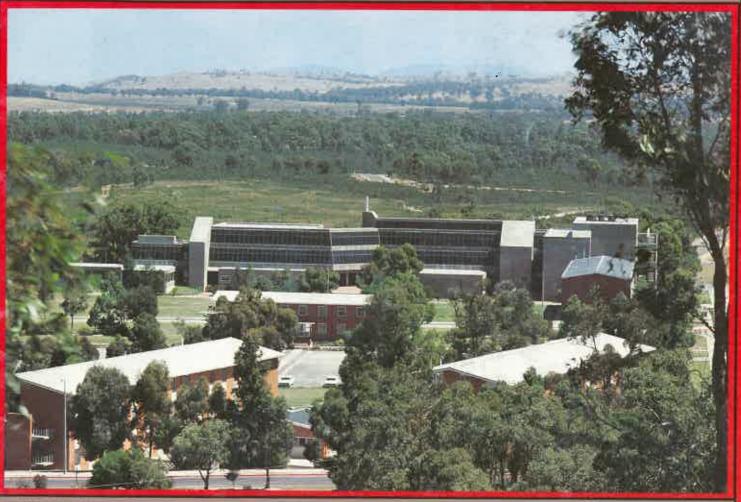


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EDITORIAL

This is the first issue of Par Oneri that I have had the pleasure of editing and I sincerely hope I am able to maintain the same high standards of format and content of my predecessors. I also hope to be able to produce two issues of Par Oneri each year, a winter and summer edition.

Par Oneri should reflect the activities of the RACT across its total scope of responsibilities. To do this we need Corps members at all rank levels to write and tell us what you are do-

If you can illustrate your story with photographs or sketches it will make the Journal all the more interesting. I have asked that the Corp's larger units provide the cover story for forthcoming editions, but we badly need contributions from the

This edition contains some details regarding the proposed visit to Scotland by the RACT Pipes and Drums, and the support that the Corps is endeavouring to provide to make the visit

We are lucky to have a Corps Band, and the Band, and therefore the Corps, will benefit from a visit to the home of pipe music. All RACT members are requested to support the visit and we will provide an update of financial progress in future

We have received some spirited support for an equine Corps mascot. Do we have any other suggestions, or shall we place the proposal before the Corps Committee?



MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

At the time of writing this message many members of the Corps are involved on Field Force exercises. Increasingly this involvement has included all aspects of the Corps both in the Field Force and in the Support Area units. It is encouraging to note the professionalism and enthusiasm that is so evident at all levels and which reflects credit on the individuals concerned, their units and the Corps as a whole.

If I was asked to identify one single area that has become more and more important over the past three years I would nominate the obvious emphasis on joint as distinct from single Service operations. The Australian Defence Force has come a long way in this area and the RACT is a Corps that will find itself drawn more and more into this type of operation.

Over the years the Terminal and Air Despatch units of the Corps have developed an excellent working relationship with their counterparts in the other Services and I would expect this relationship to extend to the road transport and movement control areas before too much longer. I am certain that a similar close working relationship will be the result.

The Corps was very honoured this year in having two members, Major Kath McQuarrie and Lance Corporal C.M. Witney being awarded the AM and OAM. You will all be aware what a significant achievement this is and on behalf of the whole of the RACT I offer them our sincere congratulations.



Colonel G.J.

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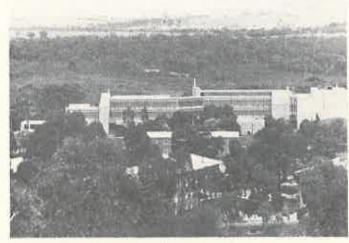
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Par Oneri first appeared as the motto of the Victorian Army Service Corps in July 1916 and has remained the motto with which the Service Corps and later the Royal Australian Corps of Transport members have served.

All Corps members have at one time or another passed through the Army School of Transport complex, where they have been trained in the many facets of military transportation - ranging from initial Corps training to IET, to NCO, WO and officer promotion courses.



Elevated view of AST.

The Army School of Transport has a long history which includes several titles. Originally known as the RAASC Centre, the School was re-designated the RACT Centre on 1 June 1973 with the formation of the Royal Australian Corps of Transport. The already existing Catering Wing of the RAASC Centre remained as a part of the new RACT Centre until June 1974, when it was designated the Army School of Catering - it continues today to be fostered by the Army School of Transport in many administrative and training support aspects.

Upon its formation, the RACT operated two training establishments which were the RACT Centre in Puckapunval responsible for all officer and NCO training of RACT recruits and basic driver training for other corps in the driver trade and the Transportation (Tn) Centre at Chowder Bay. Tn Centre was responsible for all corps training in the maritime and movements aspects of RACT.

In June 1978 the RACT Centre was retitled — to become the Army School of Transport (AST) — and took over the responsibilities of maritime and movement training. At the same time the Transportation Centre at Chowder Bay was disbanded and the movement element transferred to Puckapunyal. The maritime element remained in location as the Maritime Wing of the AST, but became an independent school in February 1985 with the approval of the CGS, and was retitled the Army Maritime School.

AST is staffed by 24 officers, 157 other ranks and 34 civilians and in addition to the admin and training facility support provided to the Army School of Catering and Educ Element of 3 Trg Gp, Tobruk Barracks provides rations and quarters for 26 Tpt Sqn, 331 Sup Coy and P & EE Graytown.

By comparison with other training establishments, the school facilities are good, however the school is underscaled for OR accommodation and a works proposal for a sixth barrack block has been submitted. The main instructional complex, the Peter Douglas Centre, is undergoing a major works project involving the installation of air conditioning and general renovations which are due to be completed later this

The School is the home of the RACT and as such hosts numerous RACT Corps activities, civilian transport orientated conferences, and acts as an area conference centre. 1983 saw the tenth anniversary of the RACT and in April of that year the RACT Memorial Wall was consecrated. This is now the venue for the Rats of Tobruk Association and Anzac Day Services. The tenth anniversary was a most fitting occasion for the presentation of the Banner of the Colonel-in-Chief. Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester. This event was recorded in a painting which hangs in the Officers Mess.

AST is structured as a headquarters and four wings which have roles of varying importance - varying, that is, on which staff member is asked. It is all, however, held well in hand by the CO/CI LTCOL John Snare, who is living proof that a fulltime marathon runner can also successfully have a military career particularly when ably backed by 2IC MAJ Dick Filewood, Adjutant Doug Webb and RSM Tony (just when you thought it was safe to go back to the School) Luddington.

What follows are self emulating accounts of how each wing/element of the School contributes to the overall claim that we are "equal to the task".

TRAIN CO-ORDINATION

This section of the headquarters, commanded traditionally by the American Exchange Officer — currently Major — sorry, LTCOL John Acock — is as its name suggests, responsible for the co-ordination of all training within the School.

In particular, the section is responsible for the Initial Employment Trainees, who arrive at the School directly from Kapooka to gain, within approx. two months training, basic driving qualifications and a general knowledge of the RACT and its spheres.

External and internal facilities to support the average of 64 courses held at AST annually are organised within this section as a result of requests initiated by the School Training Wings. Internal facilities include an extensive resources and training aids centre which consists of a large reproduction facility, a library which supplies fiction and reference books and procures training film and publications on demand; and a training aids creation centre.

A minor, but no less important function of the wing is management of the AST training budget.

The newest face, Captain Peta Langbehn, is currently recovering from several years in Germany and coming down to earth fast: while Private Peter Daniels is busy packing his bags for bigger and better things at OCS Portsea. Well done and good luck, Peter.

THE TROGLODYTES OF THE SCHOOL

Training Development and Doctrine Section are . . . Who or what are they! This article is intended to enlighten you on this erudite team of unobtrusive achievers. They can

usually be found cloistered in the bowels of the Peter Douglas Centre, individually or collectively arguing semantics (in jargonese), reinforcing their point with inkstained and stapled fingers and references to Roget's Thesaurus or the Oxford Concise. Occasionally they venture out into the salubrious environs of Tobruk Barracks, or even further afield, finance permitting, on some nebulous task. Ostensibly this is for DMOVT-A, yet in reality it is to satisfy their craving to improve relevance, effectiveness and efficiency of training, or creativity in producing doctrine. Thoroughly confused? If not, go to the next article, if confused a translation follows.



Peter Douglas Centre.

As the section's title implies, it fulfils two discrete functions: training development and doctrine. To bring it back to its mundane, its official responsibilities are:

- (a) Training development:
 (1) Advise and assist School staff with the implementation of the Army Training System.
 - (2) Ensure efficiency and effectiveness of RACT training.
 - (3) Provide instructor development and on-job assistance.
- (4) Provide training system support to DMOVT-A. (b) Doctrine:
 - (1) Co-ordinate production of RACT pamphlets.
 - (2) Maintain the doctrine data base within the School.

(3) Prepare doctrinal comment on all Corps pamphlets for HQ Trg Comd.

