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5 RAR TIGERS

NEWSLETTER OF THE 5TH BATTALION ROYAL AUSTRALIAN REGIMENT ASSOCIATION
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ANZAC DAY EDITION

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FROM THE EDITOR

As promised in our last Edition of "TT", we are working towards a more regular time frame of publishing/printing and posting of YOUR Newsletter.

You should have already received your REUNION ONLY EDITION which was posted to you towards the end of January last. That edition gave you the up to date position regarding the Australian Vietnam Forces National Memorial Dedication, and SRAR Association Reunion in Canberra, over the same weekend. If you are planning on attending this Reunion, PLEASE book now on the booking form within that Edition, and also included within this copy.

REMEMBER, you cannot simply turn up and expect to be catered for, as you may have done on previous occasions. The Association has gone to quite some trouble, and as Canberra is fully booked out over this weekend, we have pressure on us to confirm numbers ASAP. If you fail to meet the deadlines indicated, you may miss out. **BOOK NOW TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT.**

We are starting to receive input from a small number of members, which is much appreciated. It makes my job much easier when YOU take the time to contribute to YOUR magazine **KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.**

ADVERTISING :- Whilst we already have a number of advertisers, and are working towards a much better quality cover to enhance their product, we still need more business people/members to advertise in future copies of "TT". PLEASE see the note within this edition, which spells out the cost/distribution/etc.

We would like to think that members would support our advertisers where possible. This newsletter does cost us quite a bit to publish, and we can ensure that YOUR money goes further with the assistance of advertisers.

CAR STICKERS:- Our thanks must go to Brian Budden who not only designed, printed & manufactured this first class car/glass sticker, but also donated them fully to the Association. Personally, I have never had a sticker on my car ever, but proudly display the SRAR Association car sticker. SEE full details & ORDER FORM within this edition.

SEE you in the next edition, meanwhile REMEMBER that we require your input. Forward to Association PO Box listed on the front cover.

editor



LAST POST . . . Lest We Forget

NEWBERRY (Blue) RL - 28/3/92
(C Coy - 1969/70)

ROKAY (Rocket) P - Mch '92
(Spt Coy - 1969/70)

ADVERTISING

As detailed in our last edition of "TT", it costs the Association up to \$2,000 per year to print/publish and post YOUR newsletter.

Simply, we cannot continue to do this without the help of Advertising sponsorship.

Already we have 2 half page advertisements (SEE our back cover). These advertisements have come from members who operate their own businesses, and we encourage other members to do likewise.

PLEASE NOTE that the advertisements that you see on the back cover of this edition are only there to explain to you what we are looking for. **HOWEVER** as these two sponsors have already indicated their willingness to pay for a full 4 editions, we have given them the space FREE on this occasion.

"TT" will be coming to you next issue (& thereafter) with a much better quality cover. The covers will be printed separately to the contents, and will contain all advertisers sponsors messages.

ADVERTISING RATES (4 EDITIONS)

\$250-00 = 1/4 PAGE
\$400-00 = 1/2 PAGE

If you feel that you have a business that could pick up extra business from advertising with us, please contact Geoff.Pearson (02 524-3561) for further details.

The "TT" distributed to approx 750 members throughout Australia, with a further 250 copies being distributed within 5/7 RAR (Mech). 1,000 copies in all each edition.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



THE FLAG DEBATE - KEATING'S "VISION" ??

At its last National Conference, the Australian Labor Party, on the initiative of the then Education and Training Minister, John Dawkins, decided on a National Education Campaign to persuade Australians to accept Australia as a Republic. This was proposed with the objective of Australia becoming a republic on 26th January, 2001. If being a republic means that the people of Australia would be able to exercise some control over our egotistical politicians to prevent their personal, arrogant ambitions subjugating the national interest, then such a proposal may receive a modicum of support. Otherwise, it is an extremely arrogant notion.

Recently, Mr. Keating was reported to be in favour of a new flag and to have said that people who had fought for the existing flag would not be offended by a new flag. I have some news for Mr. Keating. In this the fiftieth anniversary of the exploits of the Mighty Men of Kokoda, there would not be one percentum of combat veterans of all wars in which Australians have participated, or their families, who would be in favour of any variation to our flag. Both concepts show the contempt in which politicians hold us.

