



Porky Seven News



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From The President

It seems that only a few months ago when our last Seven News was produced we were reflecting on the snap restrictions being imposed in response to the Delta strain of COVID19 on the east coast. Now after a number of months of restrictions we appear to be on the way out, with our lives returning to some degree of normality.

Despite the restrictions our Battalion to do great work. Since our last newsletter another 200 troops deployed on tasks supporting the community through the Delta outbreak deploying into Sydney and western NSW and to Melbourne, involving themselves in duties supporting communities with highest levels of transmission. I personally visited a number of them deployed into western NSW and I can attest for the great work they did in assisting isolated communities in a time of great uncertainty and confusion, and being Sydney based I saw first-hand the work they performed in the metropolitan areas.

Despite the heavy tasking domestically, the Battalion has continued to train hard. I was very pleased to note they won the Simpson Trophy again. The Trophy is awarded to the winner of a rifle shooting competition between South Australian units. For those not aware, Adelaide is also home to 1st Armour Regiment, 16th Air Land Regiment (formerly Air Defence Regt) and the reserve units of 9th Brigade. The competition was revived in 2012 following a number of years in recess. Noting the circumstances of the past two years and the time the troops have spent interstate on domestic support operations, the fact that the trophy was contested is a great reflection of the efforts of all the units involved.

I was very pleased to see our most recent ex CO, Lieutenant Colonel Adam Gower, promoted to Colonel recently at Victoria Barracks in Sydney, and I would also take this opportunity to mention Lieutenant Chris Gilmore, a former 7 RAR Company Commander, who takes up his appointment as Commanding Officer of 5 RAR in Darwin in December. He will link up at 5 RAR with WO1 Sean Casey, an ex 7 RAR CSM. Recently I also had the great honour to commission WO2 Peter Brinkworth to the rank of Captain. Peter was member of 5/7 RAR who more recently served in a number of instructional appointments in Sydney based units. Like his father and former 7 RAR man WO2 Stephen Brinkworth, Peter has

trained a generation of our JNCOs and officers. We wish them the best in their new appointments.

I have asked the Commanding Officer to keep us apprised of circumstances in Adelaide in the lead-up to Anzac Day. The Battalion intends to march as a formed group this coming Anzac Day and noting the day falls on a Monday it may give people the opportunity to gather, pending travel restrictions of course.

Finally may I wish all members and their families a Merry Christmas and I do hope that you all have the opportunity to gather with friends and families after many months of separation?

Mick Garraway

President



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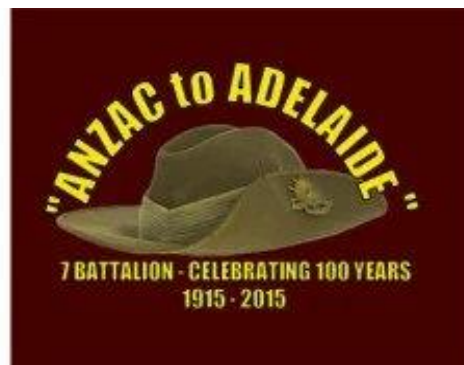
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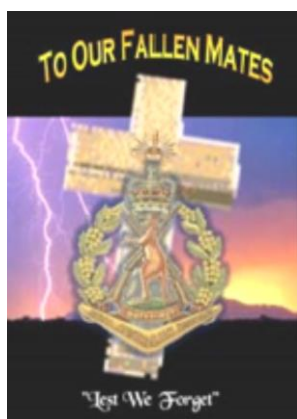
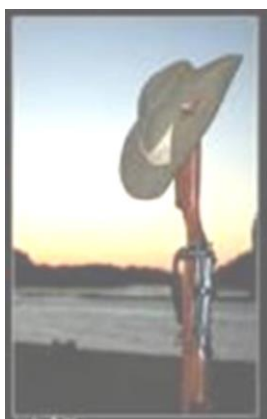
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DECEMBER 2021 TO APRIL 2022

- Sat Dec 25 Christmas Day –everywhere.
- Sat Jan 1 News Years Day – everywhere.
- Fri Apr 1 Cut-Off for articles for Apr 22 Seven News.
- Mon Apr 25 ANZAC DAY A STATES.



