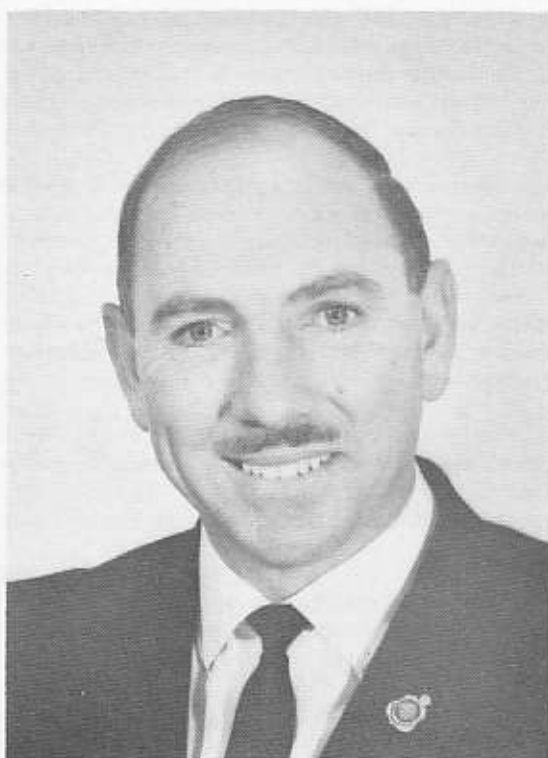




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COLIN EDWARD MIDDLETON

Secretary for Lands, Victoria

3 Australian Field Survey Company

Royal Australian Survey Corps.

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Colin Edward Middleton started his surveying career at the early age of fifteen, when in 1936, he joined the Department of Crown Lands and Survey, Victoria and entered into articles under departmental surveyors.

During World War II, he served with 3 Aust Fd Svy Coy, Royal Australian Survey Corps. After service in Victoria and Queensland as a member of 3 Section, he moved with that Section to Milne Bay from Australia in January 1943 under the command of Major John Middleton. He was commissioned in November, 1943 and posted to 4 Aust Field Survey Coy in the following month. He served with that unit until his transfer to 2/1 Aust Survey Topo Company in February, 1945 and remained with 2/1 to complete his service before being placed on R. of O. in November, 1945.

After demobilisation he returned to the Department of Crown Lands and Survey and qualified as a Licensed Surveyor in 1946 and specialised in aerial survey, photogrammetry and mapping. He was appointed Chief Photogrammetrist in 1964, and on behalf of the Department he attended the "30th Photogrammetry Weeks" in Karlsruhe, in 1965, and a seminar on electronic computing in Rome. At that time he also visited many survey and mapping organisations in America, Canada and in Europe.

Colin Middleton was elected a Corporate Member of the Institution of Surveyors Australia in 1947 and acted on various sub-committees of the Victoria Division. He served on the Federal Executive of the Australian Photogrammetric Society, and is a member of the Australian Institute of Cartographers. He represented surveyors and cartographers on the Victorian Public Service Association for many years and was elected Vice-President of the Association in 1964. He attended the Australian Administrative Staff College, Mt. Eliza, in 1962 and is now a Fellow of the Royal Institute of Public Administration and an Associate Fellow of the Australian Institute of Management.

On 12th May, 1967, Colin was appointed Deputy Surveyor-General and later the same year, on 22nd December, was appointed Surveyor-General of the State.

He achieved further distinction by his appointment on 17th June, 1972, as Secretary for Lands.

The appointment of Colin Middleton to the position of Secretary for Lands at a comparatively young age and with his experience in the expanding fields of surveying, is good cause for satisfaction both to himself and to the profession.

At all times Colin has been a staunch member of 3 Field Survey Company Association. His comrades of the Royal Australian Survey Corps wish him continued success for the future.

See photo on front page.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

The publication of this National Bulletin brings us to double figures. From a fairly modest beginning we feel we are now publishing a most satisfactory journal for the purpose for which it was initiated. We have recently been under pressure, because of postal charge increases, to reduce the Bulletin in size. This we have resisted for what we think are very good reasons. First if one deliberately lowers standards, recovery is a very slow process! Second, we feel that Unit Associations should be able to distribute a large percentage of their copies at meetings or from a publicised central location where individual members can collect; and finally the increasing interest in the Bulletin, evidenced by comment we have received, should be cultivated and not allowed to wane.

