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Pte Stephanie Sims, of 3RAR, at the launch of the new multicam uniform during the CA's Exercise in Brisbane on September 22. Photo by Cpl Ben Dempster



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Great minds join forces in Brisbane

Thought-provoking CA Exercise and Land Forces Expo a great success

Cpl Nick Wiseman

MODERNISATION of land forces in the Indo-Pacific was the hot topic at the 2014 CA's Exercise held in Brisbane from September 22-24, coinciding with the Land Forces Expo.

CA Lt-Gen David Morrison was joined by international representatives from across the Indo-Pacific region over the two days to discuss the topic, along with senior leaders from the ADF and Australian Government organisations.

Lt-Gen Morrison said the importance of continuous modernisation and engagement in support of land forces within the joint and coalition environments could not be stressed enough.

"This exercise offers an opportunity for us to engage in meaningful discussion with our allies, friends and partners about the major strategic issues facing land forces in our region, now and into the future," he said.

The exercise included three main presentations followed by break-out discussion groups, after which the groups presented their findings.

Academics Prof Jeffrey Grey and Dr Andrew Krepinevich presented the first topic entitled 'Lessons from contemporary operations for future land forces in the Info-Pacific'.

Prof Grey said he had discovered a few points in operations since 2001 that were likely to remain constants governing or shaping military action in Iraq and elsewhere in the face of recent challenges.

"These address different levels of the art of war," he said.

"From the strategic to the operational and occasionally the tactical, they are not of equal weight and it's important that Army is not in a position to decide autonomously how or whether they will be tackled."

Japanese Ground Self Defence Force Chief of Staff Gen Kiyofumi Iwata and Indonesian Gen Gatot Nurmantyo presented the second topic entitled 'Challenges of regional engagement in the Indo-Pacific'.

Gen Iwata said it was a great privilege to talk about the challenges of regional engagement at the exercise.

"Our region is comprised of the vast sea area of the Pacific Ocean, extending across one third of the globe's surface, and the numerous



Cpl Andrew Little (left) and Tpr William McGovern, of 2/14 LHR (QMI), had an ASLAV on display at the Land Forces Expo, which was held in conjunction with the CA's Exercise in Brisbane. Photo by Cpl Nick Wiseman



CA Lt-Gen David Morrison



Gen Kiyofumi Iwata, of Japan



HMSP-A Maj-Gen Jeff Sengelman



Lt-Gen Zhang Shibo, of China

islands scattered across this ocean," he said.

Gen Iwata talked about challenges facing our area, such as natural disasters, and the humanitarian aid that was offered between nations when in need, citing Operation Philippines Assist from late last year.

"Most notable in this operation was the installation of a multinational coalition centre," he said.

"Here we shared and presented information between the many countries which had rushed there to help.

"This act of multinationalism exemplified by the activities of the coalition centre is what I think of as the key for the solution to the many problems existing in our region into the future."

Head Modernisation and Strategic Planning – Army Maj-Gen Jeff

Sengelman, Prof Michael Evans and Commander Beijing Military Area Lt-Gen Zhang Shibo presented the third session on 'Modernisation of land forces'.

Maj-Gen Sengelman said his task on behalf of the CA was to deliver the future for Army and that his approach was perhaps different to the other nations present.

"It's easy to talk about the future, to imagine new equipment and even go and buy things, but the act of modernising and sustaining an army as part of the ADF and realising its full operational potential – well that is harder," he said.

"One of the things we've learnt is that modernisation is not just about equipment.

"Although it is an important component, it needs to be built on a

foundation which I believe is common to us all, and that is the quality of our people.

"For that reason, the Australian Army has chosen, as it continues on its modernisation journey, to invest in and emphasise the quality of our people and their ability to work together as teams. Our people are the capability."

Maj-Gen Sengelman spoke of how the Australian Army was not always at the level it was at now, and how the events of 1999 [in Timor-Leste] challenged us and starkly illustrated significant hollowness, readiness and capability shortfalls.

"We did not work together then as an Army or joint force as well as we do now," he said.

"We didn't fully appreciate the value of our reserve forces, the

diversity of our people, or the value of the Australian Public Service that is part of our team.

"In the case of this audience, we also didn't fully comprehend that our success was also built on contributions from nations and friendships such as yours."

After the many discussion groups and talks with leaders from across the region had ended, Lt-Gen Morrison addressed the audience and said the exercise had been productive and thought-provoking.

"The discussions and debate we have had over the past two days have been invaluable in shaping how we engage with modernisation," he said.

"This will not only help our land forces today, but will ensure our land forces are more efficient, more effective and more secure into the future."

EQUIPMENT ON SHOW

Cpl Nick Wiseman

MORE than 300 defence industry companies exhibited at the 2014 Land Forces Expo at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre from September 22-25.

Current and future vehicles and equipment were on display for an international audience.

Army also had various displays, including the Future Land Warfare Branch from Army HQ, as well as local Brisbane units displaying equipment currently in use.

Cpl Andrew Little and Tpr William McGovern, of 2/14 LHR (QMI), had one of their ASLAVs on show for the public.

Cpl Little said the expo was a great experience.

"A lot of people have been coming past asking questions about the vehicle and what we do," he said.

"Other exhibitors have also asked what we'd like to see come out of the Land 400 project, which will replace the ASLAV in the future."

The Land Forces Expo coincided with the CA's Exercise, which included many visitors and military leaders from around the world.

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New look for soldiers



From left, Pte Stephanie Sims, Pte Nicolette Lane, Cpl Dean George, and LCpl Keith Hall wear the new Australian Multicam Camouflage Uniform. Photo by Cpl Ben Dempster

CA says new uniform world-leading

Cpl Nick Wiseman

ARMY's new enhanced Australian Multicam Camouflage Uniform (AMCU) was unveiled to the public for the first time at the CA's Exercise at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre on September 22.

Serving personnel wore the uniform with pride at the launch by CA Lt-Gen David Morrison and Assistant Defence Minister Stuart Robert.

Mr Robert said the new uniform drew on the extensive experience from combat operations Army had been involved in for more than a decade.

"I'm also pleased that Defence has partnered with Australian manufacturers for the new uniform," he said.

"It not only supports local business but maintains high standards and keeps pace with current technologies."

The new uniform features a hybrid pattern combining the features of the operational combat uniform worn in Afghanistan with the colour palette of the in-service DPCU.

Lt-Gen Morrison said it was not just the lessons of war that brought the new uniform to fruition, but the views and feedback from those who wore it.

"What is on display today is the distillation of hard won lessons, not just in Afghanistan but in operational theatres closer to Australia," he said.

"We have partnered with DMO and Australian industry but, more importantly, we have continuously sought the views and advice from our soldiers.

"What we have arrived at through that process is, what I think, a world-leading military uniform."

The combat uniform is specifically

designed for the close-combat soldier and designed to be more comfortably worn under body armour with features specific to combat duties.

Cpl Dean George, of 6RAR, wore the combat uniform at the launch and said the uniform performed well when he and other competitors wore it in the recent Duke of Gloucester Cup.

"The ergonomics of the uniform allowed for functional movement as opposed to the old uniform," he said.

"This one is designed to do what we need to do and is actually designed for the specific infantry combat role – it lets us do our job better."

The field uniform, which will also be worn in barracks, is based on the current DPCU uniform but has been redesigned to be lighter to wear and more comfortable to work in.

Pte Stephanie Sims, of 3RAR, said although there was not a separate tailored shirt for females, the new shirt was a much better fit.

"I love the new uniform," she said. "It's much lighter, fits better and allows you to do your everyday tasks better."

The uniforms will be manufactured in the coming years and will gradually replace the DPCU, starting in Townsville.

Lt-Gen Morrison said the current uniform had been in the Army's inventory for the best part of his career.

"This one, I think, will stand the test of time and will be probably worn for the next 20 years or so, or until the lessons of whatever future operations we face show we need to change again," he said.

The rollout schedule will be communicated when it is finalised.

AUSTRALIAN MULTICAM CAMOUFLAGE UNIFORM

Combat shirt

- High collar in woven fabric with zip closure.
- Knit-fabric body with no pockets to allow for comfort under body armour.
- Integrated elbow pad.
- Woven fabric raglan sleeves.
- Angled sleeve pockets with velcro closure, velcro adjustment tabs at cuffs and pen pocket on left sleeve.

Combat pant

- Stretch woven fabric in back yoke (below waistband), crotch and around knee.
- Adjustable waist with advanced design.
- Padded waistband, button and zip front fly closure, reinforced saddle seat and integrated knee pad.

- Knee pad is snugly held in correct location using elasticised cord adjustment (connects to front thigh pockets) and velcro closure tabs at the side of the knee.
- Two side thigh pockets with zip closure.
- Two lower front thigh pockets (external – contains toggle and elasticised draw cord for knee pad adjustment) with velcro closure.
- Two front pockets below waistband (internal).
- Two lower leg pockets with velcro closure.
- Cord and cord lock adjustment at cuffs.

Field shirt

- Based on the current DPCU shirt, near infrared fabric, five button closure at the centre front, chest pockets with zip closure and sleeve pockets with button closure.
- Shorter coat length than current shirt.

- Velcro adjustment tabs at cuffs.
- Rank slide at chest.
- Increased width at coat hem compared to current shirt.
- Graded sleeve length.

Field pant

- Stretch woven fabric in back yoke (below waistband) and crotch.
- Button and zip front fly closure.
- Adjustable waist with advanced design.
- Padded waistband.
- Integrated knee pad with velcro closure tab.
- Two side thigh pockets with zip closure.
- Two front pockets below waistband (internal).
- Cord and cord lock adjustment at cuffs.

Support to Iraq

THE government has confirmed Special Forces soldiers will deploy to Iraq to advise and assist Iraqi security forces as part of the international coalition to disrupt and degrade the terrorist group ISIL.

The deployment will occur once legal arrangements are in place with the Iraqi government.

As well, up to eight RAAF F/A-18F Super Hornets will participate in airstrikes, joining an E-7A Wedgetail and a KC-30A multi-role tanker transport already supporting coalition air operations over Iraq.

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Showing off new kit

Land Systems Division takes work on the road as soldiers get a glimpse of the future

DMO's Land Systems Division (LSD) held its first road show event at Lavarack Barracks in Townsville on September 9-10.

The road shows offer information briefings and equipment displays aiming to better communicate current and emerging developments in the equipment provided by LSD.

Head Land Systems Maj-Gen Paul McLachlan said he was pleased with the reception and support received from 3 Bde.

"This has been a unique opportunity for LSD to engage directly with end users of equipment being developed and procured for the ADF," he said.

Equipment displayed included vehicles, weapons and ancillaries, body armour and load carriage equipment.

Maj Ben McLennan, of 3 Bde HQ, said the new equipment proposed under Land 125 Phases 3B and 3C and Land 53 was superb.

"I am amazed at the quality differential compared to equipment issued in the past; it is fundamentally better," he said.

Vehicle capabilities and the Vehicle Health Usage and Monitoring System (VHUMS) on display attracted great interest from brigade soldiers.

CO 3CSSB Lt-Col Colin Bassett said he was looking forward to the

3 Bde soldiers check out the Digital Terminal Control System Display at the Land Systems Division road show at Lavarack Barracks. Inset, soldiers look at body armour equipment.



continued delivery of the Land 121 vehicle fleet.

"They are impressive and will provide a quantum leap in the delivery of support to the combat brigade," he said.

"The VHUMS gives us freedom to move from current maintenance practice to a smart 'indicators and

warning' approach, improving efficiency while remaining effective."

The second of four LSD road shows was scheduled to be hosted by 7 Bde at Gallipoli Barracks in Brisbane on October 8-9.

Further road shows will be at Robertson Barracks, Darwin, on October 15-16 and Randwick Barracks, Sydney, on November 7.

IN BRIEF

Reserve help

RESERVISTS and their immediate families are eligible for free counselling under the Reserve Assistance Program. The program is being trialled as an expansion to Defence Employee Assistance Program until the end of June next year. The trial will provide confidential, free, professional counselling services to assist reserve members and their immediate families who have mental health issues, regardless of whether those issues are directly related to their military service. The trial is part of Project Suakin. To access the Reserve Assistance Program, contact a counsellor on 1300 361 008 or 1800 451 138 for after-hours help.

WRA update

THE 2014 Workplace Remuneration Arrangement (WRA) proposal, which was scheduled to be presented to the Defence Force Remuneration Tribunal on October 1, will now be presented on October 15. This will facilitate finalisation of the pay case and will still enable a new WRA to begin from November 4, if approved.

Blood challenge

THROUGHOUT September, Army recorded 759 donations in the Defence Blood Challenge, Air Force 472 and Navy 262. Personnel have until November 30 to roll up their sleeves for the challenge and help reach this year's target of 4500 donations. If you are making a blood donation, make sure it counts by registering online with Club Red at www.donateblood.org.au/defence

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Allowances streamlined

Threat levels to dictate overseas deployment entitlements from January 1 next year

OVERSEAS deployment allowances are being reformed to provide a fairer and more appropriate level of payment for deployed members.

From January 1, 2015, the International Campaign Allowance and Deployment Allowance will be streamlined under a single Deployment Allowance framework, which will be applied to all overseas warlike and non-warlike operations.

The new Deployment Allowance will be paid at the same or higher rate as the current allowances. It will be indexed against Workplace Remuneration Arrangements to ensure it maintains its worth over time.

The allowance will be based on the threat level of an operation, rather than its warlike or non-warlike classification.

For example, members deployed on non-warlike operations such as Operations Aslan in South Sudan and Paladin in some areas will receive an increase in their daily allowance because of the level of threat associated with their deployment.

Head People, Policy and Culture within Defence People Group Richard Oliver said the changes ensured allowances better reflected the conditions faced by deployed personnel.

“While there are efficiencies associated with these changes, the new Deployment Allowance framework will provide fairer remuneration for deployed members,” Mr Oliver said.

“Deployment allowances recognise the threats and hazards members may face on operational deployments.

“If the level of threat associated with the deployment is adjusted, then the amount of Deployment Allowance may change – up or down.”

Members will receive Deployment Allowance from the date they first arrive in the area of operation and payments will cease when they depart for the last time.

However, unlike the existing framework, personnel who leave the area of operation but continue to carry out operational duties, such as medical escort, will continue to receive Deployment Allowance.

The reforms will not affect leave accrual, however, Deployment Allowance will no longer be paid for leave that is taken after leaving the area of operations for the last time.

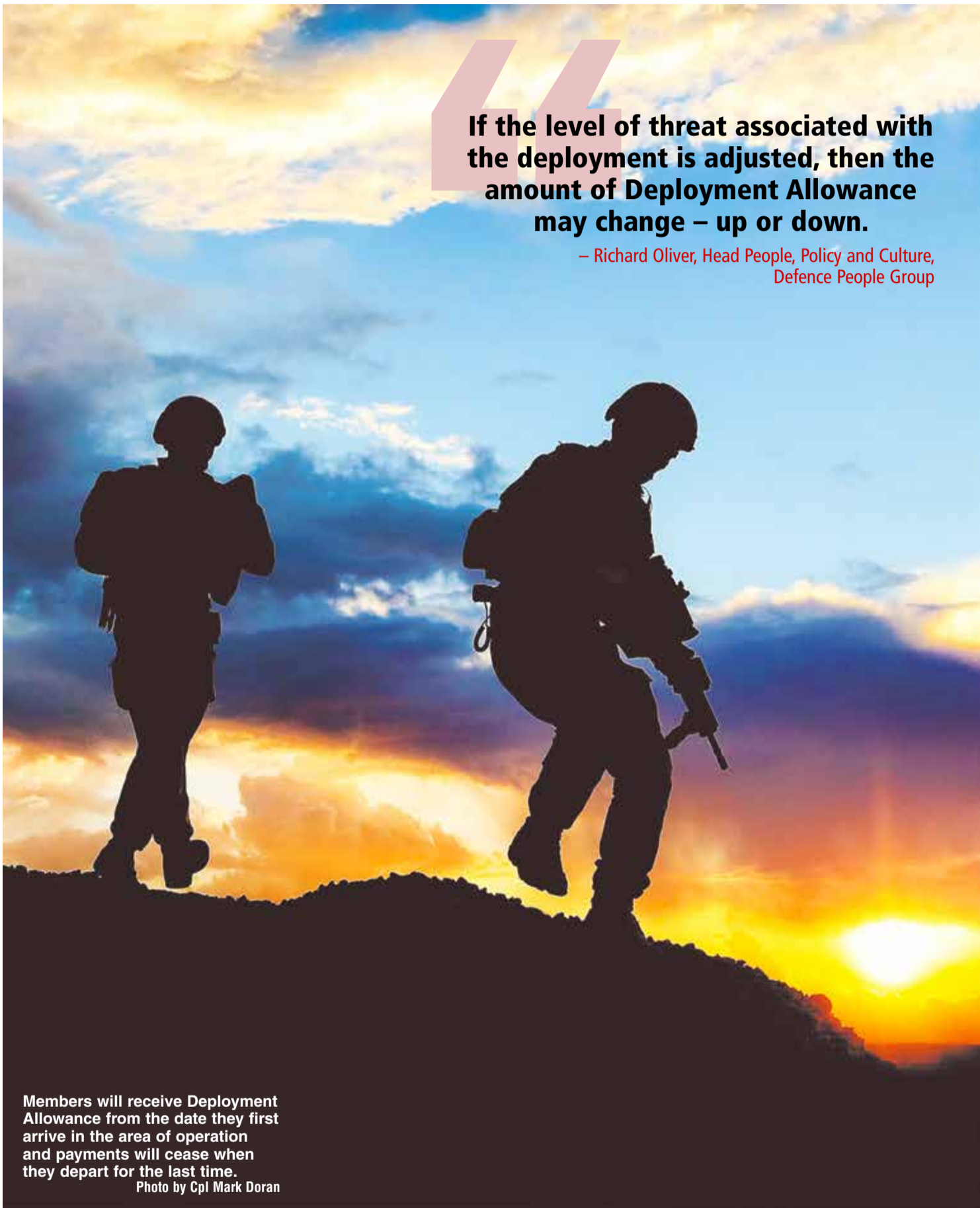
Members who take war service or recreation leave midway through their deployment will continue to receive Deployment Allowance during their period of leave.