**"Rest ye oh Warrior, You will battle no more,
No longer to live the horrors of war,
Your duty was done with honour and pride,
Farewell oh brother, until we march by your side.
It is with deep and sincere sympathy that I report
the death of former Friends and
Comrades in arms"**

**313794 Raymond George Krzyzanski, A1 2nd tour,
passed away early July 2021.**

**Mary Harker, wife of Kevin, both tours, passed away
Wednesday 8 September 2021.**

**3797269 Robert John Ford, A/CHQ 2nd tour, passed
away Friday 1 October 2021.**

**1731671 Douglas Roy Mc Laughlan, C/CHQ 1st tour,
passed away Late October 2021.**



From the Editor's Desk

As we all know this COVID-19 pandemic has had us totally controlled as to what we were able to do since early 2020, however things are starting to open up and hopefully by Christmas we will be able to celebrate with most of our family and friends. These lockdowns have controlled our lives on and off since the start of the Pandemic but hopefully we will come out of it with very little damage to our people but a big hangover economically.

It has been very interesting within the Association looking back at the reprint of our 7 in 70 account of our 2nd tour of Vietnam thanks to the great effort by Karl Metcalf, firstly to do all the work to get it to the printers and then the Battalion's assistance with a number of our SA members to get it packaged and posted to those members who had ordered a copy. The left over copies were then sent to Kev Gillett who has continued to post books when orders are received. Just a note, Karl is in the process of writing a book to cover the Battalions 1st tour of Vietnam 1967-68.

A warning to members, please check your financial status, I have done an audit and discovered a few members are well overdue to renew memberships, I have removed a number who have been un-financial since 2014/15/16 for this issue before the next issue I will go further and remove all those members who are not financial beyond 2020 so please check your status.

Tony Keech - Editor

THE BEST FROM THE WEST

Hello PIGS everywhere, I hope your state is out of lockdown and lifting some of the Covid restrictions so that we can all get back to some normality.

WA PIGS OAM INVESTITURE

As mentioned in the previous newsletter, two of our WA PIGS were awarded the OAM in the Queen's Birthday Honours List and the investiture ceremony was held at Government House on the 8th September 2021. Below are photos of Allan West OAM and Steve Chamarette OAM receiving their awards from The Honourable Kim Beazley AC, Governor of Western Australia.



Allan West OAM with The Honourable Kim Beazley AC



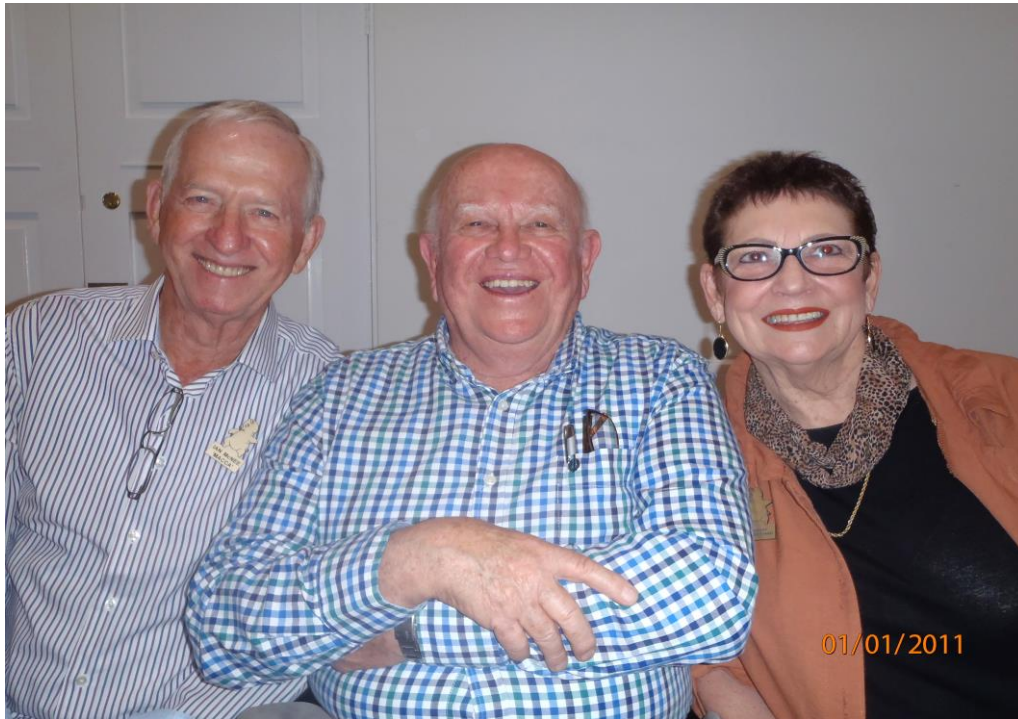
Steve Chamarette OAM with The Honourable Kim Beazley AC

2021 PIGS SWILL

The annual WA PIGS SWILL was held at BS & Co in Perth on Friday 19th November and was attended by over 50 PIGS and PARTNERS. Numbers would have been more but for a few late withdrawals: Graham Edwards was in hospital for day surgery but no news as yet and Nicole Anderton, daughter of the late Ron Anderton and her mother Sandra couldn't come due to Nicole's work commitments. Others who paid but were unable to attend were Ann Cowen and Clive and Rebecca Chapman, who were both sick and donated their payment to the association. Great to see Vicki Sheppard, partner of Glen Moore who passed away in April and Big Jim Wilson, first outing in over 50 years. Bob and Valma Wood have returned to WA and we welcomed them to the lunch as well.

