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"MEMORIES: The Artillery Barracks, Burt Street Fremantle

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Firstly an apology for the lateness in producing this Issue of Westlink - A number of factors contributed to this - in the main part the loss of our "printer" Fred Bullock and a general lack of items. **Fred has departed this sunny land of Oz and taken up residency in Greece.** We wish him well and his assistance in the production of Westlink over the years will be greatly missed.

Our able Secretary/Treasurer, Philip Bray, stood down from the Committee at the Annual General Meeting held last April and Brian Mead accepted nomination and election as his replacement. On behalf of all our members I thank Phil for his outstanding efforts and dedication to both this Association and our kindred Associations. Brian was quickly initiated into the job with the overseeing of our Corps Anniversary Dinner in July. His efforts and those of Mick Venn and Eric Clutterbuck ensured one of our most successful celebrations yet.

We have, at last, with the able assistance of Brian Firms and Eric Clutterbuck set the Survey Plaque onto the Sundial in the grounds of the WA Army Museum, located in the Fremantle Artillery Barracks.

Fred Brown, has again donned uniform and is now doing time in Timor - at the Australian Embassy would you believe. Fred has written us a "summary" (reproduced in this Issue) of his "doings" since leaving the Army in 1976.

In conclusion may I draw the attention of any personnel who were involved in any of the Gading Operations 3, 4 or 5. to the Article regarding Medal/Clasp entitlements.

Ray S

ANNUAL DINNER - Sat 29th June

A total of 37 members, including partners attended on the evening held at the Victoria Leagues Club in Subiaco where we again enjoyed the hospitality of the Club. Once again we had the pleasure of being joined by Cedric Clutterbuck - his sight may be almost gone and the legs getting wobblier but he hasn't missed a function yet. During the evening we were treated to a very interesting and humorous talk by retired Maj Tony Lourensen on aspects of his service career in Signals and Army Aviation as a helicopter pilot serving with the United Nations and in East Timor. Tony, a son-in-law, of Eric and Jane Clutterbuck recently successfully completed a career change to Medicine and is currently based at Fremantle Hospital.

THE AUSTRALIAN SERVICE MEDAL (ASM) Post 1975

Our Association has received from Clem Sargent copies of Commonwealth Gazette No.S64 of 28 Feb 2002, complete with an explanatory letter, concerning awards for service post 14th February 1975 on non-warlike RA Svy operations in Indonesia.

From the gazette, members who served on those operations for a period of thirty days, either as continuous or in aggregate service, have an entitlement.

The gazette also stated that a member who served on Operation Gading 5 on Sumatra, is eligible for the ASM with clasp S.E. Asia but as Clem pointed out:

'that any member who has already received the ASM 1945-1975 with clasp S.E. Asia for Operation Mandau or Gading 1 to 4, is not eligible for the ASM with clasp S.E. Asia., and that as many Corps members will already have been awarded the ASM 1945-1975 with clasp PNG, then their entitlement is only for the clasp S.E. Asia to the same medal.'

The gazette also states that a member who served on Operation Cenderawasih is eligible for the ASM with clasp Irian Jaya.

Clem added that:

'a member who has previously been awarded an ASM 1945-1975 and who has served on Operation Cenderawasih is entitled, in addition, to the ASM with clasp Irian Jaya.

a member who served on Operation Gading 5 only and then on Operation Cenderawasih, has an entitlement to the ASM with clasps S.E. Asia and Irian Jaya'

SUNDIAL WORKPARTY



"THE PLAQUE"



Ray Sargeant

Brian Firns

Eric Clutterbuck

**Minutes of the 17th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the
ROYAL AUSTRALIAN SURVEY CORPS ASSOCIATION (WESTERN AUSTRALIA) Inc.
Held at Karrakatta on Thursday 25th April 2002**

1. Opening of Meeting.

The President declared the Meeting open at 1335 hours.

Present: Ray Sargeant, Frank Cohen, Philip Bray, Doug Bath, Gus Bottrill, Peter Bowen, Bob Bruce, Cedric Clutterbuck, Eric Clutterbuck, Brian Firms, Frank Lenane, Brian Mead, Jeff Murray, Barry Parker, Alf Till, Mike Venn and Cliff Webb.