To carry out these seemingly unrelated responsibilities its specially selected (or short-straw drawn) volunteers are all TDO trained. This enables all of the team to be employed on training tasks, allowing tasks to be completed relatively quickly and with balance as well as all their collective experience, knowledge and abilities can be directed to achieve a common goal. For the pragmatic or simpleminded however, this line diagram shows the organisation.

TRG DEV & DOC OFFR TDO COMPUTER OP DOC OFFR TDWO DOC WO

- The team, generally quick with quip, wet with wit, swift to slight, anxious to advise, yet pleased to participate and contribute to section, School and Corps goals, is composed of:
 - Trg Dev & Doc Offr MAJ Bill Van Der Schoot, who provides punishing puns which probably accounts for the section's entombment.

- Doc Offr CAPT Brian Whinfield, paying penance for his tour in England.
- TDWO WO2 Steve Underwood, whose long tenure in the School negates the need for a filing system.
- Computer Operator LCPL Adrian Webster, whose nimble fingers drive the computer.
- IDWO Unfortunately this important position is vacant. Application forms are available from DMOVT-A. To ensure this article does not compete in size to War and Peace, only significant achievements in training development are shown below:
- (a) The RACT Officer Analysis which resulted in a revised ROBC, a new course, the ROTC and a re-vamped ROAC. These courses should ensure relevant and effective training for RACT Officers. Consequent to this project, the Training and Development team are assured of a berth in the next campaign to enable external validation to be conducted.
- (b) The RACT Employment Analysis which resulted in the establishment of a job data base for the road transport, movement, water transport, air despatch and postal career streams. This study will also ultimately result in courses being designed that are relevant and effective for RACT soldiers, particularly for their war-time employment. Naturally the team have a vested interest in this study as they will ultimately be affected by the result of their work when posted back to the coal face!

Fortunately much of the work in the doctrine area enables the team's childhood experience and manipulative skills to be re-lived and practised as much of the work requires creativity and imagination and involves much cutting and pasting. These attributes were necessary for the production of pamphlets which included:

- (a) A seamanship pamphlet which went adrift and since sank due due to sub-editing.
- (b) A railway operations pamphlet, now in train and on the right track.
- (c) The Operational Movement Controllers Handbook, awaiting re-allocation of priority in the staff cistern, oops system.
- (d) Road Transport in the AO, the vehicle for second and third line operations and now on the streets.

Future projects include continuing development of courses resulting from the RACT Officer and Employment Analyses and ARES training and qualification. These projects are in addition to the routine tasks such as internal validation, course design, instructor development, instruction, participating in 'rent-a-crowd' activities, PTT's and watering the section's pot plants. These plants are necessary to ensure the team is able to balance its administrative environment with bush time.

Next time you visit the School and glimpse a soldier who is pale, dazed, muttering, yet busy; no he is not an IET, he works in Training Development and Doctrine Section.

SUPPORT WING - 'THE QUIET ACHIEVER'

In an organization with such diversified training obligations as the school it is sometimes easy to forget the 'boys in the back room' who help to keep the wheels turning, the soldiers who provide the necessary administrative and logistic support to enable the school to fulfil its major aim — training soldiers.

The collective name for these people is Support Wing, a wing consisting of soldiers from six different Corps and with 15 different trades. Their areas of responsibility are many and varied but broadly encompass:

- (a) Personnel Administration;
- (b) Messing and Rationing:
- (c) Barracks Maintenance;

(d) Accommodation;

(e) Logistic Support;

(f) Management of civilian staff (35), and

(g) MT Yard.

Working in the wing provides a unique insight into how many different individuals must work together to achieve a common goal and whilst the experience is demanding it can also be rewarding.

Unfortunately the pressure of work has taken its toll and many valuable members have recently been posted from the wing, the more notorious being:

CAPT Allen Dean,

CAPT Mark (Marathon) Burgess,

WO1 Ron (Cobby) Thomas,

WO2 Gordon (XXXX) Stephenson,

SGT Peter (Great Dane) Patterson, and

SGT Annie (Pay) Allison.

However, current wing personalities are more than holding their own:

- OC MAJ 'LEGS' Daubauras. Eighteen years of service and bringing a wealth of valuable sporting experience to the wing.
- QM CAPT Marty —touch-y' Alsford. What more can one say?
- CC WO2 Dean Cousins. Livewire and very active in school admin. Personally conducts interviews for new typists.
- CAT WO WO2 Bill Sheridan. Bringing a new sense of 'urgency' to the catering scene. I suppose vanilla essence and Agarol do look similar.
- TPT OFFR WO2 'Smokin' Bill Hewat. Praying for the day when vehicle availability reaches the doctrinal operating level.
- RQMS WO2 'Hair today, gone tomorrow' Chris Gill. Excellent and hardworking member. Personally taken over the blanket counting since the start of winter.

NEWSFLASH — (Chris Gill was promoted to WO1 on 14 May 85 and is now the AQM — Congratulations. Best wishes also to the retiring AQM Ron Thomas.)

Wing members have managed to figure prominently in the sporting arena with interservice/area honours at golf, squash, skiing, touch, lawn bowls and athletics. Collectively the school was surprised when the wing won the 1984 intra-unit touch competition. Our regular PT programme seems to be paying

Eagerly awaited weekly highlights are:

- (a) Will the OC show up,
- (b) chit of the week,
- (c) CO/RSM social visits, and
- (d) movie of the week C/- Government Gazette.

To ensure all the necessary co-ordination to successfully operate is achieved, monthly BBQs are held. Here, members are able to discuss latest trade/corps advancements/changes in a convivial atmosphere.

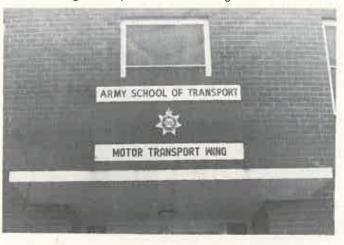
The wing has only recently completed a period of intense activity and support to the school in the areas of the Christmas bushfires, organising CO golf day, cricket match and swimming carnival. It's so busy it's difficult to find time off for a sportie.

In spite of the hustle of work and bustle of sport the staff usually manage to appear cheerful and helpful, lost arts being rediscovered. The responsibilities of the wing will always be demanding, difficult and require high standards from all ranks, but with perseverance and understanding from the HQ and other wings we hope to prove 'equal to the task' and survive and provide.

MT WING

The Motor Transport Wing is the largest Wing of the School, and has an established staff consisting of five Officers, three

Warrant Officers, 11 Sergeants, and 26 Corporals. The Wing is commanded by a British Exchange Officer (Major RCT), who follows a long line of predecessors dating back to 1954.



Motor Transport Wing.

The Wing hierarchy and family tree is shown as follows:

SI — MAJ Hope
WSM — WO2 Parkinson
CDI — WO1 Clapham
SGT OPS — SGT Shipard
ORD RM — LCPL Hodgson

ADVANCED SECTION

CAPT Adv — CAPT Kirkham
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LT Skill

2LT Green/W01 Smit
SGT Harrison
SGT Rose
SGT Fitzpatrick
SGT Thomas

It should be noted that not all the instructional appointments are taken by RACT, as we currently have representation from RAAF, RAInf, RASIGS, and RACMP.

On average the Wing instructs some 800 students each year. The courses vary from those teaching basic driving to the more advanced skills of operating large articulated trucks and fuel tankers and instruction on simple MT accounting procedures, to the techniques required by NCOs throughout the Army to run road transport. Interestingly and perhaps an indicator for the future, are the courses which produce driving instructors and licence testing officers for the Navy and Air Force as well as the Army. The courses run annually are:

(a) Basic Driver Training — up to 20

- (b) Operator Specialist up to 4
- (c) Bulk Liquid Fuel Tanker Conversion 1
 (d) RACMP Driver/Motor Cycle 3
- (e) SAS/Norforce Driver variable
- (f) Driving Instructor (Tri Svc) 1
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- (b) Supervisor Transport 2

(h) Supervisor Transport — 3

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Driver Training Circuit.



Cross Country Driving Training,

There are often in excess of 100 students under instruction in the Wing at any one time, and certain civil agencies involved in this same field, such as police, motor organisations, government and commercially-run driver training centres often assist on these courses. This is interesting as there is still disparity between the States in road law, licensing and driving standards. The only truly Federal agency in this field is the Defence Force, so the Army is the vanguard for standardisation, with MT Wing in the "thick of the battle".

MOVEMENTS WING

Movements Wing is the smallest of all the wings at AST, but nevertheless has a very important role in conducting varied movement courses for all ranks.

