



The Scheyvillian

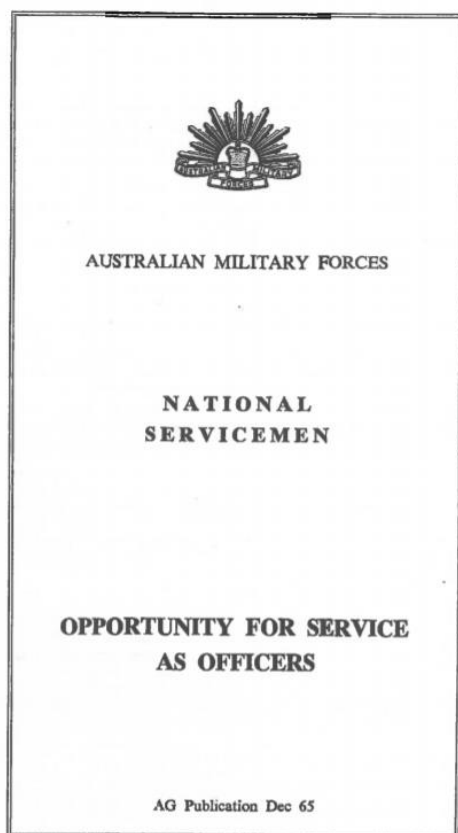
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OTU Association National Newsletter, No. 2, 2020

Officer Training Unit, Scheyville, NSW 1965-1973

A Newsletter for all Scheyvillians

Remember when (55 years ago)? Note the Daily Pay Rate below!



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PAY AND ALLOWANCES

The following are the present rates of pay for officers and cadets; these include clothing maintenance allowance:—

Ranks	(Daily Rate (7 days a week))	
Officer Cadet (pay equivalent to corporal)	£2.16.2	(\$5.62)
Second Lieutenant — on appointment	£3.17.3	(\$7.72)

An amount of 16/6 (\$1.65) per day is added to the above rates for married members.

FOREWORD

This leaflet has been sent to you because the information you have provided shows that you have the basic educational qualifications which make you eligible for consideration for training as an officer during your forthcoming Army service.

If you so elect, and subject to your meeting certain other physical and aptitude requirements, an assessment of your suitability for officer training can be made shortly after you arrive at the Training Battalion.

Before you decide whether to seek selection for officer training it is important that you should understand, firstly, what this decision involves and secondly, what advantages can be gained from service as a commissioned officer.

SELECTION PROCEDURE

If you pass certain preliminary tests at the Training Battalion to which you first report, you will be given an opportunity to apply for officer training. If you choose to do so, you will then be interviewed and tested by a Selection Board to assess your suitability and potential as an officer.

All those who are chosen by the Selection Board will, within three weeks of call-up, be transferred to the Officer Training Unit where they will commence training as Officer Cadets.

OFFICER TRAINING UNIT

LOCATION. The Officer Training Unit (OTU) is located at SCHEYVILLE, near WINDSOR, NSW, approximately 35 miles from SYDNEY.

TRAINING SYLLABUS. The initial curriculum will include weapon handling, public speaking, drill, physical training, fieldcraft and sport. After three months, and following a mid course break, more advanced military studies in leadership, military law, administration, military history and tactics will be undertaken. Graduation will be approximately 22 weeks after entry to OTU.

ACCOMMODATION AND FACILITIES

- * In order that he will have proper opportunity for private study, each officer cadet has his own room.
- * Group training is carried out in lecture halls, syndicate rooms and a theatre, or outdoors in adjacent training areas.



Inside: The passing of Queensland and Class 2/69 stalwart Mick Hart.

The photo shows Mick Hart (right) with OTU classmate Ian Paull after graduating from OTU.

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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

Coordinators or even for Scheyvillians.

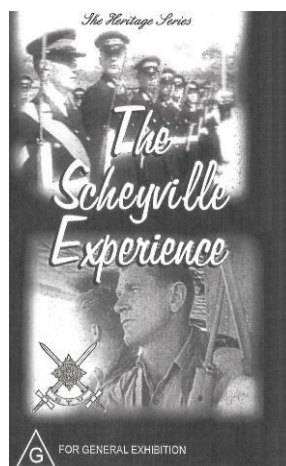
National Service Officer and the Don Keyes (4/69) produced 'The Scheyville Experience'

\$10 incl P&H

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 2020: It is planned to have Edition 3 of 2020 of *The Scheyvillian* in December 2020. Submissions need to be received by 15 November 2020. 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, or with many photos, please send a disc/USB Stick.

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 14 July 20 our FY 20/21 membership is:

was:

Number of Graduates	1881			
Number on Database (Incl DNG/Staff)	2008			
Number Financial	439			
Widows	8			
Number Life Members	26			
Number Deceased	232			
Number Unfinancial (Not Renewed)	1124			
Number Unfinancial (Do Not Contact)	179			
Totals	1881	2008	473	1535

Of the names on database 23.6% are financial/honorary/widows.

Of the names on the database 11.6% are deceased.

Of the names on the database 55.9% are unfinancial (not renewed)

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

At the end of the 19/20 FY we had **650** financial members and we have got off to a great start for 20/21 with 473 members renewing thus far. The production of the OTU Scheyville Coffee Table Book last year, together with a number of class reunions, has rekindled support for the Association, resulting in a significant increase in financial membership. Our challenge now is to retain our financial members from last year and to aim for **728**, a level last achieved in 2004.

For those of you who are yet to renew your membership, if you are enjoying participating in the Association's activities, ie the Coffee Table book, Q Store merchandise, reunions, dinners, luncheons, ANZAC Day etc, and intend to attend our National Reunion in October next year, please support our efforts to 'keep the blokes together' by becoming financial. 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 in this newsletter, or you could renew using PayPal via our website.

Regarding the website, as any of your contact details change, please update your profile. 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 graheath1@bigpond.com and I will remove your details from our membership database.

From 'the Collection' (from Edition 1 of 2020):

Right: A Les Myers (2/65) photo taken on a Navigation Exercise in the Colo/Putty area. Left front, head down, is Don Trick. Next, with his hand to his cigarette is Mike Murphy, then Ian Fletcher (a DNG) with the radio. Then, with his right hand on his hip, is Wayne Bannon. Behind him, with cigarette, is Paul Cox (a DNG) then far right is Mike 'Chook' Fowler. The three in the rear yet to be identified. Thanks for the feedback on the photo.



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

On 2 July 2020 a 'newsletter' (by email) was sent out to all Unfinancial Members reminding them that payment was due. This email was sent to 837 Members by the OTU Website email system. Note that memberships expired, as planned, for all Financial Members on 1 July 2020. Excluded from the reminder email were 641 members without a known email address and 140 marked as 'Do Not Contact'.

Following this, on 4 July 2020, mailing labels were printed containing postal addresses for 121 Unfinancial Members. Our National Membership Officer mailed reminder letters in early July 2020. As indicated in the Membership Report, the response has again been well above expectations.

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

Scheyvillian Distributions (2 of 2019, 3 of 2019 & 1 of 2020)	National distribution
OTU Membership Reminder	National
ANZAC Day March and Lunch - advice about cancellation	Victorian distribution
Invitations to Victorian Annual Golf Day, Lord and	Victoria
Lady Somers Camp Lunches	Victoria
Advice re various memorial services for deceased members	Vic/National

A revised 'drop down' structure on 'Members' has been introduced on the OTU Home Page enabling The Scheyvillian Editor to provide updated material for the Website.

A series of Zoom Meetings have been held to enable the Association to continue to operate under the constraints of the COVID-19 restrictions.

Priority tasks for 2020-21 are to continue to obtain as many valid email addresses as possible for all members by searching up to date class lists and using postal contacts where available.

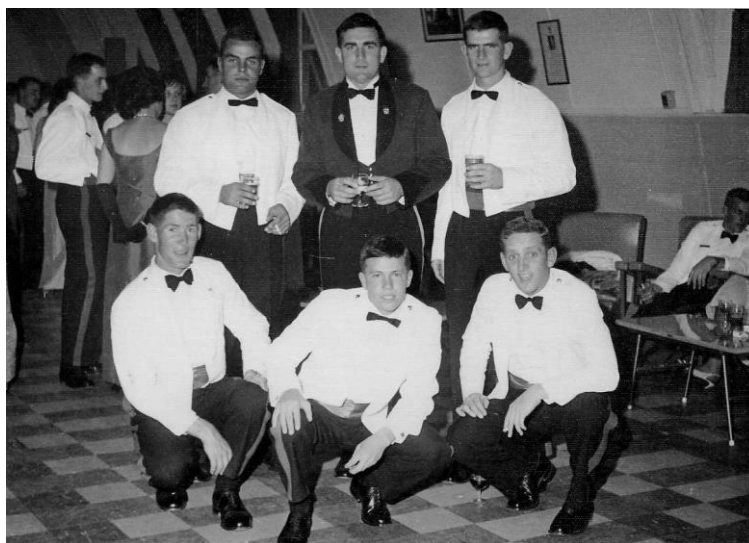
Website Galleries

Financial Members can access the 'Photo Galleries' on the website. There is provision for viewers to submit a 'Comment' on any photograph. This 'Comment' goes to the Editor, who maintains the 'Photo Galleries' and amends the photo caption in accordance with the 'Comment'. Members are encouraged to view their class, along with their Senior and Junior Classes, and make a 'Comment' on any photograph where they can add information to the caption, or perhaps advise of a correction required to the caption.

From 'The Collection' (from Edition 1 of 2020): Class 1/66 at OTU

The Cadets and Officer in the photograph from 'The Collection' on Page 4 of The Scheyvillian 1 of 2020 have been identified as some of the Class 1/66 members of the OTU Rugby team that defeated a RMC Rugby Team.

They are: Rear: Graham Gibbons, Captain Tony Larnach-Jones and Gary Reidy
Front: Robert Young, Don Gordon and Warren Campbell



There are many photographs in the OTU Website galleries that are un-named. If you know the names of any of people in these un-named photos, you can make a comment on that photo on the website! – Ed!

UPCOMING ACTIVITY

OTU National Reunion 2020 postponed due to COVID Restrictions until 2021

With the Covid19 virus and its implications causing the cancellation of this year's National reunion it has been agreed to reschedule the event to October 2021. It will still take the same format and be held in the same location as the abandoned function.

There will be a formal mixed dinner at the Hawkesbury Racing Club on Friday 15 October 2021. Saturday 16 October will be set aside for individual class reunions and there will be a picnic luncheon at Scheyville on Sunday 17 October.

Further details will be made known early next year. Please put these dates in your diaries!

ANZAC DAY 2020

With the COVID-19 restrictions in place world-wide, major ANZAC Day services were cancelled. A 6am Dawn Service at your 'front gate' was instituted and many Scheyvillians attended them.

California, USA: Frank Shellabear (2/66), now resident in the US, in accordance with tradition, held his 'Dawn Service of One', at 0621 hrs Pacific Time, Sat April 25. Evidence attached.

Frank said: 'I added a new dimension this year. I assumed the "Rest at Arms" with my trusty SMLE. Got the idea when I watched the service from the Australian War Memorial at 1300 hrs yesterday (my time).

(The AWM Service) 'was a simple, very well-done service, with some interesting follow-up from other events in Sydney, Melbourne & Brisbane. I do however think that the Navy should stick to the Bosun's Pipe and stay away from parade ground drill commands.'

Cheers to you all. The other Frank.

'A question – is the SLR used in all the ceremonial stuff, or was it because the Steyr is short and would not work for "Rest at Arms"? Answer: the SLR was kept for ceremonial by the Federation Guard as rifle drill with the Steyr looks like 'crap' – Ed.

Perth, WA: Frank Le Faucheur (1/71), (the first Frank) sent 'the other Frank' a few photos of their 'Driveway Service' where Frank L was joined by members Michael Darby (2/66), John Barnes (2/67) and Wayne Banks (1/70), with wives and neighbours also in attendance.

Michael thoughtfully brought the 'appropriate' bottle of Rum and cups, and Frank's neighbour had baked ANZAC biscuits so all "protocols" were adhered to (including an obligatory rendition of a Henry Lawson poem by Michael!!) On reading the FL email, 'the other Frank' replied:

The Bundy and home-made ANZAC bickies are a sure way to make me homesick for OZ. The other is, as I make my Gunfire Breakfast every year - a tomato is a tomato, bacon is bacon, eggs are eggs; but you just can't replicate a good old Aussie snagger. Cheers from up here. 'The other Frank'!



Geographe Bay, WA: Jay McDaniell (3/69) Well done those men - and women! Less formal here but three neighbours and we observed, accompanied by the ABC's streamed National Service from Canberra (delayed), with appropriately decorated poppy painted milk bottle with candles and torches. With you all in spirit.

Evans Head, NSW: Rod Hatcher (1/65) is a member of the RSL Sub-branch at Evans Head (pop: 3,000, about an hour south of the QLD border). 'We normally get over a thousand at our Dawn service. This year about 15! We just had random roll-up of whoever wanted to come. I advised the local copper, an ex RAA Bombardier, of our plans and asked him to inform his Sergeant and his Commander. All said: 'No worries!' We laid a few wreaths, and that was it. No speeches, no music, no parade, no service, no etc. Then home to our little cul-de-sac, 8 houses, where a neighbour had organised a driveway dawn service for 0600. All turned out, and it was brilliant. We actually had a flyover of a helicopter which looked very much like a Huey, but I don't think there are any of those still flying over this way.

Later in the morning, we had a service at the local Memorial Aerodrome, and the local War Cemetery. During the Second World War, Evans Head was the biggest Air Crew Training Centre in the southern hemisphere. Nearly 6,000 trainees went through, and during the war, over 1500 were killed. 27 died here during their training, hence the War Cemetery. We had the Last Post, a minute's silence, the Ode, Reveille, and the National Anthem, all on a phone, broadcast through a blue-tooth speaker. We then bashed our noses on the RSL Club door trying to get in for a beer. Sadly, locked, so we all went home for a cup of tea instead. How sad!

Ballarat, Vic: Kaye and Neil Leckie (3/68) held their 'Dawn Driveway Service' with the Aussie flag flying (but not fluttering as there was not a breath of wind) which commenced with a local Postmaster, a member of a Ballarat Band, laying the Last Post on his Cornet. This was followed by a local radios station's ten-minute service. Just a shame that there weren't more candles seen from driveways.

Adelaide, SA: Gary Vial (3/69) I had planned, keeping correct social distancing of course, to lay a wreath at the Brighton Arch of Remembrance at Dawn on ANZAC Day. However, at the urging of the bride, decided to stay home as she and our next door neighbour had letterboxed the street to do the suggested dawn vigil and had received an overwhelmingly positive response. Our near neighbour's teenage son is learning the trumpet so volunteered to play the Last Post and Rouse (and did a good job of it despite obvious nerves), and I recited the Ode. It was very moving with the front fence of almost every house in the street illuminated with candles.

Kew (South of Port Macquarie), NSW: Phil Marley (3/68) ANZAC Day certainly brought back lots of memories – things have changed and I'm not sure that it's all bad. We got up early and stood out on our driveway with candles – we were heartened to see most of our neighbours in the street doing the same. We had a radio and listened to the proceedings and we sang along with the anthem. We followed this up with a BBQ in the carpark at the bottom of our street – eight of us, all at the required distance of course!

Bunbury, WA: Turk Ellis (1/70) Too far to our front gate so we stood on our deck overlooking the lights of Bunbury and the dark surrounding area. Just one candle besides Dad's & my medals, with the Canberra Dawn service playing behind us. The air was very still but full of emotion and appreciation of what a lovely country and society we have had bequeathed to us. Lest We Forget!



STATE ACTIVITIES:

ACT Chapter (Les Boag, 4/68) Like the rest of Australia ANZC Day was cancelled and the new ACT Banner is still to be shown. We have 40 Scheyvillians, 2 DS and 7 Widows with an average attendance of 12 at our lunches, the first post-COVID lunch held on 16 July.

NSW Chapter (Gary McKay, 2/68)

The NSW Chapter had a good six months leading up to Xmas and finished the year off with a really good mixed lunch at the Kirribilli Club. We had as our guests the widow of Sooty Henderson and their daughter. We had a monthly lunch in January before the Corona (read China) virus shut everything down. We will probably not have a lunch before September. We have two paragraphs started in NSW: these 'paragraphs' (not big enough to be called chapters) are situated in Newcastle and Port Macquarie and are also attracting new recruits to the Association. We are sound with our finances having more than \$7K in cash and no outstanding debtors. I would like to thank my 'kitchen cabinet' of John Marsden (2/68), Greg Woods (2/68), Phil Paddison (2/70) and Geoff Bennett (2/66) for their support in running our Chapter as well as the indefatigable Dick Adams (3/72) who normally runs our ANZAC Day march and lunch.

Queensland Chapter (Geoff Daly, 4/69)

The Qld chapter has gone into recess because of the virus and notice will be given when it is re-activated. We are still endeavouring to come to terms with the loss of Michael Hart, one of our founding members and a central pillar of our group. We were devastated that we were unable to send him off as we would have wished but we will always remember him: a gregarious, engaging, generous and entertaining mate.

South Australian Chapter (Gary Vial, 3/69)

There has been little action for the SA Chapter during the pandemic, even though SA has not been badly affected. We hope to have a function in September or October. We thank the Tas Chapter for their Youth Leadership support for Operation Flinders.

