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EDINBURGH MILITARY TATTOO RAFFLE

Its on! The RVRA has received approval for our grand fund-raising raffle. The raffle will be launched at the **RSL State Conference on 5 July this year**. And later this year, the raffle will be drawn by the RSL State President at their Hall of Fame dinner in November. The prizes are fabulous including a trip for two to Edinburgh, courtesy of Royal Brunei airlines. The prize also includes accommodation in Edinburgh and two tickets to the Tattoo to see our Ps&Ds in action in August 2018. Other prizes including a TV and other prizes from JB HIFI, a dinner for two, coffee a coffee machine from Beraldo Coffee and a spa treatment from Endota Spa. Some would say something for everyone!

Look out for tickets at your local RSL. Tickets can also be purchased by sending an email to our address below, and at your local RVR depot too. Please buy a ticket or three when the raffle is open, and ask your friends to buy a few too!. Your help will make this a great success.

There is still much to do to get the Ps&Ds to Edinburgh and the team is well and truly underway with special preparation. We wish them all very well with the challenge ahead.

Theres a lot to read in this edition. Please enjoy!

If you want to be more involved contact us on rarrassoc@hotmail.com

RVRA Monthly Luncheon

Please join us at the Kelvin Club on the following dates, for a casual Friday lunch and a beverage with your mates. Last year's lunches were a great success. Be part of it all this year. See you there!

Luncheon dates;

July 7, August 4, September 8, October 6

November 17, December 8



RVRA WEBSITE RENEWAL

The committee will start a review of the RVRA website to bring it up to date and add new features. One addition will be a library of our newsletters and links to all our affiliated organisations. A video library will also be considered or links to 'youtube' videos or some other cloud based library.

If you have any thoughts, please get In touch.

Cheers, Chris Connelly Vice-President

VILLERS-BRETONNEUX CENTENARY 2018

Our member Kevin Walsh reports that there is a planned Centenary Commemoration in Villers-Bretonneux in April next year. The anniversary coincides with ANZAC day next year.

Kevin has acquired tickets and suggests that others who may wish to go can enquire via the following website.

<https://overseascommemorations.ticketek.com.au/>

If you choose to go and are successful getting tickets, let us know—we might ask you to be our “foreign correspondent” for the event. Kevin has already volunteered.



RVRA Lunch @ Kelvin Club

The June RVRA lunch was held on Friday the 9th at the usual location. This month we had a surprise drop in visitor, Rob M, who was passing the club after a meeting and dropped in for a catch up and stayed for lunch. This made for a rather powerful rank structure at the table!

The lunch (and a few drinks) was enjoyed by all and the usual informative and interesting conversations were held. Another highlight was Anthony. S enjoying his first RVRA luncheon.

This lunch was also the last one with John. H for a while as he is moving to the country to enjoy the fresh air, sunshine and less congested roads. John will drop in from time to time to enjoy our company.

Cheers, *Martin Catterall*



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1. Holiday package to Edinburgh Tattoo 2018
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VALE—Remember our Fallen

Captain Bob Greig

I first came across the IO, Captain Bob Greig, when I was sent on a Regimental Signals Course, run by 1RVR at Puckapunyal circa 1975. LTCOL Lunn was CO, of a very reduced Battalion. Having suffered the mass departure of National Servicemen doing their 6 year commitment. Bob Greig was IO & he had set up the Bn CP Ops/Int tent. It was out in the sticks. The new Sigs began to get used to the rostered duties. He was a fair boss, tireless in his application to work. It was only later I realised the extent of his commitment. The pressure lanterns were the ones with the silk mantle, tied on delicately around the burner. Some metho from a little green bottle was squirted went onto a small plate, & lit, to begin the combustion. Do not lose the little pricker to keep the nozzle clear! A pale light, the hissing of the lamps & hash from the radio sets tended to make you somnambulant. Bob brought along his own radio rack, which was a great boon. It kept all the sets off the FS table & the handsets could be clipped onto the rig. The rack was suspended by wires from the central spar of the 11 x 11. Bob also brought along his own LP gas lamps! Bringing us into the late 20th century. Although we sometimes rigged up a little fluro using a radio battery.