The Senior Instructor of the Wing is Major Peter Denham. Major Denham graduated from Portsea in 1968 and has had varied Movement postings including OC Albury Transport Unit. SO3 Mov HQ Log Comd, Mov Offr Puckapunyal MCO, Det JMCA for Kangaroo Ex and one Overseas posting to PNG. Major Denham is an avid collector of fine antiques and a keen

Captain Sandy Magee and Captain Dick Gell are the Officer Instructors. Captain Magee graduated in December 1977. She

was a PI Comd/Instructor at the WRAAC School for two years and the Mov Officer Captain at Sydney MCO from Jan 82 to

Captain Gell graduated from RMC in December 1979 and has had a number of Transport postings including Troop Commander and Ops Officer at 9 Tpt Sqn and Mov Officer at Townsville MCO.

The Wing Sergeant Major is WO1 Ted Horlock whose Engineer Movements background and tours of SVN have given him wide exposure to both ASA MCO functions and procedures.

The Sergeant Instructor in Mov Wing is Sqt Mick Boardman. Mick arrived at the wing in August 84. His background covers such things as movements postings in MCO Wagga, 30 Tml Sqn and the PNGDF. Mick is also an experienced air

As stated earlier, Movements Wing conducts a variety of courses which cover a wide range of activities and includes ranks from Pte to Major. These courses include an Assistant Movement course for IET students or those members wishing to transfer stream or corps and are usually Pte/Cpl level, the Supervisor Movement Course for Senior Sergeants who are deemed ready for promotion to WO2 and the responsibility of overall Supervision of an MCO, and the Officer Movement Courses for Lieutenants and Captains prior to their first posting as a Movements Officer.

The Movements Wing also conducts phases of the ROAC, ROTC and ROBC and hosts other courses for Army reserve movement control units.

CORPS TRAINING WING

Corps Training Wing (CTW) conducts courses for all ranks in the RACT, both regular and reserve. It is organized into four basic elements, "the back to 9 Tpt Sqn Club", Officer Training Section, other ranks training section and a small administrative element.



Corps Training Wing,

The members of the club are Maj Stewart Lloyd, Capt Tony Betts, Capt Rex Rowe and WO2 Mick Harris. This sanity is offset by the air dispatchers whose members are Capt Allan (I used to punch Officers) Rutledge, Capt Kevin (Mullet) Brumpton and WO2 Chook (I can see the ceiling) Fowler. Just so the wing appears balanced we have WO2 Rod Gill representing water, terminal, rail and postal, WO2 Squizzy Taylor represents the other squadrons.

The Officer section conducts the RACT promotion courses for both regular and reserve officers. Regular officer career courses underwent significant change during 1984





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as a result of an analysis and these new courses have run or will run in accordance with these new directions:

- (a) Regimental Officer Basic Course (ROBC) 111/2 weeks incorporates amongst other things driver training to ECN 109 standard:
- (b) Regimental Officer Transport Course (ROTC) of six weeks now has half the course dedicated to movements including a seven-day movement exercise:
- (c) Regimental Officer advanced course (ROAC) (revised) of 41/2 weeks which will run for the first time in Aug 85 also spends half the course on movement aspects and includes many visiting expert instructors from within and from outside the Corps.

Reserve officer career courses are changing significantly in 1985 as a result of a flow-on from changes to the regular courses. Although the duration remains 16 days, the courses have a significant increase in movements and cover all aspects of the corps at various levels. Most importantly, successful completion of these courses will from now on give the appropriate qualification for promotion instead of the current system of qualification by

The NCO training section like the officer section conducts all the RACT promotion courses for both regular and reserve NCO's as well as the initial Corps training for all soldiers allocated to RACT prior to their initial employment

The subject 4 course for CPL and SGT each of four weeks covers all aspects of road transport with a particular emphasis of divisional transport and working in the field. Subject 2 for WO of four weeks concentrates on an overview of all aspects of RACT operations specifically as appropriate to senior NCO.

The initial Corps training section is manned by the dynamic duo SGT Jim Douglas and CPL John Gilbert. That small administrative element mentioned previously is CPL Peter Simmons and his typewriter. He is not from 9

An RACT employment analysis underway at present will affect the structure of all RACT soldier courses in the near future, the aim being to make all courses more relevant and effective for all aspects of the Corps.

CTW also has the responsibility for assisting the training development and doctrine section with evaluation and development of RACT doctrine and courses, reviewing appropriate Corps pamphlets and keeping 'them' awake. A recent addition to our arsenal of pamphlets is 'MLW Two 1.2. Road Transport in the AO' which should be available in your local library in the near future. It is recommended bedtime reading for both Officers and NCOs who feel a course at CTW coming on.

The staff at CTW welcome any enquiries or requests for assistance in their field from all members of the Corps, and if you don't need to contact us we are sure we will contact you eventually.

THE RACT CORPS SHOP

Management

Your RACT Corps Shop is now under new management.

The Shop Committee members a	are:
(a) President	Major J.O. Hop
(b) Treasurer	Capt J.H. Kirkhar
(c) Assistant Treasurer	LT W.K. Sk
(d) Supervisor	WO2 H.A. Fowle
(e) Marketing Manager	WO2 C. G
(f) Shop Manager	CPL N.G. O'Ne
Items for Sale	



The Corps Shop.

The Corps Shop has been in existence since 1976, and sells both RACT embellished items (e.g. plaquer stable belts, track suits etc.) and non-embellished confercial products at below normal retail prices. The full price list is shown below. Those items asterisked will attract discounts when purchased through regimental funds or canteens.

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- By the time this article is published new lines will have been introduced for sale, such as:
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The Corps Shop has in the past had too much capital "tied up" in credit purchases. Orders for items are now either to include pre-payment, or to be held in the shop on "lay by" (with 10% deposit) for a maximum period of five weeks.

Any individual and/or unit with good suggestions/ideas of suitable items for your corps shop to offer for sale should notify the shop manager, for the committee's consideration.

RACT CORPS SHOP

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THE CORPS MUSEUM

Well, what has your Museum been up to? We have been so busy restoring, cataloguing, rearranging and attending local displays that the idea of sending you a quarterly newsletter is still an idea. It has been a great year and when you come to

FRIDAY



The Corps Museum.

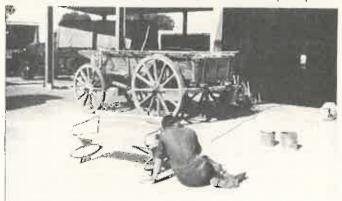
Pucka on your next course at the Corps Holiday Home (Army School of Transport) please pop in and visit your museum. CPL John Kirkby was posted from 26 Tpt Sqn to AST and whilst walking across the road to his new unit he discovered he had been volunteered as our restorer.

CPL Kirkby is busily restoring a Ford Jeep 1942 and a rather prestigious 1916 General Service Military Wagon which was loaned in October 1984 to the Museum by Mr D. Weaver of Tatong Victoria. During the Christmas leave period a 1916 Ammunition Limber and Trailer was kindly donated by Mr and Mrs Whinn of Springhurst, Victoria. This rather remarkable item will be restored this year. The Museum has plenty of restoration projects and the list contains a 1939 Morris Commercial, 1942 Chevrolet Landlease, 1939 Ford 2 Ton and a 1914 Field Kitchen. Several units are busily restoring vehicles for the Museum.

These are: Adelaide Tpt Unit 1943 Willys Amphibious Jeep 26 Tpt Sqn 1940 Ford Desert Blitz 3 Ton 3 Tpt San **GMC 15 CWT** Puckapunyal Workshop Company Humber 1 Ton 1942 Federal Prime Mover **DUKW Association**

Our property member Warrant Officer Ian Laverie has all the hundreds of items on word processor and he is busily updating the values. Acquisition of wanted items is slow; however, Colonel C.B. McAuley has arranged the loan of one of the wanted items - 'a Harley Davidson Motor Cycle', Our other wants include a GMC 21/2 Ton (6 x 6) and a Dodge Weapon Carrier 3/4 Ton (4 x 4).

The lack of money, of course, inhibits progress but the annual museum raffle should boost the account, to enable the restoration of vehicles, purchase of additional restoration equipment, indoor display cabinets, and vehicle spare parts.



Restorer at work.

We wish to thank on your behalf committee members who have moved on: Major Paul Vercoe, Major Don Keyes, Captain Mike Christian, Sergeant Rod Read, and welcome the new committee, Major Peter Denham (President), Captain Alan Rutledge (Secretary), Warrant Officer Bob Shoosmith (Treasurer), and CPL John Kirkby. A special thanks must go to the Museum 'continuity Committee Member' Colonel Bob Mair MCE who gives inspiration to all.

A last word about our patron Sir Laurence Hartnett CBE who recently underwent an operation to install a heart pacemaker at the age of 86 years. He is well and reads with interest our monthly Committee Minutes. Sir Laurence's message to all Australians is to have faith in ourselves and Australian products and your Museum is dedicated to preserving Australia's Military Heritage.

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PIPES & DRUMS

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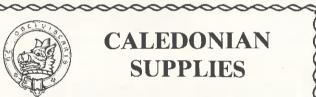
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The 30th maintained and improved on the previous high standard so much so that it survived until 1960 when, due to military cutbacks and reorganisation, it, and other famous regiments, were amalgamated and reformed into the ROYAL N.S.W. REGIMENT with "A" Coy kilted and the Pipes &

Now, 25 years later, and celebrating its centenary, "The Scottish" is still going strong.

