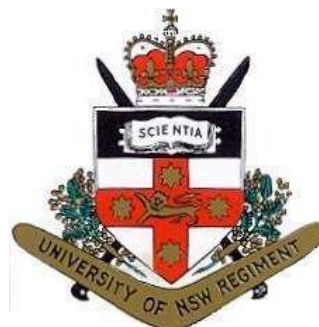




*UNSWR Association Christmas Lunch, Royal Automobile Club, Sydney,
Friday 5th December 2014.*

For more photographs at the Christmas Lunch, please go to the Association website at
<http://www.unswr.com.au/Page7.php>

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2014

The Association has been working with the Regiment during the year on a number of initiatives to be commenced in 2015. These include the targeted mentoring program, guest speaker program, review and possible redefinition of existing trophies (to reflect current unit role and prizes relevant to it) and the Honorary Colonel portraits. The portrait for COL MacGregor MC RFD is finished and the final portrait in the "Honorary Colonel" series will be MAJGEN Hoeben's. A photo of the finished portrait for Sandy is in this newsletter. It was painted by Dave Sturmer - a Vietnam veteran sapper.

At the AGM I raised the question of the Association's future and its role in supporting the Regiment. Our membership base is growing older, we have no regular income and many members do not attend our two main functions of the year (this is due to the cost of our functions for some members). I made the point that we are at risk of becoming no more than a lunch club. We have spent some time resisting proposed changes to the unit we believe are not in the best interests of the unit. In my view there remains a role for this, but we need to shift our focus and our limited resources to supporting the unit to perform its existing roles and encouraging the staff, and particularly the cadets, in their military careers. In that endeavor we will have the full support of the command team.

A number of ideas were then put to the meeting for discussion by the new committee and implementation next year. These include:

- Enrolling cadets in the Association when they join the unit. Waive their joining fee (or defer it until they graduate).
- Sponsor functions at which the cadets are present as an opportunity to introduce them to Association members and initiatives. One such occasion could be an end of annual camp barbeque.
- Consider a cadet member of the Committee.
- Wider use of technology used by the cadets to inform them about Association activities.
- Encouraging more Association members to attend appropriate unit activities (e.g., the St Spyridon's ANZAC Day parade).

Some of these changes may require a change to our constitution – this is but a mere formality if you as members back the proposals. I encourage you to get behind the committee and support these initiatives when you can.

After 3 years I have stood down as President due to impending work and other commitments over the coming 18 months. COL Bruce Green, RFD was elected president. My thanks to the committee and in particular MAJ Ken McKay and MAJ Peter Godfrey for their help and support.

I wish you and your families a happy and prosperous New Year.

Michael Allen



Colonel A.H. MacGregor, MC, RFD, Honorary Colonel of the University of New South Wales Regiment, 2007 – 2014. (Painting by Dave Sturmer, 2014)

ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The main formalities of the AGM were the President's Report as summarised above, the Treasurer's Report and the election of the Committee who are:

Colonel Bruce Green, RFD, President
Colonel Graham Fleeton, RFD, Senior Vice- President
Sergeant Barry Archer, Junior Vice-President
Major Peter Godfrey, Honorary Secretary
Major Ken McKay, RFD, ED, Honorary Treasurer
Captain John Price, Other Committee Member

The positions of Assistant Secretary/Treasurer and four Other Committee Members as provided for in the Association Constitution remain vacant so if you would be available to serve please advise the Secretary via <http://www.unswr.com.au/Page3.php>

While there were a number of other matters dealt with in general business, it is mentioned here that the meeting resolved to make a change to the Constitution to enable all serving members of the Regiment to become members of the Association without an initial membership subscription fee. The details are now for the Committee to consider and put to a general meeting of the Association.

The AGM was followed by lunch at which **Lieutenant Colonel Alain Dunand**, UNSWR Commanding Officer and **Warrant Officer Class One Phil Thompson**, UNSWR RSM were our guests.

During the lunch, the CO gave us an update on Regimental matters, giving emphasis to the now well-established role of conducting for soldier training for units generally in New South Wales, e.g., IET and Driver Courses. The Regiment still provides weeknight training for Officer Cadets who otherwise train with SUR to prepare for final pre-commissioning training at RMC, Duntroon.

Changes of note are that the Regiment now has a detachment at the 41 RNSWR Depot in Coffs Harbour Depot and that the University of New England Detachment has relocated to a Multi-User Depot in Armidale. For administration, the two detachments are under command of 41 RNSWR and 12/16 RNSWL, respectively.

VALE CAPTAIN BRYAN REGINALD PAPE

It was with sadness that we made a "last press" report in the previous newsletter that **Captain Bryan Pape** had passed away suddenly at his home in Armidale, NSW on 27th April 2014.

Born 17th January 1945 Bryan was educated at Chatswood High School before completing a Bachelor of Commerce Degree in 1969 at the University of New South Wales. In 1965 which would have been at around the time he commenced at the University, Bryan became a member of UNSWR and was commissioned as a lieutenant in the Regiment in April 1969.

Some of Bryan's peers from his days in UNSWR have recalled him as a soldier then an officer who was highly competent, would always go out of his way to achieve results, was widely respected, a good friend and someone who had a quiet sense of humour.

Bryan served in the Army Reserve for some 15 years, until 1979. His last posting was at Headquarters, Royal New South Wales Regiment at Millers Point, Sydney as Staff Officer Grade Three (SO3), Operations.



