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