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SUMMER 2018

President's Report



Hello Everyone, getting ready for another warm summer?

Since our last edition, we have hit the ground running. Preparing for all the events planned till Christmas. The first thing we had was the annual CMF get together at the Richmond Club (The old Richmond RSL Bowling Club) organised by John Barnes and Ross Christie on 13 Oct. We had a good turnout of about 30 people including Ex CMF, ARA and Ares guys and their families. During this function there were three notable couples missing. They were Kel and Faye Hales, Dick and Jan Cook and Gordon and Laurel McGeogh. Unfortunately, these three couples all lost their eldest sons in separate incidents between August, September and October. On behalf of the association, I pass our sincere condolences to all three families and look forward to catching up with you all soon.

Our next venture, over the period 28 Oct – 2 Nov, was to support 9 Force Support Battalion (higher headquarters of 176 AD Sqn) on Ex Tiger Walk along the abandoned Brisbane Valley Railway track from Yarraman to Ipswich. This exercise was principally for soldiers, including some members of 176, undergoing rehabilitation or being discharged because of service related injuries. Some of our members volunteered to do the cooking and general support for these young people. It was good to get back with soldiers and the military system again.

November marked the Centenary of Armistice, and the association was invited by St Mary's RSL and the Penrith CBD Corporation to support a "Poppy Park" display at Penrith Paceway. We were asked if we'd like to run a food stall at the paceway as part of the activities so seeing this as a possible major fund-raising activity we decided to "give it a go". We were allocated Friday 9 till Sunday 11 November and were to provide refreshments for the volunteers who were setting up the "Poppy Park". Although the expected numbers did not attend the Centenary event, the association had a great gathering of members, volunteering their time, energy and resources to our little portion of the celebrations.

17 November, saw our NSW end of year Christmas function at O'Donoghues Irish Pub at Emu Plains, again organised by Grant Foster. It was another great night with about 30 people attending. A few old faces, in the form of Keith Hancox and Darren Poole and their ladies, turned up and we also had JJ Noyeau, Matt Conwell,

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Flett Turner and Helen Lawson join us. We are still waiting to confirm Christmas functions in Melbourne and Brisbane. Hopefully we'll find out soon.

Our ANZAC Day reunion next year is to be held in Brisbane and our QLD State Rep, Kemm Baber, has been arranging accommodation and function areas for this period. We are trying to arrange a tour of 9FSB at Amberley during the reunion. In the near future, we will be asking for those interested in attending so we can have an idea of numbers.

At this stage, we have not had anything back from the Kiwis regarding the International Reunion in 2020.

Next year, the association has a number of events planned particularly in New South Wales. Which leads me to the next point. The association is spread around the length and breadth of Australia. Our members are situated everywhere. If you would like a function in your area, let us know. If we can put one together for you, we will. I would ask all members to give some thought into events in your area.

Some bad news from the United States, Those, who attended the tour and reunion may remember Dave and Sandy Kline. Unfortunately, Sandy has been diagnosed with ovarian cancer she has been undergoing chemo for some time now and Dave says she is doing as well as can be expected. Our thoughts and best wishes go to Sandy and Dave over this difficult time.

With this year quickly coming to an end, we can reflect on a year of many "firsts".

- 1.Large fund-raising activities
- 2.Our first widow joins us on an international Reunion
- 3.People who attended the reunion had their accommodation paid for by the association
- 4.Support to an Army unit in the field

For a small association with a core of dedicated people, we have achieved a lot in the last 12 months and I would like to personally thank all of you for your help, assistance and support.

Over the past few years, we, as air dispatchers, have been slowly coming together from different eras and backgrounds and as an association have been breaking new ground as we proceed into 2019. I look forward to many more events and functions where a good cross section of our members attend.

In closing the final "Clipped Wings", for this year, Joyce and I would like to take the opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous and Happy New Year and look forward to catching up with you in 2019.

Cheers

Nicko



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Treasurer's Report

Shown below are summaries of each of our bank accounts. These are the figures sent to the Australian Taxation Office when we reported our GST activity for the 3rd quarter of the year. If you would like further information, please send your request by email.