Tasmanian Chapter (Dennis Townsend, 2/70)

ANZAC Day - Members made their own arrangements for their tribute at their homes.
Youth Leadership - Our arrangement with South Aust to support Operation Flinders continues.
Membership - Although active membership remains small, we welcomed Dan Huon to our chapter.
Functions - During the year our lunches were again well supported. These functions are highly regarded by active members. We continue to use both Hobart and Launceston as venues. Thanks to those who organised the lunches this year. A report on each lunch is sent to the Editor for inclusion in the Scheyvillian. Unfortunately, our last was cancelled due to restrictions but it is hoped that we may start again soon. Interstate visitors are always welcome subject to current restrictions.

Victorian Chapter The Victorian Chapter's activities have been curtailed by the COVID virus. The Chapter looks forward to resuming normal activities once the restrictions are lifted.

Western Australian Chapter (David Ward, 2/66) 25 members, encouraged by a generous subsidy per financial member, attended our first Perth gathering for 2020. Enjoying the fellowship and the obligatory member contributed wine, the mood of the afternoon was complimented with poetic renditions from Michael Darby (2/66) and some reality testing from David Ward. The COVID-9 'shut down' appeared to have distracted many members and a reminder of our origins seemed appropriate. To achieve this, a presentation of the soldering of fellow Scheyvillian, Brian Sullivan (1/66), during his tour of duty in South Vietnam, particularly as troop commander 1 Troop, B Squadron, 1 Armoured Regiment in the southern Bien Hoa province during Operation Goodwood, February 1969 was given by David based on research by 1966 RMC Graduate Bruce Hughes who retired from military service 2016. Brian was awarded the MID, subsequently the MC and then later the MG and became one of the few decorated veterans with multiple awards for service in Vietnam. His leadership and courage were phenomenal and reflect the selection & training processes of Scheyville. As did his career as a helicopter pilot with Army Aviation. In retirement Brian committed to the RSL by supporting veterans up until his passing in 2002. It was an enjoyable gathering, the remnants of which continued at the Ward house in Como.

VALE:

Mick Hart (2/69) (David Jervis, 2/69)

Michael (Mick) James Patrick Hart was born in Townsville on 11 May 1946 to the late James (Mick) and Dorothea Hart. He did his secondary schooling in Townsville then a law degree as an external student at the University of Queensland while working as an articled clerk for five years at the Townsville law firm of Wilson, Ryan and Grose. He was conscripted for National Service but deferred to finish his degree. He married Trish on 14 May 1967 and Brett was born on 26 February 1968. In his final year of study, he came top in taxation law and he was admitted to legal practice in early 1969.



Mick commenced his Army service on 22 April 1969 with basic training at 3 TB Singleton and arrived at OTU Scheyville on 9 May 1969. Tall, dark, handsome and gregarious he stood out which was not necessarily a good attribute at OTU. He kept out of mischief by spending his weekend leave with Trish and Brett who lived with Annette Paull, the wife of classmate Ian Paull, in a rented house in Windsor. Trish recalls she and Annette had to share Army ration packs as Mick and Ian ate all the fresh food in the house. His mates used to tease Mick about slipping out of the barracks to pay his family nocturnal visits, but this was always strongly denied.



Mick was very capable graduating on 4 October 1969 as a second lieutenant in the top third of the 2/69 class without incident. The OTU Chief Instructor at the time was the formidable Lt. Colonel Stan Maizey - some may find it ironic that Mick became his friend and lawyer giving a eulogy at his funeral.

Allocated to the Provost Corps, Mick was posted to the Eastern Command Provost Company and attended the RAAProv School at Watson's Bay Sydney. On 20 October 1969 he was transferred to 4 SIS (Special Investigation Section). In July 1970 he transferred to the Legal Corps at HQ Eastern Command (South Head, Sydney) at his own request, primarily because his promotion to acting Captain would come with a pay rise which enabled him to better support his family following the birth of Anthony (who Trish says could have been named "Scheyville") on 26 April 1970.

Mick completed his service at Ingleburn and after his discharge in April 1971 was transferred to the Army Reserve with HQ Central Queensland Area and on 20 March 1972 was attached to 42nd Battalion, Royal Queensland Regiment under the North Queensland Area Training Group. He was discharged from the Reserve on 30 March 1973.

After leaving the Army Mick was a senior partner of a law firm in Rockhampton for 18 years during which time Christopher, Anne-Maria and Alison were born. He joined the legal firm of Cleary Hoare in Brisbane in 1990 where he became managing partner a position Brett now holds.

A lawyer for 50 years (he never retired) he was one of Australia's leading taxation and estate planning practitioners - he fought tenaciously for his clients and was involved in many battles with the ATO. He was entrepreneurial and had many business and charitable interests. Mick's laconic drawl, unhurried affable manner and social skills endeared him to clients from Far North Queensland cane farmers to CBD businessmen.

In September 1993 he was one of the heroes of a siege in the Cleary Hoare boardroom when a man armed with a loaded shotgun held him and 12 other members of the firm hostage. Mick ensured that all of the

hostages were released until only he and another lawyer remained - they eventually overpowered the gunman and the siege ended.

After the OTU Association started in 1985 Mick, the somewhat reluctant Scheyvillian, threw himself into its activities and became a life member. He was a prominent member of the OTU Queensland Chapter, always a part of its "inner cabinet". A prime organiser of its monthly lunches which together with the annual black-tie mixed dining in nights he rarely missed. The Christmas lunch was a boisterous affair often concluding late at night at Mick's office or residence. He enthusiastically embraced the Chapter's motto "Fade away with dignity but drink all the funds first".

He was also the de facto leader of the 2/69 group - its "Godfather". From 2002 he was a major contributor to the organisation of sixteen reunions for Class 2/69 in Hong Kong, the south of France, Norfolk Island and cities/towns in every state of Australia including Townsville where his brother Wayne still lives. Since 1993 he coordinated the 2/69 attendance at the National reunions - he and Trish never missed a reunion. While Mick delegated and his secretaries Stephanie Mauchlan and Melanie Griffin did much of his "organising" he also made a lot of his so called "executive decisions" which saved all of us time and effort.

Mick was a compassionate, generous and empathetic man. He helped many OTU graduates with legal and other personal matters including when they were sick or had fallen on hard times. He would often travel long distances to comfort them.

He and Trish always attended the funerals of 2/69 graduates (and others) whether they were in Brisbane or interstate. When his OTU friends visited Brisbane, he would always make the time to wine and dine them. He simply loved sitting around reminiscing about Scheyville while drinking a good red wine of which he was particularly fond.

A man of strong religious faith he would always accompany Trish to the local Catholic Church on Sundays at reunions after often getting to bed in the early hours of the morning. He was also a Lay Preacher conducting services on North Stradbroke Island, where he had a holiday home, if the Priest was unavailable.

Mick's life was full with his own family, the Scheyvillians, Cleary Hoare and many other friends. He travelled extensively both for business and pleasure but his own family always came first. He was fortunate to have the love and support of Trish for nearly 53 years of marriage. Their legacy is five children and twelve grandchildren aged between six months and 27 years. Daughter Alison and grandson James (Brett's son) will be admitted as lawyers in Brisbane later this year - the tradition continues!



Mick died in Wesley Hospital on 3 May 2020 from a blood infection while being treated for a type of bone marrow cancer. This was an incredibly difficult time for Trish and the family as due to COVID-19 restrictions it was hard to visit Mick in hospital. During this period Trish was very brave.

On behalf of the OTU family condolences are extended to Trish and all Mick's family.

Mick will be greatly missed but never forgotten - what a legend!

Peter William Commerford (4/68) (with input from Peter's daughter Bridie Schibrowski)

Peter Commerford was born at MacLean, NSW, on 30 April 1948, the second of five children born to



William and Mary Commerford. He was brought up on a farm at MacLean near the Clarence River in NSW. In 1958 the family moved to Sydney where Peter went to De La Salle before completing his schooling at Chevalier College in Bowral. While at school Peter lost all his front teeth and his 'Dentist appointments' gave him many opportunities to be out of school and meeting his friends. He began work as a Law Clerk and

began studying law. In 1968 he was called up for National Service and went in with the fourth intake for that year on 9 October as 2791171 Recruit Commerford at the 3rd Training Battalion, Singleton. On 26 October Peter commenced Officer Training at OTU Scheyville, reaching the rank of Sergeant in his Senior Term. Graduating with Class 4/68 on 24 April 1969 Peter was allocated to the Royal Australian Infantry Corps and posted to 1 RTB Kapooka.



In August 1969, the call came out for Infantry Platoon Commanders at Kapooka, and the other Recruit Training establishments, to volunteer for service in Vietnam. 'You can be there by Christmas!' it was said. Along with Tony Martin of OTU Class 3/68, Peter took up the challenge. On 15 September Peter was transferred to the Infantry Centre, then at Ingleburn, undertook pre-deployment training at the Jungle Training Centre, Canungra, in Queensland and on 5 November found himself in Vietnam with the 1st Australian Reinforcement Unit



(1 ARU) where, as Peter would later say, 'I started a government sponsored trip to Vietnam.' Four weeks later he was transferred to 8 Platoon, C Company 5 RAR. His Platoon Sergeant referred to him as 'A breath of fresh air.' Peter was in the thick of things, using his bush skills to the utmost, with 5 RAR. He participated in the battalion's last operation in February 1970. Peter returned to 1 ARU, then, to complete his 'tour' on 11 July transferred to 12 Platoon, D Company, 7 RAR. His platoon members stated that he was a good man to follow. Peter extended his National Service to complete the tour and was discharged from his commitment on 1 January 1971.

Peter returned to the law field. In 1972 Carolyn met Peter and some say, taken in by his sports car, she married him. They had two children Bridie and Steven.

Peter went away from Law and commenced a 36-year career as a Social Worker, undertaking studies through the University of New England. His law background helped him greatly in this new area. Peter enjoyed cross-country skiing, rowing, surfing, hiking, canyoning, camping and any other outdoors activities. These all helped with his involvement with Cubs, Scouts and Venturers. Peter's lessons to his children were: get involved, keep calm, respect others and 'do it properly' as he showed when building the retaining walls in their home's garden.



Known as Peter, Pete, Pedro or Luigi, his life changed ten years ago when hereditary Huntington's disease began to take over. In the early stages of the disease, with the help of his daughter Bridie, Peter attended the Class 4/68 Reunion in 2013. Until January 2020 he was being cared for by his wife Carolyn and remained living in their home in Drummoyne. Peter's condition worsened to the extent that he was no longer able to move himself nor talk and Carolyn could no longer manage his support. Thus, Peter had to be moved into a nursing home in Mortdale, NSW. Fortunately, Classmate Les Boag was able to visit Peter at the nursing home on 16 March 2020, before the Corona Virus 'Lock Down' took hold.

Peter passed away peacefully early on Sunday 3 May 2020, with his wife Carolyn and his daughter Bridie by his side. He leaves behind his mother Mary, sisters Maureen and Anne, brothers Greg and Christopher. His funeral, held under the COVID-19 restrictions, was held in the Lotus Pavilion at the Macquarie Park Crematorium on Monday 11 May 2020 and 'live-streamed through Guardian Funerals.



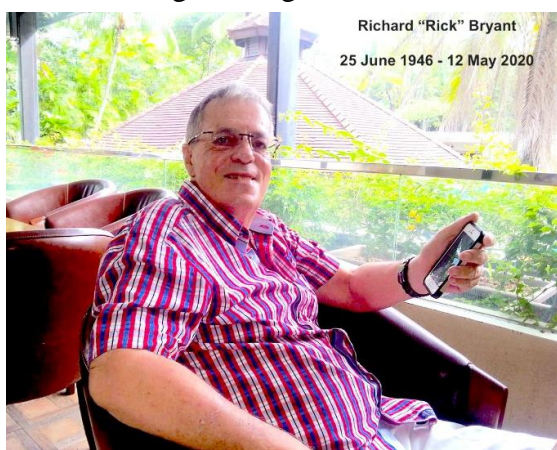
OTU 4/68 Classmates remember Peter as calm, considerate and self-disciplined. A strong and admirable character. One we can be proud to have known! RIP Peter.

Left: Peter Commerford addressing some of his platoon at the Horseshoe near Dat Do in Vietnam. (Graham Cornes provided photograph)



Richard Austen Bryant (2/70) was born in London, England, on 25 June 1946. He came to Australia and completed his secondary education at North Sydney Technical High School. He attended the University of NSW and gained a Bachelor of Science (Technology) in 1969. Rick then worked as an Assistant Maintenance Engineer with the Colonial Sugar Refineries. Following his deferment to complete his degree he entered the Army on 22 April 1970 and joined OTU Class 2/70 on 8 May. Graduating on 2 October Rick was allocated to RAEME and posted to the RAEME Training Centre where he saw out his National Service as an instructor.

His 'mates from Singapore' reported that following fourteen years of working in Australia, Richard ventured out to S. E. Asia in 1986 with his family, spending time in Bali and Jakarta in Indonesia, but mostly in Singapore, holding various positions in high management, in the field of water technology.



Richard moved back to Jakarta four years ago. He fought a long battle with cancer but never let it interfere with living his life to its fullest. In 2019 he married a lovely Indonesian woman, Siti. Even though they were together for some time, most unfortunately, he passed away on 12 May 2020 less than a year after their marriage. Richard was a very joyful mate and never complained about his condition. We will all dearly miss him. Lest We Forget.

Donald James Dennis (Trick) (1/65) (with assistance from Len Mellor, Fourays newsletter)

Don was born at on 20 April 1945 at Manly, NSW. After leaving school he studied Electrical Engineering at university, but he left to become an Advertising Copywriter. He was a competitive swimmer and had tried out in 1964 for the Tokyo Olympics narrowly missing a place in the breaststroke contingent to Ian O'Brien, who went on to win a gold medal. Don had completed a private pilot's licence at age 18 and later applied to join the RAAF, only to be told that he was short sighted and was to wait six months before another assessment.

Fate intervened as his 'number came up' in the conscription ballot and Don enlisted as 2782334 with the second intake of Nashos on 29 September 1965 and at 1 RTB Kapooka was selected for officer training at Scheyville with Class 2/65, commencing on 15 October. On graduation on 7 April 1966 he was allocated to the RAA but posted to the HQ 1 Division Army Aviation Regiment's 16 Army Light Aircraft Squadron at RAAF Base Amberley as Assistant Operations Officer. On 8 January 1967 Don transferred to the Army Staff Corps on a Short Service Commission. He served with 161 (Independent) Recce Flight in Vietnam from 14 August 1967 until 13 August 1968, posted to the Flight as the Operations Officer and Air Traffic Controller (ATC) working in the first Control Tower at Nui Dat on the side of SAS Hill. He expanded and streamlined the Flight Operations Room and pilot briefing and de-briefing. On return to Australia Don transferred to 1 Aviation Regiment, a part of the Aviation Corps that had been raised on 1 July 1968, while Don was still in Vietnam. He promoted to Lieutenant on 2 November 1969.



On graduation from OTU Don is instructed by his father on wearing the Sam Browne

Don spent two years training with the RAAF and Department of Civil Aviation in control towers and schools around Australia. He was posted to the Army Aviation Centre on 1 April 1971 and from 1 August 1972 served as the Army Aviation Corps Senior Air Traffic Controller at the Army Aviation Centre Base Squadron at Oakey, Queensland, operating from the tin sheds and the temporary control tower. Don changed his surname to Dennis, adopting the name of his Auntie who had won a gold medal in swimming at the 1932 Olympics. On 14 June 1974, the now Captain Don Dennis retired from the Army.

His electrical engineering background coupled with his flair for writing saw him involved with technical writing for a number of companies. He spent some time in Indonesia as the CEO of Rentokill. Don wrote a number of books. Following up on his first book on Vietnam, he published 'The Guns of Mushu' in 2006, an account of a Z Force raid on an island off the northern coast of Papua New Guinea during World War Two. Don's uncle was the only survivor of that patrol.



An early member of the Australian Army Aviation Association (AAAA or Fourays), Don developed the first Fourays website and managed the Association's on-line presence for many years. He was also a regular contributor to the early editions of Fourays magazine, often expanding on his writings on Vietnam.

Don's sometimes impetuous actions didn't always gain endorsement from senior officers, but there was no doubting his intellectual skills. These skills coupled with his razor-sharp observations and acute sense of humour made Don the life of many parties and his writings the chronicles of Army Aviation in the sixties. In the words of a contemporary: some people cast shadows on our lives, but Don brought light. Don passed away peaceful in palliative care early on 22 April 2020, in Stanthorpe, Queensland. He is survived by his partner Sarah McLaughlin.

Len Avery of the Army Aviation Association sent in the photo below. Hard to think that there was a war on with these 'chaps'.

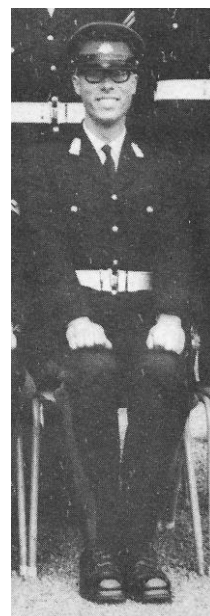


**161 Officers, Nui Dat,
October 1967**

Rear: Capt Phillip Roberts (RW), 2Lt Adam Fritsch (RW), 2Lt *Don Trick* (2/65 Ops Offr), Maj George Constable (OC), 2Lt Mike Meehan (RW), 2Lt Kevin Peacock (FW), 2Lt Blair Weaver (RW), Capt Peter Robinson (OC Workshops)
Middle: 2Lt Ross Goldspink (RW), 2Lt Tom Guivarra (FW), 2Lt David McFerran (FW), Capt Bernie Forrest (FW), Capt John Coggan (RW). Front 2Lt Ross Hutchinson, 2Lt *Peter Garton*.

