect for pomp, ceremony and political correctness (or "bull" as Don would call it) that made his advice so clear and valuable. If a superior asked Don for opinion he might not like the answer but at least it was the truth. Tact was one of the few virtues that failed Don at times.

But most of all it was his dry, irreverent sense of humour that made his company a real pleasure, whether it was in the workplace, pub or whatever. His dry wit and wry smile diffused many a tense situation. When his artistic ability was questioned while he was editing the early New Guinea maps - a job that required skill, patience, a lot of common sense and a certain artistic licence - his reply was "*If the border is neat the map is accurate*"! Or more recently when he was racked with pain, but still with that Don Taylor grin he said to Margaret - "*What a way to die - a pain in the bum. There's a good line for a eulogy, love*".

Don was a champion of lost causes. For example he barracked for Collingwood all his life and like a true champion he went down fighting.

He also once said that he hated having to hurry up to wait. This time Don, you hurried far too early and did not wait anywhere long enough. For a little bloke you are leaving a huge hole in the hearts and lives all who knew and loved you..

Don joined the Army in 1960 as a Land Surveyor. He spent 27 years in the service surveying most parts of Australia and saw overseas duty in Papua New Guinea and Fiji where he was an adviser to the Fiji Lands Dept. Don rose through the ranks the hard way from Sapper through to Major and upon attaining this rank took up his final posting as Officer Commanding 4 Field Survey Squadron in Adelaide. He retired from the Army in 1987.

**Minutes of the 15th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the
ROYAL AUSTRALIAN SURVEY CORPS ASSOCIATION (WESTERN AUSTRALIA) Inc.**

Held at Karrakatta on Tuesday 25th April 2000

1. Opening of Meeting.

The President declared the Meeting open at 1245 hours.

Present: Ray Sargeant, Frank Cohen, Philip Bray, Doug Bath, Peter Bowen,
Bob Bruce, Cedric Clutterbuck, Eric Clutterbuck, Chris Dixon, Frank Lenane,
Brian Mead, Barry Parker, Mike Venn.

2. Apologies.

Fred Brown, Fred Bullock, Leo Clifford, Mick Gillham, Alf Till and Cliff Webb.

3. Reading of the Minutes of the 1999 AGM held on 25th April 1999.

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Sunday 25th April 1999 were circulated and accepted as follows:

Moved: Peter Bowen
Seconded: Ray Sargeant

4. Business Arising from the Previous Minutes.

Nil

5. Treasurers Report.

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

Moved : Barry Parker
Seconded: Mike Venn

The Treasurer advised that the Association's financial records had been audited by Alf Till.

The Treasurer informed the meeting that a number of members were in arrears in their subscription to the Association and efforts were being made to receive payment.

6. Correspondence.

The Secretary advised that the Committee had dealt with the correspondence as it was all general business Correspondence has been received from Col Clem Sargent informing us of the progress of the claim to have the Survey Corps Field trips overseas recognised. The object of this is to ensure that members who are eligible for Veterans' Affairs entitlements receive them.

7. General Business.

a. ANZAC DAY.

It was felt that the Association received poor coverage on the ABC televised broadcast of the march.

b. CORPS BIRTHDAY FUNCTION.

The Committee has organised the Victoria League Club. In discussions held with the Club the GST will not increase the cost of this function for the Association.

c. WEST LINK.

The Editor informed the meeting that the next edition was close to completion.

d. SICK PARADE.

Nevis Cherry.

8. Election of Committee for 2000.

All Committee positions were declared vacant and the members present then proceeded to elect a new Committee for 2000. The Secretary advised the meeting that the Association should look for someone to replace him as he is spending more time away with his job. Brian Mead indicated that he was willing to learn the position over the next twelve months.

The following became the 2000 Committee;

PRESIDENT

Ray SARGEANT

Nominated: Mike Venn, Seconded: Frank Cohen CARRIED

VICE PRESIDENT

Frank COHEN

Nominated: Eric Clutterbuck, Seconded: Peter Bowen CARRIED

SECRETARY/TREASURER

Philip BRAY

Nominated: Eric Clutterbuck, Seconded: Ray Sargeant CARRIED

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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|-----------------------|--------------------------------------------------|---------|
| 1. Eric Clutterbuck | Nominated: Philip Bray, Seconded: Mike Venn | CARRIED |
| 2. Cedric Clutterbuck | Nominated: Frank Cohen, Seconded: Barry Parker | CARRIED |
| 3. Brian Firms | Nominated: Barry Parker, Seconded: Ray Sargeant | CARRIED |
| 4. Barry Parker | Nominated: Eric Clutterbuck, Seconded: Mike Venn | CARRIED |
| 5. Mike Venn | Nominated: Chris Dixon, Seconded: Ray Sargeant | CARRIED |
| 6. Alf Till | Nominated: Philip Bray, Seconded: Frank Lenane | CARRIED |
| 7. Brian Mead | Nominated: Ray Sargeant, Seconded: Peter Bowen | CARRIED |

9. Other Business.

a. VOTE of THANKS.

