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In the last edition of SAMRAG I wrote about the smells of service – smells that remind you of another time and place during your military career. To this day, whenever a bus pulls up next to me on a street, I am taken back to smelling the waft of diesel smoke the first thing in the morning as I am about to break a night hide.

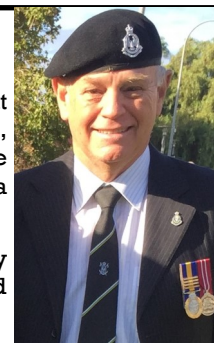
This time, I would like to write about the sounds of service. I wonder how many others, who have shared the same experience of armoured soldiering and military service, miss:

- The staccato of the .30 cal (when properly head spaced and timed) and the slower, deeper thump-thump of the .50 cal machine guns during a battle run
- Sleeping in your vehicle with non-stop traffic on the radio, and being able to sleep through the chatter, yet being instantly awake when your callsign is spoken
- The Drill Sergeant on parade yelling in your face "What the f#\$k do you think you were doing, you f#\$%@?g drut? (I have since found out that a drut is a backward turd and I am also assured that Drill Sergeants no longer berate recruits in that way)
- The band playing "Radetzky March" or the Pipes and Drums playing "Black Bear"
- The instructor coming into a class and saying, "Sit easy, hats off, smoke if you wish". Those days are thankfully long behind us
- The "whoof" of the choofers being lit first thing in the morning (and sometimes exploding)
- The snoring and farting of your fellow crewmen in a vehicle as you are trying to get to sleep
- The Operations Officer calling over the radio, "You were meant to have crossed the Start Line two minutes ago. Move now. OUT", as you are trying to finish giving orders to your Troop
- The pride you feel when the command is given, "General Salute, Present Arms" and you know you are an important part of a great unit on parade with guidons displaying battle honours from the Boer War, World War One and World War Two

These days, for me, the sounds of service generally start with "Do you remember when.....?". There are a lot of shared memories around with current and former soldiers of 3rd / 9th Light Horse across the generations. One of the objectives of SAMRA is to provide an opportunity for those who have served over the years and are currently serving to get together to continue the comradeship formed during their service. We do this through Black Hat Nights, "Old and Bold" lunches, our Annual General Meeting (coming up on Wednesday 16 August 2023) and an End-of-Year function as well as informal events such as the SAMRA AFX at Stansbury and get-togethers at The Cumby Hotel. I would love to see SAMRA members encouraging their mates-in-service to join SAMRA and share the comradeship we enjoy.

SAMRA's biggest activity for the year is the Anzac Day memorial service and march. The memorial service continues to be very popular with both SAMRA members as well as the general public. It is held after the Dawn Service on North Terrace and before the Anzac Day march and there continues to be good representation from Federal and State politicians as well as members from local government. The service and wreath laying at the obelisk is always significant. Remembering the horses who served in Palestine and did not return is also very important. The laying of bunches of carrots on the horse trough is particularly poignant. My thanks go to all those who planned and supported the day including James Kennelly, Reg Williams and Dave Mercer from the SAMRA Committee, 3rd / 9th Light Horse for the catafalque party and the Barossa Light Horse re-enactment society. Thanks also to all the SAMRA members who were involved in the march as well as those members who participated in other Anzac Day activities around the world. Some of their photos are included in this SAMRAG.

Nec Aspera Terrent—Malcolm Haynes



"Cowards die many times before their deaths; the valiant never taste death but once."
— William Shakespeare

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Subs are due wef 1 July 2023, your support to your Association is appreciated.

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"Back in the day"

NEC ASPERA TERRENT

Corporal Greg Hill, currently serving with 3rd / 9th Light Horse, found the following article from the Inniskillings Museum (via Wikipedia) on the Regimental motto: "Nec Aspera Terrent".

The Regimental motto of the Royal Inniskillings Fusiliers was the Latin term "Nec Aspera Terrent" which may have been adopted by the Regiment as early as 1715. The translation used by the Regiment was "By difficulties undaunted" and perhaps, it is a fitting motto for the global crisis facing our community today. Other translations of the motto included the literal "May difficulties not daunt us", as well as the more colourful "They don't terrify the rough ones", "Frightened by no difficulties" and "Difficulties be damned".



3rd/9th Light Horse (South Australian Mounted Rifles), 1st Armoured Regiment has completed battle preparation for its live fire exercise in May.

3/9 LH SAMR is now Army's most modernized reserve Squadron with the Hawkeye PMV-L vehicle, brand new Night Fighting Equipment and suppressed weapons.

A number of other Regiments used the motto and today it is used by the Duke of Lancaster's Regiment, which adopted it from its antecedent Kings (Liverpool) Regiment, the senior line Regiment with the motto. Incidentally, "Nec Aspera Terrent" is also the motto of the RAF Medical Branch, the USA Army's 27th Infantry Regiment (Wolfhounds) and Australia's 3rd / 9th Light Horse (South Australian Mounted Rifles).

