



The Scheyvillian

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Officer Training Unit, Scheyville, NSW 1965-1973
A Newsletter for all Scheyvillians

Colonel Stanley John 'Stan the Man' Maizey **24 August 1931 – 18 June 2018**



Stan Maizey had served in South Vietnam as a Major from 12 May to 12 December 1966 with 5 RAR and then until 8 October 1967 on HQ 1 ATF. He joined OTU as a Temporary Lieutenant Colonel Chief Instructor on 9 October 1967. He was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel on 5 February 1968 while at OTU. He marched out of OTU on 19 October 1969 and was posted to HQ Eastern Command.

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THE SCHEYVILLE TAPES – Still Available! A good watch!

The Association received from the late Tony Sonneveld a set of Video Tapes and DVDs on Scheyville that were recorded for the NSW National Parks Service. There were 17 tapes and all, and the interviews carried across a number of tapes. These 17 tapes have been re-recorded onto 10 DVDs with the one interviewee/s on a DVD.

The Recordings are of:

The First Commandant, Ian Geddes	Max Almond (RSM)
The Sonneveld Brothers John (2/68) & Tony (1/70)	Tim Fischer (3/66)
Vic Lampe (4/69)	Gary McKay (2/68)
Turk Ellis (1/70)	Various Interviews at Scheyville

A Windsor Church Parade & Return to Scheyville (2 DVDs)

The DVDs are available from The Editor at \$10 each incl P&H – or \$60 the set incl P&H!

OTHER DVDs AVAILABLE

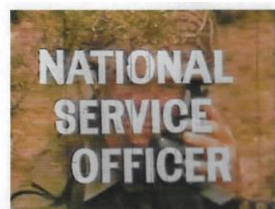
A must for all Reunion

Co-ordinators or even for Scheyvillians.

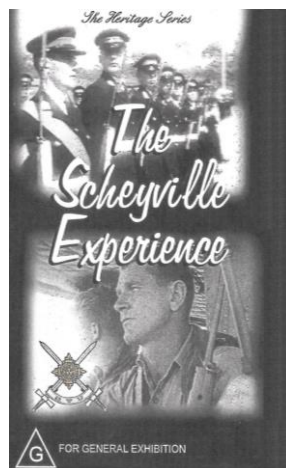
National Service Officer and the Don Keyes (4/69) produced 'The Scheyville Experience'

\$10 incl P&H

Also available from The Editor!



The NS Officer Recruitment Film shown to all Recruits in the first two weeks of the Recruit Training Course at
1 RTB Kapooka,
2 RTB Puckapunyal, or
3 TB Singleton.



THE SCHEYVILLE INTERVIEWS

Including:
Colonel Ian Geddes, first Commandant
WO1 Max Almond, RSM 1968 – 71
Tim Fischer (3/66)
Gary McKay (2/68)
John Sonneveld (2/68)
Vic Lampe (4/69)
Turk Ellis (1/70)
Tony Sonneveld (1/70) and more!



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THE SCHEYVILLIAN NEXT EDITION

Due Out December 2018: It is planned to have Edition 2 of 2018 of *The Scheyvillian* in early December. Submissions need to be received by 15 November 2018. If you have any contributions: current stories (eg. Reunions, dinners or other get-togethers) or memorabilia stories, please email them to The Editor, The Scheyvillian, at nkaleckie@optusnet.com.au or post to Unit 3 / 519 Peel Street North, Black Hill, Vic, 3350. **Preferably photographs should be sent separate to the articles.** If you have large file size photos, please send individual photos to nkaleckie@hotmail.com or send a disc/USB Stick with multiple photos. Photos are preferred in jpeg format and should be named.

As seen in this and other recent issues, the Scheyvillian is about those who attended Scheyville in one capacity or another. We all have stories to tell! Please keep the stories coming and keep the standard of this publication high!

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS (Graeme Chester 2/67)

As at the **31 Jul 18**, a summary of our FY16/17 membership was:

Number of Graduates	1880			(NS, Air Cadets, OCS/OTU & CMF)
Number on Database (Incl DNG/Staff)		1997		
Number Financial			362	
Widows			8	
Number Honorary			30	
Number Deceased				193
Number Unfinancial (Not Renewed)				1226
Number Unfinancial (Do Not Contact)				178
Totals	1880	1997	400	1597

Of the names on database 20% are financial/honorary/widows.

Of the names on the database 9.7% are deceased.

Of the names on the database 61.4% are unfinancial (not renewed)

Of the names on the database 8.9% are unfinancial (do not contact)

With **400** financial members we are off to a good start with membership renewals this year. Please keep them rolling in. At the end of last financial year we had **539** financial members, which was above the **514** of the previous financial year and it is pleasing to see that we continue to keep well above the **500** mark. We are hopeful that this is an ongoing trend as our members begin to retire from work and join the Association to enjoy our activities and reunions to reacquaint themselves with their classmates of many years ago.

If you are uncertain whether or not you are financial, you can check via the website. Just enter the website and click on **Membership Renewal** on the Home Page and a statement will appear advising you whether you are financial or not. Should you wish to join, a Membership Renewal form is attached to this newsletter, or you could renew using PayPal via our website.

Regarding the website, did you know you can update your Profile Page in our database? Simply go into **Profile** on the Home Page and update your information. Don't forget to click on the '**Update**' button (bottom left of page) to ensure the database is changed. Keeping our database updated and accurate will greatly assist classes when organising future reunions, particularly as a lot of us are coming up to our 50th.

If something has happened to change your mind about membership of the OTU Association we would be interested to know. Just send me an email at graeheath1@bigpond.com and I will remove your details from our membership database.

WEBMASTER'S REPORT (Ian Kelly, 2/67)

As reported last year, the website provides an area where Scheyvillians can access all relevant information about the Association, including Members Lists, details of events scheduled by States, photo galleries, archives of The Scheyvillian, and minutes of AGMs etc. It also has created a permanent historical database about our unique piece of Australian military history that will eventually, out-live its members.

One area not mentioned previously is the Feedback Section whereby any person can send an OTU website contact form to the Webmaster with questions and/or information. This financial year we have had 46 such requests.

Another area that we have focused on this year is The List of Deceased Scheyvillians (thanks Neil Leckie). There are now 182 on the list, with obituaries linked to 103 of them (where an obituary exists, the surname is coloured BLUE).

On 1 July 2018 an email/newsletter was sent reminding all members (now Unfinancial) that payment was required. The email was sent to 1103 Members by the Website Newsletter/email system, and after removing all invalid email addresses and 'do not contacts', labels were printed containing postal addresses for 135 Unfinancial Members. Graeme Chester mailed envelopes containing the reminder letter on 2 July 2018. As indicated in the Membership Report, the response has been well above expectations. The next step is to retrieve email addresses

for the 894 members who now have a “blank” email address instead of invalid emails (as arranged by Nik Dow, the Systems Administrator).

Examples of newsletter/emails distributed by the website in the past Financial Year include:

Scheyvillian Distributions (Ed 2 2017, Ed 3 2017, Ed 1 2018)	National
Geddes Dinner Invitations (2)	Victoria
OTU Membership Reminder	National
ANZAC Day March and Lunch	Victoria
OTU Victoria Invitations (2)	Vic/National
Invitations to Victorian Annual Golf Day, Lord and	Victoria
Lady Somers Camp Lunch, Family Picnic Healesville	
Advice re various memorial services for deceased members	Vic/National

Priority tasks for 2018-2019 will be to link as many obituaries as possible to the list on the website and obtain valid email addresses for all members by searching up to date class lists and using postal contacts where available.

WEBSITE - REQUEST FOR PHOTOGRAPHS & MEMORABILIA: MORE NEEDED

We have recently received a couple of dozens slides from Ian Freeman of Class 1/68. These are yet to be added to the Website Gallery. Please keep the photos and historical paperwork coming! We would still like more from Classes 3/67 & 4/67, 4/68, 4/69, 2/70, 1/71 & 3/71 and all Nasho classes of 1972.

Scheyvillians are encouraged to look at the Website and see what is held and check if you have anything that may compliment what is there. There is a provision for comments to be made on any photograph on the Website. If you have photos, please send them either in ‘jpeg’ scan format or if you do not have scanning capability send the hard copies ‘Registered Post’ to:

Neil Leckie at: Unit 3 / 519 Peel Street North, Black Hill, Vic, 3350.

We also need **March In photographs** for Classes 1 & 2/65 (if available), 2, 3 & 4/67 and 1/71.

On the memorabilia front, to complete the collection we still need:

OPD Church Parade Booklet: Class 3/69, Class 4/71 & Class 4/72

RC Church Parade Booklet: all but Class 3/66, Class 3/69, Class 4/71 and Class 2/72, 3/72 & 4/72.

Graduation Parade Brochure: Class 4/70 & Class 3/71

The information in these brochure contains such things as the VIP presenting the Graduation Certificates, which band was playing at the Church and Graduation Parades, the Bandmaster and the RSM, etc.

THE NEXT PROJECT – THE BOC STRUCTURE AND FATHERS AND SONS for each course

(Neil Leckie, 3/68) On behalf of the association I hold a lot of information. I would like to get that

1 Pl Class 2/65 Father	Class 1/66 Son
Sgt Collas	
1 Sect	
Cpl Loadman	Parker
Price	Vickery
McCormick	Chapman
(Sgt Collas)	Arnison
2 Sect	Bryant
Cpl Griffiths	Williamson
Constable	McKay A
(Col Sgt McClymont)	
UO Hurford	Mansbridge
3 Sect	Larkin
Cpl Charles	Lynch
Lewis	St Clair-Telford
(Col Sgt Burke 1/65)	McMillan
	Davis
	Moore
	Spurr
	Winwood-Smith
	Smith D
	Hodge
	Beattie
	Hayden

information on the Website for all of us to see and for our future generations to see what the structures were at OTU and who was where. I have used what information I have to set up spreadsheets with the BOC Structure for each class, however, many classes have information missing. The information on Fathers and Sons is in the Battalion of Officer Cadets *Block & Detailed Syllabus*. If you have the details of the following classes can you send them to me? The example is 1 Platoon, A Company, 2/6 Senior – 1/66 Junior.

Still Needed:

1/66 Senior – 2/66 Junior	1/67 Senior – 2/67 Junior
2/67 Senior – 3/67 Junior	3/67 Senior – 4/67 Junior
4/67 Senior – 1/68 Junior	1/68 Senior – 2/68 Junior
3/68 Senior – 4/68 Junior	4/68 Senior – 1/69 Junior
1/69 Senior – 2/69 Junior	2/69 Senior – 3/69 Junior
3/69 Senior – 4/69 Junior	1/70 Senior – 2/70 Junior
2/70 Senior – 3/70 Junior	1/71 Senior – 2/71 Junior
3/71 Senior – 4/71 Junior	4/71 Senior – 1/72 Junior
1/72 Senior – 2/72 Junior	2/72 Senior – 3/72 Junior
3/72 Senior – 4/72 Junior	4/72 Senior – OCS/OTU Junior

RECENT NATIONAL ACTIVITIES

4/67 50th Graduation Anniversary

Throughout the week 8 – 13 April, Class 4/67 - “La Crème de La Crème” - got together in Adelaide to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of their graduation. Over thirty Scheyvillians, wives and partners were there for this most auspicious gathering. This was the class’s eighth reunion since 2003.

The program took in visits to the city which included its fine art gallery, museum and market area. There was also a conducted tour of the new Adelaide football/cricket stadium. Trips to the Fleurieu Peninsula and Barossa Valley featured further as did a golf morning for those so inclined.

The actual anniversary (11 April) was celebrated in the evening with a dinner. Several of the Class gave informal speeches on their experiences at Scheyville. A cake, decorated exactly as the one that featured half a century ago, was officially cut. National Chairman, Frank Miller of “La Crème de la Crème”, gave the keynote address.



Among those to say a few words was former BSM, Bob Hutchison, who is now a living in Vietnam where he is managing the construction of a power station. Bob gave each of us an inscribed piece of silk from a parachute that had originally been used by the French to resupply troops in the 1954 battle of Dien Bien Phu. Former CSM Marcus Blackmore (left), PMC Gerry Garard and Colour Sergeant Ian Bloodworth, Sergeants Colin Cooper and Matt Fawkner as well as Corporals Phil Warwick and Ted Clark also added a few words of wisdom. It was a great night. It certainly didn’t seem fifty years since we marched off the Scheyville Parade ground together!

We are most grateful to Ted and Jo Clark for putting the program together. It was a huge success and we all had a great time in meeting up once more.

One observation: Some classes rarely, if ever, get together or have any contact with those who shared their “Scheyville Experience”. Others remain highly cohesive, keeping their camaraderie alive and robust. The biggest difference between the two would appear to be the latter having a Class Orderly or facilitator who, to quote Ray Elder (2/67) in the Association constitution “keeps the blokes together”. 4/67 has been fortunate to have PMC Gerry Garard fill this role superbly. “La Crème de la Crème” has very much appreciated his splendid work in this capacity over the years. Adelaide was yet another great success!

1/68 50th Graduation (Golden) Anniversary (Graeme Jones with help from Richard Baird)

128 Juniors and 6 Repeats (in Senior Term) commenced Class 1/68 at OTU. 87 from Class 1/68 graduated along with 5 Repeats. Of those more than 40 of the Graduates of Class 1/68, and their partners, attended the 50th Anniversary of Graduation in the last week of July in Adelaide. Four days of festivities commenced with a ‘meet and greet’ at the Adelaide Hilton on Tuesday 24 July. Just to add a degree of difficulty, no nametags were to be seen. The naive organiser erroneously believed most would have little trouble recognising members of their cohort, people they had not laid eyes on for the better part of fifty years! As a result, it was a bit of a slow start. However, once the old photos came out and the inevitable then and now comparisons commenced the show got on the road, as they say. By 6.30 pm various groups had set off to the surrounding restaurants to swap tales and recall old times.