Members who have unused leave accrued for operational service as at December 31 will be paid the allowances associated with that leave in a single lump sum.

These changes will not affect other payments, such as Field or Maritime Allowance.

Defence Australian Public Service employees will continue to receive Operational Support Allowance aligned to the daily rate of Deployment Allowance paid in the same location.

For more information on the changes to Deployment Allowance, visit the Pay and Conditions website at <http://intranet.defence.gov.au/pac/>



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– Richard Oliver, Head People, Policy and Culture, Defence People Group

Members will receive Deployment Allowance from the date they first arrive in the area of operation and payments will cease when they depart for the last time.
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History lives on

RAAHC calls for 18-pounder gun volunteers

Sgt Dave Morley

PLANS are under way to have a restored original 18-pounder gun, limber and horse team ready for Canberra's 2015 Anzac Day commemoration.

Deputy Chair of the Royal Australian Artillery Historical Company (RAAHC) Board of Directors Col Ian Ahearn (ret'd) said the gun had already been exhibited at the national gunner dinner at Caloundra, Queensland, on August 23.

"Four hundred people at the dinner raised \$3300 on the night to assist with the restoration work," he said.

"We've also recently received a request from the Lord Mayor of Sydney, Clover Moore, for the gun to be fired to initiate the New Year's Eve fireworks in Sydney."

Col Ahearn said the RAAHC was looking for Defence volunteers to assist with the gun.

"We've been talking to ADFA about cadets getting involved in giving presentations, and also as riders and handlers for the horses," he said.

"We've been successful recruiting retired people but would like to see some younger volunteers getting involved."



The restored 18-pounder gun.

"The volunteers will be outfitted in WWI uniforms when the gun is on public display."

He said the iconic 1917-built 18-pounder gun was one of 160 brought back to Australia at the end of WWI and one of only 10 surviving in Australia today.

"The 18-pounder gun is the artillery piece featured on the \$100 note," he said.

"There were 3162 of them built for WWI service, and they were still being used until 1945, but with pneumatic tyres and other modifications.

"They fired more than 100 million rounds in WWI, with the

four 18-pounder batteries of 4th Australian Division Artillery guns firing 272,000 rounds from January 1 until November 11, 1918."

Col Ahearn, who is the RAA Colonel Commandant Eastern Region, served in Vietnam with 102 Fd Bty, 12 Fd Regt, in 1968-69.

He was the unit's gun position officer during the Battle of Firebase Coral in May 1968.

Anyone interested in becoming involved can contact Col Ahearn at 18pounder@artilleryhistory.org

For more information on the 18-pounder gun, or to make a donation toward the gun's restoration and upkeep, visit www.artilleryhistory.org



Lt Harriet Pembroke (back row, third from right), with entrants in the Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Awards. Photo by Paul Matthews

Poetry a life-line for young officer

WO2 Andrew Hetherington

A LIEUTENANT from HQ 1 Div was the guest speaker at Australia's oldest and largest poetry competition for school children on August 29.

Lt Harriet Pembroke became involved with the national presentation of the 30th Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Awards at Gunnedah, NSW, after being approached by a competition committee member.

"A member of the Dorothea committee and Gunnedah local, Phillipa Murray, and I went to the same school in Sydney about 20 years apart," Lt Pembroke said.

"I taught her daughter, Holly, when I was a staff member at the school before I joined the Army.

"The committee thought an Army officer would be a good fit to be the guest speaker this year and Pip contacted with me."

During her speech to the winners, Lt Pembroke explained the role poetry played in her life during a deployment to the UAE and Afghanistan.

"My grandfather, Lt-Col Arthur 'Bushy' Pembroke, who fought in the Battle of Maryang San in the Korean War with 3RAR, gave me a book of

poems called *Treasury of Prayers for Now and Always* by Josline Mary to take with me when I deployed to the Middle East with Force Support Unit 8 last year," Lt Pembroke said.

"Initially I didn't realise what a life-line he had given me.

"It was poems from this book that pulled me out of my unproductive melancholia.

"Most of the time I didn't think there was any beauty around me, but in the world of poetry, life is full of beauty and wonder."

Lt Pembroke said the standard of poetry from all entrants in the competition was exceptional.

"One poem which stood out for me was by a 12-year-old Iranian asylum seeker, who won the assisted learning primary school award," she said.

"Her work was achingly beautiful and heartfelt. It was titled simply *Me* and explored the universal questions 'what is right?' and 'how do I fit in this world?'"

While in Gunnedah, Lt Pembroke was also given a tour of the town and answered questions for the children about her life in Army.

For more information on the awards, visit www.dorothea.com.au



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Taking it to the top

Soldiers support Prime Minister's visit to Arnhem Land in the Northern Territory

Capt James Hook and Flg-Off Daniel Phillips

IT WAS a long way to the top for members of 17 CSS Bde as they deployed to support the Prime Minister's visit to north-east Arnhem Land last month.

Following a request from Prime Minister Tony Abbott's office, the ADF sent personnel to Nhulunbuy in the Northern Territory to establish a camp for up to 150 people at Gulkala, the site of the annual Garma festival.

Contingent Commander Maj Tim Minion said the task was a great training opportunity.

"The amount of knowledge and experience gained from the activity was invaluable," he said.

"It was an excellent opportunity for 10FSB to exercise its long-haul transport capability. The planning and collecting of stores, combined with preparing for the different conditions between Townsville and Nhulunbuy, has been of immense benefit."

Fifty Army personnel built the camp in three days after travelling for five days, transporting all their supplies and equipment with them on the 6000km round-trip.

During the week-long stay at the camp Mr Abbott participated in PT sessions with the soldiers.

ICHB PTI Cpl Scott Williams said he enjoyed taking the sessions.

"Having the Prime Minister there certainly motivated everyone at PT," Cpl Williams said.

"Everybody perked up and put in, despite some of the early starts."

Soldiers at 3 Pl, 1 Ctr Coy, 10FSB, served up to 450 meals a day, and WO2 Kimberly Kiely said the Prime Minister's changing schedule kept the unit busy.

"The most challenging aspect was providing off-site catering for the Prime Minister's events throughout the week," she said.

A key event involving Army during Mr Abbott's visit was a memorial service at Yirrkala.

The service commemorated the 75th anniversary of the start of WWII, and recognised the participation of 50 Yolngu warriors in the conflict.

These men served in the Northern Territory Special Reconnaissance Unit (NTSRU), a force raised to combat the threat of Japanese invasion, which provided part of the inspiration for Norforce.



Prime Minister Tony Abbott (left) pushes a truck tyre as Pte Dylan Taylor (centre) and Pte Callum McCrae (right) run alongside him during a PT session with 17 CSS Bde and Norforce. Inset left, soldiers from Arnhem Sqn, Norforce, march into position to form a catafalque party around the Yirrkala war memorial. Inset right, Sgt Norman Daymirringu plays the yidaki (didgeridoo) during the commemoration ceremony at Yirrkala, marking the 75th anniversary of WWII. Photos by Cpl Bill Solomou

The Prime Minister, accompanied by Pte Gene Daniels, of Norforce, unveiled a plaque at the Yirrkala memorial to commemorate the service of Yolngu people in the defence of Australia.

Commander Focomd Maj-Gen Mick Slater laid a wreath at the ceremony, along with Norforce CO Lt-Col Matt Campbell.

"It is an honour to represent the current Norforce soldiers, many of

whom are descended from those 50 Yolngu warriors," Lt-Col Campbell said.

"In acknowledging our soldiers' forefathers, we are also recognising the origins of Norforce itself."

Soldiers from Arnhem Sqn, Norforce, provided the catafalque party for the service.

LCpl Reg Numamurdirdi, who has served with Norforce for 25 years, commanded the catafalque party.

"I was very proud to represent the Army and all Aboriginal people," he said.

"These Yolngu warriors were ready to fight using their spears."

Sgt Tommy Munyarryun, of Dhalinybuy, read the *Ode to the Fallen* in Yolngu Matha.

"My clan served in the war," Sgt Munyarryun said. "They were warriors. Now I am wearing green. I am proud to read the *Ode*."

Sgt Norman Daymirringu, of Ramingingin, played the yidaki (didgeridoo) while wreaths were laid, and also read the *Ode*.

"I played the yidaki on behalf of the elders past and present, and for Norforce and the NTSRU," he said.

"I played with a solemn sound to pay respect to everyone who came to the service."

LINK TO HERITAGE

Capt James Hook

A CHILD'S discovery on a remote Northern Territory beach is a reminder to Norforce soldiers of their unit's heritage.

Eight-year-old Nyesha Yambirrwy Burarrwanga found a button in the sand near her community of Garthalala in July. The button features the image of a crown above a wedge-tailed eagle in flight – the insignia of the RAAF.

OC Arnhem Sqn Maj Tim Robinson said the button was found about 1km from where Sqn-Ldr Donald Thomson established the base for his Northern Territory Special Reconnaissance Unit (NTSRU) during WWII.

"The NTSRU was a force of 50 Yolngu warriors, raised to combat the threat of Japanese invasion," he said.

"Sqn-Ldr Thomson was a legendary anthropologist who had been recruited by the RAAF to establish coast-watching networks in the South Pacific.

"The success of the NTSRU was part of the inspiration for the modern-day Norforce, and many of our soldiers are descended from the warriors who served with Sqn-Ldr Thomson."

Soldiers from Arnhem Sqn, including Sgt Tommy Munyarryun, were conducting a community engagement patrol to Garthalala, 70km south of their HQ in Nhulunbuy, when they learned of Nyesha's discovery.

Sgt Munyarryun has served with Norforce for 21 years, is Nyesha's relative and a kinsman of Binydjarrpuma and Bulambi, two of Sqn-Ldr Thomson's warriors.

"The button that Nyesha found is a memory of the Yolngu soldiers who lived at the camp and operated around Caledon Bay," he said.

As Nyesha told the Norforce soldiers how she found the button in the sand, she pointed to Maj Robinson's rank slide and said: "It had a crown like that one."

Nyesha handed the button to the Buku-Larrnggay Mulka Art Centre in Yirrkala.

As a small reward, Maj Robinson presented Nyesha with his Norforce shoulder patch.



OC Arnhem Sqn Maj Tim Robinson presents local girl Nyesha with his shoulder patch.

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Strengthening regional ties

Friendships form in New Zealand on FPDA exercise

LS Jayson Tufrey

MEMBERS of the Five Powers Defence Arrangement (FPDA) came together at Linton Military Camp, north of Wellington in New Zealand, for the 43rd iteration of Exercise Suman Warrior 2014 from September 15-26.

The name 'Suman' is derived from the first letter of the participating countries – Singapore, UK, Malaysia, Australia and New Zealand.

Each contingent provided about 30 personnel to the exercise.

Chief of Staff 1 New Zealand Bde Lt-Col Hamish Gibbons said one of the main goals of Suman Warrior was to strengthen regional ties.

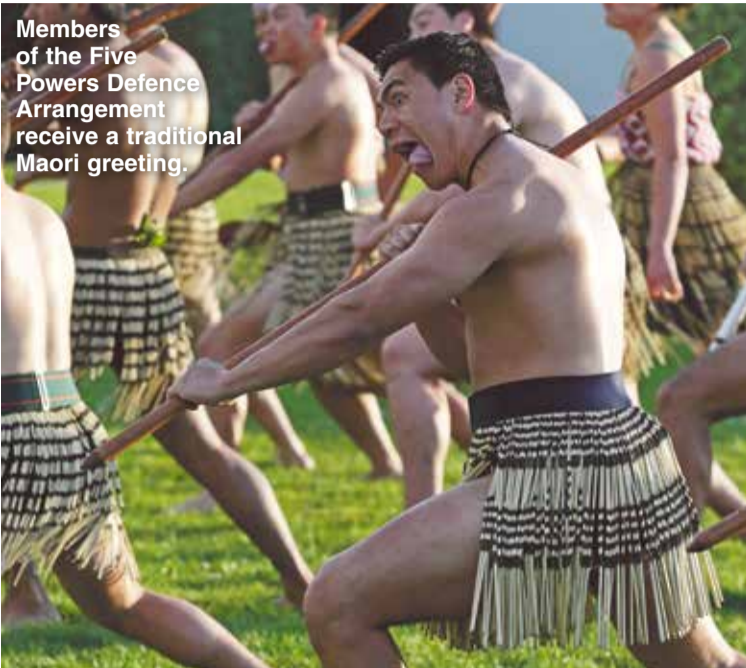
"This exercise is very important in terms achieving interoperability and joint planning amongst the five nations," he said.

Commander of the Australian contingent Lt-Col Peter Conroy said he was proud of the way the contingent performed.

"It was a valuable international engagement opportunity," he said.

"I think we have been very successful. It has helped having the majority of 3 Bde HQ here. We have worked together almost exclusively

Members of the Five Powers Defence Arrangement receive a traditional Maori greeting.



for the last seven months, so our planning and processes are well refined, and I think that was well reflected on this exercise.

"The contingent worked hard in every activity to generate a suitable plan for the running and the execution of the CPX.

"I think the Australian contingent collectively has contributed

immensely to the overall success in achieving all the objectives of the exercise."

As 3 Bde is pencilled in for Suman Warrior next year, which will be held in Singapore, Lt-Col Conroy said they were looking forward to solidifying some of the key lessons from this year's exercise.

Members of the Five Powers Defence Arrangement begin the planning phase of the Command Post Exercise. Inset, Singaporean Maj Tecklong Lim (left) and Aussie Capt Dan Nailer track data. Photos by LS Jayson Tufrey



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Systems bring CPX

LS Jayson Tufrey

A KEY part of Exercise Suman Warrior was the Command Post Exercise (CPX) during which personnel fought a fictitious insurgent enemy force operating in 'East Bekara', north of Wellington.

Taking part in his second Suman Warrior was Battle Group Intelligence Officer Maj Adam Sparkes.

"It has been an eye-opener seeing how other countries conduct their analysis – it's slightly different to the way we do business," he said.

"I've learnt some things that I'll be taking back home with me."

A rehearsal of concept drill was conducted as part of the CPX.

"This involved stepping through what we thought would happen with-

in the area of operations, identifying any issues or additional considerations and then strengthening our plan," Maj Sparkes said.

"My role was to provide intelligence on the enemy situation, as well as the chaos, uncertainty and friction the enemy threw at the joint task group as it moved into the area of operation," he said.

Throughout the CPX, the training serials were played out in real-time via simulation computers. Each morning the scenario advanced by 10 days. As a result, personnel engaged in a month-long simulated conflict in the space of three days.

Members of the Five Powers Defence Arrangement (FPDA) began training on the systems in the days leading up to the CPX.

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on Exercise Suman Warrior



Bringing people together

LS Jayson Tufrey

MILITARY personnel came together on a different battlefield early in Exercise Suman Warrior by contesting a round-robin competition of basketball, volleyball and soccer at Linton Military Camp.

Exercise participant Capt Tony Sulicich said it was a nice break from the formal side of the exercise.

"It's been great engaging with our international partners, and representing Australia," he said.

"It's important to conduct these sporting events on exercises like this as we get to relate to our international partners in a context beyond what we are doing here.

"It lets us build on those relationships and sets those foundations for greater international cooperation."

Sgt Rebecca Harvey said it was good to see everyone showing camaraderie though sport.

"One of the best things about sport is that it breaks down rank barriers and you get

Maj Steven McNaughton



Capt Tim Edge-Williams

to be yourself out on the court," she said.

The Australian contingent finished second overall behind host nation New Zealand.

The Aussies won the volleyball, were third in the soccer and fourth in the basketball.

Collaboration a key factor

LS Jayson Tufrey

DIGNITARIES from New Zealand, the UK, Malaysia and Singapore joined two senior ADF officers, AVM Bill Henman and Air-Cdre Ken Quinn, for a VIP visit to Linton Military Camp as Exercise Suman Warrior wrapped up.

Commander 1 NZ Bde Col Nick Gillard welcomed the VIP contingent. He said things had been done a little differently on Suman Warrior this year, which set a precedent for the future.

"We've tried to incorporate a lot of the learning points from previous Suman Warrior exercises to make it a more collaborative and a better experience for all," he said.

AVM Henman said he was impressed with the way everybody had been working together, which was one of the main themes of the exercise.

"It's less the nature of the problem and more how people deal with it in a collaborative manner we're trying to achieve here," he said.

"That seems to be well and truly accomplished."

into 21 century

Zealand trained exercise participants in the Matua and Sword systems, which allowed enemy engagements to be commanded and controlled.

The Matua system is similar to the Battlefield Management System used by Army for command and control.

Sword is the system that simulates the scenario by injecting all the variables into the battle space.

1 New Zealand Bde Planning Officer Maj Gareth Jones said Matua was an unclassified, off-the-shelf system that gave visibility of the battle-resolving units from brigade down to section level.

"This tool is specifically designed for the CPX and it gives everybody situational awareness of what is happening on the battlefield," he said.

"It is quite similar to the system

we use on operations. We could do it with paper and maps, but we're in the 21st century, so it's the way of the future.

"The program has all weapon capabilities programmed in to it, as well as probabilities of injuries and kills, so if somebody fires a rifle the computer tells us the result and there are no arguments."

Maj Jones said this was the first time Sword and Matua had been used during Suman Warrior.

