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GREETINGS TO ALL

The photo on the front was taken at last year's march and shows:-

FRONT ROW; Ron Woff, Jack Bacon, Don Ludlam, Rod Boundy, Alan Sharp, Wattie Tully.

2nd ROW; Andrew Johns (son of Doug Johns) Dr. Murray Verso.

3rd ROW; Don Thurlow, Len Allen, David James.

ANZAC DAY - Sunday 25-04-04 Our 59th Reunion Luncheon Will again be held at 348 St. Kilda Rd. but the name has been changed from Sebel to Somerset Botanic Gardens. All who attended last year were very happy with the arrangements which, we are assured, will be continued by the new owners.

It is a very convenient location and our thanks once again go to Vern Laidlaw for the time and energy he again put into ensure that our booking was agreed by the new management.

The cost is \$35- same as last year - and once again the cost to members will be \$30. This maybe the last year our association funds will be able to provide this subsidy - so be in it!

Our new treasurer - Ken Stanley will mention this in presenting his budget to the meeting. Our booking is from 10.30am to 3.30pm.

THE MARCH Our starting point is a little further up Swanston Street than last year - between Collins and Bourke Streets. Suggested arrival time 9.30am for a 9.45am start. Our official number in the parade this year is 87 - look for our unit banner.

Details of the activities of our association on ANZAC Day 2003

Are set out in the following minutes to be presented at this year.

**10th Australian Field Ambulance (AIF) Association Reunion Anzac Day 2003.
The Sebel Suites, 348 St Kilda Road, Melbourne.**

The March

19 Members (21 last year) set off from Swanston Street, between Flinders Lane and Collins Street at 9.45am (9.55 last year) and passed the saluting base at 10.25 (11.15 last year) taking only 40 minutes as against 80 minutes last year.

Dr Mick Dunn led the march from a jeep with the banner again carried by Justin and Brad Murphy, assisted by Thomas, John, David Hall, and Brendon Holmes.

The Marchers

The Marchers following were Len Allen, Arthur Batchelor, Jack Bacon, Rod Boundy, Bob Crawford, Dick Holmes, Doc Holliday, Ross Hayter, David James, Don Ludlam, Roy Martin, Alan Sharp, Ted Young, Wattie Tully, Russ Thompson, Don Thurlow, Ron Woff and Dr Verso. The 58 th Reunion and Annual General Meeting commenced at 11.45am.

The Loyal Toast

President Dr Mick Dunn opened the meeting and called on Lloyd Stuart to propose the Loyal Toast to 74 members and friends present (69 last year).

Remembrance

President Mick called on all present to stand for the traditional 2 minutes silence in honour of deceased members, then cited, 'They shall grow not old ... Lest we forget'.

Honour Roll

Secretary Dick Holmes and Assistant Secretary Ken Stanley shared the reading of the names of the 199 deceased members.

Last Post and Reveille

Were both sounded.

6. A couple of incidents at Lae - one when some of us were sloshing around in the mud, and moving patients, when our C.O. Col. Palmer came and asked could he help - Lloyd Champion said 'Yes Sir', get on the end of this stretcher'. Which he did. The other event I remember, was when I had occasion to go to the toilet, or in other words, our deep trench latrine. While absent from the tent, the Japs bombed us and someone asked 'Where is Sharpie?' - the answer was 'Someone must have slammed the lid on his fingers'.
7. Dreger Harbour - was the never to be forgotten camp between the airstrip and the wharf and was almost daily (or nightly) bombed by the Japs. I will refer to Dreger Harbour later.
8. (i) A couple of incidents at Siki Cove on the Song River when Bill Allen ran in front of the Bofor guns during a Jap raid, preventing them from firing.
(ii) My friend Allan Williams and I were having our daily wash in the river when a Zero strafed us. Last Anzac Day, I asked Allan if he could remember the incident and his reply was 'Yes, I felt the bullet pass my right ear'.
9. Our experience in landing at Balikpapan in Borneo and our role as occupation troops in Ambon where we made some wonderful friendships. It is sad to learn of the violence that has occurred there in recent times.
10. In returning to the theme of camaraderie, I had the pleasure some time ago of meeting up with our famous scrub typhus patient at Oro Bay, Les Pumpa. Les, as many of you will remember, came to us, according to my records, on the 16th July 1943, aged 21, and was with us until the 13th September. For all that time his temperature was almost always over normal, some days reaching 105°F. Les was so pleased to meet me again after all these years and expressed his deep appreciation of the wonderful care he had received from the 10th boys. Indeed it was a miracle that he survived.
11. Then, in November last, I attended a reunion of Williamstown High School 1920's, 30's and 40's ex-students. On arrival a chap came up to me and introduced himself as Stan O'Connor. I must confess I didn't recognize Stan immediately and subsequently found that he was a year ahead of me at school. He put his arm around me and said, 'Thank you for helping to save my life in New Guinea. He had scrub typhus and was in the navy stationed at Oro Bay. In a letter to the school paper, he said he was too weak to roll off the stretcher and was being swamped with water coming down the hill. He said I and another 10th man came in and moved him to safe ground. Lloyd and I think it must have been at Lae where he had been moved from Oro Bay. He was evacuated next day. He too expressed his appreciation of the work of the 10th.
12. Something I treasure is a beautifully written piece by Alan Tate called 'Stand in, for Mother'. This was to celebrate my 21st birthday at Dreger Harbour. It is too long to read in full but I will read a few snippets.