Unit Associations generally have submitted their reports and articles in reasonable time, but we do urge you to start a little earlier next year and meet the target of the first week in July. The object is to get the Bulletin out for the earliest of the end-of-year meetings early in September.

You will see from the cover that we have started on a series of pen pictures of war-time Corps members, who have reached a position of eminence in their profession. We will start with those in survey, cartography and reproduction, and follow on with members prominent in any other field.

Associations are invited to nominate a member in each category - remembering that we can only front page one each year. However, if returns indicate the requirement, we could write up one from the mapping fraternity and one from any other field annually.

What do you think?

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN SURVEY CORPS ACTIVITIES 1974

For the fifth consecutive year the Corps conducted a mapping operation in Indonesia. Once again, the operation was in Sumatera, conducted by 5 Field Survey Squadron under the command of Major Alex Laing.

Major operations were also conducted in Papua New Guinea with the Adelaide-based 4 Field Survey Squadron commanded by Major George Ricketts and the Popondetta-based 8 Field Survey Squadron commanded by Major Brian Dalton.

Since the issue of the last Bulletin Lieutenant Colonel Bill Child attended the 7th UN Regional Cartographic Conference in Tokyo in October 1973.

Major Hugh Taylor, Major Merv Marks, Major Jim Long and Captain Frank White retired during the year. Major Keith Todd commenced furlough and will retire upon its completion early in 1975.

Captain Kevin Walsh was posted as Officer Commanding, Cartographic Squadron at the Army Survey Regiment and was promoted to Major.

Captain Ken Shaw returned from Singapore and was posted to Headquarters Field Force Command. Captain Jim Bownds replaced Major Jim Long as the RA Svy representative in Melbourne. This appointment is now a regimental posting to Army Survey Regiment, but located at the Military District Headquarters Melbourne.

Sergeant Graham Baker completed his studies at the Western Australian Institute of Technology, was commissioned with the rank of lieutenant and posted to the Army Survey Regiment.

Officers who left the Corps since the last Bulletin (excluding the five mentioned above) are:-

Captain Barry Wright

Lieutenant Bill Lambourne

Second Lieutenant Alan Grant

Second Lieutenant Peter Marx

Second Lieutenant John Yenn

Second Lieutenant Owen Thomas

Second Lieutenant Wayne Jennings

Major Jack McNeale, Royal Australian Infantry, sometime
Quartermaster of Army Survey Regiment - retired

New officers to join the Corps since the last Bulletin are:-

Lieutenant Graham Baker (Army Survey Regiment)

Second Lieutenant John Greggs (RMIT)

Second Lieutenant Joe Pauliukivicius (SAIT)

Second Lieutenant Stephen Sanderson (RMIT)

Lieutenant Alex McLellan (SAIT)

Second Lieutenant Peter Cates (SAIT)

Second Lieutenant Chris Gehrman (RMIT)

Second Lieutenant Gordon Harrison (SAIT)

Second Lieutenant Peter Raue (WAIT)

Second Lieutenant Bob John (CCAЕ)

Second Lieutenant Ralph Gunthorpe (5 Field Survey Squadron)

Second Lieutenant Terry Edwards (Army Survey Regiment)

The predicted changes to unit titles resulting from the Army re-organization have occurred: Army Headquarters Survey Regiment is now Army Survey Regiment and Army Headquarters Field Survey Depot is now Army Field Survey Map Depot. The Divisional Topographic Survey Troop is to be located with 1 Field Survey Squadron at Enoggera.



CAPTAIN FRANK WHITE M. B. E.

Frank White enlisted in 2 Artillery Survey Company (Militia) in September 1939 and transferred to 2/2 Pioneer Battalion 2nd AIF in May 1941. He saw active service in Palestine and Syria until January 1942. While returning to Australia on the *Orcades*, Singapore fell and his unit was diverted to Java to assist the Dutch forces. When Java fell, Frank was captured by the Japanese and worked on the Burma Railroad from late 1942 until mid 1944. He was then sent to Japan where he laboured in a copper mine, 20 miles from Hiroshima, until the Japanese surrender.