Chris Joscelyne (1/68) (Les Boag, 4/68)

Christopher Lyn Joscelyne was born in Launceston, Tasmania, on 19 September 1947 to Joclyn (Lyn) and Sylvia Joscelyne. He completed his secondary education at Launceston Matriculation College. Whilst the majority of Nashos entered the Army on a Wednesday, Tasmanian Nashos generally entered on a Thursday. They would assemble at Anglesea Barracks in Hobart, undertake a rudimentary medical examination and be transported to Hobart Airport where they could be farewelled by their family. A TAA flight would then take them to Mangalore, near Puckapunyal, where they were bussed to 2 RTB to start there training. Before entering the Army as 6709081 on 8 February 1968 Tasmanian Chris was working as a Bank Officer with the Commonwealth Banking Corporation. He commenced OTU on 23 February with Class 1/68 and graduated on 18 July, was allocated to the Ordnance Corps and posted to the RAAOC School at Bandiana for Corps Training. Chris was then posted back to 2 RTB Puckapunyal. He was then posted to the 3 BOD Detachment at Seymour on 21 July 1969 where he completed his National Service, discharging on 7 February 1970.



LinkedIn provided the following on Chris: he was a thought leader in the Australian IT security sector. His areas of expertise are encryption security, endpoint data protection, information assurance, secure mobile device management and cloud security. He was a Director of Australian Projects Pty Limited. The company was established in 1994, delivering and supporting applications for data security, including encryption, endpoint security, mobile device management and data loss prevention. The company is headquartered in the Norwest Business Park in Sydney, Australia.

Chris served on Technology Industry Development Council - Australian Industry Group (AiGroup), as a director at the Australian Electrical and Electronics Manufacturing Association, a member of AISEP Advisory Board at Defence Signals Directorate, as Australian representative at the Global eBusiness Forum at the UN, Geneva and as the Australian representative at the World Electronics Forum. He was the co-founder of the Australian IT Security Forum.

Chris was a Rotarian since 1973, being the Past President Rotary eClub One, Colorado, USA, Past President Rotary Club of Sydney, Australia, Past President Rotary Club of Grafton, Australia and a Charter member, Rotary Club of Kings Meadows, Tasmania. His specialties were as an advisor, keynote speaker and mentor on new and emerging technologies in information security and data protection.

Chris' partner Di lived in Sydney and Chris attended the 2019 Christmas Lunch in Canberra, with Di being a late withdrawal. At that time, it was known that he was battling brain cancer. Sadly, the COVID restrictions did not allow Scheyvillians contact with Chris in recent months. He died on 20 June 2020 and is now 'Peacefully at rest after a sustained and determined wrestle with brain cancer'. At his own request Chris had a private cremation. He is 'survived by his wife Catherine; children Dean, Kelly, Mark, Blair and their families; "little brother" Julian and sister-in-law Tina; and by his darling Di'.

Notice has been received on the death of Alexander Richard '**Rick**' **Main** (3/67). Vale in next edition.

Geoff Butts (1/72) (by Tom Butts, son). A follow-up from The Scheyvillian 1 of 2020. Geoffrey Leonard Butts was born in Brisbane on 11 May 1946 and completed his secondary education at the Church of England Grammar School, Queensland. Deferring his service until 1972, before entering the Army as a National Serviceman 'Buttsy' was a law student and completed his articles of clerkship with Morris Fletcher and Cross. Geoff entered the Army on 26 January 1972 and graduated from OTU Scheyville with Class 1/72 on 9 July 1972. He was allocated to the Royal Australian Infantry Corps and posted to 7 RAR and completed his National Service 18 months after the abolition of NS.



Following in his father, Leonard William Henry Butts' footsteps, not only as a serviceman but in law, Buttsy went on to work as a solicitor forming the Butts & Barkley Solicitors practice in Sunnybank, Brisbane, which he continued to own and run for 30+ years. Father of one loving son, Thomas Leonard Butts, Geoff formed a mid-life passion for snow skiing which saw him and Tom travel to the snow fields of Australia, the USA and Europe regularly for the best part of two decades.

Buttsy retired relatively early at age 55, and soon after growing bored of golf (or perhaps fed up with a stagnant handicap), set off on what would be his final adventure, selling his house in Clayfield and moving to the UK where he would remain for the next 15 years, living permanently on a narrowboat on the British canals. A keen historian, Geoff would spend the summers cruising in his boat 'The Black Pearl' exploring castles, remote villages, manor houses et al for approximately 6 months of the year. UK winters were typically avoided by mooring up for 3 months and joining Tom in Bondi Beach for the Australian summer.

Buttsy was an early stalwart of the OTU Queensland monthly lunches, which started in mid-1995, never missing one until he moved to the UK. He was a regular 'returnee' to the annual Christmas Lunch, where his presence was feted – before he enjoyed the Bondi Summer. Most common pastimes in Australia were Sunday afternoons on Sydney Harbour following the 18-foot skiff races from the spectator ferry, having a punt and a drink. Strolling the boulevard along Bondi Beach, or having a quiet signature rum and coke at the 'bird watchers cage' at Hotel Raveis. One month out from another summer in Australia as well as some planned time in Bali, Geoff suffered a stroke onboard 'The Black Pearl', and passed away comfortably with Tom at his bedside in the ICU at Royal Derby Hospital on 9 November 2019, aged 73. According to Tom, Geoff lived his life by the saying "Live fast, die young and have a beautiful (military) Corps". We lost a good one - he will be sorely missed.

Barry Arthur Hawkins (DS) (Peter Barry, Australian Gunner Obituary Resource)

Barry was born on 18 August 1938. He graduated from Officer Cadet School, Portsea, as a Second Lieutenant on 12 December 1958 and was posted to the 20th National Service Training Battalion at Puckapunyal, which was followed by several years with 111th Light Anti-Aircraft Battery at Holsworthy. In 1963 he moved from Air Defence Artillery to Field Artillery and joined 1st Field Regiment, also stationed at Holsworthy Barracks. In September 1964, Barry was selected to visit South Vietnam where at this stage only Training Team members had been deployed. These visits were designed to give selected personnel an insight into what was happening in South Vietnam at the time.

Promoted Captain in 1965, Barry was posted with 102nd Field Battery in Malaya and was later employed as Staff Captain (Q) with Headquarters Far East Land Forces (FARELF) in Sabah and Sarawak. Returning to Australia Barry was posted to 12th Field Regiment at Holsworthy on 6 May 1966. On 11 November 1966, Barry returned to South Vietnam to join 1st Field Regiment which had deployed earlier that year. Barry was posted as Battery Commander (BC) of Headquarters Battery. In May 1967, Barry returned to Australia again and was posted as an instructor at the Officer Training Unit (OTU) Scheyville from 1 August to 27 July 1969. Back at Holsworthy, 19th Composite Regiment had been raised in 1968 to command the batteries left behind after 12th Field Regiment had deployed to South Vietnam. The batteries included 102nd Field Battery, 103rd Medium Battery, 131st Locating Battery and 123rd Training Battery. In 1969 Barry was appointed Adjutant of 19th Composite Regiment. Barry was promoted to Major that same year and assumed command of 123rd Training Battery.

In 1970, Barry was selected to attend the Royal Military College of Science at Shrivenham in the UK. He was a student there for two years, returning to Australia in late 1971 to attend Army Staff College in 1972 where he achieved a 'B' pass. In 1973 he took up a posting as Second in Command (2IC) of 4th Field Regiment in Townsville. The regiment had completed its second tour of duty in South Vietnam in 1971 with the last of the batteries returning to Townsville in May 1971. 106th Field Battery had deployed to Singapore as part of 28th ANZUK Brigade in December 1971 and returned to Townsville in December 1973. Barry remained with 4th Field Regiment for two years. Barry's final posting on promotion to Lieutenant Colonel was as a Staff Officer Grade One (SO1) at Defence Central in Canberra. Barry resigned from the Army on 23 November 1979. He died on 8 January 2016, the dearly beloved husband of Jill (deceased), much loved father of David (deceased), Liane, Kylie and Tara and devoted and loved grandfather. His funeral was held at the Southport Lawn Cemetery on 15 January 2016.

Phillip Davies (DS) was born in Ryde, NSW, on 7 July 1940 and was educated at Lithgow High School where he joined the school's Cadet Unit in 1954, rising to the rank of Under Officer and School Prefect in his final year. Phil commenced the four-year course at RMC Duntroon in 1958, reaching the rank of Under Officer in his final year and winning the Minor Tactics Prize. He was commissioned on 13 December 1961 and posted to 1 RAR. In 1963 he was posted to 3 RAR and he first saw active service in Malaysia in 1964. On return to Australia Phil was posted to the newly raised OTU on 1 April 1965 as a Temporary Captain.



The now Captain Davies returned to 1 RAR on 25 September 1967 and served in Vietnam from 27 March 1968 until 28 February 1969 as the Adjutant/Assistant Operations Officer and was involved in the battle at FSB Coral. On return to Australia Phil was promoted to Major and posted to 3 TB Singleton, where he was again instructing National Servicemen. Phil was posted as 2IC of 5/7 RAR, the battalion which was deployed to Darwin to provide Civil Aid following Cyclone Tracy on Christmas Day 1974. The following year he was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel, and in late 1981 promoted to Colonel which saw him posted as the final Commandant of OCS Portsea. He retired from the Army in 1992 with the rank of Brigadier and found civilian employment until retirement in January 2005. He then immersed himself in many voluntary organisations and the Duntroon Society. In recent years Phil was an irregular attendee at the Victorian Monthly RACV Club Lunches. Phil wrote: 'How fortunate was I to be selected to the staff of the initial OTU intake. Colonel Geddes was just the right man to tackle this task, with his better than the British manner and his understanding of the intake's situation! Well done to all who helped the cause at that time and have proved their character over the ensuing difficult time in Army's history. Your history is still being told as so many of you still charge on helping those you commanded. It was my good fortune to know and work with so many of you during our Vietnam years and beyond. Regards, Phil Davies.'

Phil died on 21 April 2020 following a long illness attributed to SVN service that left him with communication problems towards the end. He left behind his wife Sandra, their two daughters and a son, along with seven grandchildren. Phil will be remembered as a true officer and gentleman, professional in every way, and a real soldier's soldier. He will be sorely missed by his family, RMC classmates and all who were privileged to know him!

Vale Catch-Up:

As you have read in recent Scheyvillians an attempt has been made for include a Vale on any members listed on the 'Deceased List' on the website without a Vale, or when further information is received, to update the Vale.

John Francis Littlewood (3/72) was born into a military family in Melbourne on 30 December 1946. His father, 'Jack' Littlewood, served in the ARA and at one time was Quartermaster at 2 RVR (now 8/7 RVR) Ballarat, a unit that both John Sonneveld (2/68) and Neil Leckie (commenced with 2/68) would serve in. John completed his secondary education at Melbourne High School and at 17 years of age joined the CMF with 2 RVR, transferring to Melbourne's 1 RVR and then 6 RVR before being commissioned into 5 RVR on 4 November 1969 as a 2Lt. Over an eight-week period in early 1972, John and Neil served together at 22 RVR at Puckapunyal, a 'Special Conditions' battalion that had been raised in 1966 to service the needs of country Victorians wishing to take-up the options of CMF service in lieu of being drafted. Later in 1972 John volunteered for National Service, transferring directly to OTU on 5 July and commencing with Class 3/72 on 9 July. With the cessation of NS on 2 December 1972, John chose to serve out his eighteen months and on graduation from OTU, and now holding CMF and RAS (NS) commissions, John was posted to 9 RAR on 21 December 1972, transferring to HQ 6 Task Force on 9 November 1973. At the end of his NS John transferred back to the CMF, by then the Army Reserve, and served with 11 RWAR.



Not content with having served with the CMF, RAS (NS) and the Army Reserve, John transferred to the RAAF on 12 August 1974 with the 'Special Duties Branch – Ground Defence'. This led to another stint of Officer Training with the RAAF Officer Training School for three months. In the following twenty-six years of RAAF service John would serve in over 50 RAAF units with four overseas attachments including a posting to Washington. John retired from the RAAF with the rank of Wing Commander (Lt Col equivalent) on 4 May 2000.

In his later years John moved to Canada. He enjoyed his retirement driving the sports car of his dreams and taking pleasure in Vancouver Island life and views of Georgia Strait. John was an active member of the Scheyville Association, Royal Australian Regiment Association of NSW, Returned Service League and the Royal Canadian Legion.

John died peacefully on 29 November 2007 in Canada following a short battle with cancer. In his Eulogy it was said that 'He will be remembered as a man of honesty and integrity, a strong sense of duty first, and kindness. John enjoyed a quick wit and was generous with his sense of humour. He accepted his illness, not the cards he expected to be dealt, with his usual courage, strength and grace. He was especially grateful for his new and renewed friendships on the Island and was comforted by the many acts of kindness. ... He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.'

'John is survived by Rosemary, his adoring wife, his loving son Chris and loving daughters Karen and Stacey as well as grandchildren Zack and Ashley, his brother Robert and sister-in-law Kathy, several nieces and nephews, as well as sister and brother-in-law Jane and Sterling Lesniowski.' John's funeral service was held on 7 December 2007 at St Mary's Anglican Church, Nanoose Bay, British Columbia, Canada.

William James Wheelock (2/72) was born in Melbourne on 15 March 1948 and completed his secondary education at Melbourne High School. He attended Monash University and graduated as a Bachelor of Jurisprudence in 1968 and Bachelor of Laws in 1970. He was employed as a Solicitor by R. E. Kahn, Clahr & Garsa.

Kahns Lawyers began in 1940 when Dr Kahn was admitted to practice law in Victoria. He was later joined by Dr Clahr to form the partnership of Kahn & Clahr. In 1961 the firm was expanded with Alexander Garsa joining the partnership and the firm traded as Kahn, Clahr and Garsa. The firm later merged with the firm of Dizgalvis & Co. As an established law firm, Kahns has been located in the Melbourne CBD for over 70 years and has continually focused on exceeding the expectations of its clients whilst delivering astute commercial advice through a modern and practical approach to legal practice.



‘Jim’ entered the Army as a National Serviceman at 2 RTB Puckapunyal on 19 April 1972 and commenced OTU with Class 2/72 on 5 May. He graduated on 5 October, was allocated to the Legal Corps and posted to HQ Southern Command as a Legal Officer. Jim discharged as soon as his NS ended.

Peter Lloyd (3/72) reported that Jim Wheelock (2/72) his OTU ‘Father’ after Nasho was a solicitor in Ballarat. He caught up with Jim, after their brief Army careers, when he saw him in a Ballarat restaurant. Peter and Jim formed a great relationship, mainly through dinners and trips that Peter and his wife Bernie made to the Coonawarra with his Jim and his wife Pip. Peter recalled that he and Bernie made their first wills with Jim Wheelock. Jim then moved to another Ballarat firm, Morrow and Morrow, Solicitors, as partner with Michael Morrow.

Jim and Pip had 2 children, Fiona and James, who was at Ballarat Grammar with Peter’s daughter. Pip was diagnosed with cancer. Jim was staying with Pip's family and had just heard her "all-clear" when he was found dead in bed in June 1988. A post-mortem simply found his heart had stopped inexplicably. Peter was cremated in the Ballarat Crematorium on 16 June 1988 and his ashes placed in the Rose Garden at the Crematorium. Michael Morrow married Pip in 1993 but, unfortunately her cancer returned, and she died in 1999. Her ashes are beside Jim's in Ballarat.

OCS Vales

Of the 1,881 Graduates from OTU, the OCS (S) Wing forms a small, but very important part of the list of Graduates, especially for the three OCS Classes (1/72, 2/72 and 1/73), but also for the five classes of OTU/NS who served with them (4/71, 1/72, 2/72, 3/72 and 4/72) as Seniors, Juniors and classmates. The ‘Deceased List’ on the OTU-A website lists some, but by not necessarily all of the OCS (S) graduates who have passed on. The following are the Vales, supplied by a number of their classmates, for those OCS (S) Graduates who have passed on and are supplied to ‘fill in the gaps’ on these Scheyvillians.

Stewart Cameron (O1/72)

Stewart Douglas Cameron was born in Mackay, Queensland in November 1947 and applied in 1971 for entry into OCS Portsea commencing in January 1972. However, he, along with 36 other applicants, was allocated to the newly raised wing of OCS at the National Service Officer Training establishment, OTU Scheyville. He commenced training at Scheyville in early February 1972 and in July of that year as part of 5 Platoon, Chauvel Company of the OTU Battalion of Officer Cadets was made ‘Father’ to ‘Son’ Peter Marx of the 3/72 OTU Class. During his final three months at Scheyville, Stewart held the appointment of Platoon Sergeant of 5 Platoon.