Don Cruden welcomed us all and thanked those who had assisted throughout the year, with a big "thank you" to Allan and Betty West for all the work they do with the raffles. Peter Vlachou recited the "Ode", then Bob Curry read out the Honour Roll from the first tour, John Davies the second tour and Ray Pack read out the Honour Roll for Afghanistan, who with his wife Lyn came all the way from Grass Valley for the lunch. Other travellers were Chris and Jan Wark from Bunbury.

Steve Chamarette gave the Battalion Prayer and then Ian McNee gave us a Prayer of Remembrance, then we got stuck into eatin' and drinkin'. Lunch was great and the beers cold, what more could you want. Photos of various attendees below from John Davies.



Ian McNee, Steve Chamarette and Vicki Sheppard



Spunky looks happy



Pam Matheson, Peter Vlachou and Sandra Vlachou



John Davies and Valma Wood



Geoff Brophy, Peter "Pepe" Hedrick

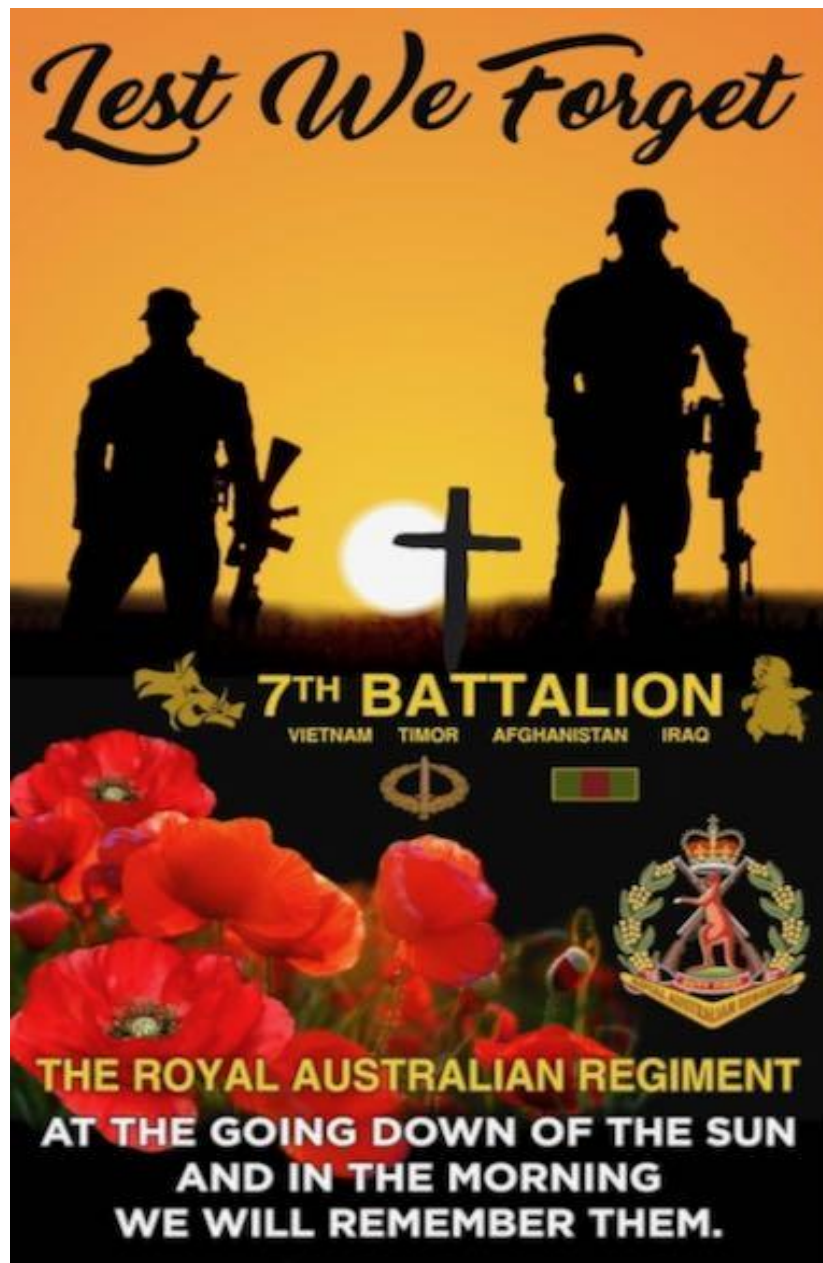


Tony and Shirley Cocodis, Chris Wark in background

DON'S MERCHANDISE - FLAGS

Don Cruden advises that he has four (4) only flags left, the ones with The Ode printed at the bottom. "First in Best Dressed" for these last four flags, at \$70 each including postage. Call Don on

(08) 93740014 or email dcruden1@bigpond.com if you are interested.





