

**‘SERVING THE REGIMENT’  
NEWSLETTER OF  
THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN REGIMENT FOUNDATION**

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*Al Muthanna Task Group II—Combat Team Quintus  
Photograph by ABPH Kade Rogers*

## Chairman's Report

Once again it is a pleasure to be able to report on the progress of the RAR Foundation over the past year and it is also a pleasure to report that the Foundation has continued to make steady progress in achieving its aims of supporting the serving soldiers of the Regiment in a number of different ways.

In another part of this Newsletter you will find a very clear statement of what the Foundation stands for and how it provides practical assistance to the Regiment as a whole. This statement has been made necessary as there is still some confusion between the identity of the Foundation and the purpose and aims of the RAR Association. Both organizations exist to serve the Regiment but in different ways and the statement sets out that difference.

The finances of the Foundation continue to improve and as at 30 June 2006 the total assets amounted to \$275,760 an increase of \$36,000 from 30 June 2005 reflecting an annual increase in line with recent years. This increase is encouraging and proves that the Foundation is firmly established and continues to grow at an increasing rate. The great majority of these assets are invested and the annual income from them also continues to grow.

One particularly useful form of membership is the Life Governor category. As at 31 July 2006 there have been 37 new Life Governors taking the grand total to 266. Many serving members have found that the best way to achieve Life Governor status is by fortnightly allotment through one of the two Defence Credit Unions. This is an easier system for some than providing \$500 in one contribution. Enrolled Supporters contributing \$10 annually are important to the Foundation.

The Foundation has continued to provide grants to requests for assistance recommended by Commanding Officers. Helping individual members of the regiment has always been and will continue to be the principal aim. The Foundation also seeks to recognize the continuing professionalism of members of the Regiment. Mentioned later in this Newsletter is the Hassett Award made possible by a generous donation from General Sir Francis and Lady Hassett. We thank them for their generosity and enthusiasm for the endeavours of our Foundation of which he is a Life Governor.

A further form of assistance which is also very important is the commemoration of service to the Regi-

ment. To this end the Foundation has approved the payment of \$9,000 to the RAR Association, Queensland Branch, for the re-development and upkeep of the RAR memorial at Enoggera. This donation also illustrates how the Foundation and the RAR Association can work together for the benefit of the Regiment as a whole.

The battalions of the Regiment have experienced a very busy year which intensified in April and May due to operational deployments in Solomon Islands and East Timor. Because of this higher tempo the Foundation does not expect to receive the usual level of contributions from battalion membership drives. Whether battalions can find the time from more important activities to carry out annual fund raising is a matter for Commanding Officers. Whatever can be done is gratefully recognised.

Each year the Foundation hosts a dinner in Canberra at which all past and present members of the Regiment are welcome. This year it will be held on 19 October 2006 at the Commonwealth Club with our Patron, the Governor-General, in attendance. This is the only activity of the year and is on an individual payment basis.

Once again the team at the office at Duntroon, John Essex-Clark, Ian Smith, Don Goldsmith, and office manager David Clinch have done a magnificent job in keeping the Foundation moving forward. They are ably assisted from time to time by Mike Carroll, Colin Swinbourn, Colin Adamson and others. The Board of Management also makes a valuable contribution and I thank them also for their interest and dedication. I believe the Foundation performs a vital service and I commend its work to all who have an interest in the Royal Australian Regiment.

A.Clunies-Ross  
Major General  
Chairman August 2006

### Stop Press

**Editor:** Many thanks and congratulations to the multitude of organising committees nationwide that arranged the Vietnam Campaign of commemorative services during 17—20 August 2006. Particularly poignant to the Regiment then and now was the statement of the Governor-General (CT August 19 2006) "Be proud of what you achieved"... "Hold you heads high in the knowledge that you are the equal of the very best that ever when away to serve our nation, from the Boer War to the present day".

### Duties

As reported in previous editions, Major General Jim Connolly AO CSC, as Colonel Commandant of the Royal Australian Regiment, is President of the Foundation. He has agreed that Major General Adrian Clunies-Ross AO MBE will perform the duties of the Chairman of the Board of Directors from Canberra.

### Board of Directors – August 2006

Chairman: Major General A Clunies-Ross, AO, MBE, (Retd); Secretary: Brigadier J Essex-Clark, DSM, (Retd); Treasurer: Captain I B Smith (Retd); Directors: Brigadier F K Cole, AM, (Retd); Brigadier J A Sheldrick, OAM, (Retd); Mr K M Kipping, AM; Lieutenant Colonel M A Mumford; Lieutenant Colonel D J Kilcullen; Lieutenant Colonel A G Findlay, AM; Lieutenant Colonel C A Johnston; Associate Directors: Major R J Moran, OAM, (Retd); Colonel D V Goldsmith, ED, (Retd).

### Management Organisation

John Essex-Clark-Secretary  
Ian Smith-Treasurer  
Don Goldsmith-Unit Liaison  
Bob Moran-Records/History  
David Clinch-Office Manager  
Michael Carroll-Newsletter Editor  
Col Swinbourne—Volunteer

### Trustees Queensland Account

We wish to acknowledge the support given by the following who are trustees of funds raised and distributed in Queensland:

Brigadier M J Harris MC  
Major J A Cruickshank MBE  
Mr N R Eiby OAM

### Editorial

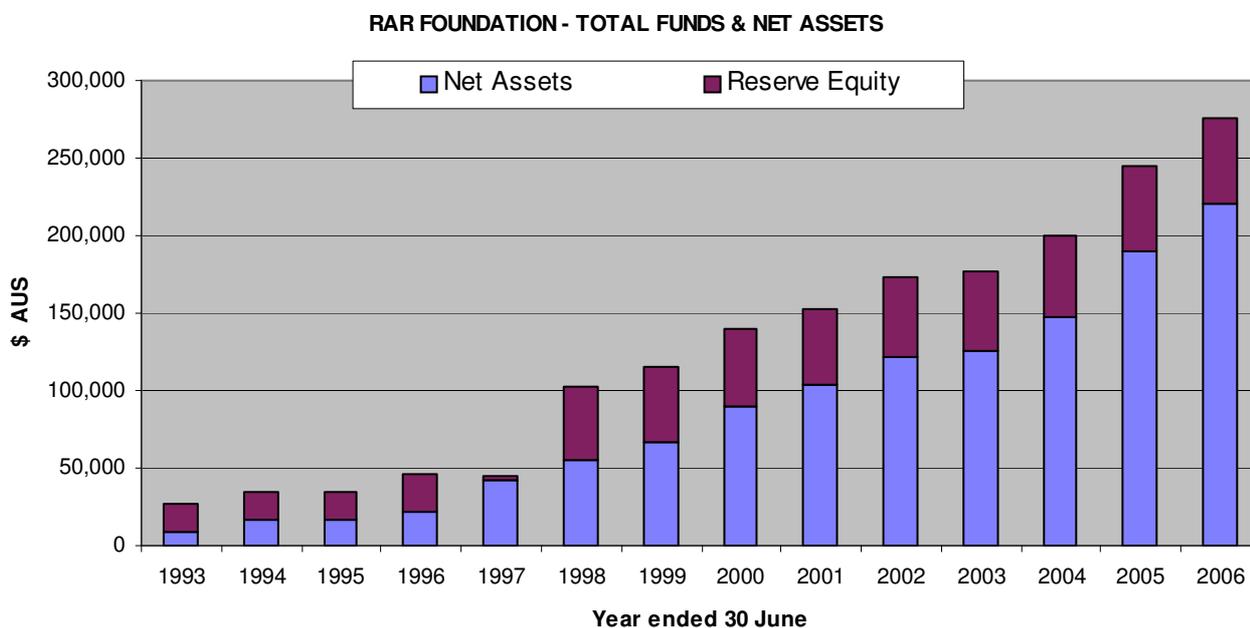
We make every effort to keep the Life Governors List (page 16) as accurate as possible but can err. We do endeavour to keep current with changes in rank and we welcome advice on all other areas where a correction is required. Key of course is the death of a Member on the list, the occurrence of which we may not be aware.