STAND IN, FOR MOTHER, by Alan Tate (typed as near as possible to the original).

The eerie wail of our siren in the early hours of the morning brought the inmates of the jungle bound tent to sudden bleary eyed life. Never could the bull like roar of our R.S.M. get such results.

From bed to bed passes the word, 'You awake Alan?; red alert'. Rarely is there any need to make sure, but where danger lurks the ties of friendship binds. Perhaps more so this newly born day for Alan, this day claims heritage to manhood. One could easily be cynical for he has already earned the right to manhood under the screaming hail of Tojo's bombs, in sharing the agony of the man whose lifeblood ebbs away before your eyes and the sleepless nights in an earthly hell, beneath the Aussie 25's and they render a song of death to those denied their freedom.

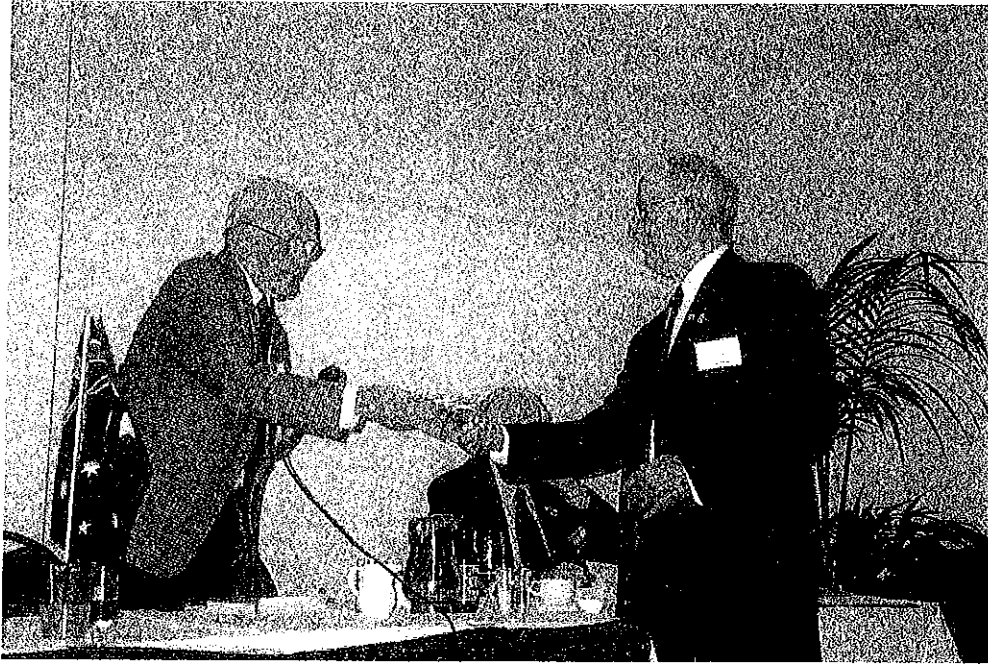
Not pleasant memories for any man to recall. No joy in discussing hell on earth with sons who demand tales of boyhood days. May God grant their lot may not be such - rather give them the gifts he so desired on this eventful day.