Where were you on ANZAC Day 2023?



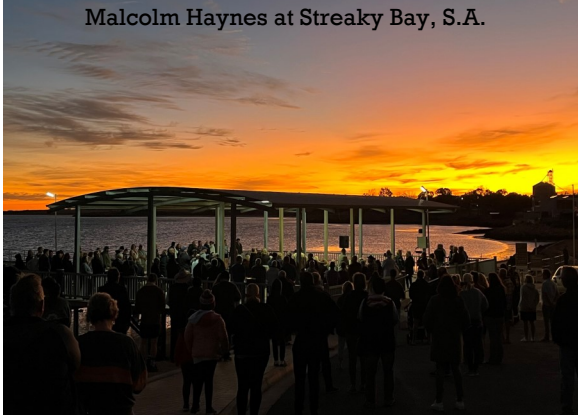
LH Memorial Service



Daryl Westley, in Phoenix, Arizona



Chris Manning at the Maneuver Centre of Excellence, USA



Malcolm Haynes at Streaky Bay, S.A.



ANZAC Day march, Adelaide



Elie Madback, in Sydney



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ANZAC Day march, Adelaide



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2023-2024 Annual Subscription Reminder

ALL MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE DUE ON 1 JULY EACH YEAR

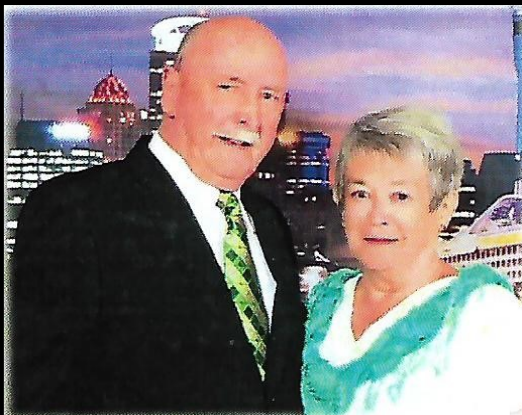
The Association asks that all members attempt to renew their membership within two months of the due date. **SHOULD YOUR MEMBERSHIP NOT BE RENEWED BY THE 1st DECEMBER.** You may not receive updates on the activities of your Association and you may not receive your personal colour copy of your Association newsletter. Check your membership status on our website <http://www.samrainc.org/financial.htm>

Annual Membership is **\$25.00** and for your convenience you can pay by electronic funds transfer via your financial institution. Our account details are;

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VALE



16/12/1932—12/03/2023

Aged 90 years, loving husband of Glenys and loving father of Kath, Kate, Tony and Scott.

James (Jim) Thomas Harradine was a member of SAMRA for 15 years. Jim and Glenys were regular attendees at our social functions.

Jim joined C Sqn at Gawler 18 Jun 1951, 4/10540 Tpr CMF SAMR. National Service Volunteer, commenced 22 Apr 1952, Cpl 4/702360, then served with A Sqn SAMR until 22 Apr 1957.

Nec Aspera Terrent

LEST WE FORGET

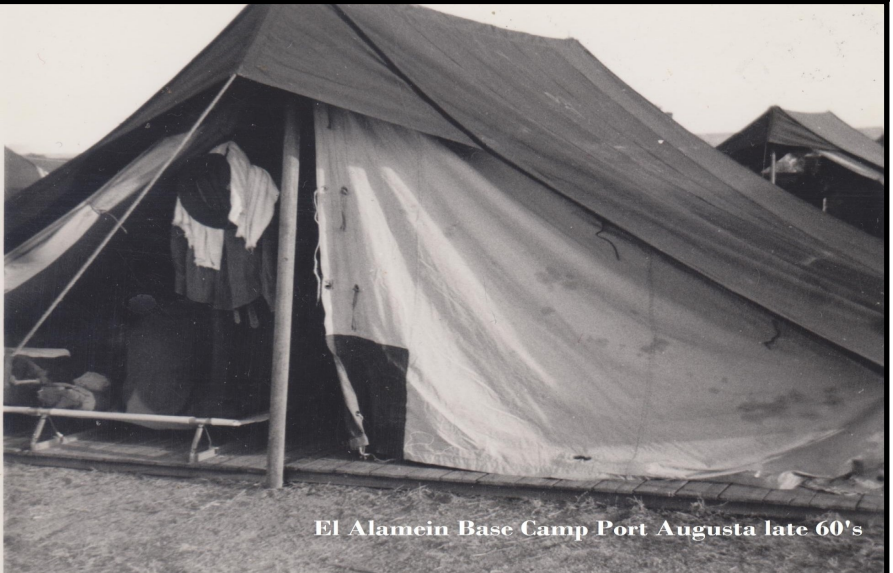


New SAMRA members

We would like to welcome two new members;

4103370 LT David Hughes. David served with 3/9 LH (SAMR) from 1992-1996.

434353 / 8260169 MAJ Gary Bush. Gary served with 3/9 LH (SAMR) as a Section Commander (CPL) to SSM (WO2).