The Secretary proposed a vote of thanks to the Auditor, Alf Till for auditing our Financial records.

Seconded: Chris Dixon. (open acclaim).

The Secretary proposed a vote of thanks to Fred Bullock for the printing of WESTLINK.

Seconded: Bob Bruce.

b. MEMBERS REPORT.

Cedric Clutterbuck gave a report on some of the ex 4 Field Survey Company members.

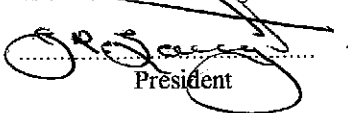
c. ARMY MUSEUM OF WA.

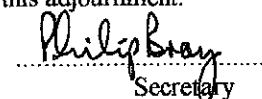
Cedric Clutterbuck tabled a newspaper cutting on the proposed sale of the Artillery Barracks in Fremantle which houses the Army Museum of WA. The Artillery Barracks was the home of the Survey Corps for many years.

The attachment of the plaque on the sundial has been deferred until a decision has been made on the Museum's future. The Museum has confirmed that the sundial will be relocated along with the rest of the Museum collection if and when they are required to move.

A petition requesting that the Artillery Barracks be retained for the Army Museum, was also signed by members.

Due to commitments of the 13 Bde Sergeants Mess the Meeting was adjourned at 1305 hours. Informal discussion by members attending the meeting took place after this adjournment.


President


Secretary

**ROYAL AUSTRALIAN SURVEY CORPS ASSOCIATION
(Western Australia) Inc.**

STATEMENT of INCOME and EXPENDITURE
for the PERIOD ENDING 31st DECEMBER 1999

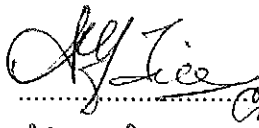
INCOME :	\$
Subscriptions	550.00
WESTLINK Subscription	10.00
Functions	1710.00
Donation	10.00
Corps Birthday Raffle	<u>95.00</u>
	2375.00
EXPENDITURE :	\$
Bank Fees/State & Federal Taxes	10.41
Postage	168.05
Stationery	48.22
Functions	1987.50
RSL Subscription	20.00
Funeral Notices (West Australian)	30.60
Raffle/Door Prize	42.99
Honorarium - President	25.00
Honorarium - Secretary/Treasurer	50.00
Sundial - Brass Plaque	<u>100.00</u>
	2482.77

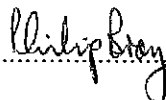
	INCOME	\$2375.00
	EXPENDITURE	<u>\$2482.77</u>
Excess of Expenditure over Income		\$ 107.77


STATEMENT of ASSOCIATION FUNDS

	\$	\$
Opening Balance (Cash at the Bank) 1st January 1999	762.55	
Bank Balance as at 31st December 1999		654.78
<u>Add</u> Balance of unsold Survey Corps Shop items/Stamps		<u>154.85</u>
Total of Association Funds as at 31st December 1999		\$ 809.63

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 1999.


..... Auditor


..... Secretary/Treasurer


..... President

PERSONAL SNIPPETS - Western Australia

Fred Bullock, recently in Toodyay bumped into Warren Hall, who is now running a Restaurant in the town. Give us a few details we'll publish them Warren (Special rates perhaps?????)

Believe Graham Baker was recently in town from Canberra

Bob McDonagh is working up in Indonesia as a mine surveyor - recently visited Perth

Brian Cosford Recently transferred to Brisbane by his employers, Connel Wager. Brian is particularly proud of his daughter Vicki's hockey achievement in representing the NT. His son Jared recently won the RAAF Darwin Golf Club Junior Championship, he plays off a handicap of 6.

Clive Craddon has just returned from New Zealand where he played cricket for the Rotary Veteran's side. Clive an accomplished runner was the opening batsman. He played on the same wicket as did the Australians on their recent tour of New Zealand.