A loving Mother, waiting at home with a song in her heart, and the memories of fledgling days rushing through her mind, as a dream of all accomplished. To the love of Mother and Father, Alan added the consonance of his heart. The need planted so faithfully was hastening to create its own infinite beauty. Love of a Mother, and faith of a Father have not been wasted, for on this eventful morning, as he waits to take with a grin whatever Tojo has to offer, his thoughts wander far away! Mother and Father so wanted him home this day.

Routine Orders Part X Y Z by ... ?

We, the dumb coppers of Pte. A.M. Sharp, extend to all members of this section, a very cordial invitation to join them in their tent 'Lazy Acres' at 7.30pm. on February 14th in order to celebrate the changeover from boyhood to manhood of Australia's last hope and No. 1 Big Bronzed Anzac. Pte. A.M. Sharp.

At last all seems to be in readiness, zero hour approaches. Last minute instructions are given to the artists.



Appointment of Treasurer

Ken Stanley was nominated as Treasurer by President Mick, and seconded by Ron Woff. Carried.

Appointment of Assistant Secretary

Lloyd Champion was nominated for this position - vacated by Ken Stanley - moved by John Grant, and seconded by Alan Sharp. Carried.

Appointment of Functions Organizer

Vern Laidlaw was nominated for this new position by Dick Holmes, seconded by Bob Crawford. Carried. He will be a Committee member.

Affiliate Membership

Ted Young spoke at length regarding creation of Affiliate Membership for family members and friends - similar to the R.S.L. - moved by David James, seconded by Lloyd Stuart, that appropriate steps be taken to implement such membership.

Absent Members

Vern Laidlaw reported on the following absent members - Laurie Malkin, Lloyd Champion, Ron Handley, Rona Frogley, and Bruce Rimington.

Badges of Offices

John Grant moved that all office bearers be given badges of office showing their names. Seconded by Don Ludlam. Carried.

Closure

President Mick closed the meeting at 2.40pm.

Vice President Ted Young showed some memory raising slides of our war effort.

Lest We Forget

We record the passing of the following unit members

Dr John Lawrence	25-04-03	Roy Dickson	02-11-03
Allen Gadsden	05-10-03	Lloyd Stuart	01-12-03
Neil Douglas	25-10-03	Ken Gordon	21-12-03
Dr Alex Reith	29-02-04		

Letters And News Items

Geoff Dermer 4 Park Half Village Wodonga West, 3690

Dear Les, firstly excuse my writing because arthritis does not seem to like writing. Otherwise I can play golf and bowls. The unit I finished up with was 2nd Beach Group Medical at Balikpapan. It was great hearing from you and I hope you are keeping well. Last few years I have had four hospital visits and now suffering from a shadow in the lung? Cancer but no one seems to know. I have a check up with XRAY and doctor every three months.

That's enough about all my sad news. Anyway Les I would love to receive the unit book. Enclosed please find \$30 to cover all necessary. Kindest regards Geoff Dermer.

P.S. I moved to this address last November my last move this time.

Mrs Carolyn Gerrand -USA-

Dear Les, thankyou for mailing the book "Care, Courage and Comaraderie". It arrived safely. I shall treasure it always as I treasure Neil. In going through Neil's things I came across many snapshots of members of the 10th. I divided them between Don Ludlam and Lloyd Champion. Would appreciate being informed each year of 10th activities. Thankyou sincerely, Carolyn Gerrand.

Mrs J. Shepherd Burwood 3-12-03

Dear Esme and Ted, I hope you are back on track Ted and keeping fit. I have enclosed the application for my son John as an affiliate member sorry it has taken this long to complete I hope it will not be too much bother or trouble for you. Wishing you both a happy festive season. Keep well, love Joyce Shepherd.

Dr Mick Dunn 58/79 Stevenston St. Kew

Dear Ron, you asked for a precis of my time with the tenth so here it is. After serving as RMO to the 2nd/8th Armoured Regiment and later with the 2nd/9th Aust. General Hospital (AGH), both in the Port Moresby area in New Guinea. I was posted as M.O. in the 10 F.A. by way of Lae and Finchhaven, and then to Launch Jetty where a evacuation staging post was operating. I was to take over from the M.O. in charge Capt. Alex Reith. Patients were transported from the 2nd C.C.S. (Casualty Clearing Station) up the coast by U.S. landing Barge (L.C.M.), held overnight and then down the coast to the U.S. Air Strip at Dreger Harbour where the 10th had established an Air Evacuation Post. M.O. Capt. Adrian Paul and Bearer Officer Lieut. Jack McGill were in charge. From here they were held until aircraft D.C.3's (also called Dakotas) were available, they went by air to the General Hospital 2/9 A.G.H. and 2/7 A.G.H. in Port Moresby.