Assistant Operations Officer at High Control Capt Dan Nailor said the training was great.

"Knowing the intricacies about what each country may be sensitive about could be challenging, but working with them and fostering relationships was definitely rewarding," he said.

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Indigenous program opens door to the ADF

Capt James Hook

THE 2014 Defence Indigenous Development Program (DIDP) has concluded with 19 men and seven women graduating from the five-month residential program at Batchelor in the Northern Territory.

Sixteen of the graduates intend to enlist full-time in the ADF, with 11 already having received offers, while most of the 26 graduates were enlisted in Norforce in April.

Two were already serving members of Norforce, while four were members of 51FNQR.

The DIDP provides young Indigenous adults with the life skills and confidence to secure continuous employment.

This is the sixth year of the DIDP, which is run at the Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education (BIITE), 110km south of Darwin.

Participants took part in an ADF study tour across Robertson Barracks, RAAF Base Darwin and HMAS Coonawarra. They also completed week-long placements in Defence Australian Public Service (APS) jobs

to give them an understanding of the many avenues of opportunity within the department.

Norforce CO Lt-Col Matt Campbell praised the graduates for their achievements over the intensive program, and acknowledged the impressive employment outcomes.

"We attribute much of this success to the increase in levels of junior NCO support and mentoring provided by personnel attached to Norforce from 51FNQR, 1 Bde, 3 Bde and 17 Bde," he said.

"Changes have also been made to the week-long placements. This year, they reflected the future job preferences indicated by the participants at the start of the course."

Lt-Col Campbell presented the graduates with their certificates at a parade in Batchelor in September, while the director of BIITE, Adrian Mitchell, gave the participants vocational education and training qualification certificates.

The 2014 Student of Merit was Pte Leroy Cobbo-Riley, of Brisbane, and the Most Improved Award went to Pte Alex Ambrum, of Mount Isa.

Pte Merynda Armstrong, of

Narrabri, and Pte Brandon King, of Katherine, were also recognised for their achievements during the program.

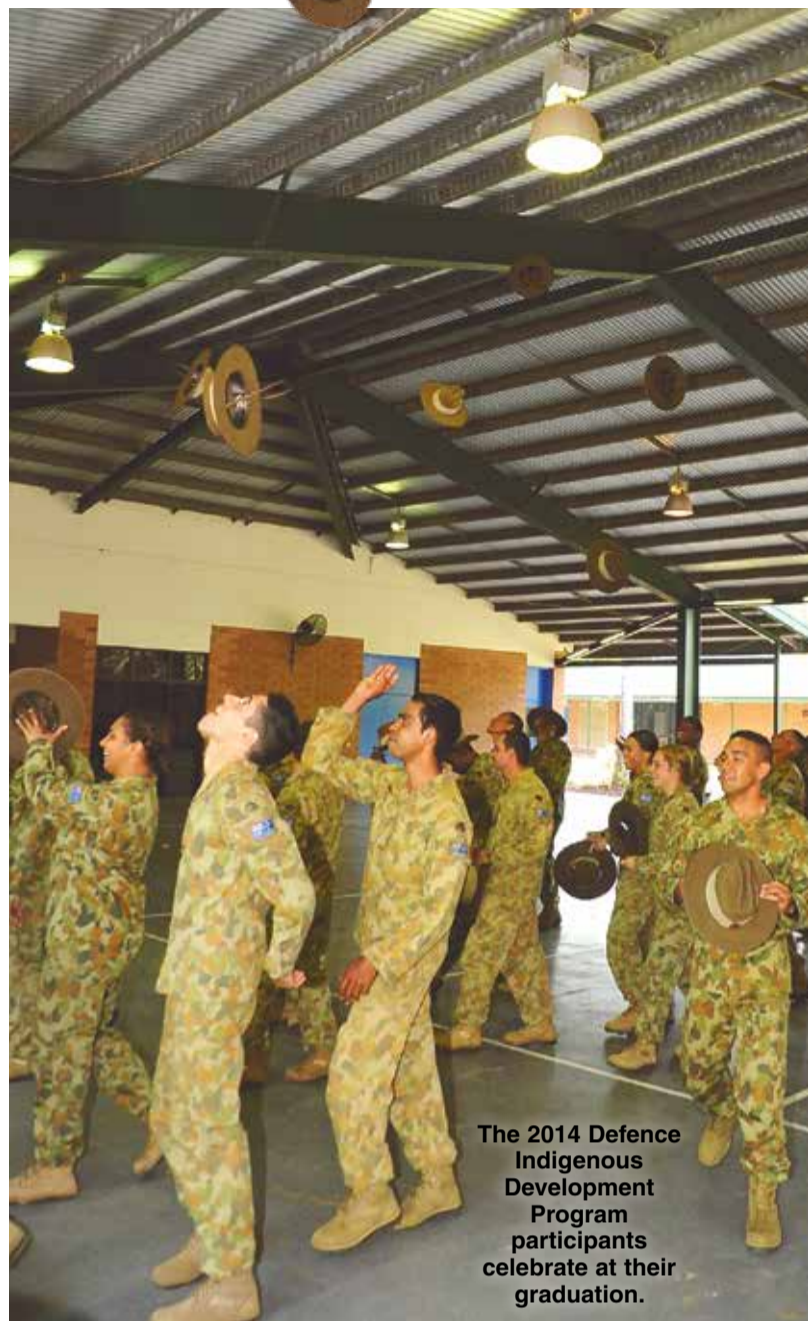
Director of Defence Indigenous Affairs Lisa Phelps said the program's achievements this year were outstanding.

"The DIDP graduates have gained Defence values and experiences that enable them to make choices which provide the key to unlocking positive and fulfilling futures," she said.

"The exceptional outcomes this year can be attributed to the efforts of the graduates and all those who played a role in delivering the program."

A further six graduates will focus on reserve careers with Norforce and 51FNQR, three are seeking full-time positions with the APS and one is focusing on full-time civilian employment while continuing as a reservist.

In addition, eight participants completed the Regional Force Surveillance Unit (RFSU) Combat Support Operators' Course, and 12 finished the RFSU Patrolman's Course.



The 2014 Defence Indigenous Development Program participants celebrate at their graduation.



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Ammo checks key to fight

➤ Aussie specialists inspect munitions bound for northern Iraq

Cpl Max Bree

ADF ammunition technicians have played a key part in ensuring the safe transportation of military stores to northern Iraq by RAAF C-17A Globemaster transport aircraft.

Senior Ammunition Technical Officer Maj Danny Rowe was in Albania with a reconnaissance party to inspect ammunition stores before shipment to Iraq.

"If the high-explosive rounds detonated in flight we would lose the aircraft and crew," Maj Rowe said.

"So before it flew we had to make sure everything was 100 per cent correct."

To ensure the coalition deliveries kept pace with supply, ammunition technicians from the US, UK and Canada made a start on the checks before the arrival of the Australian specialists.

"Most of the ammunition was in pristine condition, well looked after and well manufactured," Maj Rowe said.

"Some of the inspection work had already been completed.

"Our task was made a lot easier by the coalition personnel being on the ground."

Maj Rowe said his prior training had simplified the job of dealing with Eastern European ammunition.

"Before we left we had a detailed understanding of what ammunition we

If the high-explosive rounds detonated in flight we would lose the aircraft and crew.

– Maj Danny Rowe, Senior Ammunition Technical Officer

would carry and what to look for in case of a problem," he said.

"From a professional point of view it was very rewarding to practise my trade and use my skills with ammunition I wouldn't normally get to see."

Following his arrival in Albania, Maj Rowe helped check the first and second loads of munitions before flying out with the second shipment to Iraq on September 4.

Despite the violence in northern Iraq, Maj Rowe said he felt secure during the entire mission.

"If we had a very high threat level I don't think we would be flying a C-17A into that location," he said.

"But, if there was an issue, the aircrew are highly trained and prepared for any situation."

MORE AID FOR IRAQ

THE ADF has completed its fifth air shipment of military stores to Erbil in northern Iraq. A RAAF C-130J Hercules flying from Plovdiv, Bulgaria, completed the delivery on September 26.

Ammunition destined for Iraq is loaded aboard a RAAF C-17A Globemaster at Tirana International Airport, Albania. Photo by Sgt Hamish Paterson



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Reaching out to families in grief

Officer awarded for work with families of fallen soldiers

Sgt Dave Morley

THE man responsible for the welfare of the families of the 41 soldiers killed in Afghanistan was appointed a Member in the Military Division of the Order of Australia on September 19.

Lt-Col Brian Campbell received the award for exceptional performance of duty as Staff Officer Fatalities within Army HQ.

He said he was advised of the posting by his career manager about two weeks before he returned to Australia from Afghanistan in 2009, and had been doing the job ever since.

"I had no idea what the appointment entailed until I took up the position the following month," he said.

Lt-Col Campbell said the appointment had offered many challenges and some emotional moments.

"But I just have to think that the challenges and emotions that I experience are nothing compared to those the families face," he said.

"I think we owe it to them to assist them to deal with the difficult times they live with every day."

Lt-Col Campbell said he had got to know many families very well and caught up with them at every opportunity.



Lt-Col Brian Campbell (left) is congratulated by Governor-General Gen Sir Peter Cosgrove on his appointment as a Member in the Military Division of the Order of Australia.

Photo by Grace Costa

"Others are less available because they reside some distance away or would prefer to grieve in their own way," he said.

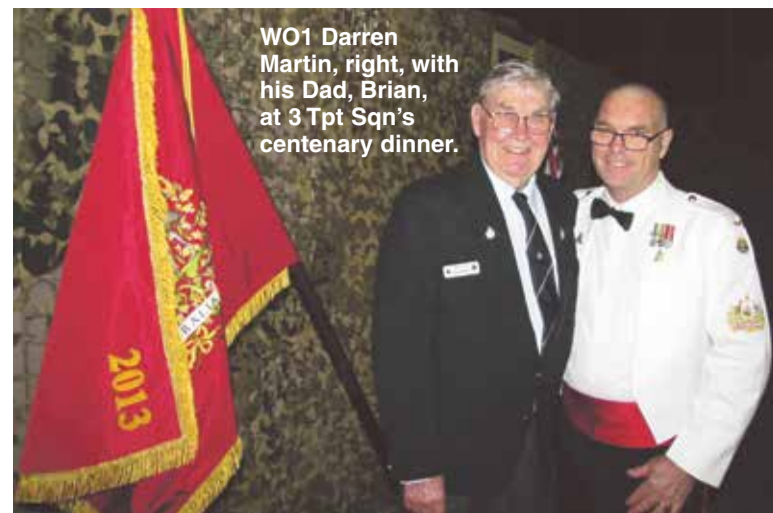
Lt-Col Campbell considered many of those he had contact with as his friends.

"I'll remain in contact with them

for many years and hope to catch up with them long after I leave the ADF," he said.

"They truly are a remarkable group that I hope does not grow.

"The families have a very strong support network and are in constant contact with each other."



WO1 Darren Martin, right, with his Dad, Brian, at 3 Tpt Sqn's centenary dinner.

Centenary celebration

Sgt Dave Morley

MORE than 140 people attended a dinner to commemorate the centenary of 3 Tpt Sqn at the 5CSSB RAEME Workshop in Banksmeadow, Sydney, on September 6.

OC 3 Tpt Sqn Maj Errol Christian said the centenary dinner was a fitting way to end several months of commemorative activities.

"These activities have highlighted the service and sacrifice of the members of 3 Tpt Sqn and its predecessor units, 3 Coy AASC and 3 Coy RAASC, which began in August 1914," he said.

Maj Christian said it had been a hectic year as the unit adapted to meet the requirements outlined under Plan Beersheba.

"The professionalism displayed by all of the soldiers in the squadron in meeting these challenges has made

me incredibly proud to have been the OC of the squadron in this memorable year," he said.

WO1 Darren Martin, of Bde Operational Support Coy at Holsworthy, volunteered to assist as a steward at the dinner, which was attended by his father, Brian Martin, a former 3 Tpt Sqn member who served during the 1960s and '70s.

WO1 Martin said 3 Tpt Sqn had helped him out a few times in the past and were short of volunteers.

"I also thought it would be nice to serve my Dad," he said. "He always spoke of how he enjoyed the Citizens' Military Forces so I paraded with 3 Tpt Sqn for a few nights in 1983, liked what I saw so applied for the ARA."

Pte Brendan McArthur, the unit's youngest member at 19 with two years' service up his sleeve, said he was honoured to be part of 3 Tpt Sqn during its centenary year.

"These two years have been the best two years of my life," he said.

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3CER are Watson's Challenge champs

Challenge fosters good-natured rivalry

Capt Travis Day

SAPPERS from 3CER prevailed over the signallers from 3CSR in a closely contested Watson's Challenge at Lavarack Barracks on September 11.

Teams from 3CER and 3CSR competed in a series of seven challenging team events designed to celebrate the shared history of the engineering and signals corps.

CO 3CER Lt-Col Rob Sanders said the Watson's Challenge was unique to 3 Bde and brought sappers and signallers together to commemorate the period from 1911-1925 when signallers were part of the Australian engineers.

"This is the first time the Watson's Challenge has been held since 2006. It builds on the already strong links between our corps through traditions such as the Waterloo Dinner," Lt-Col Sanders said.

"The events are all team-based and focused on all-corps activities to foster good-natured rivalry and competition.

"3CER was lucky this year and I'm sure the signallers will be looking forward to turning the tables in 2015.

"The two regiments managed to field a third of their strength as both units have troops deployed, or prepar-



3CER and 3CSR soldiers battle it out for the top title in the Watson's Challenge.

ing for deployment. It is important to reinstate some of the fun in soldiering, regardless of how busy we are."

The Watson's Challenge was named after Lt Stan Watson, a sapper signaller in WWI who achieved excellence in engineering and signals feats at Gallipoli in 1915.

Lt Watson constructed the first pier at Anzac Cove, enabling reinforcements and supplies to land, and was instrumental in running communications lines across the battlefield.

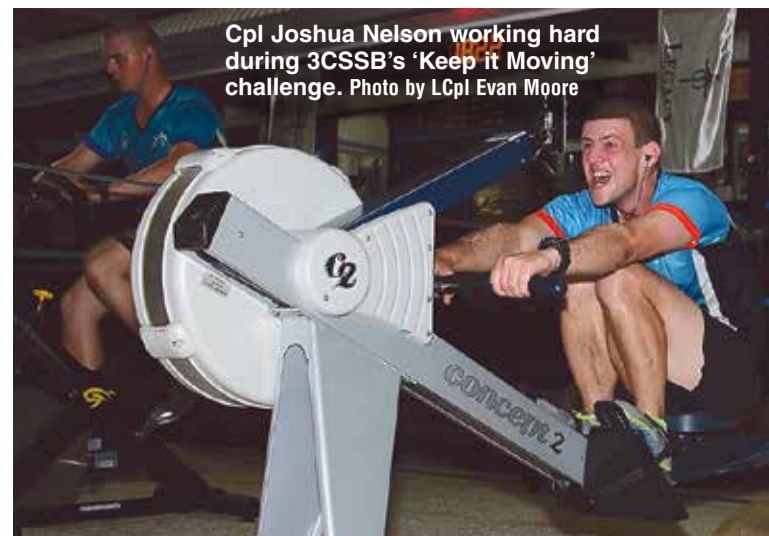
He sent the last message of "Evacuation Complete" from Gallipoli as the Anzac withdraw-

al culminated on the morning of December 20, 1915.

3CER prevailed in the assault boat river paddle, PESA-based soldier's challenge, tug of war and the swimming and running-based aquathon.

3CSR took the honours in the Land Rover service and push, touch football and chain-of-command relay.

With 3CSR charged with designing the competition for 2015, the Watson's Challenge has a bright future as a means to celebrate the shared history of two corps.



Cpl Joshua Nelson working hard during 3CSSB's 'Keep it Moving' challenge. Photo by LCpl Evan Moore

Fighting fit to support soldiers

Lt Dane Andrews

WAR fighting logisticians at 3CSSB completed an intense 24-hour challenge in September, called Keep it Moving, to raise money for Legacy.

Four teams of 12 kept their team's bike, rowing and running machines on the go for the gruelling hours.

Participant Pte William Henry said the challengers gave it their all, proving the physical robustness of the Australian soldier.

"I've been on the rowing machine for over six hours and can't stop for another two. I think once this is done I'm going to sleep for a week," he said.

CO 3CSSB Lt-Col Colin Bassett said he could not have been happier with the results.

"The activity was the first of its kind for 3CSSB and has raised over \$18,000 so far," he said.

"I'm very proud of the soldiers who competed in this event. This is now a permanent fixture on the 3CSSB training calendar."

Competitors were still hoping to make it to the \$20,000 mark to set the standard for next year's challenge.

"These activities demonstrate how one soldier's idea can bring a community closer together and inculcate the relationship we share with our veterans and for charities such as Legacy," Lt-Col Bassett said.

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Revving up for long ride

CDF launches motorcycle charity ride at Australian War Memorial

Cpl Mark Doran

ADF motorcyclists are contributing to the fight against prostate cancer in the Long Ride 2014, during which motorcyclists from across Australia will ride to Uluru.

CDF ACM Mark Binskin launched the ADF national support to the Long Ride at the Australian War Memorial in Canberra on September 26.

The CDF-led initiative supports the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia and aims to raise awareness and funds to combat the disease.

More than 230 Defence motorcyclists volunteered to support the Long Ride and so far they have raised more than \$100,000.

ACM Binskin said he had been a keen supporter of the Long Ride since it began in 2008.

"It's a good cause and a good chance for Defence men and women to come together and raise the issue of prostate cancer," he said.

"The reality at the moment is the majority of our workforce is male. To give you an idea of the effect prostate cancer will have on our Defence Force - 8000 males will be directly affected by it.

