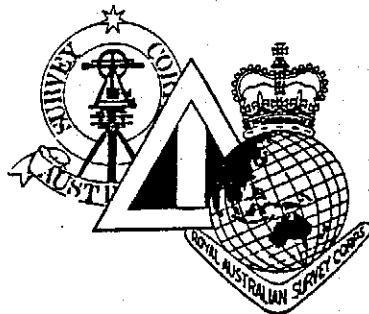


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*MERRY XMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR*



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## WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

As is becoming traditional the Annual General Meeting was held between our participation on the Anzac Day Parade and the "definitely traditional" refreshments. As a result of the Meeting I have been 'promoted'? President and as one of my first duties I must sincerely thank the outgoing President, Don Taylor and his committee for their greatly appreciated efforts and contribution to the Association. Our new Committee is a mixture of, the old, the bold and the brave. Welcome back to Don Taylor, Pat Wood, The Clutterbucks-Cedric & Eric, Barry Parker & Leon Griffiths and hail the brave Mick Venn and Cliff Webb.

The number on parade (Anzac Day) was a little disappointing over previous years with some 27 persons including ARES participating. We are indeed grateful to them for their majority support and most appreciative of Cpl Joddie Bowman for leading the way. We were really unfair in 'appointing' Jodie to this task, the flag is tall, Jodie is small and the wind was wild.

Courtesy of HQ 13 Brigade Gp/and our ARES Tp we were again able to enjoy the facilities at Karrakatta (the Tp having again relocated with in Irwin Barracks back to part of the original buildings although word has it that they will again relocate before next Anzac Day) - there must be an easier way of doing "field trips". Our appetites were well catered for on the BBQ by Cpls Wayne McNally and Colin Ferguson with our Master Chef LCpl Marlene Lawler in charge of Salads etc.

Snippets of news are: Cpl Colin (YukYuk) Yandell retired not only from the ARA but from 13 years continuous service in Survey in West Aust and is now working for the Central Mapping Agency. Could this be a record? How's about some of you doing a few sums and letting us know how your time adds up.

WO1 Alan Toogood has replaced Colin Darch who has been promoted Capt and transferred to Map Depot.

On Friday 3rd July 51 members and guests gathered at the Gleneagles Reception Centre in Karrinyup and in very relaxed and jovial way celebrated Corps Day with a sumptuous buffet dinner. Special guest for the evening was Marlene Lawler, also joining was Peter Geffert from 5 Trg Gp. We were particularly pleased to be able to welcome Yvonne Cocker and look forward to doing so at future functions. The only clash during the night appeared to be the clash between the West Coast Eagles and Melbourne held on the same night, however thanks to the obliging catering staff progress scores were quickly passed on. Memo for next year to the AFL - please do not hold a W.C.E. match on Friday 2nd July 1993.

RAY SARGEANT

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE  
ROYAL AUSTRALIAN SURVEY CORPS ASSOCIATION (WESTERN AUSTRALIA) INC  
HELD AT KARAKATTA ON SATURDAY 25TH APRIL 1992**

1. Opening of Meeting.

THE MEETING WAS DECLARED OPEN AT 1300 HRS

2. Apologies.

Archie Hancock	Bev Uwins
Stewart Shaw	Frank Edwards
Phil Bray	Nev Cherry
Bob Boulter	R (Spike) Jones

3. Reading of Minutes of 1991 AGM on 25 Apr 1991

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held 25th April 1991 were read and accepted as follows:

Moved: Frank Cohen  
Seconded: Cliff Webb

4. Business Arising Out of Minutes.

Ref Para 4.b. = Survey Campaigns on Banner

This matter was still under review and would be raised in General Business.

5. Presidents Report (Attached)

6. Treasurers Report (Attached)

A Copy of the Audit Report was circulated to members and was accepted as follows:

Moved: Pat Wood  
Seconded: Cliff Webb

7. Election of Committee

All Committee positions were declared vacant and the members present then proceeded to elect a Committee for 1992. All 1991 Committee advised that they would be available for re-election, although Don Taylor stated that he would not seek re-election as President.

Nominations were called and as a result the following became the 1992 Committee:

<u>PRESIDENT:</u>	<b>Ray Sargeant</b>	Nominated by:	Leon Griffiths
		Seconded by:	Eric Clutterbuck
<u>VICE-PRESIDENT:</u>	<b>Pat Wood</b>	Nominated by:	Don Taylor
		Seconded by:	Joe Mazzarol
<u>SEC./TREAS:</u>	<b>Barty Parker</b>	Nominated by	Ray Sargeant
		Seconded by:	Cliff Webb

COMMITTEE:

<b>Leon GRIFFITHS</b>	Nominated by: <b>Cliff WEBB</b>
	Seconded by: <b>Alan Rossow</b>
<b>Don TAYLOR</b>	Nominated by: <b>Pat Wood</b>
	Seconded by: <b>Eric Clutterbuck</b>
<b>Cedric CLUTTERBUCK</b>	Nominated by: <b>Don Taylor</b>
	Seconded by: <b>Cec Locke</b>
<b>Eric CLUTTERBUCK</b>	Nominated by: <b>Don Taylor</b>
	Seconded by: <b>Cec Locke</b>
<b>Mick VENN</b>	Nominated by: <b>Barry Parker</b>
	Seconded by: <b>Leo Clifford</b>
<b>Cliff WEBB</b>	Nominated by: <b>Leon GRIFFITHS</b>
	Seconded by: <b>Mick VENN</b>