Personally, I have had enough of the indulgences of members of political parties and may I suggest that, as a starting point, the Australian Labor Party takes its concubine, the trade union movement, and follows the lead of its sibling, the Communist Party, votes itself out of existence and disappears up its most fundamental orifice.

FRED/QLD

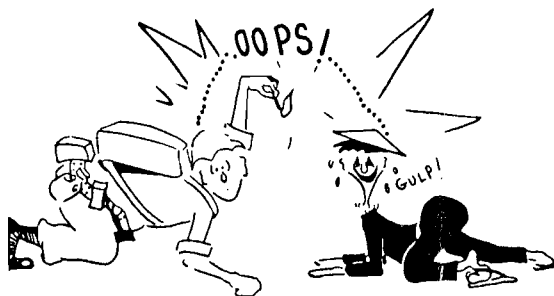
The Editor shares your feelings here Fred, and feels that the majority of Australians do also. We will have to await the outcome of the next election, and 2001 for the Republic issue to resolve itself.

HELLO SOLDIER !

Now that homosexuals are allowed to join the Australian Defence Forces, does this mean that our Combat Infantrymen will receive double pay? After all, they will be doing double work. Not only will they have to continue guarding their fronts, they will now have to guard their rears as well

Peter J McCarthy.

What a wonderful world it would/could (???) be !!!!



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ANZAC DAY - 1992

5/7 RAR (Mech) are again holding their Dawn Service in front of Battalion Headquarters, which is usually well attended by ex-tigers. If you are at a loose end early on Anzac morning, why not come out to the Battalion and join us in a short, but effective service, directed especially to those "tigers" that are not with us today.

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM - LEST WE FORGET

After the service, breakfast is provided in the main mess, and you can quite easily get into town (why not take a train from Holsworthy station) in time for the March. You even have time for a few beers before the March, if that is what you need.

Look for the 5 RAR Banner, and form up behind.

After the March we will be joining the RAR Association at Victoria Barracks for lunch, which is being provided at a cost of (between) ~~\$12/\$15~~, and is very good value. TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED AT THE RAR ASSOCIATION INFORMATION TABLE AT THE FORMING UP POINT. Liquid refreshments will be on sale at the Barracks.

Come along and join old mates at the Barracks, just a short walk up Oxford Street for the fit, (but don't drop your wallet on the way) or a short bus/taxi ride for the not so fit.

Please be assured, you will be well catered for, and we guarantee that you won't end up on guard or picket. You don't even have to carry your ID card or discharge certificate.

Don't let us down, SEE you all on ANZAC DAY.

BINH BA DAY AT 5/7 RAR (Mech)

5/7 RAR (Mech) are again holding a commemoration service for Binh Ba Day on the Battalion parade ground.

Whilst the day is actually the 6th June, PLEASE NOTE that the service will be held on FRIDAY 5th JUNE 1992 at 10-30AM.

We have had numerous (only minor) complaints that we have failed to advise members prior to the day, so this year you have no excuses.

Let's see as many Association members at the Battalion on the day, to lend weight to the ceremony, and show today's diggers that the "tiger" spirit is alive and well.

Binh Ba was, and still is part of the Battalions history.

We must not let this history die.

Come and join the diggers in morning tea. Tell a few yarns (write them down at Anzac Day so you won't forget).

The gauntlet is down members, see you there.

I will be counting.

CAMBODIAN TRAINING AT 5/7 RAR (Mech).

On 17 January 1992, approx. 200 soldiers lined up on the Admin Coy parade ground to commence 7 weeks pre-deployment training and administration.

Horror of horrors, the male bastion of an infantry battalion was breached by 10 women. Typical, send women overseas before the infantryman!!

Lucky though, 52 members of 5/7 RAR were chosen for the contingent, which represents the largest concentration of infantrymen to be deployed into an operational area since the Fijian crisis.

