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*Graduating Class  
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## **The Duntroon Society Newsletter**

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## From the Commandant

**Brigadier M.J. Moon, DSC, AM**

I trust that you have all had a good break over the Christmas and New Year period. I would like to provide the following update on the College's Duntroon-based activities for the last six months or so.

You would be aware we graduated the December Class in good shape last year. There were around 150 graduates of all nations. They were a strong mob and should do well in their chosen Corps. Of course, by now, they should be largely on their various Regimental Officer Basic Courses around the country. It will be a busy time for them with operational tempo high and their units either getting ready to deploy or helping others get ready, or having just returned and in the rebuild phase of training.

This year we have marched in around 120 Third Class cadets, and they are currently getting close to the end of the Initial Cadet Training (ICT) at Camp Blake at Majura. They march back into the Duntroon area on 1 April and conduct their Lanyard Parade where they will be presented their CSC lanyards and join the Corps. This is a very informal but important morning parade, with the families of the newest members of the Corps invited. They come from all over, and for the most part have not seen their young (and not so young) cadet family members for around 10 weeks. This is a great morning. Of note, we have marched in our second Staff Cadet from Pakistan into this class. Our first started last year and is now in Second Class. It is interesting to note that Duntroon is the only other officer-producing establishment that the Pakistanis have chosen to send their young men to except Sandhurst.

Meanwhile, Second Class have formed from last year's Third Class and the December ADFA graduating class and sit at close to 200 cadets. While this is a large class and gives us some programming headaches, all is going well. They have gone through the normal human dynamics of having to come together fast as a class. The cadets from ADFA have in the main made the transition well, and the class has little time to do otherwise anyway. At the time of writing this update, they are up in Wide Bay on their conventional offensive exercise. Of note, it has rained on them almost from the day of their arrival.

First Class of course is in the last phase of their training and sits at 85 cadets. They have kicked off a very busy program having already conducted the new Urban Operations Course, conducted their arduous Exercise Shaggy Ridge and as at the time of writing this are in Wide Bay/ Tin Can Bay training areas. They have conducted some complex live firing involving armoured vehicles and are exercising inside the town of Tin Can Bay. This is all part of the complex war fighting training they receive in First Class in anticipation of the nature of operations they will encounter in their first appointment.

Of a more general nature, we are now starting to plan the 2011 Centenary in detail. Major Steve Hladio is my Project Officer for this work. The outline concept has not changed from that previously briefed to the Society [*See inside back cover. Ed.*]. We look forward to what will be a busy but very rewarding 100th anniversary, with a broad range of events.

As always I acknowledge the work done by the Society and flag my ongoing support for its initiatives.

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## DHA Retains Harrison Road's Heritage

[Newsletter 2/2000 included an article headed *Heritage Housing Project—Parnell Road, Duntroon*. It dealt with the skilled and meticulous major restoration of two of the five married quarters on Parnell Road. The work on Sinclair-MacLagan House and Gwynn House was done under the careful direction of the Defence Housing Authority, now Defence Housing Australia (DHA), which manages all Defence housing. In that article the Captains Cottages on Harrison Road were listed as part of the ten or so heritage houses in Duntroon and it noted that the four cottages had been restored in the mid-1990s. With the efflux of time and the improving standards for Defence housing, these cottages have been refurbished again, although not on the scale of the Parnell Road project. DHA generously agreed to provide an article describing what had been done on Harrison Road. Ms Rachael Whitely-Black, a Communication Officer of the Sales and Marketing Division of the DHA, wrote the following article and provided the photographs. Ed.]

Towering eucalypts welcome you to Harrison Road, the home of the Royal Military College's Captains Cottages. Defence Housing Australia (DHA) has recently completed renovation work of the cottages, restoring not only streetscape but also the heritage value of the road.

The four identical cottages, built in 1913, are timber residences located on the northern end of the College site overlooking the Anzac Memorial Chapel of St Paul and the nearby Changi Chapel.

In a few years the four identical cottages, known as the Captains Cottages, on Harrison Road will be 100 years old. In that century they have undergone extensive renovations, the most recent of which was completed by DHA in mid to late 2009. The houses are named after their first occupants and are called Gilchrist, Macartney, Lalor, and McKenzie Cottages.

The Captains Quarters are important to the heritage of Duntroon as they are constructed of Canadian Redwood in vernacular Federation style with lath and plaster internal walls, and timber framed sash windows. They were originally identical in plan, constructed of a timber frame on timber subfloor structure, lined with horizontal timber weatherboards externally, and plaster internally (probably on a hessian backing and lightly reinforced with hair). Ceilings were probably plaster originally and the roof was corrugated galvanised iron. The two sets of chimneys for four fireplaces were brick on brick foundation. Bathrooms were concrete slab on fill. Each yard was landscaped with retaining walls and the grounds included a weatherboard garage and outhouse with a laundry and garden storage.

They were painted a dark yellow colour, with a dark trim and pale casement sashes, porch columns and rafters. They share a beautiful streetscape and the buildings, with gabled roofs and timber cladding, make a significant character contribution to the setting of the Duntroon Conservation Area.

In the early 1990s, the cottages posed a particular problem as most of the stumps were rotten, floors and ceilings were sagging, and in one case, it seemed that only 80 years of silt was holding the house up. A decision was made to restore the cottages and it became apparent that they had undergone three previous restorations in 1936,



1951 and 1966. During the restorations, the houses were repainted, re-stumped and upgraded throughout.

The latest upgrade has seen the bathrooms refurbished, new carpets and the repainting of all four houses. Cottages two, three, and four have also gained some much-needed living space through the addition of family rooms. The fourth cottage underwent significant repairs to ceilings and the roof structure in rooms previously affected by fire.

These historic houses are still used as homes for Defence personnel and their families. They have been sympathetically refurbished to bring them into line with current Department of Defence housing requirements.

These properties are identified on a Defence heritage register, which includes 62 properties managed under a joint Heritage Management Framework. Together, Defence and DHA work to ensure that the heritage homes are identified, listed and cared for with due regard to their heritage value.

‘The upgrade program reflects our commitment to caring for our Defence heritage,’ DHA managing director Michael Del Gigante said. ‘We are continually assessing our housing to ensure that it is in line with community standards and that it provides ADF families with comfort.’



*McCartney Cottage—2 Harrison Road.*



*McCartney Cottage—2 Harrison Road. Kitchen before family room extension.*



*Macartney Cottage—2 Harrison Road. Kitchen after family room extension.*

## Class of 1964—45<sup>th</sup> Reunion

**Peter Skogstad**

On Friday 4 December 2009, along with 21 wives and partners, 29 members of the Class which graduated in 1964 gathered in Wellington, New Zealand to celebrate their 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of graduation.

It had been decided at the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary that a gathering should be held midway between the 40<sup>th</sup> and 50<sup>th</sup> anniversaries and that New Zealand would be a good venue, particularly for those who had not had the opportunity to visit the home of the Kiwis.

The organising committee comprised two class members from Auckland (John Redward and Peter Skogstad) and one from Wellington (Trevor McComish) and decided by a majority vote that the gathering should be in Wellington. Wellington is after all the Capital and a good jumping off place for travel to either the North or the South Island.

The base for the weekend was the Museum Hotel which was moved on rails from the Waterfront to make way for the Te Papa Museum in the 1960s. The hotel is centrally located, good quality and well worth consideration for overseas visitors.