"This is not only about men's health and the welfare of my workforce, it's also about capability.

"We can address this by having

CDF ACM Mark Binskin farewells riders from Canberra.
Photo by Cpl Mark Doran



everyone talking about blokes' issues, which is hard to do because blokes don't normally talk about them."

Lt-Col John Duff, of DG Personnel-Army, is riding a 2013 BMW F800 in the Long Ride.

He said the main reason he was participating was because it was a great cause and would encourage men to talk to each other about their health issues.

"I have been fundraising for Prostate Cancer Foundation over

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the last few months, so I am looking forward to just putting petrol in the tank and getting on with the ride," he said.

For more information on the Long Ride, visit www.the-long-ride-tm-2013.com

Better messaging

Kate Graneek

DEFENCE'S formal messaging capability will be extended and simplified with the introduction of the Military Messaging Handling System (MMHS).

The new system will make it easier to create, send and manage formal messages on the DRN and DSN.

Head of ICT Operations Maj-Gen Michael Milford said MMHS would "provide Defence improved connectivity with allies and government through a simplified, user friendly web application".

The MMHS will integrate with the existing deployed and tactical messaging environments. Users will see a seamless transition of messages between the fixed DSN and the DRN, and deployed and tactical units.

The MMHS will automatically manage the transition of message features between the two environments, but some features in the MMHS, such as the use of attachments, will not be available in deployed and tactical environments, which will remain with legacy connections.

An initial release group of users from HMAS Harman, Russell Offices and HMAS Kuttabul are scheduled to migrate to the MMHS in November.

The remaining Defence Formal Messaging System users who are not accessing via legacy connections are scheduled to be migrated in December.

For more information visit <http://ciogintranet/organisation/ICTOD/DSCB/NDCC/Pages/MMHS.aspx> or see Defgram 532/2014.

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Fired up with ANA

Officer writes the rule book for the first fully functional Afghan Tactical Air Coordination team, **Leut Peter Croce** reports.

CAPT Cooper Dale is playing a leading role in re-writing the book on artillery operations and air space safety with the Afghan National Army (ANA).

Capt Dale is the key Australian Joint Fires Adviser at the Australian-led 205th Corps Coalition Advisory Team at Kandahar, Afghanistan, for Operation Slipper.

The artillery officer advises an ANA colonel who has pioneered the first fully functional and operational Afghan Tactical Air Coordination (ATAC) unit in Afghanistan.

He said the ATACs coordinated close combat attack support to the ANA and deconflicted airspace to ensure the safety of commercial and military aircraft across Afghanistan.

"I am the Fires Adviser to the Head of the 205th Hero Corps Artillery Chief," he said.

"I advise him on the training, employment and development of about 500 ANA gunners and the artillery capability as a whole.

"In Australia I am a Joint Fires

Observer and coordinate artillery, naval gun fire and close air support to support ground manoeuvre."

He said he was lucky as all artillery soldiers around the world had an unbridled respect and enthusiasm for gunnery.

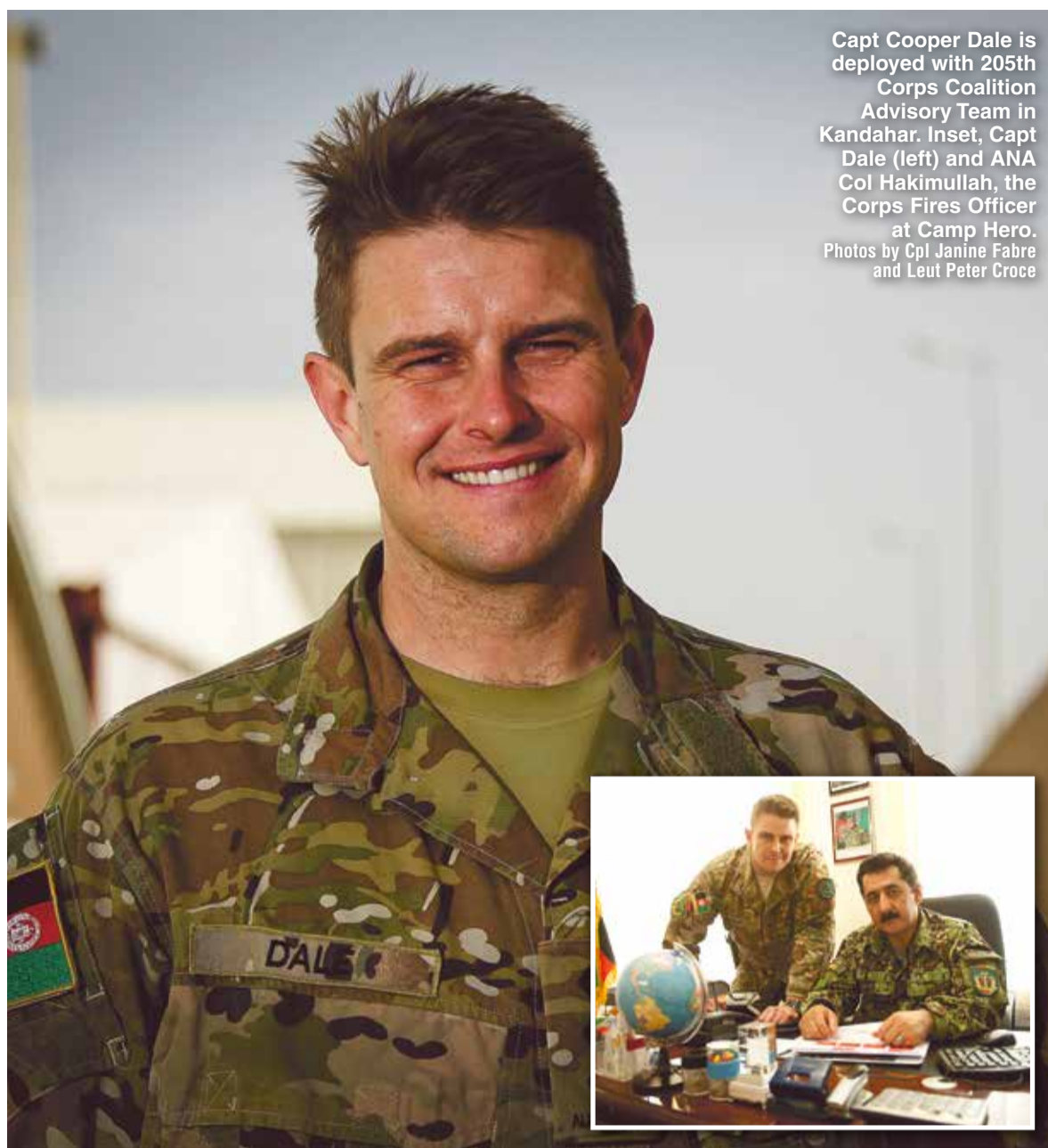
"The relationship between me and my counterpart is excellent because of this shared interest in artillery," he said.

"We are having a good impact on their capability through the provision of training, and artillery has been successfully used by the ANA against the insurgency without any ISAF assistance – this is a good result."

He said there were still people in Afghanistan working hard to secure the future of the country.

"We provide daily support to the ANA 205 Hero Corps that is fighting and winning in southern Afghanistan and holding the strategically important city of Kandahar," he said.

"Afghanistan it is still a dangerous environment where you have to be on your guard at all times."



Capt Cooper Dale is deployed with 205th Corps Coalition Advisory Team in Kandahar. Inset, Capt Dale (left) and ANA Col Hakimullah, the Corps Fires Officer at Camp Hero. Photos by Cpl Janine Fabre and Leut Peter Croce

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Laser-guided rocket trial

Explosive Woomera tests change the way Army and Navy fight in the air, **Off-Cdt Alexandra Hendry** reports.

AEROSPACE Operational Support Group (AOSG) has successfully trialled a laser-guided rocket for Army and Navy helicopters that will bridge the gap between unguided rockets and larger and more expensive guided munitions, such as Hellfire.

Aircraft Stores Compatibility Engineering (ASCENG) Sqn, in conjunction with DMO's Guided Weapons Branch and BAE Systems, successfully launched seven Advanced Precision Kill Weapon System (APKWS) rockets in a ground trial at the Woomera Prohibited Area from August 18-22.

A flight trial of the APKWS using Tiger aircraft from 1 Avn Regt is slated for mid-November. If successful, APKWS could enter service with the Tiger and Navy's Seahawk Romeo in the future.

1 Avn Regt Tiger Forward Arming

and Refuelling Point Supervisor Sgt Timothy Thompson said the rockets were user-friendly.

"We haven't needed any additional training to learn how to manage and load these rockets; they're really easy to use," he said.

ASCENG Sqn Rotary Wing Flight Commander Maj David Paterson said the APKWS was an easy-to-use, cost-effective, flexible system that had the potential to expand both helicopters' range of precision effects.

"The APKWS guidance section is a mid-body design, which means it simply screws in between the warhead and rocket motor," he said.

"Because of this mid-body modular design, other warheads and rocket motors can be considered."

This trial was the first time the APKWS guidance section had been incorporated into an FZ rocket and shot from an FZ launcher. This may provide

Army with an opportunity to leverage existing FZ inventory with the same APKWS guidance capability that is available with the Hydra rocket.

In a parallel effort, a Tiger ferry tank fitted with a hardened nose cap, designed to protect against debris ejected from rockets and missiles fired from the helicopter, was also tested.

Manufactured by Airbus Helicopters Composites in Brisbane, the nose cap will extend the combat endurance of Tiger by up to two hours with weapons fitted, and enable the safe operation of on-board rockets, missiles and guns.

Airbus Group Australia Pacific Stores Clearance and Armament Systems Engineer Andrew Harrison said the hardened ferry tank was positioned next to the APKWS rocket launcher ground test rig during firing to closely simulate use on a Tiger.

"We fired rockets next to the ferry tank throughout the whole rocket trial

and it was completely unharmed," Mr Harrison said. "From here, we will finalise the hardened ferry tank design, and have it manufactured and in service on Tiger by the end of the year."

SO1 Attack and Light Helicopter Section Lt-Col Mark Zammit said international and inter-agency cooperation on both the APKWS and hardened ferry tank projects was commendable.

"These capabilities are part of options being considered by Army to extend the combat range, lethality and enhance the precision effects of the Tiger aircraft," Lt-Col Zammit said.

"From idea to testing, the APKWS has taken only four months. This would not have been possible were it not for the extraordinary level of cooperation and the hard work of everyone involved."

Key stakeholders responsible for the project include AOSG, Aviation Branch

in HQ Forcomd, Guided Weapons Branch in DMO, BAE Systems, Airbus Group Australia Pacific and the Australian Embassy in Washington, US.

OC Development and Test Wing Gp-Capt Ross Bender said the ground trial could not have succeeded without the support of ASCENG Sqn and AOSG.

"The ability of the dedicated Army, Air Force and Australian Public Service personnel within ASCENG Sqn to provide aircraft stores compatibility engineering, technical support and advice for the project in a timely manner has ensured the best possible future for the project," Gp-Capt Bender said.

If successful at flight test, the APKWS will be considered as an option to bridge the gap between the long range high value Hellfire and the shorter range 30mm gun and improve the range of precision effects available from Tiger.



An Advanced Precision Kill Weapon System laser-guided rocket is launched during a trial at Woomera. Inset, Sgt Timothy Thompson (left), Tpr Cameron Hunter (centre) and Cpl Jeremy Dale, of 1 Avn Regt, participate in the trial.

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Dispelling medal myths

LEARNING HUMILITY FROM FELLOW DIGGERS

Sharon Palmer

MAJ-GEN Gordon Maitland (ret'd) is known as the senior remaining Australian Army officer who saw service in WWII, but it is his role as a reserve officer and his contribution over the past 30 years that has made him a legend.

"My service highlights are all the results of my last four years in office in Canberra when I was the only reserve officer to head a branch of Army," he said.

"The establishment of the Order of Australia eliminated Army long-service medals. I fought and got them back (the RFD, RFM and DFM).

"When the Russians invaded Afghanistan, the government ordered the Army Reserve be increased by 40 per cent; I did it!" But, he said, it wasn't until he left the Army that he had one of his biggest triumphs, one reservists would have been most happy about.

"I waited until I was out of the Army before entering the political arena where I won the battle for reserve pay to be tax free."

Describing his service in WWII as "colourless", he said he



CA Lt-Gen David Morrison (left) and Maj-Gen Gordon Maitland (right) at Maj-Gen Maitland's book launch in Sydney. Photo by LS Peter Thompson

found himself in roles requiring brain more than brawn.

"I was an infanteer with the usual mix of regimental and staff postings, but they kept on putting me into intellectual roles rather than those requiring the valorous deed," Maj-Gen Maitland said.

Despite this he said he learnt some valuable life lessons from those around him after starting Army life thinking he was a cut above the rest of the diggers.

"At the end of my first night, having filled my paillassé, I looked to see who I was sleeping next to," he said.

"I was a university student with an exaggerated opinion of myself and was horrified to find he was a completely illiterate boundary rider. He and I became the closest of mates. I taught him how to sign his name and he taught me humility; he was a better private soldier than I was."

A WWII digger who became a general has launched a new book detailing every Australian Army honour and award, **Michael Brooke** reports.

A UNIQUE book entitled *Honours and Awards of the Army*, which tells the story of every Australian Army medal, including the Victoria Cross, was launched by CA Lt-Gen David Morrison at NSW Parliament House, Sydney, on September 17.

CA said the 248-page book by Maj-Gen Gordon Maitland (ret'd) was a special and significant publication because honours and awards were how society remembered the sacrifices and deeds of its military personnel.

"Yet there are very few readable publications that explain the honours and awards presented to military personnel who put service to their country before themselves," he said.

Lt-Gen Morrison said the book was such a compelling read that he could not put it down for more than two hours, after he initially intended to thumb through it in 20 minutes.

"This book records how we as a nation and a society recognise military service, and is presented in a way that is eminently readable," he said.

The book details every Army honour and award presented since the pre-Federation days, through two world wars, peacekeeping missions and operations in Afghanistan.

CA said the book was concise because of the perspective and insight of Maj-Gen Maitland, who was the only soldier to join the 2nd Australian Imperial Force as a recruit and rise to the rank of major general.

"I was struck at just how well this book was put together and how it far exceeded the highest expectations," Lt-Gen Morrison said.

Maj-Gen Maitland said he wrote

such a specialist book because he was worried about the myths that had replaced fact about honours and awards.

"Everyone thinks the metal for the Victoria Cross came from cannons captured from the Russians in the Crimean War," he said.

"Poppycock – the metal came from Chinese cannons and no one knows how they came to be in a British ordnance depot."

Maj-Gen Maitland said he was waiting for someone else to write a similar book, but the reluctance by qualified historians to do a specialist book which might not be commercially successful drove him to do it himself.

He was also inspired to write the book because a large number of Australians had medals which they treasured, but very few people knew the stories behind them.

"I have met many war widows who do not know what their husbands' medals were and why they were awarded," he said. "So this is a reference book with every relevant medal covered, and not one omitted."

Maj-Gen Maitland said his biggest challenge in compiling an accurate reference book was getting the images of the medals and ribbons to the standard that would command professional respect.

"To properly research the origins of Australian Army medals I also had to delve into British Army history, which was a real painstaking labour of love," he said.

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CDF ACM Mark Binskin speaks at the Annual Civil Society Dialogue in Canberra. Photo by Lauren Larking

Driving change

Defence is making significant progress in support of the National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security.

THE National Action Plan (NAP) on Women, Peace and Security is not just an issue for women, according to CDF ACM Mark Binskin.

Speaking at the Annual Civil Society Dialogue at the Australian National University on September 23, CDF announced the ADF's significant progress in support of the NAP.

ACM Binskin said men also needed to focus on the principles contained in the NAP. He highlighted a series of measures to drive members to understand, analyse and respond to the different needs and concerns of local men and women in communities affected by conflict.

"Defence is committed to ensuring that gender perspective is considered in the planning and conduct of operations, whether on land, or at sea through border protection and other maritime activities," he said.

"Our initiatives are centred on ensuring policies, tools and practices for operations that promote a more detailed analysis of the culture, society and environment.

"These initiatives must take into account the needs and concerns of men and women, boys and girls."

Defence's progress to date includes women, peace and security (WPS) goals in the Defence Corporate Plan and Defence Annual Plan, the incorporation of WPS principles in all military

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- Visit <http://intranet.defence.gov.au/vcdf/sites/NAPWPS> and become familiar with the UN Security Council Resolution, the NAP and definitions of gender.
- Use the tools on the website to deliver training to your workplace.
- Attend a women, peace and security awareness session.
- Identify areas in your workplace where gender considerations can or should be applied in the planning and execution of activities.
- Identify training that could prepare

you for a role in female or cultural engagement, or gender adviser activities on operations.

- Consider inviting a civil society organisation to talk to your workplace about the importance of women, peace and security.
- Support International Women's Day activities in March 2015.

Any enquires can be directed to Capt Jennifer Wittwer, RAN, at jennifer.wittwer@defence.gov.au

operational planning directives and joint doctrine development, and the establishment of a gender adviser position at HQ Joint Operations Command.

Defence also deploys personnel on operations as gender advisers in Afghanistan and recently gender advisers participated in Exercise Kakadu.

"Our primary focus is on increasing operational effectiveness through the role of women in fragile, conflict and post-conflict settings," CDF said.

"The participation of women in the ADF, and across Defence, plays an important part in this agenda.