Peter Kerley's flags flying at home.

BRUCE ROCK "BACK TO THE BUSH REUNION" by Don Cruden

I attended the "Back to The Bush" Vietnam Veterans service at Bruce Rock on Sat. 6th November accompanied by my grandson Mathew Graham. The town itself has improved the area around their War Memorial and amphitheatre and added to the service conducted there today. In attendance were banner carriers Ross DeGray and Peter Vlachou, marching were: Keith Lewis, Bob Curry, John Cutbush, "Kanga" Battersby and a surprise attendee was Bob Wood, now back in Busselton. We had around another half dozen (from wherever) as there were only 1RAR and our banner from all the Battalions. Quite a shame as over the past 20 years that this service has been going there has been, regretfully, a decline in unit attendances, however the population of Bruce Rock certainly show their appreciation of our marching and attendance.

A round trip of some 500km but most enjoyable.

p.s. Gosh I forgot to add - Gordon Dickson was in attendance, however with an ankle injury and wearing a moon boot he managed to get a (free) ride on one of the vintage jeeps in attendance. An infantry grunt with a good excuse not to march ha ha.



Gordon Dickson with "scooter"

REMEMBRANCE DAY ROCKINGHAM by Val O'Brien

I've attached photos from the Rockingham Remembrance Service and as I could not make it to Katanning this year, I attended the local service. Considering the many services conducted throughout the metro areas, the local people and school children were there in high numbers. Really wonderful day. Cheers and kind regards Valerie

(Val O'Brien, a great supporter of the 7RAR Association WA is the sister of Noel Crouch from Katanning, KIA 2nd Tour).





PEARLS FROM VICTORIA

A Sword Mystery

Last September the following email was received from the VVAA(Vic):-

CAN ANYBODY ASSIST WITH PAUL'S QUERY

Hi all,

Can anybody assist Paul in locating 5717231 Jeffrey Howard MANN or offer any further information on the sword below. (*Pauls request below*)

Jeffery served in Vietnam:

1st Australian Reinforcement Unit 10/9/1970 till 2/12/1970

7th Battalion, The Royal Australia Regiment 3/12/1970 till 27/1/1971

Headquarters, Australian Force Vietnam (Army Component) 28/1/1971 till 9/9/1971

Please pass on any information to Paul direct on 0448 383 468 or: paul.cowled@gmail.com

Regards George

Hello.

I am an ex serviceman and I also collect 1895/1897 pattern Infantry officers swords. Most of my swords are pre WW1 and from the UK.

A few years back, I purchased a Wilkinson 1897 sword that was engraved Jeffrey Howard MANN and 1973.

I looked at the the AWM rolls, and it appears he was a PTE soldier, Svce# 5717231, attached to the 1st Australian Reinforcement Unit from 10-09-70 to 02-12-70.

Then 7th Battalion, The Royal Australia Regiment from 03-12-70 to 27-01-72. Finally Headquarters, Australian Force Vietnam (Army Component).

Now I assume Jeff took a commission at some time and was presented the sword in 1973. The sword has a sword knot that is brown and blue. (*I am unsure of what unit/corps this is linked to*)

I was hoping you may be able to fill in some gaps about Jeff, his career and maybe some unit history.

Cheers Paul
0448 383 468



This led to a flurry of emails between several of us but no trace of Jeffrey Mann could be found in any of the records available to us or Tony Keech other than the Nominal Roll of Vietnam Veterans. If he graduated as an officer it wasn't through RMC Duntroon as the two Manns listed there were not in the same years that Jeffrey would have been attending, had he been an officer cadet.

Our final thoughts were that Jeffrey Mann had returned to the UK shortly after discharge and had not taken an active part in post-Army activities, nevertheless someone should have served with him during his time in 7RAR and the Committee would be delighted if you could let us know some more of his background – and let Paul Cowled know as well.

Remembrance Day 2021

The State of Victoria is returning a semblance of normality which meant that services of remembrance were going to be able to be held without too many restrictions. I attended the service being conducted at the East Keilor RSL as I hadn't the chance this year due to lockdowns and other regulations, As usual KERSL conducted a simple and moving ceremony but President 'Johnno' Johnson likes to involve local schools where possible - this case Keilor Heights Primary School who have been happy to be involved as well. Two grade 6 kids Arielle and James read "The Inquisitive Mind of a Child" and two more, Pandora and Oliver, laid wreaths. The National Anthems of New Zealand and Australia concluded the Service.





