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A HISTORY OF UNITS AND PERSONNEL

1925 - 1998



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Foreword

It was a privilege to have been invited by the RAAOC ARES Vintage Club to have had the opportunity to read the history manuscript for the publication *Ordnance Citizen Forces Queensland - A history of Units and Personnel 1925 - 1998*.

It is most appropriate that perhaps the best known Ordnance identity in Queensland, WO1 Graham Sheehan, OAM (Retired) was chosen by the Army Reserve fraternity of the Royal Australian Army Ordnance Corps (RAAOC) in the 1st Military District to research and produce such a thorough and interesting history which so aptly captures the *esprit de corps* and dedication of all of those AAOC and RAAOC personnel who, both collectively and individually, helped to forge the reputation and hard won respect earned by the Ordnance Reserve Units in Queensland. The reputation of the efficient logistic support provided by the Ordnance Reserve Units over more than seven decades is a proud and significant achievement; commencing with the AAOC Military units in 1925, and continuing right through until 1998, when the arbitrary Army reorganisation of the logistics infrastructure brought to an end the days of corps supply and services units in favour of integrated logistics groups.

An Army in peace has one prime aim - to be ready for war! In that regard the Ordnance Militia units acquitted themselves well at the outbreak of World War 2 when the AAOC personnel rallied and formed the nucleus of many Ordnance units that were established in wartime Australia; and particularly those 'Reserve' officers and soldiers that served in the Middle East, in Malaya/Singapore (where many perished as prisoners of war) and in New Guinea and the islands of the SW Pacific. Without this invaluable 'core' of well trained and enthusiastic Ordnance personnel, Australia's mobilisation effort in raising and despatching the 2nd AIF in 1939 would have been in jeopardy.

It will be seen from WO1 Graham Sheehan's fine history work on Ordnance Reserve Forces units in Queensland that this spirit of preparedness in continuing to maintain the capability of providing vital logistic services to the Army has continued unabated in the CMF and Army Reserve units ever since World War 2, despite the many adversities and reorganisations over the decades which have been addressed by the author in this book.

The origin of the military Ordnance services in Australia dates back to the very early colonial period. WO I Graham Sheehan's history of the Reserve units in



Queensland commences in 1925, and traces all of the important events, anecdotal stories, the evolution of uniforms and conditions of service and pay, the myriad of unit name changes and the key AAOC and RAAOC personnel, who over many years of hard work and a strong sense of duty, has each helped to build the good reputation that our Corps currently enjoys with other Army units and the community; not only in Queensland, but throughout Australia.

Those servicemen and servicewomen who are presently serving in RAAOC appointments and positions in the current integrated logistic units or headquarters, or who are just joining the Army Reserve as members of our Corps, should all be encouraged to read this history to gain an appreciation of what Ordnance has achieved in the past, and so that they can understand for themselves what a proud tradition they have inherited, which they can now contribute to and build upon in future years.

This excellent publication which captures the detailed history, spirit and notable achievements of Ordnance Reserve Forces Units in Queensland should be read by all to appreciate the dedication to duty of all those AAOC and RAAOC members past and present who served with the units which have been addressed in this publication.

In particular this history work should be viewed as a tribute to those notable RAAOC personnel who throughout their adult working life chose to selflessly dedicate their life's worth of 'leisure hours' and family interests in order to serve in the Army Reserve. Such unique persons can only be described as *'TWICE the Citizen'*, and from a military perspective surely these persons can only be judged as being *'TWICE the Soldier'*. Without doubt the author of this excellent history, WO I Graham Sheehan, with more than 36 years of Reserve service, must rank very high with this philosophy.

Sua Tela Tonanti (To the Warrior his Arms).

John D Tilbrook, CSM, RFD
Major
Corps Historian (RAAOC)



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About the Author

Graham Sheehan was born in Brisbane, Queensland in 1935. He was educated at Brisbane Grammar School.

After call-up for National Service, he enlisted in 11 National Service Training Battalion on 29 April 1955. After initial full-time service, he was transferred to 1 Stores Company RAAOC on 4 August 1955. Postings to a variety of RAAOC CMF and ARES units followed. He qualified for 1st Appointment in 1964 but elected to seek promotion through the ranks. He was promoted to Warrant Officer Class 1 on 30 November 1976.

Lieutenant Colonel D.W. Lovejoy, Commander, Headquarters 1 Supply Group (ARES), appointed Warrant Officer Sheehan unit historian in 1975 to carry out research with the aim of providing a history of the part time Ordnance Soldier in 1 Military District.

He was awarded the Efficiency Medal together with clasp and the Reserve Force Medal with three clasps. In 1985, he was awarded the Order of Australia Medal for his outstanding service to the citizen forces.

At the time of his compulsory retirement from the ARES, Graham was the longest serving unit member on record - 35 years 7 months 29 days, of which he served as a Warrant Officer for 31 years 9 months 19 days.

Married to Shirley, they have three children.

Author's Acknowledgement

A small citizens' force Ordnance Unit, designated the First Company, Australian Army Ordnance Corps was first raised in Brisbane in 1925. In attempting to record the history of this and all the other Militia, CMF and ARES Ordnance units in Queensland over these past 75 years, I have not been able to cover all aspects or every topic worthy of mention. I have, however, attempted to portray a year by year dialogue of main events

Many people have made a major commitment in their lives towards serving in the Citizens Forces. Unfortunately, I have not been able to cover all the significant efforts of these people. Nor do time and space permit me to record the many other stories that would have been of interest.

The Citizen Soldier is a unique person, primarily a civilian with a commitment to a civilian employer, and a soldier second. Beside this commitment, the Citizen Soldier strives to maintain a family life as well as other social activities.

I am indebted to the late visionary LTCOL D.W. Lovejoy for seeing the need to record the units' history for future generations and for his encouragement to me to start and continue the task. I was further privileged to have met pre World War II officers who commanded the units in early days, and who went on to have distinguished army careers. Meeting MAJ G.M. McKay, COL J.B. Duncan and BRIG J.W. Lawson, and gaining first-hand information from them gave me further encouragement to undertake the task.

I had the honour of serving under each Commanding Officer/Officer Commanding of the major post war units until my retirement. I sincerely hope I have portrayed their commitment correctly.

In preparing this history, I must pay tribute to the following for their assistance in typing early drafts of the book: WO2 D. Cobanov, WO2 E. Rose, WO2 J. Shorrock and CPL R. McLellan. MAJ G.A. Privitera edited these drafts and produced a small number of copies that ensured the records were not lost. In 1998 the RAAOC ARES Vintage Club - a group of former long-serving and serving personnel who banded together in 1988 to enjoy continued comradeship and assist in preserving the history of RAAOC ARES in Queensland - decided to publish this work in greater detail. MAJ R.K. Cattle, MAJ R.Z. Marszalek, MAJ G.W. Oliver and WO2 J. Shorrock gave me



invaluable assistance in researching and preparing this material. The publication in its present form would not have been possible without the dedication of MAJ Glen Oliver who took on the task of co-ordinating this effort. His enthusiasm and skills in preparing this material for publication ensured that the final product is one of which we can all be proud. My thanks also go to BRIG Graeme Loughton, Honorary Colonel of the Corps in Queensland, MAJ Rod Norman of the RAAOC Corps Committee, MAJ Richard Marszalek and WO2 John Sherington for their assistance in procuring the necessary funding. This ensured that we could preserve and share with others a vital part of the history of the Corps.

I wish to express my sincere gratitude to my dear wife Shirley who over 31 years raised our children and never challenged my commitment in serving, and encouraged me at all times. She sacrificed many hours in typing drafts and assisting in the recording of this history.

During the writing of this history, it became clear there were going to be many gaps in the finished product due to effluence of time, fading memories and time constraints. I have taken great care in trying to get the details of this history right, but acknowledge that there may well be errors or omissions. For these, I sincerely apologize. Should the reader note any such errors or omissions, I would be grateful to hear about these so that they might be corrected in any subsequent edition of this history.

To the many soldiers who enlisted in the Citizens Forces and served in Ordnance units, I thank you for the memories.

G.J. Sheehan, OAM
Warrant Officer Class 1
November, 2001

PART 1

THE MILITIA

1925 - 1942

Chapter 1

1st Company, Australian Army Ordnance Corps (AAOC) 1925 - 1927

In 1925, a small Citizens' Force Ordnance Unit was raised in Brisbane to train army personnel in ammunition requirements, including storage and handling. Designated the 1st Company, Australian Army Ordnance Corps (AAOC), it was part of the First Military District Base Unit which came under command of the Base Commandant and District Commandant MAJGEN C.H. Foote, CB, CMG.

The first officer appointed as Officer Commanding (OC) was LT T.D. Watson, an original ANZAC who had served with Ordnance in France in WW1.

The unit began with an initial strength of 1 Officer and 16 Other Ranks, making its home at Victoria Barracks in the northern end of the lower building off Countess St., where the Orderly Room was shared with the Garrison Artillery and Fortress Engineers. Parades were held on alternate Tuesday nights and were divided into obligatory and alternative parades. Members were required to undertake one 10 day camp and two weekend bivouacs each year, the first six months' training consisting of ammunition duties, with the last six months of the year devoted to stores.

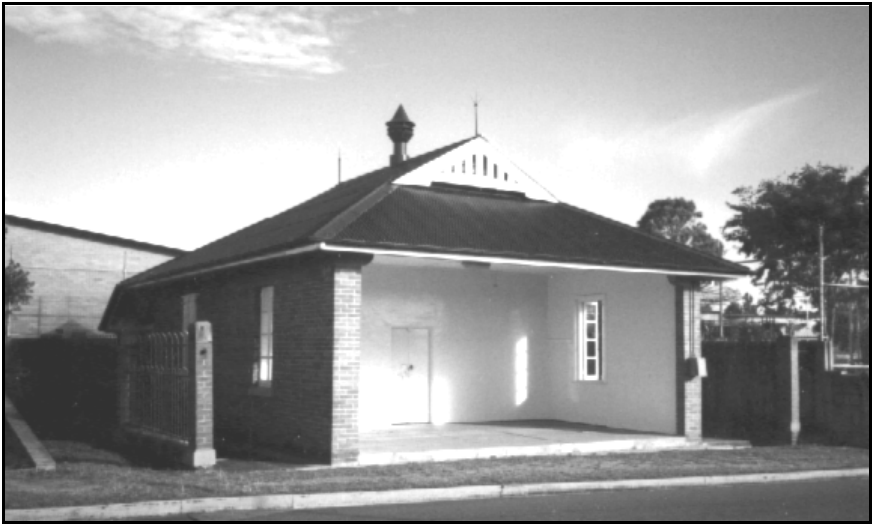
Since Ordnance at this stage was an offshoot of the Artillery, the Ordnance Department provided members with valuable experience and practical training in ammunition, and they were given access to the laboratories, magazines and fortress stores. The unit uniform included the wearing of bandoliers and leggings, riding breeches, jacket and slouch hat with a hatband of blue with a broad central red stripe. Officers wore Sam Browne belts.



1st Company's Orderly Room from 1926 to 1939.

The .303 Lee Enfield rifle was standard issue and members had the option of leaving the weapon in the armoury or taking it home. Quite a few members were also members of rifle clubs and were thus able to utilise their service rifles there. Rifle shooting competitions were very popular at the time and the members of the Company won many trophies shooting at the Enoggera Range. As the unit could not raise sufficient numerical strength to form a club (30 members) it competed under the name of the *1st District Base Unit Rifle Club*. Later the club combined with the Australian Army Service Corps (AASC) with the same success and broke every record for range shooting with issue rifle using open sights. At one stage three members of the Duncan family (members of Ammunition Company) took part in competition. J.B. Duncan (later to become OC) came second in two Kings Shoot marksman competitions.

Mr W. Crossen, a civilian in the Ordnance Department, was the Regimental Sergeant Major (RSM) at Victoria Barracks. As a Conductor in Ordnance WO1 W. Crossen took precedence over all Warrant Officers of the Militia. He was described as very knowledgeable in Ordnance and a strict disciplinarian who was a member of the Australian Instructional Corps. He saw service in both WW1 and WW2.



Armoury, Enoggera Range.

The Chief Ordnance Officer (COO) of the Ordnance Department at this time was Mr L.H. Storey. The store holders, Mr L.I. Martin (stores) and Mr G.W. McKay (ammunition), provided invaluable assistance. Master Gunner W. Smyth of the AIC was the cadre instructor and combined that role with that of instructor to the 22nd Heavy Battery, Garrison Artillery.

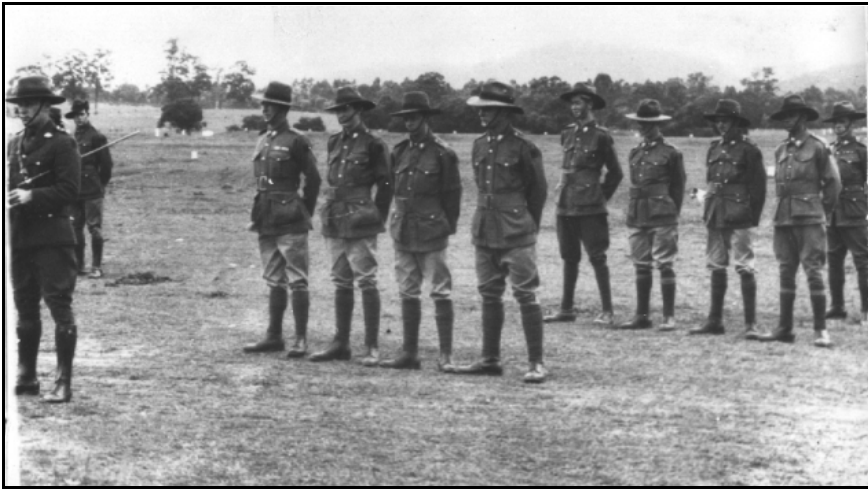
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Chapter 2

Number 1 Ammunition Coy AAOC

1927 - 1939

During 1927, inter-Military District rivalry caused a name change, firstly to Number 1 Company AAOC, and then to Number 1 Ammunition Coy AAOC, to better reflect the ammunition training role of the unit.



1 Ammunition Coy on parade during a voluntary camp on Siberia Range Enoggera in 1927 commanded by LT McKay. Those on parade included G. Caffyn, H. Cheetham, SGT J.B. Duncan, G. Blackburne, S. Roach, D. Pickering and W. McEwan

Being a small unit there was little chance of advancement until the OC was replaced. Thus in January 1929 LT Watson retired and was replaced by LT G.M. McKay, an original enlistee and son of the former Ordnance Conductor. Mr McKay had been Ordnance Conductor to the Melilay Mission to Tibet in 1903 and had had an association with Artillery Ordnance since 1886

By 1929, compulsory Cadet Training, which had been introduced by the Australian Government in 1927, had been abolished. Under this system, cadets were required to do twelve months in their seventeenth year and to do three years in the armed forces which they completed in their twenty first year. After



the abolishment of the Cadet Training system, the Citizen Forces became known as the Militia - a completely volunteer force. Only two members of Ammunition Company opted out and their places were quickly filled from a waiting list of men wishing to join.



Ammunition Depot at Frasers Paddock Ashgrove, 1988

It was during this period that the General Uniform was replaced by a Corps Uniform consisting of:

Trousers	Blue with two red stripes down the side;
Coat	Blue with pin stripes around wrist cuffs and epaulettes;
Forage Cap	Blue with red pin stripes. The cap when opened out showed red.
Canes	Officers and NCOs carried canes.
Slouch Hat	Worn by Officers

The coat had a high collar that was buttoned to the neck. A Corps insignia replaced the Rising Sun on the collar and cap. Most members had their buttons gold plated to save the efforts in polishing and thus improve appearance.



The Ammunition Depot, established in 1912 with a laboratory and eight storage magazines, had been expanded during WW1 to about 14 storage magazines. With the co-operation and assistance of the Civilian Ordnance Department, the Ammunition Company worked at the Ammunition Depot at Frasers Paddock (Ashgrove).

It was reported that the strength of the Ammunition depot was only two technicians, and when a load of stores arrived all available civilians from the Department of Army at Victoria Barracks would be seconded to help unload. Consignments of ammunition arrived by ship at the Mercantile Wharf at Queen Street, Brisbane, near the Customs House. It was then transported to Frasers Paddock for storage. At that time, the transport contractor, Jacksons the Carrier, used horse drawn vehicles. At this stage there was only one motor vehicle on strength in 1 Military District and it was issued to the Service Corps.

Training activities

The annual camp was the highlight of each training year.

The Company camped with AASC in huts at Enoggera, near the 1100-yard mound of the old main rifle range towards the creek on Samford Rd. Each morning members would march across the paddock to the Ammunition Depot. They were able to return for lunch, but preferred to take cut lunches, because the only transport available was a horse and dray that had no springs and provided a slow uncomfortable journey.

During these camps valuable experience was gained in inspection, repair and storage of mainly heavy artillery ammunition. Unit morale was high and can certainly be attributed to the practical work undertaken during camps.

Bivouacs were also held at the Ammunition Depot with accommodation in huts near Nimmo Rd Frasers Paddock. Members would travel by electric tram to Stewarts Rd, Ashgrove and then walk across the paddock to the Depot. On these occasions one member would be detailed as cook for the weekend and many and varied brews were prepared or spoiled.



Coy at a weekend bivouac at Frasers Paddock in 1927

During Home Training Parades in the early years, the Coy paraded in four ranks, and with a strength of only 16, disaster could strike during drill periods if the instructor lost sight of his right marker. In the poor light at Victoria Barracks this could easily happen and on more than one occasion it was suspected that the squad deliberately did so, as they would finish up against a corrugated tin wall and start kicking it.

Promotion examinations in this era consisted of three subjects:


Subject A - Drill;

Subject C - Administration and Military Law; and

Subject O - Practical Corps requirements

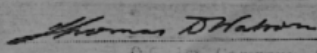


A.M. Form S.6.
(Revised 1/11/14.)

AUSTRALIAN  MILITARY FORCES.

CORPORAL'S CERTIFICATE.

This is to Certify that at an Examination held on the 24th
day of May 1926. No. 221357 (Rank) Private
 (Name) McKay J. W. (Regt. or Corps) 1st Regt. H.A.C.
 qualified for the rank of Corporal.

Adjutant.

 O.C. 1st Company, A.A.C.

Dated at (Station) Brisbane
24th May 1926.

Commanding

D. 4370-14 - C. 1000

LT McKay's Corporal's Certificate

The daily rates of pay in the early 1930s were:

Private	5/-	(\$0.50)
Corporal	9/-	(\$0.90)
Sergeant	10/-	(\$1.00)
Staff Sergeant	11/6	(\$1.15)
Lieutenant	15/-	(\$1.50)

In addition actual costs of fares to and from parades were reimbursed.

Social Activities

The main social event of the year was the Annual Naval and Military Ball held in the City Hall, which members of the Corps attended in dress uniform. Other unit social activities that usually followed camps and bivouacs included



swimming in Enoggera Creek and playing tennis. All ranks attended these social events as the unit had no Officers and Sergeants Messes in this era. There were no disciplinary problems in these early years as all members were keen and active in unit affairs. Bonds of friendship developed which were to prove invaluable during the war and later years.

On 14 February 1935, LT G.M. McKay retired after six years of service allowing a vacancy for SGT J.B. Duncan to be commissioned. LT McKay re-enlisted upon the outbreak of war in 1939 and commanded the 2/3 Ordnance Stores Company in Singapore. He was promoted to MAJ on 12 August 1941 and appointed a Deputy Assistant Director Ordnance Service (DADOS) representing AIF Malaysia Comd. Upon the fall of Singapore he became a POW for the remainder of the war. He was noted for his man management including the recovery of Ordnance personnel from within the Malay Peninsular prior to the fall of Singapore. He was mentioned in dispatches.

The unit was commanded by LT J.B. Duncan until 1 July 1937 when pressure in his civilian career forced his early retirement. He moved to Sydney and re-enlisted upon the outbreak of war. He rose to the rank of LTCOL, became ADOS ORD 4 and was later in life awarded the OBE. Upon retirement he was granted the rank of COL.

LT L.D. Price followed LT Duncan but he was forced by civilian commitments to hand over to LT H.N. Vidgen on 21 May 1938.

The addition of MAJ (later Sir) Frank Sharpe to HQ 1st Military District on 21 April 38 as a DADOS meant that proper technical control over the Ammunition Company was available for the first time. His business acumen and higher rank provided the leadership necessary to help overcome logistical problems of the time.

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Chapter 3

First District Depot Company AAOC

1939 - 1942

The Ammunition Company was re-organised in 1939 into the First District Depot Company AAOC and the headquarters moved to Enoggera later in the year. The strength of the unit grew to 135 and its role was to supplement the permanent Ordnance Depot at Gaythorne. The unit consisted of a Workshop Section and a Stores Section (general stores and ammunition stores). The Stores Section was responsible for the issue and receipt of all stores and equipment except for food and forage.

In May 1939 the unit camped at Gaythorne in the area which later became the site of 1 BOD Officers Mess. LT A.J. Pixley commanded the Workshop Section and LT H.N. Vidgen commanded the Stores Section.

The Stores Section was given the task by the civilian store holders to clean mountains of tent pegs. This task appeared rather menial and dissatisfaction, bordering on insubordination, was expressed by all troops who came to camp expecting more adventurous activities. After some very serious discussions between LT Vidgen and the Stores Depot commander, other more meaningful tasks were found in the Stores Depot.

The 1st Military District's mobilization stores were held at the Gaythorne stores depot. These were of WW1 vintage and consisted of outdated guns, horse drawn carriages, tentage, and camp equipment of little real use. The British Government at the end of WW1 had given this equipment to the Australian Armed Forces. It consisted of sufficient equipment to service two Divisions. However, the old wood work, harness etc had not withstood the ravages of many years of storage and fell apart when handled and some equipment was ravaged by white ants.



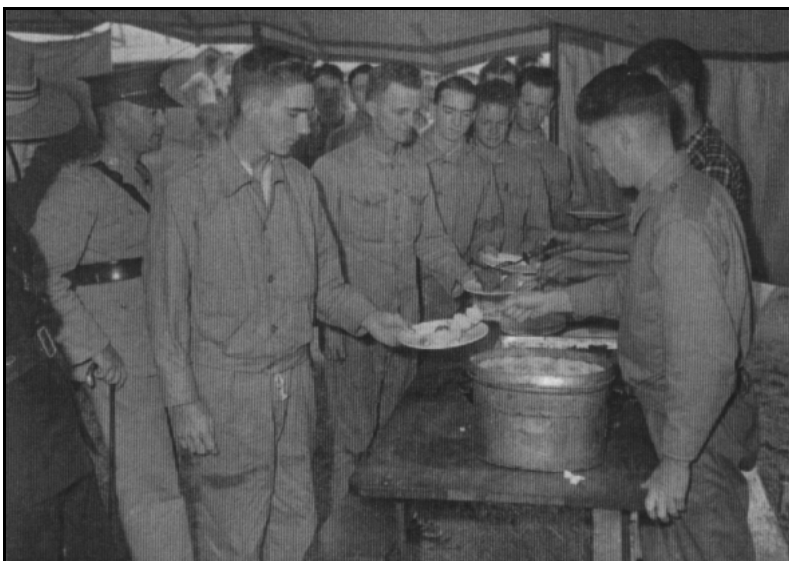
PTE (later COL) I.D. Pettitt at far left, taken at the 1939 camp



*19 year old PTE Pettitt at El
Barbara Palestine, 1941*



(from left to right) P.H. Brown, L.G. Kerr, A McDonald and G.M. McKay at the 1939 campsite. It overlooked the Duncan Oval at Enoggera Barracks (later Gallipoli Barracks).



A Mess Parade at the 1939 camp. Mr S.A. Hall (6th from left) is the father of MAJ R.G. Hall a later OC of the RAAOC ARES Unit in the 1990s.



Mr S.A. Hall 2nd from right.



Troops arriving at the 1939 camp.



Instructions.

Change of Address—Must be at once notified to Unit Headquarters.

Leave of Absence—From any parade of your Unit for any reason whatsoever, must be made in writing to your C.O. prior to date of parade. Liable penalty 10/-.

Three months' leave of absence may be granted by your C.O. should the circumstances warrant it.

Uniform & Equipment—Must be worn on all parades by those in the possession of arms with the exception of N.C.O.'s' classes, when Dress is optional. Those in possession of rifles must bring them to all parades set out for Victoria Barracks, Monastery, Enoggera and Camp of Continuous Training.

Members in possession of rifles are also advised to take every care of their rifle while on issue to them, any damage to rifle (corroded barrel, broken or lost parts), through neglect on their part, must be paid for by the individual. Only underarm and oil issued by your unit must be used in care and cleaning of service rifle. Any damage to rifle, broken parts, broken palitthroughs, etc., must be reported to this office immediately and no attempt must be made to rectify damage by individuals.

Discharge—Members finding it impossible to attend the parade of the unit as set out, should immediately make application for their discharge, setting out the reasons for same, and at same time return all articles of Uniform, Equipment, Books, etc., on loan to them from the Unit to this office.

General—Proficiency in the Unit and individual is the object aimed at, this can only be obtained by the regular attendance of every member at all parades. Members are requested to bear this in mind, and by your regular attendance and interest, assist your officers, N.C.O.s, other members of your unit, including yourself, to carry out the duties entrusted to, and expected of them.

(Sgt.) **Lieut. H. N. VIDGEN,**
Officer Commanding,
1st District Depot Company,
Australian Army Ordnance Corps.

Date	Time	Place	Duration in hrs.
* 4.7.30	8 p.m.	Victoria Barracks	2
* 18.7.30	"	"	2
* 25.7.30	"	"	2
* 8.8.30	8 p.m.	Stores Enoggera	2
* 15.8.30	8 p.m.	W/Shops Via, Bks.	2
* 22.8.30	8 p.m.	Victoria Barracks	2
* 29.8.30	8 p.m.	Bluff Range, Enoggera	2
* 5.9.30	8 p.m.	Victoria Barracks	2
* 12.9.30	"	"	2
* 19.9.30	8 p.m.	Monastery R.R. Edog.	2
* 26.9.30	8 p.m.	Victoria Barracks	2
* 3.10.30	"	"	2
* 10.10.30	"	"	2
* 17.10.30	"	"	2
* 24.10.30	"	"	2
* 31.10.30	"	"	2
* 7.11.30	"	"	2
* 14.11.30	"	"	2
* 21.11.30	"	"	2
* 28.11.30	"	"	2
* 5.12.30	"	"	2

NOTE—Parades shown thus * are Commanding Officers Parades, and must be attended unless leave of absence has been obtained. Shown thus ! are alternative parades, and must be attended for each parade for which leave of absence has been granted.

EFFICIENCY—Can only be obtained by attending 6 days Home Training, 12 days Camp of Continuous Training in addition to completing the Annual Courses for Small Arms laid down for the year, i.e., Rifle, Revolver.

Second part of the First District Depot Company's Programme of Drills for the half-year ended 31 December, 1939.



The Outbreak of WW2

At the outbreak of WW2, an Ordnance Enlistment Centre was established in St Paul's Terrace, Brisbane to process the enlistment of volunteers. A progressive call-up of Militia personnel also commenced. They were required to undertake twelve weeks training and then return to their civilian jobs.



Enlistment Centre

After enlistment the new members moved to the First District Depot Company at Gaythorne for their initial training. The Ordnance Company now occupied quite a large part of the Gaythorne area. The Headquarters now was in a building at Gaythorne which would later become the duty room of 1 Base Ordnance Depot and subsequently 11 Supply Battalion.

LT Vidgen was dispatched immediately with a section of troops to Cowan Cowan on Moreton Island to provide Ordnance services - clothing, reserve stores and issue of ammunition for the guns of the Artillery Battery stationed there. The Artillery Battery consisted only of two old 6 inch Naval guns. The Ordnance detachment spent two weeks there. While they were there, two large unidentified war ships unexpectedly appeared on the scene. This caused the Battery commander a great deal of consternation, as he had to choose between



firing on them or waiting until they could be identified. Fortunately, he opted to wait and to everyone's relief, they turned out to be British.



TCAPT Lawson's HQ which was later the Duty Room of 1 Base Ordnance Depot and 11 Supply Battalion.

On 3 October 1939 the First District Depot Company OC, CAPT Vidgen, was appointed the DADOS in 1ST Military District, with the Company 2IC, LT J.W. Lawson, promoted as temporary CAPT.

WO1 W. Ogle, an Australian Instructional Corps member, was attached to this unit at this time. He was later to be commissioned when posted to 2/1 Ord Stores Coy when that unit was raised and served with distinction in the Middle East and New Guinea. Service in the Middle East was under British command and when decorations were awarded only two awards were made available for Australian personnel - one MBE and one Citation (Mentioned in Despatches).



Two Australians, LT Adams and LT Ogle tossed a coin to see who would get the MBE. LT Ogle lost the toss and received the Mentioned in Despatches.

In August 1940 CAPT Vidgen was seconded to the Second AIF and went to the Middle East as OO1 Sub Depot Stock, 2/1 Ord Stores Coy. At the same time, TCAPT J.W. Lawson was appointed OC of the AAOC Depot. Having enlisted in May 1935 as a PTE, no one at the time could imagine the honour and distinction that would be his in later years as Director Ordnance Services at AHQ. He became Honorary Colonel of the Corps, was awarded the OBE and on retirement was granted the rank of BRIG.

Two members of the First District Depot Company had sons who later became OCs of the major Citizens Force Ordnance units in Queensland, and one PTE also attained that prominent position; CPL T.C. Lovejoy's son, LTCOL D.W. Lovejoy in 1973, PTE S.A. Hall's son, MAJ R.G. Hall in 1997, and PTE I.D. Petitt as a LTCOL in 1967.

Also of interest in 1939 was the arrest of a unit member, SGT G.H. Gray (in civilian life, an accountant). He was with a group of 38 members of the League for Social Justice who raided the Labour Party's Caucus Room at Queensland Parliament House on 4 August 1939 with the following list of demands -

- A stabilized price for all primary producers
- A 40 hour week
- Full time work for the unemployed
- Removal of all bridge and road tolls
- Reduction in taxation and rates
- No reduction in hotel trading hours without a referendum
- Co-operative control by farmers of all primary industries

The group comprised farmers, labourers, tradesmen and businessmen and arrived armed with batons, staples, hammers and 10 rolls of barbed wire, intending to put a fence around the railings of the Caucus Room to keep the police out and the politicians in. The raiders were eventually surrounded, arrested and charged with disturbing the peace. At a later hearing the men were granted bail and TCAPT Lawson was called upon to give a character reference for SGT Gray, whereupon SGT Gray was released.



SGT Gray in later years was reported to have said that, while they did not achieve their main aim of a parliamentary hearing, they did achieve the public attention which they also sought. SGT Gray remained in the Militia, later enlisted in the AIF and finished the war as a Captain. He became a Federal Member of Parliament.

The closure of Militia Ordnance units

In September 1942, Militia Ordnance units in 1st Military District ceased to exist and members transferred to the AIF. Members of the Ordnance units served with distinction in the Middle East and later in New Guinea as well as Malaya and Singapore. A number of these former Militia members achieved higher rank. LTs H.N. Vidgen and J.B. Duncan were promoted to LTCOL while W. Ogle, A.M.E. Davies and G.M. McKay were promoted to MAJ.

Following cessation of WW2 in 1945 the Australian Armed Forces were disbanded and service personnel were allocated to the Interim Army until 1948 when the Australian Regular Army and the Citizen Military Forces came into existence.

This was effectively the end of the Militia, and all members volunteered for overseas service for the duration of the War and one year beyond.

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PART 2

THE CITIZEN MILITARY FORCES

1948 - 1975

Chapter 4

1 Advanced Ordnance Depot (Det) 1948 - 1951

The Kerr Years - 1948 to 1951

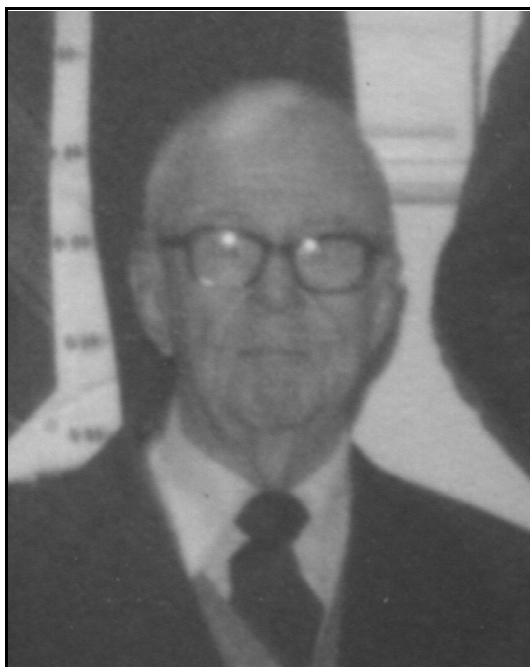
Upon the re-introduction of part-time military training by the Commonwealth Government in July 1948, an Ordnance unit was established at McDonald Road, Albion. The first unit formed was designated as 1 Advanced Ordnance Depot (Detachment). The role of the unit was to establish in time of war an Advanced Depot for the Base Ordnance Depot.

The officer appointed to command this unit was LTCOL L.G. Kerr ED. Although the OC's posting was that of a MAJ, LTCOL Kerr accepted the position and reduction in pay, bringing with him vast experience gained during the long war years.

Other officers who accepted positions in the first unit were: MAJ W.J. Powell, CAPT C.V. White, CAPT J.F. Hughes, CAPT R. Parry, CAPT C.S. Shirley. Also answering the call was CPL I.D. Pettitt, a pre-war veteran.

At the first parade 12 to 16 men were on the roll and recruitment was slow until the advent of compulsory National Service which was introduced in February 1952. A good sound volunteer unit existed during this period. War surplus equipment was available and the OC was able to run exercises and ensure sufficient vehicles and equipment were available.

An officer who deserves special mention in those early days of the unit was CAPT P.T. Humble who served as the first Adjutant from 1 July 1948 to 3 December 1951. He played a significant role in raising and fostering the unit.



LTCOL L.G. Kerr

Another Regular Army training WO at this time was WO2 M.L. Sheehan who served as the training WO from 1951 to 1953. WO2 M.L. Sheehan later rose to the rank of COL. He was later appointed Honorary Colonel of the Ordnance Corps in Queensland in 1983. He was a well-liked and respected officer.

Bivouacs at this stage were conducted at Lacey's Creek, Dayboro and at Samford while camps were held at Enoggera and Wacol.

Many of the officers of this period remember the exercise at Samford that was dubbed at its conclusion as 'Humble's Folly'. This exercise remained notorious for many years because of the evident lack of planning in the map reading. Those taking part were unfortunately subjected to an exhaustive physical exercise in the hills of Samford.

When the AOD (Det) was disbanded on 15 January 1951, it had a strength of 8 Officers and 22 ORs, a manning well below the authorised establishment. The introduction of National Service the following year would see the ranks



swelled by a wave of new conscripts. A great deal of forward planning became necessary.



Albion Training Depot and the location of HQ CRAAOC, at McDonald Rd Albion from July 1948 until February 1963.

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Chapter 5

HQ Commander Royal Australian Army Ordnance Corps, Northern Command Troops 1951 - 1960

The Kerr Years - 1951 to 1959

On 15 January 1951, the unit was re-designated as 16 Base Ordnance Depot (BOD) Technical Stores Company. The reason behind the change was seen as an attempt to establish a Northern Company in the ORBAT of 16 BOD which was located in Victoria. LTCOL Kerr continued command of the major Ordnance unit of the time. Camps were held in 1951 at Pomona and in 1952 at Wacol. Working and training as Ordnance Storemen was the main role fulfilled by members during these camps.

Compulsory National Service for all 18-year-old males was introduced in February 1952, and to cater for the anticipated influx of personnel, it became necessary to expand the units.

Reorganization took place on 7 August 1952 with 7 Infantry Brigade OFP being raised as well as 1 Central Ordnance Small Craft Depot (COSD). LTCOL Kerr appointed LT W.G. Moody as OC of the COSD and administered command of the OFP himself until 1 March 1956. HQ Commander Royal Australian Army Ordnance Corps, Northern Command Troops (HQ CRAAOC N/Comd Tps) was raised on 8 December 1952 and LTCOL Kerr appointed CRAAOC. This role was to command 1 Stores Company, 7 Infantry Brigade Ordnance Field Park (7 Inf Bde OFP) and 1 Central Ordnance Small Craft Depot (COSD) and to provide RAAOC Cadre for administration and training of those units. The Technical Stores Company was disbanded and replaced by 1 Stores Company RAAOC with MAJ W.J. Powell appointed OC.

By late 1952, Compulsory National Service was providing approximately 40 men each three months to these units. Unfortunately, volunteer members took a dislike to this new concept of compulsory service and their numbers dwindled. The new units were needed to accommodate the larger intakes of national servicemen. Promotion in some cases came very quickly. A number of officers of the WW2 era answered the call to re-enlist between 1952 and 1954 - CAPT R.S. Taylor, CAPT A.W. Farley, CAPT T.G. Peel and LT H.P.J. Swan. The training depot was very fortunate to gain the quality of officers that



enlisted and several rose to higher rank in later years. Having served in Infantry or Ordnance during WW2, the knowledge passed on by these officers proved of great benefit to all ranks.

Unit strength was in excess of 150 at some stages. National Service training demanded 98 days continuous training. A further three years of CMF part-time training required 26 home training parade days, of which 14 were of a camp of continuous training. This caused problems as members could finish their commitment in the middle of a camp period and could take their discharge immediately. Many did, and this disrupted training and also caused associated transport and logistic problems. The ARA QM at the time, WO2 K.D. Ferris, carried out the very onerous role of kitting out each new intake of National Servicemen, and then withdrawing their uniforms and equipment at the end of their term. He carried out this role in a most professional way with the assistance of an ARA CPL storeman and a CMF CPL. During his term, despite the large volume of equipment handled, he carried out his duty without complaint and with minimal losses or write-offs. He was most approachable by all ranks.