To become re-acquainted, a reception was held in the hotel on the Friday evening. John Redward welcomed the group on behalf of the Kiwis. He banned discussion over the weekend on bypass operations, transplants or any other health-related issue, which was brilliant as it forced participants to focus on more positive topics. The programme included own arrangements for dinner but, as a result of heavy restaurant bookings for a sporting event, John arranged dinner at a local Korean restaurant which was a great success with all participants deciding to attend. The restaurant apologised, as with notice they would have had more staff, but the group was well lubricated so this was not an issue.

On Saturday most of the group participated in a coach tour which, in the morning, visited the following sights in Wellington: Mt Victoria, Old St Paul and Parliament. Three intrepid golfers rose early to play golf at the Hutt Golf Club. The coach tour group drove to meet the golfers for lunch at the Hutt Golf Club. In the afternoon the coach travelled over Haywards Hill to Raumati where the party visited Nyco Chocolates and Prenzel Liqueurs. The group then returned to Wellington via the coast road. Even the weather cooperated and it was a beautiful sunny day. Our Australian colleagues were amazed with the greenness of the scenery, something which we in New Zealand tend to take for granted.

On Saturday evening the group met for dinner at the hotel and Nick Jans spoke on behalf of the Class. His recollection of College life was amazing and the bar staff were speechless when the group launched into songs reminiscent of our College years.

The weekend concluded on Sunday with lunch at a Tugboat which fortunately was moored and therefore did not provide a challenge for those who may have over imbibed at the dinner the previous evening. Just to prove that Wellington can be windy, we were treated to the strong winds for which it is renowned for.

The class are most appreciative for the organising by Trevor and the secretarial work by Peter with everyone agreeing that this had been a great opportunity to meet with old friends—and now looking forward to the 50<sup>th</sup> reunion.



*Reunion participants on summit of Mt Victoria, Wellington.*



*BSM, SUO J.W. Redward (dressed appropriately for the occasion).*

## **Graduation Day Lunch—Sydney, 8 December 2009**

There was a wide vintage of members gathered for the Graduation Lunch at Victoria Barracks in Sydney on 8 Dec 09. There were representatives from the RMC classes of 1940, 1941, 1946, 1947 (two), 1948 (two), 1951 (six), 1956, 1962, 1964, and 1965 and some from other Colleges. They were well supported by some old and bold, wives and friends. The dinner speech by Brigadier J.J. (Jeff) Sengelman (OCS Jun 1981), was inspiring, reinforced with informal network talks with the ancient warriors from times gone by. Brigadier Sengelman, a recent Director of Military Art at RMC, currently commands the Combat Support & Intelligence, Surveillance, Target Acquisition and Reconnaissance Group (CS&ISTAR Group), which is the formation-level headquarters that commands the specialist Combat Support and ISTAR units within Forces Command (FORCOMD)

Most of the 1941, 1947, 1948, and 1951 graduates had served in Korea, in particular during the trench-war phase with many memories of shot and shell on Hills like 355. The grandfathers, C.M.I. (Sandy) Pearson (Aug 1940) and D.G. (Derek) Sharp (Jun 1941) have seen much but said little but Sandy is good at recalling Vietnam to those who served. Needless to say, the later graduates all served in Vietnam.

There were a total of 46 attendees which, while not crowding the dining room, meant the function was well patronised. The food and wine were excellent and led to many discussions over lunch. It was encouraging to see that newer members of the Duntroon family are joining the old and bold with their families and friends on an important day in the Annual Calendar.



*J.L. (John) MacPherson (OCS Jun 1954), Gwen MacPherson, and N.H. (Nicholas) Marshall (1956).*



*Mrs Sengelman, Brigadier J.J. (Jeff) Sengelman (OCS Jun 1981, and the 3,000<sup>th</sup> graduate), D.A. (Duncan) Spencer (1962), R.W.O. (Roy) Pugh (1948), and Jan Spencer.*



*P.M. (Peter) Reid (1964), D.A. (Duncan) Spencer (1962), Robert Andry, and Ann Andry.*



*J.W. (John) Sullivan (1951), D.G. (Derek) Sharp (Jun 1941), and Daniel Brown.*



## OCS December 1954 Reunion

Warren Bassam

In keeping with our tradition of a reunion each three years the OCS December 1954 class held the 2009 meeting in Adelaide during October.

Over the years we have held the reunion in Canberra at Duntroon, but the previous meeting was held in Hobart. On this occasion our local Adelaide representative Rod Ferrier ably assisted by Patsy Ferrier arranged a happy and 'tale-telling' time.

The opening meeting was at the home of Rod and Patsy and later informal evenings took place at selected venues culminating with a more formal dinner at the Oaks Plaza Pier Glenelg where we were all accommodated.

Adelaide weather, although blowing a gale with constant rain squalls, did little to dampen our outings which included visits to Railway and Maritime museums and the home of Hans Heysen.

Inclement weather prevented a boat and luncheon cruise but through the kind services of a prominent Adelaide businessman, a grand luncheon was held for us in his company board room which was a very kind gesture.

Reunion occasions are a wonderful means to recall events as cadets and the happier occasions during our later service careers, and to again meet with wives and partners when the usual stories old, long and true(?) are unfolded.



*Derek Sharp, J.H. (Jack) Skipper (1951), and S.H. (Stuart) Bartle (1953).*



*J.H. (John) Sullivan (1951), K.J. (Keith) O'Neill (1947), and J.F. (John) McDonagh (1946).*



*W.E. (Wally) Stinson (1948), Helen Stinson, M. (Max) Johnstone (1951), and Roy Pugh.*



*Helen MacDonagh, Molly Sullivan, John Sullivan, June Sharp, Keith O'Neill, and John MacDonagh.*

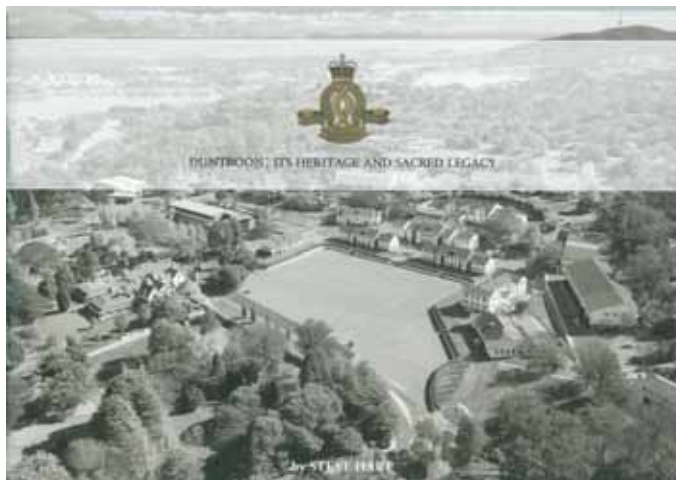


*Marion Jarrett, Peter Jarrett, Keith Thomas, Trish Bassam, Warren Bassam, Thelma Petersen, Ken Petersen, Christine Hombsch, Dick Knight, Ruth Knight, David Solomon, Hazel Solomon, Glen Hombsch, Patsy Ferrier, Rod Ferrier, Josie McInnes, and Ted Charlton.*



*Ted Charlton, Keith Thomas, Peter Jarrett, Dick Knight, Warren Bassam, Ken Petersen, Glen Hombsch, David Solomon, Rod Ferrier.*

## Book Launch—*Duntroon: Its Heritage and Sacred Legacy*, by S.W.P. (Steve) Hart (1958)



*[Duntroon: Its Heritage and Sacred Legacy, was written by S.W.P. (Steve) Hart (1958) and published by the Defence Publishing Service with funds budgeted by RMC. Two thousand copies were printed and they are available, free of charge, to all cadets and future entrants, and are available free from the RMC Museum. The book was launched in the Cadets Mess on the evening of 21 September. The night was introduced by Lieutenant Colonel M.C (Mitch) Kent (1991), CO CSC and the book launch was presented by Brigadier P.J.A. (Peter) Evans (1958), who compared college life of the mid-1950s with today. The following is Steve Hart's short speech of introduction. Ed]*

Firstly, I would like to thank the Commandant and Staff for their support and assistance in the publication, and CO CSC for the opportunity to officially launch the booklet in such an auspicious manner.