Stewart graduated into RAE on 16 December 1972 and attended the 7 of 1973 Basic Military Engineering Course, before taking up his first appointment at 1st Field Engineer Regiment, Holsworthy as Plant Troop Officer of 23rd Support Squadron in March 1973. He went on to serve two decades in the Army and held a number of Regimental and Staff Appointments which included further postings to 1st Field Engineer Regiment, the School of Military Engineering and Materiel Division - Army. Stewart attended the long NBC warfare course in Canada in 1984 which prepared him for the posting to MATDIV-A where he was

responsible for the purchase of NBC equipment for the ADF. He attended Command and Staff College in 1987. Stewart deployed with the Third Australian Contingent to the United Nations Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group (UNIIMOG) from November 1989 to May 1990. He left the Army after 20 years' service in 1992, at the rank of Major, to join CARE Australia. It was while serving with CARE Australia as the Area Manager in Sulaymaniyah Province, Northern Iraq, in support of the Kurdish population post-the first Gulf War, that Stewart was killed on 7 January 1993. Stewart's funeral was held at All Saints Chapel, Enoggera Barracks on Monday 18 Jan 1993. He was afforded full Military Honours. Stewart is survived by his wife Kerry and two daughters Tennille and Kirsten.

Martin Vincent (O1/72)

Martin William James Vincent was born on 20 June 1950 in Caulfield, Victoria and applied in 1971 for entry into the Regular Army Officer Cadet School (OCS) Portsea commencing in January 1972. However, Martin, along with 36 other applicants from his class, was allocated to the newly raised wing of OCS at the National Service officer training establishment, OTU Scheyville. He commenced officer training at Scheyville in early February 1972. Martin was a member of 1 Platoon, Bridges Company of the OTU Battalion of Officer Cadets until early October 1972 when he was moved to 8 Platoon, Blamey Company and promoted to Corporal for the final three months of the course.



Martin graduated into AAAvn on 16 December 1972 and was temporarily seconded to RAAC for 18 months to gain regimental experience as a junior officer. Upon his return to AAAvn, he attended the Basic Flying Training School as a member of Course 19 of 1974 and the following year completed his Advanced Flying Training on the 2 of 1975 Fixed Wing Course. Martin's postings during his 24-year Army career alternated between Staff and Regimental appointments that included 1st Aviation Regiment, 173rd General Support Squadron, Oakey, Logistics Branch and the Directorate of Army Aviation in Army Headquarters, Canberra. His final appointment before being medically discharged from the army was as Second-in-Command of the ADF Helicopter School at Fairbairn. Martin died in Canberra following a long battle with Multiple Myeloma on 30 October 1996 and is survived by his wife Lesley and two sons, Douglas and Matthew.

Ian Furlonger (O2/72)

Ian Thomas Furlonger was born in NSW in 1952 and applied in 1971 for entry into the Officer Cadet School (OCS) Portsea commencing in January 1972. However, Ian, along with 36 other applicants, was allocated to the newly raised wing of OCS at OTU Scheyville. He commenced training at Scheyville in early February 1972 and was assigned to 3 Platoon, Monash Company of the OTU Battalion of Officer Cadets. In May he made was 'Father' to allocated 'Son' Ray Carlin of the 1/72 OTU Class, and in July to Brendan Sforcina of the 2/72 OCS (Scheyville) Class. During his final three months at Scheyville, he held the appointment of Platoon Sergeant of 3 Platoon.



Ian graduated into the Royal Australian Infantry Corps on 16 December 1972 and was posted to the 2nd Battalion the Royal Australian Regiment (2RAR) on completion of his initial Corps Training. His time in 2RAR was followed by postings to 1RAR, 1st Recruit Training Battalion and 5/7RAR before he left the Regular Army and transferred to the Army Reserve in January 1978.

After his Army career, Ian worked as an accountant in the insurance industry, the wholesale/retail industry and later, for a while he drove taxis in Canberra. Ian started showing signs of health issues in the mid-1990s, but it was not until about 2005 that he was formally diagnosed as having the very debilitating disease, Huntington's Chorea. By this time Ian's life had turned upside down and he withdrew to become a virtual recluse. Ian died in Canberra in January 2012 following a long battle with his illness and is survived by his wife Chris and his daughter Charlie.

Paul Logan (O2/72)

Paul William Logan was born in Toowoomba, Queensland, on 26 March 1953 and joined the Army as a 16-year-old apprentice. After his graduation from Balcombe, Paul was allocated to RA Signals and was in his fourth year of trade training when he applied and was selected for officer training at the Regular Army Officer Cadet School (OCS) Portsea, to commence his officer training in July 1972. However he, along with 35 other applicants from his class, was allocated to be in the 2/72 Class of the Scheyville Wing of OCS located at OTU Scheyville.



When the National Service OTU Class 4/72 commenced at Scheyville on 15 October 1972, Paul was a member of 3 Platoon, Monash Company in the OTU Battalion of Officer Cadets and was one of those Junior OCS Cadets who were not given a 'Son' after the first three months. He was one of two ex-Army Apprentices in his OCS (Scheyville) class. When OTU Class 4/72 and OCS (Scheyville) Class 2/72 entered their Senior Term at the start of 1973, the Battalion of Officer Cadets was downsized to be the Company of Officer Cadets and Paul was appointed as the Regimental Duties Sports Sergeant and also spent a short time as the PMC/BQMS. Along with his other 2/72 OCS (S) Class members, he went to Portsea in mid-1973 to graduate with his cohort classmates. Paul graduated into RA Signals and was then posted back to Toowoomba – 7th Signals Regiment, where he met and married Margaret on 8 December 1973. In January 1977, Margaret and Paul moved to Melbourne where Paul undertook a four-year course at the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology. During this time their two children were born. Paul was awarded a Rockwell Scholarship that saw him posted to Southern California. The family would return to the USA again in 1987, being posted to Fort Gordon in Augusta, Georgia.

On return to Australia, the family lived at Eltham in Melbourne, with Paul commuting to Staff College at Queenscliff at this time. In 1991 he resigned from the Army after some 20-years of service and joined Telecom. He later set up a consulting firm and worked for several clients, mainly with a defence background. Paul and Margaret travelled extensively throughout 2002 – 2012, however in late-2012 Paul was diagnosed with oesophageal cancer. Although in remission for a while, eventually the cancer could no longer be controlled and Paul died peacefully on 1 July 2015, aged 62. Margaret had predeceased him and he is survived by his children, Sara and Benjamin. He was father-in-law to Mike and Miranda and had two grandchildren Tamsin and Callum.

Joe McCulloch (O2/72)

Joseph McCulloch was of Scottish heritage and born in Queensland on 14 August 1953, the eldest of five boys and two girls. Attending Christian Brothers College in Bundaberg, he was found to be a talented, fiercely competitive sportsman, excelling at Rugby League, hockey, surf lifesaving, gymnastics and squash. He applied and was selected for officer training at the Regular Army Officer Cadet School (OCS) Portsea, to commence his officer training in July 1972. However he, along with 35 other applicants from his class, was allocated to be in the 2/72 Class of the Scheyville Wing of OCS located at the National Service officer training establishment, OTU Scheyville.



When the National Service OTU Class 4/72 commenced at Scheyville on 15 October 1972, Joe was a member of 7 Platoon, Blamey Company in the OTU Battalion of Officer Cadets and was one of those Junior OCS Cadets who were not given a 'Son' after the first three months. When OTU Class 4/72 and OCS (Scheyville) Class 2/72 entered their Senior Term at the start of 1973, the BOC was downsized to be the Company of Officer Cadets and Joe remained in the same Platoon within what was then called Blamey Platoon and was made 'Father' to 'Son' Mark Walker of the 1/73 OCS (Scheyville) Class. Along with his other 2/72 OCS (S) Class members, he went to Portsea in mid-1973 to graduate with his cohort classmates. At OTU Joe was one of the characters of the class and words such as 'rogue', 'scoundrel', 'larrikin', and 'mischievous' were used to describe him, all in the spirit of fondness for a classmate.

He was good to have in the class, a morale booster for all when they learnt of his latest escapade and it was to follow that he retained his larrikin streak throughout his service. On graduation on 15 June 1973, Joe was allocated to the Royal Australian Corps of Transport and served-on for over 20 years. His postings included 1st Transport Platoon, 1st RTB, Melbourne Transport Unit, HQ 5th and 44th Transport Squadrons, 12th Chief Engineer Works, HQ 1st Division, Brisbane Transport Unit, Sydney District Support Unit and HQ 10th Terminal Regiment. As well, he served two years in PNG from November 1980 and finished his career in 1994 with the rank of Major when the Army was down-sizing and Joe was offered and accepted a Voluntary Redundancy Package.

After battling cancer for several years, Joe died at Hervey Bay in Queensland on 4 September 2016. He is survived by his second wife, Sherena and children from his first marriage, Candice and Nick and grandchildren Grace, Charlee, Preah and Justus.

Ray Dousset (O1/73)

Raymond Allan Dousset was born in Chelsea, Victoria, on 21 April 1950. After serving for three years with 2nd Commando Company in the Citizen Military Force, Ray joined the ARA in 1970 and undertook Recruit Training at Kapooka where he was awarded Top Recruit of his intake. He was allocated to RAEME and went to Bandiana, completing Corps training and the 48 of 1970 Adult Trades Electronics Course at the RAEME Training Centre. Following this, he was posted to 3rd Base Workshop, Puckapunyal as a Radar Mechanic.



In 1972 he applied and was selected for officer training at the Regular Army Officer Cadet School (OCS), Portsea to commence his officer training in January 1973. However he, along with 30 other applicants from his class, was allocated to be in the 1/73 Class of the Scheyville Wing of OCS located at OTU at Scheyville. Ray was appointed Colour Sergeant of Monash Platoon of what was then the Company of Officer Cadets, in the Senior Class remaining at Scheyville after the march-out of the 2/72 OCS (Scheyville) Class in June 1973. Along with his other 1/73 Class members, he went to Portsea in December 1973, to graduate with his cohort classmates.

Ray graduated to RAEME and was posted back to 3rd Base Workshop. In July 1976 he achieved his lifelong dream of becoming an Army Pilot and graduated from 23 Army Pilot Basic Course at No1 Flight Flying School, Point Cook. He, along with the other trainees, passed the rigorous training by supporting each other to the maximum; something Ray was known for at Scheyville and for which he was to become known throughout his selfless life. This was followed by completion of Advanced Flying Training Course 1 of 1977 (Rotary Wing). He served until 1981, had a break in his service, becoming a highly-praised rescue chopper pilot working in Gippsland, Victoria and North Queensland and re-joined the Army in 1986 in the Army Reserve, to fly with 1st Aviation Regiment. In 1989 he commenced a period of Continuous Full-Time Service, flying with 162nd Reconnaissance Squadron in 1st Aviation Regiment. After another short break, Ray re-joined the ARA on a Short Service contract, serving a further two years, this time with 5th Aviation Regiment.

By early 1992 Ray had ceased flying at his own request due to emerging mental issues and assumed a Squadron 2IC role but soon after, he was diagnosed as a manic-depressive and medically discharged in September 1992. After the breakdown of his first marriage and a long road to recovery, he eventually embraced religion and did some missionary work in China and Hong Kong with his new partner Suzanne. They adopted a young Chinese girl who had been abandoned, as she suffered with physical and mental limitations and she came back to Australia with them. Ray was the author of two books, 'Rotor in the Green' and 'With Wings as Eagles'. He and Suzanne eventually settled in Mackay, North Queensland enjoying retirement. Sadly, this was cut short when Ray was killed in a car accident on 29 October 2019. He left behind his wife Suzanne; his children, Michelle, Christine (Matt), Damian (Catharine), Deborah, Joslin (Merv), Chad, Donna (Nathan) and Melinda (Anthony).

Klaus Hahn (O1/73)

Klaus Juergen Hahn was born on Christmas Day 1950. He applied and was selected for officer training at the Regular Army Officer Cadet School (OCS) Portsea, to commence his officer training in January 1973. However, he, along with 30 other applicants from his class, was allocated to be in the 1/73 Class of the Scheyville Wing of OCS located at the National Service officer training establishment, OTU Scheyville.

Klaus was in Chauvel Platoon in his Junior Term and was allocated Mike Minchin of the 2/72 OCS (Scheyville) Class as his 'Father'. He saw out his time in what was then the Company of Officer Cadets as part of the Senior Class remaining at Scheyville after the march-out of the 2/72 OCS (Scheyville) Class in June 1973. His was the last of the three OCS (Scheyville) classes. Along with his other 1/73 Class members, he went to Portsea in December 1973 to graduate with his cohort classmates. On graduation Klaus was posted to RAA Provost Corps. He died on 3 May 1996, is buried at the Castlebrook Memorial Park at Rouse Hill in Sydney and is survived by his wife Caroline and daughter Jessica.

**Mark Walker (O1/73)**

Having previously been a 2LT in the CMF, Marcus (Mark) John Walker applied and was selected for officer training at the Regular Army Officer Cadet School (OCS) Portsea, to commence his officer training in January 1973. However he, along with 30 other applicants from his class, was allocated to be in the 1/73 Class of the Scheyville Wing of OCS located at the National Service officer training OTU), Scheyville.

Mark attained the rank of Corporal in what was then the Company of Officer Cadets, in the Senior Class remaining at Scheyville after the march-out of the 2/72 OCS (Scheyville) Class in June 1973. Along with his other 1/73 Class members, he went to Portsea in December 1973 to graduate with his cohort classmates.



Mark graduated into AAAvn and was seconded to 1RAR, Townsville in 1974 for two years to gain regimental experience as a junior officer. Upon his return to AAAvn, he attended the RAAF Flying School at Point Cook in 1976. Being unsuccessful at his flying course he Corps transferred to RAAC in 1975. He served in all ARA RAAC line units: 2nd Cavalry Regiment, Holsworthy, B Squadron 3rd Cavalry Regiment, Townsville and 1st Armoured Regiment, Puckapunyal. Progressing to the rank of Major, his last appointment in the Army was as OC A Squadron 3rd/4th Cavalry Regiment in Brisbane.

In 1985 Mark moved to Perth with his wife Sue. He was doing very well as Executive Director/CEO of an industry organisation involved in transport training. In 1999 he suffered a severe brain aneurysm whilst on business in Adelaide and nearly died. He was unable to work again after that due to the resultant acquired brain injury. In April 2016 Mark was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. He undertook programs of chemotherapy and radiotherapy but the disease spread and he died at home on 28 March 2017 at age 63. He was not survived by any children.

Tim Bakker (O1/73)

Timothy James Phillips Bakker was born in Sydney on 4 April 1950. He was raised in a farming community in the Hunter Valley, was educated at Farrer Agricultural College in Tamworth and played Rugby for the School's 1st XV. He was initially a National Serviceman who served in RAA and saw active service in the Vietnam War from 4 May to 5 December 1971 as a Gunner with 104th Field Battery of 12th Field Regiment RAA. On several occasions his battery fired in support of what later turned out to be OCS (Scheyville) classmate Allan Lowe who was, at that time an infantryman in Delta Company, 3RAR, most notably during the *Battle of Long Khanh* (Operation Overlord 6–7 June 1971).



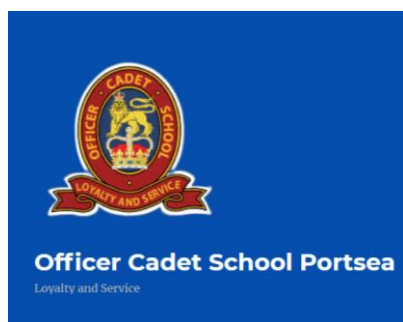
Tim was selected for officer training at the Regular Army Officer Cadet School (OCS) Portsea, to commence his officer training in January 1973. However he, along with 30 other applicants from his class, was allocated to be in the 1/73 Class of the Scheyville Wing of OCS at OTU Scheyville. He was appointed Colour Sergeant of Blamey Platoon of what by then the Company of Officer Cadets, in the Senior Class remaining at Scheyville after the march-out of the 2/72 OCS (Scheyville) Class in June 1973. Along with his other 1/73 Class members, he went to Portsea in December 1973 to graduate with his cohort classmates. Always cheerful, his preferred greeting was 'Are you one?' to which the only acceptable reply was 'One what?'

Tim graduated to RAA and was initially allotted to 1st Field Regiment in Brisbane where he served the majority of his subaltern years. He married in the late-1970s and married again in September 1981 while posted as Adjutant of 23rd Field Regiment, Kogarah. Shortly afterwards, he moved to the Army School of Instructional Training (ASIT) at Middle Head serving there from 1982 to 1983. He then moved to the School of Artillery at North Head for two back-to-back postings from 1984 to 1987. He then undertook a year's full-time tertiary education in Information Technology during 1988; this was followed by an IT skills-related posting to Headquarters 4th Military District at Keswick Barracks. By late 1990, Army had need of Tim's expertise in Canberra and the prospect of this posting led to his decision to leave the service. He felt he had contributed enough of the best years of his life to the Nation and elected to resign so that he and his family could return home to Scotland Island on the Hawkesbury River for priority family time and personal pursuits. He maintained his interest in Rugby during his military career, occasionally playing for Army at the representative level.

Tim retired from the ARA at the rank of Major on 28 March 1991 after completing 20 years of service. After an eight-week battle with pancreatic cancer, he died on 24 July 2018. He is survived by his widow Therese, daughter Alexandra and son Murray and is fondly remembered by his friends, both military and civilian.

OCS Portsea History Project Update (Rudi Poldoja, O2/72)

OCS Portsea has a website: www.ocsportsea.org To read about the OCS (Scheyville) story open the link: <http://www.ocsportsea.org/historical-connections/> then click on the 'Scheyville Wing OCS' line at the bottom left to read the article. You will see a profile of 'The Scheyville Experience' from the point of view of an OCS attendee as well as links to the bios submitted by members of the 1/72, 2/72 and 1/73 Classes in the document. This sampling of those who attended OCS (Scheyville) includes Mike Prain and Gary Ward of the 1/72 Class, Barry Flaherty, Barry Greatorex, Mark Howard, Adrian Jackson, Tony Nobes, Rudi Poldoja and Mike Stone of the 2/72 Class, and Chris Grigsby and Allan Lowe of the 1/73 Class.