The Stores Coy consisted of four Platoons: Returned Stores Group, General Stores Platoon, Technical Stores Platoon, and Ammunition Platoon. The role of the Coy was to receive, store and issue general and technical stores and ammunition. Except during camps, this role was never fully carried out as most training was centred on infantry minor tactics and TEWT's (Tactical Exercise Without Troops). The COSD was to provide spare parts for army small craft but this role was not to materialize for many years until 1957 when the unit went into camp at Colmslie. 1 Stores Coy had annual camps at Wallangarra until 1957. MAJ Powell retired on 3 December 1956 and was succeeded by MAJ J.W.L. Donovan, who had transferred from 2/14 QMI.

During the era of the Stores Coy, several stores cells had been raised but were not manned. However, rising from what was known as 3 Stores Section came 104 Infantry Workshop Stores Section. This small unit of 14 personnel carried out its camp training at Greenbank in support of 104 Field Infantry Workshop which was a RAEME unit. Normal home training was conducted at Albion. On 12 March 1954, WO1 I.D. Petitt was promoted LT and appointed OC. LT Petitt had been the first person to be promoted to WO1 in the Ordnance CMF in Qld.



The Messes

Individual Officers and Sergeants Messes were established at Albion, as well as a very functional Soldiers Club. Many social activities were held in the messes and the drill hall. Control of their own messes and the running of social activities formed a bond amongst all members and provided them with experience in management. Many lasting friendships were made during these years. In both Messes, the Albion members had a bond between them that other mess members in later years found hard to understand. This bond was known as the 'Albion clique' and it only diminished with the passing of those who had served during that time.

The unwritten law of each mess was to attempt to undermine the building foundations of the opposite mess. On each parade or social activity, these foundations were severely tested as members of the other mess relieved their person of surplus fluids. It was unnecessary to plan any mowing between the buildings as no grass could survive the acidity of this constant watering!

However, the foundations and buildings remained intact until the messes were closed in February 1963 when the depot moved to Gaythorne. The messes, which so much volunteer work had brought to a high standard and which were the envy of other units, came to an inglorious end. They were shut and later dismantled for road works to take place.

Before the formation of the Soldiers Club the Sergeants Mess supplied drinks to the ORs. An FS table would be set up in the drill hall and drinks sold to the soldiers by duty members of the Sergeants Mess. A number of SGTs objected strenuously to having to do this 'demeaning' duty and signed a petition asking for this practice to cease. Their request was denied and as a result, a number of promising careers were either cut short or put on hold. Shortly after this event, a Soldiers Club was formed under the supervision of CAPT R.F. Backman. He worked tirelessly in obtaining funds to purchase equipment for the club and spent many hours of his free time working for the benefit of the ORs. In recognition of his efforts, the Club was later named the 'Ron Backman Club'.



*Sgt.'s Mess members during 1957. **Front:** WO1 C. Remis (RSM 1 BOD), WO2 K.D. Fitzpatrick (ARA Cadre), SGT D.W. Lovejoy, WO2 A.V. Watson PMC, CAPT A.W. Farley (Mess Supervising Officer), SGT A.F. Symons **Back:** SGT B. Carr, WO2 M. Young (ARA Cadre), SGT G. Suttle, SGT C. Sullivan, SGT R. Cuthbert, SGT R. Owen, SGT L. Witt, SGT J. O'Sullivan, SGT G.J. Sheehan, SSGT L.J. Koch, SGT D.J. Jenkins, SGT J. Plath, SGT J.F. Betzel*

Wallangarra Camps 1953 - 1957

Between 1953 and 1954 the units travelled by rail to the Ordnance Depot at Wallangarra for the annual camp. This proved to be quite an experience as the 'Garra was reached late at night and then the camp had to be set up. Wallangarra at this stage was a reserve depot for stores and vehicles. Members of the unit were able to see and handle various types of vehicles and ordnance stores. A feature of the area was the major workshop and the ammunition depot, where a vast amount of war surplus vehicles and equipment was held either under cover or in open spaces. Soldiers in the Motor Transport and Technical Stores Platoon were able to work in the workshop and handle these vehicles, affording them valuable practical experience.

Camps during this period all had their points of historical significance. For example, in 1955 vehicle breakdowns regularly caused delays and personnel spent many hours sitting on the side of roads waiting for repairs or alternative



transport. On one occasion, they were ordered to board two open semi-trailers without seating. These semi-trailers consisted of a modified 4x4 Blitz truck with an open single-axle dual-wheeled trailer attached at the turntable. These vehicles were already loaded with stores and the troops sat wherever they could find space; a far cry from the safety conscious Army of later years. In 1956 and 1957, twenty plus vehicle convoys departed Albion en route to camp at Wallangarra complete with motor-cycle Provost escorts through the Valley, over the Story Bridge, through the 'Gabba and along Ipswich Road. At every intersection along the way, the civilian traffic, including trams, was brought to a stop to allow the convoys to proceed. Many of the vehicles were late into camp due to breakdowns once again.

In 1956 in excess of 200 all ranks camped at the 'Garra under canvas and in PL formations. Four persons were allocated to a 12 x 14 tent that were of WW2 vintage. Preparation for this camp required a large Advance Party of up to 20 people. They had to collect from the BOD at Meeandah all tentage and camp stores on the Wednesday, then travel to Wallangarra, and then have all accommodation ready for occupation by the main body by the Saturday evening. Catering was a major issue as the Stores Coy and attached units took over the kitchen facilities at Wallangarra which were unused for the remainder of the year. The Advance Party had to clean and ready the kitchen facilities for the arrival of the main body. A catering staff of a SGT cook (SGT J. Moore), two CPL and 10 PTE cooks worked in shifts to cater for the unit's fortnight camp. SGT J. Moore had served in two world wars and wore two full rows of decorations. His dedication to his role was unsurpassed as he prepared excellent meals under at times primitive conditions at camps and bivouacs. Army Records Office finally caught up with him in 1958 as he was well past the compulsory retirement age of 48. LTCOL Kerr could hide him no longer!

In 1957, the Wiles Cooker parted company with the tow truck and careered along Albion Street, Warwick, until finally striking a tree and overturning. The soldiers' dinner was spilled to the roadway. Cabbage, rice and stew littered the road. However, the resilience of the cooks showed through and all were fed that evening, even though late. Fortunately, the Convoy Commander had earlier insisted that the cooks travel in the backs of the vehicles. They had wanted to travel in the Wiles Cooker and prepare the evening meal en route.



What was probably the most notorious event in this era was the exercise conducted in the Bonoo Bonoo area of northern New South Wales. Noted for the high ranges, steep slopes and swamps, this area was selected for a map reading exercise without any prior reconnaissance. Details of troops were transported to the start point and left to their own resources to reach a finish point. There they arrived late in the evening, many in an exhausted condition. Bonoo lived long in the memories of those who walked it in 1957.



A typical intake posted to the Albion training depot. (The author is third from left, second back row).

The years 1955-59 were important times. National Service was in full swing by 1955. The Wacol Training Area was now well established and members were receiving Corps training before being posted to Albion. Most bivouacs were conducted as practical Infantry exercises and several large-scale exercises were able to be held because of the numbers available. TEWTS were conducted mainly in the Samford area and most officers nominating for promotion had the task of siting units such as Corps Ordnance Maintenance Areas or Divisional Ordnance Field Parks. The Samford area probably had more factional battles fought over it than any other piece of ground in Queensland!



It was during this time that many of the officers and NCOs were coming to the fore and making their presence felt.

Promotional courses for Commissioned Officers and NCO ranks were conducted with senior cadre staff offering coaching in their own time to any candidate who sought assistance. WO2 K.D. Fitzpatrick, who proudly wore the badge QI (Qualified Instructor), was keenly sought out by members requiring to do weapon and drill training. An interesting quirk at that time was that the pre-requisite for promotion to LT was to be a substantive CPL whereas only a substantive SGT could nominate for promotion to WO. On one occasion, four SGTs sat for WO exams and failed, but later qualified as LT. Clearly, there must have been other selection criteria apart from the promotional subjects.

Parades

All obligatory parades were held in the Drill Hall. With the Unit strength on 28 August 1956 numbering nine officers and 220 Other Ranks, the old wooden building echoed to the stamping of parade ground activities as all units under Command of CRAAOC in Brisbane crammed into the small space in parade formations. Officers were posted on parade and the CO carried out inspections. Very few members in this period had motor cars so members came to parades by train, tram and bus and in full uniform together with their rifle. Night parades were held on a Monday night and were of a 2-hour duration.

Failure to attend an obligatory parade whilst a National Serviceman often brought a £5 (\$10) fine and your name entered on a charge report. As a consequence, the Government funds were usually swelled after each obligatory parade. A book could be written on the weird and wonderful excuses offered for non-attendance. Members not attending camp or bivouac could be arrested in their own homes and then taken off to camp regardless of their protests. This duty fell to the ARA Cadre staff who would enlist some assistance from some NCOs for this duty. WO2s K.D. Fitzpatrick, M.P. Cunnane and M. Young led many raids on unsuspecting defaulters.

On non-obligatory or voluntary nights members were noted for their absence and on most nights 20 or more persons constituted a good roll up. Members were trained in Ordnance procedures, Infantry minor tactics and map reading. The Cadre staff of 5 was very capable and members enjoyed the fruits of their



labour on camps and bivouacs because of the equipment they were able to obtain for realistic training purposes. The clerical Cadre staff consisted of a WO2 and a CPL who maintained all unit personnel records and pay requirements. On the occasion of a bivouac Officers and Sergeants messes were set up in the field and stewards served meals.

At the end of each year, members received their payment in cash for attendance at all home training parades. Pay parades were an important and formal occasion. Pay Officers sat at a desk, either with an armed escort standing nearby or armed themselves with a pistol for security. A Nominal Roll call took place with members falling in in alphabetical order. When their name was called they marched up to the Officer, saluted, received and signed for their pay, responded "All correct, Sir", saluted again and marched off. Pay was also available in cash at the end of camps and courses. On one occasion at Albion a storm caused a power failure, thus blackening out the drill hall whilst the pay parade was in progress. This caused the Paying Officer great concern until he was able to secure the money, using torchlight. Members also received travelling and meal allowances for home parades until 1962.

Rifle Issue

Rifle shooting and range parades were conducted at the Enoggera main and Siberia ranges. Members fired the 303 rifle, Bren LMG and Owen machine carbine. Range practices were easy to conduct in this period. Members were told to report to the range and meet under the Moreton Bay fig tree outside the Armoury at Enoggera. How they arrived there was their own concern. Practices were conducted with the minimum of fuss. At the end of the range practice, members queued up to clean their rifles. The procedure was to pour boiling water from a copper boiler down the barrel, then oil the barrel with a piece of 4x2 flannelette on a steel ramrod and then move to the range officer for inspection.

All ORs were issued, upon enlistment, with their clothing entitlement and rifles. This equipment was taken home. Rifles were brought along to parades. Many was the occasion when a rifle was presented to the Q Store either with the woodwork broken or damaged after an unsuccessful shooting expedition of a private nature. A £5 (\$10) fine was the order of the day for this practice.



One unfortunate accident occurred when CPL R. Hart lost an eye while experimenting with his service rifle during a weekend shooting expedition.

1 Stores Coy was disbanded on 8 October 1957 and 1 Ordnance Vehicle Depot was raised. This action brought about a new type of training for unit members and the end of the Wallangarra camps for many years. Further changes came about in 1957. The period of service required under the National Service Act was reduced and the Defence budget for the CMF was significantly reduced. Bivouacs and training activities were curtailed for a short period.

A Name Change

1 Ordnance Vehicle Depot was re-designated 1 Advanced Vehicle Depot (AVD) on 10 April 1958. However, it was only a name change and did not affect the role or training activities. Driving courses were popular and ballots were conducted to select those who were to attend the course. The annual course with its convoy drive gave members their chance to handle army vehicles. The 2 ½ ton GMC and Studebaker trucks, the crash gearbox of the Ford and Chev 4X4 Blitz wagons required great skill whilst the synchronised gearboxes of the Ford and International CL were much easier to master. The Jeep provided great fun and members vied with one another to see who could get the highest number of licence types. Unit members with current licences were used as instructors and many risked their lives in this capacity. ARA Testing Officers were drawn from the Vehicle Depot at Banyo, until about 1960. WO2 N.T. Congram, SGT M. Drew and CPL W. Wright attended many courses in this capacity. WO2 N.T. Congram, later as a CAPT, became the Unit Adjutant in May of 1973. As Testing Officer courses became available LTs L.J. Koch, A.F. Symons and WO2 D.J. Jenkins were the first unit members to attend such a course and therefore be able to issue licences to unit members.

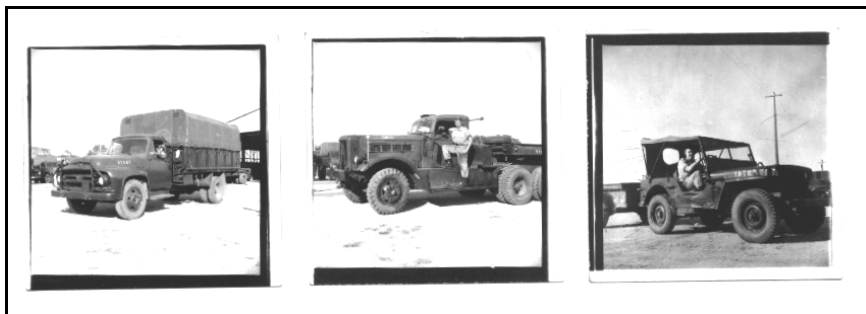
Further units raised in this era were 2 Ordnance Field Parks (OFP) and 3 Ordnance Field Park on 8 October 1957. CAPT J.F. Hughes and CAPT H.P.J. Swan were appointed OC's respectively. These units replaced 7 and 11 Infantry Brigade Ordnance Field Parks (Inf Bde OFP) respectively. 2 OFP and 3 OFP serviced 7 and 11 Infantry Brigades until a total army reorganization in 1960, when the Brigade system was replaced by the Pentropic Divisional system. This concept replaced the long-serving British traditional system and Infantry Battalions were restructured to form new battle groups. The old traditional



Battalions were disbanded and enlarged into 1RQR and 2RQR with Support Arms and Services. The Ordnance structure, while still having a major base unit, became more mobile-oriented with forward units supplying the groups. The Pentropic Divisional concept was, however, disbanded in November 1964.

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Having passed the prescribed tests is hereby qualified to drive and operate the following types of mechanical vehicles.									
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Q-(Drive only)		8 Mar 64		AAF G11 No A27060		PUCKAPUNY			
F3-F4		1 MAY 65		B. Dwyer		21C RAASC Centre			
A-B1-B2-C-E-K1-F3-F4-Q(Drive only)		11 Feb 66		G. Chapman		BASE VEHICLE DEPT			
G1G2-L		19 Jun 66		R. W. W.		IBVD			
H1(Drive Only)		20 Mar 67		R. W. W.		IBVD			

An AAF G11 Drivers Licence of this era.



Ford CL, Diamond T, and Jeep - B vehicles typical of this era.

The AVD moved into army barracks at Colmslie for their annual camp in 1958 under CAPT T.G. Peel, whilst 2 OFP went to Greenbank in support of the RAEME Light Aid Detachment (LAD). Members of 3 OFP travelled by plane to Cairns and then by road to Danbulla on the Atherton Tableland, where it rained for 12 of the 14 days. 104 Inf Wkspcs Stores Sec carried out a mobile role during their annual camp supplying vehicle spare parts to the RAEME detachment in support of RAASC exercise. These units issued many vehicle spare parts to their respective LADs under the G982E indent voucher system. Corps training before these camps was spent in raising indents for demand on



1 BOD, bringing the stock to account, and after camp, returning unissued stores back to the depot. Members of these units, during these times, were most fortunate to see both 7 and 11 Bdes at near full strength with their inter-battalion rivalry, traditions and military bands. At this time, these battalions still bore the proud traditions handed down from father to son from as far back as WW I.



104 Inf Wksp's Stores Sec campsite.

Bivouacs

One of the best-conducted bivouacs in the unit's history was conducted in 1958. Morale was high and the unit boasted a strength of approximately 150 effective members.

Areas selected for bivouacs included the 9 Div AIF camp area at Strathpine. On these occasions the exercise planners were able to have two Coy strength forces pitted against each other. On one such bivouac, Exercise 'Swan Ho', an all-in fight almost broke out as the OFP personnel defended their localities. After the supply of Aldershot grenades had run out, smoke bombs, flour bombs and finally sticks and rocks were used as missiles to ward off the attackers. This exercise was designed to site and defend an OFP and it was



probably the only time that potential NCOs were able to experience all phases 'siting, layout and defence' of a mobile Ordnance unit. The OFP had its full complement of 21 vehicles sited, weapon pits were dug and a complete defensive complex was developed.

In May of that year, unit members were startled on arriving at parade to find that CPL A. (Bert) Prowse, an ARA CPL attached to the Q Store, had committed suicide in the Q Store that afternoon with a 303 rifle. As a direct result of this incident, a Board of Inquiry held to determine the circumstances of the death found that the live ammunition was brought in by the member and no blame was attributed to any other member.

All units combined in 1959 for a camp at Wacol and they were divided into two Coys. This camp was designed on an infantry training basis, and was an attempt to have a regimental camp which proved most successful. However, after an inspection by the Wacol Area Commanding Officer on the second last day of the camp, an order was issued that the area was to be cleaned before departure. Kitchens were scrubbed from top to bottom, grass was cut, roofs were cleaned and barracks were scrubbed, including areas not allotted to the unit. Prior to this unsavoury matter, the unit had been visited and complimented by the General Officer Commanding (GOC) Northern Command, MAJGEN T.J. Daley and the Formation COMD, BRIG H.J. Kerr. Unit morale suffered because of this thoughtless show of power, and any thoughts that National Servicemen had of staying on in the CMF after their commitment were dashed. In fact, 17 members went AWOL that afternoon and on return to camp were arrested, charged and later fined. All appeared before LTCOL Kerr who handed out swift judgment and fined them five pounds (\$10) and had their service records noted accordingly. CAPT R.S. Taylor and CAPT A.W. Farley sought transfers shortly after this camp and took up postings with 9 BN.

LTCOL Kerr's departure

After serving as CO since 1948, LTCOL L.G. Kerr relinquished command of the Ordnance units on 1 July 1959 and accepted a position at Northern Command Staff Group. He had seen the unit grow from nil to approximately 150 men on the effective list. Many changes were made in his time. He had the honour of being CO of a unit in the same depot in which he had served as an army cadet in 1928. LTCOL Kerr had served in Ordnance units in the Militia



prior to 1940, and in fact had an unbroken period of service (except for 6 months in 1947-48) from June 1928 until his eventual retirement on 30 January 1967. Further, he enjoyed the title of Honorary Colonel, Royal Australian Corp of Transport, 1st Military District. LTCOL H.R. Magor, another WW2 veteran, succeeded him. LTCOL Magor was a marketing executive with Mobil Oil (Aust).

The Magor Years - 1959 to 1960

A further loss to the unit on 1 July 1959, through age retirement, was CAPT J.F. Hughes who was also an original CMF member and pre-war Militia member. CAPT Hughes had served in Malaya, was taken prisoner and placed in the infamous Changi Jail, and worked on the Burma rail. He rendered valuable service to the CMF as OC of 2 OFP and 7 Inf Bde OFP and as an Officer in the Stores Coy and its predecessors. This officer was particularly noted for his man management capabilities.

CPL D. (Dave) Fraser, a unit member who transferred to the ARA and who returned to Albion after his initial ARA training, was unfortunately killed in a motor vehicle accident while driving a Jeep near Camp Cable on the way to Canungra. CPL Fraser was an excellent rifle shot and a Marksman. After his death, the Sergeants' Mess founded the 'CPL David Fraser Memorial Trophy' for the person achieving the highest point total in the rifle shoot at the annual range parade. This trophy was presented for over 20 years and was keenly sought after.

The end of National Service

Compulsory National Service ceased on 30 June 1960 and the strength of the CMF fell dramatically as all National Servicemen were allowed to take their discharge. Total strength of the units fell by around 100 when roles were adjusted. In June, 3 OFP travelled to Macrossan outside Charters Towers for what was to be the final camp of 11 Bde. The OFP personnel had the privilege of marching with the Brigade through the streets of Townsville. The city gave a final farewell to its Brigade of three Infantry Battalions and supporting elements as major changes were to take place on 1 July 1960. All who were on that parade would remember the enthusiastic support given by the citizens during that march. The Battalions marched with colours flying and



accompanied by their own bandsmen. After the parade and an afternoon's leave, all personnel travelled by train back to Macrossan and arrived about midnight. They had started the day at Macrossan at 4 am - a 20 hour effort. At the same time, 2 OFP had conducted a technical camp at Greenbank issuing vehicle spares to 9 BN and 25 BN as this was also the final camp of 7 Bde. The AVD carried out regimental training at Wacol . The unit had now gained the services of ARA cadre member WO2 N.J. Garrigan who was posted as Quarter Master. In later years WO2 Garrigan took his commission and reached the rank of MAJ. He became a founding member of the RAAOC Association Inc.

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Chapter 6

1 Base Vehicle Depot

1960 - 1975

The Magor Year - 1960

A changing Role

With the exception of 104 Infantry Workshop Stores Section, now under command of LT L.J. Koch, all units were disbanded on 30 June 1960. The major unit now became 1 Base Vehicle Depot (1 BVD) commanded by LTCOL H.R. Magor with the title of Chief Ordnance Officer (COO). Other officers had the title of Ordnance Officer (OO). 1 Casualty Clearing Station Laundry Platoon (1 CCS Ldy Pl) commanded by CAPT I.D. Pettitt was also raised to provide support to the RAAMC unit, 1 Casualty Clearing Station. 104 Inf Wksp Stores Sec was eventually disbanded on 22 December 1965. This unit had given 7 officers the experience of commanding a unit.



1 BVD bivouac during 1960

The role of 1 BVD was to receive, store and issue A (armoured), B (troop and load carrying) and C (engineer) class vehicles. The BVD consisted of four vehicle parks, each capable of accommodating a total of 400 fit A & C vehicles, 1800 B Vehicles, and 400 unfit vehicles. (1BVD handled only B class vehicles). Each vehicle park had a HQ group, a Stock and Maintenance PL and a Receipt and Issue PL. RAEME personnel were posted to provide mechanical expertise in the service station. Weapons consisted of 5 x L2A2 SLR and one 3.5 Rocket



Launcher. In practice the unit operated as an Ordnance training depot, with only one of the four Vehicle Parks - A Park - becoming functional.

As the main aim of the CMF was to train officers and senior NCOs, advantage was taken of the senior rank establishment of the other three parks in 1 BVD. This allowed existing surplus officers and senior NCOs to be retained and it provided opportunities for promotion that would otherwise not have been possible. The rank of LTCOL was maintained and a MAJ 'shadow-posted' to each Park.

The Rodgers Years - 1960 to 1962

On 15 November 1960 LTCOL E.E. Rodgers replaced LTCOL Magor. LTCOL Rodgers had transferred from RAE to take this command. In civilian employment he was State Manager of Simpson Manufacturing Corp.



*Sergeants Mess Dining-in 1960. Seated: SGT K. Shepherd, SGT G. McDonald, SGT C.C. Floyd, SSGT R. Greve, SGT H. Kurth, SGT B. Brown, SGT E. Beran, WO2 G.J. Sheehan
Standing: SGT R.J. Wing, SGT S.T. Green, SGT E.N. Schilling, SGT G. Brannigan, SGT E. Barlow, SGT D.J. Coss, SSGT L. Witt, SGT D. Busst, SGT B.J. Genrich*



New weaponry and uniforms

Range practices now were conducted at Greenbank using hand held 'figure targets' in lieu of the old manually raised and lowered bulls-eye targets. Scoring methods changed in that each hit counted as one point. Members of the training depot always had their share of marksmen as the wearing of crossed rifles on the sleeves of winter dress was eagerly sought. Soldiers were now able to practice with the 3.5 RL, both with practice and HEAT Rockets. This practice had its dangerous moments when a rocket failed to explode and a demolition person was required to go on to the range and place a demolition charge against the failed missile and explode it. Due to the high cost of each HEAT Rocket the availability of this practice was limited.

The 7.62 mm Self Loading Rifle (SLR) was introduced and replaced the Lee Enfield .303 rifle. Members also bade farewell to the Bren Light Machine Gun that was replaced by the heavy barrelled automatic L2A2 SLR. Due to the semi-automatic nature of the weapon members no longer took rifles home. As security of the new weapon was of paramount importance, unit Q Stores and armouries underwent a significant upgrade. Steel mesh was installed on floors, walls and ceilings. Weapons were stored in heavy steel cabinets fitted with combination locks.



1 BVD Camp at Gaythorne - 1961



Along with the changes in weaponry, uniforms changed from khaki to jungle green. However, this did not mean the issuing of new uniforms. Members merely handed in a set of khakis that were immersed in a boiler of jungle green dye and handed back to the member dripping wet. Members were also required to blacken their blanched belts and gaiters. The walking-out dress consisted of a long-sleeved polyester khaki shirt and trousers. Members also wore a tie that had to be delicately measured so that both ends were level and the tie pinned to the shirt. Invariably members used scissors to achieve this and eventually ties became so short they had to be replaced. Officers and WOs wore peak caps and ORs were issued with berets. Officers and Sergeants mess dress remained the same, as did the winter battle dress.

Early in 1962, A Park of 1 BVD, under command of MAJ Swan, carried out their functional role at Banyo whilst camping under very trying field conditions at Aspley. Members slept on palliasses on the ground. Three days before the start of camp, bush fires had scorched the area and members were greeted with a dismal scene. All foliage was black and the dust could not be controlled. Even simple movement by foot through the camp area raised dust that settled in a thick layer on camping and personal equipment. Water and power had to be brought to the camp site. This training area was used on many occasions afterwards for infantry training and officer examination boards.

1 CCS Laundry Platoon personnel had camped at 1 Base Hospital at Yeronga in support of 1 Casualty Clearing Station. During the mid weekend of this camp the equipment was taken to Greenbank and the clothing of members of 9 BN was washed and dried for them. This was greatly appreciated by those unit members and provided valuable training for the laundry personnel in movement, deployment and operations.

National Service had ceased two years earlier, recruiting had increased significantly and the depot was now completely manned by volunteers. The compulsion of national service was replaced with volunteers who chose to join the unit and the difference in attitude could be gauged by the increased numbers attending parades and their enthusiastic participation in training activities.



Members of the Vehicle Group of 1 BVD at camp in the Service Station Banyo 1962.

The Smith Years - 1962 to 1964

LTCOL E.E. Rodgers was transferred to Adelaide in his civilian employment and was replaced on 13 November 1962 as CO 1 BVD by LTCOL P.P. Smith, MBE.

A 'New' Depot

The Albion link and tradition was finally broken on 18 February 1963, when, after almost 15 years, the McDonald Road depot was closed and the units moved to a run down storehouse located at Grays Rd, Gaythorne. Members who surveyed the scene were disillusioned. There was very little office space, no ceiling, the Q store leaned on its foundations, windows would or could not open and the cement floor was cracked, un-level and oil stained. The building was inhabited by pigeons that created a health hazard which would not have passed OH & S standards of a modern era.

A machinery shed attached to the storehouse was earmarked as the ORs canteen. After removing concrete machinery blocks and bases and filling in a sump, a somewhat level floor was obtained and the Soldiers Club was on its way (a far cry from the facilities they eventually became!).



On the positive side, the depot area offered almost unlimited training areas such as Enoggera Hill and the now almost unused Main and Siberia rifle ranges. Unlike the Albion drill hall, a parade ground was now available to members, and for those who were doing examinations it was much easier to drill a squad on the hard standing than in the confines of a drill hall and on a wooden floor. Map reading exercises were conducted in the vast area available and many a climb was made to the top by different routes. On one occasion a member became lost and was not found till 8 pm that evening, to the relief of the CO. As usual all good things do not last. By 1968 most of the training areas were unavailable due to building re-location and security upgrading of the Enoggera hill area and ranges, which were now training areas for Vietnam bound forces.



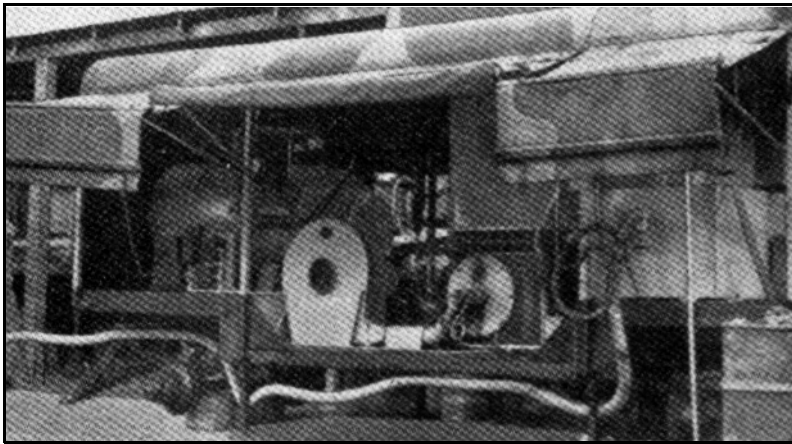
HQ 1 Base Vehicle Depot Grays Rd Gaythorne.

Along with the general restructuring, Officers and Sergeants were afforded full membership of 1 Base Ordnance Depot Officers and Sergeants Messes and became the first CMF members in Queensland to be integrated into Regular Army Messes. This integration did not always afford harmonious relationships as the ARA/CMF bias became an issue on many occasions. However 13 new members in the Officers Mess and 19 in the Sergeants Mess substantially raised finances and membership levels. In 1970 there were 28 CMF members in the Sergeants mess at Gaythorne; a greater number than the ARA component posted there. But for the CMF membership, the mess would have been forced to close due to insufficient membership as the bulk of Ordnance Officers and Sergeants were located at Meeandah.



The Laundry Platoon

The Laundry Platoon was now well established and carried out its functional role at 1 Camp Hospital and at Greenbank. The members posted to this unit formed a tight little band and were to stay together almost until the unit was disbanded in 1973. During this period, and without the officers knowing, members had a lucrative side business going during some camps. Laundry Platoon members were supplied with amber fluids or cash payments in exchange for the laundering and ironing of uniforms for members of other units.



Laundry unit similar to the one used by 1 CCS Ldy Pl.

MAJ Pickburn

A history of 1963 would not be complete without some mention of MAJ F.J.A. (Fred) Pickburn who had served as the unit Adjutant (ARA) since 5 July 1957 until 21 January 1963. Not only was MAJ Pickburn meticulous in his duties as Adjutant, he was also a trainer of officers, adviser, social convener, contact on business deals, wholesaler, and buffer between employers and the Department of Defence. Many unit members sought his advice on numerous personal and military matters, and none were refused. His paternal advice and confidence was sought and shared by many. None went short of food on bivouacs and camps, nor did any miss out on their entitlement whilst MAJ Pickburn was at the helm. He never refused any task or request. MAJ Pickburn was replaced as Adjutant by MAJ D.A. (Doug) Crawford, formerly a DAQMG. He was



christened 'Mushy' because of his large moustache. The unit was also fortunate, as he was a most competent officer.

Exercise 'Carbine'

Exercise 'Carbine' in September 1963 gave the members of 1 BVD their first major chance to fulfill their role. A Logistic Support Force camp was arranged at Bargara outside Bundaberg. Simulated combat conditions were planned. Vehicles were unloaded from the aircraft carrier HMAS Sydney by landing craft onto Mon Repos Beach (now a major tourist attraction as a turtle breeding ground). These were then driven to the BVD campsite where they were received, serviced, stored and issued from the BVD. (The vehicles were eventually driven back to Brisbane by New Zealand Army transport unit). Much to the annoyance of the ORs, Officers were given the opportunity to be flown by helicopter to HMAS Sydney to view these operations.

The Vehicle depot set up a defensive perimeter around their compound and, as part of the exercise, was regularly attacked by enemy forces, both by day and night. 1 CCS Ldy Pl supported the Medical units also in the field.

All units participating in Exercise Carbine were invited to parade through the city of Bundaberg at the conclusion of the camp period. The Mayor of the city took the salute.

The camp was unfortunately marred by an accident on the return journey to Brisbane, when a civilian truck struck an army vehicle on the Stewarts Camp Creek Bridge south of Tiaro. A member of 1 Hygiene Control Unit (1 HCU) was killed and 12 others were injured. 1 HCU had shared the camp with 1 BVD and were travelling in convoy under command. It was a saddened camp that night at the Gympie staging area as civilian and army authorities questioned members and they tried to come to terms with the carnage seen. In line with attitudes at the time, no formal counselling was given to members. MAJ D.A. Crawford was appointed Investigating Officer of this accident. Some soldiers were off work for up to six months due to their injuries.

Shortly after this camp, the unit lost the services of MAJ W.G. Moody, MC. He had rendered service to the Depot since 6 February 1951 except for a period of four years when he was transferred to 9 Inf Bn. His presence in the unit



always commanded respect. Whilst a LT in WW2 he had been decorated with the MC and had received the Japanese surrender at the Nevo River in New Guinea. His knowledge of infantry tactics and man management was now lost to the unit. However, he continued in various positions in the CMF including a posting to CSTU as an instructor of Military history. His final posting was as Deputy Assistant Adjutant General [CMF] HQ Northern Command, a position he held for two years until his retirement in 1971 with the rank of LTCOL.

1 BVD was to continue in its active role for the next three years. The unit went to camp in 1964 at Greenbank. Enjoying the luxury of aircraft travel, two trips were made to Macrossan in 1965 as a camp and 1966 as a course. During the 1965 camp, over 200 vehicles were processed. Some of these arrived by rail at the Macrossan siding and because of the presence of two railway shunters in the unit, no outside help was required in the unloading process. The 1966 course was remembered by all because of the poor ration situation. The ADJT proposed the local purchase of all food supplies. However a mistake was made in calculating the amount of money available for this purpose and rations were limited. For example, fresh meat consisted only of luncheon sausage and beef sausages, both of which were served daily. There was no shortage of bread and cold meals were more prominent than hot.



Unit members at Ex Carbine.



MAJ Bill Moody, MC accepting Japanese surrender.

Of the other units, 1 CCS Ldy Pl was functional at Greenbank and Bargara, whilst 104 Wksp Stores Sect supported its parent unit at Coomera Gorge, Mt Archer and Greenbank.



The OR lines at Greenbank.

Promotions were eagerly sought in this era and between 1964 and 1967 saw what was the greatest number of promotions ever achieved. In 1966 the unit boasted one Lieutenant Colonel, five Majors, many Captains and Lieutenants. It also supported six Warrant Officers who had risen from the ranks. This was the highest number of Officers of field rank ever held in the training depot.



However, because of transfers and normal retirements, this situation only lasted for three years.

Officers seeking promotion were required to pass AHQ exams for the rank of LT in Subject C (Military Law) and Subject D (Corps Training). Subjects A (Weapons and drill) and B (Unit training and tactics) were set by the unit. Subject B usually involved the sighting of an Ordnance unit in the field with necessary camouflage and concealment, weapon siting and vehicle placement requirements. Several candidates over the years who had presented themselves for first appointment found they could pass Subjects A and C but surprisingly failed subject B - coincidentally with a 48 or 49% rating.

The Swan Years 1964 to 1967

On 23 August 1964, LTCOL H.P.J. Swan became the first RAAOC officer to be appointed CO from officers within the unit. At a 'Beating of the Retreat' ceremony in front of his troops and their visitors at a Greenbank camp, LTCOL Swan received a special presentation for his efforts in Tac 5 promotions having narrowly missed winning the Blamey Shield award. LTCOL Swan's army career began with his enlistment in 1940 in 9th Infantry Battalion AIF. He rose through the ranks, was commissioned on 11 January 1942 and served as a PL COMD, Coy COMD and ADJT of that BN. After hostilities ended, LT Swan was placed on the Reserve of Officers (R OF O). After eight years of civilian life he joined the CMF as a LT in 1954. In later years, he was Queensland Secretary of Nylex Corporation.

LTCOL Swan was later to become COMD 10 ST Colm, COMD 2 Spt Gp and then finally COMD 7 Task Force. He also served as ADC to Governor's General Casey and Hasluck. His final appointment highlighted his illustrious career. He was a unit man at heart and, no matter in what section he served, he pushed hard for his men at all times. He trained his officers hard and those who could not produce their staff officers notebook, or recite the Principles of War, felt his wrath, as did those who did not keep to appointed times. He was firm, fair and friendly and deserved his higher appointments.

In 1965 LTCOL Swan established the position of Training Officer and designated 'D' Park as the Training Cell to accommodate this role, and provide



a separate identity for this function. MAJ D.W. Lovejoy was appointed Trg Officer and WO2 J.F. Bishop his assistant.

The role of the Training Office was to plan and develop training policy from Recruit Training to advanced Technical needs of the unit. Curriculum was developed as well all Programs of Parades, training notifications, and promotional examination material. The Training Office posting was to provide valuable career opportunities for many officers over the ensuing years, and become a vital part of unit activities.

WO2 J.F. Bishop a former regular soldier was a Public Servant in an auditing role at 1 BOD, a role that carried a rank equivalent to CPL. Mess protocol prevented him entering the SGTs Mess during the week, however he could enjoy the privileges of the Mess whilst in service at parade times. WO2 Bishop was a dedicated member and an excellent instructor. His compulsory age retirement in 1968, whilst still being able to provide sterling service, was a loss to the unit.