Frank returned home in October and was finally discharged in December 1945. He worked as a cartage contractor until joining the ARA in March 1952, but had maintained his involvement with the Army by joining the CMF 48 Infantry Battalion in 1946.

Frank served in a number of RA Svy units and rose to the rank of Warrant Officer Class 1 in April 1962. He was commissioned in October 1968 and served with the Directorate until his retirement as a Captain in April 1974. He was awarded the MBE for his services in January 1964.



LT COL H. TAYLOR

Hugh Taylor joined RA Svy in 1949 and had service in a number of units reaching the rank of Warrant Officer before being commissioned in 1955. Hugh was posted to FARELF for duty with 84 Field Survey Squadron RE from January 1956 until June 1958 during which time he was awarded an MID for his services. He returned from Singapore to Western Command Field Survey Section and was promoted to Captain in April 1959. Hugh was attached to the Western Australian Lands Department to complete the requirements to be registered as a licensed surveyor, which he achieved in 1964. It is interesting to note that Hugh (while a Sergeant) was articulated to the late Major (later Colonel) Lindsay Lockwood in January 1953.

Hugh remained in Western Australia becoming OC Western Command Field Survey Unit and was promoted to Major in December 1964. In January 1967, he was posted to the School of Military Survey where he remained until he was posted as OC 5 Field Survey Squadron in January 1972. He retired in February 1974 and was granted the military title of Lieutenant Colonel.

MAJOR K. TODD

Keith Todd joined RA Svy in 1955 and upon completion of recruit training was posted to Army Headquarters Cario Unit as a Sergeant. He was a licensed surveyor and a Corporate Member of the Institute of Surveyors before commencement of his Army career.

Keith was commissioned in September 1957 while serving at Bendigo. He was posted to FARELF from March 1958 until August 1960 where he was promoted to Captain. On return from Singapore he was posted to Central Command Field Survey Section until September 1964 and then Eastern Command Field Survey Section until October 1965 when he, once again, returned to Army Headquarters Survey Regiment as a Major. Keith attended the Australian Staff College during 1966 and on graduation was posted as GSO2 DMT AHQ where he remained until January 1969. Keith was posted to 1 Field Survey Squadron as OC in May 1972. He is now on the RSL (furlough) list where he will remain until his twenty years service is complete in February 1975, at which time he will retire.



MAJOR J. LONG

Jim Long enlisted in RA Svy with 2 Field Survey Company on 3 December 1940 following a long period of service in the CMF. He transferred to the AIF in August 1942 but remained with 2 Field Survey Company. Jim finished World War 2 as a Sergeant and was posted to Headquarters Eastern Command upon enlistment in the ARA. By 1956 Jim was a Warrant Officer first class in an officer's posting at Eastern Command Field Survey Section.

He was commissioned on 27 August 1964 and until 28 April 1969 was OC Army Headquarters Field Survey Depot, being promoted to Captain during that period. In April 1969, Jim was appointed DAD Survey Headquarters Southern Command, but continued to administer command of the Depot. Jim was posted to Singapore in August 1970 as OC 16 Field Survey Depot, returning to Australia as DAD Survey Southern Command in October 1972, where he remained until his retirement on 31 May 1974. Jim's retirement was, in fact, over a year beyond the retiring age as he served on an extension from January, 1973.

MAJOR M. MARKS

Merv Marks joined the Royal Australian Survey Corps in May 1946. His early training was as a topographic draughtsman, but in 1951 he became a surveyor.

He was commissioned in April 1953 and served in a variety of Corps appointments. Merv was posted as SC'Q' Headquarters Southern Command in August 1964 and remained in non-Corps appointments until his retirement in February 1974 as a Major.

Merv made history when he took out a writ in the High Court against the Commonwealth, in 1963, because the Governor-General would not accept his resignation.

CANBERRA SURVEY CORPS ASSOCIATION

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The format of our usual Remembrance get together was changed for 1973 and our Association members gathered at Brigadier Frank Buckland's home in Red Hill about 7 p.m. on Saturday, 10th November, the Eve of Armistice Day.

Amid coloured lights, flowering shrubs and decorated tables "Cook" Frank Buckland served some 25 of our members with a very tasty Barbecue Dinner, assisted by his good wife and daughter. The usual drinks, placed strategically helped to fill in the time spent on the chow line and afterwards. We were happy to have Allan Nye join us for the occasion.