A concise history of the Pipes & Drums is being compiled and any ex-member, relative or friend is invited to make contact. Information and photographs (pre-war in particular)



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are needed to complete this history and any assistance will be very welcome. All communication will be acknowledged and photographs returned.

The major support function for the centenary was the 12TH ANNUAL RED HACKLE BALL which was held on Saturday 24th August, 1985 at Willoughby Civic Centre.

Please join us on this occasion to show your support. Centenary information: Drum S/Sqt Bill King (913 9478). Ball information: Piper Jim Braid (449 5682).



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RACT PIPES AND DRUMS

TOUR OF THE UK AND BAOR **DURING 1986**

Many readers will already be aware of the considerable efforts being expended on co-ordinating all aspects of the proposed tour by the RACT Pipes and Drums to the United Kingdom and West Germany (British Army on the Rhine). The tour is planned to occur in August/September 1986.

The tour will be in response to an invitation from the CO of 153 (Highland) Artillery Support Regiment, RCT (Volunteers) 153 Regt RCT(V) for the RACT Pipes and Drums to participate in a combined annual field exercise with the Pipes and Drums of 153 Regt RCT(V). This invitation has been endorsed by the General Officer Commanding Scotland and is in response to the very successful tour of Australia in July 1984 by the Pipes and Drums of 153 Regt RCT(V). The RACT Pipes and Drums were hosts to the visitors during that tour. This exchange of visits stems from the unofficial bond of friendship approved by the Corps Director, Colonel G.J. Christopherson and the Director General Transport and Movement (UK) Major General W. Allen, on 8 February 1983.

The RACT Pipes and Drums contingent to UK and BAOR will consist of up to 28 ARES members (including the Pipe President, Major Brad Keating of HQ 10 Tml Regt) and an ARA Administrative Officer.

Arrangements for the tour are being co-ordinated under the general direction of the Corps Committee with the support of functional command Corps representatives, the Military District Corps Association and the Pipes and Drums themselves. A sub committee of the Corps Committee has been formed to handle various detailed requirements, this sub committee being chaired by Colonel L.P. Miller, Commander Field Force Movements and Transport.

The most demanding task is to provide sufficient funds to finance the necessary return civil air travel and to ensure the band is properly equipped for the tour. Air travel costs are likely to be in the order of \$47,000 by the time the tour takes place.

The band has undertaken to raise \$22,000 towards the overall cost of the tour. This target is to be achieved from donations and personal contributions by the members touring. The band is confident of achieving this target and at the time of writing this article in excess of \$5,000 has been raised.

The balance of the travel costs is to be provided from the Corps Central Fund. A special fund raising project is required to swell the Fund as it is not sufficiently wealthy otherwise. The target for this project is \$25,000. Fund raising has been initiated by DMOVT-A through Command channels seeking \$21,000 of this amount. The Representative Colonel Commandant, Colonel Peter Blyth, MBE, has also sought the support of the retired members through the Regional Corps Association. As an additional measure, the Sydney-based sub-committee is examining the feasibility of conducting a nation-wide Art Union; if this is favourable an Art Union could be conducted in late 1985 or early 1986.

The Pipes and Drums are keen to assist regional fundraising activities conducted by the Corps. Enquiries regarding such activities should be directed to Major Brian Calder, SO2 Pers/Log at HQ FF MovT telephone (02) 339 4211. By the time you read this article the Pipes and Drums will have participated in the Sydney Anzac Day March and supported the Anzac Day Marathon. The band will also have assisted 10 Tml Regt in raising funds during Exercise TERMITE SPRAY at Batemans Bay in early May.

Some direct donations have already been received by the Sydney-based sub committee. As a means of expressing appreciation, it has been decided to provide to all members a regular statement of the situation regarding fund raising and to record individual donations. Those donations received so far, which are separate to functional targets are from:

a.	Comd FF MovT seminar — Feb 85	47	00
b.	Major Peter Edwards & Party	30	00
C.	2MD RACT Officers Association Raffle	102	00
d.	Major Jim Jeans (Retired)	20	00
e.	FF MovT Formation Farewell Dinner		
	to COL E. LOVE - 20 Feb 85	150	00
f.	10 Tml Regt Regimental Dining In		
	Night — November 1984	30	00
g.	Anzac Day — post March reunion 2MD		
_	BACT/BAASC/32 Small Ships	107	20

These contributions are gratefully acknowledged and are currently drawing interest in a special account opened with the Defence Force Credit Union.

Donations received to date by the Corps Central Fund are:

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Sergeant D.C. Schuhkraft	100	00

Further personal donations would be most welcome and these can be forwarded direct to the RACT Corps Central Fund care of the Directorate in Canberra; or cheques may be made out to 'RACT Pipes and Drums Fund' and forwarded to:

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The support of all present and past members of the Corps is earnestly sought for the sending of the RACT Pipes and Drums to UK and BAOR. The visit has the potential to provide not only considerable value in protocol and in further enhancing the bonds of friendship between the RACT and the RCT but it also will be of inestimable worth to the Corps in terms of esprit de corps and for future Corps activities. Further, it should be of considerable value to the Army at large.



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LETTERS TO EDITOR

Dear Sir,

I leap to my feet to second the motion by Major Calder concerning a mascot for the Corps! And a horse — how very appropriate. Especially a Clydesdale!

The contribution of our animals to many aspects of military operations through our history is too frequently forgotten. The patient, unquestioning perseverence of our horses, mules, camels and donkeys sets a humbling example for our own human behaviour which is so often erratic and unreliable.

Yes, let's have a Clydesdale for our symbol! I can just see him (or her) on parade — sleekly groomed, harness gleaming, mane and tail and fetlock feathers flowing — the very image of equine nobility and fortitude.

Major V.L.J. Gregson Directorate of Service Conditions Army Office.

Dear Sir

Further to Brian Calder's letter which appeared in Summer 84/85 edition of Par Oneri, I think he has an excellent idea in the Corps acquiring a mascot or mascots. Enclosed is a photograph of a recent parade at Holsworthy which shows why the term mascots is used.

Eddie Edstein, being the Corps advisor on Clydesdales, unfortunately is no longer the proud owner of these fine examples of a bygone era. The question of a donation has therefore been negated. However he has provided some sound (he has changed) advice on the type of beast which could be considered as a Corps mascot. To quote him 'although you couldn't get a better spectacle than fully dressed bay Clydesdales, I doubt they were the type of horses actually used at the time. I think the more clean legged type of horse was



preferred and was either the 'Suffolk Punch' or 'Percheron' breed or rather a cross breed of those types to ordinary heavy type mares'.

I do believe that the acquisition of a pair of horses, whichever breed is selected, would be a reminder to all of a part of our history. Perhaps we may even be able to get back to looking after animals first, soldiers second and self last.

If it is accepted that the Corps would benefit by having a matched pair the question of finance is raised. On Eddie's advice it would cost around \$5000.00 all up including harness and the other bits and pieces. Puckapunyal would be the ideal place to stable them, there being an abundant source of good feed. Young soldiers and officers as they pass through the school would gain an appreciation of that bygone era.

In summary Eddie is again quoted 'I am certain of one thing and that is for regal carriage and action you won't beat a Clydesdale'. Look at the photo and I'm sure you'll agree.

I recommend Brian Calder's idea.

Major A.D. LUSH
Efficiency Review Team
Army Reserve Administration
C/- HQ FF Comd

Dear Sir

On the 14th February last I was privileged to have been dined out by the Corps at the RACT Officers' Mess, Puckapunyal. To be farewelled by the Corps, and the Army, in such a memorable fashion is an experience which I will never forget.

Unfortunately, on an occasion such as that, time passes very quickly and I was unable to acknowledge other than briefly, many friends, some of whom had made long journeys to be at Puckapunyal that night. I would like to take this opportunity, therefore, to thank everyone who attended the dinner on 14th February, (including those who had no choice!), for being there and making it such a success.

I appreciated it very much indeed.

Lieutenant Colonel JOHN BONNETT MACGREGOR ACT

Dear Sir

During a recent exercise I was closeted with my Commander for a considerable period in his red car (Colonels in the Field Force not only have red hats and red tabs, but also red cars). As is usual when speaking with the Commander on any subject other than thieves, discussions were free flowing and wide ranging. One of the subjects discussed was the lack of traditions in our young Corps. It was opined that this was probably due in part to our relative age as a Corps and a service attitude which discourages people from doing things differently.

Many traditions in other Services have grown from rulings by royalty or adoption of procedures which were originally an untoward incident or a mistake. In the British Army, one Regiment (the 16/5 Lancers I believe) wear their 'Sam Browne' belts with the cross strap back to front. This tradition stemmed

from an incident when the Colonel of the Regiment arrived to inspect the Regiment with the strap reversed. The CO, not wishing to embarass the reviewing officer, immediately ordered all his officers to wear theirs the same way, and the Regiment has done so ever since.