Then LTCOL Swan at a N Comd Offrs Mess RAASC Corps dinner. Left to right Comd RAASC N Comd, LTCOL A.E. Goodall, GOC N Comd, MAJGEN T.F. Cape, Director Sups & Tpt, LTCOL E.R. Smith, Asst DST N Comd, LTCOL Swan. ('Army' 12 OCT 1967).



BRIG H.P.J. Swan - CO 1 BVD 1964 to 1967. Comd 7 Task Force, the highest rank attained by a part-time army Ordnance officer.



Driving and Servicing Courses

Driving and Servicing Courses remained a very important part of the units' training requirements and were conducted over three weekends and four nights. Members were licensed in a variety of vehicles with training in driving, fording, winching, load-carrying, towing and minor fault finding. An eagerly anticipated feature of these courses was a convoy drive on the final weekend of the course. One memorable occasion at Wallangarra involved a number of members being involved in a serious indiscretion. On the Saturday night, leave was granted for all to Tenterfield. Two leave trucks were allocated to take members into town to occupy themselves until the closure of the local picture theatre at 11 pm. At the appointed time, it was found that one group had left early - presumably back to camp. On the arrival of the second vehicle at camp it was found that the first vehicle hadn't arrived. Close questioning found that the missing members had 'gone to a dance at a local shearing shed'. WO2 Sheehan was dispatched by MAJ Peel with strict instructions to 'Go and get them!' the group was located at the dance, enjoying themselves immensely with the local population, dancing and enjoying supper and refreshments and generally having a good time. All were rounded up and returned to camp where MAJ Peel confronted them. He eloquently and forcefully proceeded to point out their indiscretions and their breach of trust. There were quite a few NCOs with bruised and dented pride licking their wounds on the return journey to Brisbane the next day.

The depot lost the services of MAJ T.G. Peel, ED on posting on 1 September 1965. This officer had given sterling service to the unit. He had joined the CMF in February 1952 after having previously served 10 years in the AIF and Interim Army. MAJ Peel had served at Milne Bay in WW2 as a WO1 and was promoted in the field. Because of his sound knowledge of the Ordnance Corps, his administrative ability and gentlemanly manner he was respected by all ranks. MAJ Peel had been appointed OC A Park of 1 AVD in 1959 and 1960 and 1BVD in 1961, 1964 and 1965. He was a member of many promotions coaching boards and many of the unit NCOs were indebted to him. So high was his standing amongst all, that one cannot remember any derogatory remarks passed about him. He was posted as Camp Commandant to 2 Sup Gp, a role he filled until his compulsory retirement on 23 December 1969.



MAJ T.G. Peel ED

Reintroduction of National Service

When National Service was re-introduced in 1964, young men of 20 years of age could either take their chance with two years compulsory service under the ballot system or enlist in the CMF for six years. Several men enlisted in the CMF prior to the ballot to avoid the risk of call-up. However, this legislation only resulted in a marginal increase in unit strength and once again volunteer members had to adhere to obligatory measures invoked for the period of National Service.

To overcome a shortage of officers in all Corps at this stage, the Officer Cadet Training Unit (OCTU) was introduced. Young men of suitable standard were selected from recommendations by unit OCs or they answered newspaper advertisements. It was a very rigorous and demanding course conducted over an 18 months period. This involved two weekends most months and two periods of continuous training of 14 days each year. None who completed the course would ever forget their experience because of the demands on their personal, family and civilian work commitments. Members recommended for promotion were posted to OCTU for the 18 month period.

7 Ordnance Field Park

On 1 May 1966, 7 Ordnance Field Park was raised and staffed by selected personnel in the depot with LT C.C. Floyd appointed the first OC. Six other officers were appointed as OC during the lifetime of this unit. Staff of 7 OFP had to raise the unit entitlements, structure, and SOPs in a short period of time to make the unit functional. The Field Park had the distinction of being the first CMF Ordnance unit to provide supply support to an ARA exercise called 'Nilla



Qua' at Shoalwater Bay in 1967. Unfortunately, 7 OFP was unable to exercise unit members in the role as planned as the ARA OFP also allocated to the exercise had completed the issue program prior to the arrival of the CMF unit. However, members still had an enjoyable and productive camp training in drill, infantry minor tactics and weapon training. As a result, six of the PTEs who attended qualified for CPL by the end of the year.

CAPT L.J. Koch became ADJ and QM of 1 BVD on 20 October 1966, having taken a two year appointment on full time duty from his civilian employment. This position was a critical appointment and had previously been occupied by senior ARA Majors. CAPT Koch served with distinction in this appointment and gained invaluable experience in preparation for his eventual command of the unit. Unfortunately his untimely death prevented this.

Recruit training, which up to now had been a unit responsibility, was placed under the control of 2 Support Group. This unit held three recruit courses per year each consisting of eight nights and three weekend. A feature of the course was the final march-out parade where three platoons of in excess of 40 recruits each paraded before the COMD, family and friends. At one course, 1 BVD supplied 16 students and five instructors. The experience gained by the instructors stood them in good stead and they were able to bring back good instructional techniques to other members.

The 9mm F1 SMG was introduced to the CMF weaponry at this time.

The Petitt Years 1967 to 1970

After the departure of LTCOL Swan, LTCOL I.D. Petitt ED was appointed CO 30 January 1967 and remained for three years. LTCOL Petitt had the distinction of being the first Ordnance CO to rise from the ranks. He joined the Militia in November 1938, and served in the Middle East and New Guinea. He rejoined the CMF at its inception in 1948 rising through the ranks to become CO. The officer strength at this stage had declined and LTCOL Petitt found himself to be the last officer in the unit with war time experience. In civilian life, LTCOL Petitt was a Bank Officer with the Commonwealth Bank in Brisbane.



LTCOL I.D. Petitt ED

During these years, the unit adopted a more technical role, with members being dispersed through 1 BOD in many tasks during their camps and from an army viewpoint this form of training was desirable. Unfortunately, the tasks given were menial and mundane. Two weeks of moving stores from one side of a shed to the other, straightening stacks, repainting lines along warehouse floors, sweeping floors and the like were hardly conducive to maintaining the interest of soldiers who were looking for a sense of adventure. The civilian staff and/or Regular soldiers would normally have done these duties, but someone had decided this was a good opportunity to employ the ARES to do them. It resulted in crushing the members' interest and enthusiasm and the services of many soldiers were lost during this period. The strength of the unit fell by one-third in one year alone.

Many successful bivouacs were conducted and battles raged throughout the day and night at 'Bunya', Greenbank, Jindalee, Mt. Nebo and the Samford valley. Most were based on a PL defended locality for training purposes. At one such exercise at Jindalee (now the Sumner Park Industrial Estate), unit members arrived on the Friday night and worked throughout the darkened hours to develop a fortified position consisting of full stage weapon pits and barbed wire entanglements. A simulated attack occurred on the Coy position on the second night. The night was one of the coldest experienced for many years, and many



members felt its full effect whilst in the weapon pits. While shivering in the weapon pits, the defenders and attackers were most pleased to hear the CO call a halt to the exercise and invite members to warm up around a fire.

Social activities during this period included the annual Officers and Sergeants Mess cricket match. The Officers, due to the sporting capabilities of the young subalterns, usually won these matches. The Sergeants mess further conducted its own sporting activities and members challenged each other for the Sportsman of the year award. Their names were engraved on the CAPT Ron Backman shield.

During LTCOL Pettitt's period in command of 1BVD, no vehicle functional role was established in which members supported other units and the unit was limited to non-technical activities, tasks and exercises.

At the ceremonial passing out parade for LTCOL Pettitt on 30 January 1970, 96 unit members paraded with the Regular Army's 5th Field Regiment Band on the 1 BOD parade ground. It was a great occasion and possibly the best parade ever put on by the unit with unit Officers carrying swords for the first time. LTCOL Pettitt farewelled his men in great style and it was a sad day in his career to have to leave his unit after serving in it in every rank from 1948 to 1970. During his time as CO, he gained the respect of his men for the attitude he showed towards them and their welfare. A measure of his command style is the fact that during his term of command, no disciplinary charge was ever upheld. Surprisingly he never drove a motor vehicle and attended all parades by public transport or by courtesy of a unit member.

The only other occasion when the unit had large parade experiences were at Royal Review celebrations at Victoria Park on the Sovereign's Birthday, when all ARA and CMF took part.

The Ross Years - 1970 to 1973

LTCOL D.A. Ross, ED was appointed to succeed LTCOL Pettitt on 30 January 1970. He was called up as a National Serviceman in 11 NS Trg Bn in 1953 and served in most of the CMF RAAOC units in Brisbane. As a result he had a good first hand knowledge of RAAOC operations and the unit personnel. LTCOL Ross, in civilian life, was Company Secretary of the Narm Corporation.



He had the distinction of being the first post-war National Service trainee to command the Training Depot Units.



LTCOL Ross ED

The unit lost a popular and competent member in September 1971, when WO2 R.J. Wing, a CMF WO, was killed in a car accident.

The Mt Coolum Camp

The flow of National Servicemen was decreasing in this period as several of those eligible for the ballot system decided to take their chances and others who had joined the CMF and had been passed over in the ballot took their discharge. The monotony of camping at Wacol and Greenbank, and travelling and working in the Ordnance depots at Gaythorne and Meeandah, was having its effect on unit morale. After the 1970 camp it was decided that a change of locality and type of activity might encourage recruiting and lift morale. To justify the selection of LTCOL Ross's preferred camp site near Mt Coolum, it was necessary to do a cost comparison of that option against the traditional camp sites. Due to the creative accounting ability of the planners, the Mt Coolum site was costed at \$10 less than the alternatives. Members then embarked on a camp designed to further their knowledge in infantry training, minor tactics and regimental training. A recruit course was also conducted concurrently with other activities.



A relatively successful three day exercise was conducted towards the final stage of the camp which culminated in a BBQ being held on the beach. Safety precautions precluded members from enjoying the full benefits of the beach location as no lifesaver was on duty by the time training had finished for the day. Those who took part in the field exercise will always remember the climb over Mt. Coolum and the magnificent view afforded to those who made the climb to the top. During this camp, members were also introduced to the new grenade simulators, an experience which several members did not enjoy due to them landing too close for comfort.

Wallangarra again!

Because of a lack of technical types of camps, 1 BVD returned to Wallangarra in 1972 for Camp training. There the members were afforded the luxury of Greyhound bus travel and barrack room accommodation. Members trained in the Ammunition Depot and also observed demolition exercises that were carried out by the Regular Army personnel of the depot. Members also visited local points of interest, including Bald Rock and Girraween National Park. During WWII, 'The Rock' (not to be confused with Bald Rock) on the camp border was painted with an arrow in white paint. This point was used by the Depot artificer to assist in calibrating compasses as the painted arrow was due north of the artificer's position. The arrow on the rock is in the middle of the photo. During the 1972 camp, four junior officers of the unit incurred the wrath of the CO at a Mess function and, as a punishment, were ordered to re-paint the arrow on 'The Rock'. At the cessation of training the next day, armed with paint, brushes and rope, the recalcitrants took off to undertake this task. They arrived back later that night rather tired, but 'mission completed' and their initials also emblazoned near the arrow.

A cricket match and a tug of war competition were arranged between the Regular Army's 112 Sup Coy and 1 BVD. The CMF members were successful in both events and took back to Gaythorne the trophies presented for the occasion. At a sports day conducted at the Tenterfield show-ground, a tug-of-war competition was won by the CMF team and the prize money of \$80 was donated to Tenterfield Legacy. Unit members training for this event consisted of pulling a 'Wrecker' around the camp area.



Wallangarra Depot 1972.



CPL B. Robinson (Centre man), PTE A. Ross (2nd man), CPL D. Sullivan (3rd man), WO2 J.J. Sherington (Anchor), CPL (later SGT) R. Pringle (in uniform).

As a stark contrast to the earlier camps, this camp was rated as being highly successful and members looked forward to a return the next year.



LEGACY WINS



Presentation to Legacy by Tug-o-war team at Wallangarra Army Depot

At the Sports day conducted by Tenterfield Rugby League the tug-o-war was won by an Army team. On Friday last at the Army Camp at Wallangarra, during a brief ceremony, the prize money of eighty dollars was handed to Tenterfield Legacy.

Present, by invitation, to receive the cheque were Legatee Bert Hood, chairman, and Legatee Harrie Brewer, secretary, of Tenterfield Legacy Group.

Fifty-two officers and men of 1 Base Vehicle Company C.M.F., Brisbane, under the command of Lieutenant-Colonel D. W. Lowejoy have been conducting their annual training camp at Wallangarra using the facilities of the Australian Regular Army

unit there, the 112 Supply Company commanded by Major M. W. H. Kuit.

The winning tug-o-war team was made up of personnel from both units and the presentation of the cheque was made jointly by W.O.2 J. J. Sherrington of 1 Base Vehicle Depot and Sergeant R. Cavanagh of 112 Supply Company.

The C.M.F. men have returned to their homes and civilian occupations in Brisbane leaving their share of the prize money in Tenterfield and if their annual camp is conducted next year at Wallangarra they intend to try again to win some money for Legacy.

Article in the Tenterfield News after the 1 BVD Camp at Wallangarra in 1972



Presenting the cheque to Tenterfield Legacy members. L to R MAJ M. Kuit, LTCOL D.W. Lovejoy, CAPT E.N. Schilling and WO2 W.T. Robertson.



Disbanding of the Laundry Platoon

The Laundry Platoon, having served its purpose, was disbanded at this stage and its members were absorbed into the BVD. This unit had given nine officers the chance of having command experience. The original laundry trailer, that beloved piece of machinery that arrived from the south in 1961, was retired and sent to auction. It had lain at Gaythorne for many years and was only used for home training parades because it could not be shifted due to size, lack of brakes, damage to aged parts due to constant movement, and the need for a tractor type vehicle to pull it. The trailer with its steam boiler etc was WW2 vintage. In later years laundry equipment consisting of two small mobile trailers borrowed from 3 CCS Ldy Pl was used. However, because of ARA commitments, this equipment was not always available.

The Australian Government was still at this time committed to the war in Vietnam. Several of the officers of the unit visited that country on short tours and gained valuable first hand knowledge of Ordnance in the Combat Zone. Officers who visited the theatre of war included LTCOL D.W. Lovejoy and MAJ L.J. Koch.

Abolition of National Service

A change of government in December 1972 saw the abolition of National Service, and Citizen Forces members hoped for greater Defence spending for the CMF. This, unfortunately, did not eventuate but the government set up a committee, known as the Miller Committee, to report on the future needs of Citizens Forces. During the investigations conducted by this committee, members of the armed forces were invited to make submissions. All CMF soldiers completed questionnaires. The abolition of National Service on 6 December 1972 again made the CMF a volunteer service and recruiting was still a major problem.

A steady increase in numbers saw a larger number of people at the 1973 camp at Wallangarra. Besides working in the Ammo Depot, a Vehicle Driving and Storeman course as well as a Recruit Course were also conducted. Drivers were now being licensed on the Army's new International 4x4 2 ½ ton Mark I and II. 1 BVD returned home again with the trophies for sports competition but lost the tug of war in 1974.



Transfer of RAASC personnel to RAAOC

A further historic event took place on 23 April 1973, when members of 1 Supply Depot (1 Sup Dep), RAASC transferred to the Ordnance Corps and were absorbed into 'C' Park of the BVD. This transfer was brought about by the historic disbandment of the RAASC. Two officers and 16 Other Ranks were presented with their new Corps badge by the Honorary Colonel of the RAAOC, BRIG J.W. Lawson OBE at a parade held in the depot. Two future OCs of 101 Fd Sup Coy came from 1 Supply Depot; MAJ G.W. Oliver (1985-88) and MAJ J.P. McGahan (1988-91) as did CAPT W.Q.C. Carson-Beales who saw long service in many postings in Ordnance and Infantry units and headquarters. Long and dedicated service in the Foodstuffs role of the unit was also given by three of these members. WO2 H.W. Evans, WO2 E.J.W. Oliver, and SGT R. (Dick) Grayson brought considerable expertise from their previous Corps and formed the nucleus of the unit's Combat Supplies group.

The Lovejoy Years - 1973 to 1975

LTCOL D.W. Lovejoy ED took command of the depot in January 1973. He had joined 11 NS Battalion in 1953 and was then posted to Albion. He rose through all ranks, except Warrant Officer. He distinguished himself prior to this appointment by being promoted to SI DEG Wing CSTU with the rank of LTCOL. He was a Senior Audit Inspector with the Queensland Auditor General's Department. He encouraged recruiting vigorously, he fought tirelessly for a meaningful role for his units, he saw the benefits that an active social presence had on improving morale, and actively sought to have members trained and ready for promotion.

'The Numbers Game'

The Officer Cadet Training Unit had supplied the depot by now with several officers but the other rank structure was at a low level. LTCOL Lovejoy embarked on a vigorous recruiting campaign. 'The Numbers Game', as it became known, was the order of the day. He introduced three-hour parades for night training in an attempt to gain continuity of training as a new training directive demanded efficiencies at all levels. Members who were absent from parades were required to do alternative training days to make up the lectures they had missed. This action of course put extra pressure on the training staff



to do additional time. Staff could serve up to 100 days per year with full pay. Any more and you weren't paid. Several members still exceeded the allocated number of days.

As part of 'The Numbers Game', Saturday mornings saw unit members assemble the recruiting display stands and head off to various shopping centres. As can be seen from the photo, the main messages were Tax Free Pay and the chance for adventure and excitement. LTCOL Lovejoy established the position of Recruiting Officer and appointed LT R.T. Brown to this position. He worked tirelessly in this position and as a keen photography enthusiast developed a comprehensive album of unit activities to show at displays. A camera was purchased from Regimental Funds for this purpose. Very few restrictions were placed on the Recruiting Officer and his staff in respect of paid man hours. LT A.M.G. Grant and LT P. Wintour also achieved good results during their time as Recruiting Officer.



Unit members at recruiting display stand.

Members of 1 BVD began a tradition in 1974 when they provided a ceremonial guard for the Zillmere/Geebung RSL on Anzac Day. This service became an annual event.



LTCOL D.W. Lovejoy ED delivering the 1974 Anzac Service Address.

The Miller Report

In May 1974 the Minister for Defence tabled the Miller Report. The report recommended a major overhaul of the CMF structure and training. Significant recommendations included a name change from CMF to the Army Reserve (ARES), training to be structured on Unit Training rather than Officer and NCO training, and units were to be counterparts of Regular units with complementary and compatible training programs.

More advanced training, higher rates of pay, career planning and improved uniform arrangements also resulted from the review. The Miller Report also recommended that female members be permitted to join ARES Services units and that the previous training unit 1 WRAAC Coy at Kelvin Grove be disbanded from 1 January 1975.

In 1974, 1 BVD again travelled to Wallangarra to pursue a full training camp in non Corps activities. However, on arrival the OC of the Wallangarra Depot, MAJ M. Kuit requested assistance in handling, repairing and storing flood damaged stock that had been sent to his Depot after the Australia Day floods which had ravaged the Brisbane area. The training programme was thrown into total disarray and members were deployed in the storehouses for four days each week on this task. Unit Officers and NCOs were clearly disappointed as they had spent several weeks in their own time preparing lectures for the courses they had planned.

BRIG J.W. Lawson OBE reviewed the final parade for 1974. This was to be the last occasion of an 'all-male' parade for the unit.



Preparing for what was to be the last 'All male' parade.



BRIG Lawson inspecting the parade.

Females Join the Ranks

In 1975, the first female member transferring to RAAOC was PTE D. Cobanov followed by PTE T. Hall. A steady stream of women followed with female strength totalling in later years 34 members.

These women set a very high standard for others to follow - they set the benchmark. They were both very efficient and capable at manning recruiting displays and later when promoted proved very capable Stores Section leaders. They were both promoted to Senior NCO rank and became technical experts



in Stores employment. They also figured prominently in the organising of social activities within the Soldiers Club and Sgts Mess.

With the introduction of the female members to the ranks, it required a change of delivery by the Drill Instructor in the method of getting the troops to stand to attention. Gone was the usual cry of “Stand erect, shoulders back, head high, push your chest out, arms straight, bends out of your elbows, clench your fist and place your thumb behind the seam of your trousers”, for obvious reasons.



First female RAAOC CMF members. PTE D. Cobanov and PTE T. Hall

The end of the Citizens Military Force

In compliance with the Miller Report recommendations, 1 BVD was disbanded on 31 August 1975. Members were absorbed into new Army Reserve units; namely 1 Ordnance Services Unit and 1 Ordnance Platoon and a Headquarters unit to be known as 1 Supply Group (ARES) Elm. 104 Field Workshop Stores section was also disbanded on 30 June. Five officers had gained command experience in this unit. This small but practical unit, over its 10 years of existence, had given members valuable experience in processing vehicle repair parts, and supporting other units in their camp activities.

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PART 3

THE ARMY RESERVE

1975 - 1994

Chapter 7

1 Ordnance Services Unit

1975 - 1987

The Harmon Years - 1975 to 1977

Leading up to the Government's adoption of the recommendations of the Miller Report, a new Ordnance unit, 1 Ordnance Platoon (1 Ord Pl) was formed on 1 July 1975 and was placed under command of CAPT E.N. Schilling. The unit was allotted to Field Force Command with a Combat Supplies role in support of 7 Task Force units, and was located at Gona Barracks, Kelvin Grove. A Bath Section was also raised to become part of the PL's function. 1 Ord Pl remained in Field Force until 5 February 1977 at which time LTCOL Lovejoy was successful in having it reallocated to Logistics Command. It remained a Logistics Command unit until its disbandment on 2 February 1988.



CAPT E.N. Schilling
RFD, ED



Control of the depot was now passed over to the inaugural OC of 1 Ordnance Services Unit (1 Ord Svc Unit), MAJ G.J. Harmon on 1 September 1975. In civilian life, MAJ Harmon was a Forensic Scientist with the Queensland Police Department.

The unit had been raised on 25 August 1975, under command of LTCOL Lovejoy, in readiness for the disbandment of 1 BVD on 31 August. The raising of the Ord Svc Unit promised new horizons. Besides having a Stores Group, a Vehicle Group and a Foodstuffs Group, a Training Cell was attached. Members were posted to trade positions and were initially allotted a trade qualification based on the position they were posted to at that time. Later, trade testing became important for pay and promotion as a result of the Coldham report, which allied ARES trade and military skill pay to that of the ARA.



MAJ G.J. Harmon

LTCOL Lovejoy became the first SOI (ARES) of Headquarters 1st Supply Group (HQ 1 Sup Gp). It was decided to locate the ARES element at Gaythorne in the ARES Depot to facilitate contact with the ARES units, rather than at Victoria Barracks. The element became self-contained administratively.

The new organization reduced the rank structure previously enjoyed by the levels in the Vehicle Depot. However, positions were found for all existing members in the two units at Gaythorne and the ARES element of HQ 1 Sup Gp.



LTCOL D.W. Lovejoy ED

50th year anniversary

During Corps Week activities in 1975, and being 50 years since the founding of the RAAOC Militia, a special programme was planned to commemorate the occasion. All units paraded before the Honorary Colonel, BRIG J.W. Lawson, OBE, who unveiled an Honour Board listing previous Commanding Officers of the major Ordnance units in Queensland since the advent of voluntary part time service. This function saw the greatest gathering of senior officer rank ever seen in the depot in CMF/ARES history. Those in attendance were -

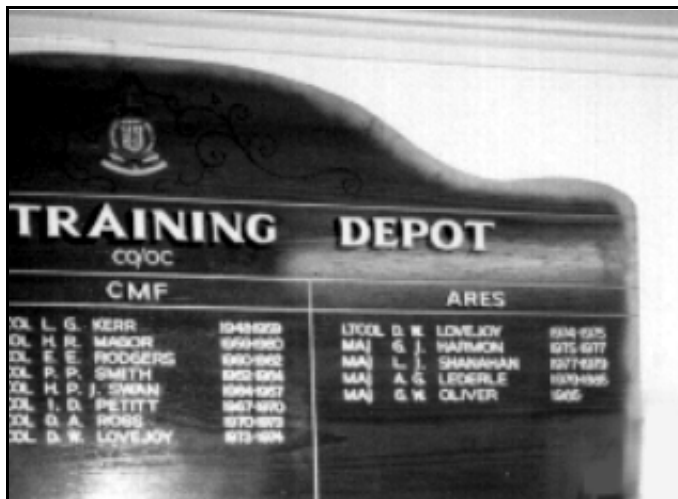
BRIG	J.W. LAWSON, OBE
BRIG	H.P.J. SWAN, ED
COL	L.G. KERR, ED
COL	I.D. PETTIT, ED
COL	J.B. DUNCAN, OBE
COL	N.C. MILES,
LTCOL	D.A. ROSS, ED
LTCOL	D.W. LOVEJOY, ED

Apologies were received from COL H.N. Vidgen, and MAJ G.M. McKay.

The Honour Board was created through the efforts of members of the unit, and is an example of Army Reserve craftsmanship.



Honour Board function dignitaries



RAAOC Training Depot Honour Board COs/OCs

Esprit de Corps

The unit now boasted a first class Soldiers Club, a far cry from the machinery shed of 1963. Much of the funding for this improvement came from high volume alcohol sales to unit members and those of surrounding units. Bulk sales were also made to many of the Regular Army messes in the area as they



were supposed to purchase their supplies from Canteen Services, but the lower prices available from the soldiers club proved too great a temptation. The club was able to purchase direct from the brewery at a significant discount and offer “the cheapest beer in town”. All of the profits of this enterprise were ploughed back into improving facilities in the club and the unit area generally. Members, both existing and new, received the benefits of this upgraded facility. It had been brought about by a great volunteer effort over the years by many members, an interested ARA Cadre Staff, and the strong encouragement and support of LTCOL Lovejoy. The success of the Soldiers Club had kept the unit together as it often served as a combined mess, lecture room and recruit catcher.



1 BVD Soldier's Club circa 1975

Social committees organised and conducted barbecues, film evenings and also published a unit newsletter which was called “Pogo”. The driving force behind the publication of the newsletter was CPL I. White. Other notable personalities involved in these activities included CPLs B. Robinson, O. Harch, J. Seymour, and P. Krech.

On one notable occasion during a camp at Macrossan, CPL White (Whitey), a qualified butcher in civilian life, provided the meat for a unit barbecue. SSGT B.J. Mewburn was driving a Land Rover back to camp when he hit and killed a pig wandering across the road. He continued back to camp where he enlisted the aid of WO2 Sherington to recover the body. Two personnel were



dispatched to bring the animal back. Whitey was engaged to prepare the pig for consumption. It was scalded in a 44-gallon drum to remove the hair, taken to the ablution block where it was dressed, and then put in the chiller in the kitchen. This all had to be carried out secretly as it was not known who owned the pig. The non-edible remains were removed in the back of a Land Rover and secretly buried in a deep hole at the aerodrome at Macrossan. The carcass was hanging in the kitchen chiller when the pig's owner arrived looking for his prize-winning animal - this was no ordinary pig! However, the owner continued on his unsuccessful search and the unit members later enjoyed a roasted pig. Attached RAEME personnel made the roasting spit. For his efforts, Whitey was presented with a butcher's knife mounted on a wooden plaque, suitably inscribed to mark the occasion. It was later discovered that the pig belonged to a resident ARA Staff Sergeant.

Skill at arms

Rifle shooting at the Greenbank range was changed to what was known as the 'Trainfire method' and members had a new concept of range firing to master. This replaced the old manually operated 'bulls-eye' targets and 'figure' targets. A range shoot involved two practices. The first involved firing from a static position at a number of different ranges at a variety of targets. The highlight of the shoot was the second phase where the detail moved forward at a walk with the range controller operating the raising and lowering of a variety of targets over ranges of 50, 100, 200 and 300 m. Different firing positions and number of rounds to be fired were nominated. Scoring was automatically recorded on the controller's console. However, some scores were a bit suspect as a shot fired into the ground close to the target could throw up sufficient dirt and stones to record a hit. The Trainfire method reduced the manpower necessary to conduct a shoot, as butt parties were not needed. During the conduct of the shoot, the most labour intensive activity was the 'emu bob' collecting the spent brass. A pre-determined brass recovery weight had to be achieved, otherwise a second sweep was necessary. The 9 mm F1 SMG and 9 mm Browning pistol were fired on the 25 m. range.

The final parade for 1975 was reviewed by BRIG H.P.J. Swan ED who was very pleased to officiate and renew acquaintances with old members. He presented trophies and awarded promotions to members of 1 Ord Svc Unit and 1 Ord Pl. The year 1975 passed on and members began to look forward to



promised changes in the New Year. If members thought that 1975 was a year for great changes, they were in for great surprises in 1976.



Greenbank Range 1975

Ordnance Reserve support was keenly sought for the many activities which were to be conducted during this year. The units supplied support to 131 Supply Company at Wallangarra with the Stores Group, the 121 Supply Company at Charters Towers, while the Vehicle Group and an EME Repair Parts Platoon supported the 1 Field Force Group (FF Gp) camp at Tin Can Bay. The Foodstuffs and POL Group supported various ARA and ARES units at Bribie Island and Greenbank areas. 1 Ord Pl provided support at Greenbank to 1 FF Gp.

1 Ord Svc Unit was saddened in February 1976 by the death of MAJ L.J. Koch, the unit 2IC. He had enlisted as a PTE in 1952, rose through the ranks, commanded a number of the Sub-units and served as Adjutant QM in 1966-67 on full time duty. He also held many CSTU positions. His drive and initiative were indeed a great loss. He had served in practically every unit ever raised in the Ordnance Training Depot. He had qualified in TAC 5 and was an excellent example of the total commitment of a dedicated member of the ARES.

With the disbandment of 1 WRAAC Coy as a specialist unit, as recommended by the Miller Report, all existing ranks were offered the choice of transfer to another unit. 1 Ord Svc Unit was fortunate in gaining the services of CAPT N.E. Edwards, a highly skilled clerical and administrative officer who on transfer was appointed Adj/QM, a position she held from 1976 to 1980 when she took a discharge. She became the first ARES officer on part time training



to fill this role and proved a capable occupant of the position. She was the first female Officer posted to the unit.



CAPT N.E. Edwards



MAJ L.J. Koch a few months before his untimely death.

Shortly afterwards, LT M.F. Archer was posted to the unit. She was one of the first two female graduates from OCTU and was posted as Sup O (Foodstuffs/POL). She was later to figure prominently in a command position in a variety of supply support roles that the unit undertook. A most competent officer, she was later appointed to the position of Unit Training Officer before retiring from the service.

Promotions

Further changes in the system saw the introduction of NCO promotion courses run by 1 Training Group (1 Trg Gp) on a full time basis over 16 days. Officers and Warrant Officers and senior NCO's were called for the last time to run unit promotional courses. One great last effort was made to enable members to gain their subjects for promotion prior to the introduction of full-time courses. This



was necessary as the limited number of places available to each unit on these courses meant that some members would have to wait to attend a subsequent course, possibly a year or more later. That had the effect of deferring members' promotions and career progression. All promotion courses were successfully conducted. However, all members who had qualified for promotion were unable to be promoted because of the procedural implementation of the re-organization following recommendations of the Miller Committee. Fortunately their qualifications remained and they could be promoted as vacancies occurred.


Courses for promotion since 1948 had been conducted by the Unit on a part-time basis over several week-ends. Examinations had been set by selected members for Subjects A (Drill and Weapons), B1 (Tactics), B2 (Corps) and C (Military Law) for all ranks through to Warrant Officer. Subject C for WO was an AHQ conducted course. This was an onerous task for some members who spent their entire 14 day camp preparing examination papers and formulating the unit's training program for the ensuing year.

Efforts by the SO1 ARES, LTCOL Lovejoy, in gaining new establishments, brought rewards to many, and perhaps the greatest of these was the official granting to the Unit of Establishment positions for two Warrant Officers Class 1, the first such positions since 12 March 1954. Only one of these positions was ever filled, as both positions were in a Training Cell.

On the Final Parade of the year on 29 November 1976, members paraded before the Formation COMD, COL N.C. Miles, COMD 1 Sup Gp, who inspected 1 Ord Svc Unit and 1 Ord Pl. He addressed members and handed out promotions to those who were fortunate enough to receive them.

That evening was a special occasion for W02 G.J. Sheehan who was promoted to the rank of Warrant Officer Class 1. It was only the third occasion that this rank had been held, in the long history of the Ordnance Citizen Forces, since 1948. The last occasion this rank had been worn was on the 12 March 1954 by I.D. Pettitt before he was commissioned. On promotion, W01 Sheehan was appointed RSM HQ 1 Sup Gp (ARES Element).




<div>Australian Military Forces</div>
<div>Warrant.</div>
<div>To</div>
<div>Graham John SHEEHAN</div>
<div>ROYAL AUSTRALIAN ARMY ORDNANCE CORPS</div>
<div>By virtue of the authority given in the Defence Act 1903-1953 and by the Regulations made thereunder, I do hereby appoint you the said</div>
<div>Graham John SHEEHAN</div>
<div>to be a Warrant Officer (Class 2) in the Australian</div>
<div>* CITIZEN Military Forces from 1st February 1960</div>
<div>You are, therefore, carefully and diligently to discharge your duty as such by doing and performing all things thereunto belonging as required by the Laws and Orders relating to the Australian Military Forces:</div>
<div>and you are to observe and follow such orders and directions as you shall receive from your Commanding, or any other your Superior Officer, according to the Laws and Orders relating to those Forces</div>
<div>Place CANBERRA</div>
<div>Signature Major-General</div>
<div>Date of Issue 21st MARCH 1960</div>
<div>ADJUTANT-GENERAL</div>
<div>Appointment</div>

Sample Warrant

WO1 Sheehan had enlisted in the Ordnance Corps after completion of National Service training in 1955. He served in most units in the training depot in a variety of postings. Prior to his promotion he had spent the previous ten years in the training section of the depot. During the period 1959-76, as a Warrant Officer Class 2 he had the primary responsibility for the training of recruits and the coaching of NCO's for higher promotion. Most members who came into the units during this period would have benefited from WO1



Sheehan's experience, encouragement and training skills during a whole range of recruit, trade training and promotional courses, weapon and infantry minor tactics exercises.



*WO1 G.J. Sheehan,
OAM*

Unit Historian

LTCOL Lovejoy appointed Warrant Officer Sheehan to be Unit Historian in 1975. He wanted to ensure that the rich history of the part time Ordnance soldier since 1925 was not lost to future generations over the passage of time. In addition to his normal duties, WO1 Sheehan was to devote whatever time was necessary to carry out this research and to document past, present and future events of historical and statistical interest. He got off to a flying start on this project when he had the opportunity to spend two weeks in Victoria Barracks researching unit histories and personnel records. He found records which, in later years, would have been destroyed. Officers 'Stud Books' were also extremely helpful in tracing early Corps identities and their relationship with the Ordnance Citizen Forces. He was also fortunate in being able to interview surviving Militia and Citizen Forces members. Notably, the second and third Militia OCs - MAJ G.M. McKay and COL J.B. Duncan - gave valuable details of the early years, details that would not have been available from any other source. Their recollections, originally preserved on audio tape and in letters, have now been digitally stored for posterity.



Occupation of 11 Sup Bn buildings

With the movement of HQ 11 Sup Bn from Gaythorne to Meeandah, the HQ, Administration Block, Damascus Club and other storehouses were vacated. HQ 1 Sup Gp (ARES Element) were relocated in the Administration Block, thus making more room available in the old drill hall for 1 Ord Svc Unit.

The Ord Pl took over office space in the Administration Block and further storage space beside the old Damascus Club.



Administration Block, Gaythorne.

ARA and ARES command co-operation

The HQ 1 Sup Gp (ARES Element) became officially established on 1 January 1977 and all positions were now filled according to an official establishment. Prior to this the element operated on 'ad hoc' establishment cover. During 1976-77 Ordnance members undertook 12 separate supply operational activities



in support of their functional role at Townsville, Tin Can Bay, Greenbank and 11 Sup Bn areas.

COL N.C. Miles was transferred to Logistic Command Headquarters in Melbourne in January 1977 and it was most unfortunate that the Unit did not have a chance to farewell its Formation COMD, who had done so much to help the ARES through a difficult era. The Training Depot had never, since the inception of the CMF, worked so closely with their ARA counterparts in the field and received such co-operation. The ARES element on the HQ clearly established itself as a practical and effective command and control body. The groups of 1 Ord Svc Unit and 1 Ord Pl carried out their functional roles at Ashgrove, Banyo and Meeandah. The placing of ARES RAAOC under command of 1 Sup Gp, together with an active effort by Regular and Reserve personnel at all levels had achieved one of the aims of the Miller reforms: One Army - with Regular and Reserve components.

This co-operation was evident in camps conducted during the year. The Vehicle Storemen were encouraged to parade on extra weekends at the Vehicle Depot Banyo and physically work the Service Station. This allowed the Vehicle Depot to increase its throughput of serviced vehicles. In recognition of this assistance, the ARES personnel were presented with a memento in the form of a model GS vehicle, mounted and suitably engraved. This was hung with pride in the Soldiers Club.

COL J.F. Hiley who succeeded COL Miles continued with the same close relationship. On his re-posting in 1978 and the disbandment of the HQ 1 Sup Gp, the situation took a turn for the worse. The ARES units came under direct command of Log Comd based in Melbourne and lost the support of a local Formation COMD and found themselves without any meaningful role.

