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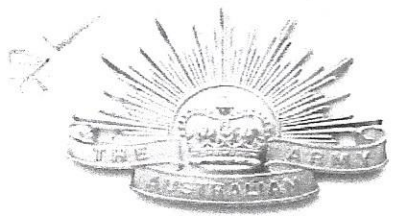
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ANZAC Day March and Luncheon 2016

The March—this year we take off a lot later than usual with 2nd AIF 1st Corps departing 10:37am : Flinders St west (north side) - on the corner next to Young & Jacksons— we follow on after 2nd/4th Aust Gen Hospital. David Hall has organised a vehicle.

The luncheon is once again at the same place Seasons Botanic Gardens – 348 St Kilda Rd, Melbourne. The price is \$50, but the association will be subsidising this by \$5— so the price to members and guests \$45. Doors open at 11:00am with the march starting later for us this year. The meeting may have to start later as well—aim 12 noon or will be worked out around serving lunch.

Minutes of the 2015 – 70TH Annual General Meeting and Luncheon of the 10th Australian (A.I.F) Field Ambulance Association.

Date – April 25th 2015 – 11.30am. Seasons Botanic Gardens – 348 St Kilda Rd, Melbourne

Welcome – Chairman & President Ted Young opened the meeting and extended a warm welcome to Members, Affiliates and Guests, with special mention to Don Thurlow, attending from Adelaide with eight family members. Also acknowledging the Assistant Principal of Vermont Secondary College (VSC) Mr Harry Ruff – VSC adopting the 10th Field Ambulance Unit under the Shrine's "Adopt a Service Unit program". A special welcome to all attending the luncheon for the first time.

Attending – The Meeting and Luncheon were attended by 62 members, affiliates and guests.

Apologies –Members – Jack Allen, Cliff Watkins

Affiliates – Norma Bachelor, David Bachelor, Lynette Blackwood, Anne Cooper, Peter De Jarlais, Robert De Jarlais, Judith Haddow, Ngaire Holman, Brendon Holmes, Marg King, Vikki King, Heather McKenzie, Pamela McMillan, Chris Martin, Brad Murphy, Justin Murphy, Devin Murphy, Jackson Murphy, Trish Nilsson, Jim Nilsson, Meryl Patrick, Debbie Pulham, Lorraine Pulham, Joyce Sheppard, Marcia Watts, Glad White

Loyal Toast -Members all stood in respect for the Queen and Australia, given by Rob Stanley.

100th Anniversary – Gallipoli . On this very special day – the 100th anniversary of the Gallipoli Landing – Wendy Ward read a poem titled "ANZAC MORN" – in recognition of the sacrifices made by the first ANZAC's Remembrance – Roll of Honour – Ted announced that the Roll of Honour would now be read.

Group Photograph

Close – Mr Ted Young

Ted Young thanked everyone for their attendance and contributions to the day.



A period of silent reflection was observed as Briony Williamson, Kim Thurlow, Wendy Ward read the Honour Roll, containing the names of past members.

All were asked to stand to remember all those members who are no longer with us.

The Last Post & Reveille was played as our thoughts were brought together, followed by the Ode.

The Ode – They shall grow not old, as we who are left grow old – LEST WE FORGET.

A highlight piece of music was played in remembrance – “El Silencio”

Acknowledgement to Ted Young & Ron Woff – Presented by Rob Stanley

Members & Affiliates all stood in recognition of the valued service to the unit that Ted Young & Ron Woff have provided over so many years.

It was noted that on this day, ANZAC day, we need to look back and remember those that are no longer with us.

But it is important to acknowledge the contributions of Members who have worked tirelessly to maintain the 10th Field Ambulance.

The unit honoured Mr Ted Young & Mr Ron Woff for their significant contributions over so many years.

Mr Rob Stanley, Vice President, presented Ted and Ron with a book each in recognition of their contribution to the Association.

The acknowledgment is attached to these minutes.

Report on the March – Mr Ron Woff

Mr Ron Woff reported that three members participated in the march – President Ted Young, Ron Woff & Mr Don Thurlow.

It was noted that it is extremely important that the unit is always represented at the march and that Affiliates need to ensure participation.

Ron acknowledged the great contribution of the King family as the custodians of the unit banner.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting – 2014



President Ted moved that the minutes of the AGM - April 25th 2014 – as published in the 10th Tit Bits, be taken as read and approved, with two amendments, those being -

Changing the date of the financial statement & The edition of the 10th Tit Bits to 2014 instead of 2013. Moved by David Hall & Seconded by Julie Mayberry

Correspondence – Mr Trevor Ward

Mr Trevor Ward presented a list of correspondents who have written to the unit – Letters received from – Lynette Blackwood, Rob De Jarlais, Brendon Holmes, Pamela McMillan, Trish & Jim Milson, Meryl Patrick, Chris Martin

Moved to receive by Julie Mayberry & Seconded by Wendy Ward

Finance Report – Mr Trevor Ward. The Treasurer Mr Trevor Ward tabled the Financial Statement for the Period ended January 31st 2015.

The Treasurer moved that the report be accepted – Seconded by John Shepherd, motion carried

Reports—10th Tit Bits – Mr Ron Woff—Ron acknowledged the great work by his family, especially his granddaughter, Sarah Goode, in preparing the Tit Bits every year.

All in attendance supported their great contribution with a strong applause.

Welfare – Mrs Wendy Ward. Wendy Ward advised the support need to members Mr Jack Allen & Cliff Watkins.

Wendy moved an increase in the donation to Legacy to \$ 400. This was seconded by Rob Stanley – all were in favour – the motion was carried.

Adopt an Ex Service Organisation Program – Mrs Wendy Ward

Wendy proudly introduced the Assistant Principal of the Vermont Secondary College – Mr Harry Ruff. Mr Ruff thanked all at the meeting for the opportunity to be involved with the 10th Field Ambulance Unit.

The Vermont Secondary College has over 1350 students and take their involvement with the unit and the services with pride.

The Honour Board will be permanently on display at the school.

Committee Positions—Existing Committee members have indicated their willingness to continue in their positions, and we were delighted that Michael Englefield has offered to take up the role of Secretary. Michael was duly elected as Secretary, moved by Trevor Ward and seconded by Julie Mayberry.



Toast to the Unit – Mr Don Thurlow. Our Member Mr Don Thurlow presented a moving tribute to the unit. The theme of the toast to the unit was – Past Present & Future – emphasising the need to ensure continuity in our acknowledgment of the unit and it being maintained by our Affiliate family members.

General Business—Nil

Group Photograph

Close – Mr Ted Young. Mr Ted Young thanked everyone for their attendance and contributions to the day.

TOAST to the Unit 2015:

Mr President, Ladies and Gentlemen in proposing the unit toast today I wish to divide it into 3 parts – the past the present and the future.

Prior to the Japanese invasion the 10th Field ambulance was a militia unit under the command of major McKenzie. They regularly met in a drill hall in South Melbourne and they had a nucleus of medical officers and other ranks and occasionally carried out a bivouac on the Mornington peninsula. Immediately after the war broke out Major McKenzie was promoted to the rank of army lieutenant colonel and was ordered to recruit a complete field ambulance unit. Now what I have read of Colonel McKenzie I understand he was a dour Scotchman, highly regarded in his profession, a disciplinarian and a pragmatic and practical soldier. He may have been liked or disliked, that didn't worry him but he was also a man of great vision and he was aware that in order to defeat the enemy, every man in the armed forces had to be trained to the utmost of their ability. Because the whole object of the field ambulance was to treat casualties and to save lives. The unit was quickly established with doctors and other ranks recruited mainly from Victoria but also other states. They were trained relentlessly and moved from Victoria to Brisbane where they had several moves until in October 1942 they were ordered to embark to New Guinea. Unfortunately Colonel McKenzie was of ill health and was forced to retire on medical grounds. The unit was divided into two and embarked on two old Dutch tram ships. They were headed for Milne Bay. And after a number of diversions they finally disembarked at Port Moresby. Here they met their new commanding officer Colonel Palmer who was the original commanding of the 2nd 10th field ambulance in New Britain. He then with a number of his staff escaped to Moresby. Now New Guinea was a very strange place for the unit and they knew very little about the country or its inhabitants. Now militia units were fighting a rear guard action on the Kokoda trail and the Japanese had occupied Weewik Lae and the northern huan peninsula. The unit was immediately moved to the eastern side of the island and here they encountered high mountains, dense forest, high humidity, monsoonal rains, mosquitos, mud and mire. They then served at some strange places called San Ananda, Pop on petta, dob a dura, oro bay, morobe. For the next 16 months or so they worked with the American army medical units treating the injured soldiers from the northern huan penninsual. They worked in difficult conditions, many operations were carried out in make shift theatres and many lives were saved. How many I don't know because it doesn't appear that these figures were kept.



In June 1944 the unit was relieved and was returned to Melbourne for recreation. At this particular time my unit was stationed at Materanka in the Northern Territory and I convinced my CO to arrange my transfer to a field unit. I then spent the next couple of weeks travelling to Adelaide where I arrived on Boxing Day in 1944. I was granted leave and when I reported back, I received a movement order to the broad meadows camp in Victoria, expecting to find the 10th field ambulance unit. However that was not so, and after a week or so I was then moved to Ingleburn where again I expected to find the unit. Again no unit, subsequently up to a place called Loganville in Qld, where I joined another group looking for the 10th field ambulance. After several weeks of training we were finally advised that the unit was in Townsville. We arrived in Townsville late one Thursday afternoon but instead of joining the unit we went to the staging camp and on Saturday morning we were called to the orderly room and told we were to embark at 1600 hours to Morotai. We joined the United States liberty ship James K Corbett with a mass of other troops but no field ambulance. We then sailed outside the Great Barrier Reef and were diverted to the island of Biak because there were rumours that a Japanese submarine was in the area. We were delayed for approximately 12 hours and then were escorted to the island of Morotai. On arriving at Morotai, we found a mass of troops and a mass of ships but no field ambulance unit. We reported into a movement officer and after perusing his manifesto, he said "there is no 10 field ambulance on Morotai. Wait here and I will find out what's going on". About a half hour later he returned and said "you should have joined the unit in Townsville however that are either embarking now or on their way." We were then introduced to an American master sergeant and billeted in an American camp. He advised us of the facilities, where we were to eat and then stated "that despite the mass of troops in Morotai, the Japanese still occupied the northern beaches. However the Americans have thrown a battalion of inventory men around the perimeter which had isolated the Japanese." However we were not to leave any valuables in our unit as the Japanese may try to infiltrate during the night as they were very short of food and medicines. However nothing occurred and we waited for the unit to arrive. Now it is necessary to tell you that there were several major events that changed the whole war in the Pacific. Firstly there was a battle in the Coral Sea where the American Navy decimated the Japanese fleet despite receiving heavy casualties due to the Japanese kamikaze pilots who would fly their planes into the fleet. This cut the Japanese supply lines. Secondly the 6th division were winning the battle of the Kokoda trail and thirdly the Americans had won the bloody battle at Guam, they occupied the Philippines and on the 17th March 1945 the Americans sent one thousand B29 bombers over the main land of Japan. Over 1000 tonnes of high explosive incendiary bombs were dropped on Tokyo. Half of Tokyo was reduced to ashes, casualties were estimated at over 100 000. Unfortunately most of these were Japanese women and children who were incinerated. Despite this the Japanese fought on. Our unit finally arrived and we were happy to join them. We immediately joined the unit and I commenced duties with staff sergeant in the orderly room. We were advised that the Australian troops were to make a joint assault on Borneo, North and South. Many war correspondents later stated that the assault was not necessary as Borneo was more or less isolated.



However General Blamey had demanded that Australian troops carry out one more major assault before the war ended. So the 9th Division and the associated troops made the assault on Labulan and Tarracan and the 7th division with our support were to land at Balikpapan. Now prior to the war Balikpapan was the headquarters of the Dutch shell oil company. At the rear of Balikpapan there were huge oil tanks which contained millions of gallons of oil. The Japanese had dug a kind of a moat around the beaches and pipes were run from the tanks to this area, the idea being to pump the oil in to the moats and then set it alight to repel the invaders. Likewise the hills were riddled with caves in which the Japanese had mounted naval guns on railway tracks with the idea of firing from one opening and then shifting it to the next. However because of the huge bombardment these were out of action and the tanks were reduced to a mess of molten metal. We left Moratai in LSI and the landings were divided on the red, yellow and green beaches. The 7th division took the main assault on the yellow and green beaches and we landed on red beach. Our LSI was driven to within about 100 yards of the shore and we waded through the sea to the shore in pairs carrying special paniers of medical equipment. The next day we established our unit and medical teams were hastily put together and moved to assist the casualties of the 7th division. 286 7th division paid the supreme sacrifice and hundreds were injured. These were immediately treated by our medical units and were shipped to offshore to the waiting medical ships. Then the Americans dropped the atomic bombs on Nagasaki and Hiroshima. McArthur gave the Japanese high command 24 hours to surrender, or the major cities of Japan would be obliterated. Japanese high command then surrendered. With one condition – that the Japanese emperor was to be spared. This was agreed on and armistice was declared. Now there were several items of interest that occurred at Balikpapan. Firstly on the Sunday following the surrender, the 7th division chaplain Captain Reverend Tucker held a thanks giving church service and I was amazed to find that prior to the war he was the local Methodist minister in my home town in Terowie. It was a happy reunion but unfortunately we never saw each other again. Fighting continued for several day after the armistice until the Japanese received orders to surrender. We were next told that the British singer Gracie Fields was to present her final concert in the pacific. Stages were set up in the amphitheater and it was estimated that some 4000 troops attended that concert. It was a memorable occasion and as one correspondant later reported that when she sang her final song “wish me luck as you wave me goodbye” the ovation could be heard in Australia. An amusing incident occurred when one morning lieutenant Hardy and staff sergeant Miller from our pharmacy unit came to the orderly room requesting RSM Martin to place a picket on the dispensary as there had been numerous petty thefts. Len Martin said that despite the bombing at Balikpapan there were many primates in the deep forest and they had been sited around the camps and they were very clever in stealing anything they could get their paws on, so a picket would not be necessary. Hardy and Miller went away grumbling and Len turned around and said “chaps I think they have been a monkey over this” and we had a good laugh. Next came a huge batch of administration matters including how personnel were to be discharged. This was on a point system and points were given for length of service, additional for overseas service, marriage status, age and of course many of the unit had sizeable scores. In addition all leave records had to be updated and medical records had to be assessed. We then received order that we were to move to the island of Ambon to treat the Australian Prisoners of war.



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We were escorted in by an Australian corvette, army headquarters had already been established in the township and on our disembarkation we occupied the previous Dutch hospital. The unit was quickly established, prisoners of war treated and the majority of the Japanese were transported by barges to the island of Ceram and ultimately to Morotai. Whether or not they were charged under the war crimes, I am not aware of. However intelligence had been advised that the Australian prisoners had been subjected to a number of vaccinations. Colonel Palmer was ordered to investigate but despite exhaustive enquiries he was never able to confirm whether the vaccinations were dangerous or not. His report has been lodged in the archives at the Canberra war museum. The unit also gave medical attention to many of the local residents and several operations were carried out. We were then advised that the first batch of the unit could be sent home for discharge and among those to leave were staff sergeant Saunders and I was immediately made orderly room Staff Sergeant and became Colonel Palmer's personal clerk. Volunteers were then called to join the BCOF in Japan and a number volunteered where they served for periods of 18 – 12 months and unfortunately in later years they experienced serious medical conditions due to the atomic fallout. In early January 1946 the unit was advised that a Dutch unit was to take over the hospital. When we first arrived at Ambon we quickly made friends with the local inhabitants who were only too willing to carry out our laundries. And the boys quickly established a liaison on where they provided each day additional food from our mess. We were then advised that the Dutch unit had arrived and we were to hand over all our equipment except our records. However on the evening before our embarkation I was working alone in the orderly room when the family we had practically adopted appeared and wanted to give me a present. This consisted of a beautiful 3 mastered Ambonese ship. They were bitterly disappointed that I would never get it home safely. However next morning they reappeared and gave me a small jewel box. This was about 4 inches square, one inch deep, embossed lid entirely made of cloves and they were sure I could get this home safely, so we said goodbye and a strange thing happened. We had a number of Japanese working around the hospital and two in our orderly room. And they approached me and handed me their identity cards, which I refused as I wasn't sure whether they were trying to hide their identity. However many months later when I unpacked my sausage bag, those identity cards were in the bottom and I still have them today. When the Dutch unit arrived we handed over the hospital and embarked for home. Our ship was detoured to Jakarta where additional troops were taken on board. On the journey home Warrant Officer Martin and myself were given the luxury of a cabin where we established our orderly room. And during the voyage home we prepared rolls for each individual state they were despatched home for discharge. Len Martin, myself and one of our officers went to Chermside where we carried out administrative duties for a week or so and then we too headed home. On finally arriving at Adelaide I was given leave and carried out administrative duties and finally discharged in June 1946. And for me that was the end of my time with the 10th field ambulance.

However approximately 13 years ago I noticed an advertisement in the DVA newsletter that the unit was holding the usual ANZAC day march and reunion. I contacted the then secretary and since that time I have had the pleasure of attending all but one reunions. And so the past is past and all we have left is thoughts and memories.



Now today was another ANZAC day and the unit was again represented by our stalwart president Ted Young and supported by a large contingent of next of kin. I enjoyed travelling in a motor car with my Grandson William. After our welcome here today we were able to pay tribute to those who have passed before us when the honour roll was read. And I am sure there were many memories about those who have gone.

Now what of the future – it is going to be difficult. Our numbers are dwindling, our children are getting to retirement age, our grandchildren what I would term economic chaos and our great grandchildren will probably not remember us. However as long as we have the nucleus of a strong committee I am confident our reunions will continue. Mr President, ladies and gentleman, it has been a pleasure and a privilege to give the toast today. And in conclusion I would like to express on everyone's behalf our grateful thanks to the great architect of the universe for favors already bestowed upon us. We trust this will continue so that the honour the integrity and the traditions of the 10th field ambulance will remain with us until time in memorium. I would now ask you all to rise and join with me in honoring the unit toast.

Letters and News:

Marcia Watts

19th April 2015

Dear Trevor, our family has had a rough time lately. Mum is in Aged Care in Anglesea, Vicki has spent quite a bit of time in care and now at home with care. I unfortunately have terminal cancer and having ongoing treatment. Hope you all had a wonderful ANZAC Day and know that our family (especially my children) will continue to support the unit. Regards Marcia Watts. (KING)

Unit Response: Trevor Ward

12 May 2015

Dear Marcia, I am sorry for the delay in replying to your letter. I had left processing the subscriptions received after Anzac day until last week, and had not realized that your letter was attached. There is no need to apologise for the problem of finalizing numbers. Everything sorted itself out all right and we had a very meaningful commemoration and an enjoyable social gathering. Your family has always been one of the big family groups at the Luncheon in past years and it is unfortunate that Marj., Vikki and yourself have all encountered major health problems which have made it impossible for you all to attend. You were very brave taking part in the Anzac Day March, even more so because of the miserable weather on the day.. It was great that you were able to come along to the hotel for a while even though you were unable to attend the Luncheon. Ted Young was very moved by your letter which was read out at the 2013 Luncheon and which recorded your family's commitment to the Unit. It was Ted's specific request that your letter be printed in Tenth Tit Bits the following year. This was the seventieth year of the Association and to mark the special occasion presentations of a book were made to each of Ted Young, who completes sixty years as Vice President or President next year, and to Ron Woff, who has completed forty years as Editor of Tenth Tit Bits.. Wendy and I are very sad to know of your own prognosis and we know you will be comforted by the love and support of your family, With our kindest regards Trevor Ward



Colin Lee 1 Ashmore Avenue Canning Vale, WA 6155 25th June 2015

Dear Ted, I only today received via my mother a copy of your Tit-Bits newsletter for the 10th Australian Field Ambulance Association (1st April 2015 edition) of which my father Edward (Ted) John Lee, date of birth 25 May 1920, was a member during WWII. I did not realize that Dad was a member of your Association until Mum mentioned it today. She was not aware either, because Dad never used to speak about his experiences during the war (as I'm sure many others likewise didn't) and refused to open up whenever we asked him. It was only when we received your newsletter that we made the connection! Dad knew Jack Bacon quite well I believe, and I do remember Jack visiting us when we lived at a house in Claremont, WA in the 1980's. Dad passed away on 29th April 2010 in Perth. I would be very interested in any information you might have about Dad and his time with the 10th Field Ambulance and am happy to become an associate member if you have such a membership category in your Association for relatives of your members. I have an interest in finding out about my relatives experiences in the Great Wars. You might be interested to know Dad's father Robert Irwin Lee was in the 5th Australian Field Ambulance in WWI. He was stationed in France 1917. My mother's father was also a soldier who went to Gallipoli this year for the 100th anniversary of the ANZAC landing at ANZAC Cove. My address is as above, 1 Ashmore Avenue, Canning Vale, WA, 6155 and this is the best address to use for any correspondence as Mum no longer lives at the Collinson Way, Leeming address, to which the newsletter was sent. I would love to hear about any information you can forward on to me. My mobile number is 0412055054

Unit RESPONSE: Dear Colin, Ted Young, our President, has passed your letter on to me. The association maintains an Honour Roll recording the names of all the members of the Unit who passed away, and we shall arrange for your father's name to be added to the Honour Roll this year. We are very pleased that you would like to become an associate member, and an application form is attached. The annual subscription \$10, and you will receive a copy of "Tenth Tit Bits" posted to your address. The Association is very fortunate to have a book titled "Care, Courage, and Camaraderie", which is a history of the Tenth Australian Field Ambulance in World War 2. Unfortunately, we have no more copies available, but I have looked up the references to your father in the book, I am enclosing a copy of the relevant pages for you. I have also included one page where Jack Bacon is mentioned. The relevant pages have a green marker. I have spoken with Jack Bacon and he said your father was a nursing orderly assisting the surgeons with operations. This, no doubt, influenced his decision to become a doctor after the War. I shall forward a copy of your letter to Ron Woff, who is the Editor of Tenth Tit Bits, and Ted has asked that a copy of your letter be included in next year's Tenth Tit Bits, If you are in Melbourne on ANZAC Day next year, you would be very welcome to join us for the March and/or the luncheon. With Kind regards Trevor Ward Treasurer.



Rob de Jarlais 2 Maidstone Street Picton, 2571

14 April 2015

Dear Trevor, thanks for the update and the Tenth Tit Bits. I plan to be on my way to Alice Springs in Late April this year. Our plan is to ride by motorbike from Alice to Curtin Springs, Ayres Rock, Dorker River, Warburton, Kalgoorlie, Norseman then back along the Nullabor and home to Picton via the Murry River route. My apologies for the 25th. I will miss the great company and friendship. Rob De Jarlais.

Maryl Patric

3rd April 2015

I am unable to attend I am sorry to say, and send my best wishes for a happy reunion to you all. Sincerely Maryl Patric

Pamela McMillan

Hope you all have a wonderful ANZAC Day. We were booked to come to Melbourne this year but I recently broke my left hip and am unable to travel! My very best wishes to you all Pamela McMillan

Chris Martin

17th April 2015

Hello Trevor, Very nice to hear from you. I hope that you and Wendy are well . Things continue to be very good here in Cao Lanh and my assignment has just come to an end . It has been a wonderful experience and there will be a little sadness in leaving. Look forward to seeing you when I return later this year.

Lynnette Blackwood (nee McKenzie)

April 2015

Thank you again for Tit Bits No 49. just received it is credit to all concerned who produced it. I regret I am unable to be with you all at the luncheon this year. President Ted: thank you for those words you said about my father Col McKenzie—"He taught us about life looking after the wounded and keeping us fit" (end of quote). They were so much the ethic by which he tried—always to do ones best. I will be thinking of you all wishing you well for the luncheon and gathering in this commemorative years . I remain yours sincerely Lynnette Blackwood.

Joyce Shepkind

I would like to thank Ron Woff and family for all their great effort with the Tit Bits also you Wendy on the great job you do. Yours Sincerely Joyce Shepkind

**Bits and Pieces****Recognition to - Ted Young & Ron Woff**

ANZAC day is a day that we need to look back and remember those that are no longer with us
 Their commitment has continued over so many years during the war and after until today
 We do though need to sometimes take time to look at those with us and recognise what they do
 We look at "President" Ted & with respect "TIT BITS" Ron and we see two very dedicated and loyal members of the 10th
 For well over a combined 100 years these two great men have ensured we will always remember

Ron Woff—Not sure if you know that Ron was nearly not a member of the 10th

The army had the insight to transfer Ron to the unit

He has said himself – ANZAC day 2006 – that being transferred to the 10th was the best thing the army did for him during the war

We can only thank the army for their forward thinking

Also – not all will know that Ron's father was a member of the 10th in WW 1 –

Thankfully surviving that war How did it all start

Late 1941 Ron requested to be drafted to the Signals corp

All the paper work completed – Ron was on his bike to go to war

Literally – the only way he could get to the corp was to ride his bike from Mentone to Williamstown

On route he had a few things to do –

The route he took was directly by his girlfriend's house –

How can a 30 minute bike ride take so long

After a period of 10 months Ron was asked to transfer to the 10th and we all know the history of the next 75 years

Ron's contribution to the unit – especially over the past 35 plus years has been significant

Today we talk about communication as the critical link in successful business

This cannot be more to the truth – with the 10th

Ron's ongoing communication to the members thru the 10th TIT BITS is absolutely appreciated and vital

Ron please accept our sincere thanks for your ongoing dedication to the 10th

Ted – VP 1957 2007 – Pres 2007

I would like to start by noting – are you aware that we nearly had 3 Ted's

His two brothers – were too young to join up so it was Ted alone that joined the unit

Later his second brother did join

Different to Ron – who thanked the army for transferring him to the 10th

Ted at a point wanted to leave the unit – fortunately the C O – strongly advised Ted that he was in the 10th - the words were

"SON - YOU ARE MINE – AND YOU ARE GOING TO STAY"

And stay he did

Ted is the ultimate leader – from the front – always leading by example From my introduction to the unit Ted has always been the driver The one that understands you need to maintain the links In 2006 Ted addressed the lunch with the vision to the future Understanding that unit member numbers were passing It was vital that the unit welcome affiliates to the executive We see today the real value of his insightful view Both Ron & Ted are always there for their mates It was at my fathers funeral where Ted asked if he could say a few words Ted always was there always prepared to recognise his mates



He spoke as only Ted can – from the heart Ensuring all that were present - understand the commitment Those that went to war / those who did not come home For us today Ted will continue to make sure we remember Ted – thank you for your unwavering commitment to the unit.

King Family Recognition:

On behalf of Tenth Field Ambulance we would like to say a special thankyou to the King family.

Many families have helped in keeping our reunion “Alive” but none more so than the Kings. In the early days they provided food and drinks at their home after reunions which was very popular. Bob King (KRUGER) was a committee member, then a life member. The family always helped, particularly the boys carrying the banner. “MAY THEY NOT GROW OLD”.

Editors Rant (Ron Woff):

ANZAC day meeting was a success last year celebrating 100 years of ANZAC — but also our association 70 years - with a celebratory cake and display of photos and war memorabilia . We were also lucky enough to have some extremely well done posters on display which were made by children from our adopt a school.. We are looking forward to our developing relationship with the adopt a school program. Our Honour roll board and some war memorabilia will be displayed in special cabinets at the school .

Hoping you all enjoy a year of good health and happiness, Ron Woff and Sarah Goode.

Lest We Forget

They shall grow not old
As we that are left grow old
Age shall not weary them
Nor the years condemn
At the going down of the Sun
And in the morning
We will remember them

**Lest We Forget**

1. Bruce Pascoe	08/03/1943	60. Bob Adeney	20/03/1978
2. Jack Pigram	04/07/1945	61. Claude Capstick	09/04/1978
3. Ted Dunnel	-/07/1945	62. Jim Drysdale	24/05/1978
4. Don Hiddleston	-	63. John Stretton	24/06/1978
5. Jack Kelleher	-	64. Dick Rhodes	10/11/1978
6. Peter Todd	-	65. Dr. John Sands	23/01/1980
7. John Bagshaw	-	66. Jack Bateman	17/08/1980
8. Harry Cowen	-	67. Jack Wenke	03/09/1980
9. Dr. Douglas McFarland	-	68. Roy Rasmussen	10/09/1980
10. Albert De Lantye	-	69. Tom Heaney	-
11. Dr. Stan McKenzie	30/11/1956	70. Lindsay Sampson	21/11/1981
12. Noel Smith	-	71. Norm Douglas	09/01/1982
13. George Morley	-	72. Jack Best	19/02/1982
14. Jack Thompson	-	73. Wal (Jock) Lovett	17/04/1982
15. Bernie Cousins	-	74. Col. Ted Palmer	05/08/1982
16. Angus McKenzie	02/07/1957	75. Ted Nicholas	10/01/1983
17. Russel Behrens	1958	76. Earn Milton	-
18. George Jenkins	1960	77. P. Hill	-
19. Harold Hay	1960	78. Ron Sincock	05/03/1983
20. Jack Spokes	1961	79. Bill Jones	14/12/1983
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22. Jim Lyall	07/03/1961	81. George Williamson	-
23. Norm Hart	27/08/1961	82. Dr. Joe Manton	30/05/1984
24. Bill Lynskey	16/11/1961	83. Les (Bull) Martin	12/07/1984
25. Dr. Harry Francis	20/11/1961	84. Neil (Bunny) King	31/07/1984
26. Alan Fox	-/02/1962	85. Bill Sturge	30/03/1984
27. Ken Phillips	11/05/1962	86. John (Dooley) Garlep	11/10/1984
28. David Felstead	27/07/1964	87. Tom Eadie	-
29. Eric Veith	-/01/1967	88. Dr. Adrian Paul	10/02/1985
30. Bob Smith	21/02/1967	89. Bill Chapman	02/03/1985
31. Dr Alan Hewitt	1967	90. Ron Vernon	May 1985
32. Clarrie Sanders	24/03/1968	91. Bill Allen	1985
33. Martin Smith	20/03/1968	92. Bill Shepherd	26/10/1985
34. Alf Saunders	-/02/1968	93. Roy McKim	24/11/1985
35. Les Wilton	23/07/1968	94. Harold Mollison	03/01/1986
36. Henry Uebergang	-/04/1969	95. Harry Tozer	1985
37. Clive Mathews	-/04/1969	96. Allen Kilpatrick	24/04/1986
38. Les Paul	1970	97. Ted (Bluey) Stroud	09/06/1986
39. Stan Murphy	-/04/1971	98. Norm Irvine	-/06/1986
40. Gerald Black	-/02/1972	99. Ray Frith	13/07/1986
41. Jack Stiglich	07/09/1972	100. Ted Tyrell	15/07/1986
42. Jack McGill	26/10/1972	101. Leo (Mick) Rea	14/11/1986
43. Allan Tate	14/03/1973	102. Jeff McGill	20/11/1986
44. Arthur Hunt	03/05/1973	103. Fr. Jim English	08/12/1986
45. Arnold Lovell	12/05/1973	104. A.G. (Mick) Arnott	01/01/1987
46. Harold Gaudion	18/07/1973	105. Dea Rea	09/04/1987
47. Ted Monot	01/01/1974	106. Ray Meadows	01/07/1987
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49. Kel White	15/04/1974	108. Ron Crawford	04/11/1987
50. Charles Craigie	12/09/1974	109. Bob Mitchell	09/01/1988
51. John Osborne	29/10/1974	110. Dave Johnson	14/03/1988
52. Dr. Frank McArdle	12/12/1974	111. Ray Zumpe	09/12/1988
53. Alf Swales	26/01/1975	112. Stan Herbert	08/01/1989
54. Ralph Hallan	20/05/1975	113. Alan Furmston	25/09/1989
55. Cyril Evans	25/07/1975	114. Jock Roe	07/11/1989
56. Jim (Bluey) Davis	04/11/1975	115. Ron Roberts	08/11/1989
57. Frank Dobbie	20/03/1976	116. Jack Mackie	-
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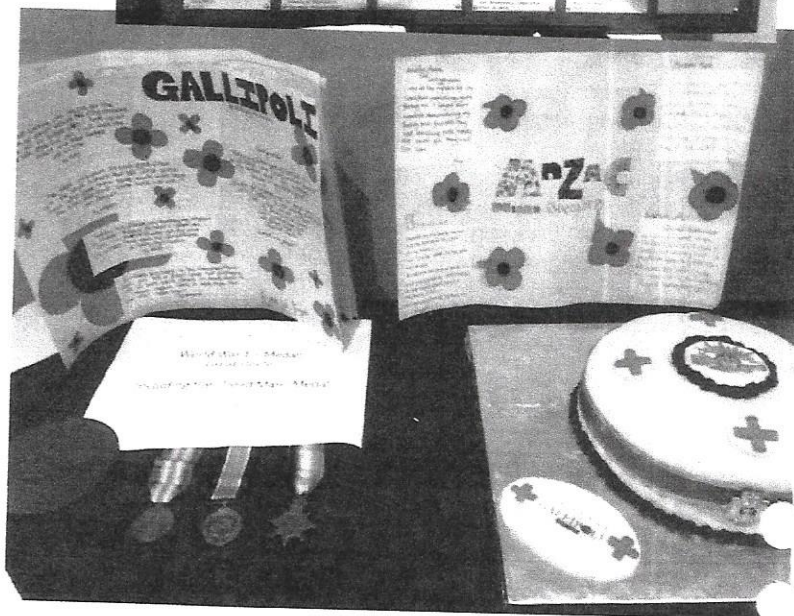
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122.	Doug Clenens	28/09/1990	180.	Laurie Peverill	06/11/1999
123.	Joe Strudwick	31/10/1990	181.	Phil Scanlon	24/01/2000
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126.	Dr Gavin Johnson	29/08/1991	184.	Arthur Breadon	05/12/2000
127.	Aub Vimpani	19/09/1991	185.	Alan Patrick	28/01/2000
128.	Jim Loveridge	01/12/1991	186.	Bob (Kruger) King	04/05/2001
129.	Sid Biffen	20/04/1992	187.	Roy Simpson	29/05/2001
130.	Harold (TAC) Grundy	03/05/1992	188.	Wally Page	09/08/2001
131.	Harry Williams	09/11/1992	189.	Don Braine	22/11/2001
132.	Eddie Mott	16/06/1993	190.	Neil Gerrand	09/12/2001
133.	Murdock McMillian	25/07/1993	191.	Jack Laffin	-/01/2002
134.	Eddie Sullivan	06/09/1993	192.	Eric (Sergie) Williams	22/03/2002
135.	Dr. George Marks	04/11/1993	193.	Stan Lucas	01/04/2002
136.	Harold Lawrence	18/01/1994	194.	Allan Hocking	14/04/2002
137.	Dr. Emmet Spring	21/01/1994	195.	Merv Featonby	05/06/2002
138.	Horrie Vimparni	22/02/1994	196.	Arthur Rocket	10/06/2002
139.	Ken Clinch	13/03/1994	197.	Gordon Lee	-
140.	John Hall	18/08/1994	198.	Noel Blake	2003
141.	Cec. MA Kelly	20/05/1994	199.	John (JACK) Walsh	25/02/2003
142.	Bill (NANA) Dickson	14/09/1994	200.	Dr. John Lawrence	25/05/2003
143.	Ken Sutherland	23/05/1995	201.	Allan Gadsden	05/10/2003
144.	Dr. N. (Bill) Brand	24/06/1995	202.	Neil Douglas	25/10/2003
145.	Ern Stevens	30/08/1995	203.	Roy Dickson	02/11/2003
146.	Frank Reid	14/12/1995	204.	Lloyd Stewart	01/12/2003
147.	Steve Langton	19/01/1996	205.	Ken Gordon	21/12/2003
148.	Dr Ian Wilson	09/06/1996	206.	Geoff Dermer	14/01/2004
149.	Bob James	20/07/1996	207.	Dr Alex Reith	29/02/2004
150.	Ernie (PLUGGER) Utting	08/10/1996	208.	Doug Johns	09/07/2004
151.	Les Best	26/12/1996	209.	Merv Blow	05/08/2004
152.	Bert Webster	27/01/1996	210.	Norm Wall	06/12/2004
153.	Neville Stephens	16/02/1997	211.	Dr Paul Matthews	09/01/2005
154.	Keith Davey	27/03/1997	212.	Laurie Malkin	27/01/2005
155.	Bob Roughan	1997	213.	Arthur Bachelor	15/07/2005
156.	Darcey Eccles	-	214.	Jack Chenalls	09/09/2005
157.	John Cox	09/05/1997	215.	Ron Handley	09/09/2005
158.	George Drysdale	04/06/1997	216.	Len Allen	06/01/2006
159.	Roy De Jarlais	13/06/1997	217.	Dick Holmes	09/05/2006
160.	Ted Donovan	20/07/1997	218.	Len Martin	06/10/2006
161.	Pop Cook	17/10/1997	219.	Lloyd Champion	31/12/2006
162.	L (CURLEY) Blyth	01/04/1998	220.	Geoff Laidlaw	27/01/2007
163.	Dick Jones	18/04/1998	221.	Doug Potter	01/02/2007
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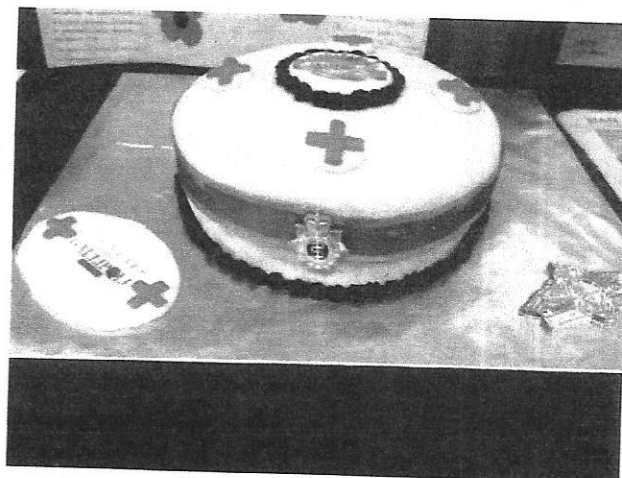


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238.	Lionel (Wattie) Tully	10/06/2010
238.	Dr Murray Verso	14/09/2010
239.	Keith Birchall	11/01/2011
240.	Dr Jules Copland	13/04/2011
241.	Les Lindley	29/07/2011
242.	Arthur (Doc) Holiday	01/08/2011
243.	Bert (Ack-ack) Kenny	11/09/2011
244.	Wally Claringbold	13/09/2011
245.	Stan Hardy	February 2012
246.	Dr. Jack Trembath	17/03/2012
247.	Dr Ted Spring	12/06/2012
248.	Willam (John) Grant	03/07/2012
249.	Horrie Hamer	21/11/2012
250.	David James	16/03/2013
251.	Ken Trafford	03/07/2013
252.	Allan Williams	06/08/2013
253.	Ken Stanley	12/10/2013
254.	Mick Morrow	02/11/2013
255.	Les Williams	22/11/2013
256.	Don Ludlam	11/03/2014
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258.	Stuart Smith	-
259.	Cliff Watkins	16/08/2015
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