8. General Business

a. Association Banner

Ray Sargeant briefed the meeting on progress to date with this matter. A photograph of the banner held by the NSW Association was circulated to the members for discussion. Ray advised that a preliminary quote had been obtained - approx \$470. This was for a hand painted on canvas banner. Members discussed the design of the emblem, which depicts only the 'colour patch' and recommended that we investigate the inclusion of the 2 Corps badges. Finally the following motion was put to the Meeting: and CARRIED

MOVED: Joe MAZZAROL      SECONDED: Eric CLUTTERBUCK

"that the Committee be empowered to change the Association Banner to include the present Logo of the Association and the spheres of operation of RA Svy at a cost Not To Exceed \$800."

b. Corps Birthday Function 1992

The meeting was advised that the Committee had discussed this annual function at it's last meeting and that after looking at several venues had made a reservation at the Gleneagles Function Centre, Karrinyup. The evening would be a buffet style meal at approximately \$25 per head. Drinks would be to "own account".

c. 1992 Subscriptions

Following recommendation by the Secretary/Treasurer it was decided that fees for 1992 Membership would remain at \$15.

There being no further business the Meeting was declared closed at 1355 hrs

*Ray Sargeant*  
*Eric Clutterbuck*

RA SVY ASSOCIATION (W.A.) INC - MEMBERSHIP

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BOULTER	Bob	223 Scott Street	CLOVERDALE	6105	277 1036
BOWEN	Peter	8 Rosea Close	MAIDA VALE	6057	454 6219
BRAY	Phil	33 Naipa Way	DUNCRAIG	6025	447 9699
BREHENY	Keith	2 Corcoran Street	DUNCRAIG	6025	448 0232
BROOK	Eric	30R Leake Street	PEPPERMINT GROVE	6011	384 9093
BROWN	Fred	29 Brendon Way	KARRINYUP	6018	349 7182
CAVILL	John	56 Sandgate Street	SOUTH PERTH	6151	367 8076
CHERRY	Nevis	8 Abrolhos Close	SHELLEY	6155	457 0612
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Ansell J R	102 Milgarning ST STAFFORD HEIGHTS 4053	Cooper F D A	28 Gallipoli St MARYBOROUGH 4650
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Renereud	104 Lister St SUNNYBANK 4109	Craymer B L Sgt	1 Topo Svy Sqn Milpo ENOGGERA 4052
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Bateman J	73 Camelia Ave EVERTON HILLS 4053	Dowd G	49 Hermitage St KEPERRA 4054
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Tuesday 28th Apr 1992.

Tape recorded interview with Cecil Locke at his home, 35 Arnos Way Girrawheen WA  
Tel 3426098

The interview took almost two hours of which about an hour is on tape.

### **BEFORE THE WAR**

Cecil was a house painter before the war.

He was in the Militia for 12 years, from 1930 to 1942. Joining at the age of 17.

He had, and still has, a passion for motor bikes. The last bike he owned was a two stroke Francis Barnett which he sold to a signaller when he moved out of Signals.

When he was in the 28th Militia he learnt to shoot and he distinguished himself many times as a first class shot with the rifle .303, he won many trophies during his time with the Militia. (I saw plenty of trophies for shooting when I went to his home to interview him, many tea spoons and many other small items such as wooden cups. He had given some of the spoons away to people who collected spoons) they wanted to send him to the Eastern States to represent the Militia in the King's prize but the war interrupted and he did not go. The officers in the Militia even gave him a lecture on how to behave himself on the way east and when he got there. He represented the 28th Battalion Militia for the King's prize at the Swanbourne rifle range. It was the Militia King's prize then.

There does not seem to be any record of service in the Militia for anyone. Cecil tried to find out his entitlements from Swan Barracks who referred him to someone in the War Museum in Lord Street, but drew a blank. There was supposed to be an efficiency medal awarded, it was mentioned in the Listening Post. He said that to this point he had not heard from them. He mentioned that Nev Cherry, who was also in the Militia for three years, tried get information but also drew a blank.

He attended the Tuesday evening parades in the Victoria Park drill hall with a shoot at the Swanbourne rifle range of a weekend.

He said for the King's prize the run down was from 600 yds, firing from every mound, standing, kneeling and lying.

He did not have to do any recruit training when he enlisted because of the 12 years in the Militia.

Looking at photos of a group taken at the Karrakatta camp. Photo of Max Oliver, Max Oliver recently died (1992) Bill Rodgers, Harley Webster who discovered the noisy scrub bird again, at Two People Bay, Vic Gifford, Austin Ray who was a very good pianist, he used to play for concerts down there. Austin Ray is now dead. Bev Joyce was sick. Robbie Patterson died of a heart failure, Maxie Oliver is now dead, Nev Cherry, Bill Philpot.

We then looked at a group photo taken recently (1991) at Nev Cherry's house. Amongst the group was one of a Geoff Russell who went to the Airforce from 4 Fd Svy, and Ken Lloyd.

### **AFTER ENLISTMENT IN 1942**

Cecil was married in 1942.