Foodstuffs and POL training and tasking

It was during this year that the Foodstuffs Group of 1 Ord Svc Unit was given priority. LTCOL Lovejoy had previously tasked LT G.W. Oliver with developing the unit's foodstuffs supply capability with a view to undertaking operational foodstuffs/POL tasks. LT Oliver had gained considerable experience in this field while serving as a RAASC Supply Officer with 1 Supply Depot and as Assistant Adjutant of 42 RQR. Training courses were developed



and delivered for foodstuffs/POL Supply Clerks and Storemen. To generate interest and improve attendance, the training program for the 'Greengrocers' included site visits to various commercial food processing and distribution centres. The group visited the Brisbane Markets at Rocklea, Tip Top Bakery at Nundah, the Cannon Hill Abattoirs and a number of wholesale grocery warehouse and distribution centres. The most popular and well-attended visit, however, was to the Castlemaine Perkins XXXX Brewery at Milton. The stated Objective of this activity was "To study the special issues and challenges associated with the receipt, storage and issue of beverages". The fact that visitors who inspected the brewery facilities were encouraged to taste test the range of beers for an hour after the visit had absolutely nothing to do with its selection over the Tristram's soft drink factory! A later visit to the Pauls Milk factory at West End allowed the trainees to compare the two facilities (and products).

This training was the start of an on-going program which saw the Foodstuffs Group of 1 Ord Svc Unit, and units which followed, undertake the full range of Combat Supplies support to both ARA and ARES exercises.

The Shanahan Years - 1977 to 1979

Control of 1 Ord Svc Unit passed from MAJ G.J. Harmon to MAJ L.J. Shanahan on 1 April 1977. Becoming OC was a personal triumph for MAJ Shanahan who joined 1 Base Vehicle Depot as a PTE at the age of 34 years. He attended the second course of OCTU and was commissioned as a LT. He served in most of the units established at the training depot, and became the first OCTU graduate to command a Reserve Supply Unit in 1 MD. During his term of command, he suffered many disappointments in terms of financial restrictions, which reduced training time allotment, and was unable to fulfil many of the elements of his reform agenda for the unit.



MAJ LJ. Shanahan RFD.

Establishment of new Messes

The joys of the traditionalists had been let loose in February 1977 when the units were once again allowed to conduct their own messes, following the transfer of 11 Sup Bn Messes to Meeandah. The exuberance of the members quickly put the rooms into shape and Corps Week was celebrated for the first time since 1962 in the Units' own messes. The inaugural Dining-In Night of 1 Ord Svc Unit Sgts mess was an outstanding success on 21 September 1977. It was a fine effort by those concerned in arranging this event. Guest of Honour was COL J.F. Hiley. The dinner was held in the Soldiers Club as the Sergeants' Mess consisted only of one small room. All the mess silverware was acquired by the Sergeants Mess through mess funds and member levies raised during the year. After dinner, members adjourned to the mess to participate in the usual after-dinner activities. The COMD suffered a fractured rib whilst participating in a mess game, referred to as 'Boats'.

Thanks to some foresight by the OC at the time when leaving Albion, the Officers and Sergeants Mess accounts were never closed and a caretaker executive was always appointed throughout this time. This action made it easy to re-activate the system rather than go through formal procedures of establishing messes.



1977 Sergeants Mess Dining-In Night



1977 Sergeants Mess Dining-In Night

The CO appointed the Mess President, Treasurer and Secretary and this duty became an extra unpaid responsibility borne by the appointee. The Sergeants Mess conducted annual dining-in nights, and other formal dinners until its closure in 1992.

The hallowed walls of the Sergeants Mess echoed to the voices of its first female members in August 1977, when SGTs Cobonov and Hall were



promoted. The Officers Mess had been graced 18 months previously by CAPT N.E. Edwards.

On 21 September 1977, COL Hiley presented LTCOL Lovejoy with the Queen Elizabeth II Silver Jubilee Medal for his service to the country in both civil and military life. The unit paraded in the drill hall and witnessed the presentation. It was a fine reward for a man who had given so much to the Citizen Forces in over 25 years of service.

The Coldham Report

To further align ARA and ARES conditions of service, in 1977 the Australian Government commissioned another enquiry into service conditions. Known as the Coldham Report, its recommendations included:

- ARES personnel be fully IET trained in their Corps employment;
- An incremental pay system, based on years of service in each Employment ECN and rank, be introduced;
- Personnel confidential reports (PR66) were to be prepared by OCs on the standard of training capabilities and leadership qualities of all ranks of SGT and above;
- Physical fitness training and testing according to age and gender;
- Weapons proficiency training and qualification requirement.

These recommendations were designed to place the ARES on a comparable system of promotion and employment to that of the ARA.

To this purpose Ordnance people had to be trained in various Corps responsibilities and Training Depot staff undertook Initial Employment Training (IET) courses in clerical, vehicle and stores requirements. Even OR's who had been given an IET now had to confirm that trade to maintain their rank and posting. CAPT M.F. Archer, CAPT N.E. Edwards and LT J.E. White were appointed Trade Testing Officers for Foodstuffs, Clerical and Storeman trades respectively. Warrant Officers were required to attain the code of a Warehouse Supervisor. Despite many years of carrying out this role and having been designated a Warehouse Supervisor in 1975, all existing WOs were now required to submit to trade testing and obtain a trade test certificate.



The original trade training instructional material was to be provided by the Ordnance Centre at Bandianna, but this did not eventuate. In 1977 the ARES training staff drew up this material. With the limited ARES resources available, this proved to be a monumental task. The courses were conducted on a part time basis and proved an outstanding success as evidenced by the high pass rate brought about by the attitude and willingness of the students to succeed. These courses were conducted in October 1977 and set the standard for future requirements. The ARES had risen to the task again when given the opportunity. The ARA people in contact with the unit could no longer say that the ARES were not up to the job. All future trade testing for Warehouse Supervisor was to be conducted at the Ordnance Centre at Bandianna. SGTs E. Rose, D. Cobanov and G.R. Cochrane were the first to attend and qualify at these full-time courses.

Changes in Pay structure

Daily rates of pay for members at this time were:

Private	\$17.30
Corporal	\$18.55
Sergeant	\$19.69
Warrant Officer 2	\$28.26
Lieutenant	\$26.72
Captain	\$31.48
Major	\$38.70
Lieutenant Colonel	\$44.63
Colonel	\$50.81

The pay structure also altered in that each trade skill was recognised and daily rates in each category rose in accordance with the number of years in the trade since promotion, with the highest being that of a level 6. The Warrant Officer level, especially that of a Warehouse Supervisor on a level 2, carried a rate of pay equal to that of a CAPT. This matter was of course an issue of controversy with the junior officers, who claimed that they had studied for a number of years to attain their rank and found themselves on less favourable monetary terms.



This new pay structure attracted many ex- ARA personnel to the ARES, as the thought of 100 days tax-free pay was highly attractive. However, as many found out, spreading the 100 days allocation over a full 12 months was not as attractive as it first seemed. They preferred to do this allocation in one block, or when it best suited them, and then get on with their retirement for the rest of the year. A further disincentive was having to prepare for training periods in their own time. To his credit, and with the respect of his NCO structure, MAJ Shanahan adopted a policy of not accepting ex-ARA personnel unless there was a clear requirement for that skill and that person's appointment did not block the career progression of a long term member. Other OCs supported this doctrine in later years.

One notable enlistment at this stage was that of SSGT A.J. Crook, a Vietnam Veteran, who was posted to the 'Q' store. He quickly slotted into the Reserve environment, and did not object to being called a 'cut lunch commando'. His ability to get things done without fuss earned him wide respect. He was always available for duty and was ready and willing to be employed on any task. SSGT Crook's usual mode of working dress in either summer or winter was trousers and dark blue singlet. Whilst serving with 1 Ord Svc Unit he was presented with the Defence Force Service Medal for his ARA service and the Bravery Medal (BM) for bravery in rescuing a person who had jumped into the Brisbane River. SSGT Crook jumped from the Victoria Bridge into the river and supported the person until further help arrived.

Cutbacks in expenditure Service-wide had a serious effect on the morale and activities of the units. The senior staff on many occasions had seen their plans for well devised, enthusiastic activities destroyed only days before the programmed date and request for support from other units dwindled. Unit training had to be costed for each activity. ARES Admin and training Staff spent many hours, most often in an unpaid capacity, in costing wages, food and POL to fit a strict monetary budget. MAJ Shanahan could have enjoyed more support from some of his Regular Army Cadre Staff at various times, as their attention to this onerous Administrative task would have relieved the severe strain on the Reservists involved, who also had to adhere to and maintain the strict Training Schedule to continue to meet the ongoing requirements of the unit, in the limited time at their disposal. This budget could not be overspent as, if this happened, there were no parades at all. It seemed ridiculous costing kerosene for lanterns and working out how much petrol to the litre was



required for an exercise. The budget determined how many people could be brought in for an exercise and staff were rotated with each activity.

CAPT R.T. Brown succeeded CAPT E.N. Schilling as OC 1 Ord Pl to complete the major senior posting for the year. The year of 1977 came to a close with a final parade reviewed by the new Honorary Colonel BRIG J.F. McLean OBE and a unit Christmas party was celebrated in the depot.



CAPT R.T. Brown RFD.

30 years on

By 1978, part time soldiers had given 30 years of efficient, loyal service to the Crown, country, and the Royal Australian Army Ordnance Corps since the CMF was formed. The members had come from various walks of life to contribute this service. The Unit had lost the services of many valued members at various times because of civilian commitments and forced retirements, either through age or family commitments.

The Corps had been well served by its members. One of the true values of Citizen soldiers was their ability to adapt to any situation and use their civilian experience to successfully undertake the military task at hand. Members came from many walks of life: company executives, bank officers, administrative, clerical and professional officers, trades persons and other manual workers. A



CO could always find a person in the ranks whose skills could be used in particular situations that might arise. This was a continuation of the valuable skills and experience that mature and skilled civilians had brought to Australia's Defence Forces during two world wars.

At the end of the 30th year, eight commissioned officers had been awarded the Efficiency Decoration with three of those also awarded the bar for 18 years of service. Six Warrant Officers had been awarded the Efficiency Medal and two the first clasp. Both medals were awarded after 12 years, and the bar and clasp awarded for each six years of efficient service thereafter.

Imperial Awards had been withdrawn in 1974, much to the disappointment of some members who were very close to the length of service required in order to be awarded the medal or a further clasp or bar. The Australian Government introduced the National Medal in substitution for the Imperial Awards. However, this award was not as highly regarded as the Imperial awards as it was not exclusively a military medal – it was awarded to both military and civilian personnel for long service in a variety of Government service organisations.

Many members, of all ranks, had made a significant contribution to the success of unit activities over 30 years. Mention must be made of the commitment of the Warrant Officer element of the various units. Through their dedication, unselfishness, and pride of rank and Corps they engendered, by their attendance and knowledge of the subject, the maximum training benefit was gained and activities achieved their objectives. The Warrant Officer generally had a lengthy career opportunity that was not always available to the commissioned officers whose career path often required a variety of postings. As a result, the Warrant Officers provided the continuity and stability so necessary for a succession of COs/OCs. The training depot at one time in 1968 boasted 10 Warrant Officers Class 2 ARES and 2 Warrant Officers Class 2 ARA.

Between 1948 and 1978 the Corps in 1 MD had had 70 Reserve Officers and 30 Reserve Warrant Officers appointed. Apart from 9 Lieutenant Colonels and 2 Majors appointed to command the major units, 24 other Commissioned Officers had been appointed as Officers Commanding of the 12 minor units under command. The valuable experience gained in these commands proved advantageous when some were later appointed to command the major unit.



The Australian Regular Army had posted 13 Officers as Adjutants and 17 Warrant Officer Class 2, 2 Staff Sergeants, 2 Sergeants and 6 Corporals in a variety of administration, training and Quartermaster postings. In the main, there was some outstanding service given by the ARA personnel whose professionalism and high standards provided excellent role models for the part time soldiers. Many of them were posted to large ARA units and went on to attain higher ranks, up to MAJ.

An interesting and unique factor of historical importance was that the Unit accounting number of Q45 had remained unchanged since 1948. It served as the Unit's Q Accounting Number until 1 Ord Services Unit was disbanded in 1987. This situation was unique, as 17 successive Ordnance units had carried that Q Number.

The last 30 years had seen many changes in society since WW 2 and the citizen soldier had to cope with these changing attitudes. Following the lack of public support for Australia's involvement in the Vietnam War, it was not now fashionable to be a soldier and to wear uniforms in a public place. ARES soldiers would often be set upon by gangs of youths while going to or from parade. Orders were issued that soldiers were not to wear uniforms on public transport or in other public places for their own protection.

Severe cutbacks in the nation's economy during conflicts in Malaya, Korea and Vietnam also limited the amount of expenditure of public funds available for training of the citizen soldier. Equipment was now not as readily available as in the formative years. The massive stockpile of surplus war equipment following WW 2 had either been used up or disposed of at auction. Citizen force units were now restricted to a limited vehicle allocation as priority was given to equipping the Regular Army.

Re-location

Requirements for more area for ARA units in the Enoggera /Gaythorne area saw the unit once again change its location to Nimmo Rd at the Ashgrove end of the Enoggera complex on 24 February 1978. This area was historically known as Frasers Paddock and had been a training camp in World War 1 and adjoined the Ammunition Depot.



The old training depot at Gaythorne was by now in a serious state of disrepair due to white ant infestation and bird lice. A new weapons armoury had been built at Meeandah so the adjoining storehouse was demolished as well. These two relics of WW2 vintage were destroyed.

1 Ord Svc Unit and 1 Ord Pl took up residence and shared accommodation with the Clerical Instruction Wing of 1 Trg Gp. Office accommodation was provided on the ground floor for HQ, while a training office and Unit Canteen were allocated second floor space. To provide for unit training requirements, two old wooden accommodation blocks were relocated to the area. Space in these buildings was allocated to Pl HQ and Officers & Sergeants Messes as well and all became functional quickly. Renovations were carried out using unit labour, working voluntarily at nights and weekends.



Training Depot - Nimmo Rd Ashgrove

During August 1978, an attempt to integrate unit training with that of 11 Supply Battalion in a field exercise followed by depot training was held at Camp Kerr, Tin Can Bay. The exercise was called "Wallaby Tree", and to most members proved to be a dismal failure, due to the planning staff's inability to co-ordinate planned activities.

The second week at Meeandah proved a greater disaster as most of the Regular component of that unit had been stood down following their field activity the previous week. Morale suffered accordingly as ARES members were left with civilian storemen and received no benefit at all from the proposed ARA/ARES interaction.



Range Parades and Bivouacs were held at Greenbank and formed part of the training year programme in order for members to be deemed efficient for pay and promotional requirements.

Unit strength at the end of the year was 81.

Honours and Awards

A new award system replaced the National Medal for the Armed Forces. For the Reserve, the Reserve Force Decoration (Officers) and the Reserve Force



Examples of Australian and Imperial awards to Officers for long and efficient service - Left to right - Reserve Forces Decoration (RFD) and Efficiency Decoration (ED)



Examples of Australian and Imperial awards to Other Ranks for long and efficient service. Left to right, Order of Australia Medal (OAM) awarded for outstanding service, Reserve Forces Medal (RFM), National Medal and Efficiency Medal.

Medal (Other Ranks) was introduced. Several members were eligible immediately under the guidelines. Clasps to these awards were awarded for further efficient service.

Cross trade training

To further expand the trade qualifications of unit members and to improve the capacity of the units to provide supply support, the unit embarked on a program of cross corps (IET) training. The aim was to ensure that sufficient technically qualified people would be available to meet demands. This concept



was ahead of its time as the Regular Army operated on the principle of trade streaming under which a member usually had only one trade qualification for their entire career. This program of training enabled the OC to confidently commit the units to fulfill their technical roles using members of all ranks with dual qualifications of both Clerk Tech and Storeman Tech. This 'multi-skilling' created much vigorous debate between unit members and the Cadre Staff. The OC's decision to undertake this style of training was vindicated in later years when many more functional demands were placed on the unit. Because of the existence of a pool of widely trained key personnel, later OCs had greater flexibility and confidence in providing staff to fulfill the unit's role.

HQ 1 Sup Gp (ARES Element) was disbanded on 4 March 1979 and some members were absorbed in 1 Ord Svc Unit and 1 Ord Pl. However, six officers could not be absorbed into the units' manning, as there were insufficient postings available. Some sought transfers and the remainder were placed on the unallotted list; an unfortunate situation as some promising careers were cut short.

This situation brought about the end of direct command service for LTCOL Lovejoy. He was appointed Head of the RAAOC Corps Committee in Queensland and remained as a staff officer for a further twelve months until inactivity and disappointment with his role encouraged his retirement.

1 EME Repair Parts Pl

On 1 July 1979, 1 EME Repair Parts Pl was raised. The PL's role was to supply MT spares to 1 EME Coy located at Bulimba. Initially, the PL was manned by four specially selected members of 1 Ord Svc Unit; WO2 D. Sommersford, SSGT R.C. Green, CPLs D.W. Smith and G. Evans and commanded by a RAEME Officer from 1 EME Svc Unit. The PL immediately set about acquiring the necessary stock levels and developing SOPs. This activity was warmly welcomed by 1 EME Coy as it improved its capacity to carry out its role and maintain its command structure. Later in the year, LT A.M.G. Grant, was posted as PL COMD. This posting became a training ground for junior unit officers and the position was filled in the early years on a rotation basis. For the following 18 years, this PL continuously fulfilled its role. Due to the existence of having a meaningful and practical Ordnance role (often involving extensive travel throughout Queensland) members jealously guarded their



postings to this unit and often resisted attempts to re-post them even if this meant a promotion.

The Lederle Years - 1979 to 1985

On 10 December 1979 MAJ A.G. Lederle replaced MAJ L.J. Shanahan as OC. This was the start of a long term of five years tenure for MAJ Lederle.

Unit effective strength had fallen to 71 at the end of 1979 so a determined effort was required by all to recruit new members. More recruiting displays were set up in shopping complexes and large-scale mail drops in most suburbs took place. The unit strength of 108 a year later proved the exercise worthwhile.

In May 1980, CAPT N.E. Edwards took a discharge after distinguishing herself in the position of Adjt/QM. CAPT G.W. Oliver was now appointed to this posting and served in this position until his appointment as OC in March 1985. CAPT Oliver was the last person to serve with this appointment as the role was split into two separate postings - Adjt, an ARA posting, and QM/AsstAdjt, an ARES posting.



MAJ A.G. Lederle, RFD.



Transfer to Field Force Command - a supply support role

On 1 July 1980 both Ord Units came under control of Field Force Command and all ties with Logistics Command (Log Comd) ceased to exist. The Unit had for some five years suffered an identity problem, as no functional role could be found. Many promises of action by visitors from HQ Log Comd remained unfulfilled.

MAJ Lederle, with the co-operation of the CDSUP COL Cox, was able to convince the command structure that 1 OSU needed a practical supply support role to assist with recruiting and retention. To this end it was agreed that 1 OSU would become the supplier of all stationery requirements to 7 Bde units. This task was undertaken with vigour. New storage bays were erected under the Catering Wing of the adjoining 1 Training Group building and a full supply support system put into operation. 1 OSU became a second line supply support unit, demanding on 11 Sup Bn and private contractors. Members gained experience in collating unit demands, placing consolidated indents, raising local purchase orders, receiving stock in bulk, breaking bulk into unit lots, storage procedures, and issuing items to units.

This procedure was agreed to because of the significant reduction in effort required of 11 Sup Bn in supporting the individual units of the Bde. However, before all of this could begin, units were required to estimate their three months holdings and demands were consolidated and placed accordingly. To ensure the successful implementation of this role, the CDSUP interviewed and arranged for the posting of two experienced ARA personnel to overcome any potential administrative and training problems that might arise and to make the system work. WO2 P.D. Smith was posted as Admin Officer and WO2 R.C. Honeyman filled the position of Training WO. These members proved to be excellent choices as both fitted in extremely well into the Reserve environment and were willing to pass on their vast experience to all ranks. WO2 Smith had himself served as a Reservist and had further served in the ARA in ARES units. WO2 Honeyman had the ability to successfully convince the supported units' staff that the new arrangements would be to their advantage. His knowledge of Ordnance services was then able to be passed on to these units as well as Unit members. Both Warrant Officers spent long hours in their duties - well above the expected requirement. Building on the success of this activity, MAJ Lederle



negotiated an expansion of this role to include a range of clothing items, field webbing equipment, and vehicle tyres.

Once this preliminary second line supply support role was established, MAJ Lederle was able to encourage other ARES units to take advantage of the services that the unit had now proven it was capable of fulfilling. The Bath Section and Combat Rations Section of 1 Ord Pl were also able to be more gainfully employed. An Ordnance Cell at 2/14 QMI at Wacol was established.

Due to the expanding operational role of the units and the rapidly increasing unit strength, it became necessary to conduct basic IET training for new members at an annual camp, whilst more experienced members took part in Exercise Drought-master - a 7 Bde exercise in South-west Queensland.

A pledge by the Fraser Government to increase the Army Reserve allowed for a greater percentage of female members in units. Previous limitations on the percentage of unit's strength that could be female were eased.

The unit expanded in numbers and boasted that its strength represented in excess of one third of all the Ordnance ARES personnel in Australia. There were 35 female members in the unit and they marched separately in PL formation at the end of year parade.



Female contingent on parade.



The 2/14 QMI band provided musical support for the 1980 end of year parade. This was the first time in 10 years that band support had been provided.

By 1982 the supply support role provided by 1 Ord Svc Unit had expanded to such an extent that no storehouse space remained available. Space was promised at Gaythorne in one of the old World War 1 vintage storehouses in Samford Road Gaythorne and detailed plans for its occupation were drawn up. However the area was eventually allocated to 6 Fd Sup Coy, an ARA unit. 1 OSU had to remain in the current cramped accommodation for the time being.

Camp training at this stage was undergoing considerable change. Due to the requirement by other units for supply support on particular items only, the unit as a complete identity was not being called upon. Pl COMDs now had the opportunity to exercise their groups themselves. The OC and HQ staff usually paraded at HQ each year and carried out planning, training and administrative requirements.

Because of the rapidly increasing unit numbers and the need for more junior NCOs in the unit, MAJ Lederle sought to encourage members to seek these promotions and take greater responsibility, by appointing 18 members as Lance Corporals on the one day. This action created great enthusiasm. A high time was had by all in the Soldiers Club on promotion night.

An ammunition element was set up and selected members were introduced to ammunition storage, issue and salvage procedures. WO2 D. Groundwater, an ATO, took his discharge from the ARA to take on this new training role in the unit. Members gained access to Frasers Paddock and Wallangarra Ammunition Depots for training.

The highlight of the year was a successful Driving and Servicing course conducted by the Unit for some 20 students from 7 Bde units. All licensing requirements on a range of vehicles were covered in the two-week course. 1 OSU provided the instructional, testing and administration staff and 1 EME Svc Unit the mechanical support. A TPT PL compound was made available at Enoggera for storage and instructional purposes. Members lived in barrack accommodation at Enoggera. The highlight was an extensive convoy highway drive of three days from Brisbane to Gympie, Kingaroy, Toowoomba, Wallangarra and return to Brisbane. Unit members were extremely proud of



their achievements, particularly as this was a task outside the unit's usual role. All participants were successful in obtaining a license code in at least one vehicle type. The Unimog was now introduced for the first time at this course and it was to become the issue vehicle to the ARES for all purposes. Selected personnel also gained experience on the MACK range of trucks. A heavy duty all-terrain forklift had become part of the unit inventory and members were trained to operate this vehicle.

A foodstuffs role in support of 7 Bde was carried out at Tin Can Bay for the second successive year. This was to become an annual task for the next few years.

During this period, the OC took advantage of the conditions of the Prescribed Service Officers scheme. Selected Warrant Officers, after initial interviewing by a panel, followed by recommendation, were promoted to Captain. Two such promotions took effect from ex ARA Warrant Officers Class 1 who had joined the previous year on the understanding that they would apply for promotion under this scheme. WO1 B.J. Genrich and WO1 M.C. Harding were duly promoted and both gave the unit many years of valuable service in their new roles.

A new home

The long awaited promised move to a new home with expanded storage facilities took place and both units were re-located to Wynter Rd, Enoggera. Unit resources were deployed to undertake the move of all stores and equipment and operational stock holdings. Occupation was completed by 9 September 1983.

Once again the unit was in independent accommodation, but storage space was still limited. The buildings allotted were from WW1 era, having been used originally as blacksmith shop, veterinary stalls, barn, and harness repair area from the remount depot of the early 1920's. All were heritage listed and therefore unable to be altered in any form. This caused some storage problems.

The building allocated to the Solders Club was in disrepair so major renovations were required. The work was done by ARA members, in particular WO1 G. Malherbe and WO2s Smith and Honeyman, who used great ingenuity



in acquiring building materials and manpower from other sources. With further assistance from ARES members the building was soon put into a fine habitable state.



Training Depot - Wynter Rd, Enoggera.



Old barn, which later became the Q Store and then HQ 77 Combat Supplies Pl.



Reduction in Training Allocations and Budget cuts

The new Commonwealth Government pressed the destruction button on the Army Reserve during the year by introducing Income Tax on Reservists pay and further reducing the amount of training days available to unit commanders.

The previous Government had raised the ceiling of the Reserve forces to almost 32,000 personnel and had spent many millions of dollars on TV and media resources to encourage ARES activities.

1 Ord Svc Unit training allotment was reduced by 1800 man-days. This was quite a significant number as the annual training requirement for classification for efficiency was 14 days Continuous Training and 19 days part-time Home Training. So this reduction removed the capacity of the unit to provide training for up to 55 members. This cutback was in addition to that announced in 1977. So the situation had now become quite serious, as the unit was still required to maintain its day-to-day administration as well as fulfilling a greatly enhanced role to its technical dependencies.

To keep the unit functioning, MAJ Lederle appealed to all members to serve on. Pay was to be available for one night a month and paid training time was reduced from three hours to two. However, Officers and NCOs continued to put in the same level of time and effort as previously. Members paraded on a voluntary unpaid basis for any other attendance. Planned weekend activities were cancelled. The resolve of senior members was clearly shown when they paraded voluntarily and unpaid for most activities for almost 12 months.

Previous CMF/ARES pay reviews had set Army Reserve pay levels below ARA levels partly in acknowledgement of its tax free status. However, at this time Army Reserve pay was well below ARA levels and was now being taxed. When added to a member's civilian pay many found themselves in a situation where it cost them money to be in the Reserve. Despite widespread discontent with this new tax impost, most members remained on the books and the unit's strength at the end of 1983 was almost unchanged from the previous year at 108.

However, during 1984 the decision to tax Reserve pay started to have an effect and upset many members so they took their discharge. The tax impost and the



shortage of training time severely affected the units' ability to function as before. However the usual stalwarts carried the day by serving without pay for a considerable time. By the end of this year, unit strength had fallen from 108 to 85.

Simultaneously with this reduction in available training time and pay arrangements, Army planning was proposing a reduction in the Establishment and Role of Ord Svc Units Australia wide. A proposal was put forward that 1 OSU be reduced to PL size. This would have meant a drastic reduction in manpower and rank structure. The senior rank position would have been that of a CAPT with consequential reduction in officer and NCO numbers. MAJ Lederle argued strongly and forcibly with his superiors on this issue to maintain a Company structure. He argued that the high level of supply support provided by 1 Ord Svc Unit and 1 Ord Pl to its regular dependencies, as well as ad hoc support to ARA exercises, showed a strong need for a three PL structure as well as the need to have even more storage area. He successfully argued that the units' Establishments be maintained and suitable areas were sought for expansion. A move to the old 2/14 QMI drill hall in Hamilton Road Moorooka was mooted.

An unfortunate accident in an adventure training exercise on 3 August 1984 claimed the life of CPL K. Pankhurst at Spicers Gap. CPL Pankhurst, a bright, intelligent girl, was destined for higher rank in the unit. A memorial photograph was placed in the unit canteen as a mark of respect. A full Military Funeral from her parish church to the Pinaroo crematorium was conducted with unit members participating and attending. A full and thorough investigation, lasting several months, took place, and put severe strain on ARA and ARES members who were in charge, or close by, when the accident happened. WO2 Smith, as the organiser of this activity, bore the brunt of this investigation. No blame was placed on any unit member.

BRIG H.P.J. Swan also passed away in September after a long illness.



MAJ Lederle and CPL Pankhurst's parents.



The Sherington family.



Family commitment is an important part of ARES life to serving members and during this era it is important to record the commitment made by the Sherington family to 1 Ord Svc Unit. Three members of the family were all unit members at the one time. They were -

W02 J.J. Sherington, (father)
CPL L.M. Sherington, (daughter)
L/CPL M.J. Sherington, (son)

This family commitment was unique in the ARES at this time. There were other father/son, father/daughter relationships in later years, notably the Pringle and Hanlen families.

Discussions and planning still continued into the unit's capabilities to provide more supply support and of course more area was required. To this end a move to Moorooka was put in place for the Stores group.

The unit's first female enlistee D. Cobanov attained the rank of Warrant Officer and was presented with her badges of rank on the final parade in November 1984.

Particular mention must be made of the contribution of MAJ Lederle who relinquished command at the end of the year. He transferred into the unit as a LT and qualified later for MAJ. His foresight and tenacity to push a decision by argument to higher authority brought him great respect. His good work was set back by Government Policy. Upon his posting from the unit he was assigned to HQ 1 Div Sup, and he assumed the role of Head Of Corps Committee. Gifted with a quick wit and the ability to talk for lengthy periods, MAJ Lederle became synonymous with lengthy but productive O Groups lasting into the late hours of the night. No post-war OC was required to cope with so many frustrations during his command.

The Oliver Years - 1985 to 1987

On 6 March 1985, stewardship of the Unit passed to MAJ G.W. Oliver who was promoted MAJ and assumed command.



MAJ G.W. Oliver, RFD, ED.

By this time, the Units' strength was 86. MAJ Lederle had employed a two-pronged approach to increasing unit numbers over the previous five years:

1. Innovative and frequent recruiting activities to increase the number of new members; and
2. Improvement in retention rates through varied and interesting training activities, with an emphasis on 'hands-on' technical activities.

This had had mixed success over this period with a high of 113 and a low of 71 'on the books'. At this time, Reserve service pay did not count as income for unemployment benefits purposes. The unemployed could earn 100 days ARES pay in a year and still collect 'the dole'. As a result, it was quite clear that there was a high correlation between the prevailing unemployment rate and recruiting/retention levels – as national unemployment rose, so too did the recruiting/retention rate. This was probably the greatest single influence on the unit's strength levels.

On assuming command of the unit, MAJ Oliver was given quite specific instructions by the COMD 7 Bde: Achieve an effective strength of 100 within six months and 110 within 12 months. The 'numbers game' was alive and well! To achieve these targets he was told to 'put in a big recruiting effort and provide varied and interesting training' (what goes around comes around). He was given assurance that adequate paid training days would be made available



to the unit for all reasonable training activities for these numbers of personnel; this, despite the savage cutbacks in resources which the unit (and other units) had endured in recent years. MAJ Oliver was to have the freedom to decide on the form of training to be undertaken so the unit could fulfil its role in support of the Bde. It later became clear that this was consistent policy throughout the Bde. All Services support to the Bde was to be provided by integral units where at all possible. Only where this was not possible was external support sought or approved. On many occasions, the OC was contacted by Bde HQ Staff seeking advice on the units' supply support capacity. Only where the unit was not able to provide the required support, or it was inappropriate for them to do so, were Bde units permitted to use other supply agencies.

This directive set the framework for the direction of the units over the coming three years.

The Moorooka move

Following the success of MAJ Lederle's push for extra responsibility for the unit and the considered opinion that recruitment may increase with a detachment located on the south side of the city, the Stores Group were dispatched to the old 2/14 QMI Drill hall at Hamilton Rd, Moorooka.

From this base the stores group provided stationery, tyres, expense stores and combat clothing to units of 7 Bde. The detachment paraded on a Monday night. The unit held a full parade and celebrated the new acquisition.

Recruitment provided about six new members within the first few months. The demand on the recruiting and training staff was considerable, as they were working on both sides of the city and parading two nights a week.

1985

1985 began auspiciously with WO1 G.J. Sheehan being awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in the Australia Day Honours List for his services to the Army Reserve. It was an honour for him and recognition for the unit. This award was the first Australian or Imperial Honour afforded to a unit member.



WO1 G.J. Sheehan, OAM



LT J.E. White

Another notable event occurred on 25 April 1985, when the unit was invited by the RAAOC Association to march in the Anzac Day Parade. On this occasion the unit was reviewed by HRH The Duke of Kent who took the salute outside the GPO in Queen Street, Brisbane.



BRIG McDonald presenting the Inter Platoon Cup to CAPT M.C. Harding with the OC MAJ Oliver looking on.



1 Ord Svc Unit advancing in Review Order.

Sadly, the year also saw the passing of one of the unit's stalwarts, LT J.E. White, who passed away in June after a long illness. A dedicated and popular member, he had given strong support and his commitment would be missed.



During the year, combat supply function was conducted at Tin Can Bay in support of 2 Transport Squadron and a further detachment went to Townsville to work in the Ordnance Depot.

Once again, the year saw severe limitations on the units' allocation of paid training days. Regular monthly 'Mandays Usage Budget Reports' were required to be submitted to Bde HQ. In addition, separate reporting was required for individual members who had exceeded 60 days paid training in the year, instead of the usual limitation of 100 days.

BRIG H. McDonald, the Formation COMD, reviewed the final parade on 1 December 1985, making promotions and awarding the Inter Platoon Cup, the Warrant Officers Cup for the most regimental soldier, and other rifle shooting trophies.

Unit strength at the end of 1985 was 85.

The Dibb Report

In June 1986 the Federal Government released the Dibb Committee report. The committee reported into all aspects of Australia's Current Military requirements for the Defence of Australia. The committee had worked for twelve months on their charter and placed particular emphasis on the need for greater defence in the north. It also proposed significant change in emphasis to operational concepts and the training of the army.

Greater emphasis was placed on low level contingencies and less on maintaining the expansion base.

Dibb recommended that the ARES be given a more central role in the real immediate defence problems of the country, particularly in the north. He fully recognised a need for closer affiliation and integration with ARA units and that additional resources and conditions of service and training time be increased. He further proposed that ARA strength remain at 32,000 personnel and that the ARES expand from 23,000 to 26,000 by 1988.

The Dibb report had changed the course of policy and planning began for a large scale defence Exercise - Kangaroo 89 - for the Northern Territory area



around Katherine. The path for 1 Ord Svc Unit had now been set for the next three years.

In view of the One Army Concept now being introduced, a requirement existed for all personnel to be dual trade trained for future promotion. Not only was an employment code required, but it was considered that each member should have two employment codes for the unit to be able to meet all requirements when supporting ARA units. 1 Ord Svc Unit had implemented this practice some years ago to ensure sufficient trained personnel were available to carry out the diverse supply support roles of the unit.

To this end all remaining personnel with only one trade qualification were cross trade trained in 1986 to meet this formal requirement.

The unit was tasked to support a 6 Bde major exercise called *Diamond Dollar 86*. To achieve this, a combined ARES/ARA unit named 1 Australian Replenishment Park (1 Aust RP) was formed from 21 July to 17 August 1986, and the unit took up a site at Shoalwater Bay. Members were congratulated by the Bde COMD on their success and presented with a plaque to mark the occasion.

This was the first time an Aust RP had been raised since WW2. It was commanded by CAPT M.C. Harding, with LT R.Z. Marszalek as the 2IC. Apart from Combat Supplies, the Aust RP also held and issued on a demand basis large quantities of Engineer defence stores and ammunition. Included in the ammunition were several types of 105mm shells as well as mortar rounds. WO2 D. Groundwater, a former ARA ATO who had joined the ARES, carried out extensive training of selected ARES personnel prior to the exercise in all facets of the receipt, storage and issue of ammunition in the field. ARES personnel travelled to and from the exercise area by vehicle convoy from Brisbane.

A new pay system

ARES pay ceased to be taxable income from December 1986. This move provided welcome relief and fairness to unit members as well as providing a boost to recruiting and retention.



The method of making payment to ARES personnel now undertook a major change. Instead of receiving payment for attendance by cheque each six months, each member was issued with a pay book containing detachable vouchers. This system required the member to submit a signed voucher for each attendance. Payments were then made directly into the member's bank account each month. Leaving the pay books with members proved to be unsatisfactory as some members either lost or misplaced their book or they turned up for a parade without their voucher. To overcome this problem, all pay books were surrendered to the Orderly Room and pay staff would remove a voucher when names were checked against the roll books. This requirement necessitated strict control be kept on roll books and pay book. A staff of three was required each parade night to carry out this task and to prepare master sheets for forwarding to the regional pay office.

Range Practices, TEWTs and Bivouacs were completed as part of the training year, based on the deployment of a Fd Sup Coy concept. The Greenbank Training Area was extensively used because of the need for a large area for dispersal of stock, etc.

1986 saw a continuation of the need to closely monitor training day allocations. Such were the reductions at one stage, it only became clear on Day One of a scheduled course, after a telephone call from the Bde Comd, whether the course would proceed or be cancelled.

In an attempt to revitalise the previous ammunition training program, which had finished due to the discharge of the unit's ATO, WO2 D. Groundwater, WO2 N. Henderson was enlisted into the unit. He was a qualified ATO and had recently taken his discharge from the ARA. He was charged with the role of developing a new and appropriate training program that would allow the unit to indent for, receive and issue ammunition to Bde units for their range practices. This proved to be a worthwhile exercise as it gave unit members some practical exposure to the supply of ammunition.

The focus for the year was on retention of members rather than recruiting. To gain a better understanding of the positive and negative aspects of ARES service, the unit undertook a formal Retention Study. Serving members were surveyed and statistics on attendances, absences and discharges were compiled. Although many negatives raised in the survey were outside the units' control,



the project confirmed what many Officers and NCOs believed: more hands-on technical training, adventure type training, better planning of activities and greater focus on training of junior leaders were called for.