I would thank my old friend and class mate Peter Evans for his words of introduction. It was as he promised me a judicious combination of truth and lies!

To launch a book to a captive audience of about 400 of the nation's finest officer candidates, in such an appropriate venue, is indeed a splendiferous occasion. I can assure you that many an author would kill for such an opportunity!

Of course you realise that book launches are traditionally promotional activities, specifically arranged to allow an author to discuss something of the content of his work in order to convince the audience to buy his product. The irony here is that you all have a copy at the best possible price. Hence I won't speak about content but rather about the context in which this publication came to fruition.

There have been many seminal events in my life but two in particular coalesced to motivate this work. First, in 1997 I enlisted as a Voluntary Guide for the Duntroon Society, involved in conducting tours of Duntroon House and the estate. It was during these tours with class reunions, not just RMC reunions but also OCS and WRAAC reunions, that I became aware of the powerful emotional effect these gatherings had on the participants. This led me to explore in greater detail aspects of sacrifice, commemoration and memorialisation, including attendances at university seminars on these subjects.

The second seminal event was in 2000 when a cardiologist suggested that I should have my heart replumbed and this hastened my retirement from the work force, allowing me to concentrate on an unfulfilled pursuit of Australian History. The requirement to submit an academic assignment of individual research resulted in the first draft of this work, providing the basis of the last three quarters of the booklet and specifically addressing Duntroon's history, traditions and legacy. The first part presents what I have always thought was a serious deficiency in College publications about the inspiring life and times of Robert Campbell and his heritage. I always had a long term objective of having it published for the College centenary in 2011. And here we are, at that point.

As you read the book, you will perceive a subliminal message that, in my opinion, Duntroon is a sacred place. As a meeting place for local Aboriginal people thousands of years ago, it was probably sacred. And as the College developed, the consecrated grave of its first commandant, a sacred parade ground, commemorative memorials all became part of the landscape. The memorial tablets you salute each time you pass by advise us that they are 'Sacred to the Memory of ...' those of our fraternity who have made the supreme sacrifice. In the space adjacent to us, we have the unique Remembrance Room, most of it funded from cadets funds, a meritorious example of memorialisation from below. And in the dining hall above us, we see the Colours, the consecrated symbol and soul of the Corps.

Now I don't expect the majority of this audience to immediately appreciate the underlying theme of this literary offering. I know that during my four years of incarceration here all I could worry about was making it through to graduation day, and that, I have no doubt, is the thought of all of you here today. But after you leave here and launch your own military careers, possibly with operational service, you will experience many new relationships, particularly with your soldiers in various command levels, but also with fellow regimental and staff officers and overseas attachments. It is then that you will come to realise the importance of your period of training here at Duntroon and the impact it has had on your individual person. This is the ethos that I have endeavoured to articulate in my humble writing.

I thank you for your attention. I hope you will enjoy the booklet, and learn something new from it. I wish you all the very best in your future military careers.

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*Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) Steve Hart graduated from RMC in 1958 and from the Australian Staff College in 1970. During a twenty-five year career in the regular army, he served in Germany, Vietnam and the USA. A twenty-year career in defence marketing followed his retirement from the Army in 1980. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Management Sciences, a Graduate Diploma in Local, Family and Applied History, and an Associate Diploma in Communications Engineering. For many years he has been a voluntary guide for the Duntroon Society, the group responsible for conducting guided tours of Duntroon House and the college precincts. Much of the inspiration for his book emanates from these experiences. He is currently writing on-line Australian History courses for the University of the Third Age.*  
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## From the Archives



*The Prince of Wales during his visit to the RMC on 21 June 1920. The driver is being given directions from the Commandant, Major General J.G. Legge, CB, CMG. Photograph courtesy of the RMC Archivist—Mr Ross Howarth.*



*A portrait of Lieutenant General Sir H.C.H. (Horace) Robertson, KBE, DSO (1914), painted by Ernest Buckmaster, and donated to the RMC Museum by Mr Paul O'Shea in November 2009. Photograph courtesy of the RMC Archivist—Mr Ross Howarth.*

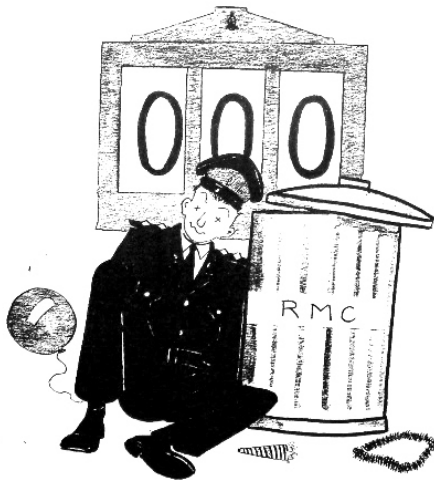


*Newsletter 1/2009 reproduced the speech given by the Prime Minister, Mr Menzies, on the opening of the RMC Sergeants' Mess in October 1957. The RMC Archivist, Mr Ross Howarth, has unearthed this photograph which shows (left to right) Mr Menzies; The Director of Military Art, Colonel Hassett; the Minister for the Army, Mr Cramer; the Commandant, Major General Wilton; and the RSM, Warrant Officer Class One Steer. [The audience is responding well to the speaker's humour—even the Commandant is almost smiling.]*

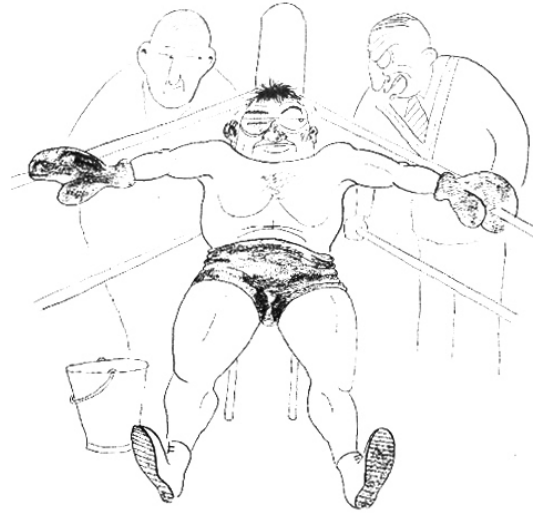




**BREAK IT ORDERLY SERGEANT! BREAK IT!**



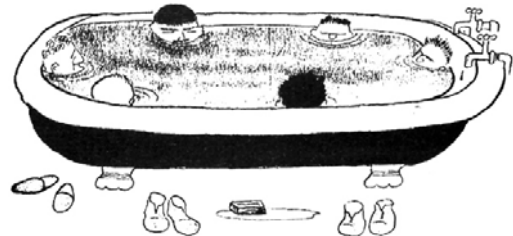
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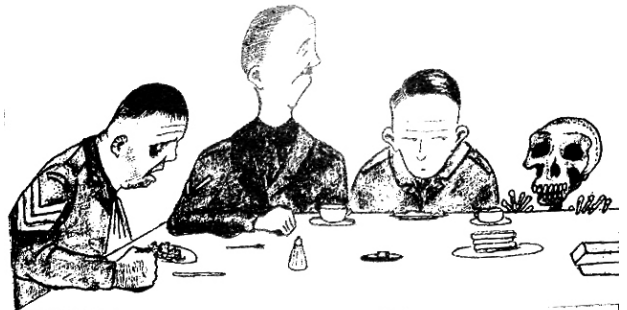
**Haven't you got ANY officer qualities?**



**I don't give a damn that it was your Mum.  
NEVER EVER wave on parade!**



**First Class Privilege**



**O'right Fothelaz – one more chance for incl bluff.  
What's the Commandant's Mum's middle name?**

*RMC cartoons drawn by 1462 Staff Cadet / Colour Sergeant G.D.W. (Jock) Irvine (later Colonel).*

## Victoria Branch Luncheon— 22 October 2009

Twenty five members, wives, and partners attended the annual Victoria Branch luncheon held at Victoria Barracks Officers' Mess on Thursday 22 October 2009. There were a number of apologies, notably including members attending other military-related activities and some experiencing ill health.