Right: Bob Evennett with Tony and Catherine Alder



The following evening, seventy-two well-rested folk attended a formal dinner at the Naval, Military and Air Force Club of South Australia with graduate Craig Mitchell in charge as the Master of Ceremonies. A deliberate decision was made early in the planning phase not to have a guest speaker as it was felt this was the time, after 50 years, for us, the graduates to be the speakers. An 'open mike' was available throughout the evening for anyone who felt so inclined to regale the audience with their own stories of the past. This allowed Geoff Fincher, who graduated first in the class, and Chris Jocelyne, who graduated last in the class to both speak.

The following day, Thursday 26 July, the skies cleared and the rain stopped to provide a perfect day for the hardy souls who set out to test their skills and put at risk a small amount of their savings on the North Adelaide Golf Course. Many of the "non-hardy" souls remained in bed! Although a little wet under foot courtesy of the past three days of torrential rain, the course was in pretty good nick and provided magnificent views over the city of Adelaide and the Adelaide hills in the distance.

Like well organised young officers, later in the day we all gathered, on time at 4.45 pm, at the gates of Government House to attend a reception hosted by His Excellency the Honourable Hieu Van Le AC, the Governor of South Australia and his wife, Mrs Le. The Governor and Mrs Le were pleased to host the reception as they remain very appreciative of those who both trained for and served in South Vietnam. Mr Le arrived in Darwin in 1977 as a 21 year old Vietnamese Refugee and remembers his first contact with Australians was with two fishermen in a boat calling out: 'Welcome to Australia, Mate!' The Governor provided most of the content himself for the thoughtful speech he delivered. At the conclusion of the formal part of the evening the Governor engaged in animated conversation with his guests while Mrs Le took a number of our party on a tour of Government House.



Left: Stephen and Jenny Edwards at Government House.

The next day was to be our last. A bus picked the forty hardy folk who had the fortitude to complete all four days at mid-morning, and we set forth into the picturesque Adelaide Hills en route to the Pike & Joyce winery where a rather sumptuous (and some may correctly say, expensive) lunch awaited us. We were due to leave the venue to return to Adelaide at 3.30 pm, however, few were willing to leave at that time. After some negotiations and the passing of cash, the departure time was extended by an hour. We eventually boarded our conveyance at 4.47 pm.

The days together provided all who attended the opportunity to renew friendships and for others to establish new connections. As a group we decided that a list will now be compiled of all those who wish to provide their email, telephone number and address and it will be sent to those who offered their details. To summarise, it was a jolly good four days!

1/70 Reunion (Richard Knight)

Sixty or so, 170 graduates and partners were treated to a fun filled and memorable four-day reunion in beautiful downtown Brisbane from the 22 to 25 April.

The festivities kicked off with the early arrivals meeting at Chris and Christine Maddens' Miami residence for a barbecue lunch before convoying to Banora Golf Club for an afternoon with Dick Flint. Those of you with some remnants of memory will recall that Lt Col Dick Flint was the Chief Instructor at Scheyville.

Now Brigadier Dick Flint (Ret'd) was presented with a surf board and plaque in appreciation of his determination and resolve not to sack the lot of us during our little jaunt at Scheyville. We were not

convinced that Dick will actually use the board but I am sure it will find pride of place in his sporting paraphernalia.

On Monday, the tribe assembled at the Performing Arts Theatre at the Queensland University of Technology for a casual meet and greet luncheon. The venue opened onto the resplendent Brisbane botanical gardens and provided the perfect setting for all us oldies. Great to catch up with everyone and even better to welcome the chance to reacquaint ourselves with classmates who had not made it to previous reunions.

Bob Sande entertained us with an excellent visual and audio presentation of photos, videos, and paraphernalia of the 'Scheyville Experience'. Bob has an almost inexhaustible collection of OTU minutiae, most of which should see the light of day every three years or so. The afternoon was taken up with a very moving visit to the resting place of classmate Ian Mathers, 12 Field Regiment, who was KIA in Vietnam on the 7 July 71, aged 22 (right).



The Mount Thompson Crematorium staff welcomed our group with afternoon tea and seating for our tribute to Ian. The afternoon ceremony began with of a welcome by Geoff Richardson his OTU 'brother', followed by a recitation of 'In Flanders' Fields' by Robin Webcke. Wal Muir shared his memories of the Vietnam training and experience with Ian. The tribute was nicely wrapped up a salute to Ian by Graham Mathieson and with 'The Ode' by Craig Steel.

The verse In Flanders Fields is credited to Maj John McCrae who was inspired by the death of one of his artillery officers killed in the battle of Ypres at age 22. It was a very appropriate inclusion that was lost on none of us.

Having trained to a fever pitch in the art of quick changes at OTU, we headed off a couple of hours later to the formal dinner and magnificent meal in the beautiful old sandstone Parliament Building in the centre of the Queensland University of Technology. Robin Webcke did a magnificent job as MC (Robin was also on the committee).

Our guest speaker Glyn Davis AC (Vice Chancellor Melbourne University) delivered a riveting dissertation on leadership by comparing the trials and tribulations of Ulysses in his capacity as a leader to our role as leaders in the hostile environments of the early Seventies. It was a magnificent experience to be party to his presentation echoed by Alan Robson's vote of thanks.

In somewhat lighter vein, Ray Andrew's presentation, 'Honouring Brigadier Dick Flint' was delivered with all the humour and sharpness which we have come to expect from the brilliant mind of Cadet Andrews. A few more ales, some coffee and chit chat ended this most memorable day.

Tuesday provided an opportunity to explore attractions in and around endless sunny Brisbane. Christine Madden led a group of bushwalkers on Mount Coot-Tha, a forested area of walking paths, mountain bike tracks, displays of indigenous culture, and 360 degree views of the city and surrounding areas. For the more sedentary, a trip to the MacArthur Museum and lunch at the Tattersall's Club was the order of the day. A third group, also very laid back, travelled across Morten Bay to Tangalooma Island Resort for a nautical and seaside experience and to make the acquaintance of Dudley the Dugong.

Tuesday evening's activity was a magnificent theatre restaurant performance especially orchestrated and choreographed for our group by the very talented and select group of first year performing arts students of Griffith University. The 25 strong cast had been selected from some 300 applicants nationally. The performance was in three parts themed across WW1, WW2, and Vietnam. Needless to say the

outstanding singing and professional performances totally overwhelmed the audience who were moved to tears with the emotions drawn forth by the superb singing and presentation. At evenings end the young cast stayed and eagerly sought out the stories we had to tell. The brilliant concept for this performance and evening originated with Christine Madden with a small input from Chris and Richo.

ANZAC Day saw some of our class attend the nearby dawn service in the centre of Brisbane, followed by a full turn out for the Brisbane march. Ably led by Wal Muir, the group was resplendent in newly acquired matching hats proudly bearing the OTU motif (surprisingly on the inside).



After the march we lunched at the 'Royal on the Park', where we were again treated to another inspiring presentation, not aligned to anything OTU, or military, but none the less close to our aging physicalities. Biomedical scientist, Emeritus Professor Alan Mackay-Sim, Australian of the Year 2017, gave an illuminating presentation on his ground-breaking work in the advancement of stem cell research. We all now have a different empathy for the softer tissues of our noses.

A heartfelt thank you to the organising committee, Dik Knight, Chris Madden, Wal Muir, Geoff Richardson, Bob Sandy, and Robin Webcke. And special thanks to Chris for bringing his contacts Glynn Davis, and the theatre restaurant group, to the table. Thank you to Christine Madden for your assistance on the committee and for allowing us to use your home for our meetings. An outstanding and very memorable reunion in the Sunshine State! We all look forward to Canberra 2020 for the next opportunity for friendship and camaraderie.

2/68 Adelaide Lunch

In preparation for their 50th Anniversary, South Australia 2/68 Scheyville graduates had a lunch in Adelaide on 11 May 2018. Photo: from left Jeff Anderson, Don Corey, Neil Curnow and Greg Rosser.



UPCOMING REUNIONS

2/68 50th Graduation Anniversary

Sydney 12-14 October 2018. PoC Gary McKay

garymckay@bigpond.com

Missing Graduates: Class 2/68 trying to track down the following graduates for the October reunion.

David John Kennedy, John Harvey and Barry James Murray

If anyone can assist please contact Greg Woods on 0409457523 or woods.greg@yahoo.com.au

2/69 Annual Reunion

12 to 14 October 2018. PoC Mick Hart via Melanie Griffin mgriffin@clearyhoare.com.au

3/68 50th Graduation Anniversary

Scheyville/Windsor 23/25 November. PoC Neil Leckie nkaleckie@optusnet.com.au

If you haven't received a 'Survey' about the reunion, please check that your email address is correct on the OTU Website and advise Neil.

4/68 50th Graduation Anniversary

Due in April 2019. Details to be advised when a date is set.

ANZAC DAY

Remembering ANZAC Day, from the Vice-Chancellor, University of Melbourne, Glyn Davis
(via Ray Elder 2/67)



On ANZAC Day 50 years ago, a major public policy issue divided Australians - conscription for military service. National legislation made it mandatory for 20-year-old Australian men to register for National Service, with a possibility of armed service in the Vietnam War. The issue was hotly debated among university students and staff. Indeed Australian soldiers even younger than 20 were serving in war by this time, a fact memorably captured in the Redgum song 'I Was Only 19': 'And can you tell me doctor why I still can't get to sleep/ And night time's just a

jungle dark and a barking M16?'

Many students of the time supported civil society dissent such as the Moratorium marches and ['Wreck the Draft'](#) protest initiative, which peaked in 1970. This history of protest continues to be explored today in historical research, including at sites such as [Reason in Revolt](#), directed by Melbourne Professor Emerita Verity Burgmann. The many sides of this debate – the young soldiers who served in Vietnam and the students who protested – were front of mind for me this week during an address to a group of graduates of Scheyville Officer Training Unit, a unique military institution for training officers from among those men conscripted under the National Service Act of 1964. Many of those young men training 50 years ago at Scheyville in NSW went on to distinguished careers, in the Army and other walks of life. They also endured considerable personal difficulties from hostility on their return to civilian life.

The hardship experienced by Australian National Service Veterans has only received in recent times the public attention it deserves. Not until 1987 did a Vietnam Welcome Home Parade recognise veterans, while more recently still, books including Barry Heard's *Well Done, Those Men* detailed the 'gloom, solitude and guilt' many experienced on return to Australia.

No war is easy for those who fight it. Journalist Peter Greste, discussing his new documentary about Australian World War I General Sir John Monash, which screens on ABC TV tonight, has noted that many conflicts through the brief history of the Commonwealth of Australia have occurred far from home, making it difficult for Australian soldiers to discuss with those at home what they have experienced. As the character at the heart of Cold Chisel's 'Khe Sanh' puts it: 'So I worked across the country end to end/ Tried to find a place to settle down, where my mixed up life could mend.'

This lived experience of soldiers from every war is worth recalling during our ANZAC Day holiday tomorrow. Many soldiers, including Sir John Monash, and a number of the Scheyville graduates, have held strong and lifelong relationships with this University. (Sir John Monash began his part-time military career by joining the University Company of the Militia in 1884.)

As every year, the University of Melbourne Regiment will commemorate ANZAC Day with a [Dawn Service at the Cenotaph opposite South Lawn](#) tomorrow at 5.50am. All members of the community are invited to attend, to reflect on lives lost or changed forever by war.

Adelaide (Gary Vial, 3/69)

There are almost FIFTY Scheyvillian in SA, and it is understandable of the desire to march with their units. One year soon, it would be great to break with this tradition and have a real show of force under the OTU banner before we are too old to do it! There were similar



small numbers to last year. There was an even better visual coverage from the ABC this year than last year, with a better voiceover too!

Once again, Don Stewart (1/65) and John Carney joined us partway through the march in time for the official salute, but their Legacy commitments precluded them from joining us afterwards. John Carney repeated with Class 4/66 but did not graduate. He was later posted to the 11 Movement Control Detachment in Vietnam. On return to Australia John was posted to Middle Head in Sydney and promoted to Sergeant. Obviously his Scheyville training showed through.

Brisbane

We decided to hold our ANZAC Day parade on 25 April this year which was very fortunate as many other groups had picked the same day. Our numbers were swelled by the lads from 1/70 who were having their reunion in Brisvagas and boosted the total to about 45. One of our laziest members preferred to travel by jeep in order to preserve energy for what was to come. After the march we deployed to the Royal on the Park for lunch which was well attended with members and partners. We were also privileged to have an address by Emiratis Professor Alan McKay-Sim on men's health and stem cell

research organised by the lads from 1/70.



The lunch went on into the afternoon and we were visited by a currently serving member of the ADF, a veteran of several tours of Afghanistan and Iraq who added some class to the festivities. The afternoon disappeared and Michael Hart (2/69), Terry (4/69) and Gillian O'Shea and Geoff (4/69) and Carmel Daly repaired for dinner at one of Michael's abodes until well into the evening. Fortunately the OTU Banner was in good hands this time.

Hobart

Again due to small numbers and dispersal of members throughout the state, the Tasmanian Chapter did not march as a group with individual members making their own arrangements for their tribute.

Melbourne

Under an overcast sky a strong contingent of Scheyvillians marched behind the OTU Banner in this year's Melbourne ANZAC Day Parade. Recent changes made to the Order of March by the RSL meant that we stepped off some hour earlier than had previously been the case. Access to the assembly point had also been constricted by the installation of new security railings.

In a Victorian first (can any other chapter claim this honour) the banner was carried by brothers. Left is Colin Walker (3/70) and right is Warwick Walker (1/71).

After falling out at the Shrine of Remembrance we boarded a tram and headed to the RACV Club. There we were joined by the wives/partners for excellent fellowship, a finger food luncheon and convivial drinks. In all 49 people attended the lunch.