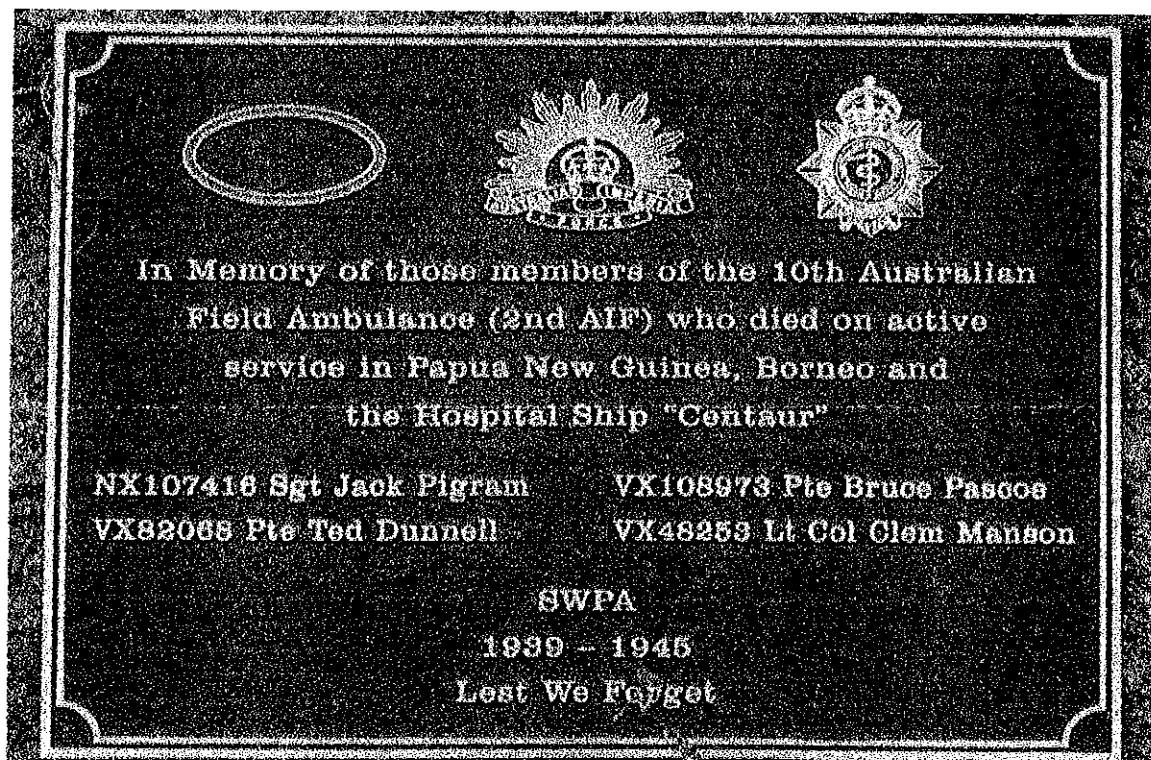
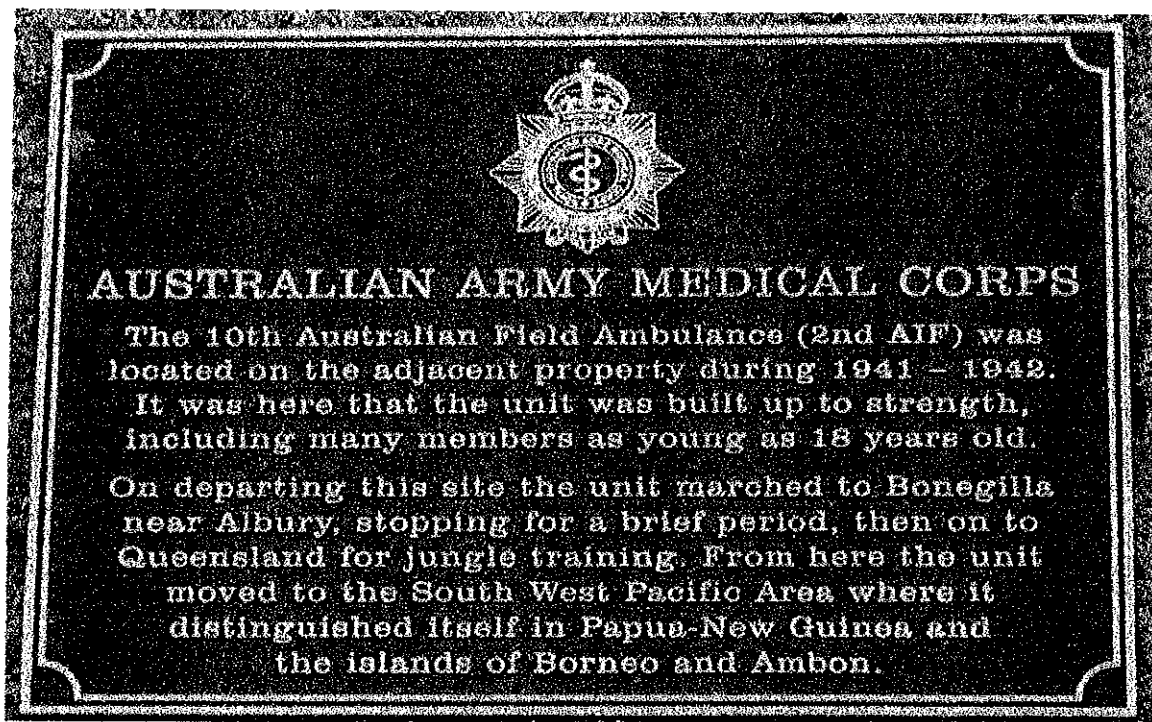
Far from relieving Alex from his duties, I became his patient for several days with Dengue Fever, very aptly also called break bone fever, due to the acute pain in muscle and joints. Shortly after, direct communication was established, Lauch Jetty was closed and I took charge at Dreger Harbour:

You will all recall the rather boring chore of filling in medical documents -- the A46 Sick Report, the Field Medical Card etc. It was not until the 1970's when I spent several years as M.O. in Repat Headquarters in St. Kilda Road that I realised just how important these documents were. They were meticulously filed in each member's record of service and my job was to sift through these which could be used to support or reject a claim for benefits of injuries or illnesses as being due to or aggravated by was service.

Nagambie Road Plaques

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As you will see from these photos, the plaques are completed and positioned as shown on the map. We are hoping to arrange a dedication ceremony in September by a local dignitary and would like as many as possible to attend. If you are interested and would like details when completed, please let the Secretary or Assistant Secretary have your phone number. If there are sufficient numbers we will hire a motor coach. Refer to page .10. showing a location map to the Nagambie Plaques.



Least We Forget

1	Bruce Pascoe	08/03/1943	52	Dr. Frank McArdle	12/12/1974
2	Jack Pigran	04/07/1945	53	Alf Swales	26/01/1975
3	Ted Dunnel	-/07/1945	54	Ralph Hallan	20/05/1975
4	Don Hiddleston	-	55	Cyril Evans	25/07/1975
5	Jack Kelleher	-	56	Jim (Bluey) Davis	04/11/1975
6	Peter Todd	-	57	Frank Dobbie	20/03/1976
7	John Bagshaw	-	58	Sam Chaffey	1976
8	Harry Cowen	-	59	Cliff Drury	02/01/1978
9	Dr. DouglasMcFarland	-	60	Bob Adeney	20/03/1978
10	Albert De Lantye	-	61	Claude Capstick	09/04/1978
11	Dr. Stan McKenzie	30/11/1956	62	Jim Drysdale	24/05/1978
12	Noel Smith	-	63	John Stretton	24/06/1978
13	George Morley	-	64	Dick Rhodes	10/11/1978
14	Jack Thompson	-	65	Dr. John Sands	23/01/1980
15	Bernie Cousins	-	66	Jack Bateman	17/08/1980
16	Angus McKenzie	02/07/1957	67	Jack Wenke	03/09/1980
17	Russel Behrens	1958	68	Roy Rasmussen	10/09/1980
18	George Jenkins	1960	69	Tom Heaney	-
19	Harold Hay	1960	70	Lindsay Sampson	21/11/1981
20	Jack Spokes	1961	71	Norm Douglas	09/01/1982
21	Bill Reid	03/03/1961	72	Jack Best	19/02/1982
22	Jim Lyall	07/03/1961	73	Wal (Jock) Lovett	17/04/1982
23	Norm Hart	27/08/1961	74	Col. Ted Palmer	05/08/1982
24	Bill Lynskey	16/11/1961	75	Ted Nicholas	10/01/1983
25	Dr. Harry Francis	20/11/1961	76	Earn Milton	-
26	Alan Fox	-/02/1962	77	P. Hill	-
27	Ken Phillips	11/05/1962	78	Ron Sincock	05/03/1983
28	David Felstead	25/07/1964	79	Bill Jones	14/12/1983
29	Eric Veith	-/01/1967	80	Charlie Worboys	23/12/1983
30	Bob Smith	21/02/1967	81	George Williamson	-
31	Dr. Alan Hewitt	1967	82	Dr. Joe Manton	30/05/1984