*National Memorial Walk Honour Roll  
Showing additional tablet donated by RAR Foundation (See page 7 for full story) - Source RAR Association*

## Financial Report

Our financial position is reported in the two charts below. The full Audit Report is available on request. Listed also (page 5) are the grants made to date, noting that grants in early years are summarised as a one line item to allow the data to be presented on one page.



### RAR FOUNDATION FINANCIAL REPORT

FINANCIAL SUMMARY	2005-06	2004-05
<b>RECEIPTS</b>		
Life Governors	10,250	5,720
Enrolled Supporters (& potential LGs)	26,212	25,361
Donations	6,956	23,287
Interest & Dividends	11,889	11,504
Sundries	0	520
Book sales [Hassett - Australian Leader]	5,918	0
RARF CD	689	762
DVA Grant [Memorial Walk]	2,000	0
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>63,914</b>	<b>67,154</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>		
Audit & Accountancy	2,848	2,710
Grants	3,000	6,086
Insurance	1,952	1,239
Employee Costs	8,175	8,889
Newsletter	842	566
Office Supplies/Printing/Stationery	4,315	1,009
Book purchases [Hassett - Australian Leader]	5,400	0
Sundries	1,761	2,766
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>28,294</b>	<b>23,265</b>
<b>Surplus Receipts over Payments</b>	<b>\$35,620</b>	<b>\$43,889</b>
TOTAL FUNDS	275,761	239,817
Reserve Equity	55,011	54,874
<b><u>NET ASSETS -</u></b>	<b><u>\$220,750</u></b>	<b><u>\$184,943</u></b>

## RAR FOUNDATION GRANTS      SEPTEMBER 1993 to 30 JUNE 2006

We were pleased to be able to assist with three grants this financial year. Details are provided below.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Detail</b>	<b>FY Total</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
1993- 98	11,987.75	Various Grants to all battalions	-	11,987.75
26.08.98	1,000.00	2 RAR - ADF Shooting Team		
26.08.98	250.00	3 RAR - Skill at Arms		
07.10.98	1,000.00	Donation - National Memorial Walk		
03.03.99	500.00	4 RAR - Learning Centre		
03.03.99	1,050.00	1,2,3,4,5/7,6,Inf C- 1999 RAR Foundation Prize		
19.05.99	1,000.00	2 RAR - SANDAKAN March		
09.06.99	1,000.00	3 RAR - to soldier Victim of Burglary	5,800.00	17,787.75
04.08.99	500.00	3 RAR - to soldier Victim of Burglary		
03.11.99	799.00	3 RAR - washing machine, wife of soldier in E Timor		
01.03.00	750.00	1,2,3,4,5/7,& 6 - 2000 RAR Foundation Prize (\$150ea)		
24.05.00	1,000.00	2 RAR - to soldier for child's burial expenses	3,199.00	20,986.75
13.09.00	500.00	SchInf - Army Shooting Team member		
20.09.00	150.00	SchInf - 2000 RAR Foundation Prize (late)		
26.04.01	1,400.00	1,2,3,4,5/7,6,Sch of Inf - 2001 RAR Foundation Prize	2,050.00	23,036.75
25.10.01	500.00	3 RAR - to assist with funeral expenses	500.00	23,536.75
10.07.02	800.00	1 RAR - to assist arrangements for medical treatment		
06.11.02	500.00	B.Avery - 6 RAR (Second Tour) - History		
04.12.02	1,275.00	SchInf - Depot Coy Sect Cmdr of Year: Honour Board		
12.03.03	500.00	1 RAR - to assist with return after medical treatment		
26.06.03	267.20	Sch of Inf - Sgts' Mess insurance 8/9 RAR property	3,342.20	26,878.95
05.11.03	500.00	6 RAR - Family Centre [while AUSBATT IX]		
25.03.04	500.00	RAR Assn Qld - National Memorial Walk		
10.03.04	1,225.00	RAR Assn ACT - Banner - [net contribution]		
07.04.04	1,000.00	HQ CATC - to assist with funeral expenses		
28.04.04	200.00	RMC - to assist with parent (in ill health) removal	3,425.00	30,303.95
28.07.04	1,500.00	3 RAR Champion Soldier - Visit Europe Battlefields		
15.09.04	267.16	Sch of Inf - Sgts' Mess insurance 8/9 RAR property		
15.09.04	242.35	RMC - Trg Spt Platoon - RAR Flag		
06.10.04	185.00	Sch of Inf - Presentation to late Pte Miskle parents		
06.10.04	736.80	RMC - Fare to attend funeral		
20.10.04	155.00	Sch of Inf - to assist with acc'n costs after accident		
13.04.05	1,000.00	3 RAR - late Pte Jamie Clark commemoration event		
27.04.05	2,000.00	1 RAR - Battlefield Tour	6,086.31	36,390.26
07.07.05	1,000.00	6 RAR - Family support for soldier		
14.12.05	1,500.00	6 RAR - Champion soldier, visit Long Tan		
15.02.06	500.00	9 RAR Assn - History of 9 RAR -	3,000.00	39,390.26

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### **RAR Association & RAR Foundation**

There is still some confusion in understanding the functions of the RAR Association and the RAR Foundation. This note attempts to untangle that confusion.