Along with the Victorian attendees, South Australian John Sierakowski (1/69) and Tasmanian Ross Robbins (2/69) attended. While usually Class 3/69 dominates at Victorian functions, this year Class 4/70 topped the list, while there was a good spread of other classes present.

The Victorians were:

Mike Delves (1/65), Noel Osborne (4/66), Graham Adnams (1/67), Graeme Chester, Ray Elder and Col Lindsay (2/67), David Harrison (3/67), Frank Miller (4/67), Neil McMicking and Mick Stone (1/68), David Lewis (2/68), Rick Thomas (1/69), Alan Brimelow, Brian Cooper, Peter Don, Bernie Gleeson, Robin Hunt and John 'Hondo' Gratton (3/69), Wayne Bruce and Ian Watkins (2/70), John Maitland, Gus Steegstra and Colin Walker (3/70), David Burke, Brian Cutler, Kevin Maloney, Paul Prosser, Alan Stevens, Ian McEwan and Amo Rizzuto (4/70), Warwick Walker (1/71), Richard Grove (3/71), Gerry Pels (4/71), Gary White (1/72),



The Association is grateful that, through participating in the ANZAC Day March, we have the opportunity to remember those who have given their lives in service to the country.

Perth (David Ward, 2/66)

On ANZAC Day in Perth the OTU Contingent was led by Derek Ladyman (2/66) a retired farmer from Kojonup. Derek served with 3RAR as a Platoon Commander in Australia 1966/67.

Neville Gale (1/66) and David Ward (2/66) carried the banner. Both served in SVN in 1967/1968 as platoon commanders, Neville with D & E Platoon, while David served mainly with 3RAR. About a dozen marched this year.

Sydney (Dick Adams, 3/72)

Our NSW contingent, 31 in total, rallied for the 2018 Sydney ANZAC March. This year we were joined by a recent immigrant from Melbourne, Vince Berne (2/67) and Gary Cameron (3/70) came across 'the ditch', accompanied by his wife, Liz, from their winery at Mangawhai in the North Island. We missed 7 of our usual marchers, who were attending the 1/70 class reunion in Brisbane.

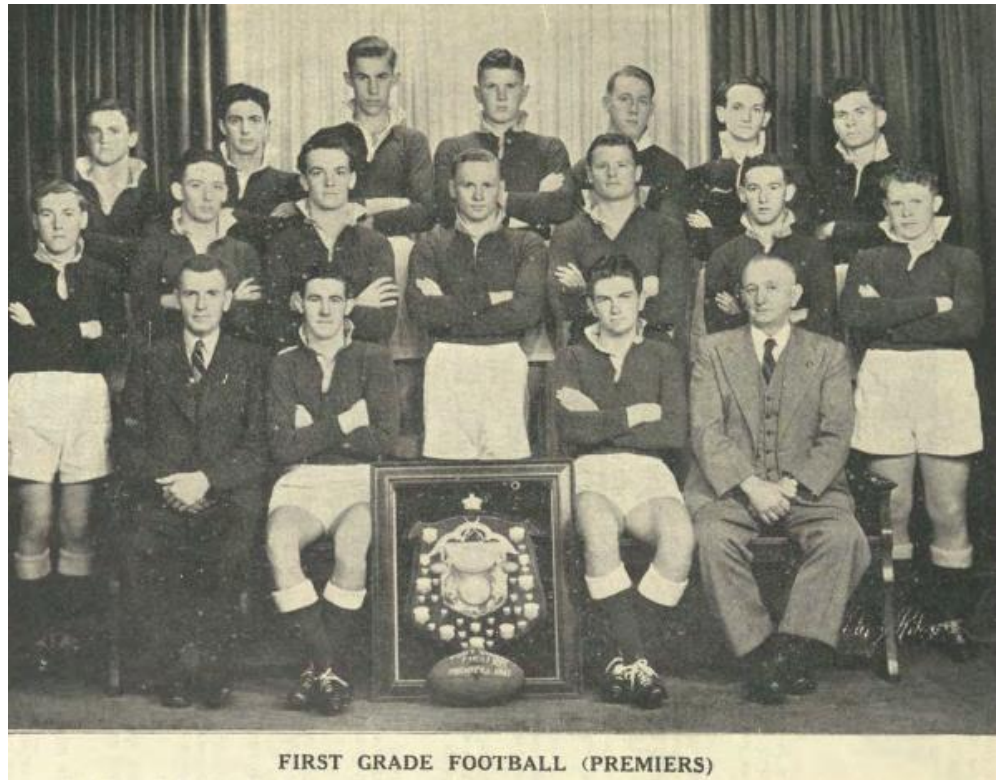


Once again, we were able to pull a 'swifty' and right wheel at Liverpool Street, instead of turning left. This allowed us to 'fall out' much closer to the NSW Masonic Club where 40 of us attended our usual ANZAC luncheon and following service. A good lunch and comradeship was had by all.

VALE

CI Colonel Stan Maizey (Robin Hunt, 3/69, with input from Mick Hart, 2/69, Neil Leckie, 3/68, and others)

Stanley John Maizey was born in Sydney on 24 August 1931. Stan attended school in Balmain and completed his education at Fort Street Boys High School in the Sydney suburb of Petersham in 1947, where he was a 'Student Representative' and Prefect. He was destined for a military career, having been a Lieutenant in the School's Army Cadets, and a rugby player.



In rugby Stan was reported in the 1947 School Magazine, 'The Fortian' as: 'Front row, rugged forward, and gave good support to the hooker'. He was a member of the school's First XV (center, rear row) that ended the season as Undefeated Premiers having scored 267 points against 59. The McManamey Shield was the school's first trophy in 14 years! Stan was also handy with a cricket bat and ball!

Stan commenced Officer Training at RMC Duntroon on 4 February 1948, graduating as the youngest in his class. He joined the 'Interim Army' as a Lieutenant in RAEME on 12 December 1951. He joined the Australian Staff Corps on 1 January 1952. His early postings included 4 RAR, 2 RAR (Korea) and 1 RAR, the Divisional Battle School and the 41st Infantry Battalion (CMF). This was followed by 3 RAR, 17th/18th Infantry Battalion (CMF) as Adjutant, HQ 1 Brigade as GSO3 Air and then returning to 2 RAR (Malaya). Following attendance at the Australian Staff College he was posted to the Jungle Training



Centre. With the expansion of the Army created by the introduction of National Service, and the raising of five new infantry battalions, Stan was next posted to 5 RAR. This posting included time in Vietnam. While there he was posted to HQ I Australian Task Force. Stan was awarded an MID on 1 June 1967. With this wealth of experience and knowledge behind him, it was no wonder that Stan Maizey was posted as the Chief Instructor at The Officer Training Unit, Scheyville. Post OTU Stan's postings included HQ Eastern Command and as CO 2 RTB, Puckapunyal. His last posting was to the District Support Group at Puckapunyal as a Colonel in 1979.

(Photo: Stan Maizey, CO 2 RTB with Lt Col Nattrass CO 22 RVR at 'S' Block, Puckapunyal, 1972)

After service in Japan & Korea, Stan met & married the love

of his life Janette Sykes. Life for the Maizey's was never dull with Janette's gentle but firm nature the perfect foil to Stan's big personality. Over a period of eight years, they had 3 children – Kim, Judy & Sally. Janette predeceased Stan and after a long battle with his health Stan passed away on 18 June 2018.

On a sunny Monday 25 June, the Chapel at Mount Cotton (just out of Brisbane) was packed for the funeral of the Colonel the Late Stanley “Stan the man” John Maizey. Stan, Chief Instructor at OTU from 9 October 1967 – 19 October 1969 was given a great send off by his family, friends and military mates from various postings - including 5 RAR and OTU. His pall-bearers included Terry O’Hanlon (1/65 and also DS) and Gary McKay MC (2/68) (representing the NSW Chapter). Robin Hunt (3/69) represented the National Committee and Victorian Chapter.

Other OTU attendees were mostly from the Queensland Chapter and included (apologies to any that have been missed):

Mike Fowler (2/65), Norm Jensen (2/66) and Peter Weingott (2/66 and also DS), Peter Moody (2/67), Gary Basford, Bernie Carney and Bob Caldwell-Wearne (3/68), Terry Benjamin (1/69), Glenn Smith (2/69), Lance Ensor and Roman Ulanowitz (3/69), Geoff Daly and Don McNaught (4/69), Nick Israel (2/70) and Barry Maffesconi and Owen Williamson (4/70). There were many OTU apologies. Good friend Dick Flint’, who followed Stan as CI at OTU, was an apology due to health reasons.

Peter Isaacs (5 RAR and OTU DS 1967-1968), who flew in from the UK for the funeral, led the eulogy section of Stan’s service with some broad brush commentary about Stan’s early school and service days, but he kept his most passionate words for Stan’s efforts as Bn 2IC to get 5 RAR ready for deployment in SVN at short notice in 1966. We heard about a disciplined, tough, unflappable man; a great scrounger and an unconventional man.

Whilst in SVN, Stan moved to HQ 1ATF as SO2 Ops in late 1966 and this led to his involvement in the “fence” (aka the Barrier Minefield) and perhaps some unjustified criticism. Some comments from his time at Staff College saw Stan summarised as a “friendly dinosaur”. Stan’s next posting was to OTU as a Lt Colonel

Close confidant, Mick Hart (2/69), then spoke of Stan’s time as CI at OTU. Mick supplemented his remarks with some observations that Peter Don 3/69 had emailed in. Mick’s conclusion was that Stan was seen to be “fearsome” and that he dispensed “fear with a sense of command” but in a “(mainly) fair fashion”. A comment relayed from his successor as CI, Dick Flint, said that ‘He might have made General if he hadn’t upset the head shed so much.’ (Sounds like he had taken a leaf out of Brigadier ‘Pompey’ Elliott’s book (Commander 15th Brigade, WW1 – Ed.).

Stan’s family rounded out the picture of a devoted husband, father and a highly regarded grandfather. Two of his grand-daughters, Courtney Maizey- Baker and Samantha Townsend spoke with such a passion and perceptiveness that it would have made Stan proud and they brought tears to many eyes.

The pipes were played, the Queen’s anthem sung, then the bugle sounded the Last Post and the final poppy was cast on his coffin and we said our final farewells.

As was said during his funeral: “Rest easy, Colonel, you have done your duty”.

This was a beautifully thought out and sensitive service and one worthy of a man who had devoted the majority of his working life to serving his country - in peace and in wartime.

The wake was held in a nearby winery. This provided an ideal opportunity for tales to be retold and boasts to be bested. It also gave Stan’s family a chance to meet his mates and to hear positive stories about Stan’s influences on the lives of Scheyvillians. While the family paid for most of the wake, the OTU Association contributed towards the ‘bill’.

The full Eulogies for Stan Maizey can be found on the OTU Website under Deceased Members

Some 'Stan' stories

Lt Col Stan Maizey Gave Me A Swig (Bernard Carney, 3/68)

It was in October 1968 and my Junior Class experience at Scheyville had just come to an end. Happily, we were all off on a few days leave prior to the commencement of the Senior Class. My last commitment before departing Scheyville camp was to attend an interview with my Guidance Officer, Capt Trevor Roderick.

To my surprise and astonishment, Capt Roderick informed me that I was on the brink of being failed. He then continued to outline all of my failings during the Junior Class period and I suddenly realised that this guy knew more about me than my own mother! He informed me that my greatest failing was that I did not make decisions and then proceeded to provide me with multiple examples. On this rather unhappy note, I went on leave but his final words about decision making stuck with me.

On return from leave and entering the Senior Class, we immediately went on the first major exercise over 7 days and I was appointed as platoon commander right at the start. It was obvious to me that I was being tested at the commencement of the exercise so that I could be taken out early if I failed. With Capt Roderick's words still ringing in my ears, I hit the ground running.

Around 3.00am on an extremely wet and cold morning, I was called to an orders group with Lt Col Maizey, who was located in a small hut a few hundred metres from our position. I was so cold and wet that my hands were shaking as I scribbled down the notes that I would use when I got back to my platoon to brief them about our upcoming movements.

As the orders group finished and I turned towards the door to leave the hut, I heard Maizey's voice say "What the hell's wrong with you Carney?". In one of the most bold decisions of my short life as at that point, I turned around to Lt Col Maizey and said (and these are the exact words), "Sir, I am fucking cold". I thought at that very moment that my Scheyville experience could be over. But this was not to be. Lt Col Maizey reached down somewhere behind where he was sitting and produced a bottle of some sort of spirits (to this day, I don't even know what it was). He handed me the bottle and said "Here, have a swig of this". Even though I only drank beer in those days and had never tasted any kind of spirits, I took a good swig of whatever it was and I can, to this day, recall the warm inner glow that I felt as it drained down towards my stomach.

A couple of days after our return to Scheyville, I spotted quite a number of my classmates milling around a notice board. As I approached, there were plenty of congratulations coming my way and I didn't know why. I looked at the notice board and posted there were the results of the exercise. My name was on the top of the list. I had come first on the exercise. I went on to graduate in the top half of the class.

I believe that two things from the Scheyville experience shaped my future life. The first was Capt Roderick telling me that I didn't make decisions. From the day that happened, I have never failed to make a decision in my life – I have made a few poor ones here and there but I have never failed to make one. The second is the 'swig' that Stan Maizey gave me on that freezing cold and wet morning which sustained me at a time when I really needed a warm inner glow.

Stan Maizey, I will never forget you for that. RIP.

Peter Matthew (4/68)

One was when after graduation, I was picked by Stan to play rugby for Eastern Command against The Old Slobbovians (Ex Australia players) at Victoria Barracks. We were getting thrashed, but Bobby Fulton threw me a pass for a certain try and I dropped it. Stan's words to me were even less complimentary than what I received from him at OTU.