When they first joined up in 1942 they were camped in Melville camp and after a while they were all sent home. When the Japs bombed Pearl Harbour they were all called back

in and held there. They used to go through the fence AWOL. Cecil said he used to hide his civilian motor bike in the bushes near the camp and go home on it after hours.

He enlisted in the Signals Corps first as a despatch rider but never saw a motor bike. Because he already had a drivers' licence he was put into the transport section. He used to drive commandeered civilian trucks which were fitted up as signalling vehicles. They would go all around the Swan river practicing sending signals to each other. He tells of one day some signaller sending a rude message which was intercepted at the other end by someone not intended to receive it and got a rough time for doing it. He learnt signalling at Melville Camp when he first joined up. He finally went over to 4 Fd Svy because they wanted a signaller to operate the heliographs and the 'lamps electric signalling Mk1' and there was an opportunity to be a Despatch Rider. In Survey he was employed as a transport driver, despatch rider, camouflage artist and signaller all at the same time.

While he was still in Signals he related an incident with a WO or Lt Deveresque who was in charge of the Signals transport. One day they were all lined up in front of their vehicles after checking the maintenance for the morning, saying in turn that everything was correct and one truck had an empty prune tin in the back of it. Deveresque had a speech impediment and he said to the driver, whose name was Driver, 'dwiver Dwiver, take that woody pwoon tin out of the back of that twuck'.

He said that all maintenance and servicing of vehicles was done at the Ordnance Depot at Midland. One day he had to collect a bundle of rifles to take back to Melville and when he arrived back there was a rifle missing and he was in trouble for a while.

Only the army vehicles had a maintenance log book, civilian vehicles did not and Cecil could not say if the civilians actually got their own vehicles back again or not. He has doubts whether they would have been worth having back.

To get their drivers' licence they had to prove their capabilities by driving or riding through the scrub and sand around Karrakatta.

Because one of his official tasks was Despatch Rider, he was issued with more clothes than any other person in the unit, he got breeches, leggings, water proof suit, gloves, hat and goggles besides the normal clothing issue.

Speaking of clothing, at one time they were engaged in the Battle for North Beach. During this time he remembered suddenly losing his motor bike wet weather gear and complained to anyone who would listen. No one had it. Shortly after, during a manoeuvre they had to ride their bikes side by side. Cecil found he had the Sergeant Major along side him. He also noticed that the Sergeant Major was wearing all the 'lost' wet weather gear.

Also during the Battle for North Beach they had to leave Karrakatta very early one morning in two groups, trucks and motor bikes. It was pitch dark and they were instructed to follow the tail lights of the vehicle ahead of them. Half the convoy got lost. They found out later that the lost half had followed the local sanitary truck around the neighbourhood for a while.

At the time there were no army bikes so they commandeered anything that was lying around from the civilians and used those, mainly still in their civilian colours, no air cleaners etc. Silver star BSA, gold star BSA, Triumph Tigers, his favourite, which he rode back from Dongarra non stop. He claims he could not get off the bike when he got home because he was so stiff with fatigue.

After a time the army got rid of the commandeered vehicles and they were all issued with American army vehicles, Fords and some Chevs, four wheel drive, which they used to drive, with much clashing of gears because they were not used to the crash boxes, around at the back of Karrakatta in the bush practicing. Transport Sgt Harold Painter was in

charge of the transport then

At one stage they were all issued with new English army bikes, painted army colours. These new army bikes were slower than the civilian bikes, he said.

Cecil remembers Bob Gomm, he has a picture drawn by Bob Gomm of a fellow from the Nor' West whose name was West, drinking from a bottle. He mentioned Frank Gomm who came in later and eventually had a boot shop at Manjimup. Bob Gomm built a wooden house in Shenton Park and Cecil would go over and lend a hand whenever he had time

When they found out that he was a qualified house painter he was given the task of camouflaging not only all of Survey vehicles in WA but all the tents and building as well, climbing all over hot roofs with the tender skin of as red head did not do him any good and eventually he succumbed to dermatitis and had to be hospitalised on discharge.

Another job he had with 4 Field Survey was to go to the Fremantle Cemetery and cut down trees and scrub in preparation for the laying out of the ground for War graves. This was in 1942. He mentions Eric Brooks, and a fellow called Sherwood.

He went to Gin Gin to camouflage the tents there. There was an Owen Sheard, a Sgt Major for this section, who told him later that the stuff they painted on the tents, rotted them, so that when packed away all the tents subsequently fell to pieces. It was a mixture of size with the different colours, when the sun came out all the tents went tight and when it rained or got damp, they all went limp and floppy.

To enable him to camouflage all the trucks, he had to travel to Bunbury, Mundijong, and other places. He says all the boys wanted kangaroos painted on the doors of their trucks and they were not supposed to do it but they did. He mentioned a young driver called Jackie O'Neil who has since died.

He had to paint the roofs of 4-5 huts along the road at Karrakatta. He was given a couple of blokes to help him at one time, one of them (cutting hair in the photograph) Len Lawrence had never painted before and painted himself into a corner and when he went to get down, he skidded on the wet paint straight off the roof. Luckily for him there was a banksia tree growing close by which he managed to grab hold of on his way to the ground.

He said that the Engineers decided what colours to use in the camouflage, green, brown and yellow matt. The Engineers also started them off with the various patterns to be used and left it up to them to continue with it. (Cecil Locke has always liked to paint in water colours and oils. He has excellent examples all around the walls of his home).