Regards
Rob Ward

ADMINISTRATION		
Bank Account Opening Balance	1-Jul-18	13,457.78
Income		
GST payment from ATO	63.00	
Interest	3.41	
Membership Fees	600.00	
Total Income		666.41
Expenses		
Website & Internet	-258.50	
Miscellaneous	-5.00	
Total Expenses		-263.50
Bank Account Closing Balance	30-Sep-18	13,860.69

MERCHANDISE		
Bank Account Opening Balance	1-Jul-18	2,617.17
Income		
Donations	0.50	
Interest	0.54	
Merchandise	1,925.65	
Postage Recovered	32.50	
Total Income		1,959.19
Expenses		
Online payment charges	-10.91	
Merchandise Purchases	-2,317.15	
Postage	-16.40	
Total Expenses		-2,344.46
Bank Account Closing Balance	30-Sep-18	2,231.90

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FUNDRAISING		
Bank Account Opening Balance	1-Jul-18	15,330.49
Income		
BBQ	640.50	
Contributions for Myola Ball	4,607.06	
Interest	1.84	
Total Income		5,249.40
Expenses		
Supplies & Materials - BBQ	-50.50	
Awards, Plaques, Wreaths	-381.19	
Myola Ball	-6,927.38	
Reunion - members	-8,154.13	
Reunion - widow	-1,616.92	
Total Expenses		17,130.12
Bank Account Closing Balance	30-Sep-18	3,449.77

GRANTS		
Bank Account Opening Balance	1-Jul-18	5,069.08
Income		
Interest	1.24	
Total Income		1.24
Expenses		
Total Expenses		0.00
Bank Account Closing Balance	30-Sep-18	5,070.32

Payment options for payment of membership fees	
Online by bank transfer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Westpac Banking Corporation BSB 032-814 Account number 485891 In the name of "Air Dispatch Association Administration Account" Use your surname and initial as your reference
Deposit over the counter at any Westpac Bank.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As the bank does not allow any letter in the payee's details, send me an email with the details of the date, branch and amount of your payment
By cheque or money order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Made payable to Air Dispatch Association of Australia Post to PO Box 483, Helensburgh NSW 2508
Online by credit card	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If this is your payment choice, send an email to treasurer@adaa.net.au so that you can be set up with this facility. Charges will be passed on to you when our invoice is sent.
You may also be able to deposit at the Post Office, but fees may be payable	

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Notice

MEMBERSHIP 2018

OUR MEMBERSHIP YEAR ENDS 30 JUNE 18

PLEASE ENSURE YOU HAVE PAID YOUR
ANNUAL \$25.00 SUBSCRIPTION TO
REMAIN FINANCIAL

To make things easier, we now have a
Membership Officer who you can contact
directly to check on your association
financial status.

Contact: memberships@adaa.net.au

The following deposits were made over the counter at Westpac branches. We are not able to obtain any details of who they have come from. If you feel that one of them is yours, please let us know the date and the amount, so that your membership records can be brought up to date. Either email memberships@adaa.net.au or call Nicko on 0407942904.

Richmond NSW
Cleveland Qld

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Interest

CMF Luncheon

The annual CMF get-together and luncheon was held at the Richmond Club on Saturday afternoon 13 Oct 18. This function normally attracts the older CMF soldiers who served through the 50's, 60's and early 70's but this time we had some ex Regs and Ares people as well. The afternoon was well subscribed, and everybody enjoyed themselves.

We all gathered about 1100 hr and had a bit of a chin-wag before getting into the food. John Barnes, who was instrumental with organising the event with Ross Christie said a few words and Wanda Deacon gave everybody a rundown on her trip to the UK and attendance at the International Reunion in Coventry and recommended those present attend the next International Reunion in New Zealand in 2020.

There was also a more sombre side to the function because since the beginning of August this year, Kel Hales, Dick Cook and Gordon McGeogh all had sons pass away. A minutes silence was held for the three men. Our condolences to Kel, Dick and Gordon and their families.

About 30 people turned up and we all settled into a good Chinese meal



*Left to right
Pam and John Barnes, Harry
Hordern and Karen Austin*



*Left to Right
Foz, Matt Conwell, Ron
Blakely, Michael Gellel
and Barry Mulford*

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CMF Luncheon cont.



Left to Right

*Jock and Frances Gascoigne, Ross
and Norma Christie and Bob Sly*



Left to Right

*Kerry and Kristine Luscombe, Clair
Miller, Rusty Towers, Vince and Gerda
Head*



Left to Right

*Joyce, Wanda Deacon, Toni and Ian
Baine*

Unfortunately, not everyone who was present are in the photographs apologies to those people who did not get a mention.

It was great to have Air Dispatchers from all realms and eras attend this luncheon and the ADAA is proud to assist in functions such as this.