We were short handed at the time. LTCOL Lunn got his Land-rover fitted up with an ANGRA & speaker. The Bn had a march past, with the CO on the tailgate. There was barely a Coy of us!

Later I was sent to 3 Div as a clerk. At 3Div I observed the comings & goings of the Officers, they all knew & were contemporaries of Bob. CAPT (at the time) Paul Riley, LT (later Capt) Barry Coad, COL Bullard, BRIG Mac Grant. The annual camp that year was at the Big Desert. Bob produced his Big Desert Special 1:25,000 map. With such flat topography there was only a little squiggly contour line on one corner!

Later I went to 1RVR as a Corporal under LT Ian Campey. We were building up D Coy. Our recruiting was successful & at one stage we had nearly 3 platoons on the back parade ground at Menin. A senior platoon doing courses, an IET platoon, desperate to wear the coveted blue lanyard, & the recruit platoon, some about to go to RTB or just come back. CAPT Greig in the meantime was running his INT Section on the top floor, end room at Menin. At the RVR I met some of stalwarts who were to be the mainstay of the RVR in the lean years to follow. Bob of course was there with his CPL Ken Lewis, a marvellous model maker & master of minutiae. But also there was (rank excused) Jim Brown, Allan Wilkinson, T.C. Johnson, Mick Symons, Johnno Johnson, John Hanlon, John LeTet, Don Blanksby, Allan Hale, John Leyden, Maurie Ryan, Lt. Aird, Max Shepherd, Allan May, Peter Bayley, MAJ Reinmuth, Norm Healey, Ken "Horse" Hargreaves, Peter McLellan, Carlo D'Appio, Maurie Sarteschi etc.

At the Dargo High Plains exercise, one of the CP staff, CPL. Puttick observed an alarming incident involving Bob Greig. As we exercised "Jungle Warfare" in our privately purchased Howard Greens, with Smocks Psychological, Katabatic winds & freezing rain. The one Huey helicopter had arrived from RAAF Sale, to provide us with some idea of air mobility. Wild Bill Hocking was CO & the little black haired nuggety pilot, offered to take some officers for a joy flight. Into the Huey went Wild Bill, Bob of course, the ADJT, the 2IC, the QM & the officer who can usually be found hanging around any CP. The chopper got up to about 20 ft & there was a tremendous bang, & it came straight down again. First out & sprinting for the trees was the Flying Officer, & in the other direction the co-pilot. The rest of the entire command group sat, just amazed. On reflection, had the chopper been a bit further over there was a sharp steep escarpment. Goodbye command group. Incidentally, at the same camp the BUC had a massive stockpile of beer cans. The then SSGT Hanlon seemed to take an interest in it, & it was pi-quetted at night time.

The messes did get noisy & boisterous, the CO had his collar broken by the ADJT falling on him from the top of the mess tent. CPL McClurg wanted to fight anyone, & the inaugural VICPOL SWAT team had to be disbanded as they fought among themselves. Horse Hargreaves said the inside of the Med Tent looked as if tomato sauce had been squirted about when they were wheeled in!

Circumstances put me out of the Platoon SGT business & Bob Greig took me under his wing & began to educate me.

I have sometimes called it a rough & tumble university, because there was a great deal of learning to be done. Bob on exercise took his grand panjandrum & box of tricks. He always set up the CP with the Ops & Int maps, the clip boards with Mor Reps, Sitreps, Intsums etc. It was very much his domain, the Duty Officers came & went. Bob was always there, cogitating. As I recall a new CO arrived in the wee hours. The hiss of the lamps, the drone of the KVA, the hash from the speakers had the duty men in a daze. The CO arrived as "Christ Cleaning the temple" & demanded an Int briefing! The Duty Officer the Sig & INT bloke stared aghast at this starched apparition. A resounding fart broke the silence & a hand reach out around the table & levered up the IO who had been asleep under the table. He then began a professional Int briefing: situation etc. The flabbergasted CO treated us with a little more respect after this, & he hustled out into the black night to find his hoochie!