Training concentrated on mine warfare, language & customs, Steyr training, special to corps training, basic IMT, int. briefings, stress counselling, welfare briefs, first aid, needles, and lots more needles. Vietnam veterans still serving shook their heads in disbelief at this concentrated training and support being provided, and thought back to their pre embarkation days. It just shows that we do learn from previous experiences.

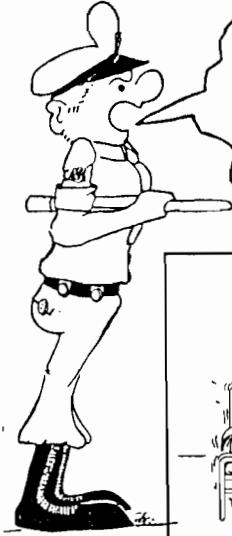
This will be a 12 month deployment into what is presently classified as an operational area. Recently the CO of the Australians in Cambodia was wounded whilst conducting a helicopter reconnaissance. Brings back memories of a previous CO whose chopper flights often attracted flak (in more ways than one) whilst overflying operations in Vietnam.

The soldiers will be part of the Force Communications Unit, and will be dispersed to all parts of Cambodia. They will operate in detachments approx. 25 to 30 in strength, and further divided if sent to the various geurilla faction areas. Each detachment will have a medic, a cook, drivers & signallers. The Base "wallahs" will live in Pnhom Penh and as with all Base "walahs" will enjoy far better creature comforts than their more isolated colleagues.

As with every group of soldiers, there is a wide cross section of youth, experience, stability, reliability. However, the most consistent factor is each individuals desire to do his job well, and live up to the expectations of past veterans.

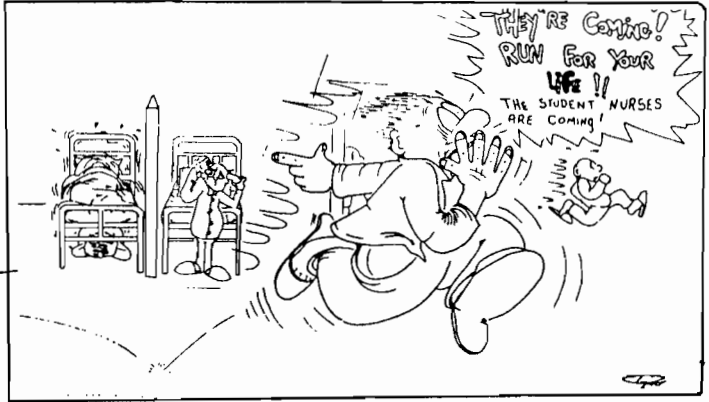
In seven short weeks, the pogos, the females, the RAAF and RAN, experienced life in the real world. Whilst not saying that they have warmed to an infantryman's way of life, they do feel they were better prepared by being trained in a more regimented manner than their southern cousins at 2 Sig.Regiment.

FOOTNOTE - Our thanks to Maj.L.Shuttlewood (2IC- 5/7RAR) for his personal input to this brief story.
Thanks very much Lex.