2. Apologies.

Eric Brook, Fred Brown, Noel Clutterbuck and Chris Dixon.

3. Minutes of the AGM held on 25th April 2001.

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 25th April 2001 were circulated and accepted.

Moved: Barry Parker.

Seconded: Mike Venn.

4. Business Arising from the Previous Minutes.

Nil.

5. Treasurers Report.

A copy of the Audit report was circulated to Members and was accepted.

Moved : Cliff Webb.

Seconded: Frank Lenane.

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

The Treasurer informed the meeting that the Association was now in the "black", he had kept spending to a minimum and had relied on donations to keep the running of the Association lean.

MOTION: Ray Sargeant commended the Treasurer for doing an excellent job in keeping the Association financial last year, with a profit.

SECONDED: Peter Bowen.

Open acclaim.

6. Correspondence.

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

The Association received a letter from Col Clem Sargent advising that the Government had recognised the GADING and CENDERAWASIH operations in Indonesia and Irian Jaya for the Australian Service Medal 1945-1975 with clasp SE Asia and Irian Jaya respectively. The Secretary has the appropriate application forms.

The RAE Association has kept us informed of any relevant matters.

A sympathy card has been sent to Mrs Corless.

7. General Business.

a. ANZAC DAY.

Doug Bath told the meeting that this was the best ANZAC Day that he has been to.

The meeting agreed that the organisation was very good this year.

ACTION: Secretary to write to the RSL congratulating them.

It was a good turnout this year, with 23 of our members and family marching.

The Army Cadets from 58RCU once again carried the banner.

b. CORPS BIRTHDAY FUNCTION.

The Committee has once again booked the Victoria League Club for Saturday 29th June 2002. Mike Venn and Eric Clutterbuck have taken over the responsibility of organising this function. They advised the meeting that they were close to finalising the menu and the invitations will be sent out in about 3 weeks.

c. WEST LINK.

Barry advised that there was very few articles and information coming forward for WESTLINK, several of the "older" members were asked to provide articles for the magazine.

d. SICK PARADE.

Nevis Cherry.

8.Election of Committee for 2002.

All Committee positions were declared vacant and the members present then proceeded to elect a new Committee for 2002. The President advised the meeting that Philip Bray is stepping down from the position of Secretary/Treasurer due to work commitments.

The following became the 2002 Committee;

PRESIDENT

Ray SARGEANT

Nominated: Mike Venn, Seconded: Eric Clutterbuck. CARRIED

VICE PRESIDENT

Frank COHEN

Nominated: Philip Bray, Seconded: Jeff Murray. CARRIED

SECRETARY/TREASURER

Brian MEAD

Nominated: Ray Sargeant, Seconded: Barry Parker. CARRIED

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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| 1.Eric Clutterbuck | Nominated: Mike Venn, | Seconded: Philip Bray | CARRIED |
| 2.Cedric Clutterbuck | Nominated: Bob Bruce, | Seconded: Doug Bath | CARRIED |
| 3.Brian Firns | Nominated: Eric Clutterbuck, | Seconded: Frank Cohen | CARRIED |
| 4.Barry Parker | Nominated: Cedric Clutterbuck, | Seconded: Bob Bruce | CARRIED |
| 5.Mike Venn | Nominated: Eric Clutterbuck, | Seconded: Cliff Webb | CARRIED |
| 6.Alf Till | Nominated: Peter Bowen, | Seconded: Brian Mead | CARRIED |

9.Other Business.

a. VOTE of THANKS.

The President thanked the Committee for their efforts in the running of the Association during the year.

The President proposed a vote of thanks to the Auditor, Alf Till for the auditing of our Financial records.
Seconded: Brian Mead.

The President proposed a vote of thanks to Fred Bullock for the printing of WESTLINK.
Seconded: Bob Bruce.

The President proposed a vote of thanks to the Secretary/Treasurer, Philip Bray for his dedicated efforts during his term of office.
Seconded: Eric Clutterbuck.

b. ANZAC Day March.

Doug Bath thanked Ray Sargeant for nominating him to lead the march through Perth.

c. HATS.

Ray suggested that the members of the Association may like to look at getting some sort of hat to wear during the march, similar to other Associations, given the Sunny day today.

d. MEETINGS.