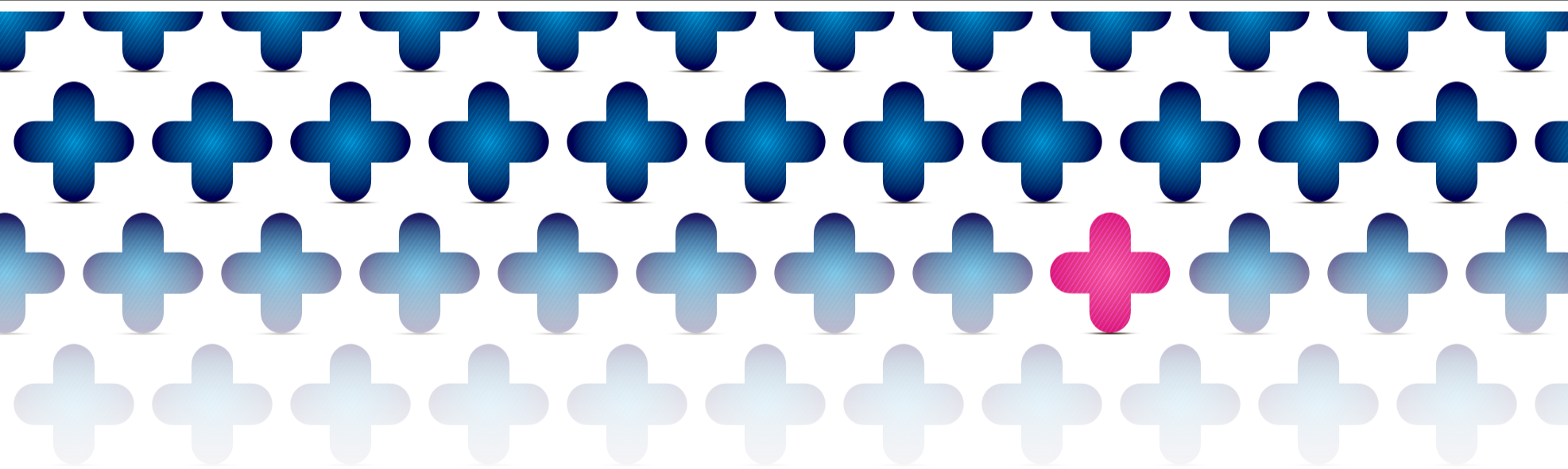
"ADF personnel can expect to hear more about this important initiative in the coming months under a Defence wide engagement plan, particularly in relation to how Defence is implement-

ing the NAP and embedding WPS into our core business, and how it impacts them."

Borne out of UN Security Council Resolution 1325, which recognises the disproportionate impact of armed conflict on women and girls and highlights the involvement of women in peace processes, the NAP identifies strategies and actions that Australia has committed to and will implement over a six-year period ending in 2018.

Defence is responsible for contributing to implementation of 17 of the 24 NAP actions.

Defence's response to the NAP ensures that policies and programs align with international measures to ensure a more comprehensive approach to operations and peacekeeping.



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DCO provides deployment support

Miranda Ball

THE Defence Community Organisation (DCO) has encouraged soldiers to tell their families about the support services available during deployments.

DCO provides welfare and support services to families, including assistance for partners' education and employment, help with childcare, help for families during emergencies and education assistance for children.

Deputy Director Military Support Lt-Col Glyn Llanwarn said the all-hours Defence Family Helpline was staffed by human services professionals such as social workers and psychologists.

"They're available to connect military families to support resources or help them through difficult times," Lt-Col Llanwarn said.

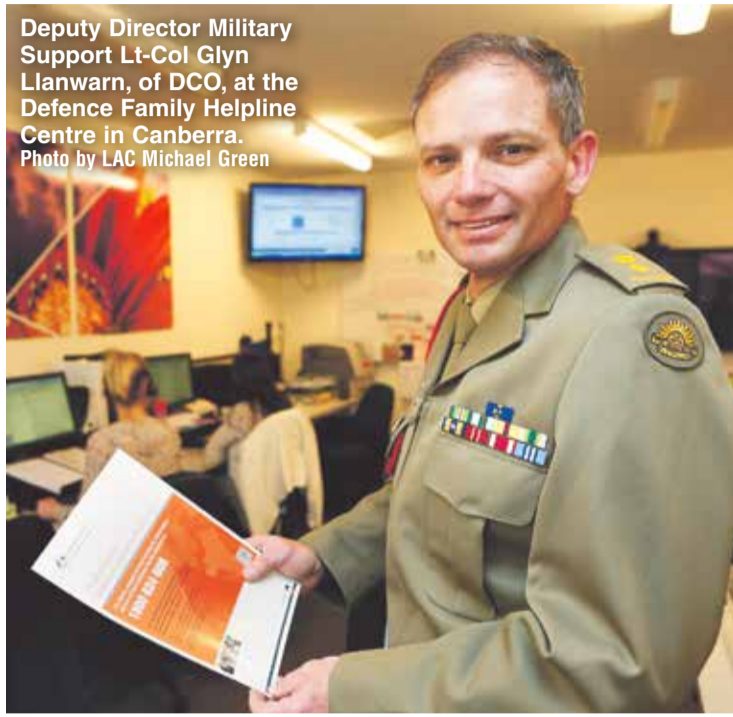
"By calling the helpline, families can register to receive deployment support calls while their ADF member is away from home.

"We can help families plan for the unexpected 'what ifs' that may crop up while their spouse is absent, and connect them with support services."

For detailed information about managing deployment, families can download the *Deployment Support Booklet* from DCO's website.

"It's a one-stop-shop for

Deputy Director Military Support Lt-Col Glyn Llanwarn, of DCO, at the Defence Family Helpline Centre in Canberra.
Photo by LAC Michael Green



information about preparing for deployment, what to expect before, during and after a deployment, and how to access additional support if needed," Lt-Col Llanwarn said.

Included is a member and family care plan, which helps families document financial arrangements, home maintenance issues, legal considerations, medical needs and emergency plans.

"The plan can help your family assess how ready you all are for your absence and identify issues you haven't thought about yet," Lt-Col Llanwarn said.

"You can even work through the plan with one of our helpline staff."

The Defence Family Helpline is 1800 624 608. For more information visit www.defence.gov.au/dco

IN BRIEF

Operational medal

ADF personnel serving on Operations Manitou or Accordion can now qualify for the Australian Operational Service Medal (OSM) – Greater Middle East Operation. The OSM – Greater Middle East Operation may be awarded for 30 days continuous or aggregated service on either operation. The Operational Service Badge will be issued with the first award of an OSM. An ADF member on a second or subsequent deployment to Manitou or Accordion may be awarded an accumulated service device on completion of the prescribed qualifying period. Personnel do not need to apply for these awards, as nominal lists are being provided to the Directorate of Honours and Awards through established channels. The first OSM – Greater Middle East Operation were presented to members of the Combat Support Unit for their service on Operation Accordion on September 26.

White Paper

SOLDIERS are invited to have their say on Australia's future defence objectives, capabilities and policy. Public submissions on the 2015 White Paper will be accepted until October 29. Topics to consider include: is Defence heading in the right direction; what should the ADF be able to do; what Defence capabilities should the government invest in now and for the long term; and what is the right organisational structure for Defence? Submissions need not be lengthy and can address any relevant topic. Guidelines on submissions can be found at www.defence.gov.au/white-paper

DATSIN conference

THE Defence Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Network (DATSIN) conference will be held at Gallipoli Barracks, Enoggera, from November 5-7. Members wishing to attend are to gain their supervisors endorsement and nominate by 4pm on October 17 using the registration form at intranet.defence.gov.au/People/Sites/diversity or www.defence.gov.au/code/indigenous/support/Default.asp. Travel, accommodation and meal costs will be funded by Defence Indigenous

Affairs. Attendance at the conference will be considered duty. More information is in Defgram 545/2014.

GG academic talks

FORMER Governor-General Maj-Gen Michael Jeffrey (retd) will deliver a speech at Victoria University's Sir Zelman Cowen Centre at 5.30pm on October 15. Maj-Gen Jeffrey will address 'A soldier's thoughts on national problem solving – observations of a former General, Governor and Governor-General'. The address is at the Victoria University College of Law and Justice at 295 Queen Street, Melbourne and ADF members are encouraged to attend.

Peacekeeping day

PEACEKEEPER veterans and their families gathered to commemorate National Peacekeepers' Day at the UN Peacekeeping Memorial Site on Anzac Parade, Canberra, on September 15. Australian Peacekeeping Memorial Project Chair Maj-Gen Tim Ford said his committee had a fully detailed, documented and approved design for the Australian Peacekeeping Memorial. "Once we have the assured funding we can complete construction in nine months," he said. For more information on the proposed memorial, visit www.peacekeepingmemorial.org.au

Security excellence

THE Army SharePoint Team were finalists in the Outstanding Contribution to Security by a Team category in the third annual Defence Excellence in Security Awards in Canberra on September 17. Team supervisor Ray Spoor said SharePoint was a web-based collaboration tool that enabled the sharing and collaborative development of ideas and documentation. "It became apparent during an investigation that Army SharePoint sites were easily accessible within Defence by staff who did not need to know," he said. "Director Enabling Systems Development – Army directed the team to look at the problem and develop a solution to address the issue." He said the solution had to be secure but allow non-technical staff to manage access to their data.



AN INVITATION TO USE SEMPRO SUPPORT SERVICES

My name is Group Captain Dee Gibbon and I am currently the Head of the ADF's Sexual Misconduct Prevention and Response Office (SeMPRO). We have become aware, through our work in SeMPRO, that there may be members of the ADF who have experienced incidents of sexual assault or misconduct, but for a range of valid reasons, have chosen not to make a formal report about their experience.

We are also aware that there may be some distrust issues and concerns about confidentiality in relation to calling SeMPRO for support. I would like to personally assure you that SeMPRO offers a completely discrete and safe avenue for members to call to discuss their experiences. People who call SeMPRO are not obligated to provide any identifying information that they feel uncomfortable providing, including their name, rank, location or any other personal details.

SeMPRO responders are all highly trained professionals with expertise in counselling and sexual assault support. We know that talking about experiences can be the first critical step in the healing process. For this reason, I urge all members who have been impacted by a sexual offence in any capacity to call our empathetic and experienced response team on 1800 SeMPRO (1800 736776). The 1800 SeMPRO line operates twenty four hours a day, seven days a week. You can also visit our website at <http://www.defence.gov.au/sempro/>.

SeMPRO staff will also help people who may feel impacted within their role of supporting others or managing sexual offence incidents. We often take calls from Commanders, friends, peers and family members who become aware of or have incidents of sexual assault reported to them. SeMPRO is here for you and only a phone call away. Once again, our number is 1800SEMPRO (1800 736776).

Yours sincerely

DEE GIBBON
Group Captain
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Discipline simply, quickly

■ Maintaining confidence in the system

Capt Scott Ritchie, RAN
Director Military Discipline Law

WHEN introduced into the ADF military discipline system in 1995, the discipline officer scheme was aimed to provide a simplified procedure to enable certain minor infringements to be dealt with simply, speedily and justly.

The discipline officer scheme is set out in Part IXA of the *Defence Force Discipline Act 1985* (DFDA) and is explained in detail in Chapter 5 Volume 3 of the *Discipline Law Manual* (DLM).

An important aspect of the discipline officer scheme is that disciplinary infringements have a limited lifespan of 12 months, after which time they must be removed from the disciplinary infringement register.

The utility of the scheme has been reinforced, especially over the past decade, with a notable increase in the number of discipline infringements being issued.

In his recent annual report for 2013, the Inspector General of the ADF reported an increase of almost 22 per cent in discipline infringements, which represented an all time high of 5383 disciplinary infringements issued in 2013.

The report suggested the historic increase in disciplinary infringements did not represent an increase in misconduct, but rather a greater resolve to deal with

minor misconduct as part of the commitment to change the culture of the ADF.

The report also noted that, while audited units frequently have authorised relevant officers in standing orders, those officers were often either not informed of their authorisation or were not adequately trained to issue disciplinary infringements.

Further, the report noted that in audited units, discipline officers often failed to prepare monthly reports and audited units often failed to prepare six-monthly statistical returns as required. Personnel responsible for administering the discipline officer scheme in their unit are strongly encouraged to ensure the scheme operates in accordance with the DFDA and the guidance contained in the DLM.

Any questions or requests for training support should be raised through the chain of command or with legal staff.

The procedural requirements and administration that exists in the discipline officer scheme are considered to be the minimum necessary to ensure the scheme operates in accordance with its aims: simply, quickly and fairly.

A properly functioning discipline officer scheme will substantially contribute to maintaining confidence in the military discipline system and to supporting the ADF's evolving cultural reforms.

A copy of the report is available at http://intranet.defence.gov.au/igadff/sites/_home/ComWeb.asp?page=2424



AUGUST TRIAL RESULTS

All Court Martial and Defence Force Magistrate trial results are subject to command review and appeal. The results indicated are of trials across the ADF.

OR

Defence Force Magistrate

One charge of assault another person – DFDA s 33(a)

One charge of insubordinate conduct – DFDA s 26(2)

The member was accused of making a threatening remark and gesture towards a member and of insubordinate conduct towards another member. The member pleaded not guilty to both charges, but was found guilty of both charges. The member was sentenced to 35 days detention (wholly suspended) and severely reprimanded.

NCO (former)

Defence Force Magistrate

One charge of making a false entry in service document – DFDA s 55(1)(b)

One charge of knowingly making false or misleading statement in relation to application for benefit – DFDA s 56(1)

The member was accused of making a false application for a benefit and of making a false statement in support of the application. The member pleaded guilty to both charges and was found guilty of both charges. Member was fined \$500.

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Defence Force Magistrate

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Putting in for Legacy

Soldiers raise \$53,000 for Legacy in ALTC challenge

Cpl Aaron Curran and Tpr Damien Richardson

AFTER eight gruelling hours of effort, participants in the Legacy 8 Hour at the Army Logistics Training Centre (ALTC) at Bandiana raised an impressive \$53,000 for Legacy.

Now in its ninth year, the event was held at Gaza Ridge Barracks on August 29 and included more than 197 participants.

Cpl Taryn Barbara, an ALTC PTI, said Legacy was something very close to every soldier's heart.

"In 2006, the organisation, which relies heavily on fundraising, inspired two ALTC soldiers to run 100km together in 10 hours," she said.

"By doing this WO2 Wayne Heath and WO2 Pat Thomas raised more than \$8000 for Legacy."

In the spirit of this undertaking, the Albury Wodonga Military Area (AWMA) founded a similar event that has been conducted annually to continue to raise money for Legacy.

WO2 Heath said they started the event to challenge themselves and raise funds for local Legacy families.

"Seeing how large it has become is fantastic," he said.

Over the years the event developed into what is now the Legacy 8 Hour, with the addition of mountain bike, walking and team categories to encourage more entrants.

"Some people travelled from

the ADF Physical Training School (ADFPTS) at HMAS Cerberus, Australia's Federation Guard in Canberra and Kapooka to take part," Cpl Barbara said.

"The race started at 7am with no new laps to begin after 2.40pm, and was hotly contested across all categories."

She said the event was a success because of the tremendous effort of the members and supporting staff within the AWMA.

"We generated the \$53,000 through donations, raffles and work activities and fundraisers," she said.

"Such a success cannot be achieved without the efforts and support from all involved – especially from the participants, who took on the challenge, putting their bodies on the line in order to raise funds for an organisation that is very close to all our hearts."

The 26 members of the ADFPTS who participated in the event achieved impressive results.

Pte Amanda Morris won the female solo category after completing 12 laps of the circuit – a total of 60km.

"Coming from a sprinting background I never thought I'd be able to run a marathon, let alone 60km," she said.

"It hurt, but I'm proud of my achievements for a great cause."

A four-person team from the ADFPTS won the mixed team title after completing a combined 22 laps



Cpl Cameron Justice, of ALTC, participates in the mountain bike leg of the Legacy 8 Hour.

(110km), while four other members took their challenge back to the roots as they completed the event carrying 30kg packs.

"We thought it would be interesting to incorporate pack work in an endurance event like this," Cpl Benjamin Nott said.

"The 5km legs quickly became a race for time against our teammates as we're all naturally competitive."

Cpl Barbara said the 2015 event was anticipated to again exceed all previous iterations.

"Get a team, get on board and help support a good cause," she said.

Legacy and the services it provides support the widows and families of past and present ADF members who have given their lives or their health for their country.

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Spr Simon Young (left) and Tonga Defence Force soldier LCpl Michael Hateni at work during construction of the Wutunugurra community centre, as part of the Army Aboriginal Community Assistance Program.
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Pte Melissa Cole chats with Epennara School student Xavier about snake safety during a visit to the school by the Army Aboriginal Community Assistance Program team.
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Pte Mark McCormick, of 3RAR, secures an area within the method of entry building during the annual 3RAR military skills competition at Lavarack Barracks, Townsville.
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Cpl Joshua Payne pumps fresh water into storage bladders at Camp Birt where the soldiers live and work as part of the Army Aboriginal Community Assistance Program.
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Staying connected



Check your mental health and ask your mates "are you okay?" on October 10, **Capt Dom Sander** reports.

ADF members understand the importance of good physical fitness, but mental health professionals say maintaining good mental health is equally important.

Director Strategic and Operational Mental Health Col Nicole Sadler said 'Staying Connected' had been chosen as the theme for this year's ADF Mental Health Day on October 10, because building and maintaining supportive social connections had a positive effect on mental health.

"It doesn't matter where your support network comes from; it can range from your family and friends, to your colleagues or other social groups," she said.

Col Sadler stressed the importance of making sure there were people in your life you could turn to when you were going through difficult times.

"It's crucial that you have people by your side who can give you support when you need it," she said.

Col Sadler said military service could be demanding for both ADF members and their families, particularly when it came to deployments or facing the next posting cycle.

"Sometimes work can be challenging for ADF members and this can also have an effect on their family life," she said.