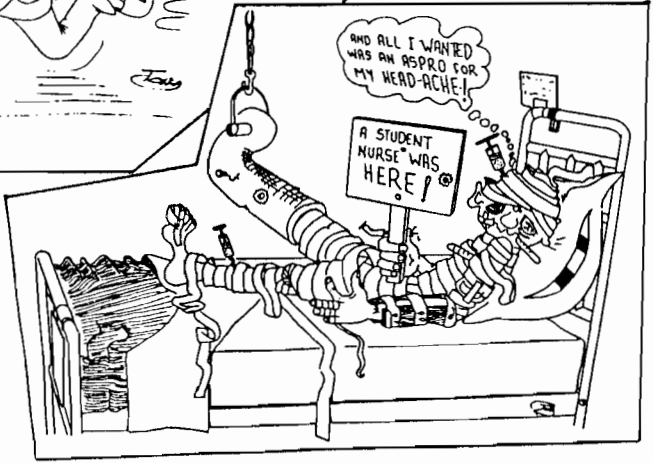


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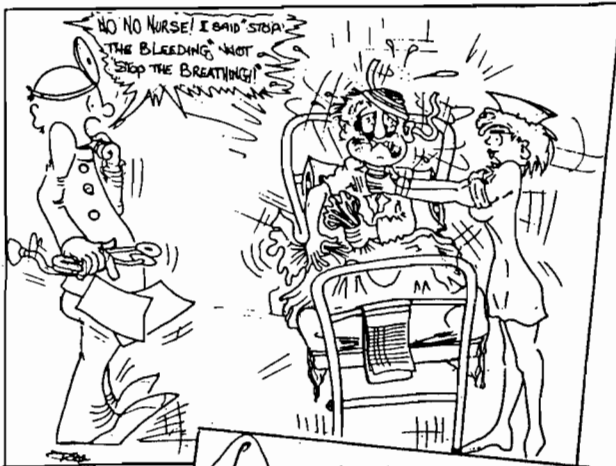
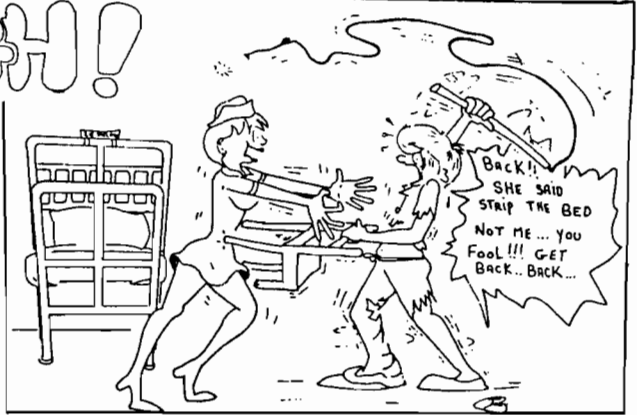
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with the P.A.P.
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This is their
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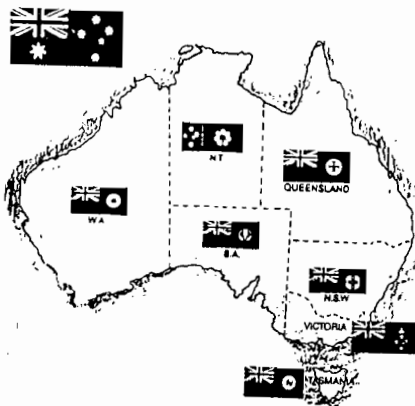
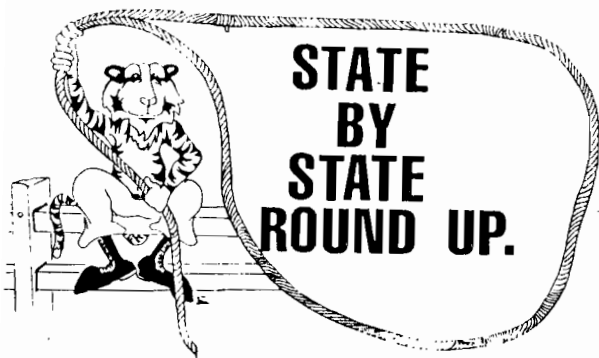


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VICTORIA



Kerry O'CONNOR tells us that all is well SOUTH OF THE BORDER and he is conquering his "wooden" leg, whilst not as well as the old hands, but fairly well considering the short time that he has had to adjust from running marathons. It is always great to hear from you Kerry, and your sense of humour never seems to diminish. Keep up the good work in Victoria.

ANZAC DAY ARRANGEMENTS = The Association EUP (forming up place) is near the Town Hall/Athenium Theatre in Collins Street.

Look for the 5RAR Banner.

After the March, we are joining the RAR Association at the Beverly Crest Hotel, St Kilda.

Come on VICTORIA, make an effort to support the TIGERS on OUR day. (Remember, you have no excuses, ANZAC DAY falls on SATURDAY this year. You can sleep in on Sunday.

ENQUIRIES, please ring your State Representative, Kerry O'Connor on 03-744-2659.

ASSOCIATION TIES

5 RAR Association Ties are available at a cost of \$15-00 each (including postage).

PLEASE use the ORDER FORM within this Edition.