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Interest

Ex Tiger Walk

Its not often a military association has the opportunity to support an Army unit, but that is precisely what happened to the ADAA over the period 28 Oct – 1 Nov 18. The concept was to have members of 9 Force Support Battalion (9 FSB) conduct a walk for its members over the old Brisbane Valley Railway trail from Yarraman, 161 kilometres to Wulkuraka Station, which is close to Amberley.

Below is an extract of the signal we received from 9 FSB.

“9 Force Support Battalion (9 FSB) request the support of the ADAA to provide support to participating Soldiers, NCO’s and Officers of the Battalion during this period. The 9 FSB members that have been identified to participate in the activity are members that have either suffered an injury or illness, are in rehab, recovering or will be discharged in the future due to their illness. This activity is designed to encourage a positive attitude throughout the recovery process and to build the resilience that young guys often lack today. It is certainly not a physical competition (maybe challenge) and most of us will not be there to fix the broken, because that is just not our job. My hope and wish is that the ADAA can get involved in this worthy support cause and generate a long rewarding friendship with 9 FSB now and in the future.”

The first thing we did was to contact Bunnings Wollongong and tell them we needed a six burner BBQ so we could “lay baits” for these young soldiers. Bunnings Activities Organiser, Ms Erin Muscat and the Store Manager, Mr Dragan Bralic presented us with just the BBQ we needed.



Bunnings Wollongong Store Manager, Mr Dragan Bralic and Activities Organiser Ms Erin Muscat being presented with ADAA Certificates of Appreciation

Our next task was to ask for volunteers, hopefully from Queensland, to give us a hand with these meals. Unfortunately, this was not to be for various reasons. The people we did have was John Hunt (Ex 176 1971/73) from Casino NSW, Harry Hordern and Karen Austin from Penrith and Mark Swain who assisted for a few days from Nerang (QLD). We even had an offer from Shepparton, Vic to assist.

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Ex Tiger Walk cont.

There were about 70 people taking part in the walk so there was some concern whether we would be able to keep everybody fed. All our Sausage Sizzles at Bunnings paid off because our volunteers managed to ensure, all meals were on time, hot and nobody went hungry.

Base camp at Toogoolawah Showgrounds was our next stop. We set up the association marquee next to the showground kitchen/dining room on the Saturday afternoon, ready to do 0630 hr breakfast on the Sunday morning. The rear party also arrived under the command of Cpl Matt Johnston. There were soldiers from 176 AD Sqn and 26 Tpt Sqn who helped set up the base camp. We were ready to go!



Picture Left

*Karen, Harry and John
having a break under the
marquee*

The meals were basically BBQ packs for breakfast and dinner with sandwiches for lunch. So, Harry and I, didn't have to be Master Chefs although we did do a few things to break the monotony of the same old meals.

Up the next morning, Sunday, about 0430 hr to get the breakfast ready so it could be delivered to the start point. The rest of the day was spent fixing up the area and getting things operational. About 1600 hr, on the Sunday afternoon, the walkers were bussed back to the Base Camp where there was plenty of cold water, sports drinks and soft drinks available. This is where we got our first look at these weary walkers. They had completed Day 1 and their spirits were high, even if their bodies and feet ached.