Our Annual General Meeting, held in a lull in proceedings, resulted in the re-election of the outgoing committee and the acceptance of "Clewsie's" apologies for non attendance. We will not elaborate on Brig Frank's sortie to soften a local Hi-Fi, except to say that the Medic was out of band-aids.

Anzac Day, 1974 saw a good roll call of members for the march to the War Memorial. The march itself was a great success with glorious sunshine and great numbers of spectators assembled at the various vantage points and at the War Memorial. After the march some 22 of our members re-assembled at the Wellington Hotel for drinks prior to our Anzac Day Dinner, which proved such a success that most of the diners assembled again in the lounge bar to continue with their reminiscences over a few more drinks. All voted the weather and the proceedings made it a memorable Anzac Day.

The Canberra Rex is still the venue for our first Friday of the month gatherings, with about the usual number attending. It is amazing the topics that are discussed at these gatherings. Visitors to Canberra should come along about 5 p.m. and toss in their opinions.

We welcome to the fold Charlie Watson and Greg Knight, both fresh from the Survey Corps and now with the Division of National Mapping. Also Capt Ian Davies, who is with the Directorate Staff.

Final arrangements have not been made for our Remembrance Day Dinner on Monday, 11th November. Members will be informed at a later date. Again we would welcome any visitors to Canberra to join us for the occasion.

VALE

Major Harry (Nick) Nicholls, a World War II member of the Australian Survey Corps died suddenly on 11th June, 1974 in Canberra.

Nick enlisted in the Royal Australian Engineers in August 1938 and transferred to Survey in May 1940. He served with 2/1 Corps Field Survey Company in the Middle East as the CSM and left the Corps in December 1942 when he was commissioned from the rank of Warrant Officer.

He served throughout the War in the infantry and returned to the Royal Australian Engineers in 1946. Harry served in a wide variety of engineer appointments including a tour of duty in Vietnam and was SO2 (Trg) Directorate of Engineers at the time of his death.

SURVEY EX-SERVICEMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF N.S.W.

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The regular activities of the N.S.W. Association continue to be supported by a regular band of 35 to 40 stalwarts. If you are ever in Sydney on the first Friday in December or the Monday before Easter week-end, you can be assured of a hearty welcome, a most appetising meal and good comradeship at the Survey Army Barracks, Bundock Street, Randwick, at present by courtesy of Lt. Col. Eddie Anderson, DAD of Survey for N.S.W. who, we are pleased to report, joins in all our social activities, including bowls.

Our re-union and annual meeting in December 1973 again saw 35 ex-surveyemen congregated from about 5.30 p.m. onwards, joined by 20 to 25 serving personnel from 2 Field Survey Squadron of which Major Ted Laker is CO. Our members came from as far afield as Canberra, where Ken Seaton is now also active in the Canberra Association. Tim Muxlow was down from Newcastle, Bill Bartley from Wollongong and Ron Hughes and Peter Watson from Camden. The main matters for discussion were a combined sports day, at which the Olds and Bolds Vs. serving personnel, and the design of a new banner for use on Anzac Day.

The Easter Re-union on Monday 8th April 1974, was attended by 30 members with a long list of apologies. This was a rainy wet night in the middle of one of Sydney's worst petrol strikes, and we were very gratified at the attendance on such a night. The army caterer and cook did an excellent job as usual, and the 20 or so serving members who attended, combined with us to make it a very successful evening.

At this re-union S/Sgt John Scharber produced a design for a new banner and our Maurie ("TACK") Dallimore undertook to have it ready for April 25th. Arrangements were also completed for a combined golf-bowls day on May 15th.

On Anzac Day, 25th April 1974, we were again led by Lt Col (The Major) Clews and our band of 34 had the privilege of marching behind a new banner. It now incorporates the word "Royal", the words Royal Australian Survey Corps surround the colour patch with the old theodolite badge on one side and the new badge incorporating a sphere on the other side. It is again purple on a yellow silk background and looks handsome. With it we are hoping to increase the attendance of the Vietnam-Korea members, of whom three in Terry Starr, Des Cerutti, and Dennis Duquemin are already fairly regular supporters.