In June 1983 I had the honour to command the parade at which Princess Alice's Banner was presented to the Corps. After the presentation and consecration, the Banner carried by the Ensign, rejoined the line of guards. When the parade was turned about prior to forming into line for the march past it was apparent that I had forgotten to bring it to the close order.

Not having a piece of paper I was unable to do a JSC written appreciation but the courses open, advantages and disadvantages were whipping through my mind at the intense rate. Would the troops cover the error during the succeeding drill movements or would they march past with five paces between ranks? If I changed the sequence of orders would half the parade just continue with the correct sequence anyway? A re-

cent report that I heard where the reviewing officer (Royal) had suggested to the parade commander (Brigadier) that he should try a particular drill movement again, with my old SI (now CGS) from Portsea in the crowd coloured my thinking.

In the end result I advanced the parade and brought it to the close order. To my knowledge only one soldier missed the order. After the parade I received a few snide comments from picky associates about the extra drill movement. One very thoughtful officer however, expressed his appreciation of the way I turned the Ensign through 360 degrees so that the spectators could observe both sides of the Banner!

Surely this is the kind of incident that tradition grow from. I would therefore like to suggest that whenever the Banner is paraded this "incorrect" movement be included as an RACT tradition. Let us dare to be different.

Lieutenant Colonel B.J. GOODES HQ 1 ATSR

HONOURS AND AWARDS

The Corps extends sincere congratulations to the following two members who have received recognition for outstanding service.

Member of the Order of Australia (AM)
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Directorate of Movements and Transport.

Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM)
Lance Corporal C.M. Witney — Driver
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It is with sadness that the deaths are recorded of the following members of the RACT whose names follow.

Sergeant R.W. Wilson Private D.A. Lovett

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CAPITAL C FOR CORPORAL

A viewpoint by WO1 A.J. Ludington

The definition of Corporal given by The Concise Oxford Dictionary is 'Non-Commissioned officer ranking just below Sergeant'.

The above definition clearly defines what a Corporal is — that rank just below Sergeant. The words that follow are my views and ideas of one of the most important ranks in the Army, namely the rank of Corporal. For ease of writing, I will use the male gender throughout this article.

In recent years, we have seen for a variety of reasons a degradation of the rank of Corporal. On many occasions Corporals are treated as private soldiers. Also, there is an increasing tendency for promotion to Corporal being given as a reward for a particular trade or establishment position.

There are other reasons for this degradation:

The 'I'll do it myself syndrome' that way I will know the task is completed satisfactorily. This approach is often used by officers, warrant officers and SNCO. However, the Corporal misses out on exercising his command.

The dilution of the rank of Corporal due to an imbalance of rank structure within some trades. This leads to an assumption that all one has to do is occupy the position to be promoted.

The Corporal has often let himself down by failing to discipline subordinates and himself and by not using his initiative, accepting responsibility and using the authority of his rank.

The failure of superiors to provide support to their Corporals when they need it.

What do we expect of a Corporal?

- That he can organize and lead his section in battle.
- That he can accept and seek responsibility not only in his section, but in other unit activities.
- That by using his knowledge and unit maintenance procedures his section vehicles, weapons and equipment are maintained at the highest standard of serviceability.
- That he can train members of his section for war in their soldier and corps technical skills.
- He must be able to maintain military discipline and develop self discipline within his soldiers. The best way to do this is by his example.
- He must display leadership qualities to lead his section.
- The corporal is the link between his section and his superiors. He must be able to impart information and orders clearly and accurately. Troop staff should remember this and ensure all information and orders both up and down the chain pass through him.
- He must be physically fit; he must have a high level of fitness to lead his men. He must set a high standard of fitness for his section and ensure that they maintain that standard.

WO1 Ludington enlisted in 1965. He served in Vietnam in 1967/69 and in PNG in 1972/74. His service in Australia includes three postings to the Army School of Transport and to various transport units in Field Force and Logistic Commands, including an appointment as RSM of 1 Div Tpt Regt. WO1 Ludington is currently RSM of the Army School of Transport.

- He must be able to use his initiative and make decisions.
 Remember, in our trade he will often be the man on the spot, some distance away from his superiors, on his own. Situational determinanism will often necessitate that Corporal will need to make decisions.
- He must be able to carry out tasks/orders with the minimum or no supervision.
- As a Corporal, he must have a sound knowledge of the unit Routine Orders, Standing Orders, and Standing Operating Procedures and Infantry Section Leaders Handbook. Especially those parts dealing with troop/section operations.
- He must be honest, reliable, punctual and ensure that his section is too.
- He is responsible for the grassroots administration of his section.
- He must set a high standard of dress and bearing and demand the same from his soldiers.
- His loyalty must never be in doubt. He must be loyal to his superiors and to his section.
- He must develop his section into a close knit effective team that can carry out any task allocated to it with a minimum of orders and fuss.

This list is by no means comprehensive and is not intended to be, but it includes the basics of what we expect. How do we go about obtaining this superman that we want? We expect him to have knowledge and certain qualities of character but how many times is he shown, trained and advised by his superiors how to do it? Had unit NCO training been conducted as often as it should have been? With the increasing emphasis by training schools of 'on the job training', and the requirement for soldiers to be trained to precourse standards prior to attending promotion courses, NCO training should be given greater emphasis by units. To achieve that standard a sound, regular, practical, relevant and attainable programme of NCO training must be adopted by all units.

Once it is implemented, it must be persevered with for the benefit of the soldier, the unit, the Corps and the Army.

We all have heard the old saying 'that we haven't got the time for NCO training'. The normal excuses are that the unit is too busy, or can't release the personnel or that there are not enough NCO around to make it worthwhile. WE MUST MAKE THE TIME AND ENSURE IT IS CARRIED OUT IF WE WANT GOOD CORPORALS. All officers, warrant officers and SNCO are responsible for Corporal training.

The NCO Training Programme must be planned and effective. The training must be relevant to the NCO, demanding and designed to make Corporals participate to the maximum. The training must be stimulating and outgoing so that his interest is maintained.

To maximise the effectiveness of the training, make the junior NCO the instructor. However, ensure he is given sufficient instruction and time to prepare his lesson.

Sufficient time must be allowed by CO/OC to prepare soldiers for promotion courses. RSM and SSM must study course guidance material and provide guidance and direction.

NCO training should contain training to prepare soldiers for promotion courses. With effective unit training and promotion courses soldiers will at least be trained for promotion.

Now let us look at the selection process for promotion to Corporal. The CO or OC needs to make his decision based upon:

- a. advice by the Troop Commander using his Troop Commanders Note Book, after consultation with his Troop Sergeant and the soldier's Section Commander;
- b. the Regimental or Squadron Sergeant Major and unit Second-in-Command commenting on the suitability of the soldiers; and
- c. an assessment of the soldier against all the other suitable soldiers in the unit to ensure the best soldier is selected for the promotion.

Also the following should be considered when selecting a soldier for promotion:

That he has had sufficient time in the Army/unit to gain the necessary experience.

That he has been in a position of responsibility ie, SECT 2IC or COMD to see how he handles that responsibility.

That he completed at least one preferably all, of his promo-

The other point to remember is that it is much better in the long run for the unit, the Corps, the Army and the soldier to carry an NCO vacancy that to push someone who is not suitable into the job.

We should also strive to ensure that he completes his promotion courses as close to the time he is promoted as possible. This ensures:

that he is psychologically prepared for promotion;

that he has an aim to strive for which should ensure better course results; and

that information, skills and knowledge gained on the course can be put to use immediately before they are forgotten.

Once we have promoted the soldier it does not stop there, the real task is to develop the full potential of the NCO. NCO Training is thus an important issue.

Conclusion

During my visits in the last year to the second line squadrons and in my time as a Squadron Sergeant Major, I have reached the conclusion that:

The young soldiers we have today, trained, led and administered properly are as good, if not better than, any in the world.

Our NCO have more responsibility and opportunity to display their initiative than any other Corps.

By proper selection, training and given the guidance, advice and encouragement of their superiors, RACT Corporals are as good as any in the Army today.

Our role as officers, warrant officers and SNCO is to ensure that our Corporals are trained, led, administered, given responsibility, allowed to use their initiative, given the necessary information to complete tasks, provided with guidance, encouragement and advice, and given the chance to do the job.

If we fail to do this then we alone, are responsible for as Napoleon Bonaparte said, 'There are no bad soldiers only bad leaders'.



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BISCUIT BOMBERS ON TARGET AGAIN

The Commander Field Force Movements and Transport 2 MD Shooting Competition was held at the Anzac Range Complex at Malabar on Monday 25th March. Despite appalling conditions of high winds, intermittent rain and low temperatures, the overall standard was remarkably high and scores compared well with previous years.