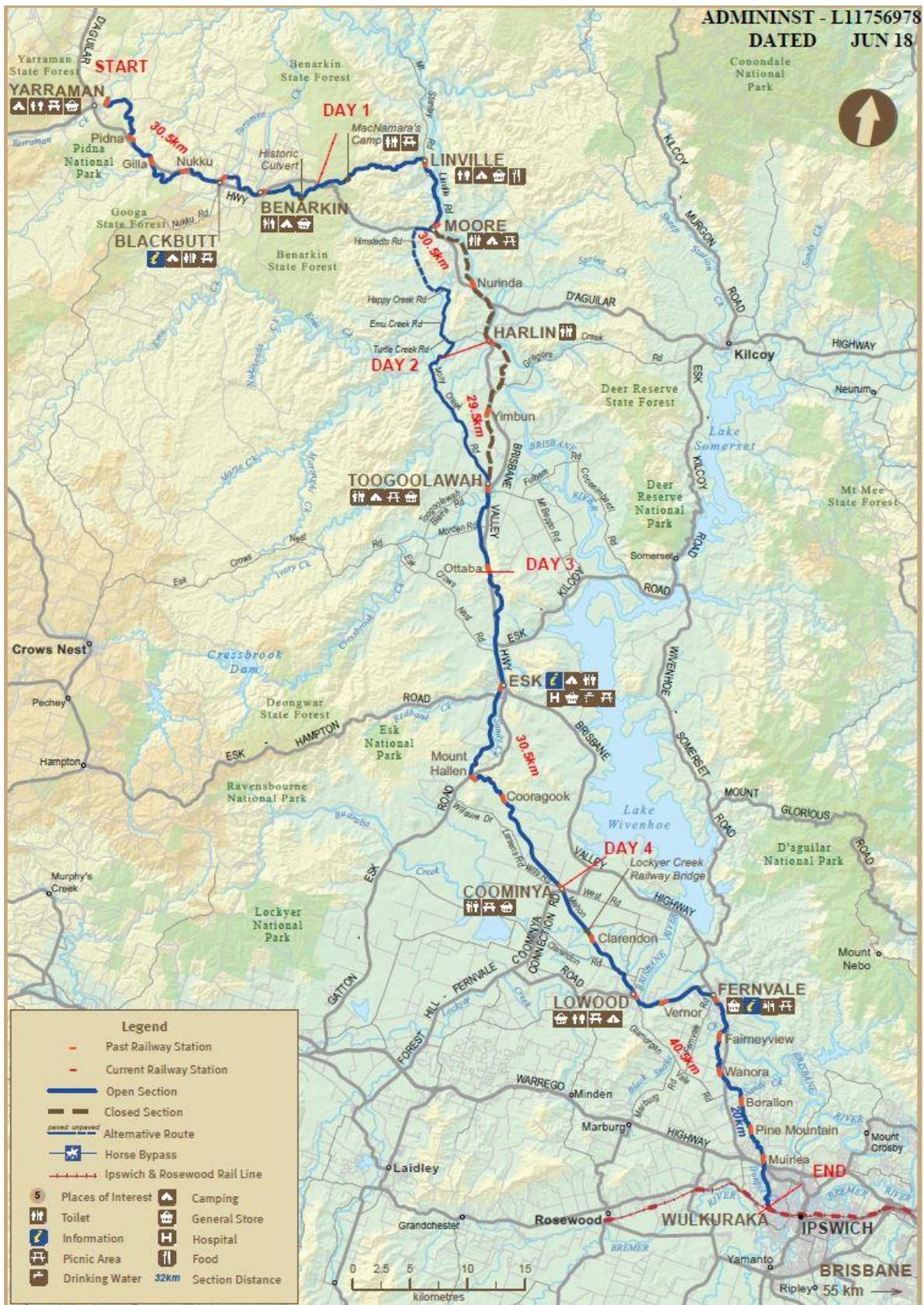
Evening meal was ready for everyone at 1830 hrs and this set the timings for the rest of the exercise. Although we were a bunch of old farts, compared to these young diggers, the thing that we noticed was the soldier's manners and appreciation of our efforts. Every evening and after breakfast, the young diggers would make their way back to their sleeping area and thank us collectively for the meals. After a while, we started to organise different meals for some of those who had dietary issues. It all worked well



*Soldiers from 176 Air Dispatch Sqn get a photo
shoot with the Oldies*

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Ex Tiger Walk cont.



The walk is shown in Blue with the day points identified. The Base Camp was at Toogoolawah Showgrounds.

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Ex Tiger Walk cont.



Some photos of the Participants

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Ex Tiger Walk cont.



On Day 2, the CO of 9 FSB, Lt Col Andy Harrison – Wyatt walked with the soldiers and that evening joined us for the evening meal and a little photo shoot.

Left to Right

Nicko, Harry, Karen, Mark, John and the CO



Some of the "Digs" lining up for breakfast



Ed (The RSM), John, Nicko, Karen, Bella and Harry



Some of the soldiers photographed on the last morning

By the end of the exercise, we had made a lot of new mates and had the opportunity to talk with some of the soldiers and discuss a few issues. This exercise was like a tonic to some of us. It was like being back in the Army and sharing in the comraderie again. To the soldiers of 9 FSB, "Thank You" for letting us join you and be part of this event.

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Ex Tiger Walk cont.

The last day from Wanora to Wulkuraka



A big THANK YOU to George Madigan, who was unable to attend but made a donation to support the diggers. George, your support was really appreciated by the soldiers and we made sure they always had cold beverages (no alcohol – due to Army policy) during and after their walk.