Bryan Reginald Pape (1945 – 2014)

As a young man, Bryan studied Law as well as Commerce and in 1977 was admitted as a Barrister of the Supreme Court of New South Wales and of the High Court of Australia. He also became a member of the New South Wales Bar Association in 1977.

Bryan's career as a Barrister and an Arbitrator included a focus on Taxation Law, International Commercial Arbitration and Mediation, Commercial Law and Constitutional Law. Also, from 2000 to 2011 he was Senior Lecturer in the School of Law at the University of New England, Armidale where in 2002 he gained a Graduate Certificate in Higher Education.

In 2009 Bryan personally mounted constitutional challenge in the High Court to part of the Commonwealth Government's economic stimulus package. Against the odds, he convinced the Court of the need to reshape the way in which the Commonwealth may spend taxpayers' money. Bryan's challenge demonstrated his preparedness to go out of his way achieve great things.

A Memorial Service for Bryan Pape was held at St Stephen's Uniting Church, Sydney where his family and friends including around 200 members of the legal profession gathered to salute him.

Lest we forget.

VALE JOHN LEWIS DE TELIGA, ED

It is with sadness that we report the loss of another stalwart of the Regiment, **Lieutenant Colonel John Lewis de Teliga, ED** who passed away on 2nd July 2014.

Born on 22nd May 1922 John de Teliga served in the 2/2nd Infantry Battalion, Australian Imperial Force as a private soldier from July 1942 and saw service with the battalion in New Guinea. John was one of a guard of many when **Lieutenant General Hatazō Adachi**, Commander of the 18th

Japanese Army formally surrendered his sword to **Major General H.C.H. Robertson**, Commander of the 6th Australian Infantry Division at Wewak, New Guinea on 13 September 1945.



Left: John de Teliga as a private soldier, 2/2nd Infantry Battalion, Australian Imperial Force, early 1946.

Right: John de Teliga as a major, Victorian Scottish Regiment. 1950s.

In 1995, John returned to Wewak as part of the “Australia Remembers” 50th Anniversary of the end of the Second World War pilgrimage. In correspondence with the UNSWR Association in recent years, John recalled that the outcome of the New Guinea campaign prevented the Japanese from “extending their South East Asian Co-Prosperity Sphere” with them as bosses”.

John de Teliga’s profession was Industrial Chemist which was shared with part-time service in the Citizen Military Forces (CMF), later the Army Reserve. Together with wartime service, his total service spanned some 30 years.



Lieutenant Colonel John de Teliga, ED with young officers of UNSWR, Regimental Dinner, Kensington, c.1989. (Photo by courtesy C.J. Dunston)

In the 1950s he held the rank of major in the Victorian Scottish Regiment and in 1959 – 1960 John was the Second in Command of UNSWR under **Lieutenant Colonel Ken Kesteven, MC, ED**. John's service also included time in Sydney University Regiment and upon promotion to Lieutenant Colonel he held instructional and staff officer postings which continued the early 1970s.

John de Teliga maintained a keen interest in the affairs of UNSWR right up to the time of his passing and was often present for formal ceremonial and social functions held by the Regiment. In 1989 he donated a captured Japanese sniper rifle from the Second World War to the Regiment which became known as the *Lieutenant Colonel J.L. de Teliga Trophy* to be awarded periodically to the unit's best individual shots in rifle shooting.

At the time of his passing John de Teliga was residing with his wife, Jo at Sorrento on Queensland's Gold coast. He was also survived by a sister and five children.

Lest we forget.

EXERCISE POLYGON WOOD 14

As foreshadowed in our previous newsletter, member **Sergeant Barry Archer** was the Association's representative observer as invited by the Commander, 8th Brigade at Exercise Polygon Wood 14 held over two days in the Singleton area on 17th/18th May 2014.

The exercise comprised soldiers from both the 5th and 8th Brigades organised into a 500+ force tested as a fully operational battlegroup under the Army's Plan Beersheba that provides for a three-year cycle to ensure operational preparedness.

AROUND THE TRAPS



**They met up on Reserve Forces Day, Sydney,
6th July 2014.**

**L – R: Captain Ian Cameron, Major Ron Hack and
Major Terry O'Brien. (Photo courtesy R. Hack)**



**Practice makes perfect.
Captain Ian Cameron Reserve
Forces Day, Sydney, 6th July 2014
(Photo courtesy R. Hack).**

FACEBOOK

Sergeant Barry Archer has started a dedicated Facebook page for UNSWR serving and former members.

Please join here if you're not already a member <https://www.facebook.com/> and when you have signed up just search for UNSWR, if you are already signed up for Facebook, the direct link to the UNSWR page is

https://www.facebook.com/pages/UNSWR/565360886934884?ref=aymt_homepage_panel,

Barry Archer advises..... *Don't be frightened of Facebook you control it!!*

Please use it as a daily communication and record of things and photos that you believe that people may like to see or know about that are relevant to you, your activities and the Regiment, They don't have to be ARMY, just interesting to us all. (Please no Politics, Rude or Racial).

Please let anyone in your network know of the page (let's all show our leadership skills and help to grow the network whilst reconnecting with the Regiment and its friends).

SOMETHING FROM THE ROBBO COLLECTION

(Cartoons down through the UNSWR years by Major David Robertson)