The shooting competition was inaugurated as an annual event in 1976 by the first COMD RACT FF Comd, Colonel D.C.J. Deighton MBE, and has been a feature of Corps activities in 2 MD since its inception. The Competition is open to 2 MD RACT units outside of the FF Mov-T Formation, and this year included teams from 1 Tpt Sqn, HQ 2 MD (MOVT), Liverpool Tpt Unit, Sydney Tpt Unit, and Singleton Tpt Unit. The aim of the competition is to generate interest in, and improve the standard of shooting within the Corps in 2 MD.

Competing teams are all required to fire the SLR, SMG, LMG and 9mm Pistol at standard practices. The major trophies for the competition have been donated by TAA, and once again this year were presented by Mr Kevin Lund of TAA, NSW, who himself is an active competition shooter. A feature of this year's competition was the introduction of a new trophy for the best SMG team. The trophy, which was personally donated by Mr Lund, is called the Lawrence Trophy in memory of his son, and consists of a Thompson Machine Gun mounted on a polished hard wood stand.

The champion unit for 1985 was 1 ATSR, and team captain, WO2 'Zeek' Zaffino finished off a fine personal day by also receiving trophies for the individual 9mm pistol champion, individual SMG champion, and 2nd overall in individual placings. Singleton Transport Unit secured the SLR team trophy for the 7th time, which is a significant achievement in the 10 years of the competition. Best overall individual shot of the competition was LCPL Darren Poole, of 1 ATSR. Full results are contained in the accompanying table.

1985 COMD FF MOVT 2 MD SHOOTING COMPETITION

- 2 MD RACT Champion Unit
 (Team Members: WO2 H. Zaffino, SGT R. Towers, CPL D. Warner, LCPL D. Poole, PTE B. Brain, PTE D. French, PTE D. Orwin, PTE D. Mitchell, PTE S. Wells, PTE T. Wynne)
- 2. TAA Trophy for Major Unit Team (Team Members: as above) 1 ATSR
- 3. TAA Trophy for Minor Unit Team HQ 2 MD (Mov-T) (Team Members: WO1 J. Spruce, SGT M. Parkinson, SGT C. Smith, CPL W. Carter, CPL J. Stallard)
- 4. Overall Individual Shooting Champion:

1st LCPL D. Poole (1 ATSR) 2nd WO2 H. Zaffino (1 ATSR) 5. **SLR**

Champion Individual:

 1st
 CPL W. Carter (2 MD [Mov-T])

 2nd
 LCPL D. Poole (1 ATSR)

 3rd
 SGT C. Smith (2 MD [Mov-T])

Champion Team Singleton Transport Unit (Team Members: MAJ L. Hatton, LT M. Stewart, SGT D. Brindley, SGT D. Fennell)

6. SMG

Champion Individual

1st WO2 H. Zaffino (1 ATSR)
2nd CPL J. Stallard (2 MD [Mov-t])

Champion Team (Lawrence Trophy) Liverpool Tpt Unit (Team Members: SGT B. Vincent, CPL B. Davis, LCPL G. Bolger, PTE I. Sullivan, PTE A. Wormington)

7. LMG

Champion Individual

CPL T. Stallard (2 MD [Mov-T])

2nd SGT D. Fennell (Singleton Tpt Unit)
Champion Team HQ 2 MD (Mov-T)

(Team Members: as above)

8. 9mm Pistol

Champion Individual

1st 2nd

WO2 H. Zaffino (1 ATSR) PTE P. Darrough (9 Tpt Regt)

Champion Team (Team Members: as above) 1 ATSR



Mr Kevin Lund presents the Lawrence Trophy to the winning team from Liverpool Transport Unit.

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BIG M MELBOURNE MARATHON — 1984

by Captain A.C. Osborne

What is it that makes someone run a Marathon? I ran the Big M Marathon and I was influenced by a number of things, not the least of which being a doubt that I could comfortably cover the distance. I had been running for about five years and I was bored with quite explosive running over relatively short distances, such as Fun Runs. Although few appreciate it, the Army gives us all a unique opportunity to stay fit in work time. It was primarily for this reason that I decided to give a marathon a shot. I had to give up some of my own time for long runs, however it all was worth it.

I had never seriously thought of running a Marathon and then, after some discussion within my household and workplace I entered the Big M. Entering a race like this is relatively painless, even with a small entrance fee. The worst part about entering was having to fill in the box marked Anticipated Completion Time. This infers you do finish; quite something to ask yourself before you even commence training. (I thought that I would finish in about 3½ hours).

My longest competitive run to July 1984 was the Sydney City To Surf over 14 kilometres. I completed that run, crowds and all, in about 56 minutes, but I had my doubts about maintaining any pace close to this over three times the City To Surf distance.

I picked up a First Marathon program from a friend, the program based on one published in Runners World (see below). It did not look too formidable at the onset, however the later weeks became quite demanding. I stuck pretty closely to the program and when varying it I usually increased the distance if I was feeling good on the day.

SUGGESTED FIRST MARATHON PROGRAM

DAY		STAGE 1			STAGE 2			STAGE 3				
	WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5	WEEK 6	WEEK 7	WEEK 8	WEEK 9	WEEK 10	WEEK 11	WEEK 12
ONE	REST	REST	REST	REST	REST	REST	REST	REST	REST	REST	REST	REST
TW0	7	7	14km FUN-RUN	8	10	10	12	12	14km FUN-RUN	16	16	12
THREE	5	5	6	8	7	8	8	10	10	12	10	10
FOUR	8	8	12	12	13	16	18	20	21	21	29	8
FIVE	7	8	7	10	10	10	10	10	10	13	10	7
SIX	4	5	5	5	7	8	8	8	8	10	13	4
SEVEN	12	12	16	16	20	20	23	26	29	26	20	4

NOTES:

- 1. The Fun-Runs give you exposure to the crowds of a road race, support facilities provided, finishing procedures and it gives you practice in maintaining pace with considerable distraction.
- 2. At least one long run per week in Stage 2 should be on 'OUT and BACK' (i.e. equal distance in both directions aiming at a faster 'BACK' time to that going 'OUT').
- 3. You should train your body to take fluid from WEEK 1. Plan your run to either pass water points on route or pass your home at approximately 5km intervals.

The training was in mid-winter and for anyone who has been in Canberra in winter, you will appreciate some motivational problems on foggy — 3 degrees mornings. I was lucky on most of my long runs as it rained as well. I had to decide on running clothes and live with my decision regardless of how many seasons I encountered.

Two other people joined me from the Directorate in their first marathon. They were Major Kath McQuarrie and WO2 Ian Sargeant, both like me, regretting the commitment from time to time. The three of us suffered no major injuries. Kath strained a calf muscle in week seven when she overextended during sprints, and Ian has for some time had a recurring knee injury. I managed to damage a cartlige on the front of my left knee at three weeks before the run, however all was well on the day.

As with all running events I had to go to the loo some 15 minutes before the start. The line was very long to the one parking lot toilet so I decided to hold on until I was on the road. (I found some toilets on route).

The marathon course runs from Frankston to Melbourne, initially on the Nepean Highway, left after Aspendale to Black Rock following the beach road and finally turning up to St Kilda Road to finish on the southern side of the Yarra River at the Victoria Arts Centre.

The run started at 8 am and the air temperature was about 18 degrees. By 9.30am it was 24 degrees. As with most runs the shuffle to the start line took some minutes, (the slowest part of the run). The course in relatively flat with slight inclines to force a slight pace change. The change of pace I found helpful

to me because it distracted me enough to revitalise my flagging spirit.

I felt comfortable to the halfway point and it had taken about 85 minutes. The next 10 kilometres passed easily and at 140 minutes I passed 32 kilometres. I hit what I believed to be the wall at 34 kilometres, feeling slight nausea only, however it was quite distracting and unwelcome. The last eight kilometres were a drag and I felt as if I was running very slowly, however I averaging a reasonable pace of about 4½ minutes per kilometre.

I finished the 42.195 kilometres in three hours, four minutes and nine seconds, an average of four minutes, 22 seconds per kilometre. Finishing was a pleasure and my strongest recollection was my need for water. Having been presented with a medallion that felt like an anchor, I stumbled to the water table. Sitting in the gutter, (the only place I could find), I thought of what a pleasure stopping is in such circumstances and wondered will I ever bother to do this again.

Overall some eight truckies completed the 1984 Big M Marathon. Some words of wisdom from a few of them appear below:

LT COL J. H. Snare — 3 hr 30 min — Placing 1792

'I had no formal training program but tried to run seven days a week...I was not able to get sufficient runs under my belt. My training was based on Joe Henderson's book "Jog, Run, Race", which was a three month program — one long run, two medium runs and four short runs concentrating on time rather than distance...The first five km were very slow with the density of runners and not very pleasant. From five km to 30 km I was relaxed and on a three hour 20 minute schedule. From 35 km to 42 km was miserable and painfully slow."