The guest speaker was Lieutenant Colonel P.D. (Paul) Galea (1986) who, as the current Commanding Officer of Monash University Regiment, spoke on 'RMC training as part of Army Reserve officer production, and how Army Reserve officers consider their relationship with RMC'.

Paul commenced his own officer training in the last junior class at OCS and then was transferred to RMC to become one of the first graduates of the new combined course. Paul said that he felt that ARES officer cadets were very conscious of the prestigious history and traditions of RMC and, although their course there was short, were proud to have been commissioned there. Paul also considers that the training experience at RMC produces excellent ARES officers.

Members and guests attending included:

Paul Galea (1986) and Rachael Arthur  
 Bob (1963) and Ruth Slater  
 Pat Trost (1948)  
 Don (1956) and Charlie Fenwick  
 John Sedgley (1938)  
 Alan (1951) and Maria McDonald  
 Geoff (1958) and Leonie Christopherson  
 David and Rhonda Addison  
 Lois Murchie  
 Bill and Jan Julian  
 Bill Hanson  
 Bill Beiers (1942)  
 Keith and Marjorie Colwill  
 Colin Bannister (1955)  
 Tony Fairbrother (1958)  
 Ron Worts  
 Laurence McCredie (1948)

The 2010 Luncheon will be on Thursday 21 October at Victoria Barracks Officers' Mess.



*Paul Galea speaking during the luncheon.*



*T.G. (Colin) Bannister (1955) and G.J. (Geoff) Christopherson (1958).*



*J.J. (John) Sedgley (1938) and P.W. (Bill) Beiers (June 1942).*



*D.C. (Don) Fenwick (1956), David Addison, Rhonda Addison, John Sedgley, and Charlie Fenwick.*



*Keith Colwill with Paul Galea (1986) and Rachael Arthur.*



*L. (Laurence) McCredie (1948) and P. (Pat) Trost (1948).*



# Sixty Years On—Class of 1953 Reunion

**Ray Sunderland**

On 14 February 1950 the majority of cadets who were to eventually call themselves the Class of '53 arrived at the Canberra railway station. On the 60th anniversary of this occasion I was reminded of how, in his book *A Poor Sort of Memory*, Geoffrey Solomon described his arrival in Canberra in February 1938:

*Among the pleasure domes of the national capital the Canberra railway station has never been a feature. Then it was a dun-coloured weatherboard building, a clear and unattractive indication that the weary traveller had reached the end of the line. It was in these depressing surroundings that the Army claimed us and did not let us go.*

Today you will find little has changed at Canberra railway, so we kept away from it and celebrated our arrival by holding a reunion, 60 Years On, at Albury where many of us changed trains on our way to Canberra.

The reunion in the Albury-Rutherglen area was organised by Brian Murtagh. We managed to muster 20 graduates, wives and widows. Brian had arranged accommodation in Albury at the Quality Inn on Olive and in the evening we assembled for cocktails around the pool. Next day we climbed aboard a small bus for escorted tours in the Rutherglen area. Our first stop was at Gooramatta Olives, winners of national and state awards for their olives and olive products. This was followed by a tour of Morris Wines hosted by the legendary Mick Morris. A tour of the Rutherglen War Memorial Gardens and a lunch provided by the Rutherglen RSL Ladies' Auxiliary was followed by a tour of Campbell's Wines hosted by Malcolm Campbell OAM, then Vintara Winery hosted by Brian's son Michael.



*Paying attention at the Rutherglen War Memorial. Coral Fleming, Bill Wells, Judy Lawrence, Barbara Garland, Peter Cole, Mark Hulse, Anne McKeown, Rosemary Hulse, and Donna Sunderland.*

In the evening we assembled for the Reunion Dinner in the Olive Room at the hotel and were treated to a sumptuous repast by the hotel catering staff. This was a semi-formal occasion—Grace, the Queen, the College, the Class, Ladies and Absent Friends. The ladies received an extra treat, the next day being Valentine's Day.

Next morning we rounded off our reunion with a tour of the Bandiana Army Museum followed by lunch provided by the Murray Border Vietnam Veterans. While I have your attention, the Bandiana Army Museum is a place you must visit if you pass through Albury. It houses the most

comprehensive display of Army weapons, vehicles and dress I have ever seen. It has been assembled on a shoestring budget, but you will be proud of what has been achieved by Major Graham Docksey, OAM and his museum staff. It is quite brilliant.



*Reunion Dinner. Bill Wells (toast to the Class), Coral Fleming, Paul Kitney, Rosemary Hulse, and Mark Hulse.*

After lunch we said our goodbyes, some to continue their holidays in various parts of Victoria and others home. We thanked Brian and Bet Murtagh for their generous hospitality and for organising a wonderful reunion. We plan to meet again in June 2011 to celebrate the 100th birthday of the College.

## From the Chairman, Duntroon Society Committee

**Peter Evans**

The RMC-A Association Inc. Board met on 24 November 2009 under the chairmanship of the Commandant, Brigadier Mike Moon. The Board continues to refine its method of operation and early growing pains have been sorted out.

The expected income has not grown as rapidly as thought and there are still a few points to be resolved about accessing income from some of the Trusts. There are still some unexpected financial pressures and the Board continues to pursue an end-date for free hard copy Newsletters. This matter will be discussed at the upcoming Duntroon Society Committee meeting and the Board meeting which follows.

Membership continues to grow and now stands at 1,211 but we still struggle to attract serving officers. I continue to receive reports of serving officers being unaware of the existence of the Society despite many attempts to reverse this. The issue of ways and means of attracting new members is an on-going project and I urge you all to 'spread the word'. Any suggestions on how we can improve our attractiveness to new members will be greatly appreciated.

The appeal for contact details for 'Class Orderlies' for all of the officer-producing establishments has resulted in deafening silence. We are just twelve months away from the Centenary and I have just nine names. The Centenary programme is still being developed and details will be posted on the web site as soon as possible. We do know that the Centenary Parade will also be a Graduation Parade so there will be many demands for seating and Canberra accommodation.

We continue to produce a hard-copy Newsletter but I would encourage anyone who is content to view the Newsletter via our web site to e-mail me so I can record your wishes on the membership database. Of our 1,211 current members, 1,017 have provided an e-mail address but only 515 have registered to access Newsletters via our web site. Our New Zealand brethren have substantially reduced their requirements for the hard-copy version and I hope we can follow suit.

Again I would like to stress that comments and suggestions for content for the Newsletter and the web site are always welcome and should be directed to the Editor, Dr Mike Ryan, or myself.

There will be further meetings of the Society Committee and the Board later this year and reports will be published in due course.