Above: Home Page of the OCS Portsea Webpage

Right: 'Spirits of OCS Graduations Past'

The OCS/OTU Era (or who would want to be on staff at OTU in 1972?)

The Nashos and Air Cadets (AC) thought that they had it tough at OTU. In January 1972, the first of three OCS (Scheyville) Wing classes arrived. For the staff it became quite tricky. Firstly, there was the 4/71 Senior Class to return from Christmas leave to complete their final three months, and the new Nasho 1/72 Junior Class about to be selected. While the fourth intake for each year at OTU was smaller, with two teaching classes, the first intake for each year was larger, often with four teaching classes. Then there was the need to integrate the first class of the OCS (Scheyville) Cadets, along with the new Junior NS/ACs, into the structure of the Battalion of Officer Cadets (BOC) platoons for barracks living, general training and field exercises. As well, there was the need to allocate 'Sons' for the 'Fathers' to the Senior Class.

While the OCS (Scheyville) Cadets lived as integrated members of the platoons with the Nashos and Air Cadets, their course included the 'extra' subjects in the 44-week OCS syllabus that had previously been removed to enable the OTU course to fit into the 21 or 22 weeks available for OTU. Each of these three OCS (Scheyville) classes had a cohort OCS class that did their training at Portsea and which they joined at Portsea for their actual graduation on the OCS Portsea Parade Ground.

Whereas the NS/ACs had a three-month Junior and three-month Senior Class, the OCS (Scheyville) Cadets had two 'parts' to each of their Junior and Senior Classes.

For the first 'term' in 1972 the OTU BOC Structure was:

1. NS/AC Class 4/71 Senior Term
2. NS/AC Class 1/72 Junior Term
3. OCS (Scheyville) Class 1/72 Junior Term (Part 1)

For the second 'term' the structure was:

1. NS/AC Class 1/72 Senior Term
2. NS/AC Class 2/72 Junior Term
3. OCS (Scheyville) Class 1/72 Junior Term (Part 2)

At this time, some OCS (Scheyville) Cadets were given rank and others allocated 'Sons' from the NS/AC Class 2/72 Junior Class in this second 'term'.

In July 1972, the second OCS (Scheyville) course arrived, creating the need to run further classes.

For the third 'term', in the second half of 1972 the structure was:

1. NS/AC Class 2/72 Senior Term
2. NS/AC Class 3/72 Junior Term
3. OCS (Scheyville) Class 1/72 Senior Term (Part 1)
4. OCS (Scheyville) Class 2/72 Junior Term (Part 1)

In the fourth 'term', the final quarter of 1972, the structure was then:

1. NS/AC Class 3/72 Senior Term
2. NS/AC Class 4/72 Junior Term
3. OCS (Scheyville) Class 1/72 Senior Term (Part 2) This class was allocated most of the 'rank'!
4. OCS (Scheyville) Class 2/72 Junior Term (Part 2)

On 1 December 1972, the OCS (Scheyville) 1/72 Class Cadets, having completed their Senior Term and being due to graduate, marched out of Scheyville to the 'unchartered waters' of OCS Portsea. This meant a restructuring of the BOC. That structure was then:

1. NS/AC Class 3/72 Senior Term - this stepped-up to fill the rank structures vacated by the OCS Cadets on their departure to Portsea.
2. NS/AC Class 4/72 Junior Term
3. OCS (Scheyville) Class 2/72 Junior Term (Part 2)

National Service effectively ended on the election of the Labor Government on 2 December 1972. However, the official date for its end was 5 December when some hastily-devised administrative arrangements were made to allow those who wished to leave the Army and not complete their eighteen months of National Service. These arrangements would have repercussions many years later, when those who opted to leave then became ineligible to receive the Australian Defence Medal as they had not completed the 'Initial Term of Enlistment' (even though it was the government of the day's decision to allow these men to leave without completing their time). This affected those from Classes 3/71 (7 July 1971 – only seventeen months served) onwards.

However, many of Class 3/72 decided to continue with their course and graduate on 21 December 1972. Some then immediately resigned, others completed their commitment, while the remainder continued to serve for many years after their commitment ended. Many members of Class 4/72, just eight weeks into their course, followed suit.

For OTU the start of 1973 saw a first 'term' structure, of much-reduced numbers, in what was then designated the Company of Officer Cadets (COC) with:

1. NS/AC Class 4/72 Senior Term
2. OCS (Scheyville) Class 2/72 Senior Term (Part 1)
3. OCS(Scheyville) Class 1/73 Junior Term (Part 1)

The last graduation for NS/AC Classes was when Class 4/72 graduated on 18 April 1973. Many graduates from OTU attended this last parade. However, life went on for the OCS (Scheyville) Classes.

The 'second term' structure of the COC was then adjusted to consist of:

1. OCS (Scheyville) Class 2/72 Senior Term (Part 2)
2. OCS (Scheyville) Class 1/73 Junior Term (Part 2)

In early-June 1973, OCS (Scheyville) Class 2/72, like the 1/72 OCS (Scheyville) Class, said farewell to Scheyville and departed south to graduate at Portsea. From then until early December, the nineteen OCS (Scheyville) Cadets of the final class, the 1/73 OCS (Scheyville) Class were all that remained. The COC was then effectively a 'Platoon of Officer Cadets'. The Cadets' Mess closed, and the remaining Cadets ate in the Officers' Mess with the DS, until they too headed to Portsea to graduate in December 1973.

That last two years was an extremely complex time for the staff at OTU. As can be seen by the way the staff set up a 'brand new' officer training establishment in just three months in 1965, the precedent set then paved the way to adjust to such circumstances.

FEATURES

Queen's Birthday Awards

It has been noted that at least two Scheyvillians received awards in this year's Queen's Birthday Awards:

Malcolm Stuart Boyd (1/70) of Northbridge, NSW, received an AM for significant service to civil engineering, to tertiary education, and as a role model.



Allan Donald McCallum (3/70) of Kerang, Vic, received an AO for distinguished service to primary industry, particularly to grain, seafood and medicinal plant production, and to professional organisations.



If readers are aware of any other award recipient for this year, please email their name to The Editor.

Shortest Time from Graduation to Vietnam

David Sabben (1/65) had been wondering which Scheyvillian/s had the shortest time between graduation and first setting foot in Vietnam. He took the Vietnam Service spreadsheet from the website, had a play with it, and through the magic of Excel came up with:

Rick Bannan (3/66 - RAE) was posted to 32 Small Ship Sqn and was aboard the (Landing Ship Medium or LSM) (Australian Vessel) AV 1355 Vernon Sturdee when 31 days after graduation he arrived in Vietnam.

Rick's last visit would be after 502 days of service.

John Marsden (2/68 – RAE/AAAvn) joined the Army to learn to fly but found himself also in 32 Small Ship Sqn. He was aboard the 1,400 Ton (Australian Ship) AS 3051 John Monash (below right) 56 days after graduation when he landed in Vietnam for the first of two trips. John commenced flying training in 1969 and returned to Vietnam in 1971 with 161 Independent Recce Flight.

Paul Flanagan (2/69 - RAE) was in Vietnam at HQ AFV (Army Component) 60 days after Graduation.

Ian Blackman (4/66 – RAE) was on the AV 1356 Clive Steel 61 days after graduation when he arrived.

Robert Hannam (1/70 – RAInf) arrived in Vietnam with the 1 Aust Civil Affairs Unit after 77 days.

James Benton (1/69 – RAE) was also on the AV 1356 Clive Steel when he arrived after 111 days.

Peter Morgan (1/66 – RAInf) arrived at the 1st Aust Reinforcement Unit after 111 days.

The first 'frontline' Scheyvillians (1/65 – RAInf) **John Deane-Butcher, Terry O'Hanlon, Arthur Pott, Melford Roe** and **Harry Neesham** all arrived in Vietnam 122 days after graduation (including Post-OTU Christmas leave!) The 6 RAR graduates who followed them had between 168- and 172-days post-graduation. David has his answer!



Ex 'Filius Nullius' (Neil Leckie 3/68 with John Baker 1/71)



It is amazing how small pieces of information put together can tell a story. Class 3/69 has for some time been trying to sort out the who, where and when the photo at left was taken. The consensus was that the photograph was taken at 3 TB, Singleton. But when and why were we there?

Left: Fraser, Harvey & Wedgwood, Class 3/69 at 3 TB.

John Baker joined OTU with Class 4/70. After the 10-day exercise in his Senior Term, he was in the queue to be interviewed by the Commandant, Col Studdert. Much to his surprise, during his interview John was offered a Repeat Term, so accepting the offer, while he went to pack his bag and go on leave, the rest of the graduating Cadets prepared to head to 3 TB Singleton for Exercise 'Filius Nullius'. Who selected the exercise name? The English translation, according to one internet dictionary, is: a child of unknown parentage; an orphan. The son of no one: a bastard. Another defined it as: An illegitimate child who had few legal rights under the Common Law. Laws have broadened the legal rights of illegitimate children who, in the language of some statutes, are referred to as nonmarital children.

Exercise 'Filius Nullius' took the soon to be officers to 3 TB Singleton, where the Recruit Training Wing set up Recruits in classes where an Officer Cadet would undertake instruction of the Recruits while being assessed by another Cadet (Mutual Assessment) while an OTU Staff Member also undertook assessment of the instructing Cadet. Lessons included: weapons, Map Reading, Handling & Searching PoWs, Intro to Radio & Voice Procedure and Drill. The first class to undertake the exercise was Class 3/69 and Brian Cooper and some of his 3/69 Classmates had to very quickly learn how to use a .303 Rifle!

Earlier classes on Exercise Filius Nullius were bussed to Singleton one evening, undertook two days of instruction and were then bussed back to OTU on the evening of the second day's instruction and were back in class the next morning. Later classes had a day for travel to 3 TB, two days of instruction then a day's travel back to OTU.

So, several pieces of information showed that the photograph was taken at Singleton during Exercise 'Filius Nullius' in December 1969, just prior to the Class 3/69 graduation.

Postscript: John Baker went through a Repeat Senior Term with Class 1/71. Post the major exercise, on the eventful day, he waited outside the Commandant's Office for his interview. Sergeant Handley, a tall, lean, Drill Instructor came along for a quiet word. As it happened, John had finished in the top few in drill and weapons instruction because "I was consistently able to mimic people like Sergeant Handley". Handley used words to the effect "I happen to know how you will go today Baker, and you'll be alright". John knew that he had a "bloody solid repeat term" and would have been pretty confident anyway, but he went in "with a spring in my step" and was advised he would graduate. John Baker graduated as one of 104 with Class 1/71, the largest graduating class in the history of OTU. He was allocated to the RAAC and posted to the Armoured Centre, Puckapunyal, for Corps Training and served out his National Service with the RAAC.

SPORT AT OTU 1965 & 1966

Prior to the March In of Class 2/65, a Sports Day was organised for Saturday 2 October 1965 between OTU and the Royal Australian Navy Apprentice Training Establishment (RANATE), which was located at HMAS Nirimba at Schofields Aerodrome, just a few minutes' drive from OTU. The day would consist of team sports in the morning and athletics events in the afternoon.

Nirimba is a Darug Aboriginal word meaning pelican. Schofields aerodrome was evaluated for use as the site of the RAN Aircraft Repair Yard (RANARY), following the formation of the RAN Fleet Air Arm in November 1950. The RAN moved in and Schofields was temporarily commissioned as HMAS Albatross II, RANARY Schofields, with a contingent of Royal Navy officers and sailors supplementing the RAN Component. In January 1952, the RAAF transferred control of the base to the RAN, but remained in residence until September 1952.

On 1 April 1953, the RANARY Schofields was commissioned as HMAS *Nirimba*, a joint RANARY and technical training establishment for RAN Fleet Air Arm. The Aircraft Repair Yard was short lived, however, and was closed down in early 1955 and HMAS *Nirimba* and the airfield were reduced to "Care and Maintenance" status.

In September 1955, preparations began to recommission HMAS *Nirimba* as the RAN Apprentice Training Establishment (RANATE) for Naval Apprentice training. The establishment reopened on 4 January 1956 as HMAS *Nirimba*, RAN Apprentice Training Establishment. *Nirimba* was finally decommissioned on 25 February 1994, having trained some 13,000 young men and women from the RAN and other Commonwealth navies.

The site has since been redeveloped as the Nirimba Education precinct and houses facilities for the Western Sydney University, the Western Sydney Institute, Wyndham College and the St John Paul II Catholic College. The site also the scene of dress rehearsals for the 2000 Olympic Games opening ceremony.

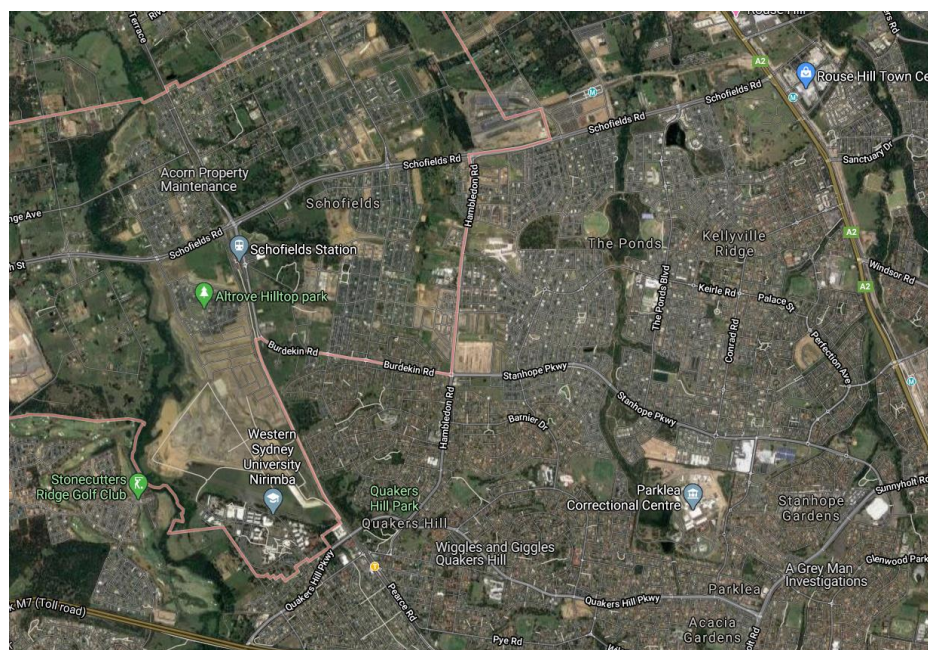
OTU had many top-class Rugby and Aussie Rules players in their ranks, and the two games, following the unit's recent big wins over the Hawkesbury Agricultural College, were extremely easy wins. However, in the athletics it was a different matter. The RAN 'stacked' their team with RAN PTIs from RAN units all over Sydney, rather than with their Apprentices. Consequently, the results in this area of the sports favoured the RAN team.



The Athletics events were:

High Jump	won by Army, Lindsay Robbins 14 Sect, 5 Pl, B Coy	6' 0"
Long Jump	won by RAN	21' 6"
Triple Jump	won by Army, John Patterson 14 Sect, 5 Pl, B Coy	39' 4 1/2"
Shot Putt	won by RAN	37' 5 3/4"
Discus	won by RAN	96' 8 1/2"
Javelin	won by RAN	142' 5 1/2"
880 Yards	won by RAN	2 m 8 s
440 Yard	won by RAN	55 sec
220 Yards	won by RAN	24 sec
4 x 110 Yard Relay	won by RAN	47.2 sec
Medley Relay	won by RAN	3 m 56.3 s
100 Yards	won by RAN	10.3 sec
3 Miles	won by RAN	16.55 m
1 Mile	won by Army, Harry Neesham 13 Sect, 5 Pl, B Coy	4 m 57 s

The OTU team was small in number and many Cadets had to participate in multiple events. Harry Neesham stated that Bob Toyer was the best runner at OTU, so they decided that in the longer races Bob would run in the 3 Miles race and Harry in the 1 Mile race. Remembering that both had played football in the morning, whereas the RAN runners hadn't, for Bob to come second in the 3 Mile race was an amazing feat of endurance. However, he was not done yet! He backed up for the 1 Mile run and set a cracking pace that burnt off the RAN runners and allowed Harry to take the lead and win comfortably.



The second such sporting day was held on the afternoon of 5 March 1966. OTU now had two classes to choose from, 2/65, then in their Senior Term, and 1/66 in their Junior Term. Their opponents would come from RANATE and HMAS Sydney. The venue remained as HMAS Nirimba.

The outline of the airstrip at Nirimba can just be seen in the bottom left of the Google Map!

The events were:

High Jump	Sgt Michael Richmond and Cpl William Robbins. Reserve: Fletcher.
Long Jump	OCs Dennis Price and Hugh McArthur. Reserve: Sgt Don Trick.
Triple Jump	Cpl Michael Charles and Sgt Lance Parker. Reserve: OC Travers.
Shot Putt	Cpl David Atkinson and OC McArthur. Reserve: Sgt Don Trick.
Discus	OCs John Renowden and Cameron Smith. Reserve: OC McArthur.
Javelin	OCs Garrick Hand and Bryant. Reserve: OC Nicholls
Tug of War	Team names not available.
880 Yards	Cpl Hand, and OC John Hadden. Reserve: OC Brian
440 Yard	OCs John Nicholson and Robert Young. Reserve: OC Hand.
220 Yards	OC Travers and Cpl Robbins. Reserve: OC Renowden.
4 x 110 Yard Relay	OCs Hand, Tippet and Young and Cpl Robbins
Medley Relay	OCs Hand, Travers and Young and Cpl Robbins.
100 Yards	OC Travers and Cpl Robbins.
3 Miles	OC Webb and Sgt Parker. Reserve: OC Haddon.
1 Mile	OC Webb, OC Fred Pedler. Reserve: OC Haddon.
1 Mile Walk	Two Cadets, names not available.