Jeff Murray is the RSM of the University Regiment based at the Artillery Barracks, Fremantle. He offered to host any meetings of the Association at the Barracks.

The meeting was closed at 1420 hours.

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President

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Secretary

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN SURVEY CORPS ASSOCIATION
(Western Australia) Inc.

STATEMENT of INCOME and EXPENDITURE
for the PERIOD ENDING 31st DECEMBER 2001

INCOME:

Subscriptions	525.00
Functions	1200.00
Donations	10.00
Corps Shop Sales	160.00
Corps Birthday Raffle	59.90
	<u>1954.90</u>

EXPENDITURE

Bank Fees/State & Federal Taxes	5.84
Postage	76.50
Functions	1567.40
RSL Subscription	20.00
Honorarium - President	25.00
Survey Corps Collar Badges	210.00
	<u>1904.74</u>

INCOME \$1954.90

EXPENDITURE \$1904.74**Excess of Income above Expenditure \$ 50.16****STATEMENT of ASSOCIATION FUNDS**

Opening Balance (Cash at the Bank) 1st January 2001	\$564.41	
Bank Balance as at 31st December 2001		\$614.57
Add Balance of Unsold Survey Corps Items/Stamps		<u>\$289.75</u>
Total of Association Funds as at 31st December 2001		\$904.32

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 1st December 2001

Signed: A Till Auditor

Signed: P Bray Secretary/Treasurer

Signed J R Sageant President

Reconciliation of Survey Corps Shop Items and Postage Stamps as at 31-12-2001**Survey Corps Shop**

Neck Tie (quantity 4 @ \$18.00)	72.00
Corps Badge Gold Collar (quantity 16 @ \$10)	160.00
Corps Badge Embroidered (quantity 4 @ \$3.50)	14.00
Corps Badge Iron On (quantity 8 @ \$2.00)	16.00
Car Stickers (quantity 17 @ \$1.00)	17.00
Tie Bar (quantity 1 @ \$4.00)	4.00
	<u>\$283.00</u>

Postage Stamps

45c (quantity 15)	6.75
	6.75
	<u>Total: \$289.75</u>

GST Paid by the Association 1 January 2001 - 31 December 2001 \$151.23

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PERSONAL SNIPPETS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA**MEMORIES OF PROJECT D1/67 - WYNDHAM**

By Ray Sargeant

The preparation the Project D1/67 field trip started early in 1967 with Major Clem Sargent taking over command of the then named Western Command Field Survey Unit from Major Hugh Taylor. The whole of the unit was to be involved and only a caretaker element was left behind for administrative duties.

Prior to departure field parties were given a list of "delicacies", tinned type, from which they could select their requirements for the next seven months. Purchases were made from the local Perth Burns Philp warehouse and included such delights as Tom Piper Braised Steak & Onions, Irish Stew and Vegetables, Watsonia Camp Pie, Big Sister Creamed Rice & Carnation Milk (referred to as Hillmans by 'Father' Jim Booton). All these supplies packed away in nice new shiny varnished boxes for transportation by truck. Along the way they were well shaken and tossed about until on arrival we had well dented and bashed unlabeled tins, generally known as mystery cans and Train Smash.

George Ullinger and Lofty Black did their preparation at the Oceanic Winery in South Terrace, South Fremantle and filled several of their 20 litre water cans with a Rough Red of unknown vintage. We all thought that seemed to extraordinarily thirsty on that trip.

A convoy of some seventeen vehicles, comprising 6 x Truck Cargo 2-1/2ton, 4 x 3/4ton Topo Landrover, 1 FFR Landrover and 6 x 3/4ton Landrovers. The trucks were full of vehicle spares ranging through springs, axles, radiators and prop shafts. Welding equipment, hand cement mixer, skid mounted 5Kva generator set, marquee tents and anything else that would fit in. I don't think Bullen Bros. Circus travelled with any more.

As with any well planned trip there was always going to be someone late for the start and it seemed to be our first National Serviceman surveyor, Lindsey Gilmore, who was always incurring the wrath of Jim Booton, then the USM of our unit. Lindsey's greens were another enigma to Jim - they always seemed to fit differently to everyone else's, more like the fashionable hipster styles of those days. Finally a confession, Lindsey would unpick the waist hem, cut out 2 inches of material then re-sew the hem. Seemed to be a lot of work for the sake of fashion.