After the march from Qantas Building around to Hyde Park, the bulk of the group again assembled at Northbridge Bowling Club for its 1 p.m. Memorial Service. During the afternoon a four from Survey, Jack Watson, Jack McLean, Peter Watson and Noel Fletcher achieved a ten year ambition in winning the bowls game and will now have their names on the Anzac Day Board of winners. A very pleasant afternoon and evening is always spent with the Club as our hosts. Four of our number played golf at Castle Cove, Jim Daymond and Jack Fenton beating Ted Hunter and Geoff Foxall, and rejoined us at tea at the Bowling Club.

The combined sports day on Wednesday 15th May, 1974 was also a great success. Fourteen golfers from the Olds and Bolds turned up at Roseville Golf Club, but the younger serving brigade could only muster six. Three matches were played, in which Bert Brook and

Geoff Helsham drew with Cyril Goode and Rowen Shipley whilst the Oldies, Keith Whitehead and Jack Fenton won 6 up from Tom Watson and Rusty Williams and Jim Daymond and Jim Miller won 6 and 5 from Alan Darby and Greg Chambers. The rest of the Oldies played golf amongst themselves. The day was very successful and we hope for a much bigger attendance next year, as this is to be an annual event.

Across at West Lindfield Bowling Club, six bowlers from Survey joined with a number of Noel Fletcher's business friends and other Club Bowlers, in an afternoon of bowls, in which Noel's team including 3 from the Club, were successful. Most of the Association golfers joined the bowlers at West Lindfield Bowling Club for a barbeque tea. The group was joined by at least nine wives, to make the day both a sporting and social success.

As these notes go to press, there is talk of another golf-bowls day and tea at the end of August, and a Friday evening dinner including wives at North Sydney R.S.L. Club during September.

Whilst our numbers are declining with the passing of the years, enthusiasm for Association activities continues and we look forward to the future.

VALE

It is with regret that we report the passing of the following personnel since the last Bulletin:

Ray Levido: passed away on 17th August 1973 after three months of suffering from a tumour on the brain. Ray had been a very active and regular supporter of Association activities and, with Basil Stahl was successful in getting a group to first march on Anzac Day 1956.

Reg Hanly: died on 7th May 1974 after a months illness in Concord Repat. Hospital. Reg had also been a regular supporter and may be best remembered for his recent violin playing at our Anzac Day evenings.

Harold Gaffey: passed away on 7th October 1973 at Bingara on the North Coast of N.S.W. Harold had been an axeman-driver, and noted member of trig. parties in the same area during the War.

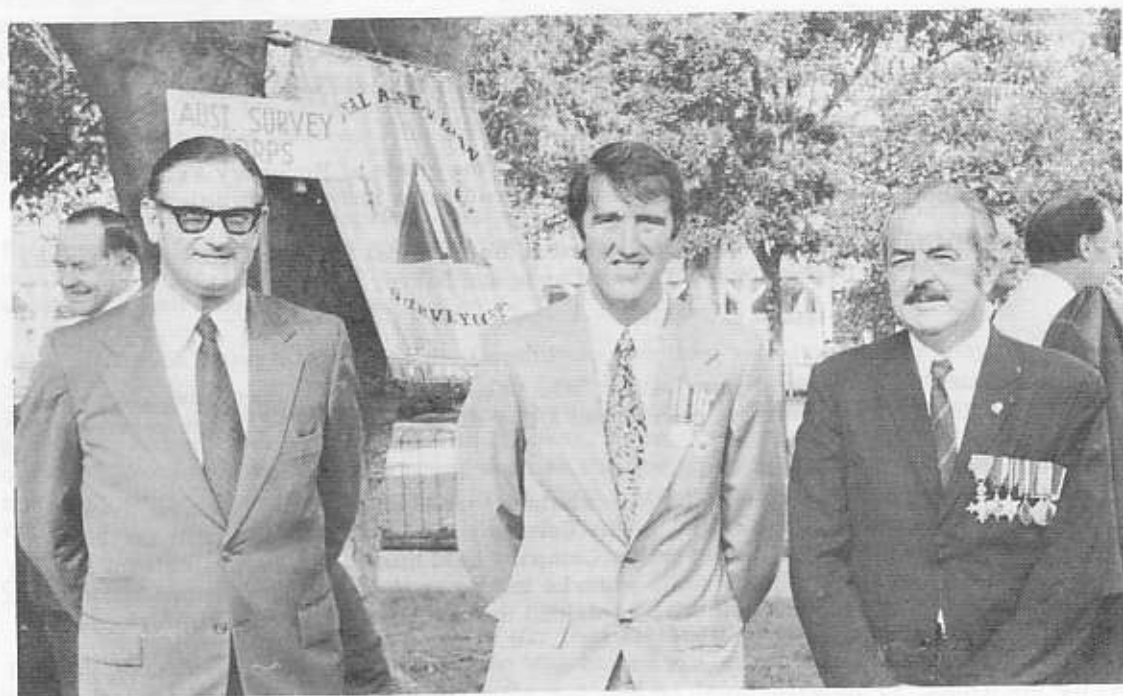
Ern Wood: passed away suddenly in Melbourne about 12th July 1974. Ern had been a member of 6 Topo Coy and served with it for the whole of his five years service including stays in Lae and New Guinea. Ern visited Sydney for an Anzac Weekend Re-union of 6 Topo Coy in 1972.