PREVIOUS MARATHONS: CANBERRA NIKE/AVON 1984 3 hr 29 min BIG M 1983 3 hr 33 min

LT COL J. H. Acock Jr - 3 hr 12 min - Placing 950

'My wife thought that I was crazy and after my first month of training so did I. I had a good training program (16 weeks)...I started my Big M training at 40 miles a week...increased my mileage 10% every two weeks until...75 miles per week. I also included three circuit drill sessions per week...program based on the hard day/easy day procedure. The only items I eliminated were butter, fatty foods, fried foods, salt and alcohol, except a daily beer. I had preplanned to achieve a 3 hr marathon. At 20 km I was feeling good and increased my speed to 19.5 min per five km...at 30 km I felt horrible. The rest of the race was a physical effort. By not pacing properly and going out too fast I had to deal with too much fatigue at the finish.'

PREVIOUS MARATHON: CANBERRA NIKE/AVON 1984 3 hr 31 min

CAPT M. A. Burgess — 2 hr 50 min — Placing 223

*90 km per week approximately three months prior...built up to 110 km and maintained this to the race...an average 15 km per day depending on how I felt. I did not concentrate sufficiently on speed work, that is fast 5 km and 10 km. I ate a minimum of fried food, but no significant diet change. I ran well to half way, however my legs lacked speed (from then on)...my second half was nine minutes slower than the first.'

PREVIOUS MARATHON: CANBERRA NIKE/AVON 1984 2 hr 58 min



LTCOL J. H. Snare — LTCOL J. H. Acock Jr — CAPT M. A. Burgess

MAJ K. A. McQuarrie — 4 hr 2 min — Placing 3265

...Big M Marathon fulfilled my need for a mental/physical challenge. My aim... to run all the way...not die in the attempt and finish under four hours. In mid July I commenced a three month program, (see table), and ran in four Fun Runs...longest run prior to the Big M was 31 km which I ran twice. During the training I ate vegetables and fruit and less red meat. Immediately prior to the Big M I completed four days of carbohydrate starvation followed by four days of loading.

At 4.30 am I breakfasted on a toast, honey, fruit juice and tea. I felt nervous with anticipation, but mentally capable...My first five km were desperate with unbelievable shin pains — I had tied my shoe laces too tight...by 20/25 km...I was feeling tired and hot. I stopped at every drink station for two mouthfuls of water...The last 10 km were a struggle...finally there was "2 km to go" and the finish sign in view. I completed the Big M...vowing never to compete in another, but with a great sense of achievement.

My strongest impressions of the Big M are the personal committment and disicpline needed...the efficient organization...,the magnificant spectators and the elation on completion.'

MAJ D. A. Cran — 3 hr 16 min — Placing 1099

A $5\frac{1}{2}$ month program...distance starting at 24 miles a week to 84 miles three weeks before the run. The last two weeks were wind down...My next program will include more shorter, faster runs to improve leg speed.

...I ate anything and everything, concentrating on carbohydrate and...a lot of water. During long runs I took Glucodin tablets...I am not sure if it did any physical good but the psychological effect was worth it. ...The day before...I ate, ate, ate — and had a few beers. On the morning of the run, I had a large glass of Sustagen only — with plenty of water. The feeling,...before was worry that I would not finish. For the first 25 km...it was anticipation, as I felt good physically...I stuck to preplanned times. After the 25 km mark the mind accepted that it was all hard work ahead. At the 35 km mark...it was a distinct mental effort to keep going — the desire to just stop and give it up was very strong.'



'WO2 I. R. P. Sargeant — 3 hr 22 min — Placing 1378'.

ADVICE: 1. Build up gradually

- 2. Get a complete medical check-up, including an ECG before moving into strenuous training
- 3. Find someone/a group to run with.
- 4. Spend the money on good running shoes. PREVIOUS MARATHON: CANBERRA NIKE/AVON 1984

SOME INTERESTING STATISTICS

WINNER: J. Ikangaa — 2 hr 15 min 31 sec — (Tanzania) FIRST FEMALE: M A Reddan — 2 hr 43 min 40 sec — (QLD) FIRST AUST MALE: S J Austin — 2 hr 16 min 01 sec — (VIC)

(VIC)	
Entrants:	6 346
Female entrants:	363
First marathoners:	2 318
Female finishers:	
Total finishers:	

EPILOGUI

I ran the 1985 Nike Marathon on 14 April. The run was held for the tenth year in Canberra and it involved a double out and back track following along the south side of Lake Burley Griffin. It was a perfect day. The air temperature was 17 degrees, there was no wind and a light cloud cover.

I was planning to complete the run in less than three hours, however this was not to be. I ran it in three hours and 16 minutes. However, I was pleased with the speed I maintained and the overall feeling of wellbeing throughout the run.

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BY MAJOR M. BERKOVICH

- 1. 33 Tml Sqn (ARES), part of 10 Tml Regt deployed to Newcastle and Jervis Bay to participate in Comd FF MOV-T Exercise 'Trident Love'. During the course of the exercise, the Squadron with the Regiment practised deployment and terminal operations with RAN and Army watercraft in support. The exercise was conducted over the period 7 Sep - 6 Oct 84 and was preceded by a preliminary operation to prepare the area at Jervis Bay and pre-position stocks.
- 2. The exercise was conducted in three phases. Phase one 7 - 12 Sep 84 consisted of deploying regiment sub units by road. sea and air to Newcastle and Jervis Bay, there they established administrative and working areas and commenced operations. Phase Two 13 - 30 Sep 84 consisted of LOTS operations in Jervis Bay, Port operations in Newcastle and Sydney and Road Terminal operations in the exercise area. During the exercise 24 hour operations were conducted from 12-17 Sep 84 and 19 - 24 Sep 84 utilising LSH, LCH and Army watercraft supported by road transport.
- 3. Belonging to an ARA regiment has many advantages and some disadvantages, the former far outweighting the latter, In 10 Tml Regt a realistic and mildly competitive environment exists to maximise our training opportunities and provide us with the realism, Exercise 'Trident Love' gave us just such
- 4. As is always the case, 10 Tml Regt because of its complex nature is not an easy animal to train, ride or control and in exercise situations many a CO has collected a few grey hairs in his time. Ever mindful of this responsibility to train and develop his troops LTCOL Bob Boyle with fingers eagerly rubbing his chin tasked 33 Tml Sqn to load the LSH, HMAS Tobruk. at Newcastle and so began our annual camp 15 - 30 Sep 84.
- 5. Having 'accepted' the loading task, 73 Tml Tp was deployed at Newcastle. With two sections they received and pre-positioned cargo at the wharf prior to the LSH arrival. The operation went extremely well and the troops performed to a very high standard, despite some problems with arrival of cargo and the port authority. Extra manpower was required to re-locate pre positioned cargo to the wharf finally chosen for the loading. As part of its task, the troop concurrently unloaded and documented all cargo as it arrived by road transport. For the statisticians final load time was 26 hours, however, had the clearance transport been available to preposition all cargo prior to arrival the two sections could complete the job in a 12
- 6. Meanwhile, myself and a heavy recce come advance party of three departed for Jervis Bay on the Saturday morning 15 Sep 84. Our aim was to recon our new deployment site and to receive and preposition our stores. Having completed the

recon all of us hooked into area development. The main body consisting of HQ elements and 74 Tml Spt Tp arrived on the Sunday afternoon. After final preparation of stores and equipment, area development commenced immediately and was conducted in an environment of air threats which became a reality on a number of occasions.

- 7. Deployment of 75 Water Tpt Tp was slowed by inclement weather and the Navy's policy not to venture out into oceans except on 'nice' days, so we did not see our sub unit until Monday with some unit stores on board the LCM8. The new troop commander LT Mike Miller an ex infantry reborn again RACT officer managed somehow to survive and was presented with blue camouflage for his battle bowler as a mark as of his crews' acceptance of him. The crews put him through a re-training programme by hiding his DP1 gear all over the craft claiming it would help him to identify aspects of his new environment. A week later he adopted the new 'boaty lingo' and is now convinced of the futility in digging weapon pits on a steel deck. This sub unit was involved with discharge operations of the LSH and also gained valuable sea experience from the exercise as a whole.
- 8. Our deployment phase proved to be very worthwhile and the unit played its part in the tactical phases and although two weeks is never enough time for us to deploy, operate and then redeploy, all the troops gained a great deal from the
- 9. 33 Tml Sqn was again given the task to discharge HMAS Tobruk on arrival at Jervis Bay, again 72 Tml Tp did very well in the difficult weather conditions, however the momentum of the entire exercise was halted as we all became instant potential Hollywood stars auditioning and playacting for a superimposed exercise Ex 'Muster'.
- 10. As with all exercises of the scale of 'Trident Love' there comes a time for PR and the need to give other service members the chance to see us in the operational setting carrying on with our duties. Unfortunately there is no other way to conduct such an activity without stage managing so as to allow visitors to see us actually operating our equipment and techniques.
- 11. Ex 'Muster' was designed for just such an event. The concept was for all units to act as normal and receive visitors in groups of about 50 to 100 and have an officer give a guided tour of a sub unit area. During the tour the conducting officer would give a simple presentation of his unit's role, organisation and explain the contribution of his unit in the exercise. Unfortunately 33 Tml Sqn visitors itinerary failed in that the female showers could not be stage managed due to a lack of
- 12. One of the highlights of a personal nature occurred to CAPT J. Peel and WO2 T. Croser who were presented with their Defence Force Service Medals by the FF Comd MOV-T COL E. Love and as a gesture of good faith and appreciation I

presented our big boss with a unique shaped, hand made. soap on a rope, an act which has now probably finished my career in the ARES.