We had the ABC camera crews filming the departure which took a few re-runs to finally have all the vehicles, plus our escort of two motor cycle mounted MPs finally depart with the desired regulation intervals and timings. In spite of these delays we made Geraldton that night and bedded down at the Army Drill Hall.

Unit strength was augmented with the attachment of some 14 personnel - from 90 Tpt Pl, 22 Construction Sqn (RAE), 2 Sig Regt and Perth Workshops. Many hours were spent during the Operation in training our cook the basic elements of cooking. He was a National Serviceman, a locksmith by civilian trade who specialised in boiled eggs generally well overdone. Convoy Commander, Capt Ken Lyons brought along his pet Beagle - named Bentley, "Nearest thing to a Rolls that I can afford" explained Ken.

Once North of Camarvon it was dirt roads and slow going, the road followed the coast and was interspersed with many river crossings. Five days on the road and we were in Port Hedland. A welcome break occurred whilst we waited a few days for the inevitably "forgotten vehicle part" was flown in. My memories of the Pier Hotel are such that even now I would be hesitant in recommending it.

One evening whilst camped at a well somewhere near Halls Creek a "Roo dog, mangy, unfed and apparently abandoned wandered into the camp. Well if the "boss" had a dog then why couldn't we. Ken agreed and because our dog was bigger and faster than Bentley he was naturally christened Rolls.

Finally Wyndham hove into view and our "home" was set up some 9 miles out of town and about 200 metres from the highway. Tents and marquees were set up, bucket shower facilities installed including the hot water system. The laundry was established, and fitted out with the latest Lightburn Hand Cement Mixer washing machine. Power was connected and refrigeration fired up. The local Field Supply Depot (Wyndham Rubbish Tip) became an endless source of supply especially in the building of a lean-to for our cook and his M37 Gasoline Stove. (The stove was quite challenge to him as he'd not seen one before).

The Sigs people were really happy - after much blood, sweat and tears they'd managed to establish comms from the vehicle mounted C11 Radio back to Fremantle, their radio being set up in the old Port Signal Building at the rear of the Arty Barracks. Actually it would have been easier to go to town and use the public phones. The surveyors were busy getting their gear ready to start work on some of the offshore islands and trying to sort out the by now unlabelled tinned foods - luckily tins were stamped with a code number that was listed on the luckily retained invoices. They had been allowed to take on the Op their own private weapons to hopefully augment and provide fresh items to their diet. One surveyor, nameless, except that his surname was that of a well known biscuit maker, proudly arrived back in camp with the bonnet of his vehicle adorned with several adeptly stalked wild turkeys to be told by an irate Jim Booton that they were brolgas and a protected species.

Rolls and Bentley came great mates and got up to all types of mischief around the camp especially in the art of stealing food from the kitchen. Rolls had by now grown to full height and could just take it straight from the table. She could also leap straight into the back of a moving MK3 truck - often accompanying the us into the town of an evening. Poor little Bentley, being so low to the "bulldust" used to suffer from ear and eye problems. Inevitably nature caught up with a maturing male Bentley and a female Rolls - it soon became apparent that there was a height problem but true to form the "Survey Corps" soon solved this by digging a hole for Roll's hind legs. It was soon noticeable that this had solved the problem and we were anxiously awaiting the results when tragically Rolls was bitten by a snake and died.

A fishing boat the "Atluma" had been hired and the surveyors were finally on the job having been dropped off around the coast and on some of the small islands where they had continual problems with crocodiles and turtles invading their camping spots. The base camp "wallahs" were ready to sit back in peace and quiet and escape the by now hot 37 to 40 degree days. However, Maj Clem had other ideas, there were cement floors and paths to be laid, a vehicle parking area laid out away from the living areas to keep the bulldust problem down and numerous and seemingly unneeded household tasks to be completed whilst he was absent. Naturally every day we decided to wait for a cooler day till the day came when he returned. Nothing done and the vehicles parked everywhere. Threats of posting to Bendigo and other nasty inducements soon had the jobs completed in record time.