BRIG D. Luttrell, the new COMD of HQ 7 Bde, presented badges of rank and Defence Force Medals on the Final Parade on 23 November 1986.



BRIG Luttrell presenting the Petitt trophy to WO2 D.G. Webb, SGT R. Pringle, WO1 G.J. Sheehan - WO2 E.G. Wall and MAJ G.W. Oliver looking on. WO2 Webb won this and other shooting trophies on many occasions.

BRIG Luttrell was later promoted MAJGEN and appointed Chief of Army Reserve - the highest ranking ARES position in the Australian Army.

The services of the 1 Div Royal Australian Artillery Band were provided for the parade. The unit had gained the services of one of Australia's finest ARES bands.

A new rifle shooting trophy was presented to the Unit by the Sergeant's Mess and was called the 'C.C.C. O'Brien Trophy' in recognition of the commitment and service by that Warrant Officer to the Unit and the Australian Army. A WW2 veteran he rejoined the ARES in 1964 and served until he was 60 years of age. WO2 O'Brien passed away the following year.



WO2 C.C.C. O'Brien presenting the trophy for the first time.

Unit members were placed in selected roles with members of the ARA's 6 Fd Sup Coy for an exercise on Cape York called *Diamond Dollar 87*. The unit raised for this purpose was 101 Field Supply Company (Divisional Troops), not to be confused with the later ARES unit.

101 Fd Sup Coy (Div Tps) was a combined ARA/ARES unit comprising personnel from 6 Fd Sup Coy (ARA), 52 Cbt Sup Pl (ARA) and 1 Ord Svc Unit/1 Ord Pl (ARES). In all 41 ARES and 5 ARA personnel from 1 Ord Svc Unit/1 Ord Pl were involved.

This unit was commanded by the OC of 6 Fd Sup Coy, with the 2IC being CAPT R.Z. Marszalek and CSM WO2 E.G. Wall both of 101 Fd Sup Coy.

The ARES personnel gained invaluable experience in all aspects of the receipt, storage and issue of all classes of supply in the field. The work was carried out in very high temperatures, averaging 35/40 degrees centigrade during the day. On a number of occasions refuelling work stopped when the temperature reached 45/50.

The resourcefulness of the soldier came to the fore on several occasions. One worthy of mention was the attempts to keep cool. A swimming pool was created using a vehicle trailer and lining it with a tarpaulin/plastic, add water and there you have it.



ARES members were flown to the exercise area at Lakeland Downs from the RAAF base at Amberley and then trucked to the Sup Coy location. The location was astride the main north/south road leading to/from Cape York.

At the end of the exercise, the ARES members less a small rear party were bussed back to Brisbane, a trip of some 26 hours. Some members were heard to say “never again” at the end of a very long and tedious journey.

At this time, the Government commenced a program of rationalising its holding of military properties and various training areas and establishment were considered for disposal. Included in the list was the unit’s Moorooka depot. Fortunately, like many other units which had their properties under threat of disposal, a rear guard action was fought with the bureaucracy and this successfully delayed the inevitable until after 1989.

In the 1987 Queens Birthday Honours list WO 2 J.J. Sherington was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia for his services to the Army Reserve. The Unit now boasted two recipients.

CAPT E.N. Schilling retired from service late in the year after some 31 years of service with various units of the training depot. His contribution was significant in the fact that he had risen from the ranks and had been appointed OC of many of the units under command. Upon retirement he had attained the distinction of being the longest serving ARES Ordnance officer in Queensland.

The end of the year also saw the last unit parade before the retirement of MAJ Oliver as OC, and from the service. MAJ Oliver had been allotted to RAASC after National Service training in 1959 and, upon the reorganization methods used in 1973 he eventually transferred to Ordnance. During a six-year period of civilian employment in Central Queensland, he had served in Infantry. He rose through the ranks except Warrant rank. His contribution was also highly significant in that he held the positions of Supply Officer, Adjutant, 2IC and OC in the various Ordnance units.



*WO2 J.J. Sherington at
Government House after award of
OAM.*



*CAPT E.N. Schilling Dining-
Out night.*

MAJ Oliver saw his Unit's services sought after by Formation for a variety of roles. The Units travelled extensively in carrying out their roles. The opportunity for travel was a great morale boost for unit members. This afforded him a most rewarding command.

1 Ord Svc Unit and 1 Ord P ceased to exist as from midnight 1 December 1987.

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Chapter 8

101 Field Supply Company (Divisional Troops) 1987 - 1989

The Oliver Years - 1987 to 1988

January 1988 dawned as the start of Australia's Bicentennial year, and the unit members were greeted with the long awaited news of a unit name change, manning and equipment level changes.

The unit was re-designated as the 101 Field Supply Company (Divisional Troops), (101 Fd Sup Coy {Div Tps}) and the 77 Combat Supplies Platoon (77 Cbt Sup Pl).

Manning levels were as follows:

- (a) 101 Fd Sup Coy (Div Tps) 7 Offr and 84 Or
- (b) 77 Cbt Sup Pl 2 Offr and 32 Or

The bracket (Div Tps) was deleted from reference by June of the following year.

The new establishment fortunately catered for all existing ranks. Command came under HQ 1 Div Sup. The unit was now part of Australia's famous 1st Division.

With the re-designation of the units another change occurred in manning structures. ARA members ceased to be called Cadre staff and were posted to unit establishments and part of unit strength. Some ARA members had difficulty with this procedure, particularly when a unit parade was called and they had to fall in with the rank and file, and also at bivouacs where they were required to participate. This caused some disharmony at various times. They usually avoided having to do Duty Officer requirement and other mundane duties. CAPT G.R. Henley, when he became 2IC of the unit, was most adamant about the One Army concept and enforced the situation. He further ensured



that the unit received all due entitlements, which included a full complement of vehicles.

The McGahan Years - 1988 to 1989

Control of the Unit passed to MAJ J.P. McGahan on 2 February 1988. A unit parade was held to mark the occasion. MAJ McGahan, an OCTU graduate, transferred from 1 Supply Depot RAASC in 1973 following the disbandment of RAASC.

The unit marched with 11 Sup Bn and the RAAOC Association in the Anzac Day Parade after the dawn service at Zillmere. This was a large Ordnance contingent, which paraded past and serving members through the city, marching behind the Ordnance banner.

Annual camp was held at Enoggera, whilst a contingent was raised to support Artillery Units with combat supplies in Exercise Long Guns at Shoalwater Bay.



MAJ J.P. McGahan, RFD.



The annual range practice was conducted at Greenbank and for the first time soldiers conducted night firing exercises, which proved to be a most interesting exercise.

The end of the year parade was unfortunately washed out due to a severe storm, which started prior to the march on. The rain ceased one hour later and the presentation of trophies went ahead.

In recognition of his 35 years of service to the RAAOC Training Units a new inter platoon trophy was raised and called the 'G. BRANNIGAN INTER PLATOON TROPHY'. This trophy was awarded to the leading sub-unit based on a number of criteria including technical proficiency. WO2 Brannigan's commitment was enormous, his technical role and ability unsurpassed. He retired on 30 June 1989.



WO2 G. Brannigan

Unit strength at the end of 1988 was 77 all ranks.

On 15 February 1989 the Moorooka detachment was closed and all personnel and equipment was transferred back to Enoggera. All units were allocated new space for work and office areas and the unit settled down to a one identity again. Members who had served apart over this period were pleased to be reunited with friends. However, inter-platoon rivalry was as strong as ever.



In April 1989, the role of the senior ARA member being that of Unit Adjutant was changed. That position was replaced by an ARES appointment as Administration Officer/ Quartermaster. This was a return to a previous position where there was an ARES posting of Adjutant/Quartermaster. CAPT R.K. Cattle was appointed to fill this new position, a position she ably filled for the next two and a half years. CAPT Cattle had gained significant experience in administration whilst progressing through the ranks in 1 WRAAC Coy and 1 Trg Group.



CAPT R.K. Cattle

RAAOC Corps Committee

The role of the RAAOC Corps Committee was to develop career patterns for all Corps personnel. In this respect promotions and transfers were recommended to the OC.

A command directive at the time determined that all clerical, stores and warehousing personnel in all units of the army should transfer to the RAAOC but could remain in the unit of posting. This directive then placed many more ARES personnel in the promotional and employment theatre. Persons in other units could challenge for a position in the Fd Sup Coy.

The Corps Committee set about tracing all these new corps personnel in Queensland and recording their details. It was found that many were in temporary rank or had been appointed without Subject 2 RAAOC.



The RAAOC centre at Bandiana was responsible for the conduct of Subject 2 RAAOC courses for promotion, but as only one or two a year were conducted for ARA personnel, it was difficult to obtain places for ARES members. A new modular training package was developed by the centre and with the CDSup LTCOL C. Wallace championing the cause, 101 Fd Sup Coy was nominated to be the sponsoring unit.

A location at Woodford in the state forest was chosen and seventeen students attended and qualified. The course was an outstanding success due to the commitment of WO2 G.L. Mullavey, the ARA training officer, who was nominated Course Director. 101 Fd Sup Coy provided the training and support staff in all facets. When the course results were forwarded to the Ordnance Centre there was some criticism as to the fact that all students passed. This was totally unfounded as all instructors were very experienced in the roles given to them and took great care and attention to detail. The CD Sup had visited the course on two occasions and took great interest in the proceedings.



LTCOL Wallace and students. Course included Mess Dining procedures.

Uniform changes in February 1989 saw the end of the old faithful greens as work dress. The polyester dress was to be used only on ceremonial occasions. The new disruptive pattern camouflage uniform of overshirt and trousers was introduced and became general issue and worn on all home training parades.

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Chapter 9

101 Field Supply Company 1989 - 1991

The McGahan Years - 1989 to 1991

The unit's first major role in 1989 was to support units both ARES and ARA in Exercise Kangaroo 89 held at Katherine in the Northern Territory in July/August.

An advance party commanded by CAPT R.G. Hall, (later to be 2IC 7 BMA during K89) and consisting of 22 personnel from 101 Fd Sup Coy and 77 Cbt Sup Pl, moved in a 10 vehicle convoy to Katherine. They took seven days and travelled a total road distance of 3,776 kms. Overnight stops were at Miles, Augathella, Winton, Mt Isa, Tennant Creek and Daly Waters. Other members were airlifted by commercial flights of Ansett Australia and returned by QANTAS.

HQ 101 Fd Sup Coy was located at Katherine. Some members participated as admin personnel in the Bde exercise whilst others provided bath support to units in the DMA.

77 Cbt Sup Pl was deployed to Willaroo, 130 km south west of Katherine for the period 6 - 18 August 1989 where it provided supply support to 7 Bde units, RAAF elements, 3RAR and 1 Armd Regt. The Pl comprising 25 personnel was commanded by CAPT R.Z. Marszalek, 2IC was CAPT S.A. Rogers with WO2 N. Henderson being the CSM. During the exercise 13,811 perishable rations, 14,763 non-perishable rations and 6350 combat ration packs were issued by the PL. On redeployment at the end of the exercise, members of the PL were given the opportunity to visit Katherine Gorge and become tourists with visitors from overseas; A fitting end to a very long and hard exercise during which PL members maintained a high standard of technical proficiency and well and truly maintained RAAOC standards of proficiency and professionalism.

A suitable letter of thanks was received from BRIG Luttrell, Comd 7 Bde to the members of 77 Cbt Sup Pl.



A most enjoyable weekend adventure training activity was conducted on Stradbroke Island in October of that year. This was the first time the unit conducted an activity off-shore. Training was supplemented by surfing and physical training. A successful reconnaissance of the Island was undertaken. Members subscribed from their own pockets the cost involved of transporting three unit vehicles by car ferry to the island, so this weekend could take place.

No range practice was held this year because of shortages of radios, equipment and money allocation as a result of exercise K89.

The final parade was reviewed by the CDSUP, LTCOL C. Wallace. Band support was by 1 Div Artillery Band. 101 Fd Sup Coy had progressed through a very busy training year.



Stradbroke Island activity.

Following the huge expense of Exercise Kangaroo 89 and wear on equipment, no major exercise was planned for 1990. Units operated on a restricted basis whereby vehicle and other controlled stores required for training purposes were not available, and as a result only one weekend training activity, the Range Practice, was conducted before June 1990.



Members of the unit paraded with 7 Bde at the ANZAC Day march through the city. This was the first occasion the Bde had requested the participation of supporting units.

The Ordnance History book 'To the Warrior His Arms' was distributed and records in detail the early history of units and the services provided. Many unit members were listed in the Ordnance Official List of Service, as at the time of publication.

LTCOL C. Wallace was transferred to a posting as Deputy Director of Ordnance and severed the close relationship between he and the ARES units that had been developed over the previous 12 months.

Prior to his departure, he had advised that 101 Fd Sup Coy was to be the Ordnance supply unit for 7 Bde units. This role again set up the supply system and gave members valuable work experience. By 22 June 1990 the unit had received 1530 indents for supply. Computers arrived in the unit in March 1990. The Divisional Inventory Control Visibility Accounting System (DICVAS) of computer recording of stock held by the unit made obsolete the manual accounting card system. Equipping ARES units with computers was a major step in rationalizing supply methods. Being a First Division unit had its advantages.

During this year, the unit had the honour of having a recipient of the 'Prince of Wales Award'. CAPT S.A. Rogers, SUPO Support and Services PL 101 Fd Sup Coy, was awarded this honour on 26 February 1990. This award allowed CAPT Rogers to travel and study in the USA for one month. She visited Military Supply Units, studying rations and USA NATICR Laboratory functions, and Civilian Meat Processing establishments and technology. The latter complemented her civilian employment as a Food Technologist at the Queensland Food Institute, Department of Primary Industries.

On 6 July 1990, WO1 G.J. Sheehan OAM was farewelled by COL J.G. Mears, Director of Ordnance, at the RAAOC Centre Sergeants Mess at Bandiana. WO1 Sheehan received a Recognition of Service Certificate for 36 years service. Three other unit members accompanied him to the farewell dinner.



PRINCIPAL CONDITIONS OF SERVICE -		CONDITIONS OF SERVICE - ARMY RESERVE		ARMY RESERVE	
Pay 1. Members are entitled to receive pay and allowances for attendance at unit training parades which they are bound to attend and, for such further periods as may be directed provided such service does not exceed 100 days. 2. Pay for continuous training is normally available in cash at the conclusion of the activity. Pay for home training is paid directly to bank accounts. Minimum Periods of Unit Training 3. For the purpose of the Defence Act 1903, Section 50, you are bound to attend a minimum period of unit training in each year of 26 days, comprising 14 days continuous and 12 days home training. 4. A proportion of the unit training will involve a camp of continuous training, the remainder will comprise home training activities usually for a number of night parades, single days and/or week-ends. The officer in command will determine the nature of these minimum periods of unit training in accordance with the regulations. 5. Members who fail to attend the minimum period of unit training may be declared non-efficient and discharged from the Army Reserve.		GENERAL INFORMATION 1. Enlistment Age - Minimum Maximum 17 years 35 years (may be extended to 43 years with special approval and possesses skills which are in demand). 55 years. 2. Retirement - 3. Pay - From \$35.15 a day for Recruit, as from 23 Nov 89 rising thereafter with each promotion in rank and adjusted in accordance with national wage increases. 4. Training - Home Training (to comprise night parades of short duration, day parades and bivouac) - minimum of Annual Camp - 12 days - 14 days 5. General - The standard of proficiency of each individual soldier depends on the amount of time spent in training. Attend parades regularly and attain efficiency. 6. Promotion - Promotion to NCO, Warrant or Commissioned Rank may be obtained by qualifications at competitive examinations.		ARMY RESERVE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN ARMY ORDNANCE CORPS 101 FIELD SUPPLY COMPANY 77 COMBAT SUPPLIES PLATOON MAJOR J.P. MCGAHAN, RFD. OFFICER COMMANDING	
Leave 6. Where a member finds that he will be unable to attend any programmed activity, he is obliged to inform the unit headquarters in advance of his inability to parade. Relationship with Employer 7. The Defence (Re-Establishment) Act places legal obligations on all employers to release employees for those periods of unit training which a member is bound to attend. On request, the unit is to provide a member with a formal Training Notice which may assist him/her in informing the employer of such a period. 8. There is no obligation on employers to pay wages for time spent in Reserve service.		PROGRAMME OF TRAINING FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 1991 Address of Unit HQ: 101 FIELD SUPPLY COMPANY, WYNTER ROAD, ENOGGERA QLD. 4052 Telephone: 354 7957 Postal Address: 101 FD SUP COY, MILPO, ENOGGERA QLD. 4052 77 COMBAT SUPPLIES PLATY, WYNTER ROAD, ENOGGERA QLD. 4052 77 COMBAT SUP PL, MILPO, ENOGGERA QLD. 4052 This card is issued to: Army No. _____ Rank _____ Name _____ Address _____ Member's Signature _____ Admin Officer _____		SHOW THIS CARD TO YOUR FRIENDS AND ENCOURAGE THEM TO ENLIST IN YOUR UNIT.	



A weekend navigational exercise was conducted in the Woodford State Forest in August. In October the unit again travelled to North Stradbroke Island for a weekend of Navigation, driving and physical training. A camp concert held on the beach at night revealed some well-kept secrets in respect of talent never expressed before.

In 1990 both the Officers and Sergeants Messes were redecorated, and both were a shining example of co-operation between members to provide for themselves an excellent facility. The sergeant's mess now has an excellent collection of silverware to grace their tables at Dining-in nights. Both messes have come a long way since their approval to re-open and function in 1977, and have provided good training to all members and a home to relax and enjoy comradeship.

Rates of pay for members in 1990 were:

Private	\$ 48.50
Corporal	\$ 51.30
Sergeant	\$ 56.00
Warrant Officer Class 2	\$ 72.40
Warrant Officer Class 1	\$ 80.05
Lieutenant	\$ 64.25
Captain	\$ 76.50
Major	\$ 96.70
Lieutenant Colonel	\$113.85
Colonel	\$131.10

The unit now boasted 1 Officer and 3 Warrant Officers with in excess of 30 years service each.

The final parade for 1990 was held on Sunday 18 November at Enoggera. The parade was reviewed by LTCOL M. Leahy, the CDSUP, and was attended by the Honorary Colonel, COL M.L. Sheehan.

The unit farewelled the following officers: OC MAJ J.P. McGahan who retired after 30 years service; the 2IC CAPT G.R. Henley who was posted; and WO1 G.J. Sheehan who retired after reaching the compulsory retiring age. All were



farewelled after congratulatory speeches by unit members and guests. MAJ McGahan was able to hand over a very functional unit to his successor.

The Alexander Year - 1991

For the first time in the history of the CMF and ARES, there was no suitably qualified ARES Ordnance officer available after the retirement of MAJ McGahan. As a result of this, on 12 February 1991 command of 101 Fd Sup Coy was handed over to MAJ C.E. Alexander, a recently retired ARA officer. MAJ Alexander had enlisted as an Army Apprentice in 1962, transferred to the ARA in 1963, rose through the ranks in a variety of RAAOC postings, commissioned in 1981 and retired from the ARA on 18 March 1990. He had become the first post-war Regular Army Officer to be appointed OC of a RAAOC Citizen Forces unit in Queensland. His 2IC, CAPT C. Minto was also a Regular soldier. This command structure heralded a complete change in culture and direction for the training depot. The re-structuring which was commencing at this time in the public service and the wider community would dictate a new direction for the unit.

Unit camp held in May 1991 was located in two areas with tactical training at Inglewood and adventure training at Wallangarra, both State Forest areas.

Once again, due to a slight indiscretion in tactical calculations during training, three officers and the CSM faced a 'Kangaroo Court' and as punishment had to trek to the Big Rock at Wallangarra and paint the arrow so refurbished by their fellow Unit members some 15 years earlier for a similar indiscretion.

Foodstuffs personnel in support of 9 RQR and 25 RQR carried out a further role at Tin Can Bay.

The new high tech computerised bath equipment was delivered and put into service. This unit re-circulated its own water and doubled the capacity of its predecessors with throughput. The equipment was so technical in nature that it did not reach expectations and was not able to be fully utilised due to lack of trained operators and costly repair and maintenance problems.



MAJ C.E. Alexander

During the course of this year the unit became more computer orientated with further supply of terminals and the need for more training. The manual systems were by now almost extinct.

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Chapter 10

7 Field Supply Company

1991 - 1994

The Alexander Years - 1991 to 1993

On 4 November 1991 a further name change was announced and 7 Fd Sup Coy was raised with similar establishment levels.

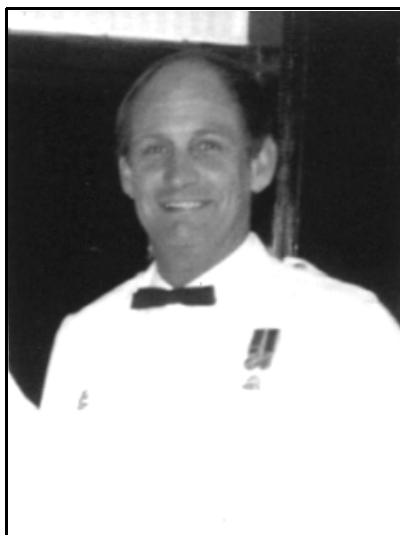
An end of year reward came with a weekend adventure training exercise at Cabarita in Northern New South Wales. A final day Parade was held on 18 November 1991.

The supply of foodstuffs continued to be the major role of 7 Fd Sup Coy in 1992 with the Annual Camp being held at Shoalwater Bay and called 'Silken Venture'.

The posting of a Pharmacist to oversee the role of the Medical and Dental stores added a new dimension. The first officer appointed was CAPT P.J. Balkin, a practising Pharmacist and a member of the Medical Corps.

A significant change came about with the closures of the Officers Mess in 1991 and the Sergeants Mess in 1992 respectively. All ranks now used the Soldiers Club for social activity. The two major messes had played a significant part in the life of every Officer, Warrant Officer and Sergeant. Besides being the social home and training vehicle for junior ranks, the Sergeants Mess was the heart of the unit and was maintained that way by the senior Warrant Officers who recognised the privileges afforded by its presence. The Sergeants Mess held a magnificent collection of silverware and many plaques donated by members and visitors over the years.

WO2 E.G. Wall was promoted to WO1 in June. He had been the Unit CSM for 13 years and now was assigned a Training Role. He became the fourth person to be promoted through the ranks of this unit to that position.



WO1 E.G. Wall

WO2 J.J. Sherington received his certificate of recognition at a Corps farewell night at Bandiana in July. He had served 33 years and was congratulated by the Director of Ordnance COL J.G. Mears and unit members who travelled to the ceremony.

The role of 77 Combat Supplies Pl was extinguished and taken off the Orbat during the latter part of 1992 and CAPT A. Whiting was appointed 2IC of 7 Fd Sup Coy.

Night Training continued with issues of combat rations and clothing to 7 Bde units.

WO2 J.J. Sherington now on detachment to EME Services Unit retired in November 1992 having reached the compulsory retirement age of 55. WO2 Sherington was a pillar of strength to his unit. He was highly skilled in Ordnance requirements in all trades, had extensive experience in Sergeants Mess administration, and was the unit's Senior Testing Officer for motor vehicle licensing purposes.

Reductions in manning in 1993 shortened the service life of several long-standing members and forced the transfer of others so they could continue a career. Promotion from within the unit was now severely restricted.



WO2 J.J. Sherington OAM - 'The more things change, the more they stay the same.'

The manner in which the changes occurred and the way they were handled left many bitter memories with those effected and gave concern to those still serving as to their future role. The WO1 and four WO2 positions were deleted from unit strength. WO1 Wall after 35 years service was now without a unit. He received his recognition of Service certificate from COL H.J. Broweleit in July 1993.

A Courses camp was held in May 1993 on the subject of Drivers and Storemans roles.

Another historic change occurred with the phasing out of the 7.62 SLR rifle and the introduction of the STEYR F88 rifle to unit members. This rifle fired a 5.56mm round, weighed 4.1 kg and had a 30 round magazine with a muzzle velocity of 930 metres per second.

Unit members underwent significant training to master the firing options as well as the drill and ceremonial changes required.

A final day parade was reviewed by LTCOL J. Scanlan CO of 1 Trg Group.

The Marszalek Years - 1993 to 1994

MAJ C.E. Alexander retired as OC of 7Fd Sup Coy on 12 December 1993 and the role was entrusted to MAJ R.Z. Marszalek, a former unit member who enlisted in Ordnance after graduating from OCTU.



MAJ Marszalek served in many positions during his term as a junior officer in Ordnance. As a junior officer, he was well initiated into unit activities early in his career by senior long serving members. As a mature age graduate he worked hard and deserved his appointment.

Review of Defence structure and planning in 1993 brought further changes into 1994. These changes rumoured the end of the ARES Ordnance Unit as a stand-alone identity with its separate housing arrangements since inception in 1948.

7 Fd Sup Coy was now to be designated as part of a new formation called 7 Brigade Administrative Support Battalion (7 BASB) and to be known as 7 BASB Fd Sup Coy.



MAJ R.Z. Marszalek

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PART 4

THE LATTER YEARS

1994 - 1997

Chapter 11

7 BASB Field Supply Coy

1994 - 1997

The Marszalek Year - 1994

7 BASB was officially raised on 28 February 1994, however, suitable accommodation was not available and the HQ was located at Wynter Road, Enoggera until June 1994. The BN had a manning of 516 personnel.

The Battalion was raised from the amalgamation of

- A. 2 Tpt Sqn
- B. 1 Dental Unit
- C. 7 Fd Sup Coy
- D. 77 Combat Supplies Platoon
- E. 104 Fd Workshops

The following units were raised to complete the structure.

- 1. HQ 7 BASB
- 2. 7 BASB Medical Coy
- 3. 7 BASB Admin Coy
- 4. Att 14 Mil Police Pl

The role of 7 BASB was to provide second line supply support to 7 Bde. The OC 7 BASB Fd Sup Coy now reported to the BN COMD instead of the Bde COMD.

In March 1994, selected 7 Bde personnel under the command of BRIG D. Low Choy (COMD 7 Bde) embarked on a one-week reconnaissance of the Derby/Broome area of north west Australia. This area had been designated as



the 7 Bde AO for future operations. The Sup Coy was represented by MAJ R.Z. Marszalek, CAPT A. Whiting (2IC ARA), CAPT P. Robinson (Pl Comd Warehousing) and 2 ORs. Bde personnel were transported by Hercules to RAAF Base Curtin, approx. 50km east of Derby. Curtin is a RAAF base, so all supplies had to be brought in by road from Brisbane. Accommodation was in demountable huts which were air conditioned as the daytime temperature was still 35 degrees celcius. During the week, time was spent visiting civilian contractors in Derby and Broome to establish if supply support could be provided to a Bde Gp on a two-week exercise. The conclusion was that it could. A logistics plan was put together and presented to the Bde COMD in the underground Ops Centre at RAAF Curtin at the end of the week.

A 7 BASB Camp was held at Greenbank in August 1994 and 7 BASB Sup Coy had the role of issuing combat supplies and manning a kerb-side refuelling point. This role was significant in itself in that full POL equipment was loaned from ARA sources and used by the Coy. The Coy was very fortunate that it had on its strength a Pet Op SGT who had recently taken discharge from 52 Cbt Sup Pl (ARA).

7 BASB Sup Coy held 7 Bde stock of general stores, combat rations, webbing and uniforms and carried out a bath unit role.

September 1994 saw the Unit again on the move to Meeandah, as Damascus Barracks had then become the home of 7 BASB. 11 Sup Bn had vacated the warehouses earlier. Unit members responded once more to relocation, some having quite some distance to travel with no public transport available.

The move of 7 BASB Sup Coy to its new home at Meeandah was completed in one weekend. This was due to the fine planning of key staff and the dedication/willingness of all ranks of the Coy. A lot of fun was also had particularly when looking at some of the old records/memorabilia/history of many years.

Work had to begin again on building security areas and office requirements in the deserted warehouse. This action took most of the parade time available and other activities were curtailed.



Loading the Stores Group Control Office demountable for move to Meeandah.

Having supervised the transfer to Meeandah and settling the Coy into its new role, MAJ Marszalek was not able to enjoy these successes as he had to tender his resignation in November 1994 due to work commitments with his civilian employment. He was transferred to the Inactive List on 1 December 1994.

In his 12 years in Ordnance, MAJ Marszalek gained wide respect from his superiors, peers and subordinates for his professionalism, enthusiasm and reliability. After being posted to 1 Ord Svc Unit as a 2LT in August 1982 following graduation from OCTU 1 Trg Gp, it was a great achievement on his part to progress through the ranks to become OC 7 Fd Sup Coy and then OC 7 BASB Fd Sup Coy.

The Hannan Years - 1994 to 1996

MAJ J.L. Hannan assumed command on the 17 November 1994. A former ARA Officer, he brought many years of experience to the role having served in many large Ordnance Units. He had been an ARES Officer since 1990.

7 BASB Fd Sup Coy role again was to provide a working environment for all units in 7 Bde. Regular issues were made to units on parade nights and days and delivery was provided by 2 Tpt Sqn to demanding units.



A Warehousing PL and Control Office provided the support requirements. The bath unit was not effectively functional.

No outside Camps were held in 1995 and 1996. No meaningful practical roles could be found for the Sup Coy. Instead, members worked at Meeandah issuing stores. As a result of this and a reduction in training days, morale fell and the unit's strength declined. Night parades had almost been eliminated to the extent of approximately one per month. Average attendance at most activities was 30. Although ARA personnel were posted on unit strength they rarely paraded with the Supply Company as they were used on other BASB activities.

The end of 7 BASB was signalled early in 1996 with Defence Force policy suggesting the total amalgamation of ARA and ARES units. 7 BASB had not been able to fulfil the role planned.

Defence Force planning had eliminated the Ready Reserve and a need to bolster full time units hastened the amalgamation.

The Hall Year - 1997

MAJ R.G. Hall, a former unit member who was commissioned in 1980, was appointed OC on 1 January 1997. He had the distinction of being the last Officer to command the ARES Ordnance unit. His role was to finalise unit activities with the demise of 7 BASB.

A camp was held in May 1997 at Shoalwater Bay with a role of receiving, storing and issuing foodstuff and combat supplies (Ammo and POL) and general stores to all units of 7 Bde.

All stores held in stock had to be returned to the distributing depot. This was a huge task and had to be completed by 30 June 1997. The task was successfully completed and signed-off by MAJ Hall. He had served with distinction in the units over a long period of time and had gained wide experience in general stores, repair parts and combat supplies. In addition, he represented the Corps with distinction in a variety of staff and training postings. He commanded the unit during a particularly difficult time and successfully maintained his troops as a viable group.



7 BASB units held a disbandment parade in May 1997 and was reviewed by its Commanding Officer, LTCOL S. Ham.

Unit members reported to Enoggera on the 1 July 1997 to begin a military career as part of an integrated ARA/ARES Unit .



MAJ R.G. Hall

With the exception of six years between 1942 and 1948, part-time soldiers had continually served from 1925 - 1997 in a part-time army, commanded and run that way. New and unknown horizons may now be open to the ARES soldier.

An Era had ended.

“SUA TELA TONANTI”

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PART 5

RESERVE FORCES DAY 1998

Chapter 12

RESERVE FORCES DAY 1998 50TH Anniversary of the CMF

On Wednesday 1 July 1998, Australia celebrated the 50th anniversary of the introduction of the Citizens Military Forces after World War II. The Australian government planned marches and ceremonies throughout Australia and, with the support of the RSL, media advertising attracted many former CMF and ARES members to the capital cities.

In Brisbane, the occasion was celebrated by a wreath-laying ceremony in Anzac Square on Wednesday 1 July at 12 noon with the Governor, MAJGEN P. Arnison, laying a wreath and giving a short address. On Sunday 5 July, the Reserve Forces Day march through the street of Brisbane began at 10 am with further celebrations in the Botanic Gardens. Members taking part were to receive a Medallion to mark the occasion. Ultimately, a Certificate of Commemoration was issued to participants.

The parade was lead by MAJGEN D. Luttrell and the salute taken by the Chief of Reserves MAJGEN D. Low Choy. Dignitaries included Defence Force Personnel Support Minister, The Honourable Bronwyn Bishop, State MLAs and city councillors. The salute was taken at the City Hall.

RAAOC was well represented at these celebrations with many serving and retired members marching. The RAAOC Association (Qld Division) graciously loaned the Association Banner for the occasion.

WO1 G.J. Sheehan OAM was invited to lead the RAAOC Reserve contingent. Members marching included:-

MAJ: A.G. Lederle, J.P. McGahan, R.Z. Marszalek, G.W. Oliver.

CAPT:: A.M.G. Grant.

WO1: G.J. Sheehan, E.G. Wall.

WO2: J.F. Bishop, G.R. Cochrane, J.J. Sherrington, J. Shorrock, D.G. Webb.



SSGT: H.W. Evans

SGT: D.T. Hanlen, O. Harch, J. Heywood, D. Luke, R. Pringle, J. Seymour, A. Skelson, D.W. Smith, C. Stephens

CPL: T. Morrison, K. Porter, L.M. Sherington, G. Smith.

WO1 E.G. Wall and SGT D. Luke participated in the march travelling in a Jeep. Eric Wall passed away on 12 September 1998 after a long illness.



MAJGEN D. Luttrell leads the parade.



RAAOC contingent.



WO1 Sheehan leads the contingent.



Reserve contingent.



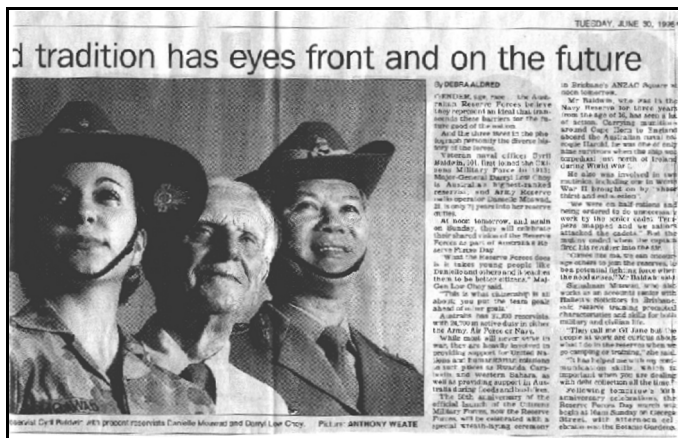
WO1 E.G. Wall and SGT D. Luke.



CAPT A.M.G. Grant, SGT A. Skelson.



Reserve contingents - The present and the past.



Courier Mail article - Past and present Reservists.

Many friendships were renewed on the day. Some members participating had served together in the early years of the CMF and took the opportunity to remember many fond days spent together.

Members who attended the ceremonies had the opportunity to record their personal particulars and their attendance on the day. They were subsequently



presented with a Certificate of Commemoration of this inaugural Reserve Forces Day *“Recognising the value of Reserve Force service to the Nation”*. Signed by the Governor General Sir William Deane AC, KBE, Patron in Chief of Reserve Forces Day and Sir Roden Cutler VC, AK, KCMG, KCVO, CBE, National Chairman of Reserve Forces Day, they provide a fitting tribute to the sacrifices made by the legion of citizens who have served in Australia’s Reserve Forces of the Navy, Army and Air Force.

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ANNEX A

AAOC AND RAAOC TRAINING DEPOTS



1926 - 1939. Victoria Barracks, Brisbane.



1939 - 1942. Grays Road, Gaythorne.



1 JUL 48 - 18 FEB 63. McDonald Rd, Albion.



18 FEB 63 - 24 FEB 78 Grays Road, Gaythorne.



24 FEB 78 - 9 SEP 83. Nimmo Road, Ashgrove.



9 SEP 83 - 30 JUN 94. Wynter Road, Enoggera.



From 11 FEB 85 to 15 FEB 89 a Detachment of the unit was located at Hamilton Rd, Moorooka.

No photograph of this depot can be found. The property was disposed of by the Defence Department during the early 1990s. The site was cleared and developed into residential units.



30 AUG 94 - 30 JUN 97. Damascus Barracks, Meeandah.

ANNEX B

UNIT HISTORIES - 1925 TO 1997

1st Company AAOC

No data available

No 1 Ammunition Coy AAOC

<u>Establishment:</u>	<u>Number</u>	NA
	<u>Date</u>	1925
	<u>Strength</u>	1 Offr, 14 ORs
	<u>Q Account</u>	NA
<u>Location:</u>		Victoria Barracks, Brisbane Qld
<u>Role:</u>		To provide training in the Receipt, Storage and Issue of a range of ammunition stores
<u>Disbanded:</u>		1939
<u>CO/OC :</u>	1925 - 1929	LT T.D. Watson
	1929 - 1935	LT G.M. McKay
	1935 - 1937	LT J.B. Duncan
	1937 - 1938	LT L.D. Price
	1938 - 1939	LT H.N. Vidgen
<u>Camps:</u>	1925 - 1938	Enoggera



1st District Depot Company AAOC

<u>Establishment:</u>	<u>Number</u>	NA
	<u>Date</u>	1938
	<u>Strength</u>	135 all ranks
	<u>Q Account</u>	NA
<u>Location:</u>	Victoria Barracks, Brisbane Qld	
<u>Role:</u>	NA	
<u>Disbanded:</u>	SEP 42	
<u>CO/OC:</u>	1939 - 1940	LT H.N. Vidgen
	1940 - 1941	LT J.W. Lawson
	1942	NA
<u>Camps:</u>	1939	Gaythorne Qld
	1940 - 1942	NA
<u>Remarks:</u>	Moved from Victoria Barracks to Gaythorne in 1939	

1 Advanced Ordnance Depot (DET)

<u>Establishment:</u>	<u>Number</u>	NA
	<u>Date</u>	01 JUL 48
	<u>Strength</u>	NA
	<u>Q Account</u>	Q45
<u>Location:</u>	McDonald Road, Albion Qld	
<u>Role:</u>	NA	
<u>Disbanded:</u>	15 JUL 51	



Effective Strength

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>OFFR</u>	<u>WO/SGT</u>	<u>OR</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1948	6	1	19	26
1949	7	1	19	27
1950	8	4	18	30

CO/OC: 01 JUL 48 – 15 JUL 51 LTCOL L.G. Kerr

Camps: 1948 NA
1949 Enoggera Qld
1950 Wacol Qld

16 Base Ordnance Depot Technical Stores Company

Establishment: Number NA
Date 15 JAN 51
Strength NA
Q Account Q45

Location: McDonald Road, Albion Qld

Role: To provide a northern support unit
for 16 BOD (Victorian based)

Disbanded: 08 DEC 52

Effective Strength

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>OFFR</u>	<u>WO/SGT</u>	<u>OR</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1951	10	NA	30	40
1952	10	NA	30	40

CO/OC: 15 JAN 51 - 08 DEC 52 LTCOL L.G. Kerr

Camps: 1951 Pomona Qld
1952 Wacol Qld



7 Infantry Brigade Ordnance Field Park

Establishment: **Number** NA
 Date 07 AUG 52
 Strength 2 Offr, 50 ORs
 Q Account NA

Location: McDonald Road, Albion Qld

Role: To provide support to 7 INF BDE

Disbanded: 08 OCT 57

Effective Strength

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>OFFR</u>	<u>WO/SGT</u>	<u>OR</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1952 - 1955				NA
1956	1	1	8	10
1957	1	1	8	10

CO/OC: 07 AUG 52 - 28 FEB 56 LTCOL L.G. Kerr
 01 MAR 56 - 10 JUL 57 CAPT J.F. Hughes
 19 JUL 57 - 08 OCT 57 LT H.P.J. Swan

Camps: 1953 - 1956 Wallangarra SQ
 1957 Greenbank Qld

1 Central Ordnance Small Craft Depot

Establishment: **Number** M46
 Date 07 AUG 52
 Strength 2 Offr, 40 ORs
 Q Account Q45

Location: McDonald Road, Albion Qld

Role: To provide storage for Small Craft and their CES

Disbanded: 30 Jun 60

Effective Strength

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>OFFR</u>	<u>WO/SGT</u>	<u>OR</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1952 - 1954				NA
1955	1	0	26	27
1956	1	1	33	35
1957	2	2	56	60
1958	2	4	28	34
1959	2	4	16	22

CO/OC: 07 AUG 52 - 11 FEB 56 LT W.G. Moody
 12 FEB 56 - 10 FEB 57 CAPT A.W. Farley
 11 FEB 57 - 30 JUN 60 LT I.D. Pettit

Camps: 1952 - 1956 Wallangarra SQ
 1957 - 1958 Colmslie Qld
 1959 Wacol Qld
 1960 Colmslie Qld

Remarks: Records show that on 19 MAY 58 1 COSD had a posted strength of 2 Offr and 54 ORs.

Headquarters CRAAOC (Northern Command Troops)

Establishment: Number NA
Date 08 DEC 52
Strength 1 Offr, 6 ORs
Q Account NA

Location: McDonald Road, Albion Qld

Role: To command CMF RAAOC units in N Comd and to provide RAAOC Cadre for administration and training of those units.

Disbanded: 31 AUG 60

Effective Strength

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>OFFR</u>	<u>WO/SGT</u>	<u>OR</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
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1952 - 1959	2	0	6	8
1960				NA

CO/OC: 08 DEC 52 - 01 JUL 59 LTCOL L.G. Kerr
 01 JUL 59 - 31 AUG 60 LTCOL H.R. Magor

Camps: NA

Remarks: HQ CRAAOC consisted of CRAAOC, Adjutant and Chief Clerk. All paraded with the major unit under command.

1 Stores Company

Establishment: **Number** M135
 Date 15 JAN 53
 Strength 15 Offr, 235 ORs
 Q Account Q45

Location: McDonald Rd, Albion Qld

Role: To provide training in the Receipt, Storage and Issue of a range of Ordnance stores

Disbanded: 08 OCT 57

Effective Strength

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>OFFR</u>	<u>WO/SGT</u>	<u>OR</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1953	12	14	209	235
1954	12	14	209	235
1955	12	14	209	235
1956	9	16	187	212

CO/OC: 15 JAN 53 - 14 NOV 53 LTCOL L.G. Kerr
 15 NOV 53 - 03 DEC 56 MAJ W.J. Powell
 03 DEC 56 - 08 OCT 57 MAJ J.W.L. Donovan

Camps: 1953 Wallangarra SQ
 1954 Wallangarra SQ
 1955 Wallangarra SQ
 1956 Wallangarra SQ
 1957 Wallangarra SQ



3 Stores Section

Establishment: **Number** NA
 Date 04 MAY 53
 Strength 1 Offr, 8 ORs
 Q Account NA

Location: McDonald Road, Albion Qld

Role: Under command of 1 Stores Section and
detached to RAEME Workshops,
Bulimba Qld for camps

Disbanded: 21 JUN 54

Effective Strength

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>OFFR</u>	<u>WO/SGT</u>	<u>OR</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1953	1	0	7	8
1954				NA

CO/OC: NA

Camps: NA

104 Infantry Workshops Stores Section

Establishment: **Number** 11/402/3 (TE – P)
 Date 12 MAR 54
 Strength 1 Offr, 13 ORs
 Q Account Q45

Location: McDonald Road, Albion Qld

Role: To provide technical support and supply
vehicle spare parts to RAEME units

Disbanded: 22 DEC 65



Effective Strength

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>OFFR</u>	<u>WO/SGT</u>	<u>OR</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1954	1	1	8	10
1955	1	1	7	9
1956	1	1	7	9
1957	1	1	4	6
1958	1	1	4	6
1959	1	2	3	6
1960	1	2	3	6
1961	1	3	3	7
1962	1	2	6	9
1963	1	2	5	8
1964	1	3	2	6
1965	1	3	7	11

CO/OC: 12 MAR 54 - 10 FEB 57 LT I.D. Pettitt
 10 FEB 57 - 03 JUL 59 LT D.A. Ross
 01 JAN 60 - 30 JUN 60 LT D.W. Lovejoy
 31 JUL 60 - 10 JUN 64 LT L.J. Koch
 11 JUN 64 - 21 FEB 65 CAPT A.F. Symons
 22 FEB 65 - 07 NOV 65 CAPT P.S. Whitmee
 18 NOV 65 - 22 DEC 65 LT S.T. Green

Camps: 1954 - 1958 Greenbank Qld
 1959 Kilkivan - Majimba
 1960 Greenbank/Coomera Qld
 1961 Greenbank/Tin Can Bay
 Qld
 1962 Coomera Gorge/Mt Byron
 1963 Mt Archer Qld
 1964 Greenbank Qld
 1965 Greenbank/Byron Bay

11 Infantry Brigade Ordnance Field Park

Establishment: Number M116
Date MAY 56
Strength 2 Offr, 50 ORs
Q Account NA



Location: Kissing Point Barracks, Townsville Qld
and McDonald Road, Albion Qld

Role: Provide Ordnance support to 11 INF
BDE

Disbanded: 08 OCT 57

Effective Strength

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>OFFR</u>	<u>WO/SGT</u>	<u>OR</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1956 - 1957	1	0	19	20

CO/OC: MAY 56 - 18 JUN 56 LT L.H. Jowett
19 JUN 56 - 19 JUL 57 LTCOL L.G. Kerr
administered command as
CRAAOC
19 JUL 57 - 08 OCT 57 LT H.P.J. Swan

Camps: 1957 Wallangarra SQ

Remarks: This unit was located at Kissing Point Barracks Townsville Qld
and was associated with 11 BDE. On 12 NOV 56, members
were marched out to units of 11 BDE and the OFP came
under control of CRAAOC. WO2 K. Fitzpatrick (Cadre
member) was transferred to Brisbane with the OFP now being
based at McDonald Road, Albion Qld.

2 Ordnance Field Park

Establishment: **Number** M35
Date 08 OCT 57
Strength 2 Offr, 32 ORs
Q Account Q45

Location: McDonald Road, Albion

Role: To provide Ordnance stores support
to an independent INF BDE or INF
DIV on the basis of:
a. 1 per INF BDE
b. 3 per INF Div (1 per 6,000
tps)



Disbanded:

30 JUN 60

Effective Strength

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>OFFR</u>	<u>WO/SGT</u>	<u>OR</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1957	1	1	35	37
1958	2	2	28	32
1959	2	2	28	32
1960				NA

CO/OC:

08 OCT 57 - 01 JUL 59
01 JUL 59 - 30 JUN 60

CAPT J.F. Hughes
LT D.A. Ross

Camps:

1958

Greenbank/Wiangaree State
Forest Qld

1959

Wacol Qld

14 Mar 60 - 27 Mar 60

Greenbank Qld

Remarks:

Vehicle equipment consisted of 20 vehicles and 9 trailers

3 Ordnance Field Park

Establishment:

Number

M1116

Date

08 OCT 57

Strength

2 Offr, 32 ORs

Q Account

Q45

Location:

McDonald Road, Albion Qld

Role:

Support 11 INF BDE. Support was provided to a BDE of 3 INF BNS with Veh spares, Tech spares and Gen stores.

Disbanded:

30 JUN 60

Effective Strength

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>OFFR</u>	<u>WO/SGT</u>	<u>OR</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1957	1	1	35	37
1958	2	2	15	19
1959	2	5	20	27



CO/OC: 08 OCT 57 – 30 JUN 60 CAPT H.P.J. Swan

Camps: 1958 Danbulla NQ
1959 Wacol Qld
1960 Macrossan NQ

2 and 41 Company RAASC Stores Cell

Establishment: **Number** NA
Date NA
Strength As required
Q Account NA

Location: NA

Role: Provide a stores element to RAASC during annual camps by the above companies.

Disbanded: NA

Camps: 1960 41 COY Byron Bay NSW
1961 2 COY Greenbank Qld
1962 Gan Gan
1963 Mt Archer Qld
1964 Greenbank Qld
1965 NA
1966 Greenbank Qld
1967 Rockhampton CQ

Remarks: CMF personnel were allocated on an as required basis to attend RAASC camps.

1 Ordnance Vehicle Depot

Establishment: **Number** M135
Date 08 OCT 57
Strength 8 Offr, and 150 ORs
Q Account Q45

Location: McDonald Road, Albion Qld



Role:

A Base Command Zone Depot for the receipt, storage and issue of A, B and C class vehicles in an overseas theatre of operations.

Disbanded:

10 APR 58

CO/OC:

08 OCT 57 - 10 APR 58

MAJ J.W.L. Donovan

Camps:

1957 - 1958

None

1 Advanced Vehicle Depot

Establishment:

Number

M135

Date

11 APR 58

Strength

16 Offr, 255 ORs

Q Account

Q45

Location:

McDonald Road, Albion Qld

Role:

Base Comm Z depot for the receipt, storage and issue of A, B & C class vehicles. Designed to hold 200 fit A & C vehicles, 1000 fit B vehicles and 500 unfit vehicles and to cover three locations.

Disbanded:

30 JUN 60

Effective Strength

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>OFFR</u>	<u>WO/SGT</u>	<u>OR</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1958	8	8	89	105
1959	6	10	84	100

CO/OC:

11 APR 58 - 31 JAN 59
01 FEB 59 - 30 JUN 60

MAJ J.W.L. Donovan
CAPT T.G. Peel

Camps:

1958
1959 - 1960

Colmslie Qld
Wacol Qld



1 Base Vehicle Depot

Establishment: **Number** 7021-XX-1
 Date 01 JUL 60
 Strength 19 Offr, 190 ORs
 Q Account Q45

Location: McDonald Road, Albion and
 Grays Road Gaythorne, Qld

Role: A Comm Zone unit for the receipt, storage and issue of A, B & C class vehicles. Designed to hold stock in four separate locations, with 400 fit A & C vehicles, 1800 fit B vehicles and 400 unfit vehicles.

Disbanded: 31 AUG 75

Effective Strength

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>OFFR</u>	<u>WO/SGT</u>	<u>OR</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1960	12	19	41	72
1961	12	17	43	72
1962	13	14	35	62
1963	11	12	29	52
1964	11	12	29	52
1965	10	18	27	55
1966	8	15	43	66
1967	11	13	64	88
1968	13	17	61	91
1969	11	20	31	62
1970	12	20	23	55
1971	10	19	27	56
1972	13	12	35	60
1973	15	19	44	78
1974	15	13	41	69
1975	7	4	21	32

<u>CO/OC:</u>	31 AUG 60 - 15 NOV 60	LTCOL H.R. Magor
	15 NOV 60 - 14 NOV 62	LTCOL E.E. Rodgers
	14 NOV 62 - 22 AUG 64	LTCOL P.P. Smith
	23 AUG 64 - 30 JAN 67	LTCOL H.P.J. Swan
	30 JAN 67 - 31 JAN 70	LTCOL I.D. Petitt



31 JAN 70 - 31 JAN 73	LTCOL D.A. Ross
31 JAN 73 - 31 AUG 75	LTCOL D.W. Lovejoy
OCs A Park 1 BVD	
1961	CAPT T.G. Peel
1962	MAJ H.P.J. Swan
1963	MAJ W.G. Moody
1964 - 65	MAJ T.G. Peel
1966	MAJ I.D. Pettitt
1967	MAJ D.A. Ross
1968	MAJ D.W. Lovejoy
1969	LT E.N. Schilling
1970	CAPT E.N. Schilling
1971 - 72	MAJ L.J. Koch
1973	CAPT G.J. Harmon
1973 - 75	CAPT A.G. Lederle

<u>Camps:</u>	1961	Gaythorne Qld
	1962	Aspley Qld
	1963	Bargara Qld
	1964	Greenbank Qld
	1965 - 66	Macrossan NQ
	1967 - 68	Greenbank Qld
	1969 - 70	Wacol Qld
	1971	Coolum Qld
	1972 - 74	Wallangarra SQ
	1975	Macrossan NQ

1 Casualty Clearing Station Laundry Platoon

<u>Establishment:</u>	<u>Number</u>	7018-XX-1
	<u>Date</u>	01 JUL 60
	<u>Strength</u>	1 Offr, 32 ORs
	<u>Q Account</u>	Q45
<u>Location:</u>	McDonald Road, Albion Qld and Grays Road, Gaythorne Qld	
<u>Role:</u>	To provide laundry support to 1 CCS	
<u>Disbanded:</u>	31 MAY 73	



Effective Strength

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>OFFR</u>	<u>WO/SGT</u>	<u>OR</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1960	1	2	6	9
1961	1	3	6	10
1962	1	2	6	9
1963	1	3	5	9
1964	1	3	3	7
1965	1	3	4	8
1966	1	2	5	8
1967	1	2	7	10
1968	1	1	9	11
1969	1	3	5	9
1970	1	2	6	9
1971	1	2	6	9
1972	1	3	13	17
1973	1	3	3	7

CO/OC:

01 JUL 60 - 10 MAR 63	CAPT I.D. Pettit
11 MAR 63 - 27 OCT 63	CAPT R.F. Backman
28 OCT 63 - 07 OCT 65	LT D.J. Jenkins
08 OCT 65 - 30 JUN 67	LT J.F. Betzel
01 JUL 67 - 30 JUN 68	LT G.V. Stensen
01 JUL 68 - 30 JUN 69	LT M.G. Reading
01 JUL 69 - 30 JUN 71	LT G.J. Harmon
01 JUL 71 - 30 JUN 72	LT L.J. Shanahan
01 JUL 72 - 31 MAY 73	LT R.J. Hives

Camps:

1961	Greenbank Qld
1962	Yeronga Qld
1963	Bargara Qld
1964	Gaythorne Qld
1965	No camp
1966	Tin Can Bay CQ
1967 - 68	Greenbank Qld
1969	Greenbank/Tin Can Bay Qld
1970	Tin Can Bay CQ
1971	Coolum Qld
1972	Tin Can Bay CQ

Remarks:

Original equipment consisted of a WW2 vintage mounted steam operated boiler, tumblers, and one steam dryer.
Borrowed equipment from 3CCS of a 3 trailer mounted types replaced the original equipment in 1965.



104 Field Workshop Stores Section

Establishment: **Number** 7802-XX0
 Date 22 DEC 65
 Strength 1 Offr, 15 ORs
 Q Account NA

Location: Grays Road, Gaythorne Qld

Role: NA

Disbanded: 30 JUN 75

Effective Strength

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>OFFR</u>	<u>WO/SGT</u>	<u>OR</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1966	1	3	7	11
1967	1	3	9	13
1968	1	3	10	14
1969	1	4	7	12
1970	1	3	7	11
1971	1	3	7	11
1972	1	2	3	6
1973 - 1975				NA

CO/OC: 22 DEC 65 - 30 JUN 67 LT S.T. Green
 01 JUL 67 - 30 JUN 68 LT G.A. Cox
 01 JUL 68 - 31 OCT 69 LT A.G Lederle
 01 NOV 69 - 08 MAR 71 LT G.R. Sutherland
 08 MAR 71 - 01 JUL 71 LTCOL D.A. Ross
 administered command when
 CO 1 BVD
 LT J.E. White
 NA
 01 JUL 71 - 27 NOV 73
 28 NOV 73 - 30 JUN 75

Camps: 1965 Greenbank Qld
 1966 Brisbane, Kyogle – Camp Cable
 Qld
 1967 Shoalwater Bay CQ
 1968 Enoggera Qld
 1969 Shoalwater Bay CQ
 1970 Rainbow Beach Qld
 1971 Coolumb Beach Qld
 1972 Camp Cable Qld



1973
1974 - 75

Zillmere Qld
Tin Can Bay CQ

7 Ordnance Field Park

Establishment: **Number** 7002-XX-1
 Date 01 MAY 66
 Strength 2 Offr, 43 ORs
 Q Account Q45

Location: Gayrs Road, Gaythorne Qld

Role: To provide Ordnance stores support to Divisional units, and Army Troops. Allocation on the basis of 3 per Division and 1 per Division as Army Troops. 1 Bath Sect capable of processing 800 men per day is included and a salvage collection point when required is part of the unit role.

Disbanded: 30 JUN 75
Effective Strength

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>OFFR</u>	<u>WO/SGT</u>	<u>OR</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1966	2	5	8	15
1967	2	2	11	15
1968	2	3	12	17
1969	1	3	12	16
1970	2	3	9	14
1971	1	1	7	9
1972	1	2	4	7
1973	2	3	4	9
1974	1	4	3	8
1975				NA

CO/OC: 01 MAY 66 - 01 JUL 67 LT C.C. Floyd
 01 JUL 67 - 30 JUN 68 LT E.N. Schilling
 01 JUL 68 - 30 JUN 70 CAPT D.J. Jenkins
 01 JUL 70 - 31 OCT 72 CAPT G.V. Stensen
 01 NOV 72 - 31 OCT 73 CAPT L.J. Shanahan
 01 NOV 73 - 30 JUN 75 CAPT R.J. Hives



<u>Camps:</u>	1967 - 68	Shoalwater Bay CQ
	1969	Greenbank Qld
	1970	Tin Can Bay Qld
	1971	Coolum Qld
	1972 - 73	Tin Can Bay Qld
	1974	Wallangarra SQ
	1975	Tin Can Bay Qld

1 Ordnance Services Unit

<u>Establishment:</u>	<u>Number</u>	7097-01-01
	<u>Date</u>	25 AUG 75
	<u>Strength</u>	9 Offr, 78 ORs
	<u>Q Account</u>	Q45

<u>Location:</u>	Grays Road, Gaythorne Qld
	Nimmo Road, Ashgrove Qld
	Wynter Road, Enoggera Qld

<u>Role:</u>	Support Log Comd ARA supply units in their task of supporting ARA and ARES units. To plan, develop and provide a wide range of specialist support, orientated toward RAAOC Comm Z responsibilities. To provide essential technical employment training across a wide spectrum of RAAOC trades.
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<u>Disbanded:</u>	01 DEC 87
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Effective Strength

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>OFFR</u>	<u>WO/SGT</u>	<u>OR</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1975	7	9	25	41
1976	12	14	43	69
1977	10	29	28	67
1978	11	11	25	47
1979	11	15	29	55
1980	9	5	62	76
1981	8	14	52	74
1982	10	16	60	86
1983	10	16	59	85



1984	9	14	40	63
1985	9	14	44	67
1986	11	16	35	62
1987	9	19	44	72

CO/OC: 01 Sep 75 - 31 Mar 77
 01 Apr 77 - 08 Dec 79
 09 Dec 79 - 05 Mar 85
 06 Mar 85 - 01 Dec 87

MAJ G.J. Harmon
 MAJ L.J. Shanahan
 MAJ A.G. Lederle
 MAJ G.W. Oliver

Camps: 1976

Wallangarra SQ (Stores Gp),
 Macrossan NQ (Veh Gp),
 Greenbank Qld (F'stuffs Gp)
 1977 Meeandah Qld (Stores Gp), Banyo
 Qld (Veh Gp), Ashgrove Qld (F'stuffs
 Gp)

1978

Tin Can Bay Qld
 (Exercise Wallaby Tree)

1979

Enoggera/Ashgrove
 Qld (Courses Camp)

1980

Ashgrove Qld (Courses Camp)
 & Exercise Drought-Master

1981 - 83

Tin Can Bay Qld

1984 - 85

Tin Can Bay Qld (F'stuffs Gp),
 Townsville NQ (Stores Gp),

1986

Shoalwater Bay CQ (Ex DD86)

1987

Cape York (Ex DD87)

Remarks: This unit transferred from Log Comd to Field Force Command
 on 01 JUL 79

1 Ordnance Platoon

Establishment:

Number

7030-XX-1

Date

01 JUL 75

Strength

2 Offr, 30 ORs

Q Account

K1051

Location:

Gona Barracks, Kelvin Grove Qld
 Nimmo Road, Ashgrove Qld
 Wynter Road, Enoggera Qld

Role:

a. Provide combat supplies,
 Ordnance and Engineer



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- Defence stores.
- b. Provide bath facilities.
- c. Undertake salvage control.

Disbanded:

02 FEB 88

Effective Strength

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>OFFR</u>	<u>WO/SGT</u>	<u>OR</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1975	2	5	11	18
1976	2	5	11	18
1977	2	5	11	18
1978	2	6	16	24
1979	2	4	10	16
1980	2	5	25	32
1981	2	4	16	22
1982	2	4	12	18
1983	2	5	21	28
1984	2	4	17	23
1985	1	5	10	16
1986	1	1	8	10
1987	1	1	8	10

CO/OC:

01 JUL 75 - 29 MAR 77
30 MAR 77
11 OCT 84 - 26 MAY 86
27 MAY 86 -30 AUG 86
31 AUG 86 - 02 FEB 88

CAPT E.N. Schilling
CAPT R.T. Brown
CAPT R.G. Hall
NA
CAPT Q.W.C. Carson-Beales

Camps:

1975-77
1978

1979
1980
1981

1982-85
1986
1987

Greenbank Qld
Tin Can Bay Qld (Ex Wallaby Tree)
Tin Can Bay Qld
Combined with 1 Ord Svc Unit
K81 Marlborough CQ&
Shoalwater Bay CQ
Combined with 1 Ord Svc Unit
Ex DD 86, Shoalwater Bay CQ
(as part of 1 Aust RP)
Ex DD 87, Cape York FNQ

Remarks:

1 Ord Pl on establishment was placed under command of a Field Force unit and located at Kelvin Grove Brisbane Qld



with 2 Tpt Sqn on 9 Oct 75. It was later re-located at Ashgrove Brisbane Qld on 5 Feb 77 and transferred to LOG COMD.

HQ 1 Supply Group (ARES Element)

Establishment: **Number** NA
 Date 29 OCT 76
 Strength 5 Offr, 4 ORs
 Q Account NA

Location: Damascus Barracks, Gaythorne Qld

Role: NA

Disbanded: 04 MAR 79

Effective Strength

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>OFFR</u>	<u>WO/SGT</u>	<u>OR</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1976	1			1
1977	5	3	2	10
1978	5	3	2	10
1979	1			1

SO1: 29 OCT 76 LTCOL D.W. Lovejoy

Camps: 1977 - 78 Gaythorne Qld

1 EME Services Unit Repair Parts Platoon

Establishment: **Number** 7879-XX-1
 Date 01 JUL 79
 Strength 1 Offr, 5 ORs
 Q Account NA

Location: Bulimba, Brisbane Qld

Role: Supply motor transport spares to 1 EME Svc Unit



Disbanded:

30 Jun 97

Effective Strength

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>OFFR</u>	<u>WO/SGT</u>	<u>OR</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1979 - 97				NA

CO/OC: 01 JUN 79 - 31 AUG 79 NA
 01 SEP 79 - 18 JUL 80 LT A.M.G. Grant
 18 JUL 80 - 27 MAY 86 LT R.G. Hall
 27 MAY 86 NA
Camps: 1979 - 1997 With 1 EME Svc Unit

Remarks: Ordnance personnel were selected to fill postings in this unit.
 Whilst under command of RAEME Bulimba Qld, Ordnance officers were regularly changed by the OC 1 Ord Svc Unit.

101 Field Supply Company (Divisional Troops)

Establishment: Number 7037-01-01
Date 01 DEC 87
Strength 7 Offr, 84 ORs
Q Account 37440

Location: Wynter Road, Enoggera Qld

Role: To provide a range of second line supply support and supplementary services for Divisional HQ Units (up to a level of 6,000 troops) other than those assigned to a Brigade or similar group.

Disbanded: 30 Jun 89

Effective Strength

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>OFFR</u>	<u>WO/SGT</u>	<u>OR</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1988	8	16	42	77

CO/OC: 01 DEC 87 - 01 FEB 88 MAJ G.W. Oliver
 02 FEB 88 - 30 JUN 89 MAJ J.P. McGahan



Camps: 1988 Enoggera
1989 Ex K 89, Katherine NT

77 Combat Supplies Platoon

Establishment: **Number** 7034-03-01
Date 01 DEC 87
Strength 2 Offr, 32 ORs
Q Account 69786

Location: Wynter Road Enoggera, Brisbane Qld

Role: To provide combat supplies to Divisional HQ units and BDE units as directed.

Disbanded: 28 FEB 94

Effective Strength

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>OFFR</u>	<u>WO/SGT</u>	<u>OR</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1987				NA
1988				NA
1989				NA
1990 - 94				NA

CO/OC: 01 DEC 87 - 28 FEB 90 CAPT R.Z. Marszalek
01 MAR 90 - 19 JUN 90 None appointed
20 JUN 90 - 14 JUN 91 CAPT R.G. Hall
15 JUN 91 - 28 FEB 94 None appointed

Camps: 1988 Enoggera Qld
1989 Ex K89, Willaroo NT
1990 Tin Can Bay Qld
1991 - 1993 NA

104 Field Workshops Stores Section

Establishment: **Number** NA
Date 01 DEC 87
Strength 1 Offr, 5 ORs
Q Account



Location:

Bulimba, Qld

Role:

To supply MT Spares to 104 Fd Wksp

Disbanded:

30 JUN 97

Effective Strength

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>OFFR</u>	<u>WO/SGT</u>	<u>OR</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1987 - 1997				NA

CO/OC: NA

Camps: 1987 - 1997

With 104 Fd Wksp

Note: A unit of this name had previously been raised on 22 DEC 65 and disbanded on 30 JUN 75

101 Field Supply Company

Establishment:

Number

7037-01-01

Date

30 JUN 89

Strength

10 Offr, 117 ORs

Q Account

37440

Location:

Wynter Road, Enoggera Qld

Role:

To provide a range of second line supply support and supplementary services for Divisional HQ Units.

Disbanded:

04 NOV 91

Effective Strength

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>OFFR</u>	<u>WO/SGT</u>	<u>OR</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1989	12	18	57	87
1990				NA
1991				NA

CO/OC: 30 JUN 89 - 25 JAN 91
12 FEB 91 - 04 NOV 91

MAJ J.P. McGahan
MAJ C.E. Alexander



Camps: 1989 Ex K 89, Katherine NT
 1990 No Camp
 1991 Ingleburn NSW, Wallangarra
 SQ & Shoalwater Bay CQ

7 Field Supply Company

Establishment: **Number** NA
Date 04 NOV 91
Strength 7 Offr, 84 ORs
Q Account 37440

Location: Wynter Road Enoggera, Brisbane Qld

Role: To provide a range of Second
 linesupply support and supplementary
 services to 7 BDE Units

Disbanded: 28 FEB 94

Effective Strength

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>OFFR</u>	<u>WO/SGT</u>	<u>OR</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1991				NA
1992				NA
1993				NA
1994				NA

CO/OC: 04 NOV 91 - 11 DEC 93 MAJ C.E. Alexander
 12 DEC 93 - 28 FEB 94 MAJ R.Z. Marszalek

Camps: 1992 Shoalwater Bay, CQ
 1993 Enoggera Qld

7 BASB Field Supply Company

Establishment: **Number** NA
Date 28 FEB 94
Strength NA
Q Account NA

Location: Wynter Road, Enoggera Qld
 Damascus Barracks, Meeandah Qld



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Role:

To provide a range of Second line supply support and supplementary services to 7 BASB and units in 7 BDE.

Disbanded:

30 JUN 97

Effective Strength

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>OFFR</u>	<u>WO/SGT</u>	<u>OR</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1994				NA
1995				NA
1996				NA
1997				NA

CO/OC:

24 FEB 94 - 01 DEC 94
02 DEC 94 - 30 DEC 96
01 JAN 97 - 30 JUN 97

MAJ R.Z. Marszalek
MAJ J.L. Hannan
MAJ R.G. Hall

Camps:

1994
1995
1996
1997

Wacol Qld
Meeandah Qld
Meeandah Qld
Meeandah Qld

Remarks:

Personnel of 7 BASB Fd Sup COY on its disbandment were posted to integrated ARA/ARES logistics units, BDE/Divisional HQs or 1 Trg Gp

ANNEX C

COMMANDING OFFICERS/OFFICERS COMMANDING

PARENT UNITS

MILITIA

INCUMBENT

TENURE

LT Thomas Douglas Watson	MAY 25 - 20 JAN 29
LT George Malcolm McKay	21 FEB 29 - 13 FEB 35
LT John Burton Duncan	14 FEB 35 - 30 JUN 37
LT Louis David Price	1 JUL 37 - 3 APR 38
LT Howard Noel Vidgen	4 APR 38 - 13 AUG 40
LT John William Lawson	6 NOV 40 - 10 MAR 41

CITIZENS MILITARY FORCES

LTCOL Leslie George Kerr ED	1 JUL 48 - 30 JUN 59
LTCOL Herbert Ross Magor	1 JUL 59 - 31 AUG 60
LTCOL Eric Ernest Rodgers	15 NOV 60 - 13 NOV 62
LTCOL Peter Phillip Smith MBE ED	14 NOV 62 - 22 AUG 64
LTCOL Harold Percival John Swan ED	23 AUG 64 - 29 JAN 67
LTCOL Ian David Petitt ED	30 JAN 67 - 29 JAN 70
LTCOL Donald Angus Ross ED	30 JAN 70 - 29 JAN 73
LTCOL Desmond William Lovejoy ED	30 JAN 73 - 1 MAY 74



ARMY RESERVE

LTCOL Desmond William Lovejoy ED	1 MAY 74 - 1 SEP 75
MAJ Graham John Harmon	2 SEP 75 - 31 MAR 77
MAJ Leonard James Shanahan RFD	1 APR 77 - 9 DEC 79
MAJ Anthony Graham Lederle RFD	10 DEC 79 - 5 MAR 85
MAJ Glen Wilfred Oliver RFD, ED	6 MAR 85 - 9 FEB 88
MAJ John Patrick McGahan RFD	10 FEB 88 - 25 JAN 91
MAJ Clarke Edward Alexander	12 FEB 91 - 12 DEC 93
MAJ Richard Zbigniew Marszalek	13 DEC 93 - 19 NOV 94
MAJ John Leonard Hannan	20 NOV 94 - 31 DEC 96
MAJ Ross Gregory Hall RFD	1 JAN 97 - 20 JUN 97

ANNEX D
MILITIA OFFICERS/WARRANT OFFICERS
- 1926 - 1942

HIGHEST RANK ATTAINED

BRIGADIER

J.W. LAWSON OBE

COLONEL

J.B. DUNCAN OBE
H.N. VIDGEN

LIEUTENANT COLONEL

A.M.E. DAVIES
L.G. KERR ED
W. OGLE

MAJOR

G.M. McKAY
W.J. POWELL
L.D. PRICE

CAPTAIN

T.D. WATSON

LIEUTENANT

P.H. BROWN
A.E. HAYSE
O.B.S. LEVIEN
J.A.H. LUTZ
L.B. McDONALD
S.M. MOLLER
A.J. PIXLEY

WARRANT OFFICER

W. BLAIR
W. CROSSEN
B. SMITH
W. SMYTH

ANNEX E

CMF/ARES OFFICERS AND WARRANT OFFICERS 1948 - 1998

HIGHEST RANK ATTAINED

BRIGADIER

H.P.J. SWAN ED

COLONEL

L.G. KERR ED
I.D. PETTIT ED

LIEUTENANT COLONEL

D.W. LOVEJOY ED
H.R. MAGOR
W.G. MOODY MC, MBE, ED
E.E. RODGERS
D.A. ROSS ED
P.P. SMITH MBE, ED

MAJOR

C.E. ALEXANDER	J.F. HUGHES	G.A. PRIVITERA
P.J. BALKIN	L.J. KOCH, ED	W.J. POWELL
R.K. CATTLE	A.G. LEDERLE, RFD	L.J. SHANAHAN, RFD
J.W.L. DONOVAN	R.Z. MARSZALEK	P.S. WHITMEE
R.G. HALL, RFD	J.P. McGAHAN, RFD	
J.L. HANNAN	G.W. OLIVER, RFD, ED	
G.J. HARMON	T.G. PEEL, ED	

CAPTAIN

M.F. ARCHER	A.M.G. GRANT RFD	S.A. ROGERS
R.F. BACKMAN	M.C. HARDING	E.N. SCHILLING, RFD, ED
R.T. BROWN ED	W.L. HARDY	R.G. SHEARER
W.Q.C. CARSON- BEALES, RFD	R.J. HIVES	C.S. SHIRLEY
P. COLE	Q D.J. JENKINS	G.V. STENSEN
N.E. EDWARDS	S. LAWRENCE	A.F. SYMONS
A.W. FARLEY	G.C. ONLEY	M.A. TOWNSEND
C.C. FLOYD	G. PHILLIPS	R.S. TAYLOR
B.J. GENRICH	M.J. PRICE	C.V. WHITE



LIEUTENANT

A.G. BAARTZ	M. HEATHER	J.M. RANCE
K. BAJANOFF	A.K. HIRCHFIELD	M.G. READING
J. BARBER	A.G. HOLMES	G. SMITH
I.M. BRUHWELLER	G.J. HOVEY	G.K. SMITH
A.W. BURROWS	L.H. JOWETT	D.L. SMITH
J.H. CARSLY	N. KIMBER	A.M. STAVROW
A.W. CARTER	K.S. LAMBERTON	R. STENSEN
W.A. CHEESEMAM	B.F. LARSEN	G.R. SUTHERLAND
G.A. COX	L.B. LAW	F. THOMPSON
P.D. COXEN	K.F. LONG	C.A. TUCKER
G.G. DAVIES	I. McCULLOUGH	K. WALKER
K. DEEM	D.D. McTAGGART	J.E. WHITE
K.H. DOVE	P. MEEHAN	I.R. WHITEHEAD
R.D. FORBES	S.J. MITCHELL	P. WINTOUR
S.T. GREEN	K. PARIS	
M.J. GILLAM	M.R. PARK	

WARRANT OFFICER CLASS ONE

J. McKELLAR	G.J. SHEEHAN, OAM	E.G. WALL
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WARRANT OFFICER CLASS TWO

W. ABOUD	K.R. HUTCHISON	F.J. ROGERS
G. BRANNIGAN	L.F. JURASZKO	E.M. ROWE
J.F. BISHOP	J.M. LITTLE	A.L.J. RUDZINSKI
M. CARMODY	R. McDONALD	G.W.P. RUSSELL
D. COBANOV	C.J. MCGREGOR	J.J. SHERINGTON, OAM
G.R. COCHRANE	T. McREADIE	J. SHORROCK
L. DICKSON	B.J. MEWBURN	D. SOMMERSFORD
J. DIDSMAN	G.L. MULLAVEY	J.G. VANDENBERG
H.W. EVANS	C.C.C. O'BRIEN	G. WATERS
N. FAWCETT-SMITH	K.J. O'LEARY	A.V. WATSON
W. FRUITENICK	E.J.W. OLIVER	D.G. WEBB
D. GROUNDWATER	D. O'REILLY	H.M. WICKERSON
R. HARMON	J.H. PORTER	R.J. WING
N. HENDERSON	N.G. READING	