El Alamein Base Camp Port Augusta late 60's

3rd/9th Light Horse (South Australian Mounted Rifles), under the command of the 1st Armoured Regiment, kicking goals!

Army Reserve soldier Corporal Andrew Harris accompanied by his wife, and joined by the Commanding Officer 1st Armoured Regiment and the Officer Commanding 3rd/9th Light Horse (SAMR) at a reception at Government House, which recognised the successful recipients of the 2023 Prince of Wales Awards.

CPL Harris is a Marine Tactical Officer, Australian Border Force and serves as an Australian Army Reservist part-time. CPL Harris also volunteers as the Chair of RecFish South Australia. He is the direct contact between the government and 360,000 recreational fishermen.

The Prince of Wales Award will enable CPL Harris to attend an Advanced Boarding Vessels at Sea course hosted by the United States Coast Guard in Hawaii later this year. Whilst in the USA, he will also observe how the USCG conducts operations at sea.



Source: Facebook

We are co-ordinating a project to add details to photos of unit activities and exercises that have been held since 1948. Your support is requested. Each edition of SAMRAG will have a photo of a unit activity, unit members and / or unit vehicles. If you recognise the photo we would appreciate contacting Malcolm Haynes on haynesfam8@gmail.com or Dave Mercer on davidmercerc@adam.com.au with any information on:

1. Date of activity (month and year if possible)
2. Name and location of activity or exercise
3. Names of any people you recognise (please be specific e.g. TPR Bloggs - second from left)
4. Vehicle ARN (if known)

If you have any anecdotes of the photo or the relevant activity, please let us know so they can be published in the next edition of SAMRAG.

We also appreciate contributions of any photos you have with as much detail on the photos as you can provide. Here is the next photo. Thank you for your assistance.

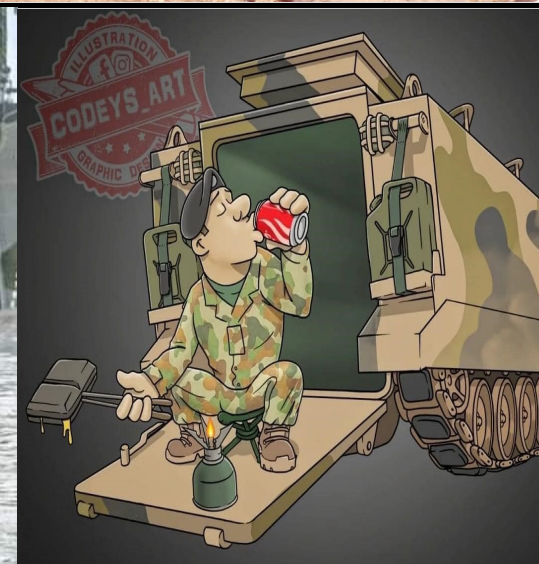


We have received a couple of responses about this photo in the March 2023 edition of SAMRAG. While none of the respondents were able to definitely identify the soldiers in the photo, there have been a few clues:

1. Date of activity - Most are wearing tank suits so this would date the photo somewhere between late-1970's to late 1980's
2. Location - With the saltbush scrub in the background, it is probably on the Cultana range. There are no weapons mounted, so it is likely to be on a Driving and Servicing Course
3. People present: (Left to Right) Jeff Pinney, unknown, unknown, Don Weir, unknown



Matilda Tanks of the 2/9th Australian Armoured Regiment landing in Brunei during Operation Oboe 6. 12th June, 1945, great Japanese bunker-busters.



The following items are available for purchase. All profits support the Association:

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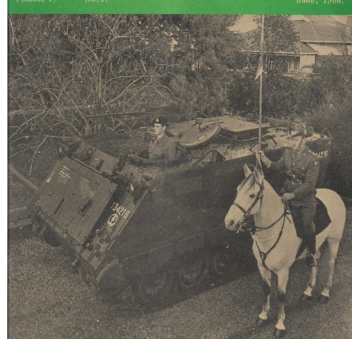
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2023 SOCIAL CALENDAR

- **Thursday, 8 Jun—Old & Bold lunch at the Lockleys Hotel, 1200 for 1230.**
- **Wednesday, 16 Aug—35th Annual General Meeting.**
- **Thursday, 14 Sep—Old & Bold lunch at the Maid of Auckland Hotel, 1200 for 1230.**
- **Wednesday, 11 Oct—Black Hat Night.**
- **1st Week in November—SAMRA AFX at the Stansbury caravan park.**
- **Saturday, 2 Dec—SAMRA EOY family function, at the Glenelg North Scout Centre, Anderson Rd, Glenelg North at 1200 h. Chicken & Ham lunch supplied, BYO drinks and a desert to share.**