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Interest

Penrith Poppy Park and the Centenary of Armistice

As we all know, 11 November 2018 marked the Centenary of Armistice, where 100 years prior, at 1100 the guns fell silent and the world returned to Peace. To celebrate the Centenary, the ADAA was given the opportunity to join forces with St Marys RSL and the Penrith CBD Corporation and attend a remake of Poppy Park at the Penrith Paceway at Penrith.

Grant Foster made the initial enquiry to St Marys RSL, where Ron Blakely, a member of the ADAA, is RSL President. Ron told the Penrith CBD Corporation we were interested in running a food stall over the period 9 – 11 November and to be part of the display.

We were told to start setting up at 1000 on the 9th and be able to supply lunch for the Poppy Park volunteers from about 1200. The initial setup we had about a dozen people helping us erect two 6 metre marquees and position the mobile cool room, which was supplied by John Barnes, Son in Law, who owns Macquarie Towns Refrigeration. Also a big thanks to Andy Cornish's son, Cahill from Impact Party Hire, for supplying tables, chairs and Bain Maree,

From the onset, we were told to expect a large number of people for all three days, well, that was not to be. After we set up, we let people go home as there was little to do so we closed up by about 1600.



Fozzy, Vince, Joyce, Mick Hughes and Alberto Baretto ready to lay baits for our unsuspecting

The next morning, Saturday, we were back on site, ready to lay baits for the Poppy Park volunteers, but somebody failed to tell us everything had been completed on the previous day so again we twiddled our thumbs in anticipation of hungry hoards.



Some Chilean supporters getting nourishment before the game

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Penrith Poppy Park and the Centenary of Armistice cont.

There was some action later that afternoon, because Australian Ladies Soccer team, “The Matildas”, were playing Chile across the road at the Penrith Stadium and as luck would have it some of the spectators were hungry both before the match and after. It was quite interesting as people were allowed to park their cars at



Waiting for the Crowds

the paceway and because we were set up, we were allowed to sell our sausage sandwiches to the public. It looked like Comedy Capers at one stage with spectators sitting in their cars trying to get out of the parking area ordering sausage sangas and us walking over to their vehicles with the food. The down side was Australia lost 3 – 2.

Sunday, Armistice Day. We were told to expect approximately 25,000 people for the service and display. We were also requested to have breakfast ready for the Poppy Park volunteers ready by 0600. Well, for breakfast about ten people turned up. We had more ADAA volunteers than that. We persisted with the numbers that came and by about 1230 most of the crowd had disappeared. Even the other display and food stalls had started to pack up early.



Left to Right

Joyce, Roz, James and Tom Hughes (Mick Hughes two sons), Vince, Mick and Gerda

We ended up giving away about 100 loaves of bread because we knew we were not going to sell them, and it is better to give them away than see them go in the rubbish bin.

The three days, financially speaking, was not a success. But what we gained in knowledge and working at large events has put us in good stead for the next major event. To the ADAA members who turned up to help, “Thank You” for your support. Without you, these events would not be possible. Incidentally, we stopped selling goods between 1030 and 1115 and attended the service – it was very moving.

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Interest

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Australia's crucial role in a world at war

by Geoff Smith

Exactly a century ago the last shots of the Great War were fired and the guns along the Western Front and down through the Middle East fell silent. More than nine million soldiers had died, 20 million were wounded, 11 per cent of the population of France had been killed and much of Western Europe had been laid waste.

Australia's involvement began on August 4, 1914 with our country ultimately sending 416,809 troops from a population of less than five million. More than 60,000 of our finest and fittest young men died and 156,000 were injured. Thousands of once happy families were devastated and the

resultant trauma echoed down through the generations and remains in living memory with many Australians to this today. So what was it all about?

This unprecedented tragedy was ignited almost trivially when, on June 28, 1914 in Sarajevo, Bosnian Serb nationalist Gavrilo Princip assassinated the Archduke Franz Ferdinand and his wife Sophie with a 1910 Browning pistol. This led to Austria-Hungary declaring war on Serbia. Russia took Serbia's side and Germany responded by declaring war on Russia. France had a treaty with Russia and so she declared war on Germany who responded by advancing on France via neutral Belgium.

Finally Britain and her allies had little choice but to come to Belgium's defence and side with France by declaring war on Germany. What some have described as a little family disagreement between three of Queen Victoria's grandsons then exploded irrevocably into a massive conflict like nothing the world had ever seen. Yet the causes were not so simple.