The Commander Western Command arrived for his annual winter holiday and I was appointed his batman. I scrubbed and polished a Landrover (and fitted a flag pole to the bonnet) saw to his living quarters and prepared myself to the probability of having to do his "smalls" (not impressed) but in the end 'bout all I had to do was make a morning coffee and have a mug of hot water ready for his shave. The camp was often visited by Kimberley identity Gene French, then either owner or manager of Dunham River Station. Gene was granted membership of the Sgts/Officers Mess and frequently stayed the night. He was a man of gigantic proportions and his stays usually meant the requirement of a new stretcher every time.

Our two attached Engineers soon endeared themselves to the rest of us and in true RAE spirit quickly became the identities of the Operation. Max Dowling at 6 foot 9 inches had to bend to get through any doorway (or tent opening). At the hotel bar it was easiest to sit on the bar to talk at his height). Alan Robinson was originally a ringer from North Queensland and tough as an old boot. The pair of them used to drink Bundaberg Rum by the carton without the addition of the usual water or coke. Their combined canteen bill was usually more than their combined pay cheques. They were the despair of Barry Parker who being a late arrival on the Op had the misfortune to share their tent, in that they usually went on leave to town wearing his new washed and ironed shirts. Another endearing and well remembered attachment was "Tubby" Winzar, vehicle mechanic extraordinaire who worked tirelessly in appalling conditions replacing springs and prop shafts, keeping the old 5Kva going and overseeing all things mechanical.

As they say "all good things come to an end" and after 7 months it was time to pack up and head for home. Lt. Alf Till flew up from Perth in a chartered light aircraft to lead the push and control the homeward rush. Maj Sargent and Capt Lyon flew back to Perth. As was the custom a cold one at the end of the day was looked forward to and we pooled our money, purchased an esky and stocked it well. By fair or foul means it found its way onto Max and Alan's truck - and you guessed it no beer that night. The two of them were then placed on the dry for the rest of the trip adding to the trials of Alf Till already desperately trying to stop the bolt for home.

Prior to departure from Wyndham each of us had to hand over a set of greens to be flown to Perth on the Lt A/c for laundering - we were subsequently met at Bindoon Hill where we changed into our now immaculate uniforms for a resplendent arrival in Fremantle driving our very dirty, very battered vehicles again under the ABC spotlight. Finally (and I could never understand why) the vehicles were unloaded and we were dismissed.

MICK VENN

is still working for the Fire and Emergency Services Authority of WA (FESA) and is at their training centre in Forrestfield as a Training and Development Officer. His main focus is developing training programs for volunteer firefighters and every 4 to 5 weeks volunteers do a week of "on call" as a media liaison officer for FESA. Every summer he also gets out of the office and is rostered as an "Air Attack Supervisor" for water bombing operations in the urban/rural interface areas around Perth. In January this year he also spent a week at the NSW fires as part of a management team working in the Blue Mountains. His lovely wife Annette is working for Janome. As part of their holiday over East in July they spent 6 days in Brisbane, stayed with Emu and Dell, caught up with Wild Bill, Hooky and Alex Cairney - and managed to have one or three beers with all of them.

FRED BULLOCK

formerly of the Survey ARes Unit & printer of our "Westlink" has departed our sunny shores to live permanently in the even sunnier Greek Islands. We owe Fred a vote of thanks for his years of assistance to the Association, and we wish him well in his new life.

PETER JONES (Mai)

has recently retired and embarked on a new career in horticulture - producing exotic bamboos - and hoping to locate his enterprise in Gin Gin.

Mick GILLHAM

employed as a Station Officer in the W.A. Fire Brigade. Mid-year he travelled to Saudi Arabia as part of a pyrotechnics team that conducted a fire-works display for the celebration of the end of RAMDAN. This took place in the Capital city of Jedah, with a 3 weekstay being a unique experience for him.

FRED BROWN

Anzac Day was again, for me, a day of remembrance and catching up with former serving mates. It was really great to see Ray, Barry, Phil and everyone else, all still marching with straight backs, a spring in their step, and looking even younger than last year.

