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**REST IN PEACE
BRAVE
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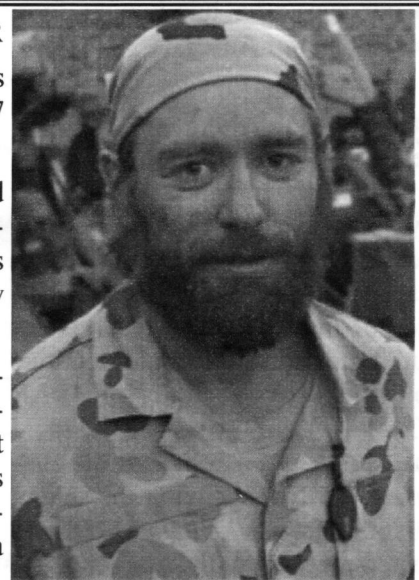


THE TWO FACES OF A WARRIOR

Lance Corporal Jason Marks was killed in action in Afghanistan on 27 April 2008.

Jason joined the Army in 1999 and served as a Gunner with 4th Field Regiment RAA. He then served two years with the RAAMC as a medical orderly before joining 4RAR (Cdo) in 2005.

Jason's 4RAR (Cdo) patrol was attacked by Taliban forces in a heavy exchange of small arms fire and rocket propelled grenades. Four other soldiers were also wounded. Jason was accompanied home by two of his mates and a service attended by his wife and family, was conducted at Holsworthy on 06 May.



Jason's funeral was conducted at Yeppoon on 08 May 2008. Members of 4RAR (Cdo) provided the military honours befitting an Australian warrior hero and many former 4RAR members were in attendance at both ceremonies.

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ANZAC Day. In the days prior to ANZAC Day, I visited three schools. Mitchelton High School included in their service a commemoration for two of their old boys who were KIA in Vietnam. One of those old boys was Victor Neils Petersen who was KIA with B Coy 4RAR on 16 Feb 1969.

Noel Kelly and I then attended a service at Algester State School during which we presented a Certificate of Associate Membership to Nicola Kelly who has been marching with the association for the past ten years representing the children of those KIA.



At the end of the service more than 200 children lined up to personally thank both us for our service to Australia. We both had tears in our eyes after this honour from the children of Australia.

I then attended the Helensvale State School ceremony and presented two books to the school; Operation Tanager, which was donated by Colonel Jim Underwood that detailed the Battalion's service in East Timor and Duty First, the history of the RAR. The children assured me that they would continue to write letters to those of 4RAR (Cdo) serving overseas and I thanked them on behalf of the Battalion. As I was leaving the school all the students of Class 7D presented me with individual letters of thanks. Another great honour.

ANZAC Day in Brisbane saw about 100 members plus descendants and family members marching. Two members marching had

never marched before and nor had they attended a service since their return from South Vietnam. Welcome home fellows. We were also graced with the presence of four Kiwis who travelled across the ditch to march with us. Well done.

LCpl Jason Marks. Noel Kelly, Gary Hansen, Alan Harcourt, Bob Dunn, Max Brown and Alan Price attended the funeral service for LCpl Jason Marks at Yeppoon on 08 May. As Jason was honoured with full military honours in a superb and fitting ceremony it was remarked upon that the 4RAR (Cdo) warriors could successfully adapt to any situation. The service could not be faulted and the outstanding drill, dress and bearing of all those members of the Battalion that took part was a fitting tribute to one their own. I offered the condolences of all members and families of the 4RAR Association Qld and those of Vic, Tas, NT and overseas to Mrs Cassandra Marks and to the parents of Jason.

In speaking to members of the Battalion during the wake, appreciation was extended to the 4RAR Association Qld for the letters from the children of Helensvale State School, the ANZAC biscuits and Christmas cakes sent by Mrs Trish Hansen and also the issues of the Fighting Fourth sent to those on operational service by the combined 4RAR state associations. The response from the soldiers makes the hard work done by your committee on your behalf, very much worthwhile.

Helensvale State School. Year 6 and 7 students of Helensvale State School are continuing to send letters to our soldiers overseas. Reports from Mrs Mary Anne White, our school liaison officer, is that some of the letters are very emotive in their support for our soldiers. A letter from a parent praising the project has been presented to the Minister for Education, Qld and is shown on page 11. Well done children and thank you.

The Nui Le Dinner is to be held on Saturday 27 September at Gaythorne RSL Club. Details are on page 14.

Articles. As the Fighting Fourth newsletter is designed to be representative of all members, articles for publication are invited from all former and serving members of the Battalion. We realise that some stories concerning 4RAR (Cdo) are quite rightly subject to operational secrecy but some anecdotes and humorous stories from the Battalion will be given priority. I cannot believe that the soldiers of today are not doing the silly things the that soldiers of yesterday did. I do appreciate that there may some stories that the CO and the RSM should never know about but that is soldiering and anonymity rules. What about the story on how SSgt Frank N. Stein came to be wounded in action? (*One for you Rufus? Ed*)

Curley's Diary will be replaced shortly by the diary of Allan Woods and his experiences in Tracker Platoon in South Vietnam. Did anyone keep a diary during Operation Tanager in East Timor which can be published? The experiences of one soldier in the Battalion quite often reflect the experiences of all members and should be shared, especially by the families.

Reunion 2011. The planning for Reunion 2011 is well underway and an introductory newsletter will be dispatched to all members in late August.

RAR NMW. Gardening Australia will be featuring the RAR NMW on ABC TV on Sat 26 Jul at 1830hr and again on Sun 27 Jul at 1300hr The RAR NMW will also feature in the August issue of the magazine, "Gardening Australia" (on sale in July).

Duty First
Alan Price



ROLL OF HONOUR
AT THE GOING DOWN OF THE SUN, AND IN THE MORNING,
WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.



Once again we honour all those who have gone before us.
In this brief moment of our time may we consider the stress and strain these men must have passed through before laying down their crosses of life. Enable us, their friends to be worthy of the trust they have imparted unto us on their passing; for theirs was an honourable and noble life. May God grant unto their families His peace.

We only hope that there are none recently which we should have reported

We sincerely apologise if we have been remiss.

William Webber 2/4RAR 09 April 2008

Lance Corporal Jason Marks 4RAR (Cdo) KIA 27 April 2008

Denis Heenan 23 May 2008

To all that have passed in the service of 4RAR, 4RAR (Cdo) and 2/4RAR

Well done, thou good and noble warriors, we will never forget!

LEST WE FORGET.

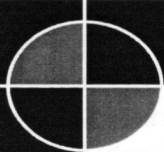
REUNION

A reunion is planned for all those who served in D Company, 4RAR/NZ ANZAC in South Vietnam between 1968 and 1969 at Flinders Island Tasmania during the period 23 to 30 April 2009

Those wishing to attend should contact Kevin Robinson, PO Whitemark, Flinders Island, Tas 7255

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A big welcome to all Association Members across NSW and ACT and on behalf of all our members we pass on to the families and friends of our recently departed comrades our deepest sympathy and sincerest condolences. To current serving 4RAR(Cdo) troops away from home, we pray for your well being and safe return.

AGM. At our AGM conducted after the general meeting on 23 April 2008, all previous office bearers were re-elected unopposed and Arthur "Finky" Lancaster was elected as a new committee member. Welcome Arthur. A 4RAR (Cdo) WO2 replaced the serving sergeant as an ex-officio member. All committee members were thanked for their work during the year including the sergeant who cannot be named but I was a little disappointed at the lack of members present at the AGM. This may have been because many of our members reside outside of the metropolitan area.

My main priority now is to contact all those residing in NSW and the ACT who are not registered members, including the more than 800 serving members and encourage them to join. We would be most appreciative if some serving or recently discharged 4RAR (Co) members would consider filling committee positions. The young guns will eventually have to replace the old guns so why not start now. The pay is lousy, the hours are flexible, but the chances of promotion are very good and the transition will be easy.

I take this opportunity to welcome all new march ins to the Battalion. To those members that have transferred, please stay in touch and we wish you all the best as you continue your career. Since the last Newslet-

ter we have had a significant increase in new applications from former members, many originals. I welcome you back into the perimeter and into the arms of our family Battalion.

ANZAC DAY. Anzac Day com-

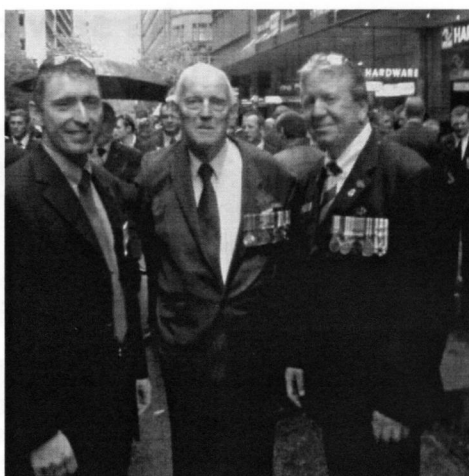


menced with Dawn Service at the Battalion and breakfast at the ORs' Mess.

Dawn Service 4RAR (Cdo)

Many then attended the march in Sydney which was led by our patron, Brigadier David Thomson MC (Rtd) and former RSM 4RAR and RSM (A) WO Wally Thompson OAM.

The proud diggers of 4RAR (Cdo) marched with us. Rain tried to interfere with the proceedings, but we were not dampened in spirit by a mere drop of water. After the march we gathered at our reunion watering hole, Taylor's On Central and became



dampened by spirits of a different content, hic!!!!

CO 4RAR (Cdo), Wally and Garry

The next day I attended a small 4RAR reunion at Doug and Judy Sewell's house at North Sydney. A great feast and time was had by all. Thanks to Doug and Judy for hosting the afternoon. Present were former members of Mortar Platoon 4RAR/NZ (Anzac) SVN1 and SVN2; Gary Bryant and his young daughters Emily and Lucy, Daryl Green and his wife Eva, Doug Sewell and his wife Judy including their daughter Tam and son Aaron, myself and my wife Suzanne.

Also attending were Phil Sadler HQ Spt Coy, SVN 2 and his wife Doctor Sue, Dave Morris B Coy SVN2 and his wife Norelle, Jenny



Dooley, widow of Brian Dooley SVN1 and Mike De La Hunty C Coy SVN1 with his wife Mary.

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REGIMENT, ON PARADE!!!!!!!

1RAR, 2RAR, 3RAR, 4RAR, 5RAR, 6RAR, 7RAR, 8RAR, 9RAR, 2/4 RAR, 8/9RAR, 5/7RAR, 10IRC RAR



In November 1948 the three Infantry Battalions, the 65th, 66th and 67th were redesignated as the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Battalions of the Australian Regiment. Soon after, the Regiment was granted the title Royal and became the Royal Australian Regiment. As the Royal Australian Regiment, it is the regular and primary Infantry regiment of the Australian Army. In November 2008, the Royal Australian Regiment celebrates its 60th year of service. The 23rd of November is not just a birthday or an anniversary of the Regiment but an important milestone of 60 years of continuous service to the nation, many of those years on active service. For the first time ever, RAR warriors who have served from Japan to Afghanistan and within Australia from 1948 to 2008, will be in the same place at the same time, as **THE REGIMENT**.

The RAR Dinner.

The first of the Commemoration events will be the **RAR Dinner on the evening of Friday 21 November** which has been confirmed as at **no charge**. Yes, free but attendance is understandably restricted to RAR members and wives or partners. The venue is the Bayside Grand Hall of the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre at Darling Harbour. This is a late notice due to the planning required prior to confirmation by the planning committee.

Dress for the dinner is requested as suit/jacket and tie with miniature medals. Timings have not been advised yet but work on 1830 for 1900 hours. The venue has been booked for 1,550 attendees so it is very important that returns for the dinner and the other activities be submitted to Alan Price no later than 16 August. Names then have to be forwarded to the planning committee no later than 18 August. I am sorry for the inconvenience but those who have already submitted additional names of those other than wife or partner for the dinner are requested to submit an amended list to Alan who is acting as the 4RAR Associations' Secretary for the occasion while Garry Heskett is acting as the 4RAR Associations' Co-ordinator.

The Rededication Service.

The second event will be a **rededication service at the RAR Memorial at Regimental Square in Sydney on the afternoon of Saturday 22 November 2008, beginning at 1300hr.** All are welcome. The 4RAR RV after the rededication service is Taylors on Central, 84 Mary St Surrey Hills and again, all are welcome.

The Service and Parade.

On Sunday 23 November 2008 a service and parade will be conducted at Victoria Barracks, Sydney commencing at 1600hr. The colours of all the battalions of the Regiment will be on parade and the Guard of Honour will be provided by 3RAR. **Attendees are requested to arrive and be seated prior to 1530hr.** All are welcome.

Dress for both the rededication service on the Saturday and the Service and Parade on the Sunday is requested as coats, ties and large medals.

A response form is located on page 15 but notification may be made by mail, telephone or email directly to Alan or through your own State Association Secretary for passing to Alan.



Please be aware that those not registered to attend the service and parade at Victoria Barracks on the Sunday may be refused entry under conditions imposed by Victoria Barracks.

A beautiful celebration port decanter with port, similar to the one pictured, is for sale at \$50 each, payable when ordering. Those not attending but ordering decanters please add \$20 postage and handling. Multiples may be ordered and will be available for collection at Victoria Barracks on the Sunday.

Please make every effort to attend as this is quite a momentous occasion for all of us and it will give us old 4RAR warriors a chance to meet and mingle with the modern 4RAR warriors of 4RAR (Commando) as well as those of the other battalions that we served in.

WHAT IS A REGIMENT IF NOT A STRONG EXTENDED FAMILY?



THE RAFFLE

Congratulations to the winners of the last raffle which was drawn on ANZAC Day.

First prize, \$200- Kev Warke, Brisbane, Qld

Second prize, \$100- Doug Farmer, Duncraig, WA

Third prize, \$100- Gordon Orford, Mermaid Waters, Qld.

Fourth prize, book Duty First- Rob Worley, Hoddles Creek, Vic.

Fifth prize, statuette- Lyle Raison, Taneit, Vic

The next raffle will be drawn on 27 September at the 4RAR Assoc, Qld Nui Le dinner.

First prize \$200

Second Prize \$100

Third prize \$100

It is anticipated that we may have a larger variety of additional prizes on the day.

4RAR ASSOC, QLD BUSINESS NOMINATION

The 4RAR Assoc, Qld was nominated in the Quest Newspapers Queensland Business Achiever Awards for 2008.

The awards recognise and reward business excellence in the local community and are a much coveted achievement. This is a great honour for us and rewards the members of your committee who work so hard in attempting to make a difference. Our greatest reward however like all the 4RAR Associations, is in serving our members.

SPECIAL FORCES SOLDIERS HONOURED

Two bases in Afghanistan have been named in honour of Australian soldiers. **Patrol Base Worsley** is named after Private Luke Worsley, 4RAR(Cdo), who died during an assault on a Taliban-held compound in November 2007. Patrol Base Worsley was built by Australian combat engineers of the Reconstruction Task Force, near the Baluchi Valley in Oruzgan Province.

Forward Operating Base Locke honours Sergeant Matthew Locke, SASR, who was killed in action in 2006. The base is situated in the Chora Valley, where Sergeant Locke fought Taliban forces in 2006, for which he was awarded the Medal for Gallantry.

Following each naming ceremony, command of the bases was transferred to the Afghan National Army. Operating from Patrol Base Worsley and Forward Operating Base Locke, Afghan troops will provide security to the surrounding areas in partnership with coalition force mentoring teams.

QUEENS HONOURS LIST - JUNE 2008

Distinguished Service Cross (DSC), Major Ian Douglas Langford

For distinguished command and leadership in action as Officer Commanding Alpha Commando Company Group in the Special Operations Task Group, Operation Slipper, Afghanistan.

In an interview with the Army Newspaper Major Langford said that the award of the Distinguished Service Cross recognised the effort of the entire Alpha Commando Company Group that served in Afghanistan from April to September 2007.

Major Langford led his company on 18 clearance operations with 49 direct engagements with the enemy. "I will always remember the courage of my fellow soldiers; whether it be moving from cover to cover to protect our wounded, or assaulting objectives, their actions were outstanding," he said. "The officers and soldiers with whom I served alongside are the most inspiring and dedicated men that I have met in my time in the Army. They performed bravely and contributed significantly to the removal of the enemy capabilities."



Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM), Warrant Officer Class One Kenneth Charles Morris

For meritorious service as the Regimental Sergeant Major of 4th Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment (Commando) and the Special Forces Training Centre.

It is believed that at least two further members of 4RAR (Cdo) have received gallantry awards for their efforts in Afghanistan but operational security cannot allow their names to be released.

US Bronze Star, Captain Lachlan Fryer

Captain Fryer, the son of former 4RAR member, Bluey Fryer was awarded the US Bronze Star for service whilst posted to Joint Task Force Headquarters, Operation Citadel, Iraq.

Well done and congratulations to all.



CURLEY'S DIARY

The Diary of 43266 Pte Ian (Curley) Henshall 6 Section, 11 Platoon, D Coy, 4RAR

We left Curley and 11 Platoon astride the Malaysian and Indonesian border about to mount their first top secret "Claret" Operation by conducting a platoon sized reconnaissance patrol into the Indonesian province of Kalimantan in Borneo.

This might be a good time to study the "Golden Rules" for Claret Operations under which the 11 Platoon patrol covertly entered Indonesia. Ed.

"Every operation is to be authorised by the Director of Borneo Operations. (Major General Walker)

Only trained and tested troops are to be used.

Depth of penetration must be limited and attacks must only be made to thwart offensive action by the enemy. No operation which requires close air support - except in an extreme emergency - must be undertaken.

Every operation must be planned with the aid of a sand table and thoroughly rehearsed for at least two weeks.

Each operation to be planned and executed with maximum security. Every man taking part must be sworn to secrecy, full cover-plans must be made and the operations given code-names and never discussed in detail on telephone or radio. Identity discs must be left behind before departure and no traces-such as cartridge cases, paper, ration packs, etc-must be left in Kalimantan.

On no account must any soldier taking part be captured by the enemy-alive or dead."

Sunday 15 May 1966

We set off at a brisk pace along the narrow track on top of the Gunong Raya (the Great Range) to the observation post (OP) at "1672". I was carrying the Bren and by the time we reached the top my bum was hanging around my knees.

From there we went east a thousand yards or so until we found the right track leading down to the Indonesian side of the border into Kalimantan. In-

cidentally the name of the track was called "The Death Track" and is aptly named. It seems the Gurkhas made it while bringing out their dead after hitting the Indonesians in a contact. They lost four men and a Gurkha Lance Corporal was awarded a Victoria Cross but they decimated the Indonesian patrol.

After making sure it was the right track and after a rest and a brew we started down. I must admit everyone was on the pill and we took things slowly.

After 2 and a half hours of moving along the track we hootchied up (put up tents) and settled in to night routine.

I did the first piquet on my own. The jungle gets very dark and one can't even see his hand in front of his face. At first I was a bit jittery but after a while I relaxed and listened to the night. One has to experience the sounds of the jungle at night to appreciate it. When I listen I am sure the whole jungle is on the move. The frogs and crickets add their voice to the general noises of the night, not to mention the different winged insects, the mossies, gnats and fireflies that never cease to fascinate me. The fireflies actually light up the ground when they are close to it. It's funny but in the daylight the movement of the jungle is not so pronounced. But what gets me is, we hardly see any sign of animal life. After a couple of hours I was relieved and I spent the rest of the night trying to balance my bum on a gigantic tree root.

It was no joke trying to sleep near the gun, everybody either walked over me or sat on me. Tomorrow night will be different.

Monday 16 May 1966

After a rough night we rose before first light, packed our gear and after the normal toiletries; a muffled cough, a scratch, followed by a cigarette (well covered up), set off downhill to "Separin", the suspected Indo-

nesian Camp, some one thousand yards away. Everything went quite well until we hit the swamps. If ever a bloke could find the bog holes it was me. Down to my waist in the stinking mud. Once in I couldn't get out as the Bren needed two hands. I reckon if a person ever needed a second pair of hands it was then. Digby (Digby Hammond) the long legged bugger, went down to his groin and would have kept on going only for him straddling a root.

By the time we got through the last of the swamp I was totally buggered and I was getting really angry with the gun.

From there we intended to move to within a couple of hundred yards of our objective, in actual fact Kev Freer walked right into it; did he back pedal!! After a short reconnaissance by Cookie (Sgt Denny Cook) and a couple of the blokes, our section went in to have a look at the joint.

It was deserted, and it looked as if it had been for at least twelve months. Of course we went in carefully.

We checked the area for mines and booby traps. We did it very tactically with the machine guns covering all the time. After we checked it over we did a systematic search.



We found a fair bit of rubbish that we brought back for Intelligence. Of course a few of us went bower birding. Bob Rowley picked up an Indonesian Army spoon. Kev Freer picked up a few food wrappers and of course John Chislett had to go

Full hog and bring back a dirty old Indonesian Army sock. Trust him.



After we completed our task we headed back. It took us 5 hours to get there and one hour and forty five minutes to get back. On the way back we again went through the swamps and as usual I fell in the holes again. I wasn't the only one this time. Chis (John Chislett) went down to his bum and we nearly lost the boss's batman, Bluey Gibson. Cookie (Sgt Denny Cook) pulled Blue out after he had gone down to his chest. Poor old Blue, when he goes, he goes all the way. *(Blue was later awarded a Distinguished Conduct Medal for bravery with 4RAR in South Vietnam in 1968-69. Ed).*

We returned to our old platoon position and hootchied up. It rained very hard on the way back but it wasn't cold. It's not bad walking in the rain. The only trouble was the gun got wet and would rust.

That night I slept with Slug (Johnny Cock) and Digby Hammond. I don't know how we did it but three of us slept in the same tent. I found out that Slug has a big bum. He had half the tent and Digby and I the other. I woke up sleeping outside.

Tuesday 17 May 1966

We spent all of Tuesday based up and Bob "Nose" Powell's section went to reconnoitre the river. The information that they came back with totally opposed the SAS briefing we received back at Bokah.

We also spent that night there and carried out the usual night routine.

Wednesday 18 May 1966

After a leisurely reveille and a brew we packed up, then it was switch on and bum into gear and back to the border.

It was up hill all the way but we made it in just over 2 hours. I was buggered but I was determined to reach the top. The last 20 yards was the hardest.

Of course the barrel of the gun fell off in the last final effort. The locking catch must have caught in my webbing.

At the top we had a rest then headed to the OP at "1672". From there we went down to "1673" where we hootchied up.

We had made it back unscathed on our first operation into Indonesia. This was a remarkable feat of navigation on the part of the boss and the corporals because the map that we had had nothing but grid lines on it. Navigation was done by compass bearings and the counting of paces and we were spot on the whole time.

The rest of the day was spent lazing around on the border cleaning weapons. Before we shaved we had our photo taken while we were still bearded and scruffy.

That night I had another attack of the runs. Of course I once again filled my pants. I didn't sleep too well that night, perhaps it was the anti climax to the patrol.

Thursday 19 May 1966

This morning we had a late move, as the choppers weren't due in to pick us up until 0900.

Of course the usual happened and they didn't arrive on time, only arriving at 1200. We were left sitting on our backsides for 3 hours before we left the border. Back at Bokah it was straight into test firing weapons and cleaning gear. The company got together to give our boss (2Lt Roger Wickham) a farewell speech as he is leaving in a few days.

Woody (Cpl John Woodley) returned to the platoon today so we are only missing one now due to sickness.

Friday 20 May 1966

The time now is 0745 and fears are held for callsign 41B (2 Section 10 Platoon). they have not come up on the radio since last night.

There has been spasmodic firing heard over the border. It sounds like machine guns and mortars. I hope that 41B are all right. At the moment all we can do is wait. All our operations have been over the border so far, but because of the peace talks we can't hit the Indonesians. 99.9% of all contacts have been on the other side. Sometimes I wonder who is the aggressor. Even the Victoria Cross was won on the Indonesian side. All patrols and contacts over the border have their grid references changed so as to appear as if the locations are on our side of the border.

1700hrs; still no word from 41B and they have been overdue for 30 hours now.

All this morning we worked on fixing up the bunkers and the surrounding area and in the afternoon we played sport to keep us fit. No doubt about it, one has to be fit to climb these "Yamas" (hills).

I had a letter from Mum today and an enclosed one from Veneta. Nothing much from Mum except that my brother was home recently on pre-embarkation leave before leaving for Vietnam.

The letter from Veneta has dashed all hopes of a future meeting. She has found a boy friend and is getting engaged soon, or she should be by now. I must admit I was most upset. Well if that's what she wants I wish her all the best and I am envious of her new fiancé.

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It has just come to hand that 41B has rejoined 41 (10 Platoon) so every thing is OK. I bet the old man (Lt Col David Thomson MC) is relieved. Our Platoon Commander leaves tomorrow so the company had a parade to present him with a beer can gong. All of us are sorry to see him go. He was a good "wheel" and we all came to know him pretty well in the 2 years that he had with the Platoon.

Saturday 21 May 1966

Well today has been a lazy one. In actual fact we didn't do much at all. We started PT again and it was rather gut busting getting back into the swing of things. We had another air-drop this morning; a total of 5 1ton chutes.

The boss left this morning to begin his new job as Assistant Adjutant. Before he left he was busy taking photos of various members of the platoon. He caught me in the mess having breakfast.

During the afternoon while the rain held off, we started to rebuild the volleyball court. It was an enjoyable afternoon the "nogs" (the villagers) enjoyed working with us. Of course we joked with them and they learnt a few Aussie swear words.

When the rain started we packed it in and went back to our holes (bunkers). Everybody had the bright idea of making ashtrays out of 105 mm artillery cartridges. So far there has been some real good ones with various designs. Slug (John Cock) made a beauty, with a cut out map of Borneo. It looks quite effective and he gave it to Pricey (Alan Price).

Tonight was the movie night and was quite good. All the locals from Kampong Bokah came; women and kids mainly. It was just like old times when I used to go to the Salisbury "bug house"; same atmosphere. I think that the locals are getting to like us better. The Ghurkhas and the Poms never did as much for them or treated them as we do.

I felt a little foolish as last night while on piquet, I wrote to Lorraine asking her to write. At the time I didn't think of it but I must look a bit of a nut in her eyes. Even so it's too late to do anything now as the letter was posted. No doubt nothing will come of it. Maybe I just wrote for the sake of writing because I don't receive much mail and because I had a kick in the bum from one that I did receive.

Last night we were told that Danny Patch had died from a disease contracted here. I don't know if he died in Singapore or not. I didn't know him personally, I can't really place him. Some of the boys knew him and it was sad news for them to hear.

Danny's death is the first in Borneo. I wonder if there will be another. They say things happen in threes.

Sunday 22 May 1966

Once again today for the main part, was an easy one and we were mainly left to our own devices.

Instead of the usual PT we worked up a sweat completing the volleyball court. After breakfast we went out to fire the 2 inch mortar and the M26 grenade off the rifle. At first I was a little nervous as I haven't used them before, and I always seem to be that way. We fired the 2 inch smoke, para-flare and HE. After a few bombs I was all right but I am still dubious about the M26. We had four blinds out of 12 grenades.

During the afternoon we worked on the volleyball court for a little while then it was back to the "private" projects. Everyone seems to be making ashtrays or dog tags. John Bryce has nearly finished making a dummy for the hangman's noose above their door. It's a real beaut. He calls it "uho". It even has pips on its shoulders. Below the noose reads a sign, "DON'T GET CAUGHT HANGING AROUND HERE".

To be different Chis and I decided to write a poem. It goes like this:



BOKAH

From Bokah we came to the border for fun.

If the Indons see us we'll bloody well run

We go to the border in bloody good order and do our task at all costs.

It usually ends up in bloody disorder and the bloody platoon gets lost.

We're told to go north maybe west So it's head down, bum up and hope for the best.

So it's up hills and onto the top And down the other side without a stop.

With our bums a hanging and all dripping with sweat

We're headed for Bokah which is a long way yet.

Over the creeks, only on logs.

Hard for us but easy for "nogs".

Through the swamp where the leeches dwell.

And the mossies buzz and bite like hell.

We move down the track a sorry lot.

Down through the lalang, hell it's hot.

The last stretch is the hardest so they say.

But I am buggered if I know, it's been hard all day.

Thank God the gates are in sight.

Well the evening has turned out to be a happy one for John Chislett. His wife June gave birth to baby boy this morning, so we are all having a drink with him. Mousie Davidson and Steve Erceg were put on the dry today. Mousie was rotten drunk on rum. I don't think the CO appreciated him singing happy birthday to himself over the battalion net.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE 4RAR ASSOCIATION, SA INC

G'day to all members. ANZAC Day has been and gone and we had a reasonable turn-up for the day. Mick Kennedy led us in his wheelchair and was pushed along by Darren, a serving member of 4RAR (Cdo) who came along and volunteered. Mick, as can be seen in the photo, has finally found a job which is suited to him (Lollypop Man) but we had to find a serving member to keep reminding him of which way the sign was to be placed and to push Mick in the right direction. It was with much pride that we had a serving member with us and we would like to see more in the future.



A sub committee comprising Noel Smith, Mick Fincham, Brian Kotz, Grant Carmody, Snow Elrington and Buck Buckingham as an ex-officio member, has been appointed to organise the building of a memorial to celebrate the Battalion and our fallen since the unit's inception. The monument is to be located on the Pathway of Honour along the northern wall of Government House facing the Torrens Parade Ground. Mick Fincham has solicited the assistance of an old B Coy mate, Mathew Swan, who is giving us invaluable service in negotiating the requesting of grants from DVA.

DVA, the RSL, the Adelaide City Council and other organisations are supporting the project.

It is intended to unveil and dedicate the memorial on Sunday 01 February 2009 on the 45th anniversary of the raising of the Battalion at Woodside in 1964 and we would like to see you all there.

Duty First
Buck Buckingham

FROM THE 4RAR ASSOCIATION, QLD LIAISON OFFICER, TASMANIA

After attending the Brisbane ANZAC Day celebrations, I decided to go to New Zealand for their Tribute 08 celebrations. I knew that I would regret it if I did not. Between reunion events there was a Vietnam era concert, Civic Reception, Beating the Retreat and Freedom of the City was bestowed on all veterans. It was arranged that I would lay a wreath on behalf of the 4RAR Associations. I was flanked by a representative of all RNZIR companies attached to 4RAR.

I met Don Benseman's brother. Don was moving just ahead of me when he was killed early on the morning of 16 Nov 68.



At one stage a Kiwi ex M60 gunner shared a bench with me and began talking about his experiences with 4RAR in his Vietnam. He told me that this was the first time that he had opened up to anybody. I understood. My trip was well worth the time and effort.

Duty First
Allan Wood

FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE 4RAR ASSOCIATION, WA

Not much news this time. Toad Fletcher will be having an operation on his waterworks shortly. Many of our members still meet every Heroes Day (pension day) at the ANZAC Club in Perth. I won't mention names but the president and secretary are normally there; attending to admin of course. We would love to see you if you are passing by.

Duty First
Peter White

EMU BOB ABOUT TURNS Judy Thomson

This book is a must for all those who served or are serving in 4RAR. Who would have thought that the wife of our first Commanding Officer was going through the same trials as the other wives of the battalion when it was first formed at Woodside in 1964? We must have all thought, for no logical reason, that the CO's wife was above the trials of the other wives of the battalion; sub standard married quarters, isolation, low pay and battalion responsibilities but she was and at the same time, was assisting all those other families in accepting Army life and "getting on with it". What a lady!

Judy's story, unlike her role as Mother of the Battalion, does not commence in Woodside.

Living during the last days of the Raj in NW Pakistan, taking Prime Minister Gough Whitlam by boat to Michaelman Bay or perched with three small boys on the deck of a burning ocean liner were all part of Judy Thomson's life. Wife of Brigadier David Thomson MC who later ran a tropical tourist resort and then became a member and minister in the federal government, she recalls with humour and honesty, her side of the story. Judy's book, "about Turns" is available at \$35 plus \$5 postage from:

Judy Thomson
30 Lilly Pilli Rd
Batemans Bay NSW 2536
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Proceeds to Legacy



AREN'T OUR CHILDREN BEAUTIFUL

On Tuesday 03 June 2008 Mr Alan Price and Mr Noel Kelly of the 4th Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment Association (4RAR) of Queensland at the invitation of the Principal, Mr Robert Pascoe, addressed the Grade Six and Seven students of Helensvale State School on the Gold Coast. Alan had addressed the school on ANZAC Day and I was very much impressed with his style of presentation and his ability to speak to the children at their level of comprehension. This time however, Alan and Noel were following up on Project Commando which was instigated by the Association two years ago and which involves the children of the school writing to members of 4RAR (Commando) serving overseas.

Alan explained, *"It all started when I was attending a BBQ at my daughter's place in Helensvale and I mentioned to my daughter that I was intending to start a project and ask school children to write to our soldiers overseas. I mentioned the fact of how pleased I was to receive letters and drawings from her and her sister when I was overseas and away from family so many years ago."*

A teacher from the Helensvale State School was at the BBQ and she stated quite strongly that if I was to commence the project, then Helensvale State School wanted to be a part of it. That spurred me on and I gained approval from my committee, contacted the Principal, Mr Robert Pascoe and the Commanding Officer of 4RAR (Commando) and they all consented. Mrs Mary-Anne White, a Grade 7 teacher accepted the role of School Liaison Officer and there was no turning back."

I believe many letters have been sent back and forth over the last two years but the reaction by the students last Tuesday when Alan and Noel asked them to continue the project was overwhelming especially after they were told how excited the soldiers were to receive the letters.

Alan went on to say that when he and Noel walked into Mrs White's classroom to share morning tea with the students, he saw on the whiteboard a list of spelling words; many of the words had a military flavour but which were used in everyday speech. That impressed him and gave him a starting point with the children.

Alan and Noel then addressed two groups of approximately 180 students. The address included a history of 4RAR, its beginnings and its war service. He then explained that wars were started by bullies who attempted to take other countries property and to stand over their people. It was explained to the children that Australia had never started a war, had never lost a war but had always defeated the bullies who attempted to take over the countries of our friends. He then explained that after a war, Australia had always stayed to help the country devastated by war to rebuild. He explained that our former enemies were now our friends.

I had never given much thought to the basics of war but in the light of what Alan said, I can now recognise and applaud the efforts of our soldiers. Alan explained that some of the soldiers would have children of their own attending school back home in Australia; that some would have babies that that they had never seen and that some might not even have a family and that a letter from a Helensvale State School student would show how much the children of Australia re-

spected them and appreciated the work that they do. He then explained some of the tasks expected of a 4RAR (Cdo) and explained that as much of their work was secret, they received no public recognition or thanks.

He went on to explain that the people who hate war the most are soldiers but that to defend their homes, their communities and their country and more importantly their children, was the reason that Australian soldiers go to war.

He then asked the students if they would write a letter to the 4RAR (Commando) soldiers serving overseas. Some of the students asked if they could send some small gifts to the soldiers. Alan suggested that they could perhaps send a handkerchief as that would be a gift that would be appreciated by the soldiers.

Alan then did something that mystified me. He discussed with the children, the ways that a soldier could use a handkerchief and I giggled to myself and thought of the obvious answer: to wipe his nose and one suggestion from the children was exactly that. Other uses were then suggested by the children; to blow his nose, to treat a wound, to wipe sweat from his eyes; to clean his rifle, as a good luck charm, to wipe the dust from his eyes, to wrap his money in, to wear as a hat, to wash his boots, to wash his face, to brush his teeth and when he was sad, to wipe away his tears.

These were obviously the answers that Alan was waiting for. Alan convinced the students that when the soldier would first read their letters and then find the

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handkerchief that the first use of the handkerchief would be to wipe away the tears gratitude from receiving a letter from a child in Helensvale State School.



The immediate response from the children was to ask how they should send a letter and what they could put in it. Alan suggested that as the letters to soldiers were personal letters from each of them that they could talk about anything in those letters. They could talk about their school life, their achievements, their pets, their school and family and perhaps enclose a photo.

Alan then asked them to start writing straight away but said that it may take some time before they received a reply due to the work of the soldiers. Many children asked if they could write to more than one soldier. Many questions were then asked about the conditions of soldiers in the field, how the soldiers might react on receiving a letter and many other things.

Alan and Noel did a great job in explaining war and the work of 4RAR (Cdo) warriors in the field and when I left, I had a tear in my eye and needed one of those handkerchiefs. I also noticed that Alan and Noel, both veterans of two wars, had a tear in their eyes as Noel remarked to me, "Aren't our children beautiful!"

A very proud mother of a Helensvale State School student.

VIETNAM VETERANS DAY

For Vietnam Veterans Day celebrations on 18 August 2008, in your home state, please refer to local guides.

Qld. David Christie, who served with 4RAR in Viet Nam is the President of the Goodna RSL Services Club and has invited all 4RAR members to the Goodna RSL Vietnam Veterans Day celebrations.

The parade and service will commence at 1715hr. At 1900hr there is a free concert in the club starring Normie Rowe which will continue until approx 2300hr. David has also extended his invitation to veterans of all wars including East Timor, Iraq and Afghanistan. The free concert David said, is to allow the residents of Goodna and the club members to say thank you to those that have served Australia and its allies.

NSW. The VVF, headed by Tim McCombe OAM, another 4RAR warrior, has issued an invitation for all 4RAR members to gather at the Area Sgts' Mess Holsworthy at 0900hr for a service at 1030hr followed by a lunch. The Nam Bus will be there. Contact VVF (02) 9682 1788 for bookings.

THE RAR ASSOCIATION

The RAR Association in each state and nationally is the voice of all the battalion associations at legal, welfare and political levels. Your battalion association representatives speak for you at the RAR Assoc meetings but the RAR Assoc needs your membership to support their actions for us. It is the RAR Assoc that instituted and maintains the RAR National Memorial Walk-Bne, Regimental Square-Syd and the RAR Memorial Walk-Per. Please join your state RAR Association. Contact your state secretaries for info or www.rar.org.au



GOLD COAST WAR MUSEUM

The Gold Coast War Museum in conjunction with the Tweed Heads/Coolangatta RSL Sub Branch is presenting a unique war museum display at the Twin Towns Services Club over the period 13 to 15 August 2008.

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For further information contact:
BOB MEEHAN - MUSEUM 07 55335620
JOE RUSSELL - SUB-BRANCH 0755344076

SHARING THE KNOWLEDGE

Bob Meehan OAM who served with D Company 4RAR in Viet Nam and who is a member of the Reunion 2011 Committee, has assembled a display that will capture the imagination and bring back those memories of mateship that we shared and which is now being shared by those of 4RAR (Cdo). Bob has set aside part of his display to feature 4RAR which includes items and information not seen before in any museum. His technical expertise and knowledge in designing and presenting the display should be shared by all warriors, families, school children and those interested in the military history of Australia.

Members of the 4RAR Assoc, Qld will be on hand to generally assist Bob and to answer questions.

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 3

Your place to contact a mate, comment, publicise your wares or just to say hello.

Some Letters

1. On behalf of Jim Riddle I would like to pass on his absolute appreciation regarding the donation of money from the three battalion associations that he served with in Vietnam, 4RAR, 8RAR and 9RAR, to purchase a wheelchair for him. He also thanks the RAR Assoc for the financial assistance to accommodate his family from England when his future was unknown. Jim recently suffered a series of strokes and is complexly paralysed down his left side. He is bed ridden and he needs assistance to dress, toilet and bathe and the wheelchair gives him the ability to venture outdoors and gives him some level of independence. *Tex Weston, 9RAR.*

2. My first reunion in Melbourne was a big thrill for me and I look forward to the next one. *Tony Wass.*

3. I contacted Arthur Gilham, our Red Shield representative from SVN1. Although 83 years old now he is enjoying good health and would love to hear from the boys. He is living in Warwick, Qld and his phone number is (07) 4661 4467. *Allan Wood.*

Where are you?

John Blaney-Murphy, NSW; John Cahill, NSW; Gary Davey, Qld; John Galati, NSW; Tony Garbett, SA; Allan Gregson, WA; Peter Higgins, Vic; Col Jarvis, NSW; Ian MacKenzie, Qld; A.B. Martin, Qld; David Mathews, Qld; Tony McCarthy, NSW; Clarence McMaster, Qld; Bernie McQuilty, Qld; Warren Moyle, Qld; Garry Payne, NSW; Ruben Reweti, NSW; Don St Bruno, Qld; Tony Waghorn, NSW. Please contact Alan Price (07) 3273 7973 or apriced4@bigpond.net.au.

Sick Parade

Tony Clifford, Derek Firth, Wally Greico, Paul Lennon, Peter Schuman, Kev Rideout, Allan McLean, Bob Pearson, Tony Wass, Geoff Frew, Ron Virgen, Jim Riddle, Daryl Green, Warren Featherby, Chris Pepper, Des Tranter, Frank Angyal, Keith Taylor, Mick Kennedy, Bob Payne, Toad Fletcher, Bob Sims and Ian Morrison. Perhaps we should have the next reunion at the RAP? The list just shows that we are no longer 9 feet tall and bullet proof. There will be others that we do not know about but our thoughts and best wishes for a full recovery are with you all.

Tony Clifford is very seriously ill from cancer and has been given only one month by his doctors. Tony and Donna would appreciate a call from Tony's old mates. Tony is an original and served with us in Malaysia and Borneo. His contact details are: Tony and Donna Clifford, 53 Wandal Road, Rockhampton QLD 4700. Tel: 07 49271292, Email: ajc@tadaust.org.au

The RAR National Memorial Walk.

As soon as arrangements between the RAR Association, Qld and 4RAR (Cdo) are finalised, the names of Luke Worsley and Jason Marks both KIA in Afghanistan, will be added to the RAR National Memorial Walk at Enoggera. A remembrance plaque will also be placed at the base of a tree in their honour. A dedication service with catafalque party supplied by 4RAR (Cdo) will take place and the families of both warriors and representatives from the Battalion will be in attendance. All association members are invited and as soon as the details are fixed, will be notified. *Their names will live forever in the place set aside for warriors of the RAR killed overseas.*

The Battalion SVN Books.

The books published by the Battalion during both tours of Vietnam are available for purchase. Mission in Vietnam 1968-69 and The Fighting Fourth 1971-72 are both available for \$45 ea plus \$10 postage. Please order with payment, to Alan Price. Stocks are limited but what good books to give to family members and even better, to give to schools on ANZAC Day. Instead of laying a wreath consider presenting a book on our proud history for all to share.

EMU BOB Merchandise

4RAR Assoc, Qld

Assoc Shirt	\$30
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4RAR Assoc, SA

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Contact Ron Blood
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bloods21@iprimus.com.au

ACTIVITIES CALENDAR 2008-2009

Date	Event	Remarks
10 August 2008	Vietnam Veterans Day	ANZAC Square, Brisbane. 4RAR Assoc members are invited to Goodna RSL Vietnam Veterans Day Celebrations. See page 12.
13-14-15 August 2008	Vietnam war Exhibition	Twin Towns RSL Club. Museum display by Bob Meehan OAM featuring special display dedicated to 4RAR. See page 12.
14 September 2008	RAR/Legacy BBQ and Concert	RAR NMW Enoggera. 1200-1500hr. Army Band Brisbane. All 4RAR members and families invited. Proceeds to Legacy.
27 September 2008	4RAR Assoc, Qld Nui Le Dinner	Gaythorne RSL Club. 1830 for 1900hr. Coat, tie and miniatures. All members welcome. Contact Noel Kelly, (07) 3275 2589. apriced4@bigpond.net.au .
15 November 2008	RAR Assoc, Qld RAR Birthday Dinner	Gaythorne RSL Club. 1900 for 1930hr. Coat, tie, miniature medals. All 4RAR Assoc and serving members welcome. Contact Noel Kelly, (07) 3275 2589. apriced4@bigpond.net.au .
21-23 November 2008	RAR 60th Birthday Commemoration Sydney.	Sydney. See page 5.
29 November 2008	4RAR Assoc, SA Christmas Dinner	Highway Hotel, Anzac Hwy/Marion Rd Adelaide. 1830hr for 1930hr. Contact: Mike Fincham (08) 8264 6576
29 November 2008	4RAR Assoc, Qld RAR NMW Work party	RAR NMW Enoggera. 0800-1100hr. Tools supplied for light work. All welcome. BBQ Lunch. Contact Noel Kelly, (07) 3275 2589. apriced4@bigpond.net.au .
30 November 2008	4RAR Assoc, SA, Annual General Meeting	1100hr. Magill RSL. Contact: Mike Fincham (08) 8264 6576

THE 4RAR ASSOCIATION, QLD ANNUAL NUI LE DINNER

The annual Nui Le Dinner is named after the battle of Nui Le during Operation IVANHOE conducted from 18 September 1971 until 02 October 1971 and was the last battle fought by 4RAR and Australian troops in South Viet Nam.

Where: The function room Gaythorne RSL Services Club

When: Saturday 27 September 2008

Cost: \$60.00 per head.

Time: 1800 for 1830hr. Members and guests are requested to be present by no later than 1800hr.

Dress: **Gentlemen;** Dinner suit, lounge suit or coat and tie with miniature medals. **Ladies;** After 5.

I will/ will not be coming to the annual 4RAR Assoc, Qld, Nui Le Dinner to be conducted at the
Gaythorne RSL Services Club on Saturday 27 September 2008.

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

I will be bringing _____ guests.

Guest's Full Names: (Please attach list if required)

Number of tickets at \$60.00 per head (incl yourself) _____

RAFFLE TICKETS at 6 for \$10 _____

Total _____

Includes three course meal, welcome sherry, limited table wines and juice. Please indicate any dietary restrictions.

Please enclose Cheque /Money Order for full payment of \$60.00 per person and/or raffle tickets no later
than 16 September 2008, made payable to:

4RAR Association, Qld, PO Box 70, Acacia Ridge Qld 4110

APPLICATION TO JOIN

I wish to apply to join the 4RAR Association of Qld, NSW, SA or WA. (Please circle). Those residing outside of these states should circle "Qld" and send this form to The Secretary, 4RAR Assoc, Qld as shown below.

Families of deceased members of the battalion are encouraged to join and consideration for membership may also be given to former and serving members of any unit or branch of service with an accepted close relationship with 4RAR and 4RAR (Cdo).

Full name:

Spouse's name/ Deceased member's name:

Address:

Telephone number:

Email address:

Dates of service in 4RAR, 4RAR (Cdo), 2/4RAR etc :

Please send to:

Qld— The Secretary, 4RAR Assoc, Qld. PO Box 70 Acacia Ridge Qld 4110

NSW/ACT—The Secretary 4RAR/4RAR (Cdo) Assoc, NSW. 37 Oscar Ramsay Dve, Boambee, NSW 2450

SA—The Secretary, 4RAR Assoc, SA. 17 Canis Ave, Hope Valley, SA 5090

WA— The Secretary, 4RAR Assoc, WA. 1/14 Station Rd, Margaret River, WA 6285

Vic, Tas, NT and International—The Secretary, 4RAR Assoc, Qld. PO Box 70, Acacia Ridge Qld 4110

THE RAR BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION— SYDNEY

I will be coming to the RAR Birthday Celebrations in Sydney on 21-22-23 November 2008. I accept that I am required to manage my own accommodation and transport needs.

For Attendance at Victoria Barracks on Sunday 22 November 2008

Name

Address

Telephone: Email:

I will be bringing guests.

Guest's Full Names: (Please attach list and indicate if they are former 4RAR members.)

Note that entry to Victoria Barracks on 23 November may be refused if names are not received by Alan Price no later than 14 August 2008.

For attendance at Dinner on the evening of Friday 21 November. (Members and wives/partners only)

Name

Address

Telephone: Email:

I will be bringing guests.

Wife/partner name

I wish to order and pay for ___ port decanters at \$50 each plus \$20 P&H if postage required.

NB: ALL FUNCTIONS ARE FREE

Please complete the form in full. This allows us to check the nominal roll to ensure that we have your full, correct details.
Please reply by email: apriced4@bigpond.net.au; Tel: (07) 3273 7973; Mail: 4RAR Assoc, Qld. PO Box 70, Acacia Ridge Qld 4110

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Because of the differing ways in which state associations manage their affairs, the SA and WA associations require minimal annual fees, Qld and NSW require no fees. A common application form is shown at page 15 and potential members in NSW, SA and WA are encouraged to complete the application and forward it to their respective association secretaries ASAP. Those who reside in all other states who receive this issue are not required to complete an application form but are requested to pass the form onto any former or serving 4RAR members that they know of who have not received this issue of the newsletter and request them to submit it to their respective association secretaries ASAP.

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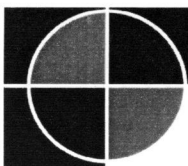
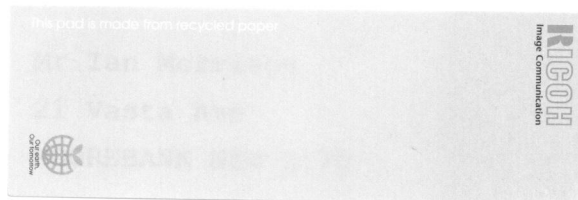
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