Globally, tension had been steadily rising. Europe's many small countries had, for some time, been a hotbed of jealousy over nationalism, intellectual property rights, border squabbles, colonial resources (including those near Australia) and many other issues, some of which continue to this

An Australian soldier carrying a wounded comrade during the WWI, Dardanelles Campaign, 1915.



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day. On the other side of the world our pre-federation colonies had already seen military action in the Sudan, Boer War and the Boxer Rebellion and our people remained fervently patriotic to 'the old country', of whose empire we remained a part despite the geographic divide.

Since federation in 1901 Australia had been preparing its defences by developing a military which, in 1910, included the mandatory cadet system of training for all males aged between 14 and 18. Our embryonic military around the turn of the century had initially been armed with the Long Lee-Enfield rifles that had replaced the Lee-Metford .303 in 1895, and was soon to adopt the newly-designed Short, Magazine Lee-Enfield No.1 Mk.3 rifle.

Australia's distance from the rest of the developed world meant we needed our own source of weapons. It was decided, therefore, to establish the small arms manufacturing plant at Lithgow in the Blue Mountains. There were good reasons for this, since the locality already had an existing iron production capability with iron ore, coal, limestone and qualified manpower all available, as well as road and rail transport to Sydney. It was also located sufficiently inland to be safe from coastal attack. But Australia, as a nation barely seven years old, lacked the capacity to make the initial machinery necessary for precisely forging and machining the actions and barrels required.

Factories in those days generally had their own powerhouses and used massively long overhead shafts that ran end to end of workshops with belt take-offs to drive the various lathes, mills and forging hammers



Markings on Lithgow manufactured Pattern 1907 bayonet, number 6254



Markings on the opposite side.

necessary to accurately manufacture the requisite parts. These machines had to be bought from established overseas firms.

Controversially for the time after touring potential overseas suppliers, the engineer appointed to establish the Lithgow factory, William Clarkson, urged the Defence Department to award the contract for supply of machinery to US company Pratt and Whitney rather than to BSA or one of several other British firms who had tendered. While some members of Parliament felt this amounted to treason, the Department of Defence agreed with Clarkson and the US firm's bid to equip the plant with its machines, within a time of one year and for the sum of £68,000, was accepted. The factory, now properly tooled up, started manufacture of the new Short, Magazine Lee-Enfield rifles in 1912.

Just two years later Australia's involvement in the Great War started in September 1914 with the capture of German colonial assets in Rabaul and New Guinea. The first contingent of the newly-named Australian Imperial Force troops left our shores in October 1914 to be staged in Egypt from where, in April 1915, the Gallipoli campaign was launched. During this time the basic weapon with which our troops were armed was initially mostly English-made Lee-Enfield No.1 Mk.3 rifles complete with Pattern 1907 bayonets, since most of Lithgow's early production had been sent to Britain at the outbreak of the war.

Back in Britain it was realised, in cost-benefit terms, that the No.1 Mk.3 was too expensive to manufacture (\$7.50 each in today's money) so in late 1915 the decision was made to simplify the design by



This leather bandolier holds 50 rounds and was of the type issued to artillery troops.

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removing the volley sights and magazine cut off among other minor alterations, and change to a simpler rectangular 'slab' cocking piece. The new design became known as the No.1 Mk.3* (known affectionately as the Mark 3 star).

The factory at Lithgow by this time employed some 1500 workers who between 1913 and 1918 had made around 100,000 rifles with matching Pattern '07 bayonets. The first locally-made rifles reached our troops in 1916 and there were quite a few individual variants of the No.1 Mk.3 and Mk.3* which finished up in service. Many retained the slot for the magazine cut-off and many had the older style cocking piece even as recently as WWII. By this stage of the war our troops were located along the Western Front in Belgium and France as well as our Light Horse brigades in Palestine.

The Lee-Enfield rifle itself and the .303 British cartridge for which it is chambered have had an interesting history. James Paris Lee (1831-1904), a Scottish gun designer who moved to Canada as a child and later to the US, invented both the bolt-action and double row 10-round magazine employed in the rifles that bear his name. His design is widely acknowledged as being superior to the others of the day for several reasons, principally relating to fire power. For example, according to Wikipedia (quoting Ian Skennerton), "the current world record for aimed bolt-action fire was set in 1914 by a musketry instructor in the British Army



A 1917 BSA manufactured No.1 Mk.3* rifle.