Trail to feature significant places and events in Australia to highlight the place of the Light Horse in our history.

Committee Matters

Like 2020, the Victorian Committee has not met in any real way this year except for a brief flurry around Anzac Day. We have scheduled a brief get-together for 8th December at Noble Park RSL and all 7RAR are very welcome to attend – please let us know if you can come along. Our AGM has been deferred until February 2022

and a notification to members will be sent out via Mailchimp and Facebook. Nominations will be welcomed, please.

Parting Shot

To make a mistake is human, but to blame it on someone else, that's even mor human

Anonymous

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An update on the 7th Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment

Throughout 2021, 7 RAR has maintained a high level of readiness, a high standard of soldiering and a great level of fitness. This has been achieved through several Battalion (Bn) and Company (Coy) led training iterations. Training has had a future focus throughout the year, with the intention to target standard operating procedures towards the future threats that the Australian Army are likely to face.

K1 - Alpha Company

Quarters three and four have seen Alpha Coy deployed on Op COVID-19 ASSIST (C19A) across NSW. Although the company has been spread throughout the state, they have still maintained a good level of fitness and training, focussing on individual PT and professional learning. As of late November 21, the majority of the company has returned to Adelaide, and they are keen for a well-earned break.

K2 - Bravo Company

Quarter three has been a busy period for B Coy, conducting in-depth vehicle husbandry and ensuring that the members of the Coy are fully conversant on all tactics, techniques and procedures and how to live and fight out of an armoured personnel carrier. There has also been a large focus on urban operations training. This saw the Coy develop paired, section and platoon standard operating procedures in an urban environment, against a free thinking and adaptive enemy, with great success.

Quarter four has seen a significant portion of the Coy deployed interstate to NSW and VIC, on Op C19A. The company has also been

vigorously working on a robust fitness program and training program in order to prepare the Coy for the Bn Section Competition.

K3 - Charlie Company

K3 has deployed a significant number of members on Op C19A in NSW under K1 HQ. The remainder of the company has been focused on the establishment of an exercise at the defunct Holden facility, hosting the incoming Commander of the 1st Brigade, Man Marking Munitions training and autonomous vehicle trials.

K5 - Admin Company

Admin Coy has split their efforts between maintaining the fleet, purchasing a new crane and sports. Under the guidance of CSM Admin Coy, the SNCOs were led to victory over the Officers in cricket.

K6 - Support Company

Support Coy has had a busy quarter three and four, finding themselves supporting a large number of courses and activities. On Sun 21 Nov 21, they helped bring 7 RAR victory in the Simpson Cup shooting competition - scoring first and third place with two teams, and scoring the top three shots on the day as well.

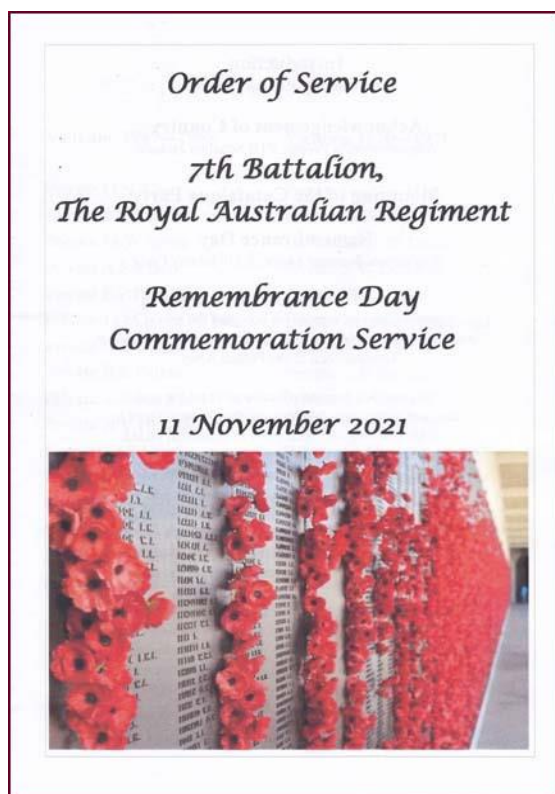


NEWS FROM SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Our monthly lunches have continued through August, September and October and considering the weather and medical appointments we averaged a good average attendance of eight to these lunches.

REMEMBRANCE DAY COMMEMORATION SERVICE

Horseshoe Lines, Edinburgh Military Base, South Australia



In response to an invitation from the Commanding Officer of 7RAR four 7RAR Veterans (Vietnam) attended the Commemoration Service at the Horseshoe Lines.