Using brushes only, they had to go around to other survey sections to camouflage the equipment, some sections had up to 50 vehicles more or less, which had to be painted, canopys as well, using ladders and any other way that they could to reach over the top. The patterns were not sketched in first but simply painted straight on by eye. He said he enjoyed the work, going around the sections camouflaging vehicles, tents and buildings. He was his own boss. He had a special truck loaded up with the painting equipment and the driver was supposed to help him.

When he went to Mundijong to paint their trucks, they had a dance that night because survey were supposed to be leaving. During the evening, he remembers, a white girl about 16 years of age, with a small boy with her, asked Cecil if he would walk home with her. He went with her part of the way and half way across a paddock she said that she would be okay from there on. He had not been back at the dance more than a half an hour when the girl came back without the small boy and the Sgt Major escorted her home. Cecil said that that happened quite a few times throughout the evening with the same girl. He had his

own ideas about what was going on, she seemed to be looking for trouble.

He mentions Stan Cowan a bus driver from Claremont, Capt Hugh Barkley, Maj Ewans in Yorkshire House in the Terrace DAD Svy, Cecil used to ride his motor bike there every day with data and mail

When he was riding his motor bike, the Brand Highway wasn't there yet, and he had to travel through Moora to a section which was camped at Jurian Bay. A Sgt Major Young used to go there quite often but didn't like the journey so passed it onto Cecil who had to go out there quite a few times carrying field notes to and fro. He had to go out from Dandarrigan through many paddocks containing horses, making it necessary to get off his bike to open and close all the gates.

The commandeered bike had no air cleaner and riding through the paddocks of loose sand affected the controls. The throttle slide often stuck open, revving the engine and could not be controlled at the twist grip. He said he was not game to put his hand under the tank and remove the spark plug lead so, to stop the bike he would pick a patch of loose sand and fall over, stalling the engine, he was then able to fix the slide valve, clean out the sand from the carburettor and continue on. He found himself on a collision course with a water tanker one day on the narrow sand track and decided to get out of the way, in doing so found that the going was better in the bush than on the track, the ground was harder, except for small stumps and blackboys.

At one time he ran out of petrol between Moora and the next place on and began to push the bike back towards Moora, he wasn't sure how far he had to go when luckily an army truck came along gave him some petrol so he went to Moora, stayed over night and came home the next day. Svy had an office in Moora manned by WO Len Evans who got on the back and returned to Perth with Cecil, the bike was a ridged frame in those days, however the road was sealed between Perth and Moora.

He remembers one day he had to deliver some paperwork to Capt Barkley's section near Dongarra and was determined to get back to Perth the same day, which was his birthday, that was the epic ride mentioned earlier where, when he arrived home he couldn't get off the bike. He should have gone direct to Karrakatta, but decided to go home first, being newly married. He was 28 years old then.

He mentions having to beware of the slit trenches all around Karrakatta which were a trap when riding his motor bike around.

The longest trip he did was to Dongarra. Once he had to go all the way to Jurian Bay to retrieve a pair of boots that were left there when the section came back in. Often sections working in the bush had to leave a colour patch nailed to a tree so that he could find their camp. He was collecting and delivering field books and correspondence. He and his motor bike were the link between the field sections and DAD Svy's office, there being no radio communications.

One day 4 Fd Svy went for a shoot at Swanbourne and a delicate situation arose. Cecil, being a despatch rider was not supplied with a bayonet and when they went for the run down, all shooters were supposed to have a bayonet fixed to their rifle. He and everyone else overlooked the fact that he didn't have one. He top scored in the run down. After a while Lt Harrison, the Adjutant woke up about the bayonet and made him do the run down again, this time with a bayonet fixed, but again he top scored. He mentioned Frank Cohen because seeing Frank's photo in the No 4 issue of West Link, prompted the story during the interview. He said modestly, that he was as good a shot as Frank on the range in those days.

He said for the Militia King's prize the run down was from 600 yds, firing from every mound, standing, kneeling and lying.

Cecil mentions a Fred Armstrong who went to New Guinea and rose to the rank of Colonel. Whenever he saw Cecil he used to say, "Ah! Cecil, the best shot in the unit"

At Karrkatta he had about a dozen motor bikes to look after. Sometimes he used to pull them to pieces for something to do and never get them together again, Ordinance would come and take them away to reassemble them.

One weekend, when most people were on leave, he and some other transport fellas were still around and Cecil decided to do little bit of skiting on his motor bike. He rode up onto the inspection ramp and swaned around the greasy square top for a while demonstrating his ability at balancing. Somehow he got off balance and couldn't get upright again and fell off down the pit. Fortunately the bike caught on the edge and didn't follow him down which everyone thought would happen, but he ended up with grease and oil all over his uniform.

One day he had to drive some officers, Lt Harrison was one, to Buckland Hill and he waited in the vehicle for their return. There were some anti aircraft guns in place nearby and while he was quietly sitting there, one went off unannounced, he said the blast nearly lifted him out of the vehicle, affecting his ears.