The two organizations are very different from each other but complementary. They involve many of the same people and assist each other when and where appropriate. The confusion appears to be experienced mainly by members of the RAR Association and other regimental ex-service groups. The essential difference is that the **Association** exists primarily to support social activities and continued comradeship of ex-members of the Regiment: the **Foundation** exists to support the quality of life of serving members of the Regiment and to support activities that publicise the value of our Regiment to the Australian people. To this end the Foundation make grants, not loans, to:

- assist serving members of the Regiment whose CO believe the member needs some financial assistance arising from difficulties created by the exigencies of military service or a cause over which the member has no control;
- provide assistance to publish significant history of the Regiment;
- commemorate those who have lost their lives while serving with the Regiment; and
- assist activities that will improve the quality of regimental service.

The Foundation is officially recognized as a patriotic and charitable institution being an Income Tax Exempt Charity and ATO endorsed as a Deductible Gift Recipient – i.e. contributions and donations are tax deductible. The Foundation obtains financial support from its Life Governors, Enrolled Supporters and donations from sources such as other service, ex-service, commercial or industrial organizations.

The Governor-General is the Patron and the Colonel Commandant is the President of the Foundation. A Board of Management holds regular meetings to develop policy and approve special grants. The Foundation occupies an office at Duntroon from where it manages the collection of funds and distribution of grants. The Chairman of the Board resides in Canberra. A team consisting of an honorary secretary, honorary treasurer, honorary regimental liaison officer, and an office manager conducts general

management functions. This management team meets on Wednesdays at the Foundation office and welcomes all visitors.

The Foundation conducts one function per year, its annual dinner, which any person who is interested in the Regiment, its achievements or its value to the Nation is welcome to attend. This Dinner is held in the evening following the Annual General Meeting.

More information may be obtained from:

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### **2006 Annual Foundation Dinner**

On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2006 we will celebrate our Annual Dinner again at the Commonwealth Club at 7 for 7.30 p.m. The Governor-General Major General Michael Jeffrey AC, CVO, MC has accepted our invitation to attend, as have other notable senior Infantry officers and warrant officers of the Regiment. We hope General Sir Francis Hassett, AC, KBE, CB, DSO, LVO can also join us. At the Dinner, we intend to ask General Hassett to present the inaugural 'Hassett Award' to the winning junior leader of the Regiment, if that winner is not, at that time, deployed overseas. Details of the Hassett Award are described below.

Again, we are sure we will enjoy a splendid evening in grand company. The dress for the dinner is lounge suit without medals.

We would much enjoy your company at the dinner. Those who wish to join us are requested to send their remittance with acceptance to this headquarters by 2 October 2006. The cost of the dinner remains at \$70 per head.

### **The Hassett Award**

General Sir Francis Hassett, AC, KBE, CB, DSO, LVO, and Lady Hassett, have recently made a most generous donation of \$5000 to the Foundation. General Hassett commanded 3RAR at the iconic battle of Maryang San in Korea in 1951 and rose to command the Defence Force before he retired.

This donation will be used to fund an annual junior leadership award within the Regiment. The winner of the award will be selected from citations submitted by commanding officers to the RAR Founda-

tion. The selection committee will be the Board of the RAR Foundation plus the Head of Corps (Regimental Colonel).

The Hassett Award will consist of a perpetual trophy to be held at the unit of the winner, and an individual trophy as selected by the RAR Foundation, and a signed book 'Hassett - Australian Leader' to be kept by the recipient.

### **Memorial Walk**

The Royal Australian Regiment National Memorial Walk is dedicated to those members of the Regiment who have made the supreme sacrifice for their country and the Regiment whilst on overseas service since the formation of the Regiment on 23rd November 1948.

An additional Honour Roll memorial tablet has been erected in the National Memorial Walk's Contemplation Building to record those eligible persons who since 1998 died while serving overseas. The photograph at page 3 shows the wall and tablet contributed to by the RAR Foundation donation of \$9,000.

The new entries relate to two 3 RAR soldiers: Private J Clark, who died in 2005 in the Solomon Islands and Private J Kovco, who died in 2006 in Iraq.

The Honour Tablet will be officially dedicated at an appropriate ceremony on a date to be selected. Present thinking is to combine the dedication with 3RAR's memorial tree plaque laying for Private Kovco. Lieutenant General Peter Leahy, the Chief of Army, will be invited to dedicate the Tablet. However, in accordance with RAR Council policy, the CO 3RAR will lay the tree memorial plaque for Private J Clark

### **Newsletter Frequency**

We now publish annually. If spare copies remain available, new supporters are sent a "latest" edition – maybe eleven months old – with their receipt.

### **RAR Foundation Office Volunteers**

The RAR Foundation office in a demountable at RMC Duntroon at times looks for assistance with heavy period of activity, typically enveloping and mailing out the Newsletter. If any Canberra-based members wish to provide short-term assistance to the staff, their call would be most welcome. Refreshments are always available.

### **Newsletter Contributions**

Contributions to the Newsletter are welcomed from all members and ex-members of the Royal Australian Regiment. We are not looking for esoteric tomes; that is the function of a number of long standing professional publications. Rather, we look for short articles, humorous or otherwise, that communicate the soul and spirit of the Regiment. Contributions can be mailed/faxed to the Secretary at the RAR Foundation at the address shown on the cover page of this Newsletter.

### **Application for Foundation Grants**

Requests for grants must be made through unit COs. Foundation staff do not have the necessary insight into the full circumstances underlying a request and rely heavily on commanding officers to validate the request and to confirm the use made of the funds provided.

### **Are You Financially Current?**

We rely on your continued support and again thank those who remain current with their membership. An indication of your financial status is given with this Newsletter. An annotation on the top right corner of the envelope label states the year to which you are financially current. So, the annotation 'F2005' indicates that you are current until December 2005. Those in arrears are urged to update their status.

### **Subscriptions to the Foundation**

Subscriptions by allotment to the Foundation may be deducted through one of the Defence Credit Unions, The Australian Defence Credit Union or the Defence Force Credit Union. These organizations have offices in all centres where RAR battalions are located. The minimum allotment is \$2.00 per pay and is tax deductible. At \$4.00 per pay you would qualify as a Life Governor in just under five years, having by then made a contribution of \$500. Receipts for taxation purposes are provided in July of each year. As an alternative to a Credit Union deduction, contributions are \$10 per year or \$50 for five years.

### **Bequests**

A gift in your Will is a simple way to make the gift of a lifetime.

Often it is difficult to choose which organization to support in this way. For a soldier who has served in the Royal Australian Regiment and, especially the soldier who has served in battle, that experience

from shared danger and hardship, should make it easy for a soldier to remember the Regiment when making a Will.

Remember the Regiment in your Will by including a donation. You can be assured that all such donations will be used by the Foundation to offer support and comfort to the soldiers of the Regiment and their dependents.