We arrived at the Edinburgh Military Base at 9:30, as requested by the CSM of Support Coy, and escorted to the Horseshoe Lines where we mixed and mingled with members of the Battalion and other invited guests where I enjoyed not only good conversation but also an excellent coffee in the Pig Pen. The time was closing in on 10:30 and so we made our way to the front of Battalion Headquarters where the Service was to be held.

Additional 7RAR personnel had come in from their various assigned duties and training on base and were on parade along with two armoured vehicles patiently waiting for the Service to commence.



The guest area was under cover and of course the soldiers on parade were out in the open.

It looked like they would be getting wet.

The 7RAR weather gods had other plans as was no rain until well after the Service was finished.



The mounting of the Catafalque Party



LTCOL Roland Spackman

The Service commenced at 10:30 with an Introduction by the Adjutant, CAPT. Max Convey, Acknowledgement of Country by PTE Schallen Jackson, followed by the Mounting of the Catafalque Party. RSM, WO1 Johnny Craig then spoke of the significance of Remembrance Day and how the name was changed from Armistice Day after World War Two. He said that today the loss of Australian lives from all wars and conflicts is commemorated on Remembrance Day. The Soldiers Prayer was the responsibility of the youngest Battalion Soldier, PTE Rylie Carter.

The Commanding Officer, LTCOL Roland Spackman, then spoke at length about the history of "the Sevens" including the 7thAIF, the 7thAust INF, the 2/7 2nd AIF and 7RAR. Wreaths were then laid followed by the Ode, Last Post, Two Minutes Silence and the Rouse. After the Australian National Anthem the Benediction was read by the Chaplain, MAJ Cesar Lopezrios followed by the Dismounting of the Catafalque Party which completed the





Bob Whinnen,
President 7RAR Veterans, Sth. Aust



Musician Rebecca Williams

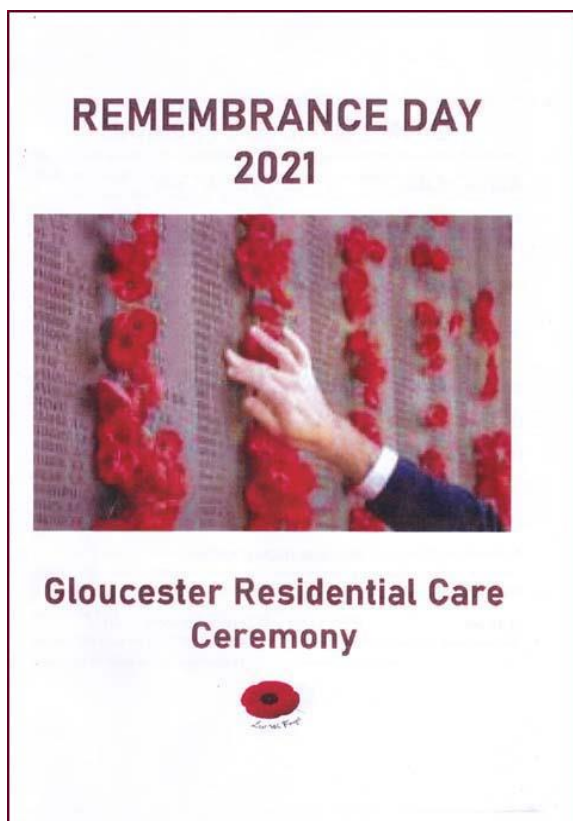


On reflection this Remembrance Day Service would have to be the best that I have ever attended.

After the Service all retired to the Pig Pen to mix and mingle and enjoy a hearty BBQ and refreshments.

BUT WAIT ... THERE'S MORE ...

While visiting the RAR at Linden Park on Friday 5th November I asked the 7RAR RSM (Johnny Craig) if it would be possible for some 7RAR Soldiers to be present at the forthcoming Remembrance Day Service which would be held at Gloucester Residential Care. His reply was positive, and he introduced me to the CSM of Support Coy (WO2 Scott Cawsey) who proved to be most helpful. Well, long story short, six days later on the 11th seven soldiers from 7 RAR, had arrived at the facility before 10:30am. As requested, they were dressed in poly's with slouch hat as this would be the Army uniform that 80+ year old residents would recognise.



The Remembrance Day Service commenced at 10:30am. Jan Braun, CEO of the centre, commenced the Service with "Welcome to Country" followed by presentation of what Remembrance Day is about. Ritu Shahi then narrated "In Flanders Fields" followed by a prayer given by Jenni Garner. The Last Post was played followed by a minute's silence and the Rouse. Jan Braun and Corporal Jackson Morgan of 7RAR laid a wreath after which the Australian National Anthem was sung by all in attendance. Jan Braun then closed the Ceremony thanking the seven 7RAR soldiers for attending and inviting them to stay for morning tea and a chat with the residents (refer the photos following this text) Note: Masks inside all Aged care facilities are mandatory, except for hearing impaired and during some photo opportunities The residents at "Gloucester" are still talking about the soldiers visit and are already asking "Can they visit on Anzac Day?"