Subsequent to this, he and someone else were sent over to Rottnest to occupy a certain point with a lamps electric signalling Mk1, the light of which was to be observed by an observer on the mainland, the object of the exercise was a check on sighting of the anti aircraft gun. When they arrived on Rottnest, someone put them on the wrong mark. A signal was received from the mainland advising them that the bearing didn't check out so they had to move again, to set up on the correct mark. He said it was great fun, the boys used to catch the quokkers and take them home in cages to the mainland.

He also used to help Bob Gomm make the beacons with wooden legs and metal vanes and wires. The material was all new, they were made to a definite plan, pulled to pieces, trucked to the site and reassembled over a ground mark.

## MOROTAI

Cecil then moved on to some photos taken in Morotai. He left for Morotai in 1945 with 4 Fd Svy but got mixed up with 3 Fd Svy at Morotai at the close of the war where they witnessed the signing of the surrender papers. They only spent a few months there.

Enroute to Morotai they moved from Karrakatta to Guildford where they cooled their heels for a while, then they moved to South Australia by rail, in cattle trucks, then went on to Melbourne where they were held up for twelve days because of floods further up.

While he was on Morotai he worked with and assisted a Sgt Grovsner, an electrician, who ran two big diesel engines, which had to be cranked to get them going, driving a large lighting plant to provide power for the drawing room tent, eventually they went to a big V8 motor to run the generator.

He had also to climb up and down the coconut trees to string up electrical wires, all the time being eaten alive by ants also climbing up and down the trees. He remembers the Second First Survey were camped nearby

We went on to discuss some literature from Morotai, surrender papers, American propaganda material. Gracie Fields came over to give them a concert (he has a programme)

Early one morning someone discovered a Japanese landing barge down on the beach, it caused a great concern with people rushing around in all directions getting ready. The

troops had to put out trip wires with cans hanging on them, all around the perimeter. That night the guard was doubled and they all stood to with an issue of two whole rounds of ammunition each. Cecil was on guard with an Eastern States fella, whose name he forgets, lying on the ground in the rain under the coconut trees. The crabs used to climb the coconut trees, bite off a bundle of coconuts which would come down with a crash to the ground which increased the confusion and tension. They were lying there when suddenly they heard a rustling in the bushes to their front. They both began to panic, Cecil had his finger on the trigger, ready to pull it at any moment, but it was no use, it was pitch dark, with nothing to see. The rustling seemed to be getting closer and closer to their position. 'Here they come'. They were reluctant to fire because it would have given away the position of the camp. It got to a climax when suddenly there was a rush right on them. It turned out to be wild pigs and a couple of days later they had wild pig for dinner. The meat had to be inspected by the doctor and passed as fit to eat before they could cook it.

When he arrived back in Western Australia he found he was in 5 Fd Svy

He took a discharge from Karrakatta about Nov/Dec 1945. He went home and returned next day with dermatitis all over him and was put in the Melville Repatriation Hospital, for skin diseases and ulcers, where they cured him. His wife however, blames Timid Joe Dog Soap for eventually curing his skin problems.

After he left the army he was offered a job with an electrician friend but declined having decided to start his own business as a house painter.

After the war Capt Dunne asked him to paint his house at Beacon out from Bencubbin. He says the amusing thing about that was that during the war he had to carry Capt Dunne's luggage down to the station when went on leave but when he arrived at Beacon by rail to start on the house Capt Dunne carried Cecil's luggage for him. As the song goes-- "I've got my Captain working for me now".

*I would like to take this opportunity to thank Cecil Locke for his great cooperation in spending time with me answering questions and trying to remember his wartime service.*

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Seen assembling in readiness for the 1992 Anzac Day March





Back at the Unit relaxing after the march with the kids and friends for a bar-be-cue lunch and the Annual General Meeting.



Happy faces seen around the tables at the Corps Birthday Party.



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### 3rd FIELD SURVEY COMPANY DAYS

An autobiographical record of service during the period May 1942 to December 1945 by ex-Sergeant Ron McCallum of the 3rd and 4th Field Survey Companies of the Australian Army in Western Australia and Queensland.

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Mr Rodger Hancock  
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Dear Sir,

Herewith copy of 'Survey Company Days'. An autobiography of the period, 1942-1945 in which I served as a member of the 3rd and 4th Field Survey Companies of the Australian Army in Western Australia and Queensland. It was compiled sometime in the 1950's and is a true and correct record as far as I am aware, of my experiences, impressions and recollections. I gained a lot of satisfaction in preparing this record and others may do so also when reading it. Anyhow I hope that it may be of some interest and value to the Squadron.

Wishing you all the best  
Yours sincerely

Ron McCallum

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My association with the 4th Field Survey Coy began in May 1942. After a process of elimination in which numerous Army authorities throughout the metropolitan area were contacted, Capt Medcalf was eventually run to earth at the Survey camp at Karrakatta and he agreed that I might find a place amongst the gentlemen of the Survey Company.

On Labour Day which fell on the first Monday in May I lined up with a varied collection of males at the Claremont Show grounds. We milled around the various buildings filling in forms, being sworn in and sworn at, being issued with odd pieces of uniform and sundry bits of equipment. We were examined, measured, photographed and roared at by 'Chisel Chin' whose mighty voice surpassed even that of the pack of dogs that invaded the Show Grounds throughout the war years.

On Thursday of the same week Ernie Penberthy, 'Sharpie' and myself made our first train journey at the Army's expense, from Claremont to Karrakatta.