ANNEX F

ARA ADJUTANTS, ADMIN OFFICERS, 2ICs AND WARRANT OFFICERS OF ORDNANCE TRAINING DEPOTS

ADJUTANTS

TENURE

INCUMBENT

11 MAY 48 - 3 DEC 51	CAPT P.T. HUMBLE
4 DEC 51 - 10 JUL 55	CAPT R.J. LOURIGAN
11 JUL 55 - 5 JUL 57	MAJ V.J. LE FEUVRE
6 JUL 57 - 21 JAN 63	MAJ F.J.A. PICKBURN
22 JAN 63 - 10 OCT 66	MAJ D.A. CRAWFORD
11 OCT 66 - 21 JUL 68	CAPT L.J. KOCH . ED. *
22 JUL 68 - 17 FEB 69	CAPT N. CLARKE
18 FEB 69 - 15 JAN 71	CAPT D.H. WILLIAMS
16 JAN 71 - 3 JUL 72	CAPT W.T. EDWARDS
4 JUL 72 - 14 MAY 73	CAPT W.T. WIBER
15 MAY 73 - 8 MAR 74	CAPT N.T. CONGRAM
9 MAR 74 - 6 JAN 75	CAPT R.E. ANDERSON
7 JAN 75 - JUN 76	CAPT B.K. TODD
7 MAR 85 - 1987	WO1 G. UNDERWOOD
1987 - APR 1989	WO1 G.R. HENLEY

* Full Time CMF

Note - From June 1976 until March 1985, the position of Adjutant was an ARES appointment, filled by the following Officers -

JUN 1976 - 17 JUN 80	CAPT N.E. EDWARDS
18 JUN 80 - 6 MAR 85	CAPT G.W. OLIVER, RFD, ED

ADMINISTRATION OFFICER

1979 - 1980	CAPT W. SUTHERLAND
1980 - 1982	LT J. CHILDS
1982 - 1983	LT K. MARTIN
1983 - 1985	WO1 G. MALHERBE
1985 - 1986	CAPT T. HEYDON



2IC ORD TRG DEPOTS

1989 - 1990	CAPT G.R. HENLEY
1990 - 1992	CAPT C. MINTO
1992 - 1995	CAPT A. WHITING
1995 - 1996	CAPT J. SOWERBY
1996 - 1997	CAPT J. KOPEIVSKI

WARRANT OFFICERS CLASS ONE

G.R. HENLEY	G. UNDERWOOD
G. MALHERBE	W. SUTHERLAND

WARRANT OFFICERS CLASS TWO

D.A. ALLEN	B. GRACEY	W.T. ROBERTSON
T. AYTON	R.C. HONEYMAN	E.G. SELLENS
M.P. CUNNANE	D. KELLEHER	M.L. SHEEHAN
D.A. DAWSON	K. McGUIRE	P.D. SMITH
E.A. FARRELLY	D. McPHERSON	J. STAYSHYN
K.D. FERRIS	G.L. MULLAVEY	S.W. VARLEY
K.D. FITZPATRICK	K.A.C. RICHARDS	D.McP. WESTON
D.J. GARLIN	S. RICHIE	H.M. WICKERSON
N.J. GARRIGAN	R.J. ROBBINS	H. WINTERS
		M. YOUNG

ANNEX G

RECIPIENTS OF HONOURS, AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

ORDER OF AUSTRALIA MEDAL

WO1 G.J. SHEEHAN	26 JAN 85
WO2 J.J. SHERINGTON	14 JAN 87

QUEENS SILVER JUBILEE MEDAL

LTCOL D.W. LOVEJOY	21 SEP 77
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EFFICIENCY DECORATION

BRIG H.P.J. SWAN
COL L.G. KERR
COL I.D. PETTIT + 1 Clasp
LTCOL P.P. SMITH, MBE
LTCOL W.G. MOODY, MC, MBE
LTCOL D.A. ROSS + 1 Clasp
LTCOL D.W. LOVEJOY + 1 Clasp
MAJ T.G. PEEL
MAJ G.W. OLIVER
MAJ L.J. KOCH + 1 Clasp
CAPT E.N. SCHILLING

EFFICIENCY MEDAL

WO2 G. BRANNIGAN + 1 Clasp
WO2 C.C.C. O'BRIEN
WO1 G.J. SHEEHAN + 1 Clasp
WO2 J.J. SHERINGTON
WO2 E.G. WALL + 1 Clasp

NATIONAL MEDAL

MAJ A.G. LEDERLE	CAPT N.E. EDWARDS
MAJ L.J. SHANAHAN	WO1 G.J. SHEEHAN + 1 Clasp
MAJ J.P. McGAHAN	WO2 J.J. SHERINGTON
	SSGT R. GRAYSON

RESERVE FORCE DECORATION

MAJ R.G. HALL
MAJ A.G. LEDERLE + 1 Clasp
MAJ J.P. McGAHAN + 1 Clasp
MAJ G.W. OLIVER + 1 Clasp

RESERVE FORCE MEDAL

MAJ R.K. CATTLE
CAPT S. LAWRENCE
CAPT M.A. TOWNSEND
WO1 G.J. SHEEHAN + 3 Clasps



MAJ L.J. SHANAHAN

CAPT W.Q.C. CARSON-BEALES + 1 Clasp

CAPT A.M.G. GRANT

CAPT E.N. SCHILLING + 1 Clasp

WO1 E.G. WALL + 3 Clasps

WO2 G. BRANNIGAN + 2 Clasps

WO2 G.R. COCHRANE

WO2 J.J. SHERINGTON + 3 Clasps

WO2 D.G. WEBB + 2 Clasps

SSGT H.W. EVANS

SSGT R.C. GREEN

SSGT R. GRAYSON

SGT D.T. HANLEN

SGT R. PRINGLE

SGT D.W. SMITH + 1 Clasp

SGT L.G. TOWNSEND

SGT R. WALKER +1 Clasp

SGT M.D. WALL+1 Clasp

CPL L. HAMILTON

CPL G. SMITH

**DEFENCE FORCE SERVICE MEDAL
(WHILST SERVING WITH CMF/ARES)**

CAPT B.J. GENRICH

CAPT M.C. HARDING

WO2 J. SHORROCK

SSGT A.J. CROOK

ANNEX H

RECORDS OF SERVICE

COs/OCs AND OTHER OFFICERS/WARRANT OFFICERS/SNCOs WITH SIGNIFICANT SERVICE

18388 Clarke Edward ALEXANDER

DOB: NA

Education: NA

Occupation: Regular Army

Honours/Awards: NA



RECORD OF SERVICE

DATE	OCCURRENCE
10 JAN 62	Enlisted Army Apprentices School
11 OCT 63	RAAOC Centre
06 DEC 63	Transferred 3 BOD Det
05 MAY 64	Transferred 1 Div Ord COY
02 JUL 65	Prom CPL 2 Maint Pl
10 APR 66	Promoted SGT 1 Comp Ord Pl
03 MAY 67	Transferred 2 Comp Ord COY
30 APR 68	Promoted SSGT 1 Adv Ord Dep
20 MAY 70	Promoted WO2 AHQ Melbourne
31 JAN 74	Transferred 6 OFP
05 JAN 77	Promoted WO1 DG Sup (Sup 4)
19 DEC 77	Transferred 3 Ord Svc Unit
14 JUN 78	Posted HQ 3 Sup Gp
12 MAR 79	Transferred 11 Sup Bn
01 APR 80	Transferred 2AOD
30 MAR 81	Promoted CAPT 2 Fd Sup Bn
18 SEP 83	Transferred HQ PNGDF
17 FEB 86	Transferred 2 Fd Sup Bn
18 JAN 88	Promoted MAJ 11 Sup Bn
30 JAN 89	Posted SO2 Sup Ops HQ 1MD
18 MAR 90	Retired ARA
12 FEB 91	Appointed OC 101 Fd Sup COY
04 NOV 91	Transferred OC 7 Fd Sup COY
11 DEC 93	Retired



F178365 Maria Frances ARCHER

DOB: 05 JUN 64
Education: Guardian Angels Primary School,
Wynnum Brisbane
Lourdes Hill College, Hawthorne Brisbane

Occupation: IT Business Analyst

Honours/Awards: NA



RECORD OF SERVICE

DATE	OCCURRENCE
09 MAR 75	Enlisted 1 WRAAC COY
10 AUG 75	Promoted CPL
29 AUG 75	Transferred student OCTU 1 Trg Gp
24 JUL 76	Promoted 2LT
24 JUL 76	Posted 2LT 1 Ord Svc Unit
05 AUG 78	Promoted LT
05 AUG 78	Appointed Sup O (FST/POL) 1 Ord Svc Unit
12 JUL 83	Transferred student RCSC 1 Trg Gp
01 JUL 84	Transferred Sup O (FST/POL) 1 Ord Svc Unit
23 JUL 84	Appointed Trg Offr 1 Ord Svc Unit
28 DEC 84	Promoted CAPT
01 DEC 87	Transferred 101 Fd Sup COY (Div Tps)
02 FEB 88	Appointed Sup O (WHS) 101 Fd Sup COY (Div Tps)
30 JUN 89	Transferred 101 Fd Sup COY
04 JUL 91	Retired

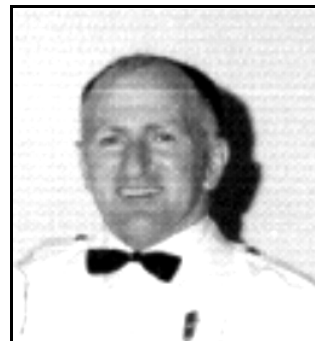
171756 George BRANNIGAN

DOB: NA

Education: NA

Occupation: Motor Engineer

Honours/Awards: Reserve Force Medal and two clasps
Efficiency Medal and Clasp





RECORD OF SERVICE

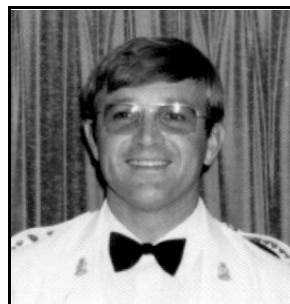
DATE	OCCURRENCE
07 JAN 53	Enlisted 11 National Service Trg Bn
15 APR 53	Completed NST .
04 MAY 53	Transferred 3 Stores Section
12 MAR 54	Transferred 104 INF Wksp Stores Sec
09 FEB 56	Promoted CPL
NA	Transferred 7 INF BDE OFP
08 OCT 57	Transferred 2 ORD FD PARK
NA	Promoted SGT
30 JUN 60	Transferred 2 COY RAASC Stores CELL
NA	Promoted S/SGT
01 AUG 63	Transferred 1BVD
NA	Promoted WO2
25 AUG 75	Transferred 1ORD SVC UNIT
01 DEC 87	Transferred 101 Fd Sup COY (DIV TPS)
30 JUN 89	Retired

146009 **Russell Thomas BROWN, ED**

DOB: **08 FEB 46**

Education: **Nundah State School, Brisbane**
Brisbane State High School

Occupation: **Company director, Custom Computer**
Services



Honours/Awards: **Efficiency Decoration**

RECORD OF SERVICE

DATE	OCCURRENCE
04 MAR 63	Enlisted 1 BVD
1964	Promoted CPL
28 MAY 64	Transferred to 4 COY RAASC (as PTE as no CPL positions)
19 NOV 65	Transferred 1 BVD as CPL
1966	Promoted SGT
27 MAY 66	Posted 7 OFP
08 FEB 67	Transferred 25 RQR



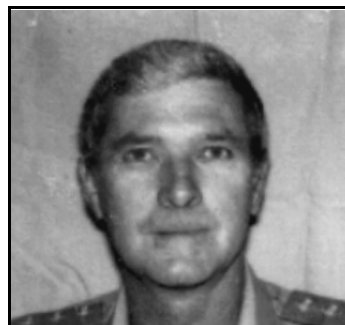
1968	Promoted WO2
20 JUN 68	Transferred 1 BVD
18 MAR 70	Promoted 2LT
1972	Promoted LT
NA	Posted 7 OFP
NA	Promoted TCAPT
NA	Posted 1 Ord Svc Unit
30 MAR 77	Appointed OC 1 Ord Pl
NA	Transferred 1 ARRLS
NA	Transferred Admin COY 9 RQR
1984	Transferred to Inactive List

137236 William Quentin Christopher
CARSON-BEALES, RFD

DOB: 4 APR 51

Education:

Mt Cotton Primary State School,
Brisbane
Church of England Grammar
School, East Brisbane



Occupation: Building Contractor/Farmer

Honours/Awards: Reserve Force Decoration and Clasp

RECORD OF SERVICE

DATE	OCCURRENCE
17 MAR 70	Enlisted 1 Sup Depot (RAASC)
19 JUL 72	Promoted TCPL
28 APR 73	Transferred 1 BVD (RAAOC)
28 OCT 74	Promoted CPL
31 AUG 75	Transferred 1 Ord Svc Unit
14 JAN 76	Transferred OCTU 1 Trg Gp as student
24 JUL 77	Appointed 2 LT RAAOC
21 DEC 77	Appointed Sup O (WHS) (LT) 1 Ord Svc Unit
01 JAN 79	Posted 1 Ord Svc Unit Supernumerary
01 SEP 79	Posted Sup O (CAPT) 1 Ord Svc Unit
01 JUL 82	Posted student RCSC (Intermediate Cse) 1 Trg Gp
02 SEP 83	Posted Sup O (WHS) (CAPT) Veh Gp 1 Ord Svc Unit
07 JAN 84	Posted part time student RCSC (Intermediate Cse) 1 Trg Gp



01 JUL 84	Appointed and posted 2IC (CAPT) Admin COY 9 RQR
31 AUG 86	Posted OC (CAPT) HQ 1 Ord Pl
01 DEC 87	Transferred 101 Fd Sup COY (Div Tps)
02 FEB 88	Posted 2IC CAPT HQ 101 Fd Sup COY (Div Tps)
30 JUN 89	Transferred 101 Fd Sup COY
10 JUL 89	Posted Sup O (Con) CAPT LSF Sup Bn Con Elm
15 JUN 91	Part time student RCSC Intermediate Cse 1 Trg Gp
14 AUG 91	Transferred SO3 (Trg), Ops Bch HQ !MD
31 JUL 93	Transferred Admin Offr (Spt Wing) 1 Trg Gp
08 OCT 96	Appointed Instr (NCO Trg Wing) 1 Trg Gp
01 JAN 98	Transferred SO3 (J Log) J Log HQ 1 Div
01 JAN 00	Appointed LO, CSS OPS, 7 CSSB

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Rhondda Kay CATTLE

DOB:

4 APR 49

Education:

**Virginia State School, Brisbane
St Margaret's Church of England Girls
School, Brisbane
QUT, (B/Bus, 2001)**

Occupation:

Public Servant

Honours/Awards:

Reserve Force Medal



RECORD OF SERVICE

DATE	OCCURRENCE
24 JAN 71	Enlisted 1 WRAAC COY N Comd
01 DEC 71	Detached to 49 RQR
04 JUL 73	Promoted LCPL
17 JUL 73	Promoted TCPL
11 OCT 73	Promoted CPL
05 DEC 73	Promoted TSGT
18 JUL 74	Promoted SGT
31 MAY 76	Posted OCTU 1 Trg Gp
09 JUL 76	Transferred OR Trg Wing 1 Trg Gp
02 JUN 78	Promoted WO2 - Clk Admin
01 MAY 85	Promoted CAPT
01 MAY 85	Posted 1 Ord Svc Unit
01 DEC 87	Transferred 101 Fd Sup COY (Div Tps)
04 APR 89	Posted Admin Offr/QM 101 Fd Sup COY (Div Tps)
30 JUN 89	Transferred 101 Fd Sup COY



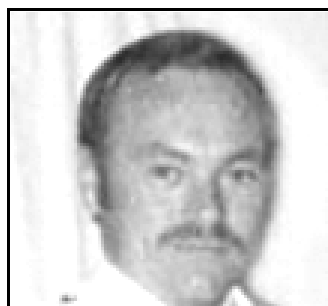
28 OCT 91	Posted SO3 (Offr Records) HQ 1MD
01 JAN 95	Posted 1 Pay Unit
04 NOV 95	Posted LO, NPMA Audit Sect, QR Det (Bne) AFSU
01 JAN 96	Posted student (Intermediate Cse) C & SW 1 Trg Gp
01 JAN 97	Promoted MAJ
01 JAN 97	Posted LO, NPMA/Audit Sect AFSU-Bne
01 JAN 99	Posted Det Comd, AFSU QR Det (Bne)

291610 **Garry Raymond COCHRANE**

DOB: **17 JUL 54**

Education: **Swan Hill State School, Victoria**
 Swan Hill Technical School, Victoria

Occupation: **Civilian Employee, Dept of Defence**



Honours/Awards: **Reserve Force Medal**

RECORD OF SERVICE

DATE	OCCURRENCE
10 AUG 76	Enlisted 2/3 Fd Regt, 10 Bty RAA
01 APR 77	Corps transfer to RAAOC and posted 2 Ord Pl
01NOV 78	Transferred 1 Ord Svc Unit
01 MAY 79	Promoted LCPL
01 FEB 80	Promoted CPL
01 OCT 83	Promoted TSGT
01 MAR 85	Transferred 1 Ord Pl
01 SEP 86	Promoted SGT
01 DEC 87	Transferred 77 Cbt Sup Pl
04 NOV 91	Posted 7 Fd Sup COY
29 JAN 92	Posted 104 Fd Wksp
16 JUL 94	Promoted WO2
01 JAN 01	Discharged



40827 John Burton DUNCAN, OBE
NX12475
2/37573

DOB: 6 JAN 11

Education: Indooroopilly State School, Brisbane
Brisbane State High School

Occupation: Director, White Mercantile

Honours/Awards:
Order of the British Empire



RECORD OF SERVICE

DATE	OCCURRENCE
06 JAN 27	Enlisted Ammunition Company AAOC (Militia)
1929	Promoted SSGT
14 FEB 35	Promoted LT AAOC 1 N Comd
14 FEB 35	Appointed OC 1 Ammo COY
01 JUL 37	Relinquished appointment
16 APR 40	LT R of O AAOC AIF
25 MAY 40	LT AAOC AIF
07 JUL 41	Promoted CAPT AAOC
25 JUN 42	OO DOS LHQ
10 DEC 43	Promoted MAJ AAOC
09 MAR 45	DADOS HQ QLD L of C Area
21 MAR 46	Relinquished appointment
01 JUL 47 – 14 AUG 52	Posted Interim Army
01 JUL 47	Promoted MAJ RAAOC
20 DEC 47 – 22 FEB 50	Training in UK
23 FEB 50	Promoted TLTCOL
23 FEB 50	Posted CO 4 CAD
13 FEB 51	Promoted LTCOL RAAOC
24 MAR 52	ADOS MGO Branch AHQ
05 JAN 64	Retired, granted rank of COL



137156 Harold (Harry) William EVANS

DOB: 5 FEB 43

Education: New Farm State School, Brisbane

Occupation: Relief Manager, Tourist and
Hospitality Industry

Honours/Awards: Reserve Force Medal
Efficiency Medal



RECORD OF SERVICE

DATE	OCCURRENCE
14 MAY 62	Enlisted 1 CSD RAASC
30 SEP 65	Transferred 1 Sup Dep RAASC
1967	Promoted CPL
1969	Promoted SGT
1970	Promoted SSGT
1972	Promoted WO2
APR 73	Transferred 35 Fd Sqn RAE
23 NOV 73	Transferred 1 BVD RAAOC
SEP 74	Discharged CMF
AUG 82	Reenlisted 1 Ord Svc Unit as PTE
OCT 82	Promoted CPL
APR 83	Promoted SGT
APR 84	Transferred 1 Ord Pl
SEP 87	Promoted SSGT
1988	Transferred 101 Fd Sup COY (Div Tps)
30 JUN 89	Transferred 101 Fd Sup COY
APR 90	Transferred Inactive List

120268 Adrian Macdonald Gowrie GRANT, RFD

DOB: 4 MAR 49

Education: Ashgrove State School, Brisbane
The Gap State High School, Brisbane
Kelvin Grove Teachers College – Cert
Teaching
University of Queensland – B. Ed
Studies, 1976





Occupation: Teacher

Honours/Awards:

Reserve Force Decoration

RECORD OF SERVICE

DATE	OCCURRENCE
JUN 68	Enlisted 4 Sig Regt
01 JAN 69	Posted OCTU 1 Trg Gp Wacol as OCDT
01 NOV 70	Appointed 2LT
01 NOV 70	Posted 1 BVD
01 SEP 79	Appointed Pl Comd 1 EME Repair Parts Pl
1987	Promoted TCAPT
1987	Appointed 2IC Admin COY 9 RQR
05 APR 88	Promoted CAPT
1989	Posted 101 Fd Sup COY (Div Tps)
30 JUN 89	Posted 101 Fd Sup COY
1991	Posted HQ 1 Div Sup
1992	Posted to Reserve of Officers List

178558 Ross Gregory HALL, RFD

DOB: 11 FEB 59

Education:

Wavell Heights State School, Brisbane
Wavell Heights State Secondary School,
Brisbane
B.Bus (Accounting), QIT 1984
Grad Dip Bus Admin, QIT 1988



Occupation: Computer Systems Officer

Honours/Awards:

Reserve Force Decoration

RECORD OF SERVICE

DATE	OCCURRENCE
07 JAN 77	Enlisted, OCDT 1 Trg Gp, Wacol Qld
23 JUL 78	Appointed 2LT
23 JUL 78	Posted 2LT 1 Ord Svc Unit



18 JUL 80	Transferred OC Rep Parts Pl 1 EME Svc Unit
11 OCT 84	Promoted CAPT 1 Ord Pl
27 MAY86	Posted 2IC HQ COY QUR
02 FEB 88	Posted Sup O 101 Fd Sup COY (Div Tps)
30 JUN 89	Transferred Sup O 101 Fd Sup COY
20 JUN 90	Appointed OC 77 Cbt Sup PL
15 JUN 91	Transferred HQ RCSC HQ Trg Comd
01 JAN 92	Transferred 2IC Admin COY HQ 9RQR
01 JAN 94	Transferred SO3 (Sup) HQ 7 BDE
01 JAN 97	Promoted MAJ
01 JAN 97	Appointed OC 7 BASB Fd Sup COY
01 JUL 98	Appointed OC Admin Sqn 7 CSU
01 JAN 99	Transferred Student 1 Trg Gp IOC
01 JAN 00	Appointed Instr RTC – SQ
01 JAN 01	Appointed 2IC Learning Resource Wing 1 RTC – SQ

2789532 **David Thomas HANLEN**

DOB: **19 SEP 47**

Education: **Naraweena State School, Sydney**
Manly Boys High, Sydney

Occupation: **Contract Liaison Officer, Telstra**

Honours/Awards:
Australian Active Service Medal
Vietnam Medal
Vietnamese Campaign Medal
Reserve Force Medal



RECORD OF SERVICE

DATE	OCCURRENCE
01 MAY 68	Enlisted, National Service Training
10 MAR 69 to 11 MAR 70	Deployed to South Vietnam for duty with 1Fd Regt RAA
30 APR 70	Discharged from National Service
20 JUL 82	Enlisted ARES with 1 Ord Svc Unit
16 AUG 83	Promoted LCPL
28 FEB 84	Promoted CPL
29 NOV 85	Promoted SGT
1 DEC 87	Transferred 101 Fd Sup COY (Div Tps)



30 JUN 89	Transferred 101 Fd Sup COY
4 NOV 91	Transferred 7 Fd Sup COY
20 FEB 93	Posted Recruit Trg Wing, 1 Trg Gp Wacol Qld
08 APR 95	Posted 7 BASB Fd Sup COY
01 JUL 97	Transferred 7 CSSB
01 MAR 99	Discharged from ARES

2191487 John Leonard HANNAN

DOB: 19 NOV 59

Education:

Occupation: Public Servant – Queensland Police Service

Honours/Awards: NA

RECORD OF SERVICE

DATE	OCCURRENCE
SEP 77	Enlisted Uni of NSW Regt
JUL 79	Rec 1RTB
DEC 79	Clk Admin 21 Sup Bn
SEP 80	Promoted LCPL
JAN 81	Posted Clk Admin 212 Sup COY
JUN 81	Promoted CPL 26 Tpt Sqn
JUL 83	Posted OCDT OCS Portsea
JUN 84	Promoted 2LT 2 Fd Sup Bn
JUN 85	Promoted LT 2 Fd Sup Bn
OCT 85	Posted OC 29 Cbt Sup Pl
DEC 86	Posted LO HQ 2 MD
DEC 87	Promoted TCAPT 21 Sup Bn
JAN 89	Promoted CAPT 21 Sup Bn
JUN 89	2IC 5 Fd Sup COY
JUN 90	Resigned permanent Commission
JUL 90	Enlisted ARES as SO3 HQ 1 Div Sup
JAN 91	Posted 2IC Admin COY 49 RQR
FEB 94	Promoted MAJ 1 Trg Gp
1 DEC 94	Appointed OC 7 BASB Fd Sup COY
DEC 96	Resigned commission



145809 Joseph Forbes HUGHES
QX17866

DOB: 10 OCT 1907

Education: NA

Occupation: Dept of Army - retired 1972

Honours/Awards: NA

RECORD OF SERVICE

DATE	OCCURRENCE
JUL 40	PTE Ord Stores COY (Militia)
AUG 40	SGT Ord Stores COY
NOV 40	SGT Ord Trg Depot
1941	WO1 AIF
11 DEC 41	LT 2/3 Ord Stores COY
15 FEB 42	POW, Singapore
16 MAY 42	PSL(PW)
04 JAN 46	Discharged LT RAAOC N Comd R of O
01 MAY 48	Reenlisted CMF, LT RAAOC N Comd
08 NOV 50	CAPT RAAOC N Comd
01 MAR 56	Posted OC 7 INF BDE OFP
08 OCT 57	Posted OC 2 OFP
01 JUL 59	Retired with entitlement to wear rank of MAJ

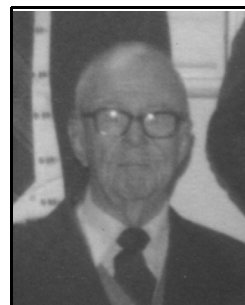
120799, 411404 Leslie George KERR, ED
185167, QX42596 145808

DOB: 29 JAN 12

Education: Eagle Junction State School, Brisbane
Brisbane Grammar School

Occupation: Regional Director, Dept of Manufacturing
Industry (retired 1977)

Honours/Awards: Efficiency Decoration



**RECORD OF SERVICE**

DATE	OCCURRENCE
JUN 28	Enlisted in compulsory Cadets at Albion (aged 16 years)
02 DEC 29	Transferred RAA105 Howitzer Bty Kelvin Grove Qld
	Transferred Machine Gun COY 9 Bn, Albion Qld
15 MAR 34	Transferred 9/15 Bn
01 JUN 34	Transferred to 9/49 Bn
26 OCT 38	AAOC N Comd
07 SEP 39	Promoted LT N Comd
04 MAR 40	Promoted TCAPT Ord Dep COY N Comd
18 AUG 40	DADOS Ord HQ Svc N Comd
29 JUN 41	Promoted TMAJ Stores
05 JAN 42	DADOS N Comd Base HQ
10 JUN 42	Promoted TLTCOL ADOS Qld L of C Area
01 SEP 42	Promoted CAPT (retaining rank of LTCOL)
01 SEP 42	Promoted MAJ
01 SEP 42	Promoted LTCOL
03 JUN 43	Appointed DDOS
11 JAN 44	Appointed ADOS Director of Ord Svc Main Div MGO Branch
08 JAN 44	COO HQ 16 Aust AOD
14 JAN 46	Posted ADOS (installation HQ)
08 MAR 46	DCOO 5 BOD
21 JUN 47	COO 9 BOD
16 DEC 47	RL (AMF)
01 JUN 48	Reenlisted and appointed OO 1 AOD (Det)
01 JUL 48	Appointed OC 1 AOD (Det)
15 JAN 51	Appointed OC 16 BOD Tech Stores COY
08 DEC 52	Appointed CRAAOC N Comd Tps
01 JUL 59	Relinquished appointment of CRAAOC N Comd Tps
02 JUL 59	Seconded & placed N Comd Officer Staff Group
24 DEC 65	Appointed ADST (CMF) HQ N Comd
30 JAN 67	Placed on RL N Comd with rank of COL
01 AUG 73	Appointed HON COL RACT N Comd
1977	Relinquished title of HON COL RACT



141915 Lloyd John KOCH, ED

DOB: 18 JAN 29

Education: NA

Occupation: NA

Honours/Awards:
 Efficiency Decoration and Clasp



RECORD OF SERVICE

DATE	OCCURRENCE
07 AUG 52	Enlisted
19 MAR 58	LT RAAOC (N Comd) 1 Ord Veh Depot
01 JUL 60	Transferred 1 BVD
31 JUL 60	Posted OC 104 INF Wksp Stores Sect
24 SEP 62	Promoted CAPT RAAOC
10 JUN 64	OO 1BVD
01 JUL 65	GSO 3 HQ 1 Cadet BDE (FTD)
29 MAY 66	Posted HQ N Comd (FTD)
20 OCT 66	Adj/ QM 1 BVD RAAOC Trg Depot (FTD)
21 JUL 68	OO 1 BVD
01 NOV 69	Seconded to CSTU (SQ Area) OTU N Comd
15 JUL 70	Posted 1 BVD
15 OCT 70	Promoted TMAJ
21 DEC 71	Promoted MAJ
21 DEC 71	Appointed OC A Park 1 BVD
01 NOV 72	Seconded to CSTU (Trg List) SQ Area Trg Gp N Comd
06 AUG 73	OO 1BVD

Deceased 17 FEB 76



NA **John William LAWSON, OBE**

DOB: **30 SEP 14**

Education: **NA**

Occupation: **Army Officer**

Honours/Awards:
 Order of the British Empire



RECORD OF SERVICE

DATE	OCCURRENCE
01 MAY 35	Enlisted 1 Ord Ammo COY AAOC
01 MAR 39	Promoted LT AAOC N Comd
23 NOV 39	Promoted TCAPT
22 JAN 40	R of O taken out of Militia by Dept of Defence
06 NOV 40	LT AAOC (Stores)
06 NOV 40	Appointed Commander AAOC Depot Trg N Comd
15 NOV 40	Promoted TCAPT
10 MAR 41	Relinquished command Depot Trg
28 APR 41	Transferred AAOC (Admin Bch)
08 DEC 41	Posted DADOS HQ 8 MD
02 MAR 42	Promoted TMAJ
01 SEP 42	Promoted MAJ AAOC (Militia)
01 SEP 42	ADOS HQ New Guinea Force
25 SEP 42	Transferred to AIF
25 SEP 42	Promoted MAJ AIF
01 JAN 43	Promoted LTCOL
26 APR 43	COO 12 Aust AOD
13 OCT 43	CI LHQ AAOC School
08 AUG 44	ADOS (Gen Stores & Clothing) DOS Maint Div MGO Branch
12 OCT 45	ADOS HQ AMF
18 APR 46	DDOS AHQ
10 MAY 46	Promoted TCOL
01 JUL 48	Attached to DOS AHQ
13 AUG 49	Attached to UK for training
22 OCT 51	DOR MGO Branch (Army representative on Contracts Board)
07 JUN 54	Promoted COL
23 AUG 55	Posted DDOS AHQ
16 NOV 55	Promoted BRIG
16 NOV 55	DOS AHQ (performed duties of MGO and DAMGO AHQ)
23 MAR 70	Posted AHQ Army Recruit Committee
01 AUG 70	Appointed HON COL RAAOC



05 FEB 71	ACMF N Comd GS Army Reorganisation Planning Staff
29 SEP 73	Retired and granted title of BRIG

173821 Anthony Graham LEDERLE, RFD

DOB: 30 OCT 43

Education: Wynnum Convent School, Brisbane
 St Laurence's College, Brisbane
 Wynnum and Cavendish Road High
 Schools, Brisbane
 University of Queensland – B Com



Occupation: Queensland State Public Servant
 Certified Practicing Accountant

Honours/Awards: Reserve Force Decoration and Clasp
 National Medal

RECORD OF SERVICE

DATE	OCCURRENCE
01 FEB 61	Enlisted 2/14 LH (QMI)
23 MAR 62	Transferred QUR
16 SEP 63	Promoted CPL
06 SEP 64	Promoted SGT
12 FEB 67	Promoted LT
01 APR 67	Posted OO 1 BVD
01 JUL 67	Posted OO 7 OFP
01 JUL 68	Posted OC 104 Fd Wksp Stores Sect
31 OCT 69	Posted OO 1 BVD
23 DEC 71	Promoted CAPT
20 NOV 72	Posted CSTU Trg List (student)
22 SEP 73	OC A PARK 1 BVD
13 MAY 75	Promoted TMAJ
01 JUL 75	Transferred HQ 7TF SO2 Pers/Log
22 DEC 76	Transferred SO2 Pers/Rec 1 Sup Gp ARES
28 MAR 77	Promoted MAJ
28 MAR 77	Transferred to 1 FF Gp
09 DEC 79	Appointed OC 1 Ord Svc Unit
05 MAR 85	Transferred to SO2 CD Sup
1987	Retired



141917 Desmond William LOVEJOY, ED

DOB: 21 JUL 34

Education: Shorncliffe State School, Brisbane
Brisbane State High School
Associate in Accountancy, University of Queensland.

Occupation: Senior Audit Inspector, Queensland Auditor-General's Office.



Honours/Awards:
Efficiency Decoration and Clasp
Queens Silver Jubilee Medal

RECORD OF SERVICE

DATE	OCCURRENCE
07 JAN 53	Enlisted 11 National Service Trg Bn
21 JUN 54	Promoted TCPL
09 FEB 56	Promoted CPL
10 FEB 56	Promoted TSGT
09 JUN 57	Promoted SSGT
04 NOV 57	Promoted LT RAAOC N Comd
01 JAN 60	OC 104 INF Wksp Stores Sect
31 JUL 61	Promoted CAPT RAAOC N Comd
15 APR 65	Promoted MAJ RAAOC N Comd
1968	Appointed OC A Park 1 BVD
01 NOV 68	Posted OTG N Comd
01 NOV 69	Posted Instr HQ CSTU SQ Area Trg Gp N Comd
01 MAY 71	MAJ RAAOC DAA (QMG) CMF HQ 7TF
04 JAN 72	Promoted and appointed LTCOL SI (Subj D.E.G.) WING CSTU
31 JAN 73	CO & COO 1 BVD
01 SEP 75	Relinquished command and posted 1 Trg Gp
26 MAR 76	Detached to 1 Sup Gp
29 OCT 76	Posted HQ 1 Sup Gp
01 JAN 77	Posted SO1 HQ 1 Sup Gp (ARES)
04 MAR 79	Retired



145872 Herbert Ross MAGOR
SX21103

DOB: 10 JAN 19

Education: NA

Occupation: Company Director, Mobil Oil

Honours/Awards: NA

RECORD OF SERVICE

DATE	OCCURRENCE
27 APR 42	Enlisted and appointed LT AAOC
08 JUL 42	Transferred AIF
30 JUN 43	OO HQ NQ Force
13 AUG 43	OO PERS HQ 1 Aust Corps & NQ Force
27 AUG 43	OO PERS HQ & NQ Force
01 FEB 44	Promoted CAPT
13 APR 44	OO HQ NSW L of C Area
10 SEP 45	OO Ord Maint Area Div MGO Branch LHQ
25 OCT 45	DADOS Ord Maint Div MGO Branch HQ AMF
16 JAN 46	Promoted MAJ
05 APR 46	Transferred R of O N Comd
01 JUL 59	Promoted TLTCOL and appointed CRAAOC
31 AUG 60	Relinquished posting of CRAAOC
31 AUG 60	Appointed CO & COO 1BVD
15 NOV 60	Posted to Command & Staff Gp N Comd
01 JUL 62	Retired and granted title of CAPT

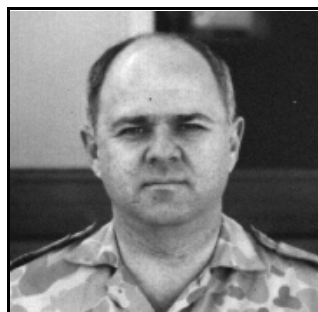
173043 Richard Zbigniew MARSZALEK

DOB: 24 OCT 49

Education: Graceville Convent School, Brisbane
Marist Brothers College Rosalie,
Brisbane.
Diploma in Commerce, Kangaroo
Point TAFE.