13. To conclude I am pleased to say that this unit is not the cause of the CO's grey hair development programme, as he was kind enough to say on addressing my unit, he praised the troops standard and application to their roles and announced

that we had performed beyond his expectation.

14. The unit re-deployed to Sydney on a high note and looks forward to more opportunities to maintain its credibility in our regiment. I could not end this article without mentioning an extremely sad event, the death of our ASM WO2 Phil Sainsbury, the man was respected and highly regarded by those who knew him and my units sympathy goes out to his family.

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Harnischfeger has just added two new cab-up models with longer reach to its line of Omega 100 Series rough terrain cranes. The new Omega 128 model has a capacity of 28 U.S. tons (25 metric tons) and the Omega 125 is rated at 25 U.S. tons (22.7 metric tons).

The Omega 100 Series product line was introduced in 1984 with five cab-up and five cab-down models from 14-1/12 tons capacity (13.2 to 20 metric tons).

The higher-capacity new cab-up models provide excellent reach with quick set-up features.

A 91 ft (27.74m) four-section boom is standard on the Omega 128, and a 72 ft (21.9m) three-section boom is optional. On the Omega 125, the three-section boom is standard, and the four-section boom is optional.

The four-section 91 ft main boom consists of a base section: two telescoping sections extended by hydraulic cylinders; and a fourth section that is power extended, then pinned in place

An optional 251/2 to 421/2 ft (7.8 to 12.95m) swing-around lattice extension, which includes a pinned pull-out section. further extends the boom length to a maximum of 1331/2 feet

This combination of longest boom and extension, plus the height of the carrier, provides a 137 ft (41.8m) maximum tip height.

The lattice extension is stowed for travel on the side of the main boom and swings quickly into place from ground level in a one-man operation. The extension is offset two degrees from the boom. An optional pivoting link offset mechanism is available to increase the amount of offset to 22 degrees for extra reach.

The lattice extension is also available in a 25 ft (7.6m) version without the pull-out section feature.

A three-section 72 ft main boom features a cable-extend system that provides automatic equal extension of the two outer sections through a single hydraulic cylinder and extend/retract cables. The 72 ft boom may be ordered with a lattice swing-around extension of 141/2 (4.4m) underslung A-frame jib that stores beneath the main boom base section. The jib may be offset 0 degrees, 10 degrees or 20 degrees.

The strong P&H four-plate rectangular boom is doublewelded, both inside and out, for maximum rigidity and torsional load resistance.

UNIQUE SMOOTH RIDE

An important development on the new cranes and other Omega 100 Series models is the Easy Ride (TM) travel stabilizer, which is a shock-absorbing device that cancels vehicular bouncing motion during travel between jobs.

Rough terrain crane users who move their machines long distances, either on the job site or on the road, will find the Easy Ride stabilizer a valuable innovation. Built into the boom hoist cylinder, this spring-and-nitrogen accumulator device absorbs the vertical oscillation motion of the boom that results when the crane with its overhung boom is driven over uneven surfaces. The feature allows the operator to achieve maximum travel speeds without uncomfortable "porpoise" motion.

When the boom is raised for lifting, the Easy Ride stabilizer is automatically disengaged and normal rigid support of the hoist cylinder is restored. The Easy Ride device makes the Omega 100 Series the smoothest riding cranes in the industry



NEW WINCHES

The new two-speed P&H-designed-and-built 1080 main winch is standard. Maximum line speed is 409 fpm (125m/m). All shafts are mounted on anti-friction bearings for reduced starting torques and reliability. Winch control is by a single lever with a speed selector switch attached to the lever. A two-speed auxiliary winch is optional.

POWER TRAIN DETAILS

The power train on both cranes is a unitized package in which the engine, pump drive and six-speed powershift or range shift transmission are all bolted together. This design eliminates an intermediate shaft and hoses while improving the accessibility of components.

Turbocharged or naturally aspirated four-cycle diesel engines give the owner a choice of power plants. These engines deliver essentially the same hydraulic and roading performance. Maximum travel speed is 25 mph (40.2 kph).

Planetary 4x4x4 drive-and-steer axles are standard, and 4x2x4 axles optional. A "no-spin" differential is optional for the rear axle. Standard tyres are 20.5x25-20 PR tubeless, wide base

HYDRAULIC SYSTEM

The four-pump hydraulic system is designed so that only non-competitive crane functions are served by the same pump, permitting efficient simultaneous booming. winching and swinging. A total pump flow of 142 gpm (538 1 pm) provides ample power and speed for all functions. Hydraulic oil cooler is standard.

Smooth flow control is achieved through pressure-compensated valves for precise control of swing and steering; low-effort valves are used on other functions. Function control levers are connected to the valves by aircraft-type cables in a totally enclosed system.

ELECTRICAL SYSTEM

The electrical system is designed to reduce service needs through increased reliability. The integrity of wiring connections is maintained through the use of highestquality industrial-grade connectors at all multiple-pin connections. These heavy-duty all-metal connectors are bulkhead or bracket mounted.

Single-wire connections feature positive locking pins which make it nearly impossible to pull connections apart by wire tension or vibration. All circuits, multiple or single, are routed away from water and oil contamination.

OUTRIGGER HIGHLIGHTS

The outriggers provide 18 ft (5.49m) outrigger spread, unexcelled in the industry. This, in turn, allows full 360 degree ratings, which allow the operator to maximize picks in any quadrant. The outriggers have a new hose loop configuration that prevents hose chafing.

Improved cab-up visibility, a roomy Omega cab that is isolation-mounted to dampen vibration, and well-designed instrumentation contribute to easy operation. A broad range of operational convenience options are available to further extend productivity and operator comfort.





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LEST WE FORGET ...the animals

An admirer places a bunch of flowers on the memorial horsetrough at the junction of St Kilda Road and Domain Road. Melbourne — just a short walk from HQ Logistic Command.

This memorial was erected after the First World War. The numbers of animals used in that war are staggering.

In the Egypt-Palestine-Syria theatre alone, by late 1918 the approximate number of animals on the ration strength of the Egyptian Expeditionary Force was 62,000 horses, 44,000 mules, 36,000 camels and 12,500 donkeys.

Of course, not all these beasts were transport animals.

There were the warhorses of the Australian Light Horse, the ANZAC Mounted Division as well as British cavalry and horse artillery - not to mention the 'war camels' of the Imperial Camel Corps.

The casualty rate among the animals, especially the horses, was heartbreaking. In one two-month period, from 31 October to 31 December 1917, about 10,000 horses, camels, mules and donkeys became casualties - of which 50% were either dead or never resumed active duty.



OUT OF THE WEEDS

by Nala Enrobso

Have you ever wondered what they do in the Rock? I had not and now do. When smoke clears to shock. Caught - they want you.

I heard it coming, Echo on the rail The lights changed, I hoped like hell they would fail.

They said you'll enjoy the 'meeting place' Where fat cats thrive and house prices are fairer. I've done time at Dunners, I put my case They listened politely, welcome to Canberra.

I required a course, not another please! A TDO — four weeks...Chowder Bay, I was won. Sleepless nights. I knew it was to come. Week five to never, in Building 4 Bay 1.

Day one, a brief, finger-prints and shoe-size, Oh how thorough they were. A sausage felt I - FLASH A pass was my prize.

Office - new boy, introductions all round. The windows don't open, the bush scenery still! Are we on Floor 1 Or under some hill?

Open office plan they call it, Share and share alike. I am two feet from my boss, We now talk alike.

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Are there any other Captains in this the grey sponge? I began to wonder. I rolled a note in a bottle and

Placed it in my OUT tray — it is still there.

Go running, clear the system - it has worked before, For lunchtime I waited The clock slowed on the wall, My every breath baited.

I was alone for awhile, I got an idea. Develop my running, My brilliance was shear.

Spice the imagination, get the co-workers thinking, Health and happiness, a few months on They could not even spell M-A-R-A-T-H-O-N.

So it's September already, I am almost used to this life, Much interest and challenge And Field Force lit strife.

I'll be here for some time. Three marathons I reckon. Big M. Nike or Anzac Before my greens beckon.

Sometimes I yearn to be back in the Weeds. But with knowledge on the mountain I mix, There is always hope for an out of town posting -Roll on 1986.

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