Jenni Garner R.N., Dip Min (2IC Gloucester Residential Care)







But, wait ... there's even more

Then on Friday 19th November nine of us sat down to our monthly lunch at Benjamin's on Franklin.

We had been advised that we would have a visitor and he arrived saying "G'day, I'm John, I've just dropped by for a short chat" He was John Schumann, Composer, Performer and Writer (Redgum). He wrote and performed "I was only 19" a song that all Vietnam Veterans reading this article would know so well. John sat and talked with us for over an hour and gave us all personalised signed posters of his 2009 LP "Behind the Lines".

Our thanks to go to Rachel Hopkins, niece of Bob Lloyd, for organising Johns visit to our lunch.



Standing, left to right

Kerry Eichner, Tony Carr, John Schumann, Adrian Taylor, Bob Whitford, Chris Ashenden, Bob Lloyd

sitting, left to right - Bob Whinnen, Rachel Hopkins, Doc Russell

So that's it from busy South Australia, for now. To all of you from all of us, have a great Christmas, stay safe ... and keep above ground ... Doc

Pigs in Paradise

Our end-of-month continues with more and varied Pigs dropping in for lunch. If you're in Brisvegas on the last Friday of the month then you will find some of us at the Grand Central (below Central Station).



Jim Husband aka JTS and Peter Lloyd on Remembrance Day

The Book

The 2nd Edition of Seven in Seventy has almost sold out with 13 books available. Go to our website and see how to order on the top left – get in quick, they won't last long.

Website

In light of increasing cyber attacks in society generally the website is undergoing a cyber audit. Things will change but only in the background so you won't notice. An ex 7RAR soldier who is now an IT Guru is helping. I set the website up last century so there is a fair amount of auditing to do as there are literally thousands of posts and pages. A lot of these have links that I need to check so it will happen but not immediately.

What to do with your Vietnam Stuff

I received this plea from our historian, Mike O'Brien

As the Vietnam War recedes into ancient history and as some of us coincidentally get older, the question arises of what to do with our Vietnam stuff. So much of this material has already been consigned to rubbish skips, and those of us lucky to have descendants know they are waiting like vultures to descend on what's left to chuck it all out.

Much deserves to be preserved. This appeal is for written or paper-based material. That includes books, diaries, letters, call-up notices, pamphlets, Chieu Hoi and propaganda leaflets, MPC, maps – the whole nine yards.

These things should be sent to a place that will preserve them, catalog them & make them visible and available to future generations.

Your battalion historian runs such a place in Victoria – a specialist military library, rated by the National Library of Australia as a collection of national significance. You can see its extent at www.thecollectingbug.com/rusivictoria/. It includes a remarkable collection on the Vietnam War and 7 RAR in particular. If this suggestion tickles your fancy send me an email at MikeOBrien@bigpond.com & we can get down to details.

Or else, consider sending your stuff to the National Vietnam Veterans Museum, your State Library or the War Memorial.

But do it soon!

**Mike O'Brien
7 RAR Historian**

Think about it and do something.



Of interest.

It doesn't matter how long you served or how quickly you were promoted there is always some one who did it younger, better and quicker.

Like this guy

In May of 1861, 9-year-old John Lincoln "Johnny" Clem ran away from his home in Newark, Ohio, to join the Union Army, but found the Army was not interested in signing on a 9-year-old boy when the commander of the 3rd Ohio Regiment told him he "wasn't enlisting infants," and turned him down. Clem tried the 22nd Michigan Regiment next, and its commander told him the same. Determined, Clem tagged after the regiment, acted out the role of a drummer boy, and was allowed to remain. Though still not regularly enrolled, he performed camp duties and received a soldier's pay of \$13 a month, a sum collected and donated by the regiment's officers.

The next April, at Shiloh, Clem's drum was smashed by an artillery round and he became a minor news item as "Johnny Shiloh, The Smallest Drummer". A year later, at the Battle Of Chickamauga, he rode an artillery caisson to the front and wielded a musket trimmed to his size. In one of the Union retreats a Confederate officer ran after the cannon Clem rode with, and yelled, "Surrender you damned little Yankee!" Johnny shot him dead. This pluck won for Clem national attention and the name "Drummer Boy of Chickamauga."

Clem stayed with the Army through the war, served as a courier, and was wounded twice. Between Shiloh and Chickamauga he was regularly enrolled in the service, began receiving his own pay, and was soon-after promoted to the rank of Sergeant. He was only 12 years old.