## From The Podmore Foundation



### Les Bienkiewicz

The Podmore Foundation is a not-for-profit charity that was incorporated in the ACT in 2007 by members of the Duntroon entry class of 1970, and since July 2008 the Foundation has distributed just over \$260,000 to its projects. Its slogan of Returning Opportunity is a reflection of the gratitude for opportunities given to them, and a vehicle for members to provide opportunities to others. The Foundation has assisted:

- Six gifted Indigenous children attending boarding schools in Canberra, Sydney and Brisbane. In 2010 seven Indigenous scholarships will be funded.
- Two Akha hill tribe children attending school in Chiang Rai, northern Thailand.
- Twenty two disabled young people who are completing secondary and tertiary vocational education programs with the Ahisaun Community in Dili, Timor Leste.
- Eighteen orphans living and studying at Hope Orphanage in Gleno, Timor Leste.

Other support has been provided to build an accommodation and training facility for disabled scholarship recipients in Dili, a water reticulation system for Letefoho village in Ermera, and fencing a block of land to grow food for the Ayui Foundation at Chiang Rai in Northern Thailand.

More recently the Foundation has commenced supporting two volunteers to work the next six months with the Ahisaun Community Centre Timor Leste. After securing support from the Foundation, Lukas and Kristina Rajnoch recently arrived in Timor Leste to commence their placements. Foundation activities in 2010 include:

- Sunday 21 March. Podmore Runners—Twilight Run 2010, Brisbane. [www.twilightrun.com.au](http://www.twilightrun.com.au).
- Sunday 28 March. Scholarship presentation lunch, Victoria Barracks Officers' Mess, Sydney, (four scholarships). This will include the inaugural awards of the Peter Cosgrove Scholarship for Leadership (to be presented by General Cosgrove) and the 'Tiliara' Commemorative Scholarship.
- Saturday 17 April. Fundraising Dinner for North Thailand Student Placement Project, RMC Officers' Mess.
- Saturday 29 May. Annual Dinner, Duntroon Officers' Mess, including the inaugural award of the Gwen Breen Commemorative Scholarship.

- Sunday 8 August. Podmore Runners—City2Surf, Sydney followed by lunch at Victoria Barracks Officers' Mess, Sydney.
- Sunday 12 September. Podmore Runners—Canberra Times Family Fun Run and Walk, followed by lunch at the Kingston Hotel.

To learn more about the Foundation, or to considering supporting it, please visit the Foundation's website ([www.podmorefoundation.org.au](http://www.podmorefoundation.org.au)) and /or contact the Foundation President, Bob Breen, on 0403 495118.



*Katrina (proudly holding a Podmore T Shirt) and Lucas (centre rear) meeting with Podmore Foundation members G.J. (Gary) Allan (1975), Nicola Breen, L.J. (Les) Bienkiewicz (1974), R.J. (Bob) Breen (1973), Catherine Johnston and Rachelle Allan before they departed Australia for Timor Leste.*

## From the Branches

### Australian Capital Territory

#### Branch Office Holders

Convenor: Brigadier P.J.A. (Peter) Evans (1958)  
 Secretary: Lieutenant Colonel J.E. (John) Bullen (1958)  
 Treasurer: Lieutenant Colonel M.J. (Mike) Ryan (1981)  
 Members: Dr Moreen Dee (WRAAC OCS 1966);  
 Brigadier G.T. (George) Salmon (1959); Colonel M.J. (Mike) Ford (1957); Major S.B. (Stuart) Althaus (OCS 1982)

#### Annual Lunch & Speech, 2009

Last year's Lunch & Speech was held on Friday, 6 November 2009. The speaker was Major General Michael Jeffery, AC, AO(mil), CVO, MC, former Governor-General of Australia and a 1958 RMC graduate.

As expected, changing from an evening function to a midday function proved popular. Possibly this speaker may have added to the popularity of the occasion. Whatever the reason, we had 100 present—easily our best attendance ever.

#### Autumn Lunch, 2010

The 2010 Autumn Lunch is planned to be held in Duntroon House on Thursday, 6 May.

#### Annual Lunch & Speech, 2010

The 2010 Lunch and Speech is proposed for November. Our speaker will be Professor R.J. (Bob) O'Neill, AO, Emeritus Chichele Professor of War History at Oxford University and a 1958 RMC graduate.



## New South Wales

### Branch Office Holders

Convenor: D.A. (Duncan) Spencer (1962),  
daspen@tpg.com.au, (02) 9969 0772, 0414 573 574.  
Treasurer: I.R. (Ian) Taylor (1965),  
ita01@ozemail.com.au, (02) 9953 9441, 0407 539 441.  
Secretary: P.M.(Peter) Reid (1964),  
peterreid2@bigpond.com (02)9460 0741, 0417 274 090

Since the last report, sadly, Viv Morgan has passed away and his funeral was held on Tuesday, 12 Jan 2010 in Paddington. Needless to say, the church was full and a well respected soldier was farewelled.

### Branch Social Functions

On brighter subjects the December Graduation lunch was held on Tuesday, 8 December 2009 in the Sydney Victoria Barracks Officers' Mess and attracted some 44 attendees including three retired major generals, namely C.M.I. (Sandy) Pearson (1940), K.W. (Kevin) Latchford (1947), and N.R. (Neville) Smethurst (1956). We were honoured to have Brigadier Jeff Sengelman, DSC, CSC, the Commander of the new Combat Support & ISTAR Group as the guest speaker, and we were treated to a very informative speech.

The Officers' Mess did us proud with good food, drinks and service, and everyone had a very enjoyable afternoon.

Future functions include the June Graduation Lunch and the Biennial Reunion to be held in Mudgee over the weekend 7/8/9 May 2010. Planning for the latter is well advanced, with over fifty projected attendees. If you find you can now make the Biennial Reunion, please contact Peter Reid (contact details above) as soon as possible, and he will do his best to fit you in.

## New Zealand

### Branch Office Holders

Patron: Major General R.G. Williams, CB, MBE, (1952).  
Convenor: Colonel T.A. Aldridge, CBE (1961).  
Secretary/Treasurer: Major P.J. Skogstad (1964).

### Branch Social Functions

*Auckland Sub-branch Christmas Lunch 2009.* Auckland members and their partners gathered at the Auckland Golf Club for the traditional Christmas lunch on Sunday 6 December 2009. The function was hosted by Colonel Tom Aldridge. 25 members and their partners attended.

*Wellington Sub-branch Summer Lunch 2010.* The Summer lunch for the Wellington sub-branch was held at the Royal Wellington Golf Club, Heretaunga on Sunday 15 February 2010. Colonel D.J. (David) Grant (OCS Dec 1961) hosted the event which was attended by 40 members, partners and friends.

*Auckland Sub-branch Tauranga/Mount Maunganui Golf 20/22 February 2010.* The Golf Trip to Tauranga/Mount Maunganui over the weekend 20–22 February was well attended with 27 golfers competing and seven non golfers attending the dinner on the Sunday evening. Most of the golfers stayed at the Reef Apartments in Mount Maunganui. On Sunday, 21 February, golf was at the Tauranga Golf Club with the Porter cup the main prize. The winners were Judy Burrows and Tom Aldridge combined 74 sbd pts. On

Monday golf was at the Mount Maunganui Golf Club with a net medal competition. The winners were Ian Launder 35 sbd pts for the mens trophy and Judy Burrows 37 sbd pts for the ladies trophy. Social activities were also included with pre-dinner drinks on arrival and a prize giving and dinner on the Sunday evening at the Harbourside Restaurant.

### Membership

Membership of the New Zealand Branch is 136 including 15 spouses of deceased members.