- *Sergeant Instructor Snoxall - who placed 38 rounds into a 12-inch-wide (300mm) target at 300 yards (270m) in one minute.* Surprisingly, at the time many of the features were viewed with suspicion.

A removable magazine, it was suggested, could be a liability if it became lost in combat. The rear locking bolt might not be as strong as the forward-located locking lugs of the Mauser design. However, cocking the striker on the forward closure stroke of the bolt offers faster cycling than the Mauser alternative which cocks on the upwards opening movement of the bolt handle.

But history has vindicated the design. After Russian's Mosin Nagant, the Lee-Enfield rifle has been the



Many of the No.1 Mk.3* rifles like this one had the slot milled in the receiver for the magazine cut-off.

longest-serving military bolt-action (1895 to 1957) and indeed remains in service even now in some local police forces. Thousands of recreational shooters, here and elsewhere around the world, enjoy hunting and target shooting with them.

The .303 British cartridge, while not the most powerful in the world, also has served for a very long time. Introduced in 1888 after allegedly being adapted from designs by Switzerland's Major Eduard Rubin, inventor of the full metal jacket projectile, it was initially powered by black powder and fired a 215gr bullet at 1850fps. Martini Henry rifles originally chambered for the .577-450 round were re-barrelled at Enfield for the new .303 round, which then went on to be employed in the Lee-**Metford** rifle. >



Aged 19, 285 Motor Transport Driver E.M. Green in the Singer staff car for Major General Ewen Sinclair-MacLagan, Commander of Australia's 4th Division, Paris 1918.

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The charge was replaced by a load of the newly-invented double based Cordite in 1892 and the resultant velocity attained was 1970fps. The Mk.7 round, adopted in 1910, used a 174gr pointed bullet which came out at 2440fps and this was essentially the loading that remained for the rest of its period of service.

During the Great War, Australia produced .303 ammunition at the Colonial Ammunition Company premises at Footscray in Melbourne, while the cordite was made at the Maribyrnong Explosives Factory. From 1915 to 1918 the CAC factory produced two million rounds per year, and while this sounds like a lot of ammo, the numbers pale when compared to what was made in Britain. During the Great War it is claimed seven billion rounds were made, equating roughly to 173,000 tons of ammo.

Following the armistice 100 years ago this month, the demand for military rifles fell dramatically and the numbers of workers employed at Lithgow dropped to 300 by 1922. Despite the low staffing numbers however, the factory remained operational and by the late 1920s was also producing Vickers machine-guns and other assorted items.

Sadly, many of the tensions that caused the war were not resolved by the armistice.



A clip containing Mk.7 rounds.



A clip containing some CAC manufactured Mk.6 rounds.

As a consequence, before too long the factories at Lithgow, Footscray and Maribyrnong were back in business again as the world plunged into conflict once more.

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The rifle, bayonet and leather rifle bucket as used late in WW1 by Light Horse troops.

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Upcoming Events

Christmas Get-Together - Queensland

Kemm Baber and Mark Swain have organised the annual ADAA QLD Get -Together on the Gold Coast

When: 1200hr Sat 15 Dec

Where: Nerang RSL. 69 Nerang St, Nerang.

Contact: Kemm Baber on 0418 732 380



ANZAC Day 2019

ANZAC Day is to be held in Brisbane next year over the period 23 to 26 April. Accommodation has been arranged at Airport International Hotel in Hamilton.

Welcome dinner, ANZAC luncheon and other events are being arranged. Notifications of timings and costs will be advised as they are known.

Please register your interest by emailing events@adaa.net.au



Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo October 2019

The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo is heading down under to Sydney in October next year. Tickets will be going on sale in April through Ticketek.

The ADAA has made contact indicating an interest in obtaining tickets with an aim to getting a group discount. If you are interested in attending please get back to us ASAP so we can get an idea of numbers and make a preliminary booking. Cost etc are TBA. We will confirm as soon as we know.

Cheers,

Nicko

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Fund Raising

Upcoming Dates for our Bunnings Sausage Sizzles

2019 Brings a change of venue for the Western Sydney Sizzle Crew, "Bunnings Katoomba" will now be hosting the monthly fund raisers on the 4th Sunday of the month.