After the Civil War he tried to enter West Point but was turned down because of his slim education. A personal appeal to President Ulysses S. Grant, his commanding general at Shiloh, won him a 2nd Lieutenant's appointment in the Regular Army on 18 December 1871, and in 1903 he attained the rank of Colonel and served as Assistant Quartermaster General. He retired from the Army as a Major General in 1916, having served an astounding 55 years.

General Clem died in San Antonio, Texas on 13 May 1937, exactly 3 months shy of his 86th birthday, and is buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

National Service personnel who served in the Australian Army

Listing by Corps

'Yes' column is those who served in Vietnam

Extracted from the Nominal Roll... Vietnam War

(<https://nominal-rolls.dva.gov.au/>)

	National Service			Total
	Yes	No	not listed	
Select Corps	0	1	0	1
Australian Army Aviation Corps	6	65	0	71
Australian Army Catering Corps	550	782	0	1332
Australian Army Legal Corps	3	26	0	29
Australian Army Psychology Corps	1	14	0	15
Australian Intelligence Corps	34	164	0	198
Australian Staff Corps	0	82	0	82
Royal Australian Armoured Corps	759	1062	0	1821
Royal Australian Army Chaplains Department	0	58	0	58
Royal Australian Army Dental Corps	39	85	0	124
Royal Australian Army Educational Corps	14	52	0	66
Royal Australian Army Medical Corps	388	945	0	1333
Royal Australian Army Nursing Corps	0	47	0	47
Royal Australian Army Ordnance Corps	702	1150	0	1852
Royal Australian Army Pay Corps	2	56	0	58
Royal Australian Army Service Corps	1634	1902	0	3536
Royal Australian Army Provost Corps	139	256	0	395
Royal Australian Corps of Signals	880	1834	0	2714
Royal Australian Engineers	2697	2562	0	5259
Royal Australian Infantry Corps	8218	8038	0	16256
Royal Australian Survey Corps	21	125	0	146
Royal Corps of Australian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers	947	1932	0	2879
Royal Regiment of Australian Artillery	1668	1734	0	3402
Women's Royal Australian Army Corps	0	1	0	1
Australian Army Band Corps	14	50	0	64
Red Shield Philanthropic Representative	0	6	0	6
Philanthropic (Campaigners for Christ)	0	4	0	4
Philanthropic (Red Shield - Salvation Army)	0	7	0	7
Philanthropic (Australian Red Cross Society)	0	13	0	13
Philanthropic (YMCA)	0	1	0	1
Royal Australian Army Educational Corps (Public Relations)	13	37	0	50
unknown	55	69	10	134
Total	1878	23160	10	41954

I note one guy served in WRAAC - must be a story there!

I did get this from Facebook but Robin Date picked it up from DVA so I believe it.

Us Queenslanders wish all Pigs a merry Christmas and happy New Year and trust you all get let out of COVID jail soon.

Kev Gillett

***MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL AND A
HAPPY NEW YEAR***



A TIGER IS REBORN

The previous edition of Tiger Tales showed a photograph of the Greenhalgh Tiger which was in need of some serious repair. Brian Budden who visited the battalion in June for Binh Ba anniversary activities offered to undertake this "surgery" in the same way as he had done previously for the Warr Tiger and the Khan Tiger. These tigers and others were presented by the battalion's early benefactor, Bill Brennan Esquire in honour of commanding officers of 5 RAR since formation and then 5/7 RAR until his passing in the early 1980's.

The Greenhalgh Tiger is important to the tiger's history as it represents the linking of 5 RAR and 7 RAR on 3 December 1973 to form the 5/7th Battalion. Paul Greenhalgh has a strong link to all three battalions. He commanded D Coy 5 RAR throughout the first tour of Vietnam, he was the last Commanding Officer of 7 RAR and the inaugural Commanding Officer of 5/7 RAR at linking. The wording on the plaque highlights the linking of the battalions.



These before and after photos show the result of Brian's painstaking and dedicated work. The damage to the tiger was greater than first anticipated and a number of pins had to be inserted in various places to provide strength to the body. Brian's meticulous work has now returned this valuable piece of history to a quality condition for display. It has been returned to the battalion and will join the collection of Brennan era tigers in the display case at BHQ.



As 5 RAR has custody of 5/7 RAR memorabilia, it is appropriate that this tiger remains with the battalion in Darwin. As well, due to its historical connection to both 7 RAR and 5/7 RAR both sister battalions and their respective associations have been provided with photos of the restored tiger. Paul Greenhalgh is delighted with the outcome and has personally thanked "Dr" Budden for his surgical efforts.