*Wellington Sub-branch Summer Lunch 2010. At lunch Royal Wellington Golf Club.*



*Wellington Sub-branch Summer Lunch 2010. Margaret McIver and Lieutenant General D.S. McIver (1957).*



*Wellington Sub-branch Summer Lunch 2010. Colonel N.G. Schofield (1950), Lieutenant General J. Mateparae (OCS Dec 1976) current CDS, and Colonel D.R. Kenning (1950).*

## Queensland

### *Branch Office Holders*

Convenor: G.J. (Graeme) Loughton (1956).

### *Branch Social Functions*

Recent events in South East Queensland have been the Mixed Lunch and Steyr Shoot at Enoggera in November 2009 and a dinner at United Service Club in February 2010. Seventeen of us attended the former and fourteen the latter.

The first letter for the year went to a much-expanded address list this year because one of its purposes was to welcome new graduates who are all automatically members of the Society these days. Other matters covered in the letter were:

- An urgent reminder for the Society Biennial Reunion at Mudgee, 7–9 May 2010.
- The draft social program for 2010 including golf, the ADF Dinner at United Service Club, and a mixed lunch late in the year.
- Request for other suggested social events.
- A reminder of the existence and importance of the Podmore Foundation.

## South Australia & Northern Territory

### *Branch Office Holders*

Convenor: N.R. (Neville) Bergin (1956).

### *Branch Social Functions*

Twenty five members attended a very successful Branch Graduation Luncheon at the Naval Military and Air Force (NMAF) Club of Adelaide on Tuesday, 1 December 2009. Following many years of luncheons held at the Officers' Mess, Keswick Barracks, this was the first to be held at the NMAF Club. Members unanimously agreed that future luncheons should be held at the Club.

An enjoyable and interesting address was given during the luncheon by Major Rob Vowles, a retired Army Reserve officer and son of Brigadier E.L. (Eric) Vowles, a member of the 1911 Class at Duntroon and Commandant of the College from 1945 to 1948. Rob provided interesting insights into his father's military service and humorous anecdotes of his own life as a youngster growing up in and around Duntroon. Rob has now been welcomed as a member of the Society.

The Annual Graduation Luncheon of the South Australia and Northern Territory Branch is to be held at the Naval Military and Air Force Club, Adelaide, on Tuesday, 7 December 2010.

## Victoria & Tasmania

### *Branch Office Holders*

Coordinator: R.A. (Bob) Slater (1963)  
Treasurer: A.M. (Alan) McDonald (1951)  
Members: P. (Phil) Davies (1961), C. (Conrad) Ermert (1962), and R.H.A. (Richard) Coates (OCS Dec 1975) (OCS representative). C.A. (Craig) Wood (1963) remains proxy for Canberra-based meetings.

### *Branch Social Functions*

Twenty five members and partners attended the annual Victoria Branch luncheon held at Victoria Barracks Officers' Mess on Thursday, 22 October 2009. The guest

speaker was Lieutenant Colonel P.D. (Paul) Galea (1986) who, as the current Commanding Officer of Monash University Regiment, spoke on 'RMC training as part of ARES officer production, and how ARES officers consider their relationship with RMC'. [Ed. For a full report see page 8.]

*Forthcoming events:* The 2010 Luncheon will be on Thursday 21 October at Victoria Barracks Officers' Mess.

### *Membership*

There have been no active developments in respect to membership. We welcome any interest from new members and new arrivals in Victoria as to ways in which serving and retired members of the Society may wish to suggest ideas and become involved.

## Western Australia

### *Branch Office Holders*

Convenor: W.R.M. (Bob) Hunter (1985)  
Social Convenor: K.F. (Kevin) Poynton (1974)

Note these positions are both endorsed by members but held informally as no specific constitution is in place.

### *Social Functions*

An end of year informal drinks function was held in December that attracted over 40 members through the course of the evening. The local chapter of the Duntroon Society now has approximately 100 registered members.

*Forthcoming events:* Social drinks function at ESS Bar in Subiaco on Friday 12 March 2010 from 1600 onwards. There will be quarterly functions in a similar vein through the year.

Contact detail for all functions is to the Convenor at [bhunter@oam-group.com](mailto:bhunter@oam-group.com) or 0413 045 355.

## Coming Events

### **ACT Branch**

6 May 2010. Autumn Lunch. Duntroon House.  
9 November 2010. Annual Lunch & Speech. Speaker: Professor R.J. (Bob) O'Neill, AO, Emeritus Chichele Professor of War History at Oxford University and a 1958 RMC graduate.

### **NSW Branch**

22 June 2010. Graduation Lunch at the Victoria Barracks Officers' Mess.  
7 December 2010. Graduation Lunch at the Victoria Barracks Officers' Mess.

### **New Zealand Branch**

mid June (Date to be confirmed). Wellington Winter dinner to be held at the Trentham Officers Mess. Organiser: Major General K.M. (Ken) Gordon (1956).  
26 November 2010 (date to be confirmed). Society postal golf competition. Auckland teams at Helensville Golf Club. Organiser: Brigadier M.J. (Mike) Dudman (1959). Wellington dates are still to be set but most probably in December. Organiser: Lieutenant Colonel T.A. (Trent) Harker (1961).  
December 2010 (date to be confirmed). Auckland Christmas lunch to be held at the Auckland Golf Club. Organiser: Colonel Tom Aldridge.



## Queensland Branch

TBA. ADF Dinner at USC.  
TBA. Mixed Lunch at Enoggera.

## South Australia Branch (incorporating NT)

7 December 2010. Annual Graduation Luncheon, Naval Military and Air Force (NMAF) Club, Adelaide.

## Victoria Branch (incorporating Tasmania)

21 October 2010. 1200 for 1230. Lunch at the Victoria Barracks Officers' Mess.

## Western Australia Branch

12 March 2010. Social drinks functions at ESS Bar in Subiaco, from 1600 onwards.

## RMC Ceremonial Parades

Sunday, 25 April 2010. Anzac Day Dawn Service at Major General Bridges' Grave. Begins at 05:30am.

Saturday, 12 June 2010. Queen's Birthday Parade and Trooping the Colour.

Tuesday, 22 June 2010. The Graduation Parade.

Saturday, 21 August 2010. Army Reserve Officer Graduation.

Thursday/Friday, 23/24 September 2010. Beating Retreat and the 1812 Overture. (to be confirmed).

Tuesday, 7 December 2010. The Graduation Parade.

Further information can be obtained from the SO2 Protocol and Visits, Major S.M. (Stephen) Hladio on (02) 6265 9539.

## Open Day Duntroon House

Saturday, 25 September 2010. The public will be invited to view the house and its surrounds from 11:00am. The Duntroon Guides and the RMC Band will be in attendance and refreshments will be provided.