In addition, a cricket match was played by Cpl Ken James (Capt) and:
OCs Don Gordon, Brian Harris, Michael Kinsella, Geoff Levey, Gary McKay, Errol Noble,
Graeme Parker, John Retallick, Con Schweinsberg and Anthony Smith).

The third sports Day at HMSA Nirimba was held on 26 November 1966, with cricket, tennis and athletics. Athletics events were:

110 yds	Jackett, Carney and Henwood. Reserve: Gale
22 yds	Jackett, Carney and Henwood. Reserve: Gale
440 yds	Bannan, Symons and Beasley. Reserve: Smith M J
880 yds	Rakich, Tracey and Wilbers. Reserve: Peatling
1 mile	Tozer, McManus and Roach. Reserve: Whitelaw
3 mile	Klintworth, Peatling and McManus. Reserve: Cattell
120 yds hurdles:	Smith R J, Kidd and Egan. Reserve: Johns
4 x 110 Relay	Jackett, Carney, Henwood and Smith R J. Reserve: Herbert
1 mile Medley	Rakich, Jeffries, Pericles and McCaffrey.
Shot Putt	Andrews, Egan and Walls
Javelin	Henderson, Egan and Bond
Discus	Walls, Ball and Thorpe. Reserve: Egan
High Jump	Webber, Fowler and Ashfield. Reserve: Walls
Long Jump	Jackett, Mills and Kidd. Reserve: Ashfield
Hop, Step & Jump	Smith R J, Russell and McCaffrey
Cricket:	UO Jones (Capt) and SUO Fisher, Sgts Savage and Spurling and OCs Kerr, Lord, Luffman, Mears, McCoy, Moylan, Sant, , Turner,
Tennis:	1 Pl SUO Fisher & OC Lewis (doubles), OC Lewis (Singles)
	2 Pl OCs Barnes and Ellison (Doubles), OC Somerville (Singles)
	3 Pl OCs Dick and Robinson (Doubles), OC Robinson (Singles)
	4 Pl OCs Arnold and Beesley (Doubles), ? (Singles)
	5 Pl OCs Ralph and Delaney (Doubles), OC Griffiths (Singles)
	6 Pl OCs Rainer and Magerl (Doubles), OC Woolveridge (Singles)

A Ball was to be held that evening at OTU. The instruction for the day stated that:
Officer Cadets using private transport must take their ball clothes with them to change into prior to returning to OTU and the ball. All members using private transport must sign out on their Coy Leave books prior to departing from OTU. The Editor looks forward to hearing of how well the second and third teams performed at HMAS Nirimba!

Fly In – Fly Out Football is nothing new! (Harry Neesham, 1/65)

With the COVID-19 Virus driving football teams to the prospect of one-day Fly In – Fly Out matches, Harry Neesham (1/65) reminds us that he was probably the first Fly In – Fly Out footballer. Harry was called up with the first intake and went through OTU in Class 1/65. The West Australian newspaper on 12 May 2020 gave a full-page to the exploits of FIFO Harry.

The story in The Scheyvillian 2 of 2019 summarises Harry's 1965 FIFO adventure.

In 1963 Neesham was awarded the Caris Medal for the 'Best and Fairest First-year Player' and was a rising star of the then WANFL. The East Fremantle player had signed to play with the Geelong VFL club.

In 1965 Neesham's club had made the finals. They rang the then Colour Sergeant Neesham at OTU, who hadn't played football for 11 weeks. Rugby supporting OTU Commandant Colonel Ian Geddes was persuaded that allowing Neesham to return to Perth would be good PR for the Army. Neesham played, his team won and he was 'Best on Ground'.

Two weeks later Neesham again returned to Perth and played. His team won again and was then into the Grand Final. 'Somehow' approval was given for Neesham to return to Perth for the Grand Final. His team kicked 7 goals against the wind in the last quarter to snatch a last-minute victory. Neesham returned to OTU the next day to complete his training. Neesham's three lots of leave to play football upset a few of his fellow Cadets including fellow West Australian Rod Thatcher who couldn't get leave for his sister's wedding!

THE ORIGINAL FIFO FOOTBALLER

HARRY NEESHAM waves to family as he flies to Sydney en route to Vietnam. Picture: Simon Gordon

Neesham makes his way onto Subiaco Oval for the 1965 first semi-final against West Perth and below, with other officers at Nui Dat, Vietnam, and practising skills at East Fremantle Oval.

SEPTEMBER SUCCESS
Neesham won medals and played in grand finals at every level at East Fremantle. He won premierships in the league team in 1965, lost a reserves grand final in 1969 and won the colts in 1962. And he doubled up with a Lynx Medal for fastest and best league player in 1964. Henry Wiley Medal reserved in 1969 and Walton Medal (colts) in 1963.

GROUND WORK
East Fremantle had a 15 record when Neesham replaced Eric Sarich as captain-coach in 1970 and while the team only improved to 18-17 and a second last final, a group of future stars was brooded. They included the 1971 Sandover medalist David Hollins and future State player Peter Stephens. Neesham also promoted Brian 'Whale' Roberts from the reserves, exposing a player who would soon move to the VFL and win two flags with Richmond.

HARRY NEESHAM
Born April 7 1945
East Fremantle: 1964-70
Matches: 76
Premiership: 1965
Lynx Medal: 1964
Coach 1970: (part)

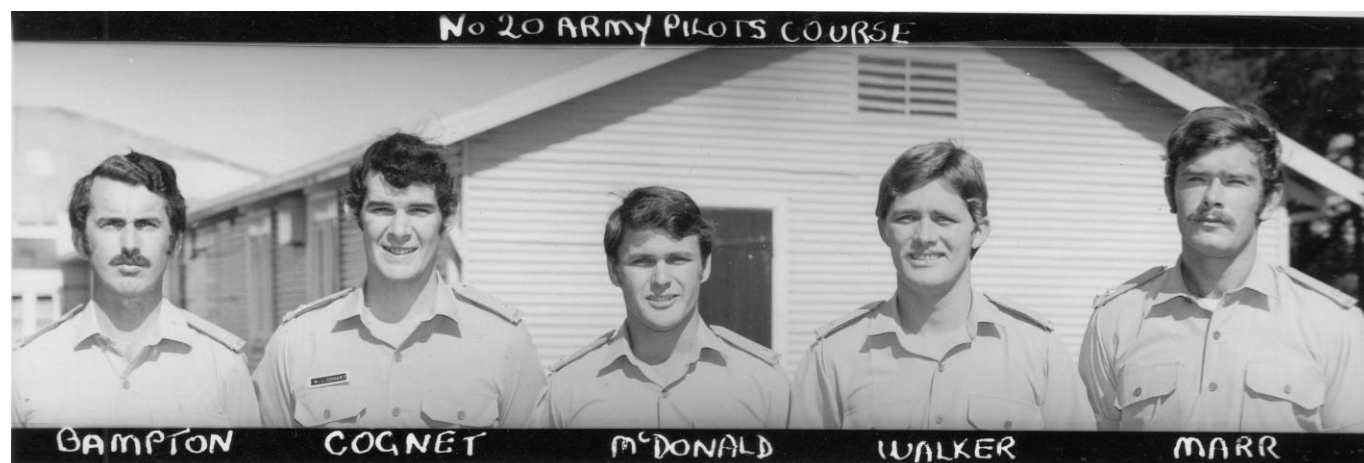
Aviators – BFTS Course 18 Neil Leckie (3/68)

Basic Flying Training School Course 18 at Point Cook in 1973 commenced with nine candidates, according to a 'Summary of Army Flying Training 1965 – 1976', provided by Charlie Barnett, and included four Scheyville Graduates. Candidates were: Alan Piercy, W Dickens, Jeff Brook, Chris Galvin, Michael Bampton and Scheyvillians Peter Bons, Robert Hastie, Gary Ticehurst and Ian Lucas. Ian Lucas assured The Editor that he was not on that course (see below).

Michael Bampton was tracked down and he gave the following memories of Course 18:

- 'I was marched off on medical grounds (previous shoulder surgery). After additional surgery and rehab, Army and RAAF squabbling and medicals I was passed fit for Air Crew and attended 20 course and failed on air-work.
- Alan Piercy marched off on medical ground (Glandular Fever) and returned to 19 course and passed flying and had a full career in AAAvn. He retired as a full Colonel and lives in Sydney.
- Jeff Brook, a fellow South Australian, passed Point Cook, failed Fixed Wing and went to Med School, graduated and became a Medical Testing Officer for Army Aviation.
- Chris Galvin passed and still flying in later years
- Gary Ticehurst – same as Galvin. I remember he was flying Kiowas.'

Michael thought that he had a course photograph for Course 18, but unfortunately only had one for Course 20. Marcus Walker is a graduate from OCS/OTU Class 1/73.



Does anyone have any details to confirm the participants on Course 18?

Ian Lucas (4/68) completed his flying training with Qantas before being called up. He wrote: 'By my recollection the Army Aviation should have celebrated 50 years at the base at Oakey, Queensland, in the last year or so. I was there from mid-1969 and other than Pilot Officers and RAEME staff in the maintenance hangar, there were very few of the support staff from the Aviation Corp. The Headquarters of the Regiment was at the RAAF Base, Amberley Qld.

'Following my unsuccessful flight test, I requested a Corp transfer to RAInf and 8 RAR as they were building up for their deployment to Vietnam. That 'request', I suspect, went to the bottom of someone's 'to do' file as I was an integral part of the Aviation Regiment Rugby Team at the time, and the CO was a 'mad' Rugby fan. The team went on to win the Northern Command Rugby competition and I spent my remaining time in Oakey. OTU graduates in the team included Pilots Dennis Coffey (1/67 - Coach), Terry Hayes (3/67) and Bob Curtis (4/67).'

Ian served as the Admin Offr for 16 Squadron at Oakey until discharge. Following his 'Nasho' he resumed his aviation career at Qantas, being promoted to Chief Pilot in his latter years with the Airline.

A 1989 RETURN TO SCHEYVILLE (Peter MacMillan and Neil Leckie, 3/68)

In the last Scheyvillian, 1 of 2020, there was quite a bit of information on our Aviators. Reading the articles prompted Aviator Peter MacMillan (3/68) to dig out his 1989 photos of his trip down memory lane at Scheyville. Like all who visited in the 1980s and early 1990s Peter was dismayed at the run-down facilities and damaged buildings, particularly the Cadet Lines that had been (with approval) 'destroyed' during NSW Police training. We thank goodness that the long-time Manager of the Scheyville site, Jonathon Sanders (now working in Kakadu) had the foresight, and was able to allocate some funds to do it, to restore some of the buildings such as the HQ, Officers' Lines, Gymnasium and of course the Cadets' Mess where many a class has since held a reunion.

In The Scheyvillian 3 of 2015 and 1 of 2016 there were articles on the aircraft bodies and parts being stored at Scheyville. Peter found the area tidied up with only the Cadets' Mess holding neatly stacked boxes of Canberra Bomber parts.



In the early 1980s there was one fuselage from a Devon and another from a Japanese Oscar that eventually returned to Japan to become a part of a restored aircraft.

From 3 of 2015: ‘Dave McDonald from ‘Classic Wings’ magazine advised that ‘ looks like the fuselage of a Devon there and the Oscar remains were part of a package that has gone to Japanese collector who will incorporate bits and pieces into the restoration of another example, which was at one time stored with the AWM, before being sold to (the Duxford based Fighter Collection in) the UK.’

Warbird Digest 2013 stated ‘While working in trading, Nobuo Harada, a collector of World War II-era Japanese aircraft, began collecting wartime fighter planes. He learned that components of a Hayabusa captured by the Royal Australian Air Force in New Guinea in January 1945 still exist. A British museum has had the (Scheyville) parts since around 1990. After negotiations, the museum agreed early this year to release them to Harada, who purchased them.



Left: Nobuo Harada holds the tail of Hayabusa at Kawaguchiko Automobile Museum’s Zero Fighter Museum in Narusawa where he is the Manager.

In July (2013), the main components, such as the engine, the body of the plane, the main wing and the tail unit, arrived in Japan. Numerous dents and holes in the plane suggest it was attacked by locals while in New Guinea.

“We’re planning to break the parts into pieces and repair and reassemble them. We hope to finish rebuilding the

plane in five years,” Harada says.

A team of three engineers will undertake the restoration work along with engine repairs. They will spend all next year reassembling the tail unit and the rear of the body. Rebuilding the main wing and the front part of the plane, including the cockpit, will take a total of four years.’

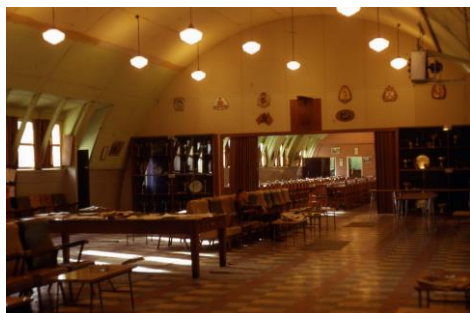


HQ Building OTU days (left) and 1989 (right)



Cadets Mess Fishpond





Cadets' Mess and
Canberra Bomber parts



Left: 6 Pl (Hut 32 - left) and
part 5 Pl (Hut 31 - right) (2
Coy structure),
or 9 Pl and 8 Pl (3 Coys),
or 8 Pl and 7 Pl (4 Coys)
Right: Hut 32 part 5 & 6 Pls
(2 Coy), or 8 Pl (3 Coys) or 7
Pl (4 Coys)



Lecture Theatre



Left pre-1968 Parade Ground
and Education Building.
Right Post-1968



DVA White Card (Vetaffairs Vol36, No. 2)

New Cards are on the way! In June, veterans with an existing DVA Health Card (Gold, White or Orange), should have received a new Veteran Card in the mail. All benefits and entitlements remain unchanged with the new cards. Clients who have a DVA Health Card with an expiry date after July 2020 will be issued a Veteran Card later this year. If you haven't applied for a White Card yet, do so!

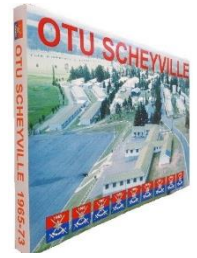
<https://www.dva.gov.au/health-and-treatment/veteran-healthcare-cards/veteran-white-card>

Support to RMC- D in 2020

In 2019 the OTU Association supported the RMC Team who went to the Sandhurst Military Skills Competition (SANCOM) in the US by the provision of an OTU tie to each of the male competitors. The two ladies were provided with a silk WRAAC 60th Anniversary scarf. The 2019 team trained for the competitions under 'Plan Scheyville'. On 16 March 2020 it was advised that due to the Presidential restrictions imposed within the United States, SANCOM 2020 has been cancelled and will not be re-scheduled this year. WO2 Kime, Romani Company, Training Team Bravo, RMC – D wrote: 'I would very much like to thank you all on behalf of RMC-D, in particular the staff and cadets of the SANCOM 2020 Team. We appreciate the positive responses to the last-minute communications with the preparation of the event, *your willingness to support through physical attendance and presentation of gifts*. 2020 may be cancelled, however it is highly likely that Australia will be a perpetual competitor at West Point now, therefore you can expect communications in early 2021 for the next Sandhurst Competition.'

The OTU Scheyville 1965-73 Pictorial Book

There was a fantastic demand for the “OTU Coffee Table Book” with the first print run of 400 copies sold out. A second smaller print run was ordered, and these are now in stock. As with all smaller print runs, the cost per unit is higher. These new books can be ordered through the OTU website. Note: To avoid any confusion on delivery, such as ‘Local Pick Up’, delivery will only be made by mail, with the appropriate charge.



BOOK REVIEWS

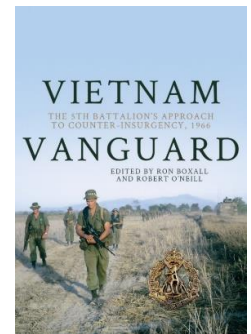
Vietnam Vanguard – The 5th Battalion’s Approach to Counter-Insurgency 1966 (Robin Hunt, 3/69)

Boxhall & O’Neill’s book is substantial and whilst it’s a paperback, there are some 450 pages of tight text supported by 16 maps, 44 illustration and seven appendices.

Sponsored by the 5 RAR Association, it covers the commitment of the two battalions that formed 1ATF in SVN at the beginning of 1966. Of specific interest to OTU readers will be

- Chapter 3 “Facing New Realities: from Holsworthy to Nui Dat – “by Stan Maizey (later CI at OTU).
- Chapter 8 “A Pl Commander’s War – part 1” by Roger Wainwright & Terry O’Hanlon (OTU 1/65)
- Chapter 10 “A Pl Commander’s War – part 2” by John Hartley and Harry Neesham (OTU 1/65)
- Peter Isaacs was a an instructor at OTU (see p 355) and co-authored Chapter 4: “5RAR on Ops”
- Robert Supple was also a sometime instructor at OTU (see p 359) and co-authored Chapter 14: “the Challenge of Air Support”
- that Maizey, Hartley (2 awards) were MID

According to the index, OTU is mentioned on page 46 (regarding the officer reinforcement of 5 RAR prior to its departure to SVN), page 153 (with mention of OTU grads John Dean-Butcher and Harry Neesham joining Charlie company, 5RAR), page 169 (where Terry O’Hanlon writes about his time at OTU and mentions fellow OTU graduates posted to 5 RAR: Melford Roe, Harry Neesham, John Dean-Butcher and Ted Pott - all 1/65), page 203 (where Harry Neesham writes about his time at OTU and names the same OTU graduates being posted to 5 RAR). I found appendix D, where there is a comparison of 1ATF’s view of the enemy vs a VC view of 1ATF, fascinating. I served in SVN as an artillery officer in 1970-71 and, until I read about it in this book, I was not aware that an Artillery Regiment’s Commander (Lt Col Dick Cubis) was summarily “relieved of his command” by Brigadier David Jackson in 1966 (see p 270). Amazing.



I think it’s great that, some 55 years later, 27 contributors were able to so clearly relate their experiences of fighting in Vietnam. Thank you to them. All OTU graduates – whether they served in SVN or not – will identify with a lot of what is contained here: the people, the tactics, and the procedures are all things that we were made familiar with. “Get a copy and read it” would be my recommendation.

On Vietnam Vanguard, **Warren Campbell (1/66)** added: For those of you who have not yet read the new book out, *Vietnam Vanguard*, there is an appendix written by Ernie Chamberlain, who was an Australian intelligence officer and Vietnamese linguist, who has in recent years translated NVA and VC unit histories pertinent to the Australian involvement. Many of these histories are plain wrong with falsifications and fabrications about various battle results, or plain mistakes such as “captured six Australians (including a second lieutenant - company second-in-command)” – They had however, confused that action with a D445 Battalion attack on an RF company in Xuyen Moc District.

Long Tan, A Reappraisal: When advised of Fred Fairhead’s book, **David Sabben (1/65)**, a Long Tan Platoon Commander, wrote: ‘I was not aware of this book on the horizon. I trust an OTU graduate does a true Scheyvillian assessment of the book, particularly looking at the evidence of a “setup ambush” and in what way “victory was assured” by Australian reinforcements on M113s when they arrived’ (some ten minutes after the battle had ended). David has written a rebuttal of an article by Ashley Ekins (AWM Historian) appearing in The Australian on 21 August 2018 dealing with Long Tan as an “ambush” and the “victory-creating arrival of the APCs and A/6 after the battle”. If you wish to read the article, and David’s ‘rebuttal’, contact David.

sabben@ozemail.com.au The Editor would like to hear from any Scheyvillian who has read Fred’s book.

Other Books on the Bookshelf:

Clash of the Gods of War, Edited Westerman & Floyd. This book is for the artillery aficionado and looks at WW1 from the perspective of Australian artillery. The editors have collated 27 chapters written by 22 experts in this aspect of military history. It's crammed full of facts (15 tables, 16 maps, 11 Figures and 39 (of nearly 500) pages of end notes) but is still very readable and even Infantry officers should be able to follow what being presented. A very useful follow-up to the "Firepower" seminars that were held on artillery lessons from the Great War (vide reportage in "Cannonball", The Journal of the Royal Australian Artillery Historical Coy).

Australian Code Breakers, James Phelps, One tends to think of "code-breaking" as being associated with WW2 & Bletchley Park in England but in 1914 a Geelong mathematician – Frederick Wheatley – broke a sophisticated German naval code using a captured code book. That book was taken from the SS Pfalz as it passed through Port Phillip Heads on 11 August 1914 - just hours after WW1 had been declared. Notwithstanding that the Germans changed their code Wheatley was able to decipher German naval messages that led to the important British naval victory off the Falkland Islands. This is an easy to read book but its colloquial language and assumptions as to what people said at the time is unsettling.

Mutiny on the Western Front, Greg Raffin (EBook) This easy to read book published by BigSky covers the incident in 1918 when the 1Bn of the AIF was ordered to return to the front just after they've been relieved and were overdue for a well-earned rest. Some troops refused the order on the afternoon of 20 September saying that they were not "getting a fair deal and that they had been asked to do other people's work". What follows is, as they say, is history and this takes up the second half of the book and covers the consequent Field Courts Marshall wherein 118 soldiers went on trial for mutiny or desertion. All pleaded "not guilty" and this was the finding in relation to the mutiny charge, however, all bar 12 were found guilty of desertion. The sentences for the 109 soldiers was three years jail for privates and reduction to the ranks and between in five years and 10 years for NCOs and these were confirmed by Brigadier General Ivan McKay. The prisoners were eventually removed to an HM Military in England and the matter hushed up ("not good for recruiting"). The sentences were progressively rescinded, and all were cleared by 1919 and most received their campaign medals. To me, the author does not delve sufficiently deeply into the matter of "leadership" by the Battalion Commander that led to the situation. Quite rightly, the book does deal with the consequences to the individuals over the rest of their lives; its not a pretty picture and it only happened because of poor leadership.

Heroes of Hamel, Dando-Collins. Hooray, finally a book that thoroughly documents the soldiering undertaken by Americans from the 131st Infantry Regiment who were deployed under Lt General Monash's direction during the battle of Hamel on 4 July 1918. As the author noted. "(US) General Pershing wrote Monash out of his memoirs ... and the fact that American forces of up to division strength fought under (Monash's) brilliant command three times in 1918, is little known...". How this could be so when US Corporal Thomas Pope was awarded the US Medal of Honor (and the British DCM) for extreme gallantry under fire at Hamel is very strange.

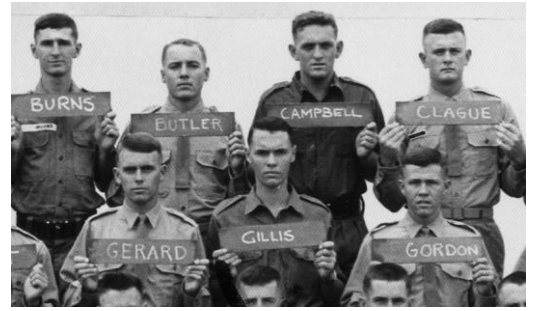
The Great War, Aftermath and Commemoration, Edited Holbrook & Reeves. The editors have gathered together a diverse group of scholars who have written on the general theme of the social consequences of WW1 as traumatised soldiers were repatriated and resettled. Individual sections look at the consequences for indigenous veterans and discuss the gulf that then existed in Australia between Catholics and Protestants and asks: "did that war unify or divide the country?". Chapter 2 by Anne Beggs-Sunter: "The strange case of Captain Father Thomas O'Donnell" is a good lead-in article. The editors' Introduction sets the scene by declaring that "ANZAC 2.0" started in 1990 with PM Bob Hawke's support of a pilgrimage to ANZAC Cove by WW1 veterans. That enthusiasm was not taken up by Keating (he saw Gallipoli as a failure) but certainly was taken up by Howard with "Anzacism" emerging. Shock, horror. Have a read it's easy going.

The Purpose of Futility, Claire Rhoden, I list this book without even a skeleton review as it only came to hand at the last moment. It is typical of the "summary" or "consequences" books written about the outcomes of WW1 and which, understandably, are proliferating at this time. According to the back cover (!), the author "Surveys Australian WWI narratives, demonstrating their particular Australian features which would help to explain the unique undisputed possession of the great war in Australian history." Make up your own mind!

Robin has another six book reviews for the next edition of The Scheyvillian.

WHAT SCHEYVILLIANS DID

Mick Butler, Warren 'Wazza' Campbell, Don Gordon and several other Class 1/66 Cadets spent many of their weekends off (ie 5pm Saturday to midnight Sunday) at Wazza's family home in French's Forest. Wazza's Dad was the manager of the Sydney Mercedes Benz dealership, and the boys were picked up from, and dropped back to, OTU in a Mercedes Benz. Classy service!



Once he had his own car, one evening Wazza returned to OTU with his then girlfriend in tow. He parked the car, returned to and signed the 'Sign In' book to show that he had returned to OTU and then proceeded to 'smuggle' his girlfriend into his room. Unfortunately, the following morning had been selected by the DS for a 'Snap Inspection' at 5am. Sprung! Corporal Campbell was charged and one of his penalties was that he was reduced in rank from Corporal to Lance Corporal. Hence in the photograph on Graduation Day Wazza is seen with one stripe, Lloyd Anderson with two stripes and Don Gordon with three stripes, along with Mick Butler.



The Editor would be interested in hearing from any other Scheyvillians who, apart from Wazza and himself, wore the rank of Lance Corporal at OTU!

Wazza had a few stories to tell:

Rugby against RMC Duntroon in Canberra:

Don Gordon (1/66), the Rugby Team Vice Captain, is 'reputed' to have taken half the rugby team to a Canberra nightclub the night before playing against the RMC. The following day, during the game, the team Captain, Gary Reidy, gave 'Wazza' a 'huge serve' for being out late the night before. During the game he grabbed 'Wazza' by the throat & said "Get out of the ruck & knock the fullback out of the game. Mission accomplished, OTU won.



Rear: Griffiths, Wheatley, Woods, Young, Capt Lanarch-Jones, James, Campbell, Anderson, Nicholls, *Unknown*, Mackworth.
Middle: Straker, Tuck, Morgan, Reidy, Thomson, *Unknown*, Haddon.
Front: *Unknown*, Gibbons, Hand, Brooker, Gordon, McKay, Botwright.

If anyone can identify the three unknown players, please advise The Editor!

OTU Staff:

'Wazza' Campbell was 'enemy' for the last two exercises and had the privilege of an invitation for a drink in the Sergeants Mess with RSM Moon, WO2 Tilbrook, Bert, Sgt Payne etc. That night he was escorted back to his room by WO2 Goldspink. The next day he discovered Payne had messed with his drinks, which was the reason he had to be escorted back to his room. Years later, at ANZAC Day at Twin Towns, Wazza got his revenge on Payne so much that he was talking "swaheeli" to journalists & diggers -- Wazza had to rescue him out of the club.

Vietnam:

'Wazza' served in Vietnam from 11 May 1967 to 16 April 1968 with the 1st Australian Task Force Detachment of the 5th Australian Services Canteen Organisation.

His duties included being the 'Officer in Charge' of guarding an Australian soccer team match in Vietnam. Johnny Warren was one of the early starters of Australian soccer. His senior Australian Representative career commenced in 1965 when he played in a 0-0 draw with Cambodia in November 1965. By 1967 he was the Captain of the National Team, and he played a starring role in Australia's victory in the 1967 Vietnam National Day Tournament, Australia's first international trophy, won in a war-ravaged Saigon. Wazza is mentioned in one of Johnny's book on soccer in regard to this event.

'Wazza' arranged a number of female escorts for American officers attending the Premier of 'Green Berets' at a theatre in George St, Sydney.

He 'procured' twelve over/under M16 weapons for SAS in 1967 and four brand-new M60 GPMGs for defence positions at the Free World HQ in Saigon.

On 31 January 1968 he drove past MACV headquarters at approximately midnight in an old Dodge with "red rat" on the side with American Colonels after a party at Free World HQ singing 'Uc Da Loi, Cheap Charlie"! The TET Offensive began at 2am!

Scheyville then a MID in Vietnam (Jeff Anderson, 2/68 and Neil Leckie 3/68)

The number of men who graduated from OTU is made up of 1,803 NS and Air Cadets, 68 OCS (Scheyville Wing) and there were 10 CMF men who completed their officer training at Scheyville and pinned their 'Pips' on in the Cadet's Mess. There were, however, another ten officers who attended a course there. That ten attended what would be referred to as a 'Knife and Fork' course for those who were already commissioned but needed some introduction to the Army, such as Doctors, Dentists, Teachers and Legal Officers. These men show up as Course B1/67, a 'Basic' Officers Course held at OTU in 1967. Six of these men went to Vietnam: two with AALC, two with RAAEC (although one was for a 'visit' only), one with Intelligence and the last was in the infantry and went on a 'visit'.

Interestingly, one of the AALC men, Peter Cameron, was awarded a 'MID'. The Australian War Memorial only shows the details of the awarding of the MID, but not the recommendation for the award. Jeff Anderson, already a qualified Solicitor, when the opportunity arose after joining the Army as a Nasho, chose to undertake the OTU course as there was no method at the time for qualified legal practitioners to 'automatically' become AALC officers. Jeff was commissioned with Class 2/68, graduating 4th in the class, being allocated to AALC and posted to HQ Southern Command, Melbourne as a Legal Officer. When asked about Peter Cameron, Jeff responded that 'Peter and I became friends after his return from SVN and before I was discharged in June 1970. Our friendship continued both whilst I was in the CMF and subsequently, when I ceased to be a Defence Force Magistrate, as I was to be a Master of the Supreme Court of SA and then a District Court Judge. Back in Canberra Peter was the Laws of War expert. By referring to the book 'Justice in Arms', which is a history of military lawyers in the Australian Army published in 2014, I can say that Major Peter Cameron was Mentioned in Despatches in 1969 for his work as a Legal Officer to the AFV. I last saw him in September 2016 when he had retired to Albury and had the early signs of dementia. Peter was a fine man with a large intellect and a fiendish sense of humour. I have learned that he passed away in October 2019 aged 89.'

WHAT SCHEYVILLIANS DO:



Around 12.30pm on 2 October 2018 a man was seen to ‘fall’ into a gorge from high up on Mount Buffalo in north-east Victoria. The Country Fire Authority (CFA) and State Emergency Service (SES) were both ‘paged’ and a High Angle Rescue Team from a few of the local CFA Brigades responded, along with a Steep Angle Hauling Team from the SES. The CFA took the lower portion of the steep rock face and the SES took the higher portion of the lift of the recovery. By 1.30pm the crews were having difficulty gaining access to the man and they called for help from Adventure Guides Australia (AGA), a local guiding and climbing training organisation. **Dave Chitty (2/67)** is the owner of AGA and was able to lead the rescuers along a track, and with a short abseil, to the man. The recovery operation took a full two hours to get the man back to the top. Unfortunately, the man did not survive.

Adventure Guides Australia’s website homepage shows that they offer Caving, Kayaking and Abseiling, along with other adventures. AGA has been offering amazing outdoor experiences to its clients for more than 30 years. They operate in a range of locations, with particular emphasis in the Mount Buffalo region of northern Victoria, which is their ‘spiritual home’. Many thousands of adventurers have achieved extraordinary things by joining AGAs adventures. From smiles to life changing experiences - AGA offers you a chance to find yourself in adventure. Their experienced leaders are highly trained and have excellent equipment and support so as to provide you with the best possible adventures. All of their adventures comply with the new Australian Adventure Activity Standard and associated Good Practice Guides. Dave Chitty has pushed for many years for this standard to be devised. The introduction of the Australian Adventure Activity Standards project was announced in September 2015. Adventure Activity Standards (AAS) are **voluntary guidelines for organisations conducting outdoor recreation activities for dependant groups** (where participants have a level of dependence upon the leader/s).

Anyone interested in taking one of AGAs adventures, or sending their family on such an adventure, should visit <https://www.adventureguidesaustralia.com/about.html>

Post Videos (Vetaffairs Vol 36, No 2 from Peter Whitelaw, 3/66)

John Neervoort (2/67) has ‘uploaded’ his Vietnam films onto YouTube. Shot on Super 8 film with a soundtrack recorded on a cassette in his pack, the short films cover Aussie Airstrike, Artillery, Hueys, Infantry, Navy and R&C in Vung Tau. For further info contact John at jbneervoort@yahoo.com.au



DAVID CHITTY

OF INTEREST: Kapyong Day Commemorates A Significant Battle Of The Korean War

A number of the OTU Staff, including the first Commandant, Colonel Geddes, had fought in Korea. It is fitting to recognise that experience:

On 24 April each year we mark Kapyong Day and remember the service and sacrifice of the United Nations (UN) forces, including Australian troops, in defending Seoul in South Korea from communist forces. Minister for Veterans’ Affairs Darren Chester said during the Korean War UN forces prevented a Chinese advance on a critical part of the battlefield near the village of Kapyong – 60 kilometres north-east of Seoul. “On 23 April 1951, UN forces occupied both sides of the Kapyong River valley, but the Chinese advance looked to overwhelm the UN position with the Australian contingent forced into a fighting withdrawal to a new position in the rear of the valley,” Mr Chester said.

“Following a night of relentless fighting on 23 April and into the early hours of the next day, the Australian and Canadian forces, supported by the New Zealand artillery regiment and an American tank company, halted the Chinese advance on 24 April. “Despite their continued efforts, the Chinese found the UN forces position impenetrable and made no further attacks before eventually withdrawing.

“The defence in the Kapyong River Valley is known as one of the most significant and important battles for Australian troops in Korea and for their involvement in the battle the 3rd Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment (3 RAR) received the United States Distinguished Unit Citation. “All Australians should recognise and honour the service and sacrifice of all Australians involved in the Korean War and the Battle of Kapyong.”

The battle was costly for Australians, with 32 killed, 59 wounded and three taken prisoner. The impact on the Chinese forces was far heavier, with more than 500 killed. It was a significant and successful defensive battle by UN forces in the Korean War.

The Korean War, 1950-53, was the first major conflict of the Cold War and the first to involve troops, including Australians, fighting under the auspices of the UN. It began with the North Korean invasion of South Korea and ended with an armistice that left the Korean peninsula divided. The state of war between the two exists to the present day.

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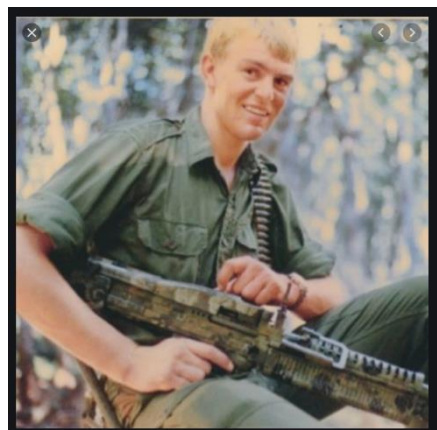
Graham Cornes (4/68) (Graham Cornes with Neil Leckie, 3/68)



Graham Studley Cornes was born in Melbourne on 31 March 1948, however, he lived in South Australia, undertaking his schooling at Reynella Public School and Seaview High School in the Glenelg area of Adelaide. A talented young Aussie Rules footballer, Graham played for his local club at Glenelg. Called up for National Service and after the 1968 Football Season concluded he entered the Army at 2 RTB, Puckapunyal, on 9 October 1968. He passed selection for officer training and commenced OTU on 26 October with Class 4/68. Graham went right through the course but with a week to go was shown the door. Graham returned home to Adelaide for a couple of weeks leave and

returned to Glenelg where he played a couple of games of football. He then returned to Sydney and 'Marched In' as a trained infantryman to 7 RAR at Holsworthy. His first activity with 7 RAR was to undertake a mortar course.

7 RAR commenced its second tour in Vietnam when the Advance Party commenced their air move to Vietnam on 10 February 1970. The main body embarked at Garden Island on *HMAS Sydney* on the morning of 16 February and disembarked at Vung Tau on 27 February moving by road to Nui Dat where the Battalion occupied the same sector it had done two years before. The battalion's first operation on this tour was Operation Finschafen, which commenced on 9 March 1970. Graham was with the Mortar Platoon that supported the operation. Soldiering was not Graham's chosen profession and it wasn't long before he was in trouble with the 'authorities'. After a couple of charges, one being (see photo below): "Whilst on active service did wilfully disobey an order from a superior officer in that he refused to pick up cigarette butts at Fire Support Base Discovery", and a stint in the Detention Barracks at Vung Tau, Graham was posted to 5 Platoon, B Company to, as he said, 'make better use of my temperament'. Graham left Vietnam on 20 August 1970 and returned to Australia to prepare for his discharge



from the Army on 8 October 1970. Like the majority of Nashos, Graham technically went to the CMF (later Army Reserve) post-NS but was not required to attend any 'parades'. Graham returned to Adelaide and resumed his football career.



Described by his first league coach Neil Kerley as looking "like a skun rabbit" Cornes nevertheless belied his apparent physical deficiencies with considerable all round football ability that was effectively

redoubled by his exemplary wholeheartedness, endeavour, energy and enthusiasm, qualities which would earn him three club best and fairest awards playing mostly at centre half-forward kicking 339 goals in 317 games with Glenelg between 1967 and 1982. He was a member of the premiership team in 1973, taking a spectacular mark in the last minutes of the game and calmly kicking the goal to regain the lead. Graham captained Glenelg in 1978.

Cornes signed with the VFL's South Melbourne in Victoria early in his career, but stayed in South Australia. He made his VFL debut at the age of 31 in 1979 and played five games with Ron Barassi's North Melbourne before returning to South Australia after he was dropped from the team. Cornes represented South Australia 21 times, including as captain in 1978. He was selected in the All-Australian team in 1979 and 1980, winning the Simpson Medal in 1979 (against Western Australia) and the Tassie Medal in 1980 (Football Carnival).

Graham coached South Adelaide for two seasons, taking them to the finals in both years. He then returned to Glenelg for five grand finals in six years, including two premierships. He says that 'coaching the state-of-origin team was a highlight as we had six consecutive wins against Victoria'. This experience of coaching was led him, in 1991, being appointed the inaugural coach of the Adelaide Football Club in the AFL. He guided the 'Crows' to their first finals appearance in 1993, making to the preliminary final against Essendon. The Crows finished eleventh in 1994, and at the end of the season Cornes was replaced by Robert Shaw. Graham is a member of both the South Australian National Football Hall of Fame and the Australian Football Hall of Fame. His sons Chad and Kane are champion footballers in their own right, most famously associated as Premiership players with Port Adelaide, although Chad finished his AFL career with Greater Western Sydney.



Cornes is now a football media personality, having appeared on the Seven Network's football coverage during the 1990s, and co-hosting the 5AA Sports Show since 1995. He has also been a long-time News Limited columnist. He is a strident supporter of the veteran community and remains active with several veteran's groups. He has served on the Board of the Repat Foundation SA. Outside football and his media work, with his third wife Nicole, whom he met when she was a secretary at radio station 5AA, he has three daughters, Amy, Charlize and Gia.

Jim Gilchrist (O1/72) James Alistair Gilchrist enlisted in UNSWR in March 1967 and transferred to 1 RNSWR (CDO) in Jul/Aug 1970. He had attained the rank of Sergeant while at UNSWR and was commissioned at 1CDO in December 1970. Jim continues: 'Having qualified for my Green Beret in early 1971, I applied to transfer to the ARA on CFTS from the CMF. However, as I had not been commissioned for long enough to do so without a significant delay, I was advised to apply for OCS and start again. Having accepted that advice, I failed the medical on the grounds of colour perception and my transfer was only accepted on the grounds that I graduated to the RAAMC or AACC. I took the challenge in the hope that 'they' would either forget this qualification on my future employment or change their mind if I did well enough. A further change of plan occurred when Army opened the OCS Wing at OTU and we became the first guinea pigs in what resulted in being the largest course ever to graduate from OCS (i.e 1/72) as we were dispatched to Portsea in early December 1972 to link with our fellow OCS classmates, despite the fact that we knew none of them. For my sins and perhaps the sins of others, I was a CSM for two terms while I was at OTU/OCS (Monash Company, third and fourth terms). I also was awarded the NZ Chief of the General Staff Prize for Leadership for our whole class; this being one of two prizes awarded to cadets who had attended Scheyville. I served in a range of operational, staff and training roles within the RAAMC, SGADF and in non-corps postings until I retired with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in February 1998.'

Emails to the Editor

From: Roger Dundas (1/69) **Date:** 28 March 2020

Subject: Robin Spargo 1/69

Have just read the latest Scheyvillian. I am pretty sure it was Robin Spargo in the photo on the back page (right) with Terry Benjamin. Robin didn't graduate and post NS returned to the family business in Falls Creek Resort.

I particularly enjoyed the AAAvn information as my military time was spent underneath a blue beret or a flying helmet.

I also loved the PNGDF uniforms as I served in PNG at 183 Recce Flight and we wore the PNGDF greens, with puttees over our GP boots. It is one uniform I wished I had kept.



From: Jim Box (1/66)

Date: 28 Mar 2020

Subject: The Scheyvillian 1 of 2020

I note the picture on Page 3 from the Collection, and I am fairly sure the cadet in the far right is John Fraser (Dec'd). John was a good mate of mine from School Cadet Days and afterwards. We were both Underofficers from different schools, but we were good mates then and after High School. After Scheyville, I was in RAA as a FOO and was at Woodside with 3RAR before SVN; and then an FO on 3RAR's exercise at Shoalwater Bay; but in SVN I was an FO with C Coy 1RAR, then A Coy 5RAR. I was injured in SVN, and while in rehab back in Brisbane, I received the sad news of John's KIA. I was asked, and undertook, the role of Pallbearer Party Commander at John's Funeral. It was a very emotional task for me at the time and will remain with me always.

Also: I note the article on the Chalkies; and reference to Terry Edwin-Smith. Terry and I were classmates at both Primary School and High School. We caught up again a couple of weeks back at a school reunion.

I note you sought information from Terry as in the Article so I have given him a hurry-up. However, I got the impression from Terry in previous chats about 'Chalkies' & OTU that he was not one of the main movers & shakers with the 'Chalkies' group. If you don't get what you seek, let me know & I'll pursue him again.

From: Stephen Merralls (3/70) **Date:** 21 April 2020

Subject: 21 April 2020

Today marks the 50th anniversary of me getting on a plane and heading east and into the Army. I have no recollection of going to the airport, getting on that plane, flying east and arriving at Pucka. The excuse for that was that I did not sleep the previous night as the 21 April 1970 was my 21st birthday and celebrations were the previous day. I believed that I was only semi-conscious for most of the day. Anyway, today I turn 71 amid a very different world in which we are living. So, a message to all. Keep well, stay at home as much as possible and hope by this time next year it will all be over. Regards to all!

From: Ken Grant (1/69)

Date: 26 April 2020

Subject: Terry Benjamin Photo at 2 RTB

26 April

I can confirm the gentleman in question was indeed Robin Spargo. He was from Victoria and his family owned commercial ski lodges at Falls Creek. On one exercise Rob and I were paired to dig a fox hole, at night, down to 3 feet 6 inches with overhead protection.....in bloody sandstone!! Needless to say we bonded through blisters and I have had an emotional attachment to him since. He was a person of principle, quietly strong and would have made a fine officer.

Hope this helps. If this item flushes him out, I'd welcome re-establishing contact.

Reclining: 2Lt Ross Hutchinson (RW) and 2Lt Peter Garton (1/65 FW)

From: John Neervoort (2/67) **Date:** 23 May 2020

Subject: Keith Payne VC

John asked: Was Keith Payne a DS at OTU and if so when? (Yes, on original staff at OTU).

'I remember seeing Ray Simpson VC DCM at 3SAS in Vietnam in August 1969 with a number of other AATTV people (maybe one was Keith Payne?). Maj Peter Harris (AATTV, ex 6RAR) was there as well and I think he was associated with Keith Payne. With 12 of my blokes from the 6RAR Tracker Pl, we had spent two weeks with 3SAS, including being part of four six-day patrols (each 3 SAS plus 3 Trackers). I saw Simpson again later at 1 Commando Coy as a civvie peeling spuds wearing a set of PD greens they had loaned him - Australia's most decorated soldier! Simpson was an Instructor at 1 Commando before Vietnam and always wore his green beret with dagger and boomerang badge. I joined 1 Commando after Vietnam to do all the special forces courses - parachuting, roping/rappelling, kayaking, under water diving, under water demolitions, submarine launching/retrieval of kayaks. All the courses I could have done at SAS had I signed on for 5 years (which ends up being life). Not bad for a Volunteer National Serviceman who didn't have a magic birthdate, spent 9 months at OTU, extended his NS by 18 months to go to Vietnam and complete a full tour of duty and then 2 years in 1Cdo CMF doing the maximum 100 days per year. I have never had such an interesting time in my life as the Army, including overseas travel (to limited destinations) and got paid to do it!'

Notes:

Ray Simpson: AATTV 1st Tour, 3 Aug 1962 – 14 Jul 1963, 2nd Tour 1 Aug – 16 Sep 1968, 3rd Tour 4 May 1967 – 9 Apr 1970.
Peter Harris 6 RAR 1 Apr 1966 – 5 Jul 67, AATTV 11 Mar 1969 – 25 Mar 1970.
Keith Payne AATTV 25 Feb 1969 – 22 Sep 1969

Right: A three-way discussion for 6 RAR's Captain Peter Harris of Brisbane, Qld (left), Vietnamese interpreter Ha Hai Hien, and (Victorian National Serviceman) 6 RAR's Private John Wright of Cranbourne, Vic, on 28 November 1966 (AWM)



From: Barbara Wilkinson **Date:** 11 Jul 2020

Subject: Scheyvillians' Wives

One part of the history of Scheyville that doesn't get much of a mention are that the wives and girlfriends of the Cadets. David and Barbara Wilkinson were married before David entered the Army. Barbara said: For months I drove to Scheyville every fortnight, generally on a Sunday afternoon. I would meet Diane Byrne, Peter Clisdell's fiancée, at Scheyville and we would wait in the cars until the boys eventually came out and we had an hour or so with them. 'Sometimes, during the week at around 6pm, we could ring them at the Mess, whilst we were standing in a cold, drafty red phone box (no mobiles then). We kept their spirits high by being there!'

Under Officers David Wilkinson (BQMS) and Peter Clisdell (CSM, B Coy) graduated with Class 1/68 on 18 July 1968. Unfortunately, the Graduation Parade was 'Washed Out!'

Tim Fischer's Scrap Metal Statue Takes Shape

A park in Tim Fischer's home town of Boree Creek will soon be home to a scrap metal statue of the former Deputy Prime Minister. Built by Riverina sculptor Andrew Whitehead, he's included a nod to what was one of Fischer's great passions, trains. Andrew has spent much of the last eight months in his studio on the family farm, Illawong, Urana, welding a sculpture of the late Tim Fischer AC out of recycled pieces of farm machinery along with some elements which were especially made. The Fischer family has been involved with the project. COVID-19 dependent, the statue may have been unveiled at Boree Creek in late July.



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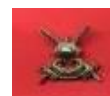
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Please list details below of those who shared the Scheyville experience who you think **may not be current members** of the OTU Association. We will check against current membership lists and follow up non-members.

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2					
3					

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Monthly Luncheons 3rd Wednesday of the month

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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 CoB on the Wednesday before via email to Frank LeFaucheur.

FROM THE GALLERY

For parades called early in a term at OTU, such as for a visiting dignitary, the Junior Class was not at a drill standard where a formal parade could be held. Consequently, a 'March Past' in 'Column of Route' with a simple 'Eyes Right' would be held. The Senior Class lined up in the front, while the Junior Class lined up in the rear. Jack Walter, Robert Walter and David Wilkinson (all 1/68) have recently provided photographs for the 1/68 Gallery. Two of Jack's photos, developed and printed in April 1968, show such a parade with the smaller Class 4/67 in front of the larger Class 1/68. If any member of the 4/67 Senior – 1/68 Junior Term can remember when such a parade was held in early 1968, please advise the Editor.



SCHEYVILLE CADET'S ROOM PART 2 (follow-on from Pt. 1 in The Scheyvillian 1 of 2020)

Standing Orders:

Bed:

8. Made up with the bedspread covering the complete bed and pillow, tucked in at the bottom of the bed only. The edge of the bedspread are to be 12 inches from and parallel to the floor. The foot tuck is to be a "Hospital Tuck". Orderly Officers who are issued with swords are to place them with the belt running across the bed and the point of the scabbard pointing towards the pillow.

Trunk:

9. This is to be placed under the bed and central with the locks facing outwards. Webbing (including white belt, sling and bayonet frog and black bayonet frog) entrenching tool with machette attached, kit bag and empty laundry bag are to be placed in the trunk. It is to be unlocked.

General Points:

10.
 - a. Greatcoat is to be on a coat hanger, buttoned to the neck with sleeves tucked through the waist band and hung from the hook behind the door with the buttons facing out.
 - b. All clothes that are in drawers or shelves are to be placed away neatly folded. Drawers and shelves are to be neatly covered with paper.
 - c. One towel is to be placed neatly and centrally over the towel rail.
 - d. Curtains are to be neatly tied. Each curtain is to be gathered separately two feet up from the windowsill and allowed to hang. They are not to be pinned to the side of the window.
 - e. The floor mat is to be placed diagonally from the door across the centre of the room.
 - f. The wastepaper basket is to be positioned under the study table.
 - g. When issued, Sam Browne belts are to be displayed on the bed. The shoulder strap is to be fixed to the rear 'Dee' only and the belt is to be laid across the bed, one foot from the bottom, with the shoulder strap pointing towards the pillow. Cadets are to have both brass and leatherwork highly polished.
 - h. Water bottles, when worn as an item of dress, are to hold clean, fresh water. When there is no further requirement for water bottles during a training day, the bottles are to be emptied and the caps removed.
 - i. Field dressing when not in use, is to be stored in the field pack.
 - j. Kit bags and laundry bags are to be secured at the top and the rope neatly rolled around the neck of the bag. Laundry bags are to be placed under the bed between the trunk and the head of the bed.
 - k. Great coats, field jackets and sporting equipment, when wet, are to be hung out to dry on lines or in the drying rooms if they are clean.
 - l. Wet footwear may be placed neatly outside the room under the window against the wall.
 - m. Civilian radio sets are to be placed on top of the wardrobes (excluding transistor radios).
 - n. Heater cords are to be neatly coiled around the heater when not in use. Care is to be taken that the cord does not come into contact with a hot portion of the heater.
 - o. Table lamps are to be placed on the left-hand side of the study table with the lamp base against the wall and the cord coiled on the base when not in use.
 - p. Electric fans, when not in use, are to be placed on top of the wardrobe at the centre front with the cord neatly coiled beside the fan.'
 - q. Each Officer Cadet is permitted to display two framed photographs.
 - r. When changing for PT, Officer Cadets are to put the discarded uniform neatly on the back of the chair. Boots and gaiters or shoes to be under the chair while webbing and head-dress is to be put their normal place.
 - s. All civilian suitcases, travelling bags, golf clubs, musical instruments and bulky personal items are to be stored in the platoon baggage rooms.

Chalkies in PNG (Follow up from 1 of 2020)

Following the last edition's article on Chalkies in PNG, Terry Edwin-Smith requested that Tony Haid (1/67) and Jim Pyle (1/68) be added, bring the list to 25 confirmed OTU RAAEC Graduates who served in PNG. If you wish to see the list, or hope to add some-one to it, please contact The Editor.