Under Bob's tutelage I went on to do the Int course at SMI, Canungra. Bob was pleased although he sometimes muttered "green lanyard" when he found some publication he did not agree with. At 1RVR apart from disagreeing about stores with the then QM Adrian Jackson, he put out a brilliant publication: Unit intelligence Digest, September 1984.

It was an A4 sized guide to the then training enemy the Musorians. All Soviet equipment of course, but included all the small arms, armoured vehicles, tanks, arty, SP arty even AA. In 3 parts it had Tactical Principles, Organisation (of MR/Rifle Bns), & combat weapons. It was an excellent guide & much of it is still relevant today. Bob had an extensive library & was an authority on some arcane subjects such as uniforms of the German Army in WW1, just to name one.

The smoking ban in Commonwealth buildings began to bite, as Bob & many others liked a "durrie" at times. Also the end was nigh as 1RVR was subsumed into 5/6 RVR. Bob left the service, over age for an Officer. Karen & myself, among others kept contact with Bob, & he even cooked us a delicious meal at his flat in Grey St., St. Kilda. In later years I also corresponded with him when he was working for ANZAC House at the warehouse. I sent my requests & returns in to him, sometimes with Green Lanyard, written on the bottom just to stir him up. That was where Peter Smith OAM met Bob when he joined the RSL as Appeals Director. We still got phone calls from Bob, & Christmas Cards, the last in 2016.

The only physical reminder I have of Bob is the book he gave me to start my education: Militia Battalion at War by Mathews & his palette from school. The palette, which I still use has R.D. Greig on the back with Form V, ART, 157 Cornwall Rd Sunshine Melbourne. Rest in Peace Bob, you are one of the greats!

Regards, *Bob Mc Dougall*

VALE—Remember our Fallen

Captain Bob Greig (continued...)

Bob's passing is sad news indeed. Another of the characters that enriched our lives in a variety of ways.

Bob was a stalwart supporter of the profession at arms and the ARES in particular. He was a military enthusiast of the first order and he approached the business of officer-ship in his special way. He was the most effective Unit INT Officer I had the opportunity to work with. The dedication he offered to the task was beyond reproach and his enthusiasm rubbed off readily on those in his INT Section, I'm thinking here of the likes of Bob McDougal, Ken Lewis and many others.

My first encounter with Bob was as a digger in D COY 1RVR (Pentropic) in 1962. The Coy was deployed to Blackwood for a tactical weekend and Bob's PI was the EN for the exercise. I remember this weekend for three reasons;

1. My PI (13), PI Comd SGT Wally (Chesty) Schestopoulos (later Sheppard) debussed short of the defensive position we were to occupy and the confusion that followed did little for my confidence as a new member.
2. We spent the morning adjusting our PI position overlooking the Blackwood Recreation Reserve and dug in to stage 1. As we had been ordered to take breakfast and lunch with us from home, the evening meal was rationed. After stand-to that evening it was quite dark and SGT Brian Mullarvy appeared and dropped two tins into the weapon pit I was sharing with Danny O'Shea. Ten Man ration packs were all that were available in those days so between us we had a tin of peas and a tin of ox tongue. Need I say more?
3. On Sunday during an advance to contact and a subsequent PI attack the En was routed and a debrief was conducted. It was at this time that Bob the En Comd appeared resplendent in a German Officer uniform standing very erect, Rommel fashion, in the passenger side of an Austin Champ. He gave us all the Greig stare and moved on.