QUEENSLAND

It is great to see that QUEENSLAND has got up and running under the stewardship of Ron Shambrook. Ron has done a wonderful job since taking over control only a short while ago, with your own Committee already in place.

However, Ron makes it quite clear that you are more than welcome to participate, and your ideas and input would be greatly appreciated.

As well as having ANZAC DAY well in hand (see below for a complete run down), Ron also has a "package" deal for you Cane Toads to attend the Vietnam Veterans National Memorial Dedication in October next.

PLEASE see the complete details hereunder, which have been compiled by Ron himself, and/but should you require any further details, please call Ron (phone number within) who would be happy to help.

QUEENSLAND NEWS

ANZAC DAY

ALL MEMBERS OF SRAR Association and ex members of SRAR in Queensland are encouraged to march on Anzac Day. Those in Brisbane are advised of the following details:-

Dawn Service No special arrangements by SRAR Association. Suggest join RAR Association.

Anzac Day Parade Assembly time: by 10.30am
 Assembly Location: Cnr William Street and Elizabeth Street
 March commences: 10.30am (RAR Association probably about 11.00am).

All of the RAR battalions will march with the RAR Association. Look for the SRAR banner. At the completion of the march, at the corner of Creek and Elizabeth Streets, Brisbane City Council buses will be there to ferry RAR members to Waterloo Hotel, Valley. Buy your ticket on entry to the Waterloo Hotel (about \$20, yet to be confirmed). The \$20 provides you with the BCC bus trip to the Waterloo Hotel, lunch and half price beers.

AUSTRALIAN VIETNAM FORCES NATIONAL MEMORIAL DEDICATION

Visit the dedication of the National Vietnam Memorial in Canberra in October, take a holiday and enjoy a week long reunion and excellent bus tour from Brisbane.

This SRAR Association - Queensland tour includes:

Day 1 Thursday Oct.1 Brisbane/Stanthorpe/Glen Innes.
 Accommodation overnight Muswellbrook.
 Day 2 Friday Oct.2 Muswellbrook/Marulan.
 Accommodation overnight Canberra Heritage.
 Day 3 Saturday Oct.3 Canberra
 Accommodation overnight Canberra Heritage.
 Day 4 Sunday Oct.4 Canberra
 Accommodation overnight Cowra.
 Day 5 Monday Oct.5 Cowra/Bathurst/Sofala
 Accommodation overnight Mudgee.
 Day 6 Tuesday Oct.6 Mudgee/Dunedoo/Mendooran.
 Accommodation overnight Coonabarabran.
 Day 7 Wednesday Oct.7 Coonabarabran/Goondiwindi/Brisbane.

The tour package includes:-

Part A (touring) Luxury bus tour Brisbane/Canberra/Brisbane
 4 nights motel accommodation (twin share)
 4 breakfast
 4 morning teas
 1 barbecue at winery
 4 dinners
 4 bottles of commemorative wine
 Quantity beer/soft drink/fruit
 Cost part A from \$335.

Part B (Canberra) 5 RAR Association 2 nights accommodation at Heritage Motel (Bunks \$50)
 Rooms (twin share \$200)
 5 RAR Association Dinner (Saturday night)
 5 RAR Association Barbecue (Sunday)
 Transport to all dedication and reunion activities.
 Cost part B from \$110.

Details and return slip enclosed. Don't pass up this opportunity **BOOK EARLY.** Contact Ron Shambrook, 57 Lade Street, Enniscorthy phone 07-3541706.

A meeting of 5RAR Association - Queensland will be held Tuesday, March 24, 1992 at 7.30pm at 57 Lade Street, Enoggera (corner Lade and Aldinga Streets) to elect Office Bearers, Anzac Day planning, National Memorial Dedication Special Bus Tour.

RON SHAMBROOK
QUEENSLAND STATE REPRESENTATIVE
5RAR ASSOCIATION - QUEENSLAND
PHONE 07-3541706(H)



WESTERN AUSTRALIA



ANZAC DAY in the West looks like being the place to be for ex-Tigers. The WA Branch are hosting a contingent of Tigers from "C" Coy 1ST TOUR (already well over 20 have indicated that they would be attending). As usual, the Sandgroppers are going to quite some trouble and have an itinerary, as follows:-

FRIDAY 24/4/92:- Swan River Trip (CONTACT- John Fitzgerald 342-2236), with a BBQ in the evening at The Water Polo Club, Preston Point Rd EAST FREEMANTLE (CONTACT- Harry Neesham 339-4433 for further details).