Ray Sargeant is apparently gearing up for his retirement years. He has just purchased a Jayco Camper. First trip planned is one with Barry Parker to the Goldfields area. The years (age) are catching up - no more sleeping out on a stretcher - the era of "pretty camping is with us".

Frank Cohen has booked himself on a tour of Northern America leaving shortly. He is taking his son along as chaperone.

Another person on the move is Fred Bullock, he too is taking an overseas trip, not sure of his plans but I seem to remember him saying something about Canada/USA. Anyway enjoy - just hope the dollar picks up a bit of value pretty soon.

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FACTS at your fingertips.

The Department of Veteran's Affairs. has established an Internet site containing some 320 easy-to-read fact sheets. Information relates to DVA matters, the Office of Australian War Graves, the Veterans' Review Board and the Vietnam Veterans Counselling Service.

<http://www.dva.gov.au/fact-sheets/default.htm>

FOR SALE**ARTILLERY BARRACKS - FREMANTLE**

It was a beautiful mild, sunny day on Sunday 21st May 2000 when approximately 1000 people congregated on the Esplanade in Fremantle for the march to the Artillery Barracks in Burt Street and RA Svy Ex-Servicemen, their Families, Politicians, The Public and Residents of Fremantle marched the 2Km through the Centre of Fremantle, past the 'Capacino Strip', drawing many curious glances as we marched past, to the beat of a pipe band. The Association Banner was carried by Peter BOWEN and Philip BRAY whilst Jane CLUTTERBUCK & daughter Alison and Granddaughter Megan marched, as the traffic in Fremantle came to a standstill. Alf TILL, Frank COHEN and Eric CLUTTERBUCK remained at the Artillery Barracks, manning the sundial and answering questions. The Survey Corps in Western Australia called the 'Arty' Barracks home during the period 1954 to 1973. A sundial was placed there in 1998 in commemoration. There was a good media coverage of the march and rally - various speakers condemned the Department of Defence decision to sell the Barracks and encouraged the crowd to support the Museum in it's fight to retain the Army Museum, which houses the largest and most comprehensive collection of memorabilia in the State, and to sign a petition to the Federal Government. The rally concluded with an open house invitation for supporters to view the exhibits.

FROM THE OTHER ASSOCIATIONS**Ex Fortuna Survey Association - Magna Carto - March 2000****Whats in a Name?**

On the disbandment of the Survey Corps and the closure of the Army Survey Regiment, the Army's Mapping capability at Fortuna, Bendigo was assumed by the 150 strong Public Service organisation called the Army Topographic Support Establishment (ATSE). Since the beginning of this year this organisation has assumed a new name. The new name "**The Defence Topographic Agency**" or DTA as it is now named more appropriately reflects its role in supporting the whole of Defence rather than just supporting the Army.

Vale: Steve McConnachie WO1 RA Svy 9 Dec 1929 - 16 Nov 1999

Stan Campbell continues to be extremely busy in "Retirement" helping with Aged Care Respite centres and pension entitlements with the local RSL.

Survey Ex-Servicemen's Association of N.S.W. - Newsletter for Year 2000

Vale: George KILDEY 14th June 1999 (99 years)

Alan SLAUGHTER 5th March 2000 result of a heart attack.

Survey Ex-Servicemen's Association - South Australia -

George Ricketts was reported to be progressing slowly but surely in recovering from his stroke of about July last year. Dave Wicker and family have settled in the Benalla area, Dave commutes to Mansfield for his work at the Mitre 10 hardware store. Mario Zappula manages the Midland Private Hotel at Castlemaine. Noel Sproles, now Dr. Noel after years of hard study completed his PhD., and is now at the Levels Campus of the University of S.A.

GENERAL ITEMS**For The BookWorm**

A book has been written about the History of Roxby Downs including the surveying of the area by Army Surveyors and which also includes "doings" by our Frank Cohen and the late Len Beadell.

Written by John Showers the book is titled "**Return to Roxby Downs**".

The book is available in local bookshops, but if you have difficulty contact Frank Cohen for more details.
(Frank (08) 9384 7094

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"**Maps In All Seasons**" by John D Lines.

A concise history of the 2/1st Corps Field Survey Company RAE and 2/1st Aust. Army Topographical Survey Company.

Contact Alan Wilson 90 Walkers Road Mt Eliza Vic 3930 or
E Folks 8 Longview Avenue East Bentley Vic 3165

Cost : \$7.50 plus \$3.00 Postage

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The Survey Corps History

Latest information is that the History is now complete and that final selection of photography is now taking place. The planned publication date has slipped from April this year and it is now scheduled for September 2000.