The deaths of two other 2 Fld Svy Coy personnel have been reported in KEN TRAVERS and CPL C. J. HAMMOND

Our sincere sympathy is passed to the relatives and friends of all the above.



Anzac Day, Sydney, 1974, proceeding up George Street under the new banner.



Left to Right

Lt Col Anderson, Terry Starr and Major Ted Laker in Hyde Park, with the new banner in the background.

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Major Sam Ward, who was our DAD Survey at Victoria Barracks throughout the War died on 24th July, 1972, after having retired for some years from the Queensland Survey Office.

RE-UNION

Our next re-union will be at the National Hotel, Brisbane, on Saturday, 7th September, 1974.

C. G. MARTIN
HON. EDITOR

REPORT OF A MINI-RE-UNION

Many members of the Survey Corps hold small informal re-unions to mark some particular date or happening that had special significance to a limited number of members. We are indebted to Bryan Meehan for the following report of such a re-union.

This 3rd July happened to be the 35th anniversary of the recruitment to the Permanent Military Forces, Australian Survey Corps of,

4315 Cpl B. J. Meehan (Bryan is Chief Surveyor, Dept of Services and Property, Melb)

4316 Cpl J. Molina (Joe has taken a liquor reps job for a rest in between bigger and better pubs)

4317 Cpl B. S. Breen (Bernie is with Dept of Defence (Army) at Albert Park Barracks)

4318 Cpl T. J. Flanagan (Tom is Assistant Registrar of Titles, Vic)

The anniversary is celebrated from time to time - without fail. Out of school tales are swapped about the personalities "Vancie" Maj, "Fitz" Capt, "Don Mac", "Alan Kurrle", "Bill Johnson" (Lts), and of course "Noles" (the most senior corporal and now Director of Military Survey), Wally Hicks and a host of others - many noggins are quaffed including some for friends who have passed on.

Unfortunately, Bernie Breen couldn't make it this time, as he had a prior date at Heidelberg Military Hospital but from all reports he is expected on deck again very soon.

Memories of the "old Corps days" become more pleasurable as the years roll on.

L.H.Q. CARTOGRAPHIC COMPANY ASSOCIATION
& 1 AUST MOBILE LITHOGRAPHIC SECTION

MEETING SCHEDULED FOR 1974

23rd Annual Re-union, Moonee Valley Cup night, Saturday 26th October, 1974 at Old Sapper's Hut, Engineer's Depot, Batman Avenue, Melbourne. 6.00 p.m. to 11.30 p.m.

1973 ACTIVITIES OF ASSOCIATION

22nd Annual Re-union, 27th October, 1973. Seventy-three present, about the same as last year. Fourteen members of the A.H.Q. Survey Regiment and about twenty of 1 Aust Mobile Lithographic Section were in attendance.

VALE

We regret to announce the passing of Albert (Pag) Paganetti, A. M. (Lex) Mason, Phil Wagner, John O'Beirne - the first two, grand members of "Carto" and the latter two equally grand members of Mob Litho.

To this list we must now, regretfully, add the name of T. R. (Westy) Westgarth.