Another Victoria Barracks story was when Stan was put in charge of a court martial. He ordered the Sergeant at Arms to "march the guilty bastard in!" So much for a fair trial!

I'm sure the class of 4/68 will recall a bit of rubber necking as we marched past Stan's house, to see if Judith was around.

John Sierakowski (1/69)

I have several (endearing) memories of Col Maizey, one of which haunts me to this day.

We were playing rugby which I have never understood. Maizey was on my team. I was given the ball quite close to the touch line and lunged to score. I was a bit short, so lunged again to get over the line. I found out in an instant, that this second movement was not legal because Maizey, my teammate!, booted me fair up the a--e. The assault was so fierce that his boot is still in my a--e somewhere!

I hope this is not too irreverent to the great man.

William Francis Hindson MC MG

Robin Hunt (3/69) found that another OTU DS had passed away. Bill Hindson was born on 3 March 1943 and was commissioned 2Lt on 12 December 1964 at OCS Portsea. He served with 1 RAR and 5 RAR before serving in Vietnam with 1 RAR (the first tour) and 1st Squadron SAS (his second tour). Bill was awarded the Military Cross while serving with the SAS. He was posted to OTU from 24 May to 18 December 1968 and attached to the Advanced Field Training Wing. Bill passed away on 19 February 2017 leaving behind his wife Catherine, two daughters and three grandchildren.



An interview with Bill can be seen at:

<http://australiansatwarfilmarchive.unsw.edu.au/archive/2557-bill-hindson>

Ray Maxwell Sheedy was born on 6 September 1945 in Melbourne. He completed his secondary education at Mordialloc High School. He attended Melbourne University, graduating with a Bachelor of Law in 1968.

Before entering the Army as a National Serviceman, Ray was employed as a Solicitor with Keith A. Ness & Son, Solicitors. Ray graduated with Class 2/67 and was allocated to the Australian Army Legal Corps and posted to Headquarters, Southern Command as a Temporary Captain Legal Officer, where he completed his National Service.

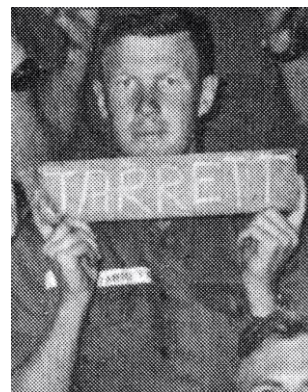


Ray was a Legacy Member and played cricket with the Bulleen Cricket Club for many years where he was Club Secretary for 4 years and long term committee member before moving to live in Doncaster. He captained the Bulleen 2nd X1 in 1972 and won both the batting and bowling that year, not only for Bulleen but the association as well. For the club his best bowling figures were 6/37 and his highest score was 134.

Ray, a brother to John and Brother-in-Law to Miffy, died unexpectedly on 21 April 2018. His funeral was held at the Federation Chapel, Lilydale Memorial Park, on 30 April 2018.

Richard Warren Jarrett (John Lewis, 2/69)

Richard Warren Jarrett was born on 16 July 1946 in Murwillumbah, NSW, and completed his secondary education at Toowoomba State High School in Queensland. He enlisted in the Citizen Military Forces as a 19-year-old serving in 51 Royal Queensland Regiment (RQR) in North Queensland before joining the 9RQR. From 9RQR he enlisted in the Australian Regular Army in September 1967 and headed off to 1st Training Battalion Kapooka to complete



his recruit training. Rick was posted to the School of Signals, enrolled in the electronics technician's course at Ingleburn in western Sydney and then Balcombe south of Melbourne, an 11 months course. Upon successfully completing the course he was posted to 2 Sig Regiment, however Aviation called and he was accepted for flying training.

Rick entered OTU as an Air Cadet. His Army experience shone through in his Junior Term with Class 2/69 and in his Senior Term he was given the rank of Under Officer as Battalion Quartermaster Sergeant. Rick graduated on 4 October 1969 and was allocated to the Australian Army Aviation Corps and posted to the 3rd Training Battalion in Singleton, NSW, as a Platoon Commander.

He married Carmen in Innisfail later that year. One of his OTU classmates bought the same brown suit in a Sydney disposal store as Rick bought so was a natural selection to be groomsman at the wedding. The mate ran out of money in Innisfail and prevailed on Rick and Carmen to travel south with them on their honeymoon. The wonderfully tolerant Carmen agreed, as did Rick through gritted teeth.

After about 3 months as Platoon Commander, Rick joined 5 Army Pilots Course at the Basic Flying Training Squadron at Point Cook on 12 January 1970. On 27 April 1970 Rick was posted to 162 Independent Recce Flt as an Admin Officer. He later completed the 12 month course qualifying as an Air Traffic Controller. This was followed by postings to 1 Aviation Regiment and the School of Army Aviation. Whilst at the School, he was instrumental in developing a pre-selection course for ATC. At the time, the failure rate at the ATC training at RAAF East Sale was about 50%. Students had to pass the same psych and assessment tests as pilots, however many were not able to handle the team work or be able to visualise many aircraft in the 4 Dimensional world. The two week course developed was designed to simulate ATC operations at an airport and put candidates under pressure, and identifying those who could handle the pressure and the 4D world. The failure rate at EAST Sale course fell to 10% as result of this better selection method.

After returning to 1 Avn Regt, Rick was posted to the United Nations Military Observer Group in India and Pakistan as an Observer in 1978 with main duties in Kashmir. Apart from the great experience, it was a wonderful adventure with Carmen and for part of the time, their "married quarter" was a houseboat. From UNMO, Rick returned to Oakey serving at 1 Avn Regt and the Army Aviation Centre, before getting a non-corps posting to Local Administration in Canberra in 1983. His first daughter Emma was born in 1984 and christened in the Duntroon Chapel. He was posted as Officer Commanding Base Squadron at Oakey in 1987 and his second daughter, Riah was born the same year. Carmen returned to her work as a nurse at Toowoomba Hospital.

After leaving the Army in 1988, Rick joined the newly created Queensland Correctives Services Commission which just started the amalgamation of Prisons, Parole, Probation and Community Corrections into one organisation. Rick and Carmen's life focussed on family life in Toowoomba and both looked forward to retirement. Tragically, Carmen was taken early when a minor leg injury developed into a life threatening infection over a few days. Rick was devastated and became a virtual recluse. He emerged from that, taking up Rock and Roll dancing, renewing his skills with the guitar and enjoying the freedom of the road with the "Patriots" biker group. He was most concerned about the Qld Newman government laws about motor cycle gangs! Through the dancing, he met Irene, hit it off and they moved to settle in Hervey Bay in 2014. Soon after Rick was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, and in typical Rick fashion, he fought it off, and he and Irene enjoyed life to the full, enjoying trips away and continued with the dancing, daughters marrying and arrival of grandchildren. The cancer remained in remission until early 2018, when it came back with a vengeance. Rick quickly got his affairs in order, married Irene, organised his funeral and fought until the end on 30 May 2018. His funeral was on 6 June, was conducted as a "Poppy Service" and was attended by family, Scheyville, Army Aviation and Patriot mates. Rest in Peace Mate.

Robert 'Bob' Geoffrey Fielding was born in Hobart on 11 December 1947. He completed his secondary education at Savio College (later renamed Dominic College). Before entering the Army as a National Serviceman he was employed as a Police Officer in Tasmania. He had been deferred for NS in order to complete a Police posting in Cyprus. Whilst at OTU Bob reached the rank of Under Officer as a Company Sergeant Major. On graduation with Class 4/70 Bob was, naturally, allocated to the Royal Australian Army Provost Corps and posted to the Royal Australian Army Provost School. From there he was posted to 4 SIS (Special Investigation Service) in Canberra. Post National Service Bob served in the CMF for a short time. It is understood that he had a prominent career in the Tasmanian Police Force, including time in the motorcycle unit, and that he had a key role in the resolution of the Port Arthur massacre.



In recent years Bob was a regular attendee at the Tasmanian lunches. Wal Hall presented the Scheyville Prize to Bob's son on his graduation from RMC. The Fieldings are unique in this regard.

Robert 'Bob' Fielding passed away unexpectedly on 15 June following complications from heart surgery. A Cremation Service was held for Bob at the Norwood Crematorium, Canberra, on Wednesday 20 June.

Photo: Bob Fielding 2nd from the left.

(Sir) Digby John Mackworth (from Charlie Barnett, DS)

Digby Mackworth was born on 2 November 1945 in London, England. He joined the Army as an Air Cadet at OTU Scheyville with Class 1/66. On graduation, Digby was posted to the RAAC at the Armoured Centre, Puckapunyal.



He commenced his Basic Flying Training at Point Cook with Course 11/67 and on graduation in July 1967 was attached to 1 Aviation Regiment. In May 1968 Digby was then posted to 182 Independent Recce Flight in Malaya, being promoted to Lieutenant while there. Digby served in Vietnam with 161 Independent Recce Flight from 30 July 1970 to 5 August 1971, flying in excess of 1,000 hours with the Rotary Wing.

Soon after returning from Vietnam Digby discharged from the Army. Post discharge Digby Flew with British Airways.

In recent times, Digby and his wife lived at Boars Hill, Oxford. UK. He passed away on Tuesday 17 July 2018 after a painful battle with cancer. Digby's funeral was held on Thursday 2 August.

Digby is survived by his wife Antoinette and daughter Octavia. If you would like to send a message to Antoinette and Octavia you can use the

Email Address for Octavia: octavia.orchard@yahoo.co.uk

Note: Digby was a Baronet and inherited his title when his father passed away in 1998. Thereafter he would have gone by the title Sir Digby.

(Neil) Alistair Wallace (Colleen Wallace) In The Scheyvillian 1 of 2018 we announced the passing of Alistair Wallace (2/68). Little was known of Alistair's achievements post-OTU. On reading the 'Vale' in The Scheyvillian Alistair's widow Colleen added a little information on Alistair post-OTU.

(Neil) Alistair Wallace graduated from OTU with Class 2/68 on 11th October 1968. After Corps Training with the Ordnance Corps at Bandiana in NE Victoria, Alistair was posted back home to Perth and was based at 5 BOD (Base Ordnance Depot) where he 'saw out his time'.



Left: A case of where and when?
Class 2/68 supporting the red wine industry!
John 'Jack' Goggins, Neil 'Alistair' Wallace, Robert 'Butch' Manning, 'Pete' Ferry and David Thearle.
Pete Ferry survived the rigours of being a Repeat and graduated with Class 3/68.

Post-NS Alistair returned to accountancy and then moved into IT where he was a key member of the team behind one of Australia's early and most notable software

success stories of the 80's and 90's, Solution 6, a company that 6 listed on the Australian Stock Exchange in 1986.

Alistair, Colleen and their children Sarah and Peter, moved to Ireland in 1987 where Alistair took on the role of Executive Director and General Manager of Solution 6 Ireland, based in Dublin. Dealing with senior levels within the Irish government, and taking advantage of development incentives at the time, Alistair became an expert in International (and in particular UK) Insolvency Law. He then worked for two years in London helping the UK Manager set up Solution 6 successfully to become a global leader in the very home of the Chartered Accounting Profession. Within 4 years, the company was generating over \$30 million dollars in revenue in today's \$'s., and employing over 100 people within the British Isles. (Solution 6 was sold to another well-known Australian company, MYOB in 2004).

Alistair left Solution 6 in 1991 and started his own consultancy business called Management Control Systems. Alistair loved his golf and was a foundation member and Secretary/Treasurer of the "Wembley Wombats" from inception for 20 years. The Wombats President stated: "nobody loved their golf or the Wombats more than Alistair and no one was more loved or respected than he. Certainly no-one was more competitive."

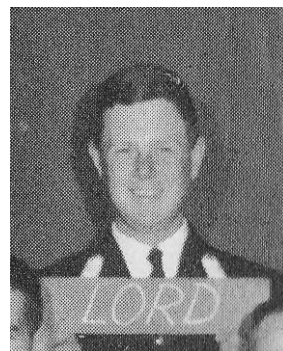
The Wombat's committee has decided that at their upcoming match-play competition and annually going forward, that they shall be playing for the Alistair Wallace Cup. Alistair was a multiple winner of the event, as well as many others, and this is the Wombats opportunity to remember and honour him in this small way."



Above: Alistair's and Colleen's son Peter Wallace presenting Englishman and proud winner, Ian Warburton, with "The Alistair Wallace Memorial Cup", together with Alistair's widow Colleen, holding grand-daughter Daisy Violet and Alistair and Colleen's daughter Sarah.

David Redgrave Lord

One of the behind the scenes workers for the association is Membership Officer Graeme Chester (2/67). Each year when memberships roll-over Graeme sends out reminder letters to those former members who have not renewed their memberships. This year Graeme received one letter back with RTS – Addressee Deceased. A quick Google search came up with just one entry for David Redgrave Lord (but plenty of entries for the Redgrave family in the entertainment business).



Brisbane Courier Mail, 23 October 2013:

Lord, David Redgrave, late of Hamilton (a Brisbane suburb – Ed.), formerly of Toowoomba. Passed away peacefully on 18 October 2013, aged 68 years. Loving husband of Peggy, Father, Father-in-Law and Grandfather to Alastair, Melanie, Nick and their families. Family and friends are invited to attend a Requiem Mass for David at St Cecilia's Catholic Church, Hamilton, on 25 October 2013 at 2.00 pm.

David was born in Devonport, Tasmania, on 21 April 1945 and completed his secondary education at Devonport High School. He attended the University of Tasmania and graduated as a Bachelor of Civil Engineering in 1965. David was employed by the Devonport Municipal Council as an Assistant Municipal Engineer. After a deferment, David entered the Army as a National Serviceman with Class 4/66 and graduated with Class 1/67, being allocated to the Royal Australian Engineers. He attended Corps Training at the School of Military Engineering, Casula, NSW, after which he was posted to 26 Engineer Stores Squadron, where he completed his National Service.