SATURDAY 25/4/92:- Dawn Service - Kings Park @ 5-40AM
Perth Parade - FU @ 9-45AM
Reunion - Regatta Hotel (formerly the Criterion). A smorgasbord lunch at \$15-00 per head will be served, if required (Kevin Trent 367-7794 for details).

SUNDAY 26/4/92:- BBQ (BYO) in Kings Park, near the Vietnam Memorial commencing @ 11AM (Look for the 5RAR Banner).

CAR STICKERS

The sticker that you see here was designed/printed/manufactured & paid for by Brian Budden (C Coy 1st Tour).

It is of the finest quality (a full 6 colour job, which includes a clear UV film to resist fading).

The stickers sell for ~~£3-00~~ each (which includes postage/handling/etc) and can be ordered on the ORDER FORM included in this edition.

All proceeds are going to the various State Branches to help them defray costs in operating YOUR Association.



Update



We can only reiterate our comments contained within our SPECIAL REUNION EDITION of Feb/March last, that the Association arrangements are coming along just fine. Our "team" in the ACT have been going to quite some trouble to ensure that our stay in "The Nation's Capital" is going to be great, with further fine tuning being undertaken ongoing.

We are still staying at The Heritage, and since our posting of the Reunion Update, the bookings are really starting to roll in. So much so, that we may have to change the venue for our Reunion Dinner to a larger venue, (whilst this should not concern you at this point, we will certainly advise you in our next Edition, should this be the case).

PLEASE NOTE If you do intend going to Canberra, we ask that you do not take our advices lightly. The Association is not, and we will not be, making allowances for people that do not book. You cannot just roll up and expect us to cater for you.

If you do not book, and turn up -- You will/could be turned away.

Please take the time to consider whether you are going to Canberra, and give this Reunion some thought NOW. Contact your mates and assess the position NOW, to avoid disappointment.

If you know of any ex-Tiger that does not know about the Reunion or Association get them to ring Geoff Pearson (02-524-3561) who will put them on the mailing list and bring them up to date with our latest advices.

AGAIN, included in this Edition, we have enclosed a Registration/Reservation Form for the National Memorial Reunion. If you have not yet booked, we urge you to do so now. THIS COULD BE YOUR LAST CHANCE.

❖ IMPORTANT NOTICE ❖ Whilst our advices only include a 2 night accomodation package (ie- Friday 2nd & Saturday 3rd) the Motel advises that they have booked the accomodation for the extra night (Sunday 4th) if you wish to stay that extra night. REMEMBER that the Monday is a holiday in NSW (8 hour holiday) and you may like to stay that extra night after the Reunion Concert. OBVIOUSLY, you will have to pay for the additional night, and should you wish to avail yourself of this extra night, PLEASE telephone The Heritage direct (062-952944) to book.

NATIONAL REUNION PORT : The Association are currently working on the production of a special 5RAR Memorial Port to coincide with the dedication of the National Memorial. The special bottling port will have, suitably inscribed, the names of all the 5RAR members that paid the supreme sacrifice (KIA).

We expect that this special bottling will be a welcome addition to any collectors cellar or bar. Whether you drink the contents, or look at the bottle, it will continually remind you of your association with THE BATTALION and your mates.

We hope to be able to give you more details in our next Edition, and maybe even show you a photograph of what the bottle will look like complete. Pricing and order forms will be included at that time, so watch for it soon.

ATTACHMENT 15 RAR ASSOCIATION APPLICATION/ORDER FORM

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GIVEN NAMES _____

ADDRESS _____

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HOME

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OCCUPATION _____

NICK NAME _____

REGIMENTAL NUMBER _____

Tick the appropriate Box & return this form with your remittance according to your choice, to the PO Box indicated on this newsletter

I wish to join the 5 RAR Association

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