Occupation: Bank Officer

Honours/Awards: NA





RECORD OF SERVICE

DATE	OCCURRENCE
08 NOV 80	Enlisted, OCTU 1 Trg Gp Wacol Qld
29 AUG 82	Promoted 2LT
29 AUG 82	Posted Stores Pl 1 Ord Svc Unit
04 MAY 84	Promoted LT
01 JUL 84	Posted student RCSC 1 Trg Gp
01 JUL 85	Posted Sup O Whs 1 Ord Svc Unit
21 JUL – 17 AUG 86	Appointed 2IC 1 Aust RP, Ex DD 86
24 JUL 87	Promoted TCAPT
01 AUG 87	Appointed 2IC 101 Fd Sup COY (Div Tps), Ex DD 87
01 DEC 87	Posted OC 77 Cbt Sup Pl
04 MAY 88	Promoted CAPT
28 FEB 90	Posted SO3 Sup HQ 7 BDE
04 MAR 91	Posted Admin Offr OCTU 1 Trg Gp
01 JUL 93	Posted student (Intermediate Course) RCSC 1 Trg Gp
12 DEC 93	Promoted MAJ
12 DEC 93	Appointed OC 7 Fd Sup COY
28 FEB 94	Posted OC 7 BASB Fd Sup COY
01 DEC 94	Transferred to Inactive List

172890 John Patrick McGAHAN, RFD

DOB: 25 JAN 43

**Education: St Edmonds CBC Ipswich,
Queensland**

Occupation: Computer Systems Officer

**Honours/Awards:
Reserve Force Decoration and Clasp
National Medal**



RECORD OF SERVICE

DATE	OCCURRENCE
22 MAR 61	Enlisted 41 COY RAASC
MAY 64	Promoted LCPL
18 NOV 64	Transferred CSTU N Comd
11 MAY 65	Promoted CPL
28 AUG 65	Promoted LT



29 AUG 65	Transferred 41 COY RAASC
01 AUG 69	41 Mt COY RAASC
01 FEB 71	Transferred 1 Sup Depot
26 FEB 71	Promoted CAPT
23 APR 73	Transferred 1BVD
01 NOV 74	Posted 1 Trg Gp (student)
01 OCT 75	Posted 1BVD
29 OCT 75	Appointed 2IC 1 Ord Svc Unit
02 APR 78	Transferred HQ 1 Sup Gp
20 APR 79	Appointed SO2 HQ 1FF Gp
09 AUG 79	Appointed and transferred Trg Offr 1 Ord Svc Unit
06 MAR 85	Transferred HQ 1 Div Sup
02 FEB 88	Promoted TMAJ
02 FEB 88	Appointed OC 101 Fd Sup COY (Div Tps)
30 JUN 89	Appointed OC 101 Fd Sup COY
25 JAN 91	Retired

QX 19061

George Malcolm McKAY

DOB:

13 APR 07

Education:

**Petrie Terrace and Dutton Park State
Schools, Brisbane
Central Technical College, Brisbane**

Occupation:

**Land and Income Tax Assessor
Senior Assessor Land Tax Office**



Honours/Awards:

Mentioned in Dispatches

RECORD OF SERVICE

DATE	OCCURRENCE
01 AUG 25	Enlisted
21 JAN 29	Promoted LT AAOC N Comd
1929 - 1935	Posted OC 1 Ammo COY AAOC
15 FEB 33	R of O
15 DEC 39	Appointed LT Active List
08 AUG 40	Promoted TCAPT AAOC N Comd
01 JAN 41	Promoted CAPT and Appointed to 2/3 Ord Stores COY
03 FEB 41	Embarked 'Queen Mary' for Malaya
12 AUG 41	Promoted MAJ
12 AUG 41	Appointed ADADOS HQ 8 Aust Div representing AIF at Malaya



	Command
16 MAY 42	POW
04 SEP 45	Recovered POW Changi Camp
15 DEC 45	Transferred to R of O AAOC Qld
30 JUN 57	Placed on RL N Comd

121013 **William George MOODY MC, MBE, ED**

DOB: **20 JUN 21**

Education: **Herberton State School, Queensland**
Herberton State High School,
Queensland

Occupation: **Regional Purchasing Officer**
Commonwealth Dept of Administrative
Services

Honours/Awards: **Military Cross**
Member of the British Empire
Efficiency Decoration



RECORD OF SERVICE

DATE	OCCURRENCE
AUG 39	Enlisted Militia
1942	Transferred 51 Bn
01 AUG 43	Commissioned into AIF served OTS Bonegilla, No 1 OCTU Woodside SA, NQ and Lae
09 JUL 45	Awarded Military Cross at Nevo River. First Allied Officer to receive a Japanese surrender in the field at Nevo River AUG 45
25 JUN 46	Discharged from AIF
01 MAY 48	Appointed LT 9 INF Bn from R of O
06 FEB 51	Appointed LT RAAOC transferred RAAOC 1 N Comd
07 AUG 52	Appointed OC 1 COSD
08 DEC 52	Appointed LT 1 Stores COY
12 DEC 54	Promoted TCAPT
09 AUG 55	Transferred 9 INF Bn
01 JUL 56	Transferred R of O
27 JUL 56	Promoted CAPT
12 AUG 59	Transferred RAAOC N Comd
15 JAN 63	Promoted MAJ



24 FEB 64	Seconded to CSTU
28 AUG 67	Transferred STW (SQ) Area OTG N Comd
30 JUN 69	Ceased Secondment
01 JUL 69	Appointed DAA(QMG)(CMF) – HQ N Comd
20 JUN 71	Retired
21 JUN 71	Placed on RL N Comd granted title of LTCOL with permission to wear prescribed uniform

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Glen Wilfred OLIVER, RFD, ED

DOB:

19 JAN 40

Education:

Ascot State School, Brisbane
State Commercial High School
Diploma in Accountancy, Commercial
Education Society of Australia.
B Bus (Accountancy), Brisbane CAE, 1984

Occupation:

Computer Service Manager
Director of Finance
Certified Practicing Accountant



Honours/Awards:

Reserve Force Decoration and Clasp
Efficiency Decoration

RECORD OF SERVICE

DATE	OCCURRENCE
09 JAN 59	Enlisted 11 National Service Trg Bn
26 MAR 59	Posted 1 CSD RAASC
18 AUG 59	Posted 112 Sup Dep Pl RAASC
30 JUN 60	Discharged (National Service abolished)
30 JUN 60	Enlisted ACMF
30 JUN 60	Posted 110 Sup Dep Pl RAASC
27 JUN 61	Promoted CPL
29 OCT 62	Promoted SGT
26 JUN 63	Promoted SSGT
30 SEP 65	Transferred 1 Sup Dep RAASC
10 JUN 66	Discharged ACMF for Commissioning
10 JUN 66	Appointed LT RAASC
01 OCT 68	Transferred 42 RQR RA INF
21 MAY 74	Transferred 1 BVD RAAOC
30 AUG 75	Transferred 1 Ord Svc Unit RAAOC



28 DEC 77	Promoted CAPT
28 DEC 77	Appointed 2IC 1 Ord Svc Unit
18 JUN 80	Appointed ADJT/QM 1 Ord Svc Unit
06 MAR 85	Promoted TMAJ
06 MAR 85	Appointed OC 1 Ord Svc Unit
01 DEC 87	Appointed OC 101 Fd Sup COY (Div Tps)
02 FEB 88	Retired
03 FEB 88	Placed on RL 1 MD granted title of MAJ with permission to wear the prescribed uniform

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Thomas George PEEL, ED

DOB: 23 DEC 17

Education: NA

Occupation: Civil Servant, PMG

Honours/Awards: Efficiency Decoration



RECORD OF SERVICE

DATE	OCCURRENCE
30 JAN 42	Enlisted
30 JAN 42	Promoted WO1
30 JAN 42	Appointed BDE Ordnance WO at Chermside attached to 7 BDE - 9Bn, 61Bn and 25 Bn
03 MAR 43	Promoted LT AAOC
10 DEC 43	OO Buna Base Sub Area
01 JUL 47	Interim Army
09 SEP 48	Promoted TCAPT
15 AUG 52	Transferred R of O (RAAOC N Comd)
03 FEB 53	Appointed LT RAAOC HQ CRAAOC 1 Stores COY
01 JUL 53	Promoted TCAPT
19 MAR 58	Promoted CAPT RAAOC
01 FEB 59	Administered Command 1 AVD
1961	Appointed OC A Park 1 BVD
15 JUL 63	Promoted TMAJ
15 JUL 63	Administered Command 1 BVD
1964 - 1965	Appointed OC A Park 1 BVD
01 SEP 65	Camp Commandant 2 Sup Gp
23 DEC 69	Retired and entitled to wear the rank of MAJ



QY5314 Ian David PETITT, ED

145806

DOB: 1 JUN 21

Education: Nundah State School, Brisbane
Church of England Grammar
School, Brisbane

Occupation: Bank Officer

Honours/Awards: Efficiency Decoration



RECORD OF SERVICE

DATE	OCCURRENCE
NOV 38	Enlisted N Comd Trg Depot AAOC
SEP 39	Full time service
MAY 40	Transferred to AIF Service in 2/1 ST Ord Stores COY, served in Egypt, Milne Bay and Lae
01 JUL 48	Enlisted CMF as CPL
JUL 50	Promoted SGT
JUL 51	Promoted WO2
JUL 52	Promoted WO1
12 MAR 54	Promoted 2LT 1 Stores COY
12 MAR 54	Appointed OC 104 INF Wksp Stores Sect
11 FEB 57	Appointed OC 1 COSD RAAOC
01 JUL 60	Transferred and appointed OC 1CCS Ldy Pl
23 AUG 60	Promoted TCAPT
06 OCT 60	Promoted CAPT
18 FEB 63	Seconded CSTU N Comd
24 FEB 64	OO 1 BVD
29 JUL 64	Promoted MAJ
01 AUG 66	OO 1 BVD
30 JAN 67	Promoted LTCOL
30 JAN 67	Appointed CO & COO 1 BVD
30 JAN 70	Relinquished appointment CO 1 BVD
30 JAN 70	Seconded to HQ CSTU as Instructor
05 JAN 72	Transferred RCMF (RAAOC) N Comd
08 JAN 74	Placed on RL 1 MD and granted military title of COL with permission to wear the prescribed uniform



1/46301 William James POWELL

DOB: 2 DEC 05

Education: NA

Occupation: Bank Officer

Honours/Awards: NA

RECORD OF SERVICE

DATE	OCCURRENCE
29 APR 40	Enlisted LT AAOC
26 JAN 42	Promoted TCAPT
01 SEP 42	Promoted CAPT
07 MAY 45	Promoted MAJ
19 JUN 46	Transferred R of O N Comd
01 MAY 48	Appointed MAJ RAAOC
15 NOV 53	Appointed OC 1 Stores COY
03 DEC 56	Retired

DX564 Louis David PRICE

DOB: 21 JAN 06

Education: NA

Occupation: NA

Honours/Awards: NA

RECORD OF SERVICE

DATE	OCCURRENCE
01 JUL 37	Enlisted LT 1 Ammo COY AAOC and appointed OC
22 SEP 39	Relinquished Appointment
01 AUG 41	Appointed LT AIF AAOC
01 SEP 42	Promoted CAPT AAOC
20 MAY 44	Promoted MAJ
14 MAY 45	Posted OO 2 AUST BAD
27 JAN 48	Appointed COO 1AAD S Comd
01 JUL 48	Transferred R of O N Comd
11 OCT 51	Retired



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Eric Ernest RODGERS

DOB:

27 MAY 14

Education:

NA

Occupation:

Sales Manager, Simpson Manufacturing COY

Honours/Awards:

NA

RECORD OF SERVICE

DATE	OCCURRENCE
06 SEP 42	Enlisted LT AUST LH
03 JUL 43	Transferred 2/9 INF Bn
21 AUG 44	Transferred to RAE (Water Tpt)
18 APR 46	Transferred R of O N Comd
08 SEP 50	Appointed LT RAE N Comd
24 DEC 52	Promoted CAPT RAE N Comd
20 FEB 59	Promoted MAJ RAE N Comd
15 NOV 60	Transferred RAAOC
15 NOV 60	Promoted TLTCOL
15 NOV 60	Appointed CO and COO 1 BVD
14 NOV 62	Relinquished appointment CO and COO 1 BVD
14 NOV 62	Transferred in civilian employment to SA

Deceased 1974

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141755

Donald Angus ROSS, ED

DOB:

23 FEB 34

Education:

Brisbane Grammar School

Occupation:

Accountant

Honours/Awards:

Efficiency Decoration and clasp



RECORD OF SERVICE

DATE	OCCURRENCE
07 JAN 53	Enlisted 11 National Service Trg Bn
MAY 53	Transferred 1 Stores COY



JUL 53	Promoted CPL
SEP 53	Promoted SGT
12 MAR 54	Promoted 2LT RAAOC
17 NOV 55	Promoted LT RAAOC N Comd
10 FEB 57	OC 104 INF Wksp Stores Sect
01 JUL 59	OC 2 OFP
10 DEC 59	Promoted CAPT RAAOC
01 MAR 62	UL RAAOC N Comd
04 MAY 65	Promoted MAJ RAAOC N Comd
1967	Appointed OC A Park 1 BVD
31 JAN 70	Promoted LTCOL RAAOC N Comd
31 JAN 70	CO and COO 1 BVD
30 JAN 73	Relinquished command as CO & COO 1 BVD
31 JAN 73	Seconded and posted to SQA Trg Gp as SI FF Wing CSTU

145899 Errol Norman SCHILLING, RFD, ED

DOB: 21 MAY 37

**Education: West End State School,
Brisbane**

Occupation: Automotive Parts Salesman

**Honours/Awards: Reserve Force Decoration and
Clasp
Efficiency Decoration**



RECORD OF SERVICE

DATE	OCCURRENCE
13 AUG 56	Enlisted 11 National Service Trg Bn
18 NOV 56	Transferred 1COSD
05 APR 57	Promoted LCPL
15 JUL 57	Promoted TCPL
30 SEP 57	Promoted CPL
11 FEB 58	Promoted TSGT
21 SEP 59	Promoted SGT
28 JUN 60	Transferred 1 AVD and BVD
23 OCT 61	Promoted TWO2
31 OCT 61	Transferred 104 INF Wksp Stores Sect
16 FEB 65	Promoted LT



16 FEB 65	Transferred OO 1 BVD
16 MAY 66	Transferred 7 OFP
01 JUL 67	Appointed OC 7OFP
1969	Appointed OC A Park 1 BVD
26 FEB 70	Promoted TCAPT and appointed OC A Park 1 BVD
13 NOV 72	Promoted CAPT RAAOC
01 JUL 75	Appointed OC 1 Ord Pl
01 APR 77	Transferred HQ 1 Sup Gp (ARES), appointed SO2 Trg
02 JUL 79	Transferred 1 Ord Svc Unit, appointed Trg Offr
18 JUN 80	Appointed 2IC 1 Ord Svc Unit
23 MAY 87	Retired

146047 Leonard James SHANAHAN, RFD

DOB: 15 FEB 31

Education: NA

Occupation: Company Director

Honours/Awards:
 Reserve Force Decoration
 National Medal



RECORD OF SERVICE

DATE	OCCURRENCE
08 FEB 65	Enlisted 1 BVD
29 SEP 65	Seconded (as student) to OCTU No 2 1 Trg Gp Wacol Qld
19 FEB 67	Promoted 2LT
16 APR 67	OC R & I Pl 1 BVD
01 JUL 71	Appointed OC 1 CCS Ldy Pl
01 JUL 72	Promoted CAPT
01 NOV 72	Appointed OC 7 OFP
01 NOV 73	Transferred as student CSTU 1 Trg Gp (TAC 3)
26 SEP 74	Promoted TMAJ
01 OCT 74	OO D Park (Trg) 1 BVD
31 OCT 76	Transferred SO2 Ops/Trg HQ 1 Sup Gp
24 MAR 77	Promoted MAJ
01 APR 77	Appointed OC 1 Ord Svc Unit
08 FEB 80	Transferred SO2 Sup HQ 1 FF Gp
08 FEB 81	Retired



141919 Graham John SHEEHAN, OAM

DOB: 28 DEC 35

Education: Woolloowin State School, Brisbane
Brisbane Grammar School

Occupation: Industrial Officer

Honours/Awards:
Medal of the Order of Australia
Reserve Force Medal and three Clasps
National Medal and Clasp
Efficiency Medal and Clasp



RECORD OF SERVICE

DATE	OCCURRENCE
29 APR 55	Enlisted 11 National Service Trg Bn
04 AUG 55	Transferred 1 Stores COY
17 MAY 56	Promoted CPL
15 JUL 57	Promoted SGT
08 OCT 57	Transferred 1 Ord Veh Depot
10 FEB 58	Transferred 3 OFP
09 MAR 59	Promoted WO2
30 JUN 60	Transferred 1 CCS Ldy Pl
25 JUN 62	Transferred 1 BVD
05 JUL 64	Qualified 1 ST Appointment
25 MAY 66	Transferred 7OFP
01 JUL 67	Transferred HQ Sup Gp
30 JUL 68	Transferred 104 Fd Wksp Stores Sect
27 AUG 68	Transferred 1BVD
30 AUG 75	Transferred 1 Ord Svc Unit
30 NOV 76	Promoted WO1
12 JAN 77	Transferred HQ 1 Sup Gp
03 MAR 79	Transferred 1 Ord Svc Unit
01 DEC 87	Transferred 101 Fd Sup COY (Div Tps)
30 JUN 89	Transferred 101 Fd Sup COY
28 Dec 90	Compulsory retirement, age 55. As at this date WO1 Sheehan became the longest serving Unit member, 31 years as a Warrant Officer



145982 John Joseph SHERINGTON, OAM

DOB: 8 NOV 37

Education: St Joseph's School, Redcliffe
 St Patrick's College Shorncliffe, Brisbane

Occupation: Building Inspector Qld Railways



Honours/Awards:
 Medal of the Order of Australia
 Reserve Forces Medal and three Clasps
 National Medal
 Efficiency Medal

RECORD OF SERVICE

DATE	OCCURRENCE
4 JAN 56	Enlisted 11 National Service Trg Bn
MAR 56	1 Sup Depot RAASC
1958	Discharged on completion of National Service obligation
13 NOV 61	Re-enlisted 104 INF Wksp Stores Sect
24 JUN 62	Transferred 1BVD
31 MAR 63	Promoted CPL
30 MAR 65	Promoted SGT
04 JAN 65	Transferred 104 INF Wksp Stores Sect
26 MAR 66	Transferred 7 OFP
01 JUL 67	Promoted SSGT
03 JUL 68	Promoted WO2
03 NOV 73	Transferred 1BVD
31 AUG 75	Transferred 1 Ord Svc Unit
21 MAR 87	Transferred HQ 11 BDE
10 NOV 87	Transferred 11 EME PL
01 JAN 89	Transferred 101 Fd Sup COY (Div Tps)
30 JUN 89	Transferred 101 Fd Sup COY
01 JAN 92	Transferred 104 Fd Wksp Stores Sec
08 NOV 92	Retired



F15298 **Jo-Anne SHORROCK**

DOB: **7 JUL 51**

Education: **Our Lady of the Assumption Convent
Enoggera, Brisbane
St Stephens Cathedral School,
Brisbane
All Hallows' College, Fortitude Valley
Brisbane**

Occupation: **Clerk Administration (Executive)**

Honours/Awards: **Defence Force Service Medal**



RECORD OF SERVICE

DATE	OCCURRENCE
22 MAY 69	Enlisted ARA, WRAAC Corps
22 MAY 69	WRAAC School
03 DEC 69	Posted HQ S Comd
NA	Op Int SGT
NA	Clk Admin
15 APR 70	Transferred CARO
18 JUN 72	Promoted TCPL
18 APR 74	Promoted CPL
07 APR 75	Posted 1 WRAAC COY
05 JUL 76	Posted 1 Trg Gp
17 JUL 78	Posted HQ 2 MD
26 NOV 80	Posted HQ 2 Sup Gp
06 MAY 81	Promoted SGT
18 APR 82	Discharged ARA
08 JUN 82	Enlisted ACMF as SGT
FEB 83	Posted 1 Ord Svc Unit
NOV 85	Promoted SSGT
NOV 86	Promoted WO2
FEB 87	Transferred 3 Ord Svc Unit
APR 88	F'D CARO
FEB 89	Transferred 3 Fd Sup COY
1989	Transferred 101 Fd Sup COY (Div Tps)
30 JUN 89	Transferred 101 Fd Sup COY
JUN 91	Discharged
	WO2 Shorrock served periods of continuous service with ARA units in Brisbane and Melbourne including, HQ 1 Sup Gp, HQ 11 Sup Bn, CARO, HQ 1 Div Sup and HQ 1 MD.



146306 Alec SKELSON

DOB: 14 APR 40

Education: Woodlands Secondary Modern School,
UK

Occupation: Production Storeman
Storekeeper/Supervisor - BCC

Honours/Awards:
General Service Medal (Borneo)



RECORD OF SERVICE

DATE	OCCURRENCE
16 APR 59	Enlisted British Regular Army
31 AUG 59	Posted B.A.O.R. Guards BDE
15 AUG 61	Posted Home Trg COY, Pontefract UK
30 DEC 61	Posted 28 Commonwealth BDE Malacca
APR 63	Borneo Campaign
OCT 63	Posted Teredak, Malacca
5 OCT 64	Posted Home Trg COY, Tidworth UK
15 APR 65	Discharged British Army
1974	Enlisted ACMF, Australia
1975	Promoted CPL 1 Ord Svc Unit
1976/77	Promoted SGT
1982	Discharged

146303 David William SMITH

DOB: 10 DEC 57

Education: Chermiside State Primary School, Brisbane
Wavell State High School, Brisbane
Graphics Arts & Design College, Brisbane

Occupation: Composer/Account Manager

Honours/Awards: Reserve Force Medal and Clasp



RECORD OF SERVICE

DATE	OCCURRENCE
10 MAR 75	Enlisted 1 BVD
01 JUL 75	Posted 1 Ord Pl
01 JAN 77	Promoted CPL
01 JAN 78	Posted 1 Ord Svc Unit
NA	Resigned
NA	Enlisted 1 EME Svc Unit
NA	Transferred 104 Fd Wksp (RPS)
NA	Promoted SGT
01 JAN 95	Transferred Sup COY 7 BASB
01 JAN 96	Transferred Sup COY 4 BASB
01 JUL 97	Transferred Sup COY 7 CSSB
20 JUL 98	Discharged

NA Peter Phillip SMITH, MBE, ED

DOB: 28 NOV 28

Education: NA

Occupation: NA

Honours/Awards:
Member of the British Empire
Efficiency Decoration

RECORD OF SERVICE

DATE	OCCURRENCE
07 JUN 52	Enlisted 2LT Aust Staff Corps
14 FEB 53	Transferred 2LT 9 INF Bn
10 JAN 55	Transferred LT RAAMC (Misc) N Comd
07 NOV 55	Promoted TCAPT
12 JUL 57	Promoted CAPT RAAMC
05 JAN 58	Promoted TMAJ
27 MAY 58	Transferred RAAMC (Admin &Tech) N Comd
05 SEP 60	Promoted MAJ RAAMC (Admin &Tech) N Comd
01 DEC 61	Transferred UL RAAMC (Admin &Tech) N Comd
01 MAR 62	Transferred UL RAAOC N Comd
13 NOV 62	Promoted TLTCOL RAAOC
14 NOV 62	Appointed CO & COO 1BVD
05 FEB 64	Promoted LTCOL



01 MAY 66	Relinquished appointment
23 AUG 64	Appointed CO 9 RQR
01 MAY 66	Transferred CSTU N Comd
01 MAY 69	Transferred HQ SQ Area
01 MAY 69	Posted Instr OTG Trg Gp
03 MAR 70	Posted UL CSTU Trg Gp
03 JUN 73	Appointed CSTU SO1 Trg
01 NOV 73	CMF Pool HQ FF Comd
28 JUL 75	Detached HQ Trg Comd
18 FEB 76	Seconded to Project Cell Trg Comd
05 MAR 76	Transferred CSTU HQ 2 Trg Gp
18 MAR 76	Seconded to Project Cell Trg Comd
NA	Retired

NA Harold Percival John SWAN, ED

DOB: 15 APR 18

Education: Brisbane Grammar School

Occupation: Secretary Qld Branch Nylex Corp

Honours/Awards: Efficiency Decoration



RECORD OF SERVICE

DATE	OCCURRENCE
1940	Enlisted 9 Bn
NA	Promoted through the ranks to WO with 9 Bn
NA	Served at Milne Bay, Madang, Port Moresby and Bougainville
11 JAN 42	Promoted LT
11 JAN 42	Appointed PL Comd/COY Adj 9 Bn
10 JUL 42 – 07 DEC 45	AIF service
24 AUG 45	Promoted TCAPT
08 DEC 45	Transferred R of O N Comd
08 MAR 54	Appointed LT RAAOC N Comd
19 JUL 57	Promoted CAPT RAAOC
19 JUL 57	Appointed OC 7 INF BDE OFP
08 OCT 57	Appointed OC 3 OFP
19 MAR 58	Promoted MAJ
MAY 62	Appointed OC A Park 1 BVD
14 NOV 62	Transferred UL RAAOC N Comd



Citizen Forces



24 FEB 64	Promoted TLTCOL
23 AUG 64	Appointed CO & COO 1 BVD
17 MAR 65	Promoted LTCOL
30 JAN 67	Transferred Adj N Comd
10 FEB 68	Promoted COL N Comd and COMD 2 Stores Gp
10 MAY 68	Appointed ADC to the Governor General and served under Governors General Casey and Hasluck
01 MAR 70	Promoted BRIG N Comd
01 MAR 70	Appointed COMD 7 th Task Force
01 MAR 73	Relinquished Command
NA	Retired BRIG Swan had the distinction of enlisting as a PTE in 9 Bn and completing his service as Commander 7 th Task Force.

Deceased SEP 84

QX6218 **Howard Noel VIDGEN, ED**

DOB: **12 APR 04**

Education: **NA**

Occupation: **Company Director**

Honours/Awards: **Efficiency Decoration**

RECORD OF SERVICE

DATE	OCCURRENCE
18 FEB 25	Enlisted LT 25 Bn
01 JUL 28	Transferred LT 31 Bn
31 AUG 32	Posted UL
31 AUG 33	Transferred R of O N Comd
21 MAY 38	Appointed LT AAOC and OC 1 Ammo COY AAOC
22 SEP 39	Promoted CAPT AAOC
22 SEP 39	Appointed OC 1 District Depot COY AAOC
03 OCT 39	Appointed DADOS N Comd
12 AUG 40	Seconded to AIF
08 MAR 41	Promoted MAJ
26 NOV 41	Appointed DCOO BOD HQ 6 Aust Div
10 JUN 42	Posted ADOS (O) 5 Aust Div
01 SEP 42	Promoted LTCOL
15 FEB 43	Posted ADOS HQ 6 Aust Div
03 SEP 43	Appointed COO HQ 1 Aust BOD
14 SEP 44	Promoted TCOL



29 JUL 46	Appointed Committee of Review Interim Army Strength
14 JAN 47	Retired R of O granted Honorary Rank of COL
01 JUL 57	Transferred Retired List

145912 **Eric Gordon WALL**

DOB: **9 AUG 39**

Education: **Ashfield Technical College, Sydney**
QUT, Brisbane

Occupation: **Carpenter, Milk Vendor**
Taxi Cab Proprietor



Honours/Awards: **Reserve Force Medal and three clasps**
Efficiency Medal and clasp

RECORD OF SERVICE

DATE	OCCURRENCE
11 JAN 58	Enlisted 11 National Service Trg Bn
27 MAR 58	Transferred 1 Ord Veh Depot
27 JUN 62	Promoted TCPL
24 MAY 63	Promoted CPL
24 MAY 63	Transferred 1 CCS Ldy Pl
11 NOV 63	Promoted SGT
05 DEC 66	Promoted WO2
26 FEB 73	Transferred 1 BVD
01 JUL 76	Transferred 1 Ord Svc Unit
01 JUL 79	Appointed CSM 1 Ord Svc Unit
01 DEC 87	Transferred 101 Fd Sup COY (Div Tps)
30 JUN 89	Transferred 101 Fd Sup COY
04 NOV 91	Transferred 7 Fd Sup COY
02 JUN 92	Promoted WO1 (Trg) 7 Fd Sup COY
20 MAY 93	Transferred to Inactive List
06 JUN 94	Retired

Deceased 12 SEP 98

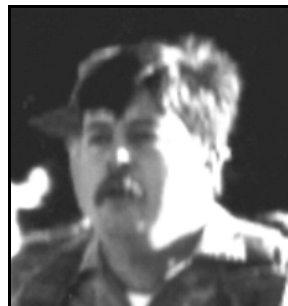


112948 Marc Donald WALL

DOB: 8 FEB 63

Education: Mitchelton State High School
Diploma of Management (Deakin
University) 1988

Occupation: Team leader – Coca Cola Operations,
Richlands Qld



Honours/Awards: Reserve Force Medal and Clasp

RECORD OF SERVICE

DATE	OCCURRENCE
20 OCT 80	Enlisted 1 Ord Svc Unit
NA	Promoted LCPL
NA	Posted RPS 2/12 LH (QMI)
NA	Posted RPS 2 Tpt Sqn
NA	Promoted CPL
1 DEC 87	Posted 101 Fd Sup COY (Div Tps)
30 JUN 89	Posted 101 Fd Sup COY
NA	Posted RPS 2/14 LH (QMI)
NA	Promoted SGT
4 NOV 91	Posted 7 Fd Sup COY
12 DEC 93	Posted 7 BASB Fd Sup COY
30 JUN 97	Posted 7 CSSB
31 OCT 00	Transferred Inactive List

000000 Thomas Douglas WATSON

DOB: 29 NOV 1884

Education: NA

Occupation: NA

Honours/Awards: NA

RECORD OF SERVICE



DATE	OCCURRENCE
06 MAY 18	Enlisted LT
01 JUL 20	Transferred R of O
01 JUL 25	Promoted LT AAOC
01 JUL 25	Appointed OC 1 Ammo COY
01 JAN 29	Transferred R of O
10 OCT 39	Transferred 1 Garrison Bn
22 NOV 39	Promoted TCAPT

146345 Denis George WEBB

DOB: 02 MAR 48

Education: Newcastle State High School
Newcastle Technical College

Occupation: Boilermaker

Honours/Awards:
Defence Force Medal and 2 Clasps



RECORD OF SERVICE

DATE	OCCURRENCE
02 OCT 72	Enlisted 1 BVD RAAOC
10 JUL 73	Promoted CPL
25 AUG 75	Transferred 1 Ord Svc Unit
01 JUN 79	Promoted SGT
14 APR 84	Promoted SSGT
30 JUL 87	Promoted WO2
01 DEC 87	Transferred 101 Fd Sup COY (Div Tps)
30 JUN 89	Transferred 101 Fd Sup COY
04 NOV 91	Transferred 7 Fd Sup COY
17 OCT 94	Transferred to Inactive Reserve

GLOSSARY

AAD	Advanced Ammunition Depot
AAF	Australian Armed Forces
AAOC	Australian Army Ordnance Corps
AASC	Australian Army Service Corps
ACMF	Active Citizen Military Forces
ADADOS	Assistant Deputy Assistant Director Ordnance Services
ADC	Aide De Camp
ADJT	Adjutant
ADMIN	Administration
ADOS	Assistant Director of Ordnance Stores
ADST	Assistant Director of Supply and Transport
ADV	Advanced
AFSU	Army Financial Services Unit
AHQ	Army Headquarters
AIC	Army Instructional Corps
AIF	Australian Imperial Force
AMF	Australian Military Forces
ANZAC	Australia and New Zealand Army Corps
AO	Area of Operations
AOD	Advanced Ordnance Depot
ARA	Australian Regular Army
ARES	Army Reserve
ARMD	Armoured
ARRLS	Army Reserve Recruiting Liaison Unit
ASST	Assistant
ASST/ADJ	Assistant Adjutant
ATO	Ammunition Technical Officer
ATT	Attachment
AUST	Australian
AVD	Advanced Vehicle Depot
AWOL	Absent Without Leave
BAD	Base Ammunition Depot
BAOR	British Army on the Rhine
BASB	Brigade Administrative Support Battalion
BDE	Brigade
BMA	Brigade Maintenance Area
BN	Battalion
BNE	Brisbane
BOD	Base Ordnance Depot
BRIG	Brigadier
BVD	Base Vehicle Depot
CAD	Central Ammunition Depot
CAPT	Captain
CARO	Central Army Records Office
CB	Companion of the Order of Bath
CBT	Combat
CCS	Casualty Clearing Station



CDSUP	Commander Divisional Supply
CES	Complete Equipment Schedule
C & SW	Command and Staff Wing
CI	Chief Instructor
CLK	Clerk
CMF	Citizen Military Forces
COL	Colonel
CO	Commanding Officer
COSD	Central Ordnance Small Craft Depot
COMD	Commander
COMM Z	Communications Zone
COMP	Composite
COO	Chief Ordnance Officer
COD	Central Ordnance Small Craft Depot
COY	Company
CPL	Corporal
CQ	Central Queensland
CRAAOC	Commander Royal Australian Army Ordnance Corps
CSD	Command Supply Depot
CSE	Course
CSM	Company Sergeant Major
CSS	Combat Services Support
CSSB	Combat Services Support Battalion
CSTU	Command and Staff Training Unit
CSU	Combat Services Unit
DADOS	Deputy Assistant Director Ordnance Services
DAMGO	Deputy Assistant Master General of Ordnance
DAA(QMG)	Deputy Assistant Adjutant Quartermaster General
DAQMG	Deputy Assistant Quartermaster General
DCOO	Deputy Chief Ordnance Officer
DDOS	Deputy Director Ordnance Services
DD86	Diamond Dollar 86
DD87	Diamond Dollar 87
DEP	Depot
DET	Detachment
DG SUP	Director General of Supply
DICVAS	Divisional Inventory Control Visibility Accounting System
DIV	Division
DMA	Divisional Maintenance Area
DOB	Date of Birth
DOR	Directorate of Operational Requirements
DOS	Director of Stores (pre 1902)
DOS	Director of the Ordnance Services (post 1902)
DOS	Director of Supply (post 1972)
DST	Director of Supply and Transport
ECN	Employment Code Number



ED	Efficiency Decoration
ELM	Element
EM	Efficiency Medal
EME	Electrical and Mechanical Engineers
FD	Field
FF	Field Force
FNQ	Far North Queensland
FS	Field Service
FST	Foodstuff
F'STUFFS	Foodstuffs
FTD	Full Time Duty
GEN	General
GMC	General Motors Corporation
GOC	General Officer Commanding
GP	Group
GPO	General Post Office
GS	General Service
GSO	General Service Officer
HEAT	High Explosive Anti Tank
HRH	His Royal Highness
HMAS	His/Her Majesty's Australian Ship
HON	Honorary
HQ	Headquarters
IET	Initial Employment Training
INF	Infantry
INSTR	Instructor
IOC	Intermediate Operations Course
K89	Kangaroo 89
LAD	Light Aid Detachment (Workshop)
LDY	Laundry
LH	Light Horse
LHQ	Land Headquarters
LMG	Light Machine Gun
LO	Liaison Officer
LOC &	
L of C	Lines of Communication
LOG COMD	Logistics Command
LT	Lieutenant
LTCOL	Lieutenant Colonel
LCPL	Lance Corporal
MAINT	Maintenance
MAJ	Major
MAJGEN	Major General
MBE	Member British Empire
MC	Military Cross
MD	Military District



MGO	Master General of Ordnance
MID	Mentioned-in Dispatches
MIL	Military
MT	Motor Transport
NA	Not available
NCO	Non Commissioned Officer
N COMD	Northern Command
NPMA	Non Public Monies Account
NQ	North Queensland
NS	National Service
NSW	New South Wales
NT	Northern Territory
OAM	Medal of the Order of Australia
OBE	Order of the British Empire
OC	Officer Commanding
OCDT	Officer Cadet
OCS	Officer Cadet School
OCTU	Officer Cadet Training Unit
OFD	Ordnance Field Park
OFFR	Officer
OH & S	Occupational Health & Safety
OO	Ordnance Officer
OPS	Operations
OR	Other Ranks (soldiers)
ORBAT	Order of Battle
ORD	Ordnance
OSU	Ordnance Services Unit
OTG	Officer Training Group
OTU	Officer Training Unit
PET OP	Petroleum Operator
PERS	Personnel
PL	Platoon
PMC	President of the Mess Committee
PNGDF	Papua New Guinea Defence Force
POL	Petrol Oil and Lubricants
POW	Prisoner-of-War
PSO	Prescribed Service Officer
PTE	Private
Q	Quartermaster (object)
QI	Qualified Instructor
QLD	Queensland
QM	Quartermaster (person)
QMI	Queensland Mounted Infantry
QUR	Queensland University Regiment
RAA	Royal Australian Artillery
RAAF	Royal Australian Air Force



RAAMC	Royal Australian Army Medical Corps
RAAOC	Royal Australian Army Ordnance Corps
RAASC	Royal Australian Army Service Corps
RACT	Royal Australian Corps of Transport
RA INF	Royal Australian Infantry
RAR	Royal Australian Regiment
R & I	Receipt and Issue
RAE	Royal Australian Engineers
RAEME	Royal Australian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers
RCMF	Reserve Citizen Military Forces
RCSC	Reserve Command & Staff College
REC	Recruiting
REGT	Regiment
REP	Repair
RFD	Reserve Force Decoration
RFM	Reserve Force Medal
RL	Retired Officers List
RL	3.5 inch Rocket Launcher
R OF O	Reserve of Officers
RP	Replenishment Park
RQR	Royal Queensland Regiment
RSM	Regimental Sergeant Major
RTB	Recruit Training Battalion
RTC	Regional Training Centre
SA	South Australia
S COMD	Southern Command
2IC	Second in Command
SEC	Section
SECT	Section
SGT	Sergeant
SI	Senior Instructor
SIG	Signals
SLR	Self Loading Rifle
SMG	Sub Machine Gun
SO1	Staff Officer Grade 1
SO2	Staff Officer Grade 2
SO3	Staff Officer Grade 3
SOP	Standard Operating Procedure
SPT	Support
SQ	South Queensland
SQA	South Queensland Area
SQN	Squadron
SSGT	Staff Sergeant
STW	Staff Training Wing
SUB	Subject
SUP	Supply



SUPO	Supply Officer
SUP GP	Supply Group
SVC	Services
TAC	Tactics
TCAPT	Temporary Captain
TCOL	Temporary Colonel
TCPL	Temporary Corporal
TECH	Technical
TEWT	Tactical Exercise Without Troops
TF	Task Force
TLTCOL	Temporary Lieutenant Colonel
TMAJ	Temporary Major
TPS	Troops
TPT	Transport
TRG	Training
TSGT	Temporary Sergeant
UL	Unallotted List
VEH	Vehicle
WHS	Warehouse
WKSP	Workshop
WO	Warrant Officer
WO1	Warrant Officer Class 1
WO2	Warrant Officer Class 2
WW1	World War 1 (1914-1918)
WW2	World War 2 (1939-1945)
WRAAC	Women's Royal Australian Army Corps



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