OTU Association Website – List of Deceased Scheyvillians

The Website contains a list of the known deceased Scheyvillians. Those listed in **Black** do not have any details of their death. If you are aware of the details of any Scheyvillians that do not have any sort of Obituary, please contact the Webmaster or the Editor!

FEATURES:

North Head Pavers

As advised in the previous Scheyvillian the association has had two pavers laid at the North Head Memorial Walk in Sydney in memory of those Scheyvillians who died on active service in Vietnam.

Any members visiting the North Head Museum and gunnery position should look out for the OTU pavers. The pavers are laid in the Memorial Walk, location CC-150.

Readers will note that the pavers state a 21 Week Course. Some paperwork states 21 weeks, some state 22 weeks, however, the actual courses varied from 20 to 22 weeks, so 21 weeks was taken as the average length!

Queen's Birthday Awards

Neil Weekes (1/67) was awarded a Posthumous Order of Australia Medal (OAM) in The General Division for service to veterans and their families.

It was a pleasure for the Tasmanian Chapter to assist in the recommendation for an OAM for their chapter secretary, **Ray Williams** (2/71). Ray received an OAM in recognition of his voluntary service to the Veteran Community which included the OTU Association.



Honours and Awards (Michael Butler, 1/66)

From his contacts Michael was able to advise that the Military Honours and Awards Committee have approved the awarding of the Unit Citation for Gallantry (UCG) to all personnel who were deployed to establish and defend FSB Coral and FSPB Balmoral on Operation Toan Thang - Phase 11, Vietnam 25 May - 6th June 1968. Total Victory!

Coral/Balmoral Commemorations and Awards

On 13 May 2018 soldiers of the current 3 RAR lined up to pay respects to veterans from the Battle of Balmoral, 50 years after the fighting that claimed six of the battalion's soldiers lives. A service at Kapyong Lines in Lavarack Barracks, Townsville, marked the event of 26 May 1968. The service was followed by a demonstration of 3RAR's mechanised combined arms capability including snipers, mortars and heavy weapons. About 90 Vietnam Veterans were then piped into the Madden Club behind the 3 RAR Queen's and Regimental Colours, with the battalion lining the route as a show of respect. Balmoral Veteran and former signaller, Geoff Hazel, came expecting a parade but was happy not to have seen one. "It was so much better. The ceremony was excellent and for us to march through those troops, it was pretty damn good. It was completely unexpected and I thought it was brilliant," he said.

The veterans toured 3 RAR's museum and displays of the battalion's current equipment and capabilities. Balmoral veteran Maj-Gen Peter Phillips (Ret'd), former OC B Coy, remembered riding in APCs during his time in Vietnam. "I have a lot of memories in M113s. I hope they are bit better now, I remember bouncing around in the back of them," he said. Mr Phillips was happy to hear of the extra room and improvements to the suspension in the newer M113 AS4s.

Current serving 3 RAR soldier, Private Oliver Viewey, of B Coy's 5 Pl, enjoyed his chance to hear the war stories of Balmoral 5 Pl veterans, as they recounted their experiences with him and other soldiers. "They had a lot of stories. We couldn't get a word in" he said. Pte Viewey was especially proud to take part in the honour guard, lining the streets of the battalion as the veterans were marched into the Madden Club. "That was real special, especially as they walked past and you could see they really appreciated it. A few blokes with tears," he said. Pte Viewey recently returned from serving with FPE-8 in Afghanistan and said there was a huge difference between current and previous conflicts. "There's no comparison to operations nowadays compared to what it was like then," he said. (Army, 28 June 2018)



Left: Former 3 RAR members, who fought in the Battle of Fire Support Base Balmoral, are honoured as they march to the Madden Club at Lavarack Barracks, Townsville.

3RAR was stationed at Woodside in South Australia when it was committed to the Vietnam War. It arrived in South Vietnam throughout December, 1967. Its arrival brought the 1st Australian

Task Force (1ATF) up to three-battalion strength.

On 29 January 1968, C Company was placed under the command of 7RAR for Operation Coburg (24 January - 1 March 1968). The operation was carried out on the Bien Hoa - Long Khanh border. C Company rejoined 3RAR on 10 February, when the battalion relieved 7RAR. 3RAR was joined by W1 Company, Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment (RNZIR), from 2RAR for the remainder of the operation. It returned to Nui Dat on 1 March 1968.

3RAR next operated outside of Phuoc Tuy during Operation Toan Thang (21 April - 7 June). Toan Thang

aimed to block the communist withdrawal following the Tet Offensive. 3RAR was stationed on the Bien Hoa-Bien Nuong border. On 13 May it occupied Fire Support Base Coogee, before moving 5 kilometres north on 24 May to establish Fire Support Base Balmoral. The first attack on Balmoral occurred on 26 May. A second attack took place on 28 May. In both attacks the position was mortared before a ground assault began. Both attacks were repulsed. On 5 June the battalion withdrew from Balmoral and returned to Nui Dat.

Jeffrey James 'Jim' Shelton was the Commanding Officer of 3 RAR during its first tour of Vietnam that included Coral/Balmoral. He was born on 29 Jun 1926 and commissioned on 11 December 1946. He served in Korea as a Captain with 3 RAR from 20 May 1951 to 20 May 1952 and was awarded an MC for bravery and devotion to duty Point 317 Korea in 1952. After many postings he returned to 3 RAR and became its CO 3 RAR from 15 February 1967 to 17 February 1969. This included the tour of Vietnam from 6 October 1967 to 28 November 1968. He was awarded a DSO for his service in Vietnam. Jim, 92, watched the live streaming of the 3 RAR parade and service in hospital and shortly after the conclusion of the Commemorative Service for the Battles of Coral and Balmoral quietly passed away. His funeral was held on Monday 4 June 2018, at the RMC Chapel, Duntroon. Refreshments were at the Band Room of the Royal Military College Band at Duntroon.

OTU Graduates, according to the DVA Nominal Roll, posted to 3 RAR at the time of the Battle of Balmoral were: Colin Clarke and Terry Properjohn (1/65), Len **Studley** (2/65), Lloyd **Anderson** and Lawrie Applebee (3/66), Doug Dick and Norm **Peatling** (4/66).

Prior to the battle the battalion had lost John Fraser (2/65) and Len Taylor (1/66)

OTU and NS Statistics (Neil Leckie, 3/68)

In 1964, when the government decided to re-introduce National Service, the Army was to be increased by 16,000 men. This was to be undertaken over two years by calling up 8,000 men a year in four intakes of 2,000. A rolling replacement would occur as when the first intake of 2,000 completed its two years it would be replaced by another 2,000 'Recruits'.

The First Recruit Training Battalion (1 RTB) at Kapooka, outside Wagga, would have eight three story brick barracks built. Each floor would house a platoon of 48. There were to be four companies of six platoons, each company having its own Parade Ground. The 24 platoons would comprise both ARA and NS. There would be one 'Mess' to feed all the recruits. A Battalion Parade Ground would also be needed. Any additional accommodation would be located in the WW2 huts in 'Silver City' up the ridge from the new facilities.

A new Recruit Training Battalion, 2 RTB, was to be raised on the Puckapunyal base. Old WW2 huts were demolished and new timber and asbestos huts would be raised for four companies, each of five platoons, although there is evidence that from time to time more than twenty platoons were raised. Each company had its own Parade Ground with A and B Companies sharing one 'Mess' and C and D Companies sharing a second 'Mess'.

In February 1966 and third Recruit Training centre opened at the 3rd Training Battalion (3 TB) at Singleton. Sometimes incorrectly named 3 RTB, the Singleton base also trained soldiers at levels other than Recruits.

The following table shows the approximate numbers of Recruits attending Recruit Training at each of the Training Battalions, the number of Cadets and OTU Graduates for each intake, the number of OTU Graduates who served in Vietnam and the class percentage serving in Vietnam.

Note: Recruit Training numbers are approximate and that the number of Cadets commencing OTU includes 134 'Air Cadets'. The numbers do not include the Portsea 'Overflow' or CMF Cadets.

Intake	1 RTB	2 RTB	3TB	OTU Cadets	Graduates	Served SVN	% SVN
65/1	800	1300		106	76	47	62%
65/2	800	1300		70	41	19	46%
66/1	575	1300	230	116	79	34	43%
66/2	575	1300	230	88	54	18	33%
66/3	575	1300	230	82	56	28	50%
66/4	575	1300	230	58	42	21	50%
67/1	575	1300	230	137	97	28	29%
67/2	575	1300	230	82	65	18	28%
67/3	575	1300	230	74	50	23	46%
67/4	575	1300	230	59	43	18	42%
68/1	575	1300	230	128	92	18	20%
68/2	575	1300	230	95	64	9	14%
68/3	575	1300	230	95	64	12	19%
68/4	575	1300	230	58	36	10	28%
69/1	575	1300	230	106	76	11	14%
69/2	575	1300	230	77	51	6	12%
69/3	575	1300	230	74	57	8	14%
69/4	575	1300	230	52	32	4	13%
70/1	575	1300	230	128	92	10	11%
70/3	575	1300	230	85	74	3	4%
70/3	575	1300	230	65	51	1	2%
70/4	575	1300	230	49	35	0	0%
71/1	575	1300	230	144	104	1	1%
71/2	575	1300	230	84	62	1	2%
71/3	575	1300	230	57	31	0	0%
71/4	575	1300	230	107	57	2	4%
72/1	575	1300	230	108	82	0	0%
72/2	575	1300	230	104	77	0	0%
72/3	575	1300	230	58	39	0	0%
72/4	575	1300	230	52	23	0	0%
	17700	39000	6440	2598	1802	350	Av 20%

Incl Air Cadets

Plus 5 CMF

Estimated Total: 63140

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Above: 1 RTB Recruits in 1968



Right: Tented Accommodation in 3 TB Singleton

VIETNAM VETERANS DAY ACTIVITIES

Adelaide <http://anzaccentenary.sa.gov.au/event/vietnam-veterans-day/>

1100 hrs on Saturday 18 August 2018 at Henderson Square, Montague Farm Estate, Pooraka, SA
A special ceremony will be held on the anniversary of the battle of Long Tan at the Montague Farm Estate. The Montague Farm Estate has been dedicated to all Australians who served, suffered and died in the Vietnam War. RSVP by Friday 3 August 2018 to cdadmin@salisbury.sa.gov.au or phone 84068368.

Brisbane: <http://vvaaqueensland.asn.au/2018/05/07/vietnam-veterans-day-18th-august-2018/>

Vietnam Veterans Day 18 August 2018: Due to ANZAC Square being closed till November 2018, we are forced to cancel our march and service this year in Brisbane.

Hobart

Vietnam Veterans Day Commemorative Service, Saturday 18 August 2018 at the Hobart Cenotaph, Queens Domain. The Laying of Wreaths will commence at 11.45am and the service will commence at 12 noon. The Guest Speaker will be the Governor of Tasmania, Her Excellency Professor Kate Warner AM. Following the service lunch will be served at the Claremont RSL at 1 Bilton Street, Claremont at 1.00pm.

Melbourne <https://www.onlymelbourne.com.au/vietnam-veterans-day#.W1MHUtUzbIU>

Key Timings:

0930 Gunfire Breakfast near the Police Memorial, St Kilda Road

1100 Marchers Step Off from the Police Memorial

1120 Marchers approach the Shrine Forecourt

1130 Keynote Address by Victoria's Governor, The Honouable Linda Dessau AM

1135 Address by Victoria's Premier, The Honourable Daniel Andres MP

1140 Long Tan Cross siting re-enactment

Shrine Representatives include Shrine Life Governor former OTU DS Lt Col David Ford CVO AM GM

Perth

Sunday 12 August 2018 – Kings Park: Assemble on the eastern side of the lake at 1030 hrs for a 1045 Step-off to the Memorial. All non-marchers are requested to be in location by 1040 hours. The service will commence at 1100 hours and follow our standard format with only official wreath layers being called forward as part of the service. All others are asked to lay their tributes during the poppy laying with the Vietnam Veterans.

Sydney

<http://rslnsw.org.au/uploads/Commemoration%20Calendar/RSL%20NSW%20COMMEMORATION%20SERVICES%20AND%20EVENTS%20CALENDAR%202018%20-%202016%20Mar%20update.pdf>

Vietnam Veterans Day Commemoration Service at 10.30am, Saturday 18th August at the Cenotaph, Martin Place Carol Ward 0408 443 302 cward049@bigpond.com

STATE ACTIVITIES:

ACT CHAPTER



The ACT Chapter continues to represent the OTU Association at the Bi-annual Presentation of Awards Ceremony at RMC Duntroon.

On 18 June 2018 Clive Badelow presented Cadet Corporal Harry Tibben with the OTU Leadership Award at the RMC Graduation. Lieutenant Tibben has been posted to 1 RAR as a Platoon Commander.

1 RAR is currently based at Lavarack Barracks in Townsville, Queensland, where it is part of 3rd Brigade. 1 RAR was first formed as the 65th Australian Infantry Battalion in 1945. As 1 RAR the battalion has deployed to some of Australia's most significant engagements including the Occupation of Japan, Korean War, Malayan

Emergency and the Vietnam War. In more recent times, 1 RAR has participated in operations in Somalia, Timor-Leste (East Timor), Solomon Islands, Iraq and Afghanistan. In 2006, 1 RAR was one of the Australian Army's most heavily deployed units with detachments in Iraq, Tonga, the Solomon Islands and Timor-Leste. Their motto is 'Duty first'.