### **Marches of the Royal Australian Regiment**

A second re-release of the music of the Pipes and Drums of the Regiment, the Australian Army Band Sydney and the band of the Royal Military College, in all 23 tunes, is available. Cost is \$17.00 all up, cheque/money order payable to : The Royal Australian Regiment Foundation, GPO 3112, Canberra, ACT 2601.

### **Big E's Report**

Every Wednesday as I enter our office at Duntroon and see the Regiment's and our national Flags together with the battalion plaques and other regimental mementos plus the expanding Honour roll of our stalwart Life Governors dominating the wall in front of me I feel a surge of 'Duty First' recharging my batteries. I look at the Honour Roll of our stalwarts and recognise so many of those with whom I served or served under or for whom I was once responsible.

Then I get another shot of adrenalin when I see the new names of so many of our Regiment's young subalterns and soldiers who have swelled our ranks. But this surge is coupled with a twinge of regret that so many of our Regiment's finest and most successful men are not with us and I wonder why? What is it that we are do and stand for that has kept these potential members from joining us? It is not that they cannot afford to join us. What sour note in their perceptions of us or their time with the Regiment has kept them away. If anyone can let us know the reasons please do so.

Recognising the present work rate of the Regiment, I forecast that units may experience difficulty in providing reports for this Newsletter. I have been proven wrong. Reports have never been more interesting and fulsome. Sincere thanks to our unit authors. Consequently space is not available for reports by our Foundation staff on their individual activities. Bob Faulkner our inspiring cartoonist, has also been given a rest this year for the same reason.

The year has been one in which we have pedalled hard in a low gear to keep the Foundation slowly forging ahead. Our simple aim is to support the Regiment in those matters where a quick response to assist with cash to meet embarrassments caused by the exigencies of service in the Army. The assessment of need is made by a commanding officer with guidance from the Foundation. We also help fund writing worthwhile regimental histories promote our regiment within the community and assist to build or refurbish memorials to the men of our Regiment.

To meet those objectives we have to encourage funds into our financial reserves. As most of our funds come from those of you within the Regiment, please keep helping us to help you, and what you stand for in our Nation. That, apart from managing the Foundation efficiently and effectively with the invaluable support of our Headquarters Team, is my primary objective and constant task as Honorary Secretary. Without funds to support the Regiment financially we have no reason to exist.

Elsewhere you will read about the handsome donation by General Sir Francis and Lady Hassett to fund our annual presentation of the Hassett Award.

Take care, and good fortune to all who read this, I'll not say 'good luck' for 'luck' is no more than: '*sound preparation meeting fleeting opportunity*'. I am sure you all have prepared well for the many challenging tasks that lie as yet unseen and booby-trapped on your paths.

John Essex-Clark  
Honorary Secretary

### **Recent Publications**

We are pleased to acknowledge receipt of a copy of 'We Were There' provided by Bill Parry. An enjoyable read of snap shots of activities of the Regiment covering the various commitments from Korea through to Iraq and the Solomons. Included is information on the development of the Memorial Walk at Enoggera.

We await publication in November 06 of the new 9 RAR book by Brian Vickery and Bert Hoebee. This covers the story of the battalion from its return from VN to its linking with 8 RAR. For more details please email: [bvi29049@bigpond.net.au](mailto:bvi29049@bigpond.net.au).

## **1RAR**

Commanding Officer: LTCOL A Gallaway  
RSM: WO1 M Johnson  
Home Base: Townsville

We commence the report of this year's happenings with the return of the unit, excluding B Coy, from block leave in January this year and the arrival of Lt Col Gallaway as commanding officer. Meanwhile B Coy under the command of Maj Malcolm Wells remained on OP CATALYST in Iraq where they had deployed in Sep 05.

The year commenced with a shake down exercise – BLUE BANNER– at High Range and the return of B Coy in Mar 06. The conduct of this exercise proved fortuitous as the same month the battalion was designated Ready Battalion Group status as part of the Ready Deployment Force. Just as the unit got down to learning the lessons from BLUE BANNER riots in the Solomons resulted in the deployment of Bn HQ (-) and D Coy, the latter under the command of Maj Simon Moore-Wilton. The task group was joined by A Coy 3RAR under command 1RAR. This deployment saw an intense period of patrolling in support of member of the Australian Federal Police and other participating police forces. Patrols employed the now traditional helicopter deployment but included deployments on patrol boats. The force returned late Jun 06.

Meanwhile A Coy under the command of Major James Hammett deployed to East Timor in late May 06 in support of OP ASTUTE from which they returned in mid Aug 06. A Coy was under command of 3RAR.

What does the immediate future hold for the battalion? A unit exercise in High Range in November, the provision of D Coy on rotation to the Combat Training Centre in Townsville and hosting a company from the PNGDF for training.

## **2RAR**

Commanding Officer: LTCOL M Mahy  
RSM: WO1 D Haddon  
Home Base: Townsville

In the last twelve months, 2RAR has been committed to ensuring that it is trained to the highest possible standard and achieved this to a large degree with the battalion participating in numerous exercises.

The no-nonsense approach to soldiering was exemplified by the design, development and conduct of a live-fire combat-team urban assault range. This has

helped accelerate the development of the urban war-fighting capability within the Battalion Group to new levels and achieved a first for the Australian Army. We now know what we don't know and can be confident that should we be committed to an urban assault, we will be in a good position to fight and win. Our work has captured the imagination of many and will assist the development of expertise across Army in the years to come

On Exercise TALISMAN SABRE in June, 2RAR committed the ultimate sin as the enemy on the exercise by winning. A small mix-match Battalion Group of 700 is not supposed to succeed against a coalition force of some 24000!

August saw 2RAR become the first battalion to complete a Battalion Group rotation through the Combined Arms Battle Wing. This activity involved significant contribution from supporting units to ensure the battalion is ready to handle anything it may face during the 12 months as a Ready Battalion Group (RBG).

Exercise SEA EAGLE 2005 in November saw C Company - Ready Company Group (RCG), embarked on HMAS KANIMBLA to conduct amphibious landings at Cowley Beach to develop and enhance the ADF's capability to operate in the littoral environment.

The mission was to deploy as a force prepared for close combat and conduct the evacuation of Australians from a foreign country in an uncertain security environment.

Exercise SEA EAGLE tested the RCG in their application of manoeuvre in the littoral environment, their ability to gain situational awareness, defeat a hostile force and achieve their mission. The realities of amphibious operations drove home the need for careful planning, rehearsals and the freedom to act in line with the commander's intent on the ground. None of these considerations are new to the RBG or RCG but their application while deploying from ship to shore was a refreshing challenge.