RALPH WESTGARTH

L.H.Q. CARTOGRAPHIC COMPANY

The news of Ralph Westgarth's sudden death in July, 1974, came as a great shock to all his friends in the Survey Corps.

Westy, as he was known, joined the Corps on 23rd May, 1934, in the days when military maps were drawn by hand. He was a member of that select band of draughtsmen lead by Lt Col J. J. Raisbeck that established and maintained the high standards of military maps produced by the Survey Corps.

His postings in the Corps during World War II were many and varied but always associated with map production. He was in charge of a L. H. Q. Cartographic Coy. Drawing Section attached to 1 Aust Mob Litho Section, which saw service in Queensland and Morotai.

He retired from the Survey Corps on 7 September, 1949 after 14½ years service and joined the State Electricity Commission of Victoria, where he remained until his death.

Ralph was the foundation President of the Australian Institute of Cartographers and took a great interest in the affairs of that Institute.

In 1951 Westy organized the first of the many "Carto" Annual Re-unions, which have been held since then. The continued success of the Re-unions can be attributed largely to Ralph and his efforts.

He was a keen sportsman and after giving up cricket and easing down on his golf became an enthusiastic and expert bowler.

Ralph had a wide circle of friends and those in the Survey Corps will cherish his memory and regret his passing. He will be remembered by all who knew him as a good and true friend.

To his wife, Stella, goes our sincere sympathy.

THE 2/1ST SURVEY ASSOCIATION

Unfortunately our popular Secretary, Rupe Grey, is not on deck to draft this bulletin, but we are happy to hear that Rupe is on the mend at Cabrini Hospital and we all wish him a very speedy recovery.

Our general meeting was held in March with a good attendance. Brian Saunders took on the Presidency for a second term. Impeachment proceedings are in progress to get him out of the chair. A full committee (what's different?) will have to vote on it. Rupe Grey, as mentioned, was prepared to carry on with his good work as Secretary (thank heavens), Jack Holmes as the genial host and social secretary. Three new committee members were elected, John Turnbull, Jim (J.A.G.) Walton and Keith (back from Iran) Yardy, and they will be ably supported by the old brigade - Hugh Roberts, Tommy Hunter, Noel Shields, Mick Hudson, Alan Wilson, Tim Tyler, Don Fraser, Bill Emmett, Nippy Nye and Alex Williams. A fine body of men who are expected to excell themselves carrying out the arduous duties which they will be called upon to perform during their term of office.

Re-capping on the activities during the past year:-

LADIES NIGHT

The ladies made a special effort to get their menfolk to turn up for this night, so much so, that 100 people attended the South Yarra Club and an enjoyable evening was had by all. Wally Key was a happy raffle winner of a wine dispenser and glasses.

The ladies intend to hold it again at the South Yarra Club on Saturday, 12th October, 1974. If the wives of members of other Survey Units would like to join us on this night and bring their husbands and friends along with them, they will be very welcome. Please contact our Secretary if interested - Rupe Grey, 22 Narooma Street, Moorabbin, 3189 (95-5946).

The Anzac re-union was held at the South Yarra Club on Tuesday, 23rd April, and it was another good social get-together. The binoculars donated by our good friend Alan Barker were won by Tom Meaney (surveying somewhere in Tassy at the time). Hope you can now see your way to get to the re-union next year Tom!

Brig. "Fitz" once again led the march on Anzac Day in perfect weather conditions and there was a good roll up. After the march we adjourned for the usual hospitality at Jack Holmes Graphic Arts Centre where Jack again surpassed himself in topping off a very enjoyable day.

Your committee considered an invitation for a combined all Survey Anzac Re-Union for 1975, to be held after the Anzac Day March, and agreed wholeheartedly to support the suggestion. Representatives from all survey associations are to meet and decide a venue, and our newsletters will inform members of the final arrangements.

SPECIAL NOTICE

We are holding "The 2/1st Survey Association 35th Anniversary Dinner" on Friday, 6th June, 1975.

We want this night to be a repeat of our very successful 25th Anniversary Dinner.

The good guts regarding this dinner will be sent to all members (that we know the address of) early next year, but the date is fixed so make sure you mark your appointment book.