NSW CHAPTER (Gary McKay 2/68)

The NSW Chapter has continued to hold monthly lunches albeit no longer at the Athenian restaurant in Barrack Street in the CBD. New owners forced a reappraisal of cost benefit and administrative embuggerance so the Chapter now has a lunch at venues that are still in the CBD but at various hostelrys around town (and always close to public transport). The day of the lunch may vary depending on external circumstances but is usually on the second or third Thursday of the month. Attendance is usually around 24 members with one staff member DS, Charlie Barnett (1968), becoming a regular attendee.

The State chairman Gary McKay attended the funeral of former CI Stan Maizey with assistance from National funding which was much appreciated. The State Chapter is forming a loose (emphasis on loose) committee with John Marsden as a committee member, Phil Paddison representing the Novacastrians, Greg Woods the southerners and Geoff Bennett, the Treasurer, who now also holds the bank account in the name of the NSW OTU Association.

The July lunch was held on 26 July at the Crown Hotel. An August lunch probably following a Shrine of Remembrance visit at the Edinburgh Castle Hotel.

QUEENSLAND CHAPTER (Geoff Daly, 4/69)

I have no idea how many active members we have – it depends on the definition of active. Our normal monthly luncheon would average 8-12 but our Christmas lunch can get up to 60. And the day Fridays Restaurant put on a free lunch and booze the line went around the corner and included blokes who hadn't attended for years. (Unfortunately I was in Geraldton, WA, at the time).

We continue to hold our monthly luncheons on the second Thursday of every month at Fridays Restaurant in the city on the banks of the Brisbane River but the change of ownership and their obvious cost cutting efforts are causing us to rethink our patronage and changes may be in the air.

The Black Tie Dinner at the United Service Club was a great success with 38 attendees. The ANZAC Day march was well attended with the boys from 1/70 (who were having their very well organised reunion in Brisvages) swelling the ranks. The after-march lunch at the Royal on the Park went on a bit and some members merged it into dinner and didn't get home till very late.

As far as Youth Leadership goes our chosen leadership and at risk youth charity is Vitae Limited. In November 2017 we donated \$2,500 to that group and have set aside another \$2,000 out of our meagre funds for them in late 2018.

On the eve of ANZAC Day we were privileged to participate in the Griffith University theatre class presentation of which you have already been advised elsewhere and I would strongly recommend, indeed demand, that you incorporate it into your 2020 planning. It was magnificent and the students were only 1st year. In 2020 they will be graduating and will be magnificinter!!

TASMANIAN CHAPTER (Ray Williams, 2/71)

This year the Tasmanians are having a trial of only having three lunches as an organised group. This was due to several of our regulars not being able to make it due to travel, work and all the other things that tend to get in the way. The 8 June 2018 lunch was held at a local Greek restaurant, surprisingly, called “Urban Greek”.

We were pleased that Noel and Viv McRoberts (O1/72) could make it this time round and so to Paul Ferguson. This was Paul’s first time with the group and a warm welcome was extended by all. The ‘fare’ was excellent and plenty of it, so no complaints in that department. The staff were friendly and most helpful, which made for a pleasant ‘longish’ lunch.

Paul was at Scheyville in early 1967 as a member of Class 4/66. Regular Tasmanian lunch attendee Peter Dalkin said that Paul remembers Peter’s CMF/SURVACTO Course who were commissioned in the Mess at Scheyville in early 1967 - no Parade of course, just pips on the shoulder at the Mess. Paul also related to Peter a story of Colin Dunstan (on Peter’s course, who was later a Colonel). Peter knew Colin well, and the story was ‘so Colin’ it had to be true, but not repeatable here. Paul did not graduate but stated that he elbowed a DS during a basketball game towards the end of the course. The moral of the story is: let the DS win, but just....



Those that attended from the left: Noel McRoberts, Peter Bysouth, Chris Bysouth, Dennis Townsend, Paul Ferguson, Ray and Pam Williams, Anne Townsend, Viv McRoberts, Peter Dalkin.

Apologies were received from James and Diane Reade, Barry Hickman, Gavan Connell, Ian and Jean Howard, Peter and Margaret Williams, Ross and Jane Robbins and Ross and Mary Mace

Youth Leadership: The Tasmanian Chapter was not involved in any youth leadership activities within the state, however, they do have an arrangement with South Australia to support Operation Flinders.

VICTORIAN CHAPTER

Geddes Dinner

The twelfth annual Geddes Dinner was held on 5 July at the Toorak Services Club (Heroes Club). A good turnout of Scheyvillians, Heroes members, guests and friends enjoyed a fine evening. The attendance were marginally down on last year, due to more (now retired) people escaping from Melbourne's winter and others being medically indisposed.



Our guest speaker, writer and journalist, Cameron Forbes, (left) could not have been more appropriate for the time with the Korean Peninsula negotiations underway. Cameron has had a distinguished career covering rebellions, civil wars and wars in Northern Ireland, Portugal, Sri Lanka, the Philippines, South Africa, Bougainville Myanmar, the Middle East, Afghanistan and Rwanda. He has been awarded many accolades including the Perkin Award for journalist of the year (1986), the United Nations Media Peace award for journalistic merit (1991) and Australia's Walkley Award for the most outstanding contribution to journalism (2010). Cameron has written and published several books including "The Korean War – Australia in the Giants' Playground".

He gave a fascinating history of the Korean War and the complexities that brought about the conflict. For so many in the room who really knew little about this part of world history, it was an absolute eye opener and put today's negotiations in a new, and better informed, perspective. That the matter is being negotiated by two parties headed by "hairdo challenged" leaders was

noted.

Also of interest to those of the first Scheyville Classes he detailed the heroic action from which Chief Instructor Lt Col L.G. Clark was awarded the Military Cross. Following questions, toasts and port all joined in an enthusiastic, if not tuneful, rendition of the OTU song. Further fellowship then followed. It was another great night.

Monthly Lunches (Brian Cooper, 3/69)

Following the April lunch at the RACV Club, organiser 'Coops' sent the following:

'While all our lunches are enjoyable I found today's particularly so and thanks for being part of it.

A good sized table where all could comfortably share views, lies and great tales.

I feel we are blessed with such unique and fine fellowship, friendship and good will.

Have a great ANZAC Day wherever you are and I look forward to catching up again soon

Makes it all worthwhile really! Cheers.'

Brian's classmate 'Hondo' Gratton replied with: 'Brian, I agree. Particularly gratifying for me having come back "into the fold" after many years in far outposts of the Empire.'

Please also remember how much we all appreciate your ongoing 'management' of the event.

Cheers! Hondo. And another classmate, Nick Callinan AO said: Brian, I echo John's appreciation of your key contribution as convener.'

13 June By the way had a most enjoyable lunch on Wednesday. 13 in attendance with 4 overseas, 3 incl you interstate, Col Lindsay and Mick Stone encountering a rather large saltie on a walk around an island up North, and several others unavailable to attend. Andrew Guest was not long back from a hike in Nepal and John Churchill and Dave Lewis attended haven't seen for a while.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

The West Australian Quarterly lunch, held on 6 March that saw nineteen in attendance, was the last to be held at the favourite lunch place for many years, The Romany. A change of ownership and staff meant that the association has had to look at a new location. The WA Chapter subsidised the lunch for those members attending. There was also a generous tip given to the two retiring restaurant staff members who have served them well for many years. The WA Chapter August lunch was at The Sorrento, 158 James Street, Northbridge on the 3 August.

The chapter has located 2/66 graduate, Michael Darby 2783600 working in the WA Parliament in West Perth. New South Welshman Michael graduated into RASigs and was posted to 1 RTB Kapooka. From there he went to the RAAF School of Languages. Michael joined the Australian Staff Corps in 1970. He returned to Signals postings with 121 Signals Squadron Hong Kong Detachment and 7 Signals Regiment at Cabarlah in Queensland before returning to 1 RTB as an Admin Officer. Michael resigned from the Army after that posting.

WHAT SCHEYVILLIANS DID:

OTU Reflections: My Time at OTU and Beyond (John Britton, 1/69)

My marble was drawn in late 1965, the only one of my mates to get the letter. I was employed and still studying at the time and gained deferment until end of 1968 when I completed studies.

Arriving in February 1969 at the Marrickville Centre in Sydney with stoic parents, a line of protesters and my small carry bag of personal items from a list provided by the Army started my mandated two year commitment to a political decision. A trip to Watsons Bay for an evening meal then an overnight bus ride down the Hume Highway to arrival at Puckapunyal 2RTB with a gaggle of new recruits, a platoon worth of us from NSW into a mob of Victorians similarly dazed and bewildered. Lined up for haircuts, jabs, endless marching and getting used to a bizarre routine,. Little did I know that a few weeks later the routine would be even more bizarre.

My recollections of Pucka is vague except that rumour of bromide being put in the tea. I think it was more the effect of exhaustion that kept us controlled. I must have put my name down for this OTU gig. I do recall some brass looking at some tests that groups of us were given to see if we had the right stuff. I do recall being out in the field some days later and hearing my named being bellowed over hill and dale saying I had to report immediately to someplace. I did and within hours I was packed and out to a DC3 for a flight to Sydney. Amazing time, at Sydney airport, far less sophisticated than today's version, my mother greeted me briefly as we were led to a bus for a trip to this OTU place. She did think I looked a bit different.

OTU life had started. Yes, I remember the sweet greeting off the bus by WO1 Tillbrook. A lasting memory, the visit to Q-store, uniforms, instruction from our Seniors on room layouts, the yelling that seemed to proceed every minute of the day, seeing the movie Zulu. I was allocated to 3 Platoon, A Coy. At least it was near the mess hall. I recall the meals were fine and the nightly ration of two cans of beer and two blocks of chocolate were treats. Remembering all that was imparted to our classes was top of the list; making lists in note books; being aware that at every turn there was a DS or two eager to see what we did, was it good enough and all that. In Army parlance, a lot was learnt so we could be sent to Vietnam if needed.

I lived in Sydney, so at every opportunity when weekend leave was available I headed to home base, thanks to Bob Hobart, when he dropped me and Terry Benjamin off along Parramatta Road and mum or dad would meet us and a return on Sunday evenings. Sadly Bob didn't make the graduate cut and I think a plan B was required for transport. I realise now that by deserting OTU at every weekend opportunity, I didn't form close or interesting bonds with many cadets that are possible when more sociable mixing is available.

In reality, my OTU experience went so fast. I recall the name of my Senior, Buest, but not the name of my later Junior. But no idea of other cadets in rooms a few away from mine. I recall the LEAPS from our Seniors but I can't recall that Class 1/69 did the same for our Juniors, the ETPs were classic and actually were good learning tips on how to be organised. Two minute shower skills have helped me through life at times too, although it is more likely 4 minutes now that works better. I am still amazed that I made it through but content myself that the Army way saw my good attributes and that was what they were looking for. I can say I remain amazed but grateful that I did make it. My Army days at OTU have shaped my life one way or another since. The field trips, exercise times, sport were all good and the will to survive was paramount.

The embedded lessons taken from OTU include:

I am an organised person, able to leap tall buildings, always carry a biro and access to some paper, understand the variations of people's characteristics to get the best from them, being at the back of the queue when food is served so others are served first, making to do lists, probably many more. Remembering my service number more than all the passwords we now need to recall. So thanks, OTU. Some recollections were that by the time of Class 1/69 came around, we were commonly ones who had deferred, completed studies and maybe had different expectations than previous classes, maybe so, maybe not. I think the Army had many more cadets to find interesting postings for. In civilian life I was employed as an Environmental Health Officer and Building Surveyor in local government. The Army met my expectations and I was posted to Medical Corps and to HQ-PNG Command in Port Moresby as the Hygiene Officer.

I spent about 10 days at Vic Barracks in Sydney with HQ Medical Corps, I didn't have anything to do and they were no help to me to give me clues about what my role would entail. A flaw in the system, I think. Arrival to Port Moresby (PM) as a single, new 2LT was an eye-opener. The Officers Mess had a good bunch of singles of all ranks and a good social life. The RAAMC office was friendly and I had many Pacific Soldiers at the Goldie River Training Depot about 30km from PM. That depot had the Education base so many OTU graduates to PNG ended up there.

I have many interesting opportunities that included a Patrol across the country to the south coast soon after the newly 2LTs like me arrived; tasks in Rabaul when seconded to the Police Dept during local rioting; time at Tari during a flu epidemic and attending CMF camps in support with my PI soldiers and Aussie Sgts and teams of Aussie CMF medical Corps troops on their 2-week camps. I even was given a promotion to an LT.

While in a jungle camp about 6 miles out of Wewak, for six weeks about April 1970, while the CMF had their turns at playing soldiers, I met Margaret, a nursing sister from Melbourne who was working at Wewak Hospital. She and some other Sisters were invited to a night at the Sgt mess tent, she came. Next night another invite was accepted to the Officers Mess tent. The rest is history as we made a connection, she transferred to Port Moresby Hospital and we married in September 1970 on Gemo Island in Port Moresby harbour. Now 48 years later, with 3 children and 5 grandchildren, life has been good, so thanks to the call up, thanks to Army and OTU; no regrets.



I declined a further posting to Vietnam at end of my National service as being married, with child and a job to return to, the choice was easy. I am not sorry as in later years while browsing an RAAMC website I saw a picture of the then Hygiene Officer for 1TF on top of Agent Orange drums all smiling and showing off it seemed. I am please I wasn't in that situation. I have participated in Veterans Affairs survey on effects of Vietnam on servicemen and families without Vietnam service.

I returned to my civilian job in local government and worked for 50 years in total retiring at age 68. Involvements in Scouting leadership, Junior Cricket administration, Rotary programs, nine years as part owner of a B&B and restaurant has kept me busy too. Now happily retired and living in the ACT. My stinging memory at discharge was brutal. After some leave, attending a building at Holsworthy and entering in a LT uniform at one end, treated progressively harshly throughout all the checks and handing in mess kit and water bottle until emerging at the exit as a despised civilian. This was an unfortunate way of ending National Service. Still, overall, I had a great time, regret nothing and have benefited throughout life from my OTU and Army experiences. I did think I looked a bit different.