Barry Parker said he had absolutely nothing for the next edition of West Link and asked me to put finger to keyboard to 'hunt and peck' out a story about what I have been doing for the past 26 years since leaving the Regular Army in 1976. So, here it is.

I left the ARA to work for TAFE as a lecturer in surveying and cartography, a job that at the time was well paid with 11 weeks leave, an aspect I found pretty attractive. This I did with thorough enjoyment and satisfaction until retiring in December 1998 to take on the stock market. To say the least, a much more exciting, risky, turbulent and unreliable way of generating an income. (A cupla tips... HDR and DIO (if weak), but don't blame me!!).

Army wise, after the ARA, I went to WAUR as a COY 2IC until March 79 when I decided that I had had enough of the Army and transferred to the Inactive List. That lasted until December 81 when MAJ Jim Corless invited me to start up the Army Reserve Troop of 5 FD SVY SQN in December 1981 (seems like just yesterday).

This was without doubt, the highlight of my time in green. We took on people like former Op Gading mates, Mike Venn, Allan Rossow and the greatly experienced President Ray, former Lands Dept colleagues, Jack Faithfull and Ted Barlow plus quite a few former students of mine like Leo Avino, Carolyn Greenhalgh, Sandria Robson and Linda Morgan and others Leon Griffiths (now WGCMD Air Cadets), Steve Jones, Billy Spittles, the 'over-aged' Fred Bullock RE and Jeff Murray (now RSM WAUR). It was a real blast for me working with such fine young productive dedicated people, not to mention the Beacon Club recording ever increasing profit growth from bar trading. Whilst we did not all 'see eye to eye' all the time (which never happens in the Army anyway), I am sure that we all look back with great memories on some of the times we all spent together. Many of us have maintained strong friendships forged from our time serving together in the Troop. (Thanks again for your support in those days).

In April 1987, MAJ BB decided it was time for my 'horizons to be broadened' (he had had enough of me) so sadly, with a smile, I trotted up the road to join the Recruiting Unit, soon to be followed by Leon and joined by PTE Karon Rossow. I had two years of producing promotional documentaries for the Reserve, fantastic fun and experience.

After many years as a Captain and with the promotion course reduced from 12 to six months, in July 89, I decided to accept an invitation to attend the Reserve Command and Staff College, following which I was kept on as an instructor and surprisingly promoted. In October 93, I felt it was time to make way for the younger guys and transferred to the inactive Reserve, and thought that that was the end of it. I was dined out and received the usual welcome but over-complimentary letters from senior people from RSVY and Western Region.

But, not quite the end! In July 94, LT Sean Higbid, taking the Troop on its final 'annual camp' up to Learmonth invited me to come along for the ride. Another great time! The daily laugh was SSGT Jack Faithfull holding his forehead each morning and denying that he had consumed as many cans as there were ticks against his name in the 'cans book'. I thought that that was truly the end of green for me. Thanks Sean!

BUT, still not quite the end!! September 01, the phone rings, the Royal Military College, which now trains ALL Army Officers, full-time and part-time and is now a Formation and Australia wide needs a project officer for its North Australia Company based in Darwin. So since last October I have been living in Larrakeyah Barracks, Darwin, overlooking the magnificent harbour. Until April I was working with RMC, co-located with the Regional Training Centre out at the very very military Robertson Barracks, home to 1 ARMD REGT, 2 CAV REGT, 1 CBT ENGR REGT, 5/7 RAR (MECH), 8/12 MED REGT RAA, and 1 CSR (sigs unit) plus all the associated logistic and infrastructure units, totaling 3650 service personnel and many civilians.

For the past month, I have been working within HQNORCOM on a project and with many Navy and RAAFies. I recently went to sea for a day on a Patrol Boat and am currently waiting to go on a patrol in a RAAF P3 Orion. So, life in the Army still offers a variety of experiences. One is now considered just as much a 'member of the ADF' as a member of the Army.

Life in the Army is very different now to the way it was back when most of us knew it. There is a much greater proportion of female members, much more mixing and interaction with civilian staff and a lot of personal admin is now done at the 'shopfront'. The jobs of cooking, cleaning, gardening, swimming pool attendants, security people, mess waiters and bar attendants are contracted out to civilian organizations. Rejoining after an eight year absence was most interesting, with a lot of adjusting and learning required for the thousands of TLAs (three letter acronyms) and abbreviations that have changed and evolved, as well as getting used to the ADF's own computer network.