While some may be reluctant about coming forward with a problem, Col Sadler emphasised the importance of seeking assistance early for any mental health concerns as this could achieve the best results.

"Some members don't want to seek help because they are concerned it will impact their career. However, individuals can and do receive treatment and rehabilitation while still in service," she said.

Col Sadler said through the ADF Mental Health Reform program and the ADF Mental Health Strategy, Defence now had a more holistic approach to mental health.

"Mental health services are available across an individual's entire career," she said.

"We start with mental resilience training in the early stage of a member's employment, and continue to provide support for them throughout their careers."

Col Sadler urged members to seek help if they were concerned about changes in their performance and social life.

"When something has changed in your way of thinking, feeling or behaving and it is significantly impacting your ability to meet your obligations at work, home or socially, it's time to get some assistance," she said.

For Col Sadler, it is just as important to keep an eye out for your mates.

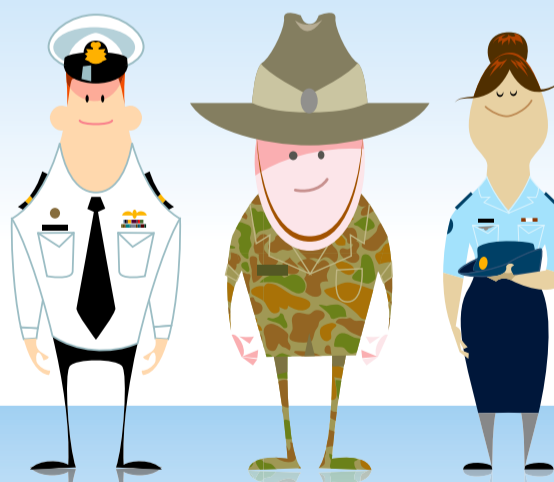
"If you see changes in someone you are concerned about, go and talk to them and encourage them to seek assistance," she said.

"Sometimes your workmates may not realise they need help and might require some encouragement from other people to take the next step."

The CDF reinforced this in his video message for ADF Mental Health Day, saying "we all have a responsibility to ask 'are you okay?' when we see someone who might be doing it tough. But equally, we owe it to our family and friends to accept help when we need it".

ADF Mental Health Day will be held on October 10 and is an annual event encouraging discussions about mental health. More information can be found at <http://intranet.defence.gov.au/vcdf/sites/ADFmentalHealthDay>

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Sharp shooters

Soldiers make representative teams in clay target comp

Cpl Aaron Curran

AFTER six days and hundreds of spent cartridges, Cpl James Pearse left the Defence Clay Target Association Championships (DCTA) at Wagga Wagga with a trophy and two spots secured on the Defence team for next year's national trap championships.

Cpl Pearse, of 2CER, won the double rise trophy with 44/50 and secured places on the ADF skeet and trap teams.

Thirty-two shooters converged on Wagga Wagga's gun club for the competition, which was held from September 14-20.

"It was a great shoot, especially

with the growing numbers of Defence members who are attending every year," Cpl Pearse said.

"The weather could have been a little brighter and warmer, but I can't complain too much. I didn't go there with the expectation to win."

Cpl Pearse said he was there to have fun.

"I was more relaxed this year and had a really good week of shooting," he said.

"I shot better than last year in both skeet and trap, which was surprising as I didn't have much lead-in practise."

Cpl Pearse has been shooting since he was a kid and got back into the sport in 2008 to take part in that year's championships.

"I missed out on competing until last year due to deployments and work commitments, but after that I got right into shooting and competed a lot around Brisbane," he said.

"I want to be there next year, but that will depend on work commitments."

"The highlights for me this year were making the ADF teams and the double rise, as well as catching up with the boys I shot with last year – a good bunch of blokes."

At the end of the competition, skeet, trap and sporting teams were chosen to represent Defence at the 2015 Australian National Trap Championships from March 20-29 at the Wagga Wagga Gun Club.



The winning Army skeet team from left, Maj Peter Simmons, Cfn Ramsay Fish, Cpl James Pearse, Sgt Paul Baxter and Lt Lewis McMullen.

Photos by Cpl Aaron Curran

REP TEAMS

Skeet: Cpl James Pearse, Cfn Ramsay Fish, Maj Pete Simmons, PO Steve Atkins and CPO Chris Nightingale.

Trap: Sgt Tim Braybon, Cpl James Pearse, WO Dennis Walsh, CPO Mick Bryan and PO Steve Atkins.

Sporting: Lt Lewis McMullen, PO Steve Atkins and LCdr Jason Grivas.

Events:

- 50 target skeet handicap
- 25 pair skeet doubles
- 100 target skeet
- 100 target skeet handicap
- 25 pair double rise
- 50 target handicap
- 50 target double barrel
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- 50 target single barrel
- 60 target champion of champions
- 100 target five stand

TESTING CORE SKILLS

Cpl Aaron Curran

THE Defence Clay Target Association (DCTA) runs a sport that is challenging, social and in sync with a core competency of the ADF – weapons skills and safety.

President of the DCTA Wg-Cdr Andrew Figtree said this year's DCTA championships at Wagga Wagga were a success with the largest-ever turnout.

Army won the skeet team shield with a score of 206/250. Navy was second with 196/250, and Air Force came third with 195/250.

The Air Force trap team secured the team shield for the first time with a score of 679/750, Navy was second on 675/750, while Army came third with 670/750.

"It was an excellent week and we were fortunate with the weather," Wg-Cdr Figtree said.

"There was a great turnout of shooters and the most we have ever had at a combined services shoot."

"The shooting was fantastic and some of the lower grade shooters pulled out some great performances."

Wg-Cdr Figtree said they always enjoyed shooting at Wagga Wagga and participants shot in all conditions.

"This is a sport of arms," he said. "Operating weapons is a core requirement for all three services."

"There's a great camaraderie and shared experience both through this sport and in serving in the military through all ranks."

He said highlights of the championships were some of the shoot-offs where C or B graders went up against some of the AA graders.

"Shoot-offs are really good to watch and participate in, as they are a one-on-one battle of mental strength in a competitive situation," he said.

"Among other shoot-offs, they also took place in the handicap event where it can level the playing field."

In the handicap event, more experienced

shooters will stand further back than the less skilled, negating some advantages they have.

"On the last day of the competition we held the sporting event," Wg-Cdr Figtree said.

"It is a mixture of skeet and trap shooting. Sporting is a growing element of clay target shooting and becoming more common and very popular."

"This whole sport is not just for experienced shooters – we are more than happy to have novices as well."



Sgt Paul Baxter competes in the 50 Target Handicap.

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NSW has eye on the prize

Michael Brooke

TWO men and two women from Army have been selected in the NSW teams to contest the 2014 Combined Services National Basketball Championships at RAAF Base Edinburgh later this month.

The NSW men's and women's teams were selected on September 15, following the completion of the NSW Defence inter-service competition.

The men's team narrowly lost to Air Force 48-36, while the women lost two of three games against a combined Navy and Air Force team.

The Army representatives in the NSW men's team are Lt Brendan Van Eck, of 6 Avn Regt, Lt Rhoderic Beer, of 6ESR, and Cfn Mitchell Foster, of 6 Avn Regt.

The Army representatives in the NSW women's team are Pte Amanda Mitchell, of Holsworthy, and Pte Kadi Sonntag, of Victoria Barracks – Sydney.

The coach of the NSW men's



Capt Kyle Staples during last year's basketball championships.

Photo by AB Kayla Hayes

and women's teams, Sqn-Ldr Janeter Turnball, said the squads were a fine balance of youth and experience.

"NSW will be well served by Pte Sonntag, who was voted most valuable player in the NSW women's competition," she said.

Pte Sonntag said she was really looking forward to the challenge that the combined services would bring.

"Playing at the combined services tournament with a wonderful group of women will be an unbelievable experience," she said.

"I am confident we will do really well with the players we have."

Pte Sonntag said her success reflected the amazing talent, skill and support of her teammates, and even her opponents, who lifted her to a higher level of competition.

"I have really enjoyed playing inter-service basketball with Army this year," she said.

"I love the physical and mental challenge and the camaraderie that team sports have to offer."

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Stray Cats tackle US Marines

Rugby match commemorates 9/11 terror attacks

Maj John McPherson

THE Stray Cats rugby union team tackled the US Marines in a commemorative match to mark the terrorist attacks on the US on September 11, 2001.

Commander 1 Bde Brig John Frewen also played in the team.

The new Commanding General for the US Marine Forces in the Pacific, Lt-Gen John Toolan, was on hand to see the game in Darwin on September 20.

More than 500 people, including about 200 marines, attended the match that was played at Rugby Park Marrara.

Brig Frewen said the 9/11 commemorative match was played in good spirit and finished in a traditional 9-all draw.

"This year's match was played in the same competitive friendliness as other commemorative and charity games," he said.

Brig Frewen said the match was reinstated last year with the sec-



The Stray Cats (in blue and white) in action against the US Marines in the 9/11 commemorative match in Darwin.

ond Marine Force Rotation—Darwin (MRF-D) and would be an annual event.

Brig Frewen played in the forwards for the Stray Cats, which comprises players aged from 20 to 60 from the local community and ADF.

"By playing an annual 9/11 commemorative game between the Stray Cats and the MRF-D, we hope to reinforce the close links between the US Marines and Darwin community, and enhance the close and enduring relationship between our two countries," Brig Frewen said.

Golfers fight the wind

Michael Brooke

WITH radar-guided putters Army golfers tamed strong winds to shine at the 2014 NSW ADF Golf Championships, with WO2 George Richter and SSGT Kevin Hart dominating the B-grade competition.

More than 55 golfers competed in the NSW ADF Regional Championships at the NSW Golf Club on September 10.

Fifteen Army golfers contested the championships in the lead up to the 2014 ADFA National Championships from December 8-12.

WO2 Richter, of 6 Avn Regt, won the B-grade scratch championship with a round of 89, while 1 Armd Regt's SSGT Kevin Hart won the nett championship with a score of 78 (from a 13 stroke handicap).



WO2 Todd Bertam during the NSW ADF Regional Golf Championships.

Photo by LS Nina Fogliani

WO2 Richter said it was a tough day with strong winds.

"Everyone struggled, so I was surprised with the results and my success in the B-grade," he said.

He said the day was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to play on a beautiful golf course like the NSW Golf Club.

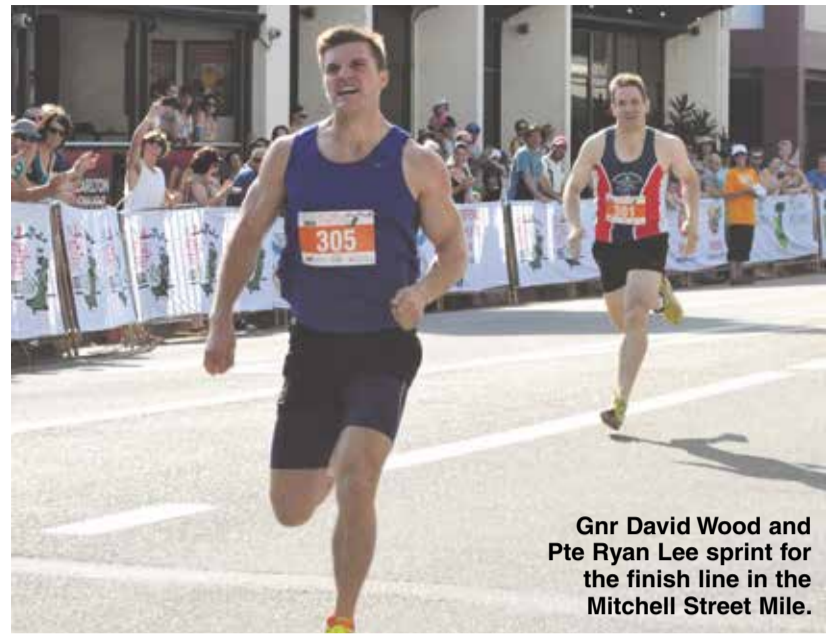
"NSW is ranked at number five in Australia's top 100 golf courses with its coastal positioning in Sydney's La Perouse, meaning that a round is rarely played in calm conditions," he said.

WO2 Richter and SSGT Hart were among 19 golfers who played with a handicap from 12-18 in the B-grade competition.

The B-grade nearest the pin on the 6th hole, 170m from the island, was won by Pte Ian McNeill.

The next NSW ADF golf event will be the NSW ADF Inter-service Matchplay to be held at Pacific Dunes near Newcastle in the first week of November between Army, Navy and Air Force.

Entry to ADF nationals is open to all permanent and active reserve ADF members with a current Golf Australia handicap. Regional nett winners from each region gain free entry and an allocated position in the field.



Gnr David Wood and Pte Ryan Lee sprint for the finish line in the Mitchell Street Mile.

Sprinting for glory

Aaron McMahon

GNR David Wood, of 8/12 Regt RAA, out-paced 50 competitors to win the inaugural Defence, Police and Fire Services' Mitchell Street Mile in downtown Darwin on September 21.

Gnr Wood crossed the finish-line in 4:43.4, only two seconds faster than 5RAR's Pte Ryan Lee, who was runner-up with a time of 4:45.6.

Gnr Wood said his legs were throbbing with pain when he got close to the finish-line, but somehow he summoned the strength to stave off a late challenge by Pte Lee.

"The hardest part of the race was right at the finish-line when I felt tired, but had to put on the after-burners because Pte Lee was right behind me," he said.

Gnr Wood said he did no special run training for the event, just his usual cross-fit training routine.

"I have been running in sprint and middle distance competitions since I was 10, but have really got into cross-fit training lately because of the health and fitness benefits," he said.

WO2 Megan White, of 1 Armd Regt,

won the female category in a time of 09:09.8, while 5RAR's Cpl Debbie Benjamin placed second with a time of 09:11.7.

In the elite event, Cpl Hamish MacDonald, of 6 Avn Regt, placed fifth while Pte Josh Horvat, of 5 RAR, finished eighth.

Cpl MacDonald said he was happy with his time of 4:31:3, considering the event was won by Olympic middle distance runner Craig Mottram in 4:03.6.

"The mile race covered 1600m up and back along the main street in Darwin's CBD," he said.

"It is always good to challenge yourself against a champion, because you always try harder."

Pte Horvat finished in 4:44.3, which was only 13 seconds slower than Cpl MacDonald.

5RAR placed fourth in the Defence and Services race, which featured a platoon in body armour webbing, and competing against the NT Police Bomb Squad and Fire Department in full kit.

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Cpl James Pearse, of 2CER, with his Beretta 12-gauge shotgun and trophies from the clay target shooting championships.

Photo by Tim Asher



Army's top shooters come together in Wagga Wagga for Defence Clay Target Shooting Championships

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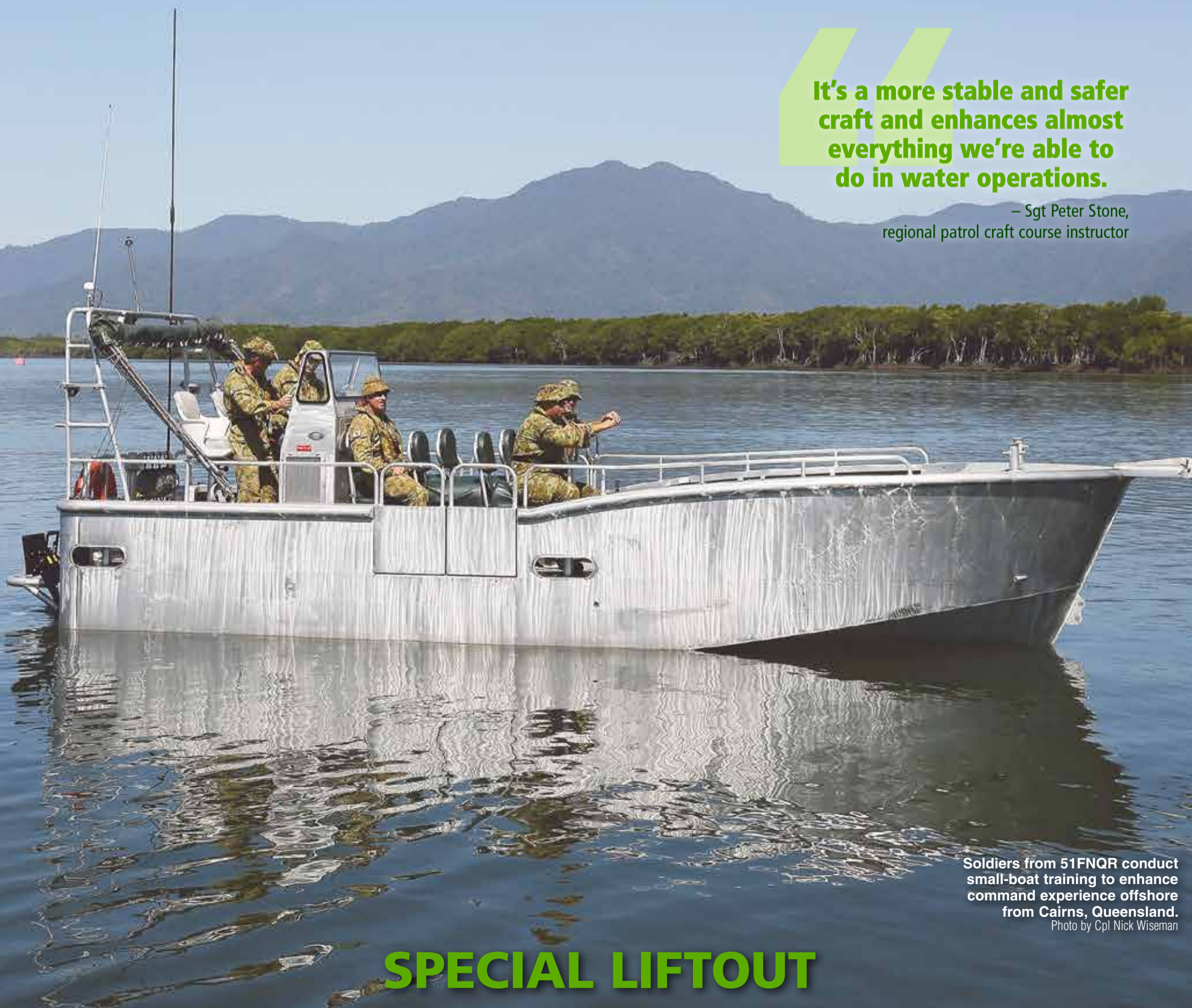
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SMOOTH SAILING

51FNQR puts new assets to the test

It's a more stable and safer craft and enhances almost everything we're able to do in water operations.