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## Profile of Students at the RMC

Current strength (2 March 2010)

|                                       |     |
|---------------------------------------|-----|
| CSC                                   | 393 |
| First Class                           | 86  |
| Second Class                          | 200 |
| Third Class                           | 107 |
| Brunei                                | 1   |
| Iraq                                  | 2   |
| Malaysia                              | 1   |
| New Zealand                           | 5   |
| Pakistan                              | 2   |
| Papua New Guinea                      | 9   |
| Philippines                           | 4   |
| RAAF                                  | 2   |
| South Africa                          | 1   |
| Tonga                                 | 1   |
| United Arab Emirates                  | 2   |
| ADFA Graduates                        | 102 |
| Females                               | 35  |
| Cadets with previous military service | 48  |

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## Obituary

Since the publication of the last Newsletter we have learned of the deaths of the following:

- 9 Sep 09 Lieutenant Colonel P.G. Carruthers (1947)
- 12 Sep 09 Lieutenant Colonel A. Karas (1958)
- 17 Sep 09 Lieutenant Colonel R.J. Copley (1962)
- 4 Oct 09 Brigadier E.S. Swinbourne (1947)
- 13 Oct 09 Colonel N.R. Mitchell (OTU 2/72)
- 16 Oct 09 Lieutenant Colonel R.J. Darlington (OCS Jun 1953)
- 16 Oct 09 Colonel R.A. Clark (1950) [1]
- 4 Nov 09 Lieutenant J.F. Howard (OTU 3/66)
- 28 Nov 09 Major P.V.M. Rawlins [2]
- 10 Dec 09 Lieutenant Colonel N.E. McLeod (1947)
- 20 Dec 09 Major General R.P. Woollard (1941)
- 6 Jan 10 Brigadier V.A. Morgan (1963)
- 23 Jan 10 Lieutenant Colonel E. Boyd (1951)
- 24 Jan 10 Reverend Canon J.L. May [3]
- 27 Jan 10 Brigadier R.M. Gurr (Jun 1942)
- 9 Feb 10 Major T.H. McKenzie [4]
- 14 Feb 10 Lieutenant Colonel J.P. Collins (1978)
- 28 Feb 10 Lieutenant Colonel M.P.R. Lemerrier (1948)
- 24 Mar 10 Major V.M. Good [5]

- [1] The last of his contributions to the Newsletter appeared in *Newsletter 2/2009* a few days before his death.
- [2] As a warrant officer, she was an original member of the staff of the WRAAC Officer Cadet School when 1/52 Office Cadet Course began at Mildura, Victoria in June 1952.
- [3] Having been captured in Rabaul in January 1942 when Chaplain of the 2/22 Battalion (AIF), he became a PoW in Zentsuji, Japan during 1942-45, before his appointment as Chaplain (C of E) at the RMC from 7 July 1951 to 17 December 1955.
- [4] For two periods from January 1993 to December 1995 and from January 1998 to December 1999, he was the Protestant Denominations Chaplain at the RMC. During 1996, he was also a part-time lecturer at the College where, as a member of the RMC Leadership Cell, he wrote a Character Development curriculum. When he retired, he used his considerable woodworking skills and timber from Fred's Tree in 2000 to craft two beautifully made garden seats for the Officers' Mess. (*Newsletter 1/2001*) The RMC Museum was also a beneficiary of his cabinet-making skills.
- [5] From 1 February 1977 to 29 September 1980, he was on the staff of the RMC as the Quartermaster (Faculty Account). During the early 1970s, he was a formidable, but much-respected, drill sergeant at the OCS, Portsea.

Unconfirmed information has been received about the following graduates and any advice would be appreciated to help us complete our records:

- Brigadier E. Logan (1938)
  - Major B.G. Saunders (1965)
  - Brigadier T.W. White (1924). This graduate was born on 28 October 1902 and there is no one of his Class or anyone else at the RMC during his time there who is still alive. We can but turn to someone who knew him subsequently, or to a member of his family to help us finalise his record.
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## Shorts

- Recently the RMC Archivist, Mr Ross Howarth, arranged for a small plaque to mark the site of the crash of RAAF Dakota A65-112 on 19 March 1957. RMC-A funded the plaque which will be surrounded by a small grove of shrubs.



- At the Military Prizes and Sporting Awards ceremony on Monday, 7 December 2009, the Duntroon Society Award was presented to Corporal W.J. McCann by the Commandant, Brigadier M.J. Moon. On graduation next day Lieutenant McCann was allocated to the Royal Australian Corps of Signals and posted to 7 Signals Regiment at Cabarlah, Queensland.
- The RMC Museum has recently added an exhibit of a number of items belonging to Lieutenant General Sir Sydney Rowell, KBE, CB (Aug 1914), presented to the Museum by his daughter, Mrs Rosslyn Poynter. The items include Lieutenant General Rowell's medals, his infantry sword issued in Adelaide after his return from Gallipoli, and the Japanese sword given to him by Lieutenant General Sir William Bridgeford on his return from BCOF Japan in 1953.



## Presentation of Lieutenant General Sir William Bridgeford's Medals

Lieutenant General Sir William Bridgeford KBE, CBE, MC graduated from RMC in June 1915, served in Egypt and France in WW1, North Africa, Greece, Syria and New Guinea in WW2, and in Japan. In 1952/53 he was CinC of the BCOF in Japan and Korea. He received a KBE (civil) in 1956 as CEO of the Olympic Games in Melbourne. Sir William died in September 1971 and was honoured with a full military funeral.



*CSC No. 115, Staff Cadet W. Bridgeford (1915).*

Sir William's uniform and medals were recently presented to the RMC Museum by his son (Don Bridgeford) and his grandson (William Bridgeford). At a brief ceremony in the CSC Mess prior to the Graduation Parade on 8 December 2009, the presentation was gratefully received by the Commandant, Brigadier Mick Moon. The medals and uniform had previously been on loan to the Miles Museum, but with the assistance of WO1 (ret'd) Ian Haycock, OAM, the RMC Museum was considered a much more appropriate location.



*Presentation of Sir William's medals and uniform—Commandant, Mr Don Bridgeford, WO1 (ret'd) Ian Haycock, and William Bridgeford.*



The medals and uniform are now on display in the RMC Museum and take pride of place in the collection. The set is very important to the College and is probably the largest group of medals on display in an Army Museum in Australia. Sir William's medals include the Greek Military Cross and USA Legion of Merit. His three latest Defence medals were incorporated into his old set by Major Darryl Johnson.



Sir William's medals.

## Letters to the Editor

### From I.G.R. (Ian) Wing (1982)

In his letter published in the September issue of the Newsletter, Jim Cullens compares the blues caps worn at RMC to those of a 'clapped-out Luftwaffe unteroffizier'. While the letter was probably intended to be humorous, I suggest that our excellent RMC graduates would be better served by praise and compliments about their turnout, rather than such pointed critiques. This is particularly the case as Jim apparently graduated from Bangalore in 1946 and is therefore clearly unaware of the uniforms worn by the Corps of Staff Cadets. By the way, please accept my congratulations on the Newsletter and the other important work being done by the Duntroon Society.

### From R.R. Harding (Aust) (1948)

The letter from Jim Cullens in *Newsletter 2/2009* about the present state of the caps worn at the RMC has created something of a mystery. As a member of the Corps of Staff Cadets during the 1940s and as one who knew well the RSM of the period from 1944-54, I can be reasonably certain that the practice described in the Editor's response to that letter, did not begin until after 1954. My recollection is that a modification, as some may be inclined to call it, to the cap as issued, would not be tolerated. Indeed, it could have been regarded as deliberate damage to Army property. Somehow, between 1955 and before 1977 when our Editor joined the Corps of Staff Cadets, a radical transformation took place in the attitude of Staff Cadets to their caps and it seems to have been shared by the RMC staff. There is the possibility that three transformations swept through the College during those 22 years. The mystery is how such a change, or changes, came about? Did they creep in unheralded, or were there firm moves to make it happen? Are there readers of this Newsletter who may be able to plumb this matter?

## Corrections

### Newsletter 2/2009

p.9. At the top of the left column was printed the address of Brigadier P.J.A. (Peter) Evans. This was done to progress the collection of the information requested in the accompanying piece about Class Orderlies. Most unfortunately, none of the proofreaders noticed that the house number in Brigadier's address was not there. Despite Ogilvie Place having only 16 residences, some unhelpful pedant in the postal system has seen fit to mark the responses to our plea as 'Insufficiently Addressed'. For those so inconvenienced or feeling exasperated, we apologise and ask that they please send again the details we greatly need—this time with the missing house number of 1(one). Development of this database of Class Orderlies is most important. If your Class or Course is yet to decide on who will be its Class Orderly, we ask that you give serious thought to doing so in the near future. We need you!!