XMAS GET-TOGETHER

Jack Holmes has invited us all to attend his Arts Centre for a Xmas drink and eats and the showing of a few rare army films (too hot for an 'R' certificate).

The night - Friday, 6th December, 1974, at 6.00 p.m.

Congratulations to Lyn Furze on his appointment to Chief Cartographer Crown Lands, Survey Department of Victoria.

VALE

It is with deep regret that we record the passing of some of our mates during the past year. Jack Bertram, Les Holmwood, Nick Nicholls and Les (Spike) Roche. To all their families and friends we extend our deepest sympathy.

SURVEY CORPS RE-UNION17TH CONGRESS OF THE INSTITUTION OF SURVEYORSAUSTRALIA HELD IN MELBOURNE 1974

The 17th Survey Congress once again featured a get together of Members and Ex members of the Survey Corps and their guests.

The Sciences Club Supper Room, in the "Clunies Ross Complex" was engaged for the occasion. It had been a heavy week for the delegates to the congress, but approximately fifty members and guests turned up for the two hour session of snacks and drinks on Thursday the 28th February 1974, between 5 and 7 p.m.

It was again an excellent opportunity to meet old friends. Many of the delegates were from interstate and it is only on occasions such as the Congress that the locals get to say 'howdy' to interstate friends. The 3rd Field Survey Association made full use of the opportunity with a turnout of twenty odd members.

You might say the TOP BRASS was well represented by the Survey Corps Director and two Ex Directors, the Director of National Mapping, a Secretary for Lands and four Surveyors General, all members of the Survey Corps. The Navy not to be outdone was represented by the Chief Hydrographer and the Ex Chief Hydrographer.

The newest members of the surveying profession present were three full time students from the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology. They are being sponsored by the Survey Corps and will take up officer postings in the Corps on completion of their Bachelor of Applied Science (Surveying) Course at the Institute.

For the record a list of members and guests attending the re-union follows with, hopefully, the units in which they served:

R. Alderton, 2 Coy & 2/1 Svy
G. Andrews, 3 Coy
R. Bouchier, 3 Coy
A. Brown, 3 Coy
R. A. Brown, 3 Coy
V. O. Cadwallader, 2/1 Arty Svy

B. Duncan
J. J. Dwyer, RAE
F. H. Edwards, 3 Coy
L. FitzGerald, 2/1 Svy
N. Fletcher, 2 Coy
L. Herron, 3 Coy

G. Kennedy	D. J. Punyard, RMIT (RA Svy)
A. Kurrle, 2/1 Svy & 3 Coy	R. Pauley, 2/1 Svy
B. P. Lambert, 2/1 Svy & 6 Coy	H. Raisbeck, Carto Coy
J. G. Long, 2 Coy & RA Svy	R. Smith, 3 Coy
D. Lovegrove	S. Sanderson, RMIT (RA Svy)
E. Luscombe	R. Simpson, 3 Coy
K. Lyons, RA Svy	S. C. Saunders, 3 Coy
J. D. Lines, 2/1 Svy & 6 Coy	B. J. Saunders, 3 Coy
D. Macdonald, 3 Coy & 4 Coy	M. Serisier
B. Meehan, 3 Coy & 6 Topo	M. Teese, 3 Coy
C. Middleton, 3 Coy	C. S. Tyler, 2/1 Svy
A. Milesi, 3 Coy	G. Williams
J. E. Mitchell, 3 Coy	A. Easton
K. Murphy, RMIT (RA Svy)	A. Wood, 2 Coy
F. Noonan, 3 Coy	A. Yates, 5 Coy
K. Noonan, 3 Coy	R. Whitmore, RAN Hydrographer RAN
J. K. Nolan, 2/1 Svy & RA Svy	R. E. Culliver, 3 Coy
A. Nye, 2/1 Svy	F. E. G. Miller, RAE
P. Pope, 3 Coy	K. Barrie, RAA

Guests included:-

R. Jones, President, Institution of Surveyors, Australia
 B. Vallentine, Past President, Institution of Surveyors, Australia
 B. Murphy, President, Victorian Division, Institution of Surveyors, Australia
 R. Clark, Secretary of Congress Committee
 Commander Little, RAN, Past Hydrographer RAN

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Survey Ex-Servicemen's Association	15.00	
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