My OTU Story, Part 3 (Frank Paton' 2/70) Part 4 will be in The Scheyvillian 3 of 2018

Revisit Pucka: A letter recorded that we had surprisingly visited Pucka in late September, ie after the 12 day exercise and decisions about graduating had been made. We went to 2 RTB for some training purpose - I think we provided some of the training, but the details have faded in the mists of time. Apparently we received some ill-gotten salutes! I'm not sure how that happened because we wouldn't have been wearing officers' insignia.

My next visit to Pucka was as a captain where one had to be very alert as there were many salutes and this time not ill-gotten! If only they'd known that a mere 6 months earlier I'd been a raw recruit and only a couple of weeks earlier I'd been a humble OTU cadet.

I would have liked the experience of going to a unit to round out the experience of OTU, but on balance I finally decided I would invest in my career and the legal corps was very keen to engage me at AHQ, Russell Complex, Canberra. As I expected, there were many benefits, including directly advising Minister for the Army, Andrew Peacock, being heavily involved in serious criminal trials and appeals and amazing fun (the old story of working hard and playing hard).

I will elaborate on some of these shortly.

Not exactly Barracks: On arrival in Canberra I was put into a hostel – very basic, but with the great advantage of being central and providing hot breakfasts to order and a substantial dinner menu at heavily subsidised prices. Those dinners were very useful – no cooking and they helped to overcome the effects of several hours each evening in the Officers' Mess drinking scotch or beer at token prices. We spent the first 3 weeks going straight to the Mess after work every evening – no doubt a reaction against the hardships of OTU, but after 3 weeks we got that out of our system and returned to more usual sociable drinking.

I realised this comfortable existence in the hostel was eventually going to become boring (even though one could entertain in your small room). So a few Nashos looked to lease a house, but they were all very ordinary suburban. The great guy the late Bruce Monotti 2/69 invited a few people to the house he leased – wow: modern, backed onto the national park at the rear of Campbell (kangaroos hopping past) and a pool! I said he could fit another person in there and he readily agreed. It was a fun house (people coming and going at all hours). We were there for a year or so. One of Bruce's guests managed to upend a large amount of red wine onto a fluffy white carpet. The agent was not amused!

Sometimes we walked along a bush path to work at AHQ Russell and occasionally went back for a swim at lunchtime. The vicissitudes of OTU faded!

My most humble moment: I was just out of OTU, bent over my desk working when this person stepped into my work space and said with a powerful voice: "Sir, can you please....." as he snapped a sharp salute. As my eyes lifted from concentration on my desk papers, the first thing I saw was this very impressive Medal. I regret I didn't know what a Victoria Cross Medal looked like, but I knew the Medal looked bloody important!

It was Keith Payne V.C. I was still wet behind the ears and felt a little awkward at his soldierly politeness and recognition of rank (I don't think I showed it!). I met the great Keith Payne a few years ago and told him he had caused my most humble feelings ever. When I told him the story, being a "big" man, he brushed it off & talked about other things. There's a lot to like about him.

Revisit OTU: After I'd been at AHQ for several months I heard about a graduation ceremony scheduled for OTU and Tony Comito 3/70 and I decided it would be interesting to go back for a visit.

We kitted ourselves out appropriately. It was quite a long drive from Canberra and we left before dawn in very casual gear planning to change into uniform when nearing Scheyville. We made it in good time and found a very small country side road which seemed to have no traffic and we pulled over and started changing quickly. Unfortunately, for everyone involved a very large car with a flag on the bonnet slowly motored along the road we had just turned off. We quickly realised it was probably the car of some General who was to take the Graduation Parade. Presumably he had arrived a bit early and his driver was slowly doing a circuit of some back roads to fill in time before his scheduled arrival.

We have no idea whether or not we were spotted, but we imagine we were seen in a state of only partial dress. We were greatly relieved when the car kept moving, didn't slow down and didn't do a U-turn!

When we eventually reported into OTU for the Graduation ceremony we kept a very low profile in case we were recognised. I readily admit that I felt uncomfortable being saluted by some of the DS who had instructed me only a few months earlier. I probably shouldn't have felt uncomfortable, but it really was a big leap.

Criminal experience: Many years later I got to know very well the late Jim Kennan, the Victoria Attorney-General. He was a good barrister and as is usual had many rough and tumble cases. Over lunch he was provoked into saying that I was just a pure commercial lawyer. I said quietly that I'd worked on a murder trial and two manslaughter trials. He was very taken aback and subsequently used to introduce me to other people as a criminal law specialist! He liked to pick up and run with anything pejorative.

The murder trial I was heavily involved in was the Ferriday case. In SVN he developed a very serious grudge against a Sergeant and one night went up onto a rise overlooking the Sergeants' Mess and shot the Sergeant he despised. Unfortunately he did not understand the capabilities of his SLR sufficiently, because the round killed not only the intended victim, but also another Sergeant standing behind him and seriously wounded a third Sergeant behind him. So he was facing two murder charges and several other very serious offences.

I was enjoying the challenging work so much that, although this was completely unplanned, I ended up working most of one night on the matter – I just kept going. Well after midnight I briefly stepped out into the corridor at AHQ. I hadn't heard of motion detecting sensors at that stage, but obviously there was one focused down the corridor. A few minutes later I heard the lift doors open and footsteps coming down the corridor and guessed it was a security guard. I could hear him coming closer and closer and hoped that he didn't get a fright when he came around the corner into my office and over-react! Fortunately he kept his cool and simply asked what I was doing and what time I was expecting to leave.

I never mentioned the situation to my commanding officer, because I had chosen to do that long stint and there was no real reason to talk about it. But after I went home and had a couple of hours sleep and a shower and came straight back into work at 0830 hrs, he came down to see me, because he'd been told by security and he was stunned I'd been working most of the night. I think that episode counted in my favour for the rest of my time.

Ferriday was convicted in a Court-Martial in SVN and sentenced to a very long custodial sentence. There were also manslaughter trials. One was gut-wrenching because Pte Cottingham's platoon had just arrived back at Nui Dat after a patrol and the platoon's SVN scout was sitting nearby. They were cleaning weapons when Cottingham inexplicably raised his SLR and pointed it at the SVN scout joking that "you're dead". Somehow there was still a round up the spout and the SVN scout died.

There was overwhelming evidence from many quarters that Cottingham and the scout were great mates and there was never any suggestion other than it was a terrible accident. Nevertheless, he was of course charged with manslaughter. He was also convicted and sentenced to a significant custodial sentence.

Federal Court: There was an appeal against the judgment of the Court - Martial. Appeals were made to the Civilian Courts – the Federal Court. The hearing was in Sydney and the pieces of evidence were in Canberra, including the rifle. So to appear in Court I had to fly with the rifle from Canberra to Sydney. It was boxed up, but was of course very conspicuous in size and also in shape. I declared it on check-in and I said they might want to make special arrangements about it – they agreed and thought it would probably travel in the pilot's cockpit! At Sydney Airport I was handed back the rifle. Sensible precautions, but a lot more relaxed than would be the case in the last couple of decades.

I had to give some basic evidence before the Federal Court about the rifle – although not an arms expert by any means. I could clearly tell that the 3 judges were very nervous, so I pointed out that the bolt had been removed. However, as they might well have had no experience at all with weapons, I don't think they understood the significance of that and they remained nervous until the rifle could be put away. These trials and appeal were my only criminal law experience over the last 40 years!

Other Court-Martial: Another extraordinary Court-Martial involved an officer returning to Australia from SVN. The Yanks were a little lax with accounting for weapons and when the US pulled out of the barracks, this Australian officer found a seemingly abandoned US rifle. Rather than try to hide his new possession, he decided to enter Australia from his military flight with it slung over his shoulder, so from the front, only the strap could be seen. However, his high-risk plan did not work and he was sprung! I think there was a fairly serious punishment, but not discharge.

Courts of Inquiry: I was also involved in several complex Courts of Inquiry which contained an amazing array of legal principles. One of the most memorable was when a platoon was out on patrol in SVN and a soldier shot and killed his Platoon Commander. The Platoon Commander had scouted around the wing of one of the sections to look up ahead through heavy foliage. The platoon's sergeant had warned the Platoon Commander that he seemed to be circling around too far, but the Platoon Commander said he would just go a bit further. Unfortunately he was then directly in front of some of his own soldiers, one of whom was startled by noise and it was obvious that there was someone only a few metres directly in front of him, so he fired a round fatally wounding the Platoon Commander. There were many complicated issues about responsibility and whether the blame should be placed on the Platoon Commander. Again, a very sad experience even though interesting.

Another very interesting Court of Inquiry was into a chopper crash. I had got to know a chopper pilot in Canberra very well. He had had a similar unexplained crash a year or two earlier and the cause had never been discovered. The rare circumstances had recurred. The investigation finally found that the steering linkage rods had been accidentally reversed during a mechanical service. In other words, when a pilot depressed the pedal to turn starboard, the chopper actually turned to port. Naturally the instinct of the pilot was to depress the pedal further down to correct the situation, which exacerbated the problem, and the choppers had crashed. My friend certainly survived and I think the other chopper pilot also survived, because the malfunction had obviously occurred fairly soon after take-off. When the Court of Inquiry found the cause my friend had been posted to FNQ, but I was delighted to be able to tell him that his crash had obviously nothing to do with pilot error.

Clearly it was a bad design feature of any piece of equipment that the linkage rods were exactly the same size at the connection point – if they had been slightly different sizes, no service mechanic could ever have made the mistake.

A tragic plane crash triggered not only a Court of Inquiry, but also a huge civil trial by relations of the victim against the Dept of the Army. A competent Army pilot was enjoying a BBQ on a Sunday

afternoon in Shepparton when someone suggested they take the Army plane up for a spin. It crashed at nearby Kialla. I don't think alcohol was a factor and the cause of the crash was unclear. The Inquiry and the litigation went on for years. There were many interesting issues, like apparently different standards of maintenance for military aircraft and civilian aircraft. The controversies were so great that the issues went all the way up to the Minister.

Army Minister Peacock: The "Colt from Kooyong " is under-estimated by many. He was certainly good to work with. He had been an experienced practising lawyer, but still listened closely to what I (as a brand new lawyer) had to say. He immediately wanted to do the right thing, even if it was likely to lead to controversial media coverage. Jeremy Hearder in his fairly recent book on Jim Plimsoll (a leading diplomat) breaks the story that when Gough Whitlam was Prime Minister and did not have any relationship with US officials, it was Andrew Peacock who, in a bipartisan effort, used his excellent US connections to arrange high level meetings in the US for Gough.

WHAT SCHEYVILLIANS DO:

3/69 Lunch (Robin Hunt)

In April, Melbourne-based Class mates of John Reid were delighted to host a Sunday lunch for John and Glenyss who were visiting the southern states on a motoring holiday from Noosa in Queensland. A sort of grey nomads in reverse trip in that they came south instead of the usual north-bound Victorians! Seven couples attended the lunch.



Left: Hondo Gratton, Robin Hunt, Peter Don, John Reid, Brian Cooper, Nick Callinan & Bernie Gleeson

Bastille Day – Geebung RSL

The Geebung RSL celebrates Bastille Day each year. This year the day included a service for the centenary of the Battle of Hamel. In attendance were Terry Benjamin (1/69), Gordon Kratzmann (4/71) and Doug Oliver (4/71). Doug was the Guest Speaker at the 11 am Service for Hamel.

During the day the attendees were entertained by some Can-Can dancers. The can-can (or cancan as in the original French; French pronunciation: [kɑ̃kɑ̃]) is a high-energy, physically demanding dance that became a popular music hall dance in the 1840s, continuing in popularity in French cabaret to this day. Originally danced by both sexes, it is now traditionally associated with a chorus line of female dancers. The main features of the dance are the vigorous manipulation of skirts and petticoats, along with high kicks, splits and cartwheels.



Rob Youl, 2/65, Artist and Poet
 Called up for National Service
 with the first intake of 1967,
 3790920 James Stuart Archbold
 was a corporal in the Australian
 Force Vietnam Provost Unit from
 26 February 1968 until 3 January
 1969.

Rob Youl learned from Mark
 Dapin's 'A Nasho's War' that Jim,
 a policeman in civilian life, had
 received a Military Medal for his
 conduct during the Tet Offensive
 around the Notre-Dame Cathedral,
 Saigon.

When Rob visited Saigon (now Ho
 Chi Minh City) in 1998 he had
 sketched the building - officially the Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception - and
 its surrounds.



Accordingly in September 2017 Rob met Jim Archbold and wife Sue in Melbourne's Royal Botanical
 Gardens, and was proud to present Jim a framed copy of his sketch. He had a second one for Jim's close
 friend, MP Corporal Ray Wyse (Vietnam 20 November 1967 to 18 June 1968), who was also there.

Rob described to Jim how, some 30 years after Jim's unforgettable night, he had sketched the cathedral
 from a doorway, as inconspicuously as possible, around lunchtime, with many local spectators on hand.
 After the meeting he wrote this poem for Jim and Ray:

ONCE UPON A TIME IN SAIGON

Communism was the threat
 The free world it did beset
 To America we had a debt
 Aussies, Kiwis, again a duet
 But those wily Viets
 Under cover of the coming Tet

From Hanoi came the cue
 Launch our coup!
 Stationed in Saigon, you two
 Through and through
 Just a pair of humble screws
 And of Tet, of course, few ANZACs knew

Sort of a holiday, a religious feast
 One of those funny things they do in the East
 But this time General Giap was its high priest
 Suddenly war's tempo sharply increased
 Across the south he unleashed
 The NVA, his fighting, pawing, howling beast

To our regret
 No time to fret
 Before the sweat
 And the trousers wet
 Check your bayonet
 Don't present a silhouette

On foot, everywhere you go you creep
 Before each corner, chance a peep
 You drive like hell your faithful jeep
 When down the boulevards you sweep
 For several days, little sleep
 Somehow your sanity you keep

Even though you see blood seep
 From corpses in a higgledy heap
 This terrible harvest the politicians reap
 And everywhere the people weep
 Its price was anything but cheap!
 But to Saigon now, the
 Tet Offensive's just a bleep!