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Army Survey Regiment History

The first draft copy has been produced (Dec 99). Unfortunately the history committee is still about \$4,000 short of the amount required to complete the project, so any donation at all to Garry Warnest would be appreciated, c/- the Ex-Fortuna Survey Association, P.O. Box 1004, Bendigo Vic 3552

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MEMBERSHIP 2000

BARRELL	Lance	10 Welch Way	WARNBRO	6169	9593 2661
BATH	Doug	50 Frankel Street	BUNBURY	6230	9721 3498
BOULTER	Bob	223 Scott Street	CLOVERDALE	6105	9277 1036
BOWEN	Peter	8 Rosea Close	MAIDA VALE	6057	9454 6219
BOWLER	Stephen	3 Seacrest Drive	SORRENTO	6020	9447 3796
BRAY	Philip	33 Naipa Way	DUNCRAIG	6023	9447 9699
BREWER	Bob	14 Arthur Road	LESMURDIE	6076	9291 6203
BRUCE	Bob	34 Gregory Street	WEMBLEY	6014	9381 2103
BROOK	Eric	6 Binns Court	NORTH FREMANTLE	6159	9336 4324
BROWN	Fred	9A Bocaccio Court	SORRENTO	6020	9246 4804
BULLOCK	Fred	P.O. Box 117	INNALOO	6018	9448 2475
CHERRY	Nevis	8 Abrolhos Close	SHELLEY	6148	9457 0612
CLIFFORD	Leo	41B Kittyhawk Grove	BUSSELTON	6280	9754 3748
CLUTTERBUCK	Cedric	18 Glennon Way	ROSSMOYNE	6148	9457 4651
CLUTTERBUCK	Eric	4 Carob Place	GREENWOOD	6024	9342 2181
CLUTTERBUCK	Noel	357 Hardey Road	CLOVERDALE	6105	9277 7072
COHEN	Frank	121 North Street	SWANBOURNE	6010	9384 7094
CRADDON	Clive	212 Corinthian Road	RIVERTON	6148	9354 1312
DELANEY	Shane	7/119 South Terrace	FREMANTLE	6160	9336 3636
DIXON	Chris	15 Orchid Drive	ROLEYSTONE	6111	9397 5380
EDDY	Peter	6 Cullen Street	SHENTON PARK	6008	9381 2616
EDWARDS	Frank	4 Batavia Way	SALTER POINT	6152	9450 3945
FIRNS	Brian	59 Thompson Road	NORTH FREMANTLE	6159	9335 6825
GAY	Doug	16 Waratah Court	MADDINGTON	6109	9452 2298
GILLHAM	Michael	3 Penny Place	KELMSCOTT	6111	9495 2214
GOBLE-GARRATT	Mike	16 Redwood Lane	WILLETTON	6155	9457 3048
GRIFFITHS	Leon	33 Engler Street	BOORAGOON	6154	9384 8019
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LAWLER	Marlene	20B Admiral Grove.	HEATHRIDGE	6027	9307 7652
LENANE	Frank	12 MacKay Crescent	GOSNELLS	6110	9398 5815
LOCKE	Cec	35 Arnos Way	GIRRAWHEEN	6064	9342 6098
MACDONALD AM	Don	8/17 Heydon Street	MOSMAN N.S.W.	2088	
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MEAD	Brian	8 Berridale Drive	KINGSLEY	6026	9409 8292
MUSGRAVE	Don	27 Marjorie Parade	ROCKINGHAM	6168	9527 3473
PARKER	Barry	41B Jefferson Drive	MARANGAROO	6064	9342 7245
REYNOLDS	Kim	39 Churchill Drive	BUNBURY	6230	9721 6169
ROBERTS	Jim	1 Chidley Place	ROCKINGHAM	6168	9527 5180
ROSSOW	Alan	25 Wolsely Road	EAST FREMANTLE	6158	93192789
SARGEANT	Ray	29 Bouvardia Way	GREENWOOD	6024	9448 5787
SAWYER	Tom	5 Mandoon Close	DARLINGTON	6070	9299 7039
TILL	Aif	21 Cromarty Road	FLOREAT	6014	9387 5113
UWINS	Bev	12 Kexby Street	BALCATT	6021	9344 1968
VENN	Mick	29 Waitara Crescent	GREENWOOD	6024	9448 0407
WEBB	Cliff	8 Naipa Way	DUNCRAIG	6023	9448 3176
WILLIS	John	35A Newborough Street	SCARBOROUGH	6019	9341 3956
WILKINSON	Darren	10 Winjana Road	LESMURDIE	6076	9291 8426
WILSON	Bryan	69A William Road	NEDLANDS	6009	9386 4729