32	Clarrie Sanders	24/03/1968	83	Les (Bull) Martin	12/07/1984
33	Martin Smith	20/03/1968	84	Neil (Bunny) King	31/07/1984
34	Alf Saunders	-/02/1968	85	Bill Sturge	30/03/1984
35	Les Wilton	23/07/1968	86	John (Dooley) Garlep	11/10/1984
36	Henry Uebergang	-/04/1969	87	Tom Eadie	-
37	Clive Mathews	-/04/1969	88	Dr. Adrian Paul	10/02/1985
38	Les Paul	1970	89	Bill Chapman	02/03/85
39	Stan Murphy	-/04/1971	90	Ron Vernon	May 1985
40	Gerald Black	-/02/1972	91	Bill Allen	1985
41	Jack Stiglich	07/09/1972	92	Bill Shepherd	26/10/85
42	Jack McGill	26/10/1972	93	Roy McKim	24/11/1985
43	Allan Tate	14/03/1973	94	Harold Mollison	03/01/1986
44	Arthur Hunt	03/05/1973	95	Harry Tozer	1985
45	Arnold Lovell	12/05/1973	96	Allen Kilpatrick	24/04/1986
46	Harold Gaudion	18/07/1973	97	Ted (Bluey) Stroud	09/06/1986
47	Ted Monot	01/01/1974	98	Norm Irvine	-/06/1986
48	Keith Goslett	23/01/1974	99	Ray Frith	13/07/1986
49	Kel White	15/04/1974	100	Ted Tyrell	15/07/1986
50	Charles Craigie	12/09/1974	101	Leo (Mick) Rea	14/11/1986
51	John Osborne	29/10/1974	102	Jeff McGill	20/11/1986

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ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION

Annual Subscription	\$10.00
Member/Affiliate member luncheon	\$30.00
Guest's Luncheon	\$30.00
Herewith Total Cheque	<u> </u> \$ <u> </u> .

To ensure that overbooking does not occur, applications must reach the Treasurer by April 16th 2004.

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Members Name/s
Phone Number

COMMENTS - NEWS - MESSAGES

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APPLICATION
AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP OF THE 10TH AUSTRALIAN FIELD
AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION

I, Mr Mrs Miss Ms.....
(Block letters)

of..... Post Code.....
(Full address)

Date of Birth..... Phone No.....

hereby apply for Affiliate membership of the 10th Australian Field Ambulance
Association.

I claim qualification in one of the following categories:-

**PLEASE TICK
APPROPRIATE
CATEGORY**

1. Spouse	
2. Son and/or Daughter	
3. Son-in-law or Daughter-in-law	
4. Sister, Brother or Cousin	
5. Grandchild	
6. Nephew, Niece, Aunt or Uncle	
7. Brother-in-law or Sister-in-law	

of a person who is an Ordinary Member of the 10th Australian Field Ambulance, or of
a person who, at the time of death, was eligible for such Membership.

Signature of Applicant.....

List Below: Full name of person who is or was an Ordinary or Life Member Date
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Proposed by:
(Member)

Relationship verified & accepted
by Executive Committee(Honorary Secretary)

Date: