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EDIToRIAL

The Association has had a lean year. Regional groups had their social events with Anzac Day and the Corps Birthday featuring high on the agenda.

We note that membership takeup is quite slow, although a recent initiative by the Commanding Officer of the 1st Intelligence Battalion to become involved with our Sydney-based group is welcome.

This year the Committee bestowed the Gange Award to two recipients. One is a Sergeant in the Corps and the other is formerly the Manager of the Corps Museum, who is actually a member of the Royal Regiment of Australian Army. We are an equal opportunity committee!

The Committee sends its heartfelt best wishes to all those affected by the recent unprecedented floods and cyclone.

As always, we state our unreserved support to the Corps, especially those on operational duties both in Australia and overseas. Come home safe.

Lindsay Wilson

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Cover Photograph:

A trainee on the 2010 Regimental Officer Basic Course struggling with the cargo net at the notorious Canungra Confidence Course during the grueling Exercise SANDAKAN phase of the course.

Courtesy of WO2 Wayne Ryan
LEST WE FORGET

Gerry Doyle

Julie Nelson-White (ex F513127,WO2 in Perth) reported that one of our long time members, former Perth-based reservist, Gerry Doyle, passed away on 1st June 2010. He succumbed to complications from cancer. Gerry joined the Corps in 1975 and stayed with it until 2002, when he was forced to retire at the age of 55 years. He attained the rank of WO2 in that time. Gerry was known for his exceedingly dry sense of humour but also a sense of the ridiculous and absurd. In a Corps of intelligent people, his intelligence and quick wit stood out. He will be missed by all his colleagues and friends. Our sympathy to his wife, Lynne, and son, Andrew.

Dave Foley

A former Regular officer, Portsea graduate (Class of 1972) with service in RASigs and Aust Int Corps, Dave was primarily a SIGINT type whose last posting was as SO2 (Int) in the former Land Headquarters in Sydney. After a long battle with cancer, he passed away in Melbourne on 6th November 2009.

Helen Hansen

It is with regret that we report the passing of Ross Hansen’s spouse, Helen, who passed away peacefully on 15th July 2010. Helen’s funeral was held at the chapel at Pinnaroo Cemetery and Crematorium, Graham Road, Bridgemen Downs on 20th July 2010. The service was hosted by her cousin, Ian Barlow.

Her husband Ross was the last in a long succession of OCs at the old 1 Int Unit Annerley depot prior to integration with 1 Div Int Unit in 1987.

NX53849 PTE Maurice John Macdonald

Recent research has revealed another entry on the Corps Roll of Honour of those who died on active service. Maurice was a draughtsman in Headquarters 8th Division Intelligence Corps. He was captured by the Japanese in 1942 and died from the effects of Beri Beri in 1943. He is buried in a Commonwealth War Grave in Myanmar (formerly Burma).

Arthur Page

Member Lindsay Wilson reports that Arthur Page died in February. Lindsay visited Arthur in Brisbane on the first day of the Brisbane floods and found him in good spirits and determined to beat the odds, but he died shortly thereafter. An obituary will appear in the next edition of Forearmed.

Bob Phillips

Former linguist and WO1 Robert Mitchell Phillips passed away on 1st July 2010 in Canberra. Bob had the rare honour of being awarded the British Service Medal with Vietnam Clasp for his service on the attaché staff at Saigon in 1963. Only 68 medals with this clasp were awarded, most going to the Australian Army Training Team Vietnam.

Peter Wyld

Former reservist Peter Wyld passed away in Adelaide on 2nd August 2010. Peter was a captain with the former 10 Field Security Section. He was a long time marshal with the South Australian Anzac Day March Committee.

SICK PARADE

Bernie Baker

Member Maurie Young reports that he has been visiting Bernie Baker. Maurie says that Bernie is looking and feeling pretty good considering what has happened to him during the past six months or so.

Apparently, he had a virus attack to the spine which paralysed him as far as walking was concerned, and spent a lot of time in Greenslopes Hospital, then St Vincent’s before being transferred to Eventide. The doctors told him weeks ago that he would never walk again but that hasn’t stopped him. Being a determined bugger, he is walking albeit with a frame at this stage and he is progressing so well that he should be able to return home in time.

He wishes to be remembered to you all plus Wayne Wells. If one of you has his address please pass this on to him.

Stop Press from Maurie Young

21st January is Bernie’s last day at the nursing home. He is moving back home! For someone who was admitted last year to die under supervision, he’s done well—in fact, exceptionally well! I go and see him at home occasionally when I need someone sane to talk to.
LOST PATROL

We have lost contact with the following members. If you know them, please contact the Secretary at ian.parker@defence.gov.au:

Stephen Daley  Joe Da Costa
Robert Downey  Les Ferguson
Colin Funch   Maurie Garrett
Warren Green  Bryson Keenan
Trevor McGuire  Mick Pert
Pom Rencher     Mike Roberts
Mike Rose       Peter Sanderson
Chris Simpson   Graeme Slattery
Andrew Wright

Thanks to the many people who have provided links to enable the Committee to significantly reduce our list of lost members.

ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS

The Intelligence Corps Association extends greetings to all members of the Australian Intelligence Corps Association, with additional best wishes for the festive season.

In addition, the alliance between the two Corps Associations was signified by this message:

The Colonel Commandant, General Sir Nicholas Houghton KCB CBE ADC Gen,
The Director, Brigadier Mark Hallas OBE ADC
and All Ranks, Intelligence Corps
extend warmest congratulations
on the occasion of the
103rd Anniversary of the founding of
the Australian Intelligence Corps and the
60th Anniversary of our Regimental Alliance.

GANGE AWARD 2010

Annually, the Committee considers nominations for awards to people who have provided exemplary service in the interests of the Corps. In 2010, the Committee made two awards. The citations for the recipients show excellence in what they do and their individual promotion of the Corps in a wider sense. The Committee heartily congratulates the recipients.

Sergeant Timothy Bell

The President and members of the Australian Intelligence Corps Association commend you for your furtherance of the interests of the Australian Intelligence Corps through your exemplary performance as an instructor at the Defence Intelligence Training Centre.

Your passion and pursuit of excellence has thoroughly prepared trainees for the operating environment. Your conduct as Course Manager and co-ordination of supporting assets including Queensland Police Service were instrumental in the successful conduct of training.

Your superior organisational abilities and specialist knowledge was recognised by external agencies seeking you to support their activities. This has enhanced not only your individual reputation, but that of the Australian Intelligence Corps.

Your commitment, resolve and dynamic leadership have proved to be instrumental in the success of the Defence Intelligence Training Centre's ability to instruct trainees. Your actions are in keeping with the finest traditions of the Australian Intelligence Corps and the Australian Army.

Warrant Officer Class 2 Stephen Crawford

The President and members of the Australian Intelligence Corps Association commend you for your furtherance of the interests of the Australian Intelligence Corps through your exemplary performance as Manager of the Museum of Australian Military Intelligence.

On posting into the role in 2007 you found the Museum moribund. Your strategic vision and perseverance has enabled a remarkable transition. By the application of professional standards, you have established exemplary practices that ensure that the heritage of the Corps is collected, exhibited, stored, accounted for and preserved for posterity. You have made the Museum an active proponent of the Corps' tradecraft, values and heritage.

The Museum is a testament to your professionalism and personal drive. Your personal commitment, resolve and dynamic leadership have been instrumental in promoting the Australian Intelligence Corps to new audiences in ways that are unprecedented in the Corps, the Army and the community. Your actions are in the finest traditions of the Australian Army and the Australian Army History Unit.
Hearty congratulations to the following:

**LTCOL Scott Gills** for being awarded the US Army Military Intelligence Corps Association’s ‘Knowlton Award’. Scott was presented with the award at the conclusion of his tour in Afghanistan by **Rear Admiral DML Paul Becker**, CJ2 ISAF Joint Command.

**Nic Chantler** was made a Member of the Order of Australia (see write-up in *Forearmed* 35).

**CORPS HISTORY PROJECT**

**Nic Chantler** reports he is moving on from his university job to devote time to facilitating the writing of a history of the Corps.

Log on to [http://aichistory.com](http://aichistory.com) for an overview of Nic’s project and hopefully to contribute.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**John Atkinson**

John has been touring SE Asia, specifically Vietnam and Thailand. He says that he has interesting photos of maps and other things taken in various museums and would be willing to send electronic copies with anyone interested. John can be contacted by email at akojohn@gmail.com.

**Paul Kaye**

Greetings. Thanks for the latest Corps Newsletter and the news that **MAJGEN Steve ‘Pull Through’ Meekin** is our new Honorary Colonel. When next you happen to see or speak to him please pass on my congratulations and say I hope he has put on at least a pound or two!

At present I am in the Philippines doing a modicum of non-corps related volunteer work. No other news of any note.

Hope all goes well with you and yours. Hello to **Ian Parker** and **Graeme Clarke** and the rest of the Crew. You know you are getting older when the Corps LTCOLs (**Alex Loo**) were YOs at SMI/DINTTC when I was on Staff. Time flies.

Regards, Paul Kaye (PK)

**Ross Mangan**

Regarding the Last Post information in your recent newsletter—thanks for the information on **Alan Barclay** and **Alan Fudge.** **Barclay** was my instructor on certain Corps subjects at various Intel courses that I attended in the mid 60s.

**Alan Fudge** was the Corps Personnel Manager at Middle Head in 1966 and for six months, as a Sergeant, I was his and the ADMI’s (**LTCOL Mulholland**) assistant. Both were highly respected, but quite opposite characters: Barkley, an introvert; Fudge, an extrovert.

On another note, I was interested in your article on the early days of the Corps. Particularly that it was gazetted as a ‘Combat Corps’, which it naturally is.

Regards, **Ross Mangan**
Remso Martinez

Former US Exchange Officer at DIntTC Remso Martinez emailed in response to Forearmed 35. He has been promoted to LTCOL and is fit and well working with the US National GeoIntelligence Agency in Washington. He passes on his regards to all.

Tim McKee

Former US Exchange Officer at DIntTC Tim McKee emailed on the occasion of his retirement from the US Army at 30 years’ service. He reported that at his retirement ‘... both Theresa and I talked about our time in Australia at the ceremony with great memories and how it was by far our BEST assignment over 30 years. We each gave a tribute to the ‘Anzacs’ as part of the ceremony. Theresa worked as an Occupational Therapist for the Commonwealth DVA during our assignment.

‘I continue to enjoy being part of the Australian Intelligence Corps Association and getting Forearmed in my email. I look forward to many years as a member of the Australian Intelligence Corps Association in my retirement.’

Andrew Nichols

I have recently started work in the Security Dept for the PNG LNG Project with ExxonMobil, resident in Port Moresby, which means I have just gone ‘standby’ from my former ‘active reserve’ role in CIMIC at HQ1DIV. I am making myself available for project work thru the AHC here in Port Moresby as well. In 2008-09 I also spent time in the ATO as an EL1 in the Office of the Chief Knowledge Officer, teaching intelligence to analysts across Australia. Thanks for keeping us informed of Green Lanyard developments—we never leave completely.

Rgds, Andrew Nichols

CORPS LEADERS

Corps RSM moves on

The incumbent Corps RSM and RSM of the Defence Intelligence Training Centre has moved on to the Reserves as CAPT Dennis Magennis and Manager of the Museum of Australian Military Intelligence. Whilst he was on long-service leave, WO1 Lea Nimmo stepped up to fill in for Dennis. Lea also moves to the Reserves in January.

WO1 Andy Gehrig undertook the prestigious RSM Course at the Land Warfare Centre in late 2010 in preparation for his appointment as RSM of the Defence Intelligence Training Centre and Corps RSM with effect January 2011.

Reserve Promotions

Congratulations on the following reserve promotions:

- Kerry-Anne Tscherepko to LTCOL
- Murray McPherson to WO2
- Gwendolin Bonnick to SGT

JOTTINGS

National Service Coin

More than 287,000 Australian men called up for service in the Army, Navy and Air Force from 1951 to 1972 have been commemorated in a new 50-cent coin, unveiled at the Australian War Memorial in Canberra.

The new 50-cent commemorative coin acknowledges the sacrifice of Australia’s drafted servicemen.

Article via Wayne Wells
CORPS EVENTS

50th Anniversary of 1 Int Coy

On 3rd July 2010, the Company celebrated its 50th Anniversary. Association member Dale Jackson wrote to the OC, MAJ Nic Rose:

Thank you sincerely for your generous hospitality last Friday hosting the 50th Anniversary of the 1st Division Intelligence Unit.

It was indeed a pleasure to again feel part of what was once our home. Would you please convey to your Soldiers our deepest appreciation of their hospitality. It was a truly a memorable occasion, not just to celebrate what would have been the 50th of our major Field Force Unit, but a chance for the Olds & Bolds to reunite again under the banner of “Sub Rosa”. Functions such as this these days are like rocking horse manure, and will always attract the “usual suspects”, the likes of Maurie (Skull) Young, Ron (Pop) Partis, Johnny Carter, and our ARes stalwarts.

MAJ David James—as always—thank you!

How refreshing was it to again see Geoff Kendall and Graham Batty. It was 30 years since I had seen Geoff, and probably 20 since seeing Graham. Regarding Maurie Young’s query (below), the last time I saw Wayne Wells was at his retirement function in the 70s. I believe he finished up on Magnetic Island off Townsville.

It’s always great to catch up with the Olds & Bolds but I often thought throughout the day what were those young soldiers of the Coy thinking? What was pleasing was the fact they hung on every word of their elders. What is not greatly appreciated is that these occasions are medicinal for retired members. No-one wanted to leave, and it was great to talk!

Unfortunately Bernie Baker is not travelling well but seems determined of a full recovery. Bernie was practically retiring as I was enlisting but his name is legendary with the early days of 1 Div Int Unit (Vietnam). Maurie will correct me if I am wrong, but I believe Bernie was the first CSM of 1 Div Int Unit.

Whispered under the Rose.

Regards, Dale Jackson

ANZAC DAY 2011—BRISBANE

Association March Coordinator, David James, advises that our position is around 140. He suggests you make it along to the corner of George and Elizabeth Streets, then walk east along George Street and seek us out on George Street somewhere between Elizabeth and Mary Streets. We gather anytime from 9.30 am.

Step off is at 10.04 am, however it often takes our position in the OOM until 11am to get going. The march takes us west along George Street, right into Adelaide Street, past the saluting base at KG Square, right into Creek Street, right into Queen Street, then we disperse.

Getting together before and after the march is by individual arrangements as it is almost impossible to get anyone to commit to a particular course of action prior to the day.

Dress jacket and tie. Hat optional.

CORPS SCHOOL

The Defence Intelligence Training Centre is busier than ever. There is no slow time as the school continues to prepare soldiers for service in multiple operational theatres.

The new CO, LTCOL Justin Roocke, and his RSM, WO1 Andy Gehrig, are on deck and gearing up for 2011. The usual rotation of military staff has occurred with about a third moving in and out.
CORPS MUSEUM

Indonesian Visit

MAJGEN Tisna Komara, Deputy Chief for Security, Indonesian Army, visited the Museum in late July. RSM of DIntTC, WO1 Lea Nimmo, acting as interpreter, said that MAJGEN Komara was very impressed with the style of the exhibitions. She said he was particularly taken by the talk given by the tour guide, which made him feel that he was listening to a live witness to the events that were used to highlight aspects of Aust Int Corps trade craft.

Interstate Visitors

David Hardacre from Victoria, visited in July. His visit coincided with that of the Indonesian general previously mentioned. Dave exercised his skills and kept a low profile.

UK Affiliation

Our Museum is in active dialogue with the British Int Corps Museum in Chicksands, Bedfordshire. The aim is to affiliate to foster the interests of like minded institutions. Over the years there has been some informal dialogue and this year Lindsay Wilson has provided information to the Brits on their intelligence effort for the landing at Gallipoli.

For the record, the intelligence effort for Gallipoli was optimum for the circumstances. The root cause for the failure of amphibious assault was that the commander underestimated the enemy and had been denied the resources he needed to conduct the operation. It is a false myth that intelligence failed at Gallipoli. Refer to the recent book 36 Days by Hugh Dolan for a similar perspective.

Museum Personalities

As noted elsewhere, the Manager was recognised with the Association’s Gange Award on Corps Day. The Association applauds Steve Crawford for his commitment and success in reinvigorating the Corps Museum. Through his leadership, we have a museum that is world class and one that you should all be proud of.

Steve has moved on to the Australian Army Museum, Victoria Barracks, Brisbane.

In 2011, Steve Crawford passes command to Dennis Magennis. Dennis is the former RSM of the Corps School and has migrated to the Active Reserve to take on the job.

Contact Dennis Magennis at: dennis.magennis@defence.gov.au or phone (07) 5618 6915.

2010 Commendations

The Association congratulates the 2010 recipients of Museum of Australian Military Intelligence commendations and thanks them for their voluntary work in support of the Corps. This year volunteer awards were made to:

Volunteer of the Year

Xandra Eaton (spouse of former Regular WO2 Paul Eaton), for her work as Museum Office Manager and as Secretary to the Museum Advisory Committee. ‘X’ as she is affectionately known, is one of the Museum’s more regular attendees.

Team Commendation

Rose Flanagan and Rosey Duffy, for implementation of preventative conservation principles and techniques to the Museum’s collection. They worked tirelessly to encapsulate maps, produce uniform covers and recently to restore a nationally significant collection of art for exhibition.

CORPS HISTORY ARTICLE

QF269423 Corporal Nitus Ida Simmonds transferred to the Security Service Intelligence Corps, (SSIC)—Cairns Branch. ‘Our first office was on the top floor of the National Bank Chambers on the corner of Lake and Spencer Streets. We then moved to the top floor of the Curro Building, 139 Abbot Street, sharing the premises with various other departments.

Captain McLaren, from Boating & Shipping section, liaised with members of SSIC, who also had an office and barracks outside No. 8 wharf. It was Captain McLaren’s duty to board every merchant ship that entered the port and thoroughly check the vessel and crew for persons who should not be on board; also those who could be
considered enemy sympathisers, or fifth columnists. Several of the ships’ crews were from countries still in contact with the Axis Powers and could be enemy agents capable of fifth column activities.

The SSIC was also responsible for security while troops were embarking and disembarking at the wharf. Guards continually patrolled the area, allowing only authorised persons to enter the region. For some time, some of the SSIC security guards were camped in tents at the rear of the Curro Building, with the officers housed in the upstairs section of our office.

There were also branches of SSIC at Atherton and Townsville, in which I served. In my time, headquarters for all military intelligence in the South West Pacific was in Cairns, all information was forwarded to Canberra to be thoroughly analysed. It was also from Cairns that agents with the rank of officers left to investigate reported suspicious incidents in Cape York and the Gulf areas. Often they infiltrated enemy-held territory in the islands. One I know of went to India on special duty.

These men at times wore civilian clothes, drove conventional cars and mingled freely with troops and civilians in hotel bars, dance halls, and in the streets. They were always running into trouble with the Military Police, who recognised them as soldiers in civilian clothes; a punishable military offence. It took a lot of talking to keep their military identity a secret.

The main work carried out by SSIC was counter-espionage. It was my duty to record and file the strictly confidential data on persons considered a national security risk. Much of this work is still secret today. You never knew or asked what work was carried out in other departments or those who came and went. It was all serious work and the whole staff, including three other AWAS and two civilian girls, was sworn to secrecy. When we walked out of the office it was all left behind us, as it is to this day.

I was billeted in No. 32 AWAS barracks. There was always something happening, especially after hours. I remember on one occasion while working at the HQ, I was invited by one of the officers to partner him at the Officers’ Ball. When I advised him that personnel of ordinary rank were not permitted, he said, “Well, what about your sister?” She was a civilian school teacher and agreed to go. The next day at work, Colonel Cook accused me of breaking rules by going. He would not believe it was my twin sister who accompanied the officer. To settle the matter I had to persuade her to come to the office so I could introduce her to the Colonel.

I continued work with Military Intelligence until after the war. We were discharged on a point system and I was released early to return to my place of employment with W. Smith & Co, Accountants, 57a Abbot Street.