This year has a greater operational focus for 2RAR for which it is well prepared. In December the battalion received the Warning Order to man AMTG3 (now OBG-W) and AATTI 6, centred on BHQ, A and D Companies, for operations in Iraq. Within three weeks of the deployment of the Task Group in May, the balloon went up in East Timor which saw 2RAR providing C and SPT Companies to 3RAR as

part of OP ASTUTE. Of note is the fact that 2RAR has provided more troops to the contingent currently deployed than any other unit.

Also in April the RCG (C Company) was one of the lead elements into Innisfail as part of OP LARRY ASSIST where the 'can do' attitude, compassion and humour of the infantry digger made a lasting impression on the people of Innisfail.

At the time of writing, including individual operational deployments, 2RAR has approximately eighty percent of its posted strength deployed overseas.

Importantly, the Battalion has shown good humour throughout. The ability to laugh at ourselves and the mutual professional respect shown by all ranks is a testament to the quality of the battalion as a combat unit. A practical and commonsense approach to soldiering is the key to what has been a very busy year.

N Haddock  
Acting RSM

### **3RAR**

Commanding Officer: LTCOL M Mumford  
RSM: WO1 G McFarlane  
Home Base: Holsworthy

Dear members of the Foundation,  
Once again Old Faithful is on operations, but this time not all of us are in the same place at the same time! Indeed for a period in May we had one company (Charlie) in Iraq protecting the Embassy et al, one company (Alpha) in Honiara, Solomon Islands, working under CO 1 RAR on OP ANODE, and the rest of the Battalion with me here in East Timor on OP ASTUTE. Compiling the daily SITREP was quite interesting!

In Iraq, C Coy will be replaced in September with Alpha Coy, their second operation for the year. A Coy helped out on OP LARRY ASSIST in Innisfail after Cyclone Larry leveled NQLD earlier in the year. A busy year for Terry Cook and his merry men. Kyle Tyrrell brings his Charlie Company home for a well-earned rest. They have had a long and busy tour with the unfortunate death of PTE Jake Kovco and the well publicised (and very clean) shooting of a group of Iraqi bodyguards.

East Timor has settled down somewhat, fortunately, and we may start to see some of the combat ele-

ments move back to Australia shortly. Making up Battlegroup Faithful here in East Timor is BHQ 3 RAR, A Coy 1 RAR (under Jim Hammett), B Coy 3 RAR (under Marcus Beckett), C Coy 2 RAR (under Jeff Frisby), D Coy 2 RAR (under Shane Nichols), "Golf" Coy (A Bty 4 Fd Regt reorganised as a rifle company, under Mick Dawson), Support Coy 3 RAR (reinforced by 1 and 2 RAR, under Paul Smith), and Admin Coy 3 RAR (reinforced by 1 and 2 RAR, under Jerome Reid). A bigger ragtag bunch of throw togethers you have never seen; and they have been absolutely magnificent.

Everyday I see evidence of how well trained our Regiment is, regardless of the parent battalion. Of course this year has not been without it's challenges (including our Main Q Store burning to the ground in January!) but the RSM, Grant McFarlane, and I have been bursting with pride at the professionalism, dedication, and endurance shown in three theatres by our soldiers. Ex-members of the Regiment: the reputation you forged is safe in the hands of the soldiers of today and I am proud to be able to call myself their Commanding Officer.

Mick Mumford  
LTCOL  
CO Battlegroup Faithful  
Dili, TL

### **4RAR (Cdo)**

Commanding Officer: LTCOL M Smethurst  
RSM: WO1 K Morris  
Home Base: Holsworthy

4 RAR (Cdo) has experienced a high operational tempo during the July 05 to June 06 period. This has involved deploying task elements on a number of operations, participation in domestic and overseas exercises and providing selected personnel for internal and overseas training assistance tasks.



Source 4 RAR

The major operational deployments have included: OP ACOLYTE (2006 Commonwealth Games) The unit's support centred on the provision of Tactical Assault Group (E) and significant headquarters, logistic and signals elements.



Source 4 RAR

OP SLIPPER (ADF support to Coalition operations in Afghanistan) All commando companies will have completed a tour of duty in Afghanistan as part of the Special Operations Task Group (SOTG). Each commando company has had attachments from BHQ, Operational Support Company, Logistic Support Company and 126 Commando Signal Squadron, the units integral communications unit. All commando companies participated in combat operations against Al Qaeda and Taliban insurgents.

#### OP ASTUTE

A commando company group (CCG) as a part of a SOTG conducted successful advance force operations as a part of OP ASTUTE. The company secured a point of entry and was then able to carry out quick reaction tasks until such time that follow-on forces were in a position to undertake peacekeeping

tasks.

Individuals have been deployed on other ADF operations (OP CATALYST) and overseas exchanges. The unit has also provided instructors to the Special Forces Training Centre to support a suite of commando individual training courses.

It has been a busy time for the Unit; "Operations are our business and business has been good" pretty much sums up the year. The success the Unit has enjoyed could not have been achieved without the commitment, perseverance and professionalism displayed by all ranks within 4 RAR (Cdo).

#### 5/7 RAR (Mech)

Commanding Officer : LTCOL P J Short

RSM: WO1 K Ryan

Home Base: Darwin

As a member of 5<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment in Jan 2006, it has been interesting to reflect on how much has been happening in the battalion since it moved from Holsworthy in 1999. Whilst in Sydney as a junior officer it was easy to believe that no one knew how much capability was in the unit and there were no wars to be fought. The battalion's year rotated around training exercises held at unit and sub unit level.

Upon moving to Darwin there has been a constant stream of operational deployments with few members of the battalion without operational experience, private soldiers with four or five overseas deployments is now not uncommon. In addition, there is even a greater emphasis on combined arms operations due to 1 Brigade being completely located together. It is not the Army most of us joined and would not be recognisable to many of the members that served before me. It is a credit to the Regiment and the training that we have been able to be deployed from the Solomon Islands to Iraq undertaking a diverse range of missions.

Battalion Headquarters, Operations Support Company (Admin and Tech Support, which are now one sub-unit 'Log Coy as at the end of 2005) and Charlie Company were deployed to Iraq with A Squadron 2<sup>nd</sup> Cavalry Regiment as the Al Muthanna Task Group Two (AMTG2) in Oct 2005. Previously B Coy had deployed to Iraq with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Cavalry Regiment as AMTG 1. The mission in Al Muthanna was to provide security for the Japanese Reconstruction Group Iraq and the activities of the Australian Army Training Team Iraq (AATTI). Many members of the battalion served with the AATT-I.

Battalion Headquarters rear with Bravo, Delta, Support and Log Coy (minus) continued a hectic pace of preparations and support. Delta Coy continued to maintain the mechanised capability for the battalion. They undertook a full work up this year at Cullana, which is essential to maintaining the experience in conventional operations that gets undermined by constant security operation deployments. With the deployment to Timor of the RAR battalion, Delta and Bravo Coy commenced working up to ensure that there was a reserve capability to respond to any other operations.

The hectic pace continues with Bravo Coy deploying to Afghanistan as force protection for the Reconstruction Task Force (RTF 1) and Delta Coy prepares for deployment to Iraq with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Cavalry Regiment latter in the year to replace 2 RAR. Charlie Coy has been assisting Rifleman Wing by training IET's within the battalion now and for the foreseeable future.

There are significant changes planned for the Battalion in the future as part of the Chief of the Army's Hardened and Networked Army. All members of the Battalion realised the importance of this initiative which will see a much larger Battalion with the upgraded M113, which will be working closely with other new acquisitions that will be arriving in 1 Brigade over the next 12 to 18 months, including Abrams Tank and the Armoured Reconnaissance Helicopter. The Army continues to supply us with some of the best equipment that we have ever had which is raising our capabilities we only dreamed of when we were in Holsworthy.

The hectic pace that the battalion has been setting for the last couple of years does not appear to be slowing down. Australian forces remain committed to Iraq, Afghanistan, East Timor and the Solomon Islands. With the introduction into service of the upgraded M113 you can be sure that you will continue to see the Tiger Battalion deployed regularly and in many different parts of the world. It is an exciting time to be back and in comparison to the battalion when it was based at Holsworthy a far more hectic, focussed and capable battalion.

## **6RAR**

Commanding Officer: LTCOL S C Goddard  
RSM: WO1 B Walker  
Home Base: Enoggera

6 RAR – Robust, Agile and Ready! 2006 has seen no reduction in readiness or operational tempo. The year began with the continuing of the introduction into service of the Infantry Mobility Vehicle (IMV) and commensurate enhancement of motorised SOPs and TTPs with a clear operational focus. As the only unit in the Australian Army with a formed IMV capability, 6 RAR has contributed operational IMV Detachments in support to the Special Forces Task Group Rotations I, II and III, the Al-Mutharna Task Group (AMTG) Rotation III and is now training with the Reconstruction Task Force with further opportunities looming.

The year began with the very pleasing news of the recognition of Major Matt Silver (OC Alpha Company) and Warrant Officer Class One Stephen Swaysland (RQMS) for their respective awards of Commendation for Distinguished Service and Order of Australia Medal in the Australia Day Honours List.

Throughout February and March, Alpha Company was deployed on Operation ACOLYTE in support of the Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games. During this deployment, the Company conducted counter-terrorism contingency training in cordon and search operations in direct support of Victorian Police and the Tactical Assault Group – East. This training highlighted the value of the IMV in both the Defence Assistance to the Civil Community and Defence Force Aid to the Civil Authority environments. All lessons and experiences have enabled significant refinement into the latest generation of SOPs for future national domestic security operations within Australia. Alpha Company's experiences will no doubt add to the planning and conduct of future international events such as the Asia Pacific Economic Forum meetings in 2007.

In late February, Support Company elements were re-roled and formed an IMV Detachment that was quickly relocated to Townsville to support 2 RAR as it formed AMTG Rotation III. The Detachment was readily integrated into 2 RAR and performed incredibly well throughout all readiness and evaluation activities. The force elements of AMTG Rotation III deployed to the Middle East Area of Operations in May and are fully prepared for their emerging change in role in southern Iraq. The IMV is readily proving to be a very capable protected mobility asset for Army.

Charlie Company has undergone significant change in the past six months introducing many new sol-

diers to the Battalion and completing their individual qualification courses on the IMV at the Motorised Combat Wing (MCW) in Puckapunyal. At the time of writing, Charlie Company are preparing for a Combat Training Centre (CTC) Rotation at the Shoalwater Bay Training Area. This activity will be a significant event for the Battalion as it will be the first rotation to include the use of both the troop and command variants of the IMV. Additionally it is a significant activity for the CTC as the Rotation will act as the first acceptance trial for Project Land 134 – the procurement of Army's CTC with a live simulation, range instrumentation and information system to conduct best practice training, readiness evaluation, mobilisation and force development methodologies.

In late April, Delta Company again formed another IMV Detachment, this time to quickly relocate to Darwin and support 1st Combat Engineer Regiment as it formed the first rotation of the Reconstruction Task Force bound for southern Afghanistan later this year. The IMV Detachment will not only be responsible to provide protected mobility but also integral force protection to the combat engineers at their work sites.

In May, the Battalion assumed the Ready Battalion Group (RBG) mantle after the 3 RAR RBG's swift return to Timor Leste. The Battalion section and platoon military skills competitions were quickly redesigned and a series of sub-unit and Battalion level exercises confirmed individual and collective readiness levels. Follow on readiness exercises by Alpha Company to Quilpie and Charlie Company to SWBTA not only refined motorised TTPs but also brought much needed rain to both areas!

This year marks the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan and significant unit commemoration activities are planned. The Battalion will conduct a United Drumhead Service late on the afternoon of Friday 18 August and will solemnly commemorate the fallen. The parade will include both representation and acknowledgement of all the units and sub-units that supported Delta Company and the Battalion throughout the battle. On conclusion of the parade, the Battalion will support a musical concert conducted by the Australian Army Band – Brisbane and guest performers to include Rhonda Burchmore and Col Joye (requested by the veterans!)

Sadly, the Battalion farewelled its founding Commanding Officer, Colonel Colin Townsend, DSO, who passed away on 10 June 2006 aged 78 years.

Colonel Townsend will always be remembered for his strong and charismatic leadership in raising the Battalion and less than 12 months later, deploying on active service to South Vietnam for another 12 months. Colonel Townsend was farewelled in a very fitting funeral service attended by many former members of 6 RAR, family and friends from the Gympie area to which Colonel Townsend provided significant selfless service on retirement after his illustrious military career. The Battalion was honoured to provide a Bearer Party, Insignia Bearer, Firing Party, Bugler and Piper and support the attendance of the Colonel Commandant.

The Battalion has enjoyed significant reinforcement, training, readiness and operational opportunities this year. Even 'Blue Dog' found time to take a short 'family holiday' in Hervey Bay after a very successful ANZAC Day. The Battalion now eagerly awaits the opportunities that may be presented in the second six months. 6 RAR - Robust, Agile and Ready!

## SCHOOL OF INFANTRY

CO/CI: LTCOL D G Franklin  
RSM: WO1 B Vandenhurk

### General

Through the 2005/2006 training year the School of Infantry has gained a new CO/CI and had a significant change over of staff throughout the Headquarter's and each of the wings. It also finished with over 560 trained infantrymen from Riflemen Wing, very successful trials of new Tactics Wing courses and Combat Shooting Wing in location in Singleton.

Australian Infantry forces have begun a dynamic period of modernisation in the wider context of the Hardened and Networked Army. Soon our battalions will have greater flexibility, firepower, precision and capability than ever before. The School of Infantry will play a significant role in enabling this program of modernisation to be optimised.

To achieve this, the School has developed a plan for education and training that provides an environment that produces soldiers, specialists and commanders who can think, fight and win in complex warfighting environments. We are on a dynamic journey of change and any notion of a serene destination is illusory.

We are already teaching warfighting tactics, tech-

niques and procedures to all trainees more effectively and efficiently. From new urban facilities, vastly enhanced simulation systems, better instructional aids, new and more lethal weapons, great new equipment and a strong focus on the development of our instructors, we are well down the path of optimising these changes already.

#### Tactics Wing

Tactics Wing has conducted 42 career courses over the training year for regular and reserve soldiers and officers. These courses range from the operation of individual weapons through instructor to officer and SNCO training.

At the forefront of successes in 2006 has been the shift from a four week to an eleven week Regimental Officers Basic Course combined with the Supervisor Infantry Operations – Platoon course. This new and outstanding course has been designed as a ‘predeployment training through deployment’. Trainees receive a set of deployment orders on arrival and then have the mandate to prepare their platoon for deployment to war in five weeks (the last two of the seven weeks in total being the actual deployment). This new focus has assisted trainees to identify the value of each aspect of the training and brings to light the demands of, and preparation for, fighting in complex warfighting environments.

We have also managed to successfully introduce training for Army’s new Javelin missile system. This is a shoulder launched missile capable of defeating any threat armour world wide right now.

#### Riflemen Wing

Riflemen Wing has had a very active year running 14 Initial Employment Training courses and is expected to increase its output substantially for the next training year.

The Wing has now introduced an eight day urban warfare training package for IETs. This will provide battalions with an excellent base standard of skills for fighting in this most demanding of environments.

#### Combat Shooting Wing

Combat Shooting Wing relocated to Singleton and adopted the Range Qualifications Team. They have conducted five ADF Range Qualifying courses and two ADF Senior Range Instructor courses in addition to conducting AASAM which, this year, was the largest combat shooting competition in the world having 590 participants from 17 other countrys and 12 local Land Command teams. The Australian Army Combat Shooting Team has also been trained for overseas competitions and in June 06 was sent to CENTSAM in Bisley for the British Army’s equivalent of AASAM.

#### To cap of a busy year

On top of the courses and general running of training, the School has had a few distinguished guests visit. Of particular note was a visit by Lieutenant General J. Mattis Commanding General, United States Marine Corps Combat Development Command whose purpose was to find out what it is that makes the junior leaders of the Australian Army the quality that they are. Being able to see the Regimental Officers Basic Course doing Urban training and watching IET’s conduct the Fighting on Fortified Objects range, he did not leave disappointed. Another notable visit was from LTCOL Malay a key commander in the Fallujah fight, who presented an informative review of the battle and his experiences. The lessons learnt from his experience were well accepted and have helped to guide the school further in its training development.

To close, it is an exciting time to be an infantryman. The most profound modernisation of our Corps in many years is already underway. The School of Infantry has a significant role in enabling those changes to be realised and optimised.

#### Duty First

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### Valhalla-Vale

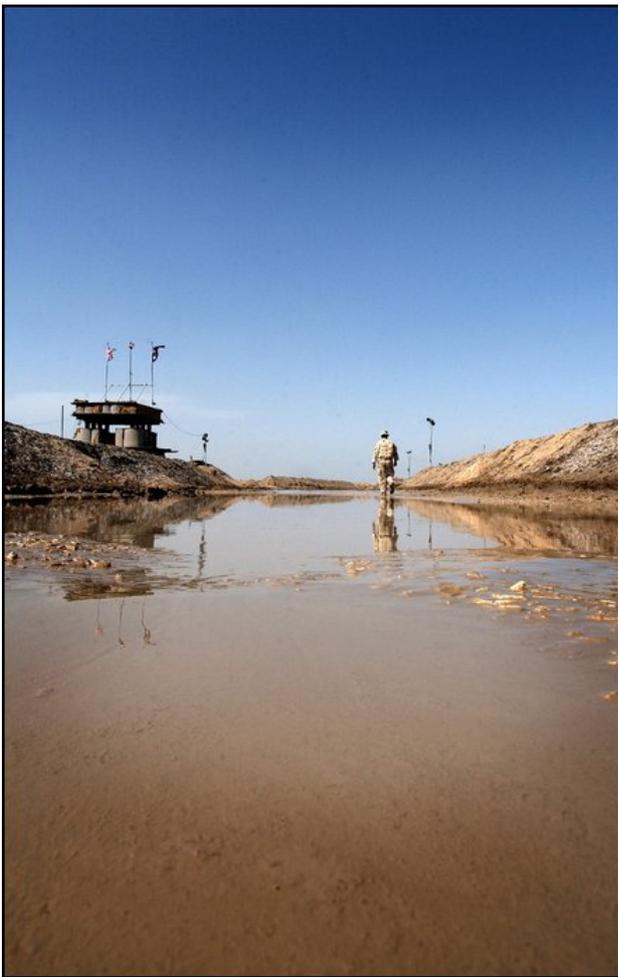
In the years of our existence we have lost some of our Life Governors who were once our stalwarts. Since the last Newsletter we have lost those mentioned below. May they rest in peace with the many with whom they fought and relished life. In so doing, they embellished splendidly our Infantry heritage.

#### *We will remember them—Lest We Forget*

We sadly note the death of these stalwarts of the Foundation  
Lt Col EM McCormick, Colonel CM Townsend DSO, Mr Keith G Turbayne



*Operational Support to the Regiment  
V11A Patrol (ASLAV Type I) - Combat Team Courage (A Sqn 2 Cav Regt)  
AMTG II in a Dust Storm Camp Smitty Iraq Source 5/7 RAR*



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## Life Governors

Maj Gen P J Abigail	WO2 J G Ferguson	Lt Col M D Lean	Brig D G Sharp
Lt Col C J Adamson	Maj C A Field	Col P Leeson	WO1 J R Sheahan
The late Mr R A Anderson	* Lt Col A Findlay	* Maj E P Lenaghan	Brig J A Sheldrick
Capt W M Anderson	Lt J A Finger	Capt D D Lowson	Brig J J Shelton
Col J D Andrew	The Hon T A Fischer	Mr C J Mayhew	Capt D A Siggers
Brig C G Appleton	Capt M P Flanagan	Mr L McAulay	The late Brig M B Simkin
Maj Gen P M Arnison	* Sgt S D Flatman	Lt M K McBride	Col T A Simkin
* WO1 D M Ashley	Mr P J Flower	The late Lt Col A McCann	Col P K Singh
Col W J Austin	Col Q L Flowers	The late Lt Col E M McCormick	* Mr M Skennar
* 2/22 <sup>nd</sup> Bn AIF Assn	William J Forrest	The late Lt Col K V McDermott Lt	Mr P Slattery
* Lt Col G M Bagot	Mr B W Foster	Col G J McKay	Maj Gen N R Smethurst
Pte R A Bailey	Lt J T Frankcombe	* Lt Col D K McKerral	Mr David R. Smith
Lt W D Baker	Maj K S Fraser	Cpl A J K McNeil	Mr K A Smith
Gen Sir Phillip Bennett	Lt Col J J Frewen	Col D J Mead	Maj Gen M G Smith
WO2 J M Bennett	Lt Col S L Gabriel	Mr T J Meissner	WO1 R E Smith
Maj Gen M P Blake	Lt Col A D Gallaway	Pte A P Middleton	Col S L Smith
Mr D J Blazely	Maj M E Garraway	Maj C G Miles	Maj A M F Somerville
Mr W Bolton	Maj R I George	* Maj A C Mitchell-Taylor	Maj D M Sommers
Mr S Bombell	WO1 A B Gillman	Maj Gen J Molan	Lt G R Sowiak
Maj S Boscato	Lt Col S C Goddard	Mrs P Montgomerie	* Lt R Spackman
Lt Col H Bowman	The late Lt Col J B Godwin	Maj R J Moran	Lt A E Sparkes
The late Mr J R Brazzell	Col D V Goldsmith	Maj Gen A L Morrison	Maj P G Stammers
Col R Brett	Maj G Goldsmith	* MajGen D L Morrison	Maj M W Stevens
Mr R J Briggs	Col M S Goodyer	Lt Col M C Morrison	Lt Col John M Stewart
Mr N Brown	Maj D H Gosman	Brig W J Morrow	Maj L A Stewart
* Lt M S Bunker	Lt Col S C Gould	Lt Col M Mumford	Maj W B Stothart
SSgt R A Bunting	Mr J W Grant 2/32 <sup>nd</sup>	Father Glynn Murphy	Maj Gen A B Stretton
Maj R N Bushby	Col P N Greenhalgh	Lt Col M J Musgrave	Mr John Stringfellow
Col I J Cahill	Capt K V Greenwood	The late Lt Col The Hon. K E New-	* Lt C Stuart
Lt Col A J Campbell	Capt P G Greive	man	Lt S G Sullivan
Lt Col I T Campbell	Brig L R Greville	Maj Gen M P J O'Brien	Col R Sutton
* Mr W E R Carter	Lt Col I M Guild	Lt Col B S O'Dowd	Mr C H Swinbourn
Col D A Chinn	Maj P F Ham	* Mr Robert J O'Neill	Lt Col I C Teague
Lt Col E A Chitham	Maj G R Hansen	Lt Col E J O'Sullivan	The late Mr H Tedaldi
Col J M Church	Lt Col J C Harding	Mr Peter Oldham	* WO2 J C Thies
The late Col L G Clark	WO2 L J Hart	Sgt J P Osborne	Col N L Thompson
The late Pte J M Clark	Gen Sir Francis Hassett	Lt Col J Patten-Richins	Brig The Hon. D Thomson
Lt Col D S Clarke	The late Col J B Healy	AVM J A Paule	Col R A Tiller
Cmdr D E Clinch	Maj K D Heany	Capt S A Peachey	The late Col C M Townsend
Maj Gen A Clunies-Ross	Brig I J C Hearn	Maj K G Pearce	Maj A K Treble
WO1 G A Cochrane	WO2 D M Heaslip	Lt Col M B Pears	* Capt M Tull
Maj Gen J M Connolly	Capt L Helmrich	Brig E F Pfitzner	The late Mr K G Turbayne
Mr C L Constable	Pte J A Hill	Maj Gen P R Phillips	* Maj K P J Tyrrell
The late Hon. D Corcoran	Lt Col H P Hoebee	Lt Col H W Pope	Mr A R Vockler
Capt G J S Cornelia	Cpl R Hogno	Maj I S A Power	* Col G R Wainwright
Gen P J Cosgrove	Brig T H Holland	* Pte S Preston	Maj J C Walters
LtCol S Crafter	* Lt S W Homes	Capt B A Pronk	WO1 S C Ward
WO2 R T Crooks	Sgt G Howard	Mr T E Prosser	Mr J Watt
Late Rev Mons G A Cudmore	Maj Gen J C Hughes	Father P J Quilty	Brig N H Weekes
* Pte A R Cuthbert	The late Maj Gen R L Hughes	Capt A J Rankin	The late Brig S P Weir
Late Lt Gen Sir Thomas Daly	WO1 G L Hughes	* Pte J A Reece	Maj R W Weir
Maj T Daniels	The late Brig O D Jackson	WO2 R M Rees	Lt Col N W Welch
* WO1 J J Daniels	Maj Gen W B James	Mr G Reidy	Mr L V Westende
Col P D D'Arcy	* Lt Col B N James	Lt Col I J Robinson	* Lt M J Williams
The late Mr F W Dean	HE Maj Gen P M Jeffery	WO2 A P Rogers	Maj Gen S V L Willis
* Maj M DeFina	Lt Col C A Johnston	* Lt C E Rohse	Brig R G Wilson
Brig John P A Deighton	Lt Col J Joycey	Maj J B Rowland	Mr E Woodward
Col P Desmond	Maj Gen M J Keating	Lt Col M A Rozzoli	* Lt B L Woolmer
Col J C Dittmar	Maj G M Keating	* Lt Col J C Rule	Capt J Worthington
* Pte O S Doig	* Maj Gen M A Kelly	WO1 C W Russell	* Lt A C Zimmerle
* Lt J M Donohoe	* Pte S Kempe	WO1 B M Ryan	
Mr W F Douglass	Pte W B Kidd	Mr D Sabben	
The late Mr H Dunkley	Lt Col D J Kilcullen	Col R A Sayce	
Colonel S J Dunn	Mr K M Kipping	Pte O J Scanlon	
The late Col C H A East	Capt G M Knowles	Maj K W Scheuermann	*Appointed since 2005 Nltr
Lt Col A J Egan	* Pte C G Lacey	Sgt R A Schrader	
Lt Col M Elliott	The late Col H M Lander	Lt Col B A Scott	
Brig J Essex-Clark	Col J O Langtry	WO1 Jack Selmes	
* WO2 A J Feige	Capt D P Lea	Very Rev Andrew Sempell	

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