The initial dates are as follows:

Katoomba Sunday 27th January

Wollongong Monday 28th January (a change this month to the 1st Tuesday)

Wollongong Tuesday 5th February

Katoomba Sunday 24th February

Wollongong Tuesday 5th March

Katoomba Sunday 24th March

Wollongong Tuesday 2nd April

Katoomba Sunday 28th April

As always to make these fund-raising events work, we need volunteers to man the tongs and help out. If you would like to come along for a shift, at either of the venues, please contact "Grant Foster" for Katoomba and "Nick Nicolai" for Wollongong. (see contact details on last page).



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Vale

RJ (Pop) Sawdy

216259 RJ (Pop) SAWDY - 176 Air Dispatch Coy

He was known by many people simply as "Pop"

Our thoughts and condolences go to his family

RIP mate

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MEMBERSHIPS

This is a new addition to “The Clipped Wings” – the inclusion of a list of current members. If you don’t see your name on the list below and believe it should be, or if you think these records are incorrect, please send an email to memberships@adaa.net.au, or call Nicko on 0407 942904.

A new membership officer is about to be announced, and we want to make sure the records are accurate before he takes over.

Welcome to New Members

Since the beginning of the year, the following members have joined our Association:

WARD, Robert
WATSON, Keith
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GELLEL, Michael
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CLEMENTS, Rodney
SMYTH, Kenneth
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COCHRANE, Dan

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EDDIE, Anthony	Life	McCANN, Denis	Life
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ARMSTRONG, Len	2018	MANNING, Bennie	2018
BAINES, Ian	2019	MARKI, Imre	2019
BARNES, John Cecil	2020	MARTIN, Raymond	2019
BATES, Paul	2019	McBAIN, Sean	2019
BEAVEN, David	2019	McGRAVIE, Gary	2018
BERMAN, Gary	2018	McMASTER, Robert	2019
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BOWDEN, Denis	2019	McPHERSON, Roger	2018
BRENNAN, Denis	2018	MILKE, Peter	2019
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CLEMENTS, Rodney	2019	MULVAY, Paul	2018
COCHRANE, Dan	2019	MUNSON, Peter	2020
COHEN, Peter	2019	MURPHY, Peter	2019
COOPER, David	2020	NELSON, Jack	2019
CORMACK, Will	2020	NICOLAI, Mark	2019
CORNISH, Andrew	2018	O'BRIEN, Graeme	2019
CUTTS, Geoff	2019	OSBORNE, Richard	2019
D'ARCY, Bill	2019	PAPWORTH, Graham	2018
DOWD, Anthony	2018	PATERSON, Bruce	2019
DRAY, Dennis	2018	POPE, Jeff	2019
DURNEY, John	2019	PRAGNALL, Alan	2020
EVANS, John	2020	REASON, Terry	2020
FARMER, Raymond	2018	ROGERS, Kevin	2019
FELKIN, Chris	2020	RUSSELL, Peter	2018
FILEWOOD, Richard	2018	RUTLEDGE, Allen	2019
FOSTER, Grant	2020	RYMAN, James	2019
FRACARO, Lyndon	2020	SCOTLAND, Jim	2018
GELLER, Michael	2019	SIMPSON, Peter	2018
GRIMSHAW, Max	2019	SMILEY, Graham	2020
GUSTER, Tony	2019	SMITH, Barry	2019
HARRIS, Geoff	2018	SMYTH, Kenneth	2019
HAYES, Bill	2021	SOLOMON, David	2020
HEAD, Vince	2020	SUMNER, John	2019
HEIDENREICH, Lou	2023	TAYLOR, John	2021
HEYDON, Terry	2019	THOMPSON, Gordon	2019
HILL, Brian	2018	THURGOOD, John	2018
HILSBERG, Stuart	2019	TOWERS, Russell	2020
HORDERN, Anthony	2021	WAHLEN, Gary	2019
HOWES, Alan	2019	WAHLEN, Mark	2019
HUDDLESTON, John	2020	WALSH, Lee	2018
HUGHES, Michael	2018	WARD, Robert	2019
HUGHES, Ron	2019	WARE, Stuart	2019
HUNT, John	2019	WATSON, Keith	2019
JANSON, Ken	2020	WEIDNER, Edward	2019
JOHANSEN, Michael	2021	WHITTAKER, John	2022
KOOL, Shaun	2019	WILLIAMS, John	2018
LE SUEUR, Peter	2018	WOLFF, Mark	2020
LEE, Dennis	2019	WOODERSON, Geoff	2018
LIEBEN, Gerry	2018	WORLAND, Trevor	2019
LINCOLN, Max	2018	YOUNG, Ian	2018
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