– Sgt Peter Stone,
regional patrol craft course instructor



Soldiers from 51FNQR conduct small-boat training to enhance command experience offshore from Cairns, Queensland.
Photo by Cpl Nick Wiseman

SPECIAL LIFTOUT

Soldiers from 51FNQR use a new G-Wagon variant during the unit driving course at Swallows Landing, Cairns. Photo by AB Jake Badior

LIFE IN THE FAR NORTH



They look modern and I love driving them. This is far more advanced, especially with the mission-ready kit on the SRV.

— Pte Pedro Tapim, transport soldier

Ready to roll out

Soldiers at 51FNQR put new G-Wagon variants through their paces, **Cpl Nick Wiseman** reports.

PATROLMEN from remote north Queensland have completed an assortment of training courses on some of the newest and most sophisticated equipment in the ADF.

With brand new G-Wagons, Regional Patrol Craft and communications equipment, personnel from 51FNQR are now equipped with state-of-the-art kit and will have almost every soldier trained in it by the year's end, allowing them to protect Australia's borders better than ever.

CO 51FNQR Lt-Col Matt Silver said he had made the decision to concentrate on training.

"It can take 18 months or more for new equipment to be fully integrated into a unit," he said.

"By taking the hit now and concentrating on training, the unit will be able to refocus back to operations next year and better use the new equipment we have."

With a suite of G-Wagon variants available, the Regional Force Surveillance Units (RFSU) are the only units in the ADF to receive the Surveillance and Reconnaissance Vehicles (SRV).

Lt-Col Silver said the SRV had been designed specifically for the remoteness and unique terrain of northern Australia.

"Since arriving at our units, the SRV has garnered a lot of interest for their capability," he said.

"It's great to be able to give our soldiers state-of-the-art equipment to work with."

The SRV replaced the Regional

Force Surveillance Vehicle and has a range of 2200km. This extends the existing capability of the unit and allows a three-man patrol to travel for up to 14 days with stores and equipment.

Driving course instructor Cpl Alistair George, of 51FNQR, said the vehicle was far more advanced and easier to drive.

"Everybody has been very happy with it," he said.

"It has been designed from the ground up and all storage is easily accessible."

The variant transforms from a six-wheeled road vehicle into its mission-ready mode complete with front and rear weapon mounts, with plenty of storage designed for an extended stay in the field.

Another replacement vehicle is the updated Regional Patrol Craft, which is an 8.7m watercraft crewed by two soldiers. It can carry up to six passengers and their equipment.

With stowage now under the deck, soldiers can operate more comfortably and safely on the water.

Instructor Sgt Peter Stone played an integral part in the project by delivering the new boats and said it was great to finally get his hands on them.

"These boats have been specifically designed for RFSUs to meet our unique demands," he said.

"Their primary role is to insert and extract patrols into areas that may normally be difficult to access.

"The craft is also used to resupply these patrols and the crew can live on the craft for up to 14 days at a time, much more comfortably than before."

AN INSTRUCTIVE ROLE

BEFORE soldiers can safely and tactically operate any type of equipment, they need to learn about it and for the soldiers of 51FNQR that is exactly what they are doing – across every rank. Transport soldier Pte Pedro Tapim is instructing on the use of the G-Wagon and said it was the little things that were most important.

"Daily servicing is an important part of looking after your vehicle," he said.

"I'm teaching the trainees to

do their visual checks to ensure everything is in its place and things like the tarps are not damaged.

"This is my first time instructing and I'm discovering a new side of me I didn't know existed. I've seen instructors before me and would like to think I'm following in their footsteps."

51FNQR is one of only three integrated reserve and ARA units to receive the G-Wagons and Pte Tapim said he was excited to use the new vehicles.

"The Surveillance and

Reconnaissance Vehicle (SRV) is pretty good. You can't really complain with them being auto now – much easier for drivers," he said.

"They look modern and I love driving them."

Supervising Pte Tapim and other instructors is Cpl Alistair George, who said the vehicles started arriving in August.

"There is no comparison to our previous vehicles," he said.

"This is far more advanced, especially with the mission-ready kit on the SRV."



51FNQR soldiers learn to do routine maintenance checks on the new G-Wagon vehicles. Photo by AB Jake Badior

JOINING 2 DIV

THE Army's Regional Force Surveillance Units – 51FNQR, Norforce and the Pilbara Regt – transitioned from 6 Bde to 2 Div on September 1.

Commander 2 Div Maj-Gen Steve Smith said all three units had served with distinction throughout their rich history and that would continue under 2 Div.

"I have gained a deep appreciation of the service and contribution of the members of these units," he said.

"In particular, I witnessed the depth of skills required to achieve mission success in some of the most remote and challenging areas in Australia.

"The transition adds a new and exciting dimension to the growing reputation of 2 Div and I have every confidence that members of the RFSUs will directly benefit from the new opportunities this presents."

CO 51FNQR Lt-Col Matt Silver said his unit and the other RFSUs would bring a unique capability to the division.

"We will bring an operational focus to the division as we're fully operational up here 365 days of the year," he said.

"While the change will ultimately benefit the RFSUs, our day-to-day duties remain unchanged with our operational focus on border protection."

Learning new skills in fantastic unit training



Pte Alice Turnbull is enjoying the training she is receiving at 51FNQR. Photo by Cpl Nick Wiseman

Cpl Nick Wiseman

"IT'S a great opportunity to be a patrolman and part of a fantastic unit," said Pte Alice Turnbull, a Queensland police officer who has found herself in the middle of infantry training in the unforgiving conditions in the state's north.

"The training so far has been fantastic and I've really enjoyed it all."

Pte Turnbull is not new to working in arms corps as she previously spent time as a gunner at 20 STA Regt before moving to Cairns with her civilian job.

She said she did not regret the decision to get back into reserve training after her time away while she completed her police training.

"Learning to be a patrolman has been both challenging and rewarding," she said.

"The diversity on the course has been awesome."

Pte Turnbull said it was amazing to see all the different skills brought by everyone.

"It's great to be part of one big family out here and learning new skills that people are happy to pass on," she said.

"One night some of the others taught me how to navigate by the stars.

"Seeing their sense of direction and navigation skills at night was amazing."

By working in the bush areas of northern Queensland as both a patrolman and police officer, Pte Turnbull has discovered some of her skills will be applied in both professions.

"I just learnt bush-tracking, which I could have used previously and I'm sure I will in the future in my civilian role," she said.

"It's been very interesting to learn all about the small signs and scratches on trees that can tell you a whole story."

Pte Turnbull successfully completed her patrolman's course and is looking forward to continuing her training with more advanced courses.

"I'd like to get onto the boat course as well as medic and signaller training," she said.

"Not only will it give me more opportunities, it will give me more skills and perhaps I can be a patrol commander one day."

51FNQR soldiers take to the water, **Cpl Nick Wiseman** reports.

SELECTED members of 51FNQR are taught to specialise in water operations because of the expanse of water beyond our northern borders. They have just taken delivery of new boats.

The Regional Patrol Craft (RPC) course aims to pass on the skills and knowledge to these operators so they can command

a vessel alone and as part of a patrol.

Instructor Sgt Peter Stone said the new craft was capable of conducting missions up to 12 nautical miles offshore and could operate up to 25 knots, depending on the conditions.

"The boat was designed and constructed in Australia and even has an auxiliary engine so is capable of self-recovery," he said. "It's a more stable and safer

craft and enhances almost everything we're able to do in water operations."

A typical scenario could see the RPC deploy a five-man patrol complete with their stores and equipment onto a neighbouring island to conduct a mission.

Once successfully inserted, the RPC, with its two crew members and their own stores and equipment, would head back out to open water where

they would wait until called back in. When called they conduct resupplies for patrols or extracting them once their mission is complete.

Having their own equipment and stores with them means the crew of a RPC are able to safely remain on the water under the protection of their canopy from the sun and remain in place for up to 14 days.



Soldiers from 51FNQR conduct small-boat training to enhance command experience offshore from Cairns. Photo by AB Jake Badior

PATROLLING THE VAST COASTLINE

HEADQUARTERED in Cairns, 51FNQR is an integrated unit with a large number of both ARA and reserve personnel.

With outlying companies in Weipa, Thursday Island and Mount Isa, the unit is charged with patrolling the vast northern Queensland countryside and borders.

A typical patrol is made up of six people in contrast to a traditional infantry section.

The patrol commander commands the patrol, vehicle or vessel and varies from the rank of sergeant to captain.

The commander is responsible for detailed planning and conduct of the patrol, as well as training requirements and the welfare and fitness of their team.

The patrol 2IC understudies the commander and must be ready to take command if required.

The 2IC assists in the planning and, in particular, ensures all members have the required stores and equipment to succeed in their mission.

The patrol signaller is responsible for maintaining communications between the patrol and its headquarters using sophisticated communications equipment.

Because of the vast distances

of patrols, the signaller must be an expert in various communications techniques and often carry all the necessary equipment on their back.

The patrol medic is a critical member of the team owing to the dangers that can be found in northern Australia, such as wildlife, heat, the wet and cyclones.

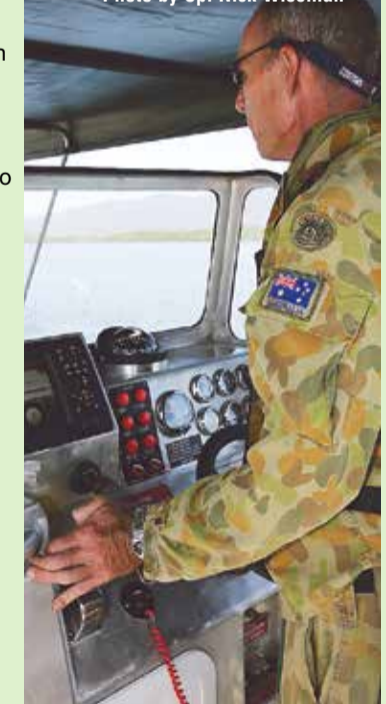
Intensive training arms the medic with the skills required to employ a range of medication and techniques to stabilise a casualty while evacuation is organised.

The patrol scout is the point man in any patrol on the move and strives to detect any activity before the patrol itself is seen. Already an experienced soldier, the scout is required to react instinctively and have good observation skills, looking for immediate threats and signs of suspicious activity.

The patrolman has a working knowledge of the roles of the other members of the patrol and is cross-trained in many of the skills, such as first-aid and communications, and able to assist or relieve if required.

All members of 51FNQR begin service as patrolmen before undertaking specialist training and promotional courses.

WO2 Allen Shirt takes part in small-boat training offshore from Cairns. Photo by Cpl Nick Wiseman



LOOKING BACK AT PROUD PAST

RAISED in early 1916 as part of the 13th Bde, 1st AIF, 51FNQR saw service on the Hindenberg Line, participating in battles at Messines, Polygon Wood and the Allied counter-attack at Villers-Bretonneux during WWI.

After the demobilisation process the unit was disbanded on May 5, 1919, but re-raised later when the part-time military force was reorganised.

Moving throughout Australia, the

battalion re-formed under its current name on October 1, 1936, at Cairns.

In 1941, following Japan's entrance into WWII, the battalion was mobilised for war and placed on full-time duty with the task of defending the area between Port Douglas and Gordonvale.

They were later sent to Townsville, experiencing the air raids before being sent to Cairns for preparation to deploy overseas.

The unit deployed to New Guinea with 11 Bde, and later returned to

Australia, but deployed again to Solomon Islands where it saw its heaviest fighting of the war at Tsimba Ridge and Porton Plantation on Bougainville.

In the late 1970s, the government decided an increased military presence was required in the far north of the country to provide early warning in the event of incursions into Australian territory and 51FNQR was once again established to carry out ground reconnaissance and surveillance.

Ptes Jahn Tiers (left) and Morrison Pearson (right) are joined by their school principal, Pte Leon Proud, on a 51FNQR unit patrol course at Woodleigh Station, south of Cairns, Queensland.

Photos by Cpl Nick Wiseman



Schooling out field

Students and principal sign up to be 51FNQR soldiers together, Cpl Nick Wiseman reports.

FIVE new members to 51FNQR had the shock of their lives when, after driving them from their school in Weipa to a recruiting day, their own school principal joined up alongside them.

Pte Leon Proud is the principal of Western Cape College and had been asked to drive a number of students to their recruiting day after the scheduled driver was unable to.

Pte Proud said it was not something he had planned, but he started to get interested after hearing the age limit was higher than he thought.

“We did round robins and talks about the Army and what they could look forward to,” he said.

“After I found out about the age requirement I thought it would be good for my own personal development, but also to be more involved with them.”

Once recruited, Pte Proud found himself and the others on their patrolman’s course and said it had taken a little getting used to.

“I was getting called ‘sir’ at first, and had to remind them that out here I was just one of the boys,” he said.

“Now they just call me ‘Proud’.”

We did all these round robins and talks about the Army and what they could look forward to. I thought it would be good for my own personal development...

– Pte Leon Proud, 51FNQR

Both of the students on his patrol in the course said they were not expecting their principal to sign up with them.

“I didn’t think the principal would join,” Pte Jahn Tiers said.

“I asked him afterwards about it

and he said it was something he had thought about since he was a kid.”

Pte Tiers said he was enjoying the course and learning new skills.

Pte Morrison Pearson said he had been interested in joining up since primary school, but thought he would have to watch himself as a soldier working with his principal as he’d soon be back at school answering to Pte Proud as ‘sir’ rather than as a fellow soldier.

“It has not been what I thought it would be – he’s just one of us out here,” he said. “It has been really helpful having him around.”

Pte Morrison said he thought he had stumbled on one of the best part-time jobs around.

“We’re getting paid to come out bush,” he said. “That’s like one of our hobbies up here.”

With the course now over and the group returning to school commitments, Pte Proud said he would be turning to his fellow diggers for support.

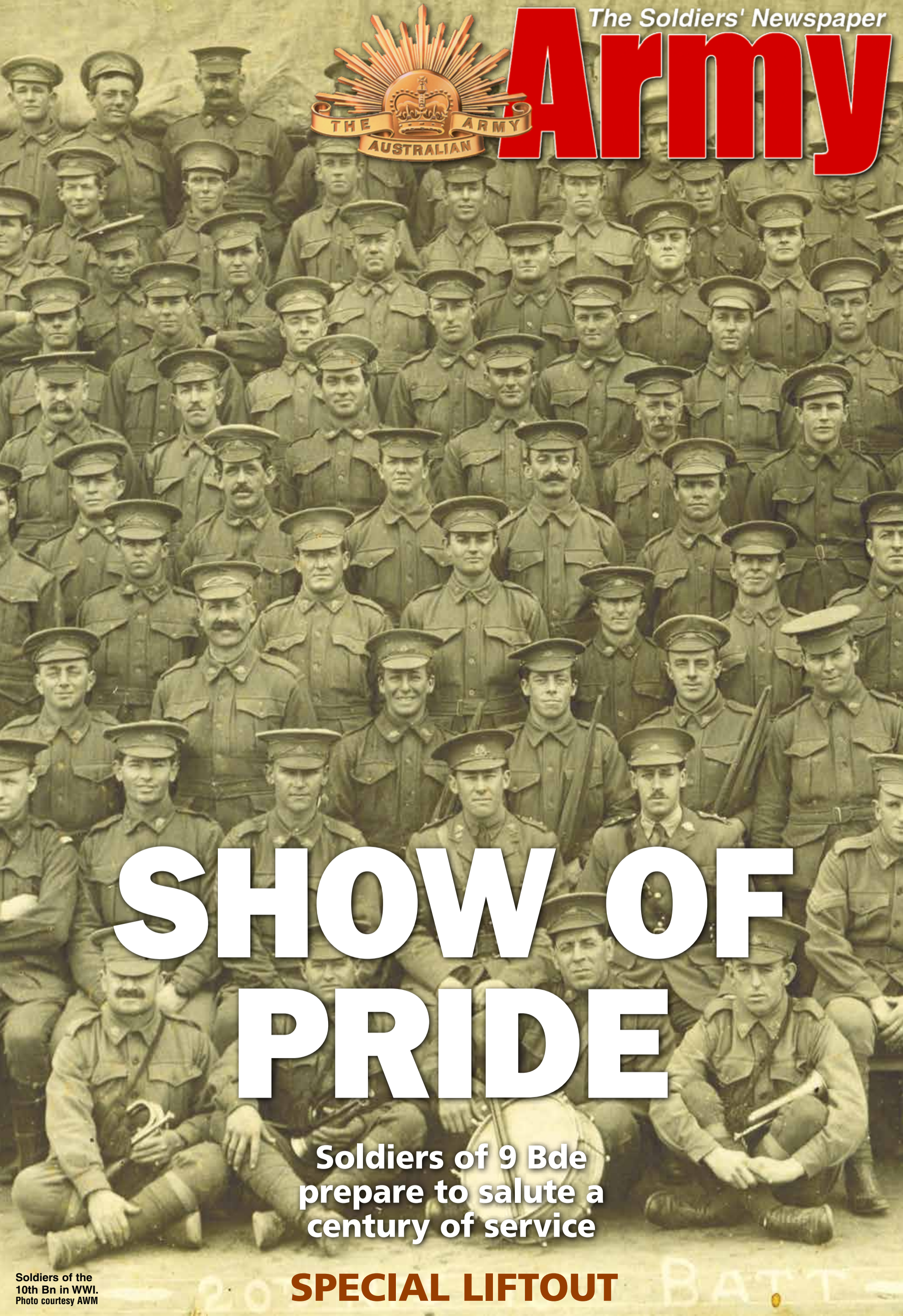
“I’ll definitely be looking at these kids to step up, lead and be role models for the other students at school,” he said.