Rod Margetts (2/69) and Neil Leckie (3/68) Western Front Battlefield Tour Guides

Rod and Neil first met in the late 1980s when Rod was CO of 5/7 RAR and Neil was 2IC (later renamed XO) of 8/7 RVR, the Ballarat headquartered Army Reserve Unit. 8/7 RVR had supplied a platoon of infantry to the exercise involving 5/7 RAR at Puckapunyal and Rod and his HQ team were visiting Ballarat on a Staff Visit.

The next time the two met was outside the Café De Dreve located beside Polygon Wood near Ypres in Belgium in July 2016. Both were tour guides for groups attending the Centenary Commemoration Services at Fromelles and Pozieres. The third time they met was in the village of Le Hamel after the Centenary Commemoration Service. Rod had a tour group, but Neil was there just for the service.

Official Commemorative Services for WW1 Battles have been held at Gallipoli (2015), Fromelles and Pozieres (2016), Messines (NZ and Australian), Polygon Wood and Beersheba (2017), Villers Bretonneux and Le Hamel (2018). The final official service will be held at Villers Bretonneux on Armistice Day on 11 November 2018.



Scheyvillians at the Menin Gate, Ypres, 20 April 2018: Left: Andrew Marr (1/67) and Rick Hodel (4/71). Right Terry Benjamin (1/69), Rick, Ian Browning (4/67) and Neil Leckie (3/68).

Villers Bretonneux 24/25 April 1918

The dawn service at Villers Bretonneux in 2018 commemorated the 100th Anniversary of the recapture of the village from the German occupying forces. While the counter-attack commenced late on 24 April, when the men of 'Pompey' Elliott's Victorian 15th Brigade realised that it was the third anniversary of ANZAC Day they were spurred on to do the great things that the men landing at Gallipoli had done. Guided by the light of the fires in the burning village, the Australians pushed forward and cleared out the village. The 15th Brigade was the northern part of a pincer movement that was used. The 13th Brigade was the southern part of the pincer. They were new to the area, having been rushed forward that day and had less success, however, the town was retaken and would remain in Allied hands for the rest of the war. Terry Benjamin and Rick Hodel were among the small tour group led by Neil Leckie at the ANZAC Day Service at Villers Bretonneux on 25 April 2018.

Le Hamel 4 July 1918

The village of Le Hamel was a bulge in the Front Line that needed to be taken to ensure further success in any allied attacks on The Somme. By this time General Monash had been given the command of the Australian Corps. To ensure that no one division was weakened after this attack he selected the 6th Brigade (2nd Division – that had recently had success taking Mont St Quentin), 11th Brigade (3rd Division) and 4th Brigade (4th Division). He also had ten companies of American soldiers, but six of these companies were withdrawn at the last moment. This attack used tanks leading infantry (instead of infantry leading tanks) as well as tanks carrying supplies, aircraft strafing and bombing the German lines and parachuting ammunition, and a creeping barrage. Monash's plan was so successful that it was used for all the following attacks from 8 August (the black day for the German Army) onwards, ensuring an allied victory 100 days later.

EMAILS TO THE EDITOR or The Website is a Valuable Asset! (Neil Leckie, 3/68)

The OTU Website has been receiving a number of 'Contacts' each month in recent times. One came from a Terry Healy. On 29 May 2018 Terry advised: Sad news to impart! Attended the funeral today of 5714512 Michael Albert Heagney who died on the 19 May. Not sure what Corps Mick ended up in, and I believe that he did not pass out from Scheyville. Think he would have been in the 3/66 Class. Regards, Terry Healy - 5714513.

On 4 June on behalf of the association I replied: Thank you for your sad information on Michael Heagney. He was indeed a Did-not-Graduate as referred to in our database of Class 3/66. All I had was M A Heagney and now I have his full name and Regimental Number, thank you! I see that your Regimental Number was the one after Michael's, so I take it that you were both called in for NS on the same day. I also take it that you kept in touch with Michael over the last 50+ years. It is interesting to know that you also found out about the OTU Website. How did that come about? We wish that more people knew about it and used it!

(A search of the DVA Nominal Roll using Michael's Regimental Number shows that Michael did not serve in SVN, so there is no other way of tracking down his Corps or Post-OTU service).

Terry replied that day: Apart from Mick Heagney 5714512 going to Scheyville, he was accompanied from our 3 of 16 West Australian huts/sections by 5714493 C J Genovese; 5714511 F V Hayes; 5714514 L R Herbert; 5714519 D F Holmes and 5714535 I R Kidd. Six out of 48, to me was a bloody good score. I would have made the quartet (from our hut), but believe my school Army Cadets and CMF time worked against my respect for higher authority. So you can see why Scheyville was very much in mind while at Puckapunyal, and of course following discharge, we came across many others here in the West. The 14 Pl, C COY 2 RTB mob have had a number of Platoon reunions since discharge on 13 July 1968, and we are in the planning for our 50 Years Discharge on 13 July next month.

I had a Scheyville 2Lt in SVN – (Thomas) Roger Hurrey, and would have thought all who went to Scheyville would be Members of your Association.

As for the www site, it only made sense to look at your site to confirm what I thought was always correct and who to update on Mick's passing. Around my intake – 3 of 1966 – all Westralian Nashos were both alphabetically and numerically sorted – made a lot of sense to us then, and now.

Will try and increase your Membership when I catch up with the many Sandgropers who went to Scheyville. Regards, Terry

I replied: Thanks for your information! **Genovese** Did Not Graduate (DNG) and did not serve in SVN.

Hayes transferred to Australian Staff Corps on 23 Sep 67, Lt 2 Jul 70, Capt 2 Jul 74, T/Maj in 79, discharged 3 Mar 88.

Herbert, Artillery SVN 4 Field Regiment 11 December 67 to 11 June 68.

Holmes repeated Senior Term and Graduated with Class 4/66. RAASC then later RAAOC with 28 RWAR.

Kidd left OTU in Junior Term. Didn't serve in SVN.

2Lt Thomas Roger **Hurrey**, graduated Class 1/66, 22 July 1966. He went to Vietnam with 2 Tpt Pl RAASC from 22 Apr 67 to 12 Dec 67.

OTU from the Other Side (Wayne Davies, Staff 1965-67)

Through Gary Basford (3/68), the Editor was introduced to Wayne Davies, one of the first Privates to serve as staff at OTU. 18285 Richard 'Wayne' Davies was born in Townsville on 5 November 1944. He was one of four children born to a father who was a Railway Worker. His mother was described as 'Home Duties'. Wayne was educated at Westend and Belchen Gardens State Schools and Townsville State High School. He left school early and went to work with Dalgety's. At 18 he decided to join the Army. Mum took some convincing, but Dad was happy with the decision and said 'Make it your life!' He did! Wayne undertook Recruit Training at 1 RTB Kapooka and lived in the WW2 era galvanized iron huts. This was before the days of the 3 story brick barracks that OTU Graduates served in from 1966 onwards.

After Recruit Training Wayne was allocated to RAASC and undertook Corps Training at Puckapunyal. He was posted to 52 Supply Platoon at Wacol in Queensland, a Field Force Unit. The unit spent quite some time 'in the bush', but also had plenty of time in the barracks where Wayne 'played a lot of Volleyball!' After 12 months with the unit, and after attending some courses, Wayne found that he and Sergeant



'Swede' Larson were posted to OTU Scheyville, a new unit being formed to train 'Nasho' officers (mostly the same age as himself). Wayne and 'Swede' arrived at OTU when it was being set up. There was no gate, just a soldier checking people in. There was a kitchen, but not much else operational. Stores were arriving - there was much to be done. Private soldiers were allocated three to a room. An ORs Mess was set up at the north end of the Gymnasium building. Wayne stated that it was a good mess.

One evening when they were going to the dining room the word came down from Colonel Geddes that the ORs could have a beer with their dinner. The Colonel advised that this was the first ORs Mess in the Australian Army where this could happen. The ORs were very pleased.

Once OTU settled down into operation Wayne was tasked as the Ration Clerk. This position entailed Wayne and a driver travelling to Ingleburn six days a week to pick up the 'fresh' rations. On the seventh day Wayne's task was to distribute the 'dry' rations. (Did we realise that we were being fed fresh rations each day?)

Wayne felt that for a Private Soldier not under training that OTU was a good posting. Life was good! Sometime after training started 'Swede' told Wayne that they were going to swap offices with the Admin CSM as his office was larger and their office was smaller and had more staff. Wayne was proactive and that day, (the CSM was on Stand-down) cleared out the CSMs office. On arrival the next day the CSM was furious and gave Wayne a 'right royal' dressing down – life wasn't so good! Wayne is unaware of what he said to 'Swede'. The offices were not changed!

About a year into his time at OTU, Wayne was promoted to LCpl. This meant a small pay rise (30¢ a day?) and it meant that he now did Duty NCO rather than on Picquet.

The saddest day for Wayne at OTU was when one of the Corporals collapsed in front of Wayne after drinking 18 of the 20 glasses of rum that he had lined up on the ORs Mess bar. Instructor Sergeant Keith Payne (later WO2 Keith Payne VC) attended the scene and said "Do up his tie and make him look like a soldiers and get him to the (Windsor) hospital." Sadly the Corporal died in the back of the Land Rover before reaching the hospital. Naturally there was an enquiry. Wayne was required to give evidence.

If any Scheyvillians are aware of this incident, please contact the Editor.

After his two years at OTU Wayne was posted to Darwin where he met an Irish nurse 'Bridie'. The two married there and are still married. They have four children (1 in the UK, 1 in the US) and 9 grandchildren. From Darwin Wayne was posted to Canungra and then served in SVN with 25 Supply Platoon RAASC from 1 October 1969 until 8 October 1970. Further postings were to Bendigo (CMF Unit), Brisbane, Townsville, Sydney and Brisbane again where he retired after 22 years.

RMC MUSEUM UPDATE (David Bucholtz, Manager, Army Museum Duntroon)

Further to last edition of the Scheyvillian, I am pleased to report that we are still targeting a December opening (this year!) for the Army Museum Duntroon. Confidence of meeting this deadline has been heightened with the recent appointment and start of a full time professional curator at AMD – Mr Paul Mitrovich. Paul has extensive experience (in his capacity as an ARes member) with the Army History Unit having been Assistant Curator at the Australian Army Infantry Museum (AIMM), Collection Manager for the AIMM and the Army Museum of NSW, A/Manager Army Museum of NSW, Objects Curator for three AAHU-AWM Field History Teams and provided support to Unrecovered War Casualties. Most recently Paul has also spent the last 16 months as a (civilian) researcher with the Anzac Memorial Centenary Project, and continues to work closely with the Australian War Memorial, which he has done for over a decade. Should any of you wish to make contact with Paul please do so by dropping him a note at: paul.mitrovich1@defence.gov.au In the museum the main exhibition space has been stripped in readiness for a repaint and recarpet. So more to come next edition ... including photos of the museum which of course will feature OTU along with the other full-time officer training schools.

Finally, as part of the main display area refurbishment we have been fortunate to acquire all new high quality museum display cases. So rather than relegate the display case donated by the OTU Association to a back room or hallway we have found it a new prominent location - the reading room of the Officer's Mess Duntroon. Rest assured we will see that the "presented by" plaque remains firmly in place and that the OTU story is presented and preserved in a suitable form.

FEEDBACK (Gary McKay, 2/68)

The Long Tan Cross: Through the association Website Gary sent the following:

Further to the Long Tan Cross article I have the following comments to make. I located the original cross in the Dong Nai Museum when I was leading a tour group and researching my book *Delta Four*. The Cross had been removed from Long Tan because a local Catholic had used it as a grave marker for his deceased father in a nearby village. Once the Vietnamese government were made aware of that they had several replicas made. They took the original to Bien Hoa the new province capital and put it in the Dong Nai museum. They then erected a replica (very well replicated too I might add) at the battle site and the second (a reserve no doubt) was stored in the White Villa Museum in Vung Tau where it still rests today to the best of my knowledge. I saw that second replica about four years ago when leading an Anzac Scholarship tour. I photographed and measured the Cross in the presence of the Australian Consul who can verify these remarks.

BATTLEFIELD TOURS

Di and Dave Sabben advise that they still have places available on the Long Tan Trek Tour departing Australia Sat 13 Oct 2018 and the Decisive Battlefields of Vietnam Tour Fri departing 19 Oct 2018.

<http://www.sabben.com/longtantrek/VN%20Long%20Tan%20Trek%20Tour%202018.html>

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Quarterly lunches on the first Friday of the month of February, May, August and November at The Sorrento, 158 James Street, Northbridge. Parade time is 1300 hr. Warning-in is required with bookings to be confirmed CofB on the Wednesday before via email to Frank LeFaucheur.

THE BACK PAGES:



Above: ANZAC Day in Melbourne

Right: Geoff Daly (4/69) doing ANZAC Day 'the lazy way' in Brisbane



**From Previous issue:
 Class 2/68:
 John Goggins,
 Dale Nankivell
 and Alistair
 Wallace**





Class 4/67 50th Reunion in Adelaide



Class 1/68 50th Reunion at Government House, Adelaide



Right 4/67 Reunion.
From left: Frank Miller (National Association Chairman), Ted Clark (reunion organiser), Gerry Garard (Former PMC, Coordinator Class 4/67) and Bob Hutchison (former BSM of La Crème de la Crème).



Left 1/68 Reunion: Michael Tabone and John Bradford 1/68 Reunion