5TH FIELD SURVEY SQUADRON

NOMINAL ROLL

1980

38741	MAJ	G J	CORLESS
46541	CAPT	P H	CATES
38251	CAPT	C J	MITCHELL
1204544	LT	C	GEHRMANN
59580	LT	B A	KEELEY
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1201147	WO2	J T A	HOOK
55376	WO2	L S	PATTERSON
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2784126	CPL	F J	BURLS
316274	CPL	K R	GOLDBURG
320096	SPR	G R	JOHNSTON
55483	CPL	J W	JONES
315657	CPL	N F	KELLY
6708966	CPL	B J	LUTWYCHE
317723	CPL	G C	MASKELL
57111	CPL	G E	MENTIPLAY
317225	CPL	R D	MICHAJLOW
56876	CPL	M J	MINCHIN
47834	CPL	M R	PATERSON
1738675	CPL	P D	TWYDALE
314602	CPL	C K	YANDELL
320785	SPR	M H	FERRIS
226435	SPR	K M	GEORGE
320098	SPR	S L	HRABE
552642	SPR	M D	JAMES
319354	SPR	P A	JOHNSON
552557	SPR	PL	JONES
49654	SPR	P D	Longbottom
552405	PTE	G A	MAIR
59929	SPR	J S	REID
47315	SPR	T P	REHMANN
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430744	CPL	FW	LAWRENCE	13 February
63383	SPR	CD	JAMES	22 April
553222	SPR	S	THROSSEL	18 March
282117	SPR	RM	GREEN	29 April
318997	SPR	PF	LESKOVEC	29 April
397868	SPR	JF	COWIE	6 May
536317	2LT	JC	GREENWELL	7 July
1201993	SSGT	AH	STRAIN	25 June
553277	SPR	A	DE GRAUW	20 June
33672	MAJ	PH	WOOD	8 December
1202719	CPL	MD	EVANS	25 June
45430	LT	J	BLOOR	16 September
2205890	SSGT	JD	MOBBS	13 December
553690	PTE	NM	SMITH	6 October
4400812	SPR	CR	HARTLEY	21 November
2137214	SPR	BL	LUCAS	21 November
322539	SPR	MJ	SHAW	21 November

OUT

CAPT	PH	CATES	11 Jan - 3MD
PTE	GA	MAIR	22 Jan - Discharge
SSGT	D	GALBRAITH	24 February
SSGT	JD	MOBBS	24 February
CPL	FJ	BURLS	14 Feb - Discharge
SPR	KM	GEORGE	19 Feb - 17 Const Sqn
SPR	PD	LONGBOTTOM	22 Mar - 22 Const Sqn
LT	CG	GEHRMANN	27 Mar - HQ Trg Comd
SSGT	BW	FIRNS	29 May - School of Mil Svy
SGT	KJ	KENNEDY	28 May - AHQ Svy Regt
CPL	RS	MICHAJLOW	13 May - Discharge
SPR	TP	REHMANN	13 May - Discharge
WO1	D	COCKER	1 Jul - Discharge
CPL	CK	YANDELL	9 Jun - AHQ Svy Regt
SPR	PL	JONES	8 Jun - AHQ Svy Regt
LT	BA	KEELEY	5 Jul - 1RTB
SGT	R	SHIPLEY	9 Jul - Discharge
SPR	MD	JAMES	31 Jul - Discharge
CPL	MR	PATERSON	10 Dec - 1 Fd Svy Sqn
CPL	MJ	MINCHIN	18 Mar - AHQ Svy Regt

PROMOTIONS

SGT	PA	JENSEN	LT - Feb
CPL	BJ	LUTWYCHE	SGT - Jul
CPL	JW	JONES	SGT - Jul
SPR	R	TALBOT-SMITH	CPL - 8 Aug
SPR	SL	HRABE	CPL - Jun
SPR	PA	JOHNSON	CPL - Sep
SPR	GR	JOHNSON	CPL
SPR	PF	LESKOVEC	CPL
SPR	MH	FERRIS	CPL

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54199	CAPT	D	TAYLOR	23 January
313993	SGT	M C	VENN	20 January
179109	SPR	P R	BURT	27 January
63383	SPR	C D	JAMES	10 February
226253	LT	R D	HANCOCK	20 February
220440	CPL	M	JOHNS	11 March
179945	SPR	T C	POLL	18 May
552073	CPL	T G	BOTTOMLEY	6 July
553012	SPR	P R	MAIN	21 October
54662	SGT	A J	WRIGHT	21 September
320570	SPR	L P	CLIFFORD	21 October
553889	SPR	D J C	SMITH-CAMERON	?