The following day Bill Johnson, bless his kindly face and hard heart, issued me with one pair of working pants and one khaki shirt. (The business of clothes was apparently to be my problem) I was then taken to Westfield, west of Armadale, where No.3 Section was established. Here Bruce Shipway and Syd Paulette took pity on a poor 'Sap' and found a place for me to lay my weary head. Next day was payday but there was no pay for me. Week-end leave followed.

On Monday morning No.3 Section moved back to Perth. Bob Bevan who appeared to be the big noise in No.3 Section persuaded the Quartermaster to issue me with a few more clothes and my wardrobe including gas-mask, tin-hat and rifle was almost complete.

On Tuesday morning the section moved to Chittering. I was fast becoming familiar with circus life. Putting up tents, pulling down tents, loading trucks and unloading trucks and then moving on to the next stand became a routine exercise as far I was concerned.

The cook, whose name I've forgotten, and I, joined forces for a couple of days. This was an unpalatable job but never the less an easy one. It was at Chittering that I became acquainted with Ray Stenburg and Brian Wilson and other disturbers of the peace whose names escape me. 'Spike' Nolan, an old survey hand, took me under his wing for a couple of days and we followed up an old survey line. I was really progressing in the art of surveying. On Saturday morning I went bush again but within an hour was back in camp again with 20 minutes in which to pack my gear. The old circus act was on again. Soon I was on my way back to Perth with Terry Cole at the wheel. Terry proved to be good company until he gave me a hell of a fright near the Axon Street bridge. The remainder of the journey was completed in silence.

The S.M. wasted few words. Week-end leave. Report in camp at 2300 hours on Sunday ready to leave by train for Bunbury.

'Pen', Bob Badman and a couple of others were my companions on the 'Mid-night' horror as it proceeded on its weary way through the darkness, a journey whose monotony was broken only by one cold pie and one hot cup of tea after another.

It was a bleak, wet morning when a bright and cheery Jim Cahill met the not so cheerful little group of reinforcements at the Bunbury station and drove us to headquarters in a house near the Back Beach. Here we met Ernie McWhirter, a good bloke (I didn't say a good cook) who provided us with a most welcome breakfast.

No one showed any interest in us newcomers. We were left to idle away the morning. Alex Rosenwax took pity on us and introduced us to some new fangles poker game. Most of my few shillings soon disappeared in Rosie's pocket. I gave up while 4/- remained. I had learnt my first lesson, not a very expensive one fortunately. I never played poker again throughout my army career.

Edgar Crutchett, that morose argumentive and unloveable character haunted the Bunbury Headquarters. Capt Dunne the O.C. did not exactly endear himself to his subordinates either. Despite the efforts of Jimmy Cahill and Alex Rosenwax it was not a cheerful atmosphere at Bunbury. My sole contribution to the Bunbury Map was done under the direction of Gordon Francis Errington and consisted in carrying a staff from High water mark to the top of a high sand hill known as Koombana, on three separate occasions.

During the daytime we were mainly confined to barracks. To a stranger, Bunbury at night was a pretty dull sort of place. The whole town was in darkness except for the lighthouse which proudly provided a brilliant beam of light for any passing aeroplane.

Naturally my stay in Bunbury was quite short. Ernie Penberthy, Ron Orwin, Lt Camm and a few other departed for the campsite adjoining the Cabbage Tree Inn at Muja about ten miles east of Collie. The original gang were packed like sardines in the local hall. We newcomers shivered in tents while the frost lay thick on the ground.

It was here that I met up with those two old reprobates, Jim Faulker and Jim Stewart. Likeable mates when sober but a couple of devils at other times. Reg Pental (Blondie) was my team mate on several occasions--how that man could walk! I was also a member of George Bush's party for a few days. Bushie, a farmer was a great scout. Bill Bradley and Jim Anderson, two fine goldfields lads with whom we have lost contact were also members of the team. About ten days were spent at Muja finishing off the Collie map.

What part I played in its completion is beyond me. Another payday came and went and I was still not on the payroll.

Having completed the Collie map to the satisfaction of Capt Dunne, the Muja party returned to Bunbury, prior to returning to Perth. Some of the local lassies staged a farewell party, quite popular with the younger members who had created some favourable impressions, and on a Saturday morning towards the end of May, No.1 Section bid farewell to Bunbury. The circus was on the move once again. The next performance was to be at Karrakatta.

The following week, after some re-organisation the section headed north to Geraldton. A large house on the southern approach to the town became headquarters and a nearby smaller house was acquired as sleeping quarters. This was to become home for almost six months.

I had now been in the army for just over a month and at last was able to collect some pay. My basic training had been exactly nil but a brief period spent in the school cadets come twenty years earlier enabled me to carry out the necessary drill and rifle exercises without getting into too much strife.

Army life in Geraldton was on the whole pretty pleasant. We worked six days a week. Night and Sunday leave was readily available and there was a fair amount of entertainment to be had.

A large Air Force base was operating east of the town and large numbers of Victorian troops were camped within twenty miles of Geraldton. Many of the civilian population had left the town, influenced no doubt by the overthrow of Java and Singapore and the bombing of Broome. The war was now becoming more real than was the case in quiet, peaceful Bunbury. We experienced one air raid warning while in Durlacher Street house. It happened quite early one morning. Most of us spent fifteen minutes or so in a couple of damp, snail-infested slit trenches while Capt Dunne whiled away the time in the nearby lavatory. Ernie McWhirter, unperturbed, continued with his task of preparing the breakfast.