Whilst I am thrilled and proud to be back in uniform, due to the demise of RASVY, I now wear Engineers' embellishments, something that probably overly excites neither RAE nor me. There is a unit within Larrakeyah Barracks, 1 Topo Survey Troop, Royal Australian Engineers. Every time I see it, brings a grimace to my face.

There are also a few other former RASVY people here that may be known to us West Aussies, MAJ Rob Grey, MAJ Geoff (GT) Ford, and SPR Jodi Cuskelly. Recently, at a Mess function, I was approached by a young lady coming up to say hello, none other than Jodi Bowman, now married to an ARA Captain and with a young babe in arms.

Last December, I enquired about the prospects of going to East Timor and in April I received a Posting Order, and on Friday, a Deployment Order stating that I am going over there on 15th June for six months as the Assistant Defence Attache at the Embassy. I have my fingers crossed that nothing goes wrong.

Last week on the 16th May, it was 36 years since I joined the Army, and at the age of 54, I am still enjoying life in green just as much as ever. Next March, at 55, I get the order of the boot.

To anyone who is still reading this rambling, I thank you and look forward to reading your life story in future editions.

5TH FIELD SURVEY SQUADRON

1985

42046	MAJ	PA	BATES-BROWNSWORD
313446	CAPT	RJ	McHENRY
225556	LT	SD	ROBERTSON
552398	LT	PGM	VANDEBURG
1200512	WO1	KJ	GALLAGHER
44507	WO1	CE	DARCH
314939	WO2	CJ	CUSKELLY
1201868	WO2	WP	GRIGGS
38950	WO2	WW	PRIOR
53723	WO2	JL	ROBERTS
3109614	SSGT	DA	GAY
1203731	SSGT	RJ	LARSEN
517658	SSGT	JR	SARGEANT
1202113	SSGT	KJ	KENNEDY
56306	SGT	TH	ALLANSON
222975	SGT	LS	BARRELL
562073	SGT	TG	BOTTOMLEY
1202719	SGT	MD	EVANS
318881	SGT	WF	JONES
225283	SGT	EW	NICHOLLS
315293	SGT	R	VANDEBOM
5718984	CPL	RC	BROCKMAN
179109	CPL	PR	BURT
318818	CPL	PA	DROVER
553277	CPL	A	DE GRAUW
56312	CPL	WA	HALL
5717611	CPL	NT	JONES
553012	CPL	PR	MAIN
49905	CPL	NW	PAPPIN
320966	CPL	JS	RUIZ
1204166	CPL	JD	SMITH
553222	CPL	S	THROSSEL
553612	CPL	DL	WEBB
314602	CPL	CK	YANDELL
411904	SPR	BA	BALDWIN
320670	SPR	LP	CLIFFORD
232093	SPR	DA	ELLIOT
4400812	SPR	CR	HARTLEY
553998	SPR	G	MATTOCK
554547	SPR	AA	MATISON
554081	SPR	GR	O'NEIL
231302	PTE	BJ	ORMONDE
553305	SPR	GM	REANY
322539	SPR	MJ	SHAW
553889	SPR	DJC	SMITH-CAMERON
554174	SPR	RJ	SMOLDERS
436632	SPR	DJ	WILKINSON
63383	SPR	CD	JAMES

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<u>IN</u>				1985
179353	CAPT	GN	TOLCHER	29 January
44507	WO1	CE	DARCH	21 January
39535	WO2	RG	BARWALD	23 January
313096	SSGT	CE	WEBB	25 January
320139	SGT	GJ	BYERS	23 January
59647	CPL	FM	LENANE	22 January
222888	COL	RJ	RICHARDS	29 January
315660	CPL	C	EDWARDS	30 January
64130	SPR	GW	DORAN	4 February
326216	SPR	JD	LAPIERRA	4 February
316826	SGT	SL	GLOSTER	19 April
554788	SPR	MD	HOLDEN	18 April
553130	CPL	LD	JACKSON	5 June
229876	SPR	A	MATHESON	23 September
64130	SPR	SJ	PAYNE	7 August
5552620	SPR	TR	HAYLEY	29 October
217591	WO2	DN	JOHNSTONE	16 December
231281	SPR	DJ	WRIGHT	4 December