OUT

MAJ	J G	CORLESS	31 Jan - School of Mil Svy
LT	P A	JENSEN	21 Jan - 4 Fd Svy Sqn
WO2	L A	PATTERSON	28 Jan - School of Mil Svy
SSGT	W B	BAKER	28 Jan - School of Mil Svy
CAPT	C J	MITCHELL	15 Feb - LTS 5 MD
2LT	J C	GREENWELL	15 Feb - LTS 5 MD
SGT	B J	LUTWYCHE	10 Feb - AHQ Svy Regt
CPL	P D	TWYDALE	2 Feb - SASR
LT	J D	MOBBS	15 Mar - 2 Fd Svy Sqn
CPL	G E	MENTIPLAY	7 Apr - Discharge
CPL	M H	FERRIS	4 May - 2 Fd Svy Sqn
SGT	W K	LEWIS	21 September
CPL	A R	BOATH	11 Sep - School of Mil Svy
CPL	K R	GOLDBURG	17 September

PROMOTIONS

SSGT	J D	MOBBS	LT - 1 Mar
CPL	G C	MASKELL	SGT - 24 Mar
SGT	R J	LARSEN	SSGT - 7 May
CPL	N F	KELLY	SGT - 28 Apr
SGT	P J	PRESSER	SSGT - 30 Sep
SPR	R M	GREEN	CPL - Sep
SPR	J S	REID	CPL - 21 May
SPR	B L	LUCAS	CPL - ?

HISTORY OF THE DAWN SERVICE

The Dawn Service on ANZAC Day has become a solemn Australian and New Zealand tradition. It is taken for granted as part of the ANZAC ethos and few wonder how it started. Its story, as it were, is buried in a small cemetery carved out of the bush some kilometres outside the northern Queensland town of Herberton.

Almost paradoxically, one grave stands out by its very simplicity. It is covered by a protective white-washed concrete slab with a plain cement cross at its top end. No epitaph recalls even the name of the deceased. The inscription on the cross is a mere two words: 'A PRIEST' No person would identify the grave as that of a dedicated clergyman who created the Dawn Service without the simple marker placed next to the grave only in recent times. It reads:

'Adjacent to, and on the right of this marker, lies the grave of the late Reverend Arthur Ernest White, a Church of England clergyman and padre, 44th Battalion, First Australian Imperial Force. On 25th April 1923, at Albany WA, Reverend White led a party of friends in what was the first ever observance of the Dawn Parade on ANZAC Day, thus establishing a tradition which has endured, Australia wide, ever since.'

Reverend White was serving as one of the Padres of the earliest ANZACs to leave Australia with the 1st AIF in November 1914. The convoy was assembled in Princess Royal Harbour and King George Sound at Albany. Before embarkation, at four in the morning, he conducted a service for all the men of his battalion. When White returned to Australia in 1919, he was appointed relieving rector of St John's Church in Albany. It was a strange coincidence that the starting point of the AIF convoys should now become his parish.

No doubt it must have been the memory of his first Dawn Service those many years earlier and his experiences overseas, combined with the awesome cost of lives and injuries, which inspired him to honour permanently the valiant men (both living and dead) who had joined the fight for the Allied cause. "Albany" as he is quoted to have said, "was the last sight of land these ANZAC troops saw after leaving Australian shores and some of them never returned. We should hold a service (here) at the first light of dawn each ANZAC Day to commemorate them." That is why on ANZAC Day 1923 he came to hold the Commemorative Dawn Service.

As the sun was rising, a man in a small dinghy cast a wreath in King George Sound while White, with a band of about 20 men gathered around him on the summit of nearby Mount Clarence, silently watched the wreath flouting out to sea. He then recited the words: "As the sun rises and goeth down, we will remember them."

All present were deeply moved and the news of the ceremony soon spread throughout the country; the ceremony was then adopted by the various Returned Services communities Australia wide.

Eventually White was transferred from Albany to serve other congregations, first in South Australia, then Broken Hill where he built a church, and still later to Forbes NSW. In his retirement from parish life, he moved to Herberton where he became Chaplain of an Anglican convent. However, soon after his arrival (on September 1954) he died, to be buried so modestly and anonymously as 'A PRIEST'.

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