During the Jerusalem Inlet AFX in 1967 Bob was the Duty Officer in the BN CP and I was his understudy. At one point during the night Bob asked one of the Sigs to get a set of Chinagraph pencils from a pocket of Bob's greatcoat that was hanging near the entrance. Shortly thereafter the Sig let out a almighty scream that startled everyone. He had driven his hand into the great coat pocket and latched onto Bob's dentures. It took some time to calm him down with Bob explaining that he preferred not to wear the dentures because of the dust in the air.

Bob always worked hard and played hard and I can recall many nights in front of the bar in the Offrs Mess at Menin Depot, Bob regaling us with many facts and much gesticulation as he was want to do, usually with a glass in the same hand. Needless to say much drink was spilled and eventually the Parquetry floor had to be restored in the area that Bob habitually occupied.

Bob was an effective procurer and when we were refurbishing the indoor range at the Footscray Depot I rang him at work and asked him if he could obtain a sheet of steel plate to mount at the back of the stop butt. He said "let me see what I can do" and a short time later called me to ask if someone could be at the depot the next day to receive the said plate.

Bob was a willing supporter of the RVRA and for a number of years a regular volunteer storeman at the ANZAC House Warehouse.

Without a doubt Bob did his bit for the country and his contribution was a valuable one. He left his unique mark on the activities in which he engaged and we will remember him fondly for many years to come.

VALE Capt. Bob Greig ED RFD.

Regards, *Paul Risley*

Funny SPOT



Thanks Warren !





RVR PIPES AND DRUMS ASSOCIATION



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RVRA Historical events

The month of May marked the 100th anniversary of the second battle of Bullecourt, where on the 12th of May, Lt Rupert Vance 'Mick' Moon of the 58th Infantry Battalion AIF was awarded the Victoria Cross for his brave actions.

To commemorate this a few events were conducted. The first of these events was held on the 6th of May at the Rupert Moon Reserve on the Avenue of Honour in Bacchus Marsh. Here the son and daughter of 'Mick' Moon (Mick and Moira) along with a number of dignitaries,



locals and RVRA members attended the unveiling of a new Memorial Paver and Interpretive signage. This event was well received by Mick and Moira and all present. Following this event there was a further unveiling of a WW1 bench seat at the RSL Hall. Here a silhouette of Rupert Moon is part of the display on the seat. The Rupert Moon Park is at the Western Highway end of the Avenue of Honour and the RSL hall is in the centre of town and both are worth a visit if in the area.

The following week on the 12 May (the actual day of the brave deeds carried out by Lt Rupert Moon V.C.) the 58/32BN Association held its annual 'Pompey Elliot' Lunch. The Ceremony was conducted at the reserve opposite the Keilor East RSL. Here the deeds of Capt Moon VC were remembered and celebrated with Mick, Moira and some of their extended family. The Association presented the family with a framed high resolution picture of Capt Moon V.C (from the Australian War Memorial Archives). The service was well attended and notable RVRA committee members Ian Murray and David Arden were present.

That evening 'A' Company of the 5th/6th Battalion Royal Victoria Regiment, whose mess is named after Capt Moon V.C., held a dinner. This event was conducted at Altona RSL and was well attended by both past and present members of the RVR community. During the evening Lance Corporal Brendan Perrottet delivered a presentation on Capt Moon. The evening was well run and enjoyed by all.

As the deeds of Capt Moon were remembered so were the deeds and involvement of all who served in our armed forces during times of peace and war.

Martin Catterall

Family History at the Shrine

Recently, Ian Murray was introduced to my father's name in the WW1 Book of Honour at the Shrine of Remembrance.



Names of Victorians who enlisted are contained in a series known as "Book of Honour" at our Shrine of Remembrance, available for all to view in appropriate surrounds. Hours 10am to 4pm each working day. Visits are hosted by knowledgeable, polite, volunteers who will assist in locating and presenting the name(s) of interest to you. Photography is permitted. Officers in WW1 did not have a regimental number, but OR's did in those days. The Shrine of Remembrance is well worth an unrushed visit.

Thanks Ian !



A plaque to the memory of CAPT Moon VC

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