School principal Pte Leon Proud on a 51FNQR unit patrol course.



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SHOW OF PRIDE

Soldiers of 9 Bde
prepare to salute a
century of service

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

Soldiers serving with 9 Bde will commemorate the Centenary of Anzac with events marking the embarkation of troops from Hobart and Adelaide in 1914, **Capt Sharon Mascall-Dare** reports.

ON OCTOBER 20, 1914, less than three months after WWI broke out, members of the 12th Bn boarded the troopship HMAT Geelong in Hobart, while in Adelaide the 10th Bn headed west on the HMAT Ascanius.

After docking in Fremantle, the troops headed west to Egypt where they trained for the Gallipoli landings on April 25, 1915.

Today, 10/27 RSAR and 12/40 RTR both trace their lineage to the 10th and 12th Bns of the 1st Australian Imperial Force (AIF).

Commander 9 Bde Brig Peter Connor said the embarkations marked a key moment in Australia's military history.

"In 1914, soldiers joined up in a spirit of adventure, mateship and national pride. Their legacy and values continue in the ADF today," he said.

"WWI changed the lives of thousands of Australians.

"One in six soldiers was killed and two in five were wounded.

"Almost every family was affected – it was a war that impacted a generation."

In Hobart on October 20, the embarkation will be marked by a freedom of entry march, where more than 120 members of 12/40 RTR will proceed through the city, displaying the battalion colours.

After pausing at the Town Hall to salute the City of Hobart, the march will end at the Cenotaph, where a ceremony will formally launch the Centenary of Anzac in Tasmania.

With representatives from state and local government, 12/40 RTR will mark the planting of a tree descended from pines of the Gallipoli peninsula.

RSM 12/40 RTR WO1 Sean Ransome said the march would commemorate the forefathers of 12/40 RTR who marched

through Hobart in October 1914 before they deployed to Gallipoli.

"It is a huge honour to commemorate the history of our battalion," he said.

"Many of our members have deployed on operations overseas and continue to uphold the values of the original Anzacs, who stepped up to serve their country."

In Adelaide, the embarkation of the 10th Bn, 1st AIF, will be marked by a service of remembrance at St Peter's Cathedral on October 20.

Led by the dean of St Peter's Cathedral, the service will be attended by members of the 10/27 RSAR Bn Association, representatives from local sports clubs with historical connections to the 10th Bn, and members of 9 Bde.

CO 10/27 RSAR Lt-Col Graham Goodwin said as South Australians prepared to mark the Centenary of Anzac, the unit was proud to commemorate a century of service and the contributions of the 10th and 27th Bns to the modern fighting force.

"We are also working closely with the wider community in South Australia to mark this significant historic event," he said.

Commemorations will continue in Adelaide on November 22, with a landmark parade at the Torrens Parade Ground in the centre of the city.

More than 150 soldiers will take part in the parade, which will feature the traditional colours, guidons and banners of 10/27 RSAR, its artillery and engineer sub-units and the 3rd/9th Light Horse (South Australian Mounted Rifles). The event will also display modern weaponry, vehicles and manoeuvres.

The parade will mark the amalgamation of the 10th and 27th Bns, which took place on November 29, 1987. The 27th Bn was raised during WWI and served on the Western Front. It also known for its actions at Kokoda during WWII.



The 12th Bn, 1st AIF, marches through Hobart on October 14, 1914, before deploying overseas. Photos courtesy AWM

Taking up the call to arms

Lt-Col Phil Pyke

THE call to arms in August 1914 saw citizens from Australia's lower populated states rush to join up, forming the first infantry units raised for the 1st AIF.

The 12th Bn was one of those first units, with half its strength recruited in Tasmania, a quarter from South Australia and a quarter from Western Australia. Together, they formed the 3rd Bde with the 9th, 10th and 11th Bns.

"With minimal time for training, the 12th Bn embarked for what was initially thought to be the Western Front some eight weeks later," said the CO of 12/40 RTR, Lt-Col David Hughes.

Following a brief stop in Albany, Western Australia, the 12th proceeded to Egypt, arriving in early December and beginning training for what was then known to be Gallipoli.

"The 3rd Bde was the covering force for the Anzac landing on April 25, 1915, so soldiers from the 12th were among the first ashore at 4.30am," Lt-Col Hughes said.

The first day didn't go well, with a handwritten page in the 12th's war diary from April 25, 1915, recording the death of CO Lt-Col L.F. Clarke, who was killed by a sniper within hours of the landing.

"Also killed on that day was Capt Joseph Peter Lalor, who was trying to hold a position on Baby 700 with other members of the battalion," Lt-Col Hughes said.

"He was the grandson of Peter Lalor, who led the Eureka Stockade insurrection in 1854."

Lt-Col Hughes said the 12th lost a number of officers, 25 ORs, 286 wounded and 90 reported as missing in the confusion of the landing on the first day of the Gallipoli campaign.

Throughout the campaign, the battalion was heavily involved in establishing



Capt Jim Newland, VC.



Sgt J.W. Whittle, VC.

and defending the front line of the Anzac position, and contributed two companies to the attack on Lone Pine in August – the only battalion in the brigade to do so. The 12th served at Gallipoli until the evacuation in December.

After the withdrawal from Gallipoli, the 12th Bn returned to Egypt, later sailing for France where until 1918 the battalion took part in bitter trench warfare on the Western Front.

With the first major action in France at Pozieres in July 1916, the battalion fought at Ypres in Flanders and then returned to the Somme for winter.

"In 1917 the battalion took part in the brief advance that followed the German Army's retreat to the Hindenburg Line," Lt-Col Hughes said.

From actions during this advance, Capt J.E. 'Jim' Newland, commanding A Coy, and Sgt J.W. Whittle were awarded the Victoria Cross.

The battalion later returned to Belgium, taking part in the Third Battle of Ypres.

In early 1918, the battalion helped

stop the German spring offensive, and later participated in the great Allied offensive fighting near Amiens on August 8, 1918.

It was this advance by Allied forces that was the greatest success in a single day on the Western Front, one that German Gen Erich Ludendorff described as "the black day of the German Army in this war".

The battalion continued operations until late September 1918, before the Armistice of November 11 ended the Great War.

In four years of war, this battalion, which was made up of those from three states keen to seek adventure, suffered 1135 killed and 2422 wounded, including those who were gassed.

Lt-Col Hughes said the spirit and commitment of the officers and men of the 12th Bn wasn't forgotten.

"Today the contribution and sacrifice of the soldiers of the 12th Bn are remembered through the Battle Honours on the Colours of the 12th/40th Bn," he said.

10TH AND 27TH BNS IN HISTORY

THE 10th Bn was one of Australia's first infantry units to be raised after the outbreak of WWI.

It was raised in South Australia and was part of the covering force for the Gallipoli landings on April 25, 1915.

After the withdrawal of Allied troops from Gallipoli, the 10th Bn returned to Egypt before heading to the Western Front.

From then until 1918, the battalion took part in bitter trench warfare, including action at Pozieres and Polygon Wood.

The 27th Bn was also raised in South Australia and most soldiers enlisted from the suburbs of Adelaide.

After serving at Gallipoli, the unit moved to France, where it also fought at Pozieres in 1916.

In 1917, 27 Bn fought to turn back the Germans, including victory at Menin Road and the capture of Broodseinde Ridge.

At the Battle of Amiens on August 8, 1918, the battalion captured nine artillery pieces, 25 machine guns and more than 200 prisoners.

Mates who made history

Capt Sharon Mascall-Dare

IT WAS an informal photograph taken in the months before the Gallipoli landings in 1915. While the identity of the photographer remains a mystery, the names of the soldiers went on to make history.

The nine men enlisted in 1914. They joined the 10th Bn, 1st AIF, and embarked from Adelaide's Outer Harbour on October 20, 1914. After docking in Fremantle, they steamed west for Egypt. Alongside their comrades from the 12th Bn, they became part of the covering force for the Gallipoli landings in 1915.

Seven of the men knew each other from school in Adelaide. One would be awarded a Military Cross; another, a Victoria Cross. Of the nine men who went off to war, only four survived.

Sgt (later Lt) John Rutherford Gordon (far left, back row) became a fighter pilot with the Australian Flying Corps after serving with A Coy, 10th Bn, at Gallipoli. He was awarded a Military Cross for his ground attacks on German troops in 1918.

Pte Francis Herbert 'Bertie' Stokes (second from left, back row) was killed

in action on April 27, 1915. He saved many lives on the day of the Gallipoli landings, rescuing men who fell into the water by carrying them up the beach to shelter under the cliffs.

Pte Guy Fisher and Pte Eric Douglas Meldrum (middle, back row) both survived the war.

LCpl Philip de Quetteville Robin (far right, back row) was killed in action at Gallipoli on April 28, 1915. With Pte Arthur Blackburn (second left, front row), Pte Robin pushed furthest inland from Anzac Cove. After landing in the first wave, both men ventured 3km inland where they saw hundreds of Turkish troops preparing to counter-attack.

Pte Blackburn went on to become a commissioned officer. As 2Lt Blackburn, he was awarded a Victoria Cross after his actions at Pozieres in July 1916.

Pte Thomas Anderson Whyte (far left, front row) died of his wounds at Gallipoli on April 25, 1915. Pte Malcolm St Aiden Teesdale Smith (far right, front row) was killed in action on April 27, while rescuing mates who were wounded.

Pte (later Lt) Wilfrid Oswald Jose (second right, front row) was also killed in action – he died in France in 1917.

Only four of these soldiers who served with 10th Bn, 1st AIF, came home. Five were killed in action or died of their wounds at Gallipoli or on the Western Front.



Troops of the 11th and 12th Bns smoke cigars from captured enemy dugouts near Bois de Crepy. Half an hour before, the 12th Bn had passed through the 11th Bn at this point to press the attack towards Lihons.

Special Anzac connection

For Pte Tim Appelbee and Pte Nicholas Petrakis, the Centenary of Anzac has particular significance. Both soldiers have family connections to the 10th Bn, 1st AIF, and are serving with 10/27 RSAR, **Capt Sharon Mascall-Dare** reports.

Pte Nicholas Petrakis, 10/27 RSAR
Relatives: Pte John Percival Curnow and Pte Clifford Arnold Wall, 10th Bn, 1st AIF

"HAVING an historical connection to the battalion has truly been a privilege," said Pte Petrakis, 21, and a member of 10/27 RSAR since November 2012.

"My great-grandfather, John Percival Curnow, enlisted with the 10th Bn, as did my great-great uncle, Clifford Arnold Wall.

"He survived trench fever, a gunshot wound to his leg and was gassed before he was killed in action on September 2, 1918.

"Most of the original members of the 10th and 27th Bns were not career soldiers.

"They were everyday men from a variety of backgrounds who came together under one banner and one set of colours to serve their nation.

"Today, we continue to have diversity in our ranks and our motto 'Pro Patria' means 'For Country' – the reason why our forbears put up their hand to be sent off to a distant land.

"Our motto reminds us that we continue to serve for the same reason. We stand up for our country and we help others – it's the reason our unit has continued to serve in war and peace-keeping operations until the present day."



Pte Nicholas Petrakis, of 10/27 RSAR, on a field exercise. Inset, Pte Petrakis' great-great uncle, Pte Clifford Wall.
 Main photos by Lt-Col Sandra Turner

Pte Tim Appelbee, 10/27 RSAR
Relative: LCpl Malcolm Henry 'Harry' Appelbee, 10th Bn, 1st AIF

PTE Appelbee, 30, joined 10/27 RSAR in September 2005 and is posted to the battalion's signals platoon. His great uncle was also an infantryman, serving with the 10th Bn from June 1915 until 1919.

"My great uncle was LCpl Malcolm Henry Appelbee, better known as 'Harry,'" Pte Appelbee said.

"He was 16 when he enlisted and served with the 10th Bn on the Western Front for most of the war.

"Harry was recommended for an award after his actions at Lihons in the Somme. He was the

centre guide for the battalion during a night march.

"He was also the battle orderly to the CO and carried many messages through heavy shelling and machine-gun fire. He was praised for his conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty.

"After he was gassed in the trenches in 1918 he was evacuated to England, where he spent time in hospital before returning to Australia in 1919.

"I am glad 10/27 RSAR remains proud of its great history – there are photographs and displays of memorabilia at our HQ in Adelaide."

"For me, the Centenary of Anzac is about honouring the memory of all those young men who were utterly selfless in their sacrifice and their willingness to volunteer. I think that's pertinent in today's society."

Pte Tim Appelbee, of 10/27 RSAR, on a field exercise. Inset, Pte Appelbee's great uncle, LCpl Harry Appelbee.



Family discoveries in Tasmania

Lt Col Phil Pyke

FOR two soldiers of B Coy, 12/40 RTR, the anniversary of the outbreak of WWI prompted them to undertake research into their family history – resulting in some unexpected finds.

Pte Luttrell always knew he had a great-grandfather who joined the 12th Bn in 1916.

"As the families generationally grew apart over the years, there wasn't a lot of information about Horace Luttrell, who joined in October 1916 as a member of the 24th Reinforcements for the 12th Bn on the Western Front," Pte Luttrell said.

"He was a draper who lived at Strahan on Tasmania's west coast and he went on to serve with the machine-gun battalion."

While Pte Luttrell has no images of his great-grandfather from WWI, he has a unique memento that serves as a reminder to the attritional warfare on the Western Front.

"It is a matchbox holder made from a German belt buckle engraved with 'Gott Mitt Uns' (God With Us). It was believed the original owner had been killed in battle – although it isn't known where."

In joining 12/40 RTR, Pte Luttrell



Pte Duncan Luttrell holds a matchbox container made from a German belt buckle, brought back to Australia by his great-grandfather from WWI.
 Photos by Lt-Col Phil Pyke

was proud of following in the footsteps of his great-grandfather.

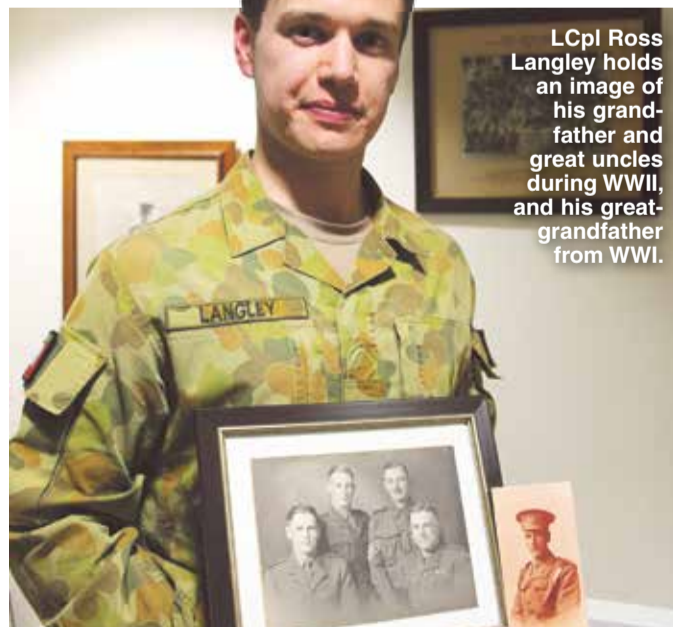
"Unfortunately I don't know a lot about him, but when I found out he was in the original 12th Bn, I was quite impressed in knowing I had an ancestral link."

The original Pte Luttrell survived the Western Front and returned to Tasmania's west coast where he was

elected to council, eventually becoming warden (mayor) and working for the community before passing away in 1971.

LCpl Ross Langley also has a special connection to 12/40 RTR. His grandfather served in the 2/12th Bn at Tobruk and Papua New Guinea during WWII.

"I knew my grandfather, Lewis



LCpl Ross Langley holds an image of his grandfather and great uncles during WWII, and his great-grandfather from WWI.

like webbing to see how things had changed.

"I deployed to Solomon Islands on Operation Anode in 2008-09 and sadly he passed away shortly after I returned home," he said.

As the centenary of WWI approached, LCpl Langley undertook some family research and was surprised to find his great-grandfather Raymond (father of Lewis) was an officer in the 40th Bn – the only all-Tasmanian battalion – led by the Police Commissioner, John Lord, and served on the Western Front from 1916.

"He served in B Coy, 40th Bn, and took part in battles at Messines, Broodseinde Ridge, Passchendaele, the Somme and the Hindenburg Line," LCpl Langley said.

The 40th Bn had 475 killed and 1714 wounded. For their actions, the battalion received 14 battle honours, which are today emblazoned on the Queens and Regimental Colours of 12/40 RTR.

"He returned home after the armistice and became a barrister, serving in WWII on the home front," LCpl Langley said.

"I am proud of my connections to both battalions from WWI and II – especially as I got to know my grandfather's experiences in his later years."

Smith, very well and he was proud that I was a member of his former battalion – now 12/40 RTR," LCpl Langley said.

"After serving as a Rat of Tobruk, he was wounded in 1943 at Port Moresby and repatriated home."

LCpl Langley said when he joined 12/40 RTR his grandfather took a keen interest in the newer uniforms and equipment, often checking gear