OUT

WO2	WP	GRIGGS
SSGT	DA	GAY
SGT	WF	JONES
SSGT	RJ	LARSEN
CPL	S	THROSSEL
CPL	RC	BROCKMAN
WO1	KJ	GALLAGHER
SPR	CD	JAMES
SPR	NT	JONES
CPL	PR	BURT
SGT	TH	ALLANSON
SPR	MJ	SHAW
CPL	A	DE GRAUW
CAPT	GN	TOLCHER
CPL	G	MATTOCK
LT	PGM	VANDEBURG

PROMOTIONS

SGT	TG	BOTTOMLEY	SSGT
CPL	FN	LENANE	SGT
SPR	DJC	SMITH-CAMERON	LCPL
SPR	G	MATTOCK	LCPL
SPR	GM	REANY	LCPL

FROM OTHER ASSOCIATIONS

In response to a request made several months to other Associations I have received Membership Rolls from the Queensland and Canberra Associations. If you are seeking an "old comrade" or perhaps heading East give me a call and I will copy it to you.

The Qld Association also advises the following regular events:

Last Friday of the Month Drinks at the Gaythorne RSL, Samford Rd Mitchelton

Reunion Luncheon 1st Saturday in September each at above location

Map Makers Dinner Hosted by 1 Topo Svy Sqn, Ennoggera, approx Oct/Nov the last two years.

Meetings are usually held on 1st Monday every second month.

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Pat Cox. Not too well earlier in the year, and had to give Anzac Day a miss, but is a bit better now, and still enjoys a game of bowls at hometown Crystal Brook.

Graham Williams. Living in Melbourne.

George Ricketts. has been residing at Lourdes Valley Nursing Home since last January, when the care he required became too much for him to remain at home. Address is 18 Cross Roads, Myrtle Bank SA 5064.

Ron Weinert underwent surgery to repair an aortic aneurysm in mid-March this year. Spent a number of days in Intensive Care but now says he feels as good as ever and has returned to his volunteer work in Clare. His phone number 08 884 21184.

Mick Hansen. was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma in December last and has been having a series of chemotherapy treatments - and is very hopeful of a positive outcome. Phone Number 08 826 42303.

George Timmins. recently diagnosed suffering prostate cancer - goods news is that his condition is treatable and surgery is schedule for August/September.

Doug Carswell has recovered completely from recent gall stone operation and was reported to have been recuperating aboard a yacht somewhere off the Whitsunday's (Jun 02).

Queensland Association Bulletin October 2002.

Vale: Hans Kramer

After a long battle with cancer Hans passed away on Friday 6th September.

Magna Carto Newsletter October 2002

Vale:

Bob Roche of leukemia on 15th August 2001

Ted Burgess in Cairns on 24th November 2001

Graham Keith Hook (Bill) in Canberra on 3rd April 2002.

George Hann of a heart attack in the Redcliffe Hospital on 4th June 2002, aged 84 years.

Lloyd Patterson has recently retired from his own business in Wodonga and Bill Black has retired from Land Victoria in Melbourne after some 30 years.

Currently on the sick list are Gordon Lowry in Albury, Simon Lemon in Clare SA and John Thomas in QLD.

Ike Lever has deserted the cold weather and moved to Hervey Bay QLD.

Brian Rogers has left Moama for Momington and Hayden Beer is back in Bendigo.

Brian Sloan has been posted to the USA and Peter Davies has taken over from him at the Geometrics Wing at SME.

John South now ministers to a congregation in the Echuca area.

Roger Rix has retired from the "Fortuna" based Defence Imagery and Geospatial Organisation (DiGO), he and wife Nancy intend travelling Australia in the new caravan.

MEDAL MOUNTING

With the striking of a number of new medals some members may be wishing to have their medals remounted. Here are a couple of services known by me (Ed)

ASP Services (Peter Epps)
60 Simpson Drive PADBURY 9401 7584

Walter Dennison
64 Blythe Ave YOKINE Ph/Fax 9444 9553
also supplier of Relicas etc

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