## Request for Information

N.R. (Neville) Lindsay (1955) is converting his book *Equal to the Task: The Royal Australian Service Corps*, into an audiovisual format for publication on the internet. The expanded format allows for the use of a much larger array of images to illustrate the contents. The book has part of a chapter on Duntroon, and Neville would like to include the following image from the Australian War Memorial which depicts an AASC member acting as bugler (presumably part-time) in 1941. Unfortunately the AWM citation does not identify the NCO, so Neville asks whether any reader might be able to identify him and his real job at the College.



# 2009 Postal Golf Competition

For the 2009 competition, five teams from Australian States and one from New Zealand participated. Although Victoria and South Australia were again unable to raise the numbers to join this year's competition, and Western Australia still has no co-ordinator, there appears to be a significant number of new names becoming involved, along with many of the regulars from former years. It would be nice to get back to the situation we had a few years ago, when up to eleven teams of eight were eagerly contesting the top spots in the Teams, Individual and 4BBB events, as well as a number of ladies joining in with a parallel competition.

The only competing New Zealand team this year came out on top of the prestigious Teams event narrowly pipping the ACT Royal Canberra Golf Club Reds team by a single point! This is sure to be a disappointment to the runners-up, as I have it on good authority that they were supremely confident that their fine total of 120 points would be enough to finally wrest the prize from the dreaded Kiwis. But sadly, it was not to be. As a Consolation Prize, at least the Individual and 4BBB crowns did go to the Aussies. It was pleasing to see that Queensland were able to field two teams this year – well done!

I encourage all State/Territory representatives to make a special effort for the 2010 Postal Golf Competition. To this end, I will be in touch with all representatives in the near future and will be seeking 'volunteers' from within those States not currently fielding teams.

Congratulations to all the winners and my personal thanks go to the competition co-ordinators and to all those who have made the effort to participate.

Best wishes for the 2010 competition. I would invite any Society golfers interested in putting together a team or teams for this year's competition to contact me.

Frank Lehman  
Match Committee Chairman

## Team event results:

|                                                          |                                                                                                                                                         |                                                       |
|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| 1st: NZ Auckland (Helensville Golf Club)<br>20 Nov 2009  | C.M. Dixon (1954)<br>M.N. Ritchie (RMA Sandhurst)<br>T.A. Aldridge (1961)<br>M.J. Dudman (1959)<br>F.J. Burns<br>J. Redward (1964)                      | 38<br>38<br>37<br>37<br>36<br><u>35</u><br><b>221</b> |
|                                                          | R.J. Andrews (1957)<br>D.B. Slocombe                                                                                                                    | 24<br>23                                              |
| 2nd: ACT (Royal Canberra Golf Club Reds)<br>17 Nov 2009  | R.J. Nattey (RAN)<br>S.S. Agnew (RMC Staff 1960-62)<br>G.T. Salmon (1959)<br>B.M. Edwards (OCS Jun 1956)<br>I.G. Porteous (1954)<br>P.J.A. Evans (1958) | 45<br>40<br>36<br>34<br>34<br><u>31</u><br><b>220</b> |
|                                                          | P.R. Phillips (1955)                                                                                                                                    | 28                                                    |
| 3rd: ACT (Royal Canberra Golf Club Black)<br>17 Nov 2009 | R.A. Sunderland (1953)<br>N.L. Horn (1961)<br>V.J. Adams (1966)<br>L.G. O'Donnell (1954)<br>K.J. Heldon (1961)<br>I.R. Smith (1957)                     | 40<br>34<br>33<br>32<br>31<br><u>31</u><br><b>201</b> |

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| 4th: Queensland (McLeod Country Golf Club)<br>Team 'A'<br>14 May 2009 | J. Falooone<br>A.R. Burke<br>S.R. Hinton (1962)<br>J.W. Kingston (1964)<br>D. Rankine<br>G.J. Loughton (1956)                     | 37<br>32<br>32<br>31<br>31<br><u>28</u><br><b>190</b> |
|                                                                       | B.G. Bond (1960)<br>G.M. Bagot (1967)                                                                                             | 27<br>26                                              |
| 5th: NSW (Avondale Golf Club)<br>7 Nov 2009                           | I.B. Mackay (1955)<br>W. Bownes<br>L. Sherrington<br>B.L. Vale (OTU 4/67)<br>D.A. Spencer (1962)<br>P. Shaw                       | 31<br>29<br>29<br>27<br>24<br><u>23</u><br><b>163</b> |
|                                                                       | G. E. Ball<br>J. Haynes                                                                                                           | 18<br>18                                              |
| 6th: Queensland (McLeod Country Golf Club)<br>Team 'B'<br>17 Nov 2009 | R.M. Millar (1964)<br>P. Leeson (1959)<br>L.N. Hall (OCS Jun 1957)<br>B. Carson<br>B.D.V. Lindsay (1958)<br>J.R. Brown (OTU 2/66) | 34<br>28<br>27<br>27<br>24<br><u>13</u><br><b>153</b> |

## Best Individual Scores:

|     |                 |     |    |
|-----|-----------------|-----|----|
| 1st | R.J. Nattey     | ACT | 45 |
| 2nd | M.J. Dudman     | NZ  | 41 |
| 3rd | S.S. Agnew      | ACT | 40 |
| 4th | R.A. Sunderland | ACT | 40 |

## Best Four Ball Scores:

|           |                                 |     |    |
|-----------|---------------------------------|-----|----|
| 1st       | R.J. Nattey<br>P.J.A. Evans     | ACT | 50 |
| 2nd       | N.L. Horn<br>R.A. Sunderland    | ACT | 47 |
| 3rd (OCB) | P.R. Phillips<br>L.G. O'Donnell | ACT | 45 |

## Current Match Committee Contact Information

|          |                                                                                               |
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## **Centenary Planning Update (as of 06 April 2010)**

Intensive planning is under way to prepare for the Royal Military College Centenary year.

The significant activities to date are:

**Date TBA - Presentation of the Urquhart portrait:**

The family of Brigadier Urquhart (Staff Cadet 1) have commissioned a portrait to be presented to the College. Current correspondence has indicated that it will be ready by the end of 2010. The intent is that this presentation will be the commencement activity for the Centenary year. It is not anticipated that it will be open to all comers due to time, financial, and space restrictions.

**Saturday, 11 June 2011 - Freedom of Entry and Trooping of the Queen's Colour:**

As indicated and supported in the brief to the CA, these activities are to be combined and conducted in Canberra City. A proposal of location for the conduct of the activity is with the Commandant and will be disseminated publicly when all outside agencies are informed.

**Saturday, 25 June 2011 - 'Leadership on Fire Concert':**

An 'open-to-the-public' presentation by the Royal Military College Band. The stage will be on the parade ground with the backdrop being 'Ack' and 'Beer' Block and the CSC Mess. Seating will be on the parade ground. The program is yet to be finalised but the timing of the activity is (TBC) approximately 1600–1730 h.

**Sunday, 26 June 2011 - Duntroon Open Day:**

Further details of this activity are to be confirmed, but it is designed to be open to the public, allowing access (TBC) to buildings and areas not previously permitted.

**Sunday, 26 June 2011 - Commandants Centenary Reception:**

Limited to selected invited guests only. No further details will be promulgated.

**Monday, 27 June 2011 - Centenary Parade and Presentation of New Colours:**

Her Majesty the Queen has been invited to review the graduation parade and present new colours making this the key event for the year. This graduation will occur on the Monday as it will be 100 years to the day of the official opening of the college.

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