*To be continued in Issue No 6.*

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## **GROG AT A TEMPERANCE RALLY**

by Cedric Clutterbuck

In Brisbane, during the War, the good old amber liquid was a BIT hard to obtain. Anyhow, one Saturday afternoon, a couple of mates and myself, while on Army leave, found a 'drinking hole' out in "The Valley", a well known suburb and very kindly we were sold half a dozen bottles of the famous XXXX. (well the Queensland boys reckon it's famous) then we made our way to a nearby park to have a bit of a drink.

We'd no sooner settled under a shady tree, when the local Temperance League kids decided to have a bit of a 'Get-Together' right in front of us and of course they could see what we were up to. They'd arranged a slogan competition in banner form and it wasn't long before these young teetotalers gathered around and we were confronted by all these signs being waved at us, such as, 'no booze is good booze', 'it kicketh like a mule', and it biteth like a serpent'. All non-alco stuff

It was all good fun as they manoeuvred their slogans into eye-catching positions and we waved our bottles back in acknowledgment. Anyhow, it all ended quite friendly before we broke up and wait for it---signed "The Pledge".

# WHAT DO YOU CALL YOUR S.S.M. SOLDIER?

A study in military etiquette

by Ray Sargeant

During the Esperance trip in 1965, the troops, including attached personnel, had been allowed to buy goods from the field canteen on credit, and at the end of the trip they were expected to square their account fairly promptly.

A few weeks after the field party returned to the Artillery Barracks at Fremantle, field allowance cheques arrived at the unit from the Pay Office to be distributed in the normal way by the Orderly Room, which was the usual procedure. What was not usual is what followed!

One of the recipients of a cheque was a signaller who had been detached from the SAS Regiment to go with the Survey Party. WO1 (Father) J Booton, the unit SSM, called Cpl Ray Sargeant into his office and told him to take the cheque by Landrover to the SAS Regiment, find this signaller and give him the envelope BUT, because he was one of the ones owing money to the canteen he was not to hand over the cheque until the guy paid what was owing.

Ray arrived at SAS Regiment, found the Orderly Room and asked for the signaller, explaining that he had a cheque for him. The Orderly Room wallah informed Ray that the sig. was on leave, it being around Xmas time, and advised Ray to leave the cheque with him and he would see that the sig. got it in due course.

Ray explained to him that he had been told not to leave the cheque until the Survey field canteen account had been paid. Even when it was pointed out to him that the cheque was in an envelope addressed to the signaller and was rightfully his, Ray firmly repeated his orders and turned to go.

As he turned towards the door, the room suddenly lit up with a blinding white light, and squinting his eyes against the glare, he observed a hazy, God-like figure, resplendent in gleaming Sam Browne, double starched greens, triple polished boots and hair cut to exactly one eighth of an inch all over, confronting him, demanding to be told what was going on.

Nothing in Ray's previous experience had in any way prepared him for a situation such as this. He dimly heard the Orderly Room fella explaining about the cheque and how this Corporal from Survey was refusing to hand it over. Again he heard the terrible voice, this time demanding reasons, explanations. With SSM Booton's exact instructions ringing in his ears, Ray manfully licked his lips and doggedly repeated his orders to the shining apparition. "I have been told not to leave the cheque until the signaller pays his canteen bill".

"What did you say?" growled God.

"I have been told not to leave the cheque until the signaller pays his canteen bill"  
Ray told him again a bit louder, wondering if he was hard of hearing.

"What did you say?" bellowed God whose face was beginning to go the colour of the pink bit in one of his rainbows

"I have been told not to leave the cheque until the signaller pays his canteen bill", gulped Ray, becoming aware that this might get serious.



**"What did you say?"** God's voice seemed to come from all over the place and his complexion by this time had got to a brilliant Sunset red.

Ray took a deep breath to carefully go over it one more time when God, realising he was not getting anywhere, roared, **"Don't you call your SSM SIR?"**

"No", quavered Ray, his knees barely supporting him.

**"Well what do you call your SSM soldier"?**

"I call our SSM 'Father'" said Ray truthfully, feeling he was on fairly firm ground.

After the bits from the explosion stopped falling wherein Ray had been threatened with everything from total annihilation in the worst kind of way, to being made to sweep the entire parade ground with a tooth brush forever, he somehow managed to make good an escape, still clutching the cheque in a death like grip, and went shaking back to explain to Father Booton what had happened. Jim told him not to worry, and assured Ray that he, Father, would fix everything.

But to this day, Noddy goes the long way around rather than go past the SAS Regiment at Swanbourne.

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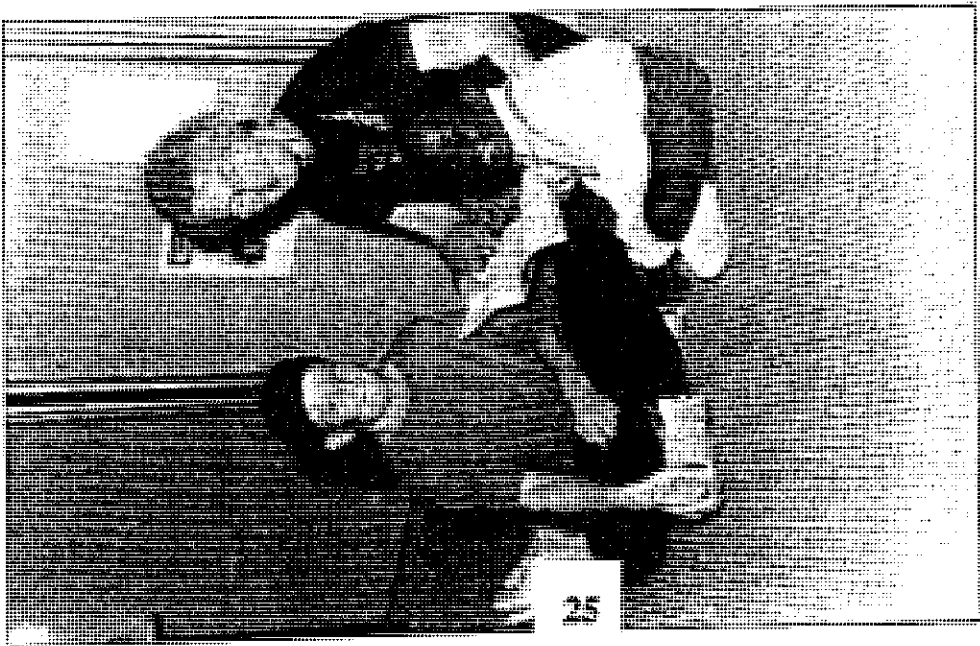
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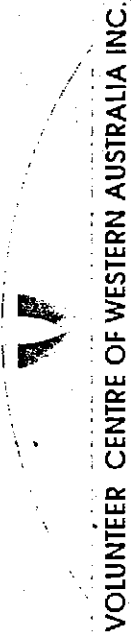


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79 Stirling Street, Perth W.A. 6000  
Telephone (09) 220 0676 Fax (09) 220 0617

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## **ARE YOU A SELF-FUNDED RETIREE?**

### **IF YOU ARE:**

- \*A VICTIM OF FALLING INTEREST RATES
- \*PAYING INCOME TAX AS THOUGH STILL IN THE WORKFORCE
- \*PAYING MORE FOR EVERYTHING ON A DIMINISHING INCOME
- \*BEING PENALISED FOR A LIFETIME OF THRIFT

## **THEN YOU ARE A SELF-FUNDED RETIREE**

### **FOR YOU**

- NO TAX REBATE TO GIVE YOU \$10,060 TAX FREE INCOME
- NO PROVISIONAL TAX EXEMPTION UP TO \$17,529 INCOME
- NO HEALTH CARD
- NO PHARMACEUTICAL CONCESSIONS
- NO SPLIT INCOMES, ETC, ETC,.....

### **ARE YOU CONCERNED ABOUT THIS INJUSTICE?**

## **IF YOU ARE-----JOIN OUR ASSOCIATION LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD**

**DEMAND JUSTICE  
DEMAND A FAIR DEAL  
MAKE THE POLLIES LISTEN AND ACT ON YOUR BEHALF**

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

LES PEARSON                      ☎ 293 3607

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## **DO IT NOW**

**HELP SECURE YOUR FUTURE  
TALK ABOUT US TO OTHER SELF FUNDED RETIREES**

**WE NEED YOUR IMMEDIATE SUPPORT IN  
ACTIVELY PROMOTING MEMBERSHIP**

**How can an eligible person be referred?**

**Through:**

**Local Medical Officers**

**Self Referral .**

**Family Referral**

**Geriatric Assessment**

**Team Referral**

**A written referral is not always necessary to access the service, particularly in the case of an emergency**

**Telephone referrals will be accepted by the Social Work section either at RGH Hollywood on 346 6373, or at the Veterans' Affairs Branch Office on 425 8222 (ask for the Social Worker).**



**EMERGENCY  
SHORT-TERM HOME  
RELIEF**

**PLANNED IN-HOME  
RESPITE CARE**

**Assistance to Veterans  
and Carers in Their  
Own Home**

**The Department of Veterans' Affairs now provides supplementary assistance for veterans and their carers . This assistance is offered so that war widows and war widowers can continue to live in their own homes.**

**The primary source of veteran home support will continue to be mainstream community services.**

**Local community organisations will provide the services on behalf of the Department.**

**Emergency Short-Term Home Relief**

**The Department pays the cost of respite care when a veteran's carer or family are suddenly and temporarily unable to continue providing care and the veteran is at risk of being placed in an institution.**

**Emergency short-term relief may be in addition to domiciliary nursing or other support services normally provided to the veteran.**

**Emergency short-term home relief is for assistance in urgent, crisis situations only. It would normally be provided for about three days, and generally not more than five days.**

**Planned In-Home Respite Care**

**Veterans are now eligible for in-home respite care as an alternative to institutional respite care. This is intended to give the carer a break on a planned and limited basis while causing the least disruption to the veteran**

**Prior approval is required - your DVA Branch Office has the details.**

**Eligibility**

**PTEC yellow card holders  
SPBC red card holders  
DTEC lilac card holders  
STEC white card holders have restricted eligibility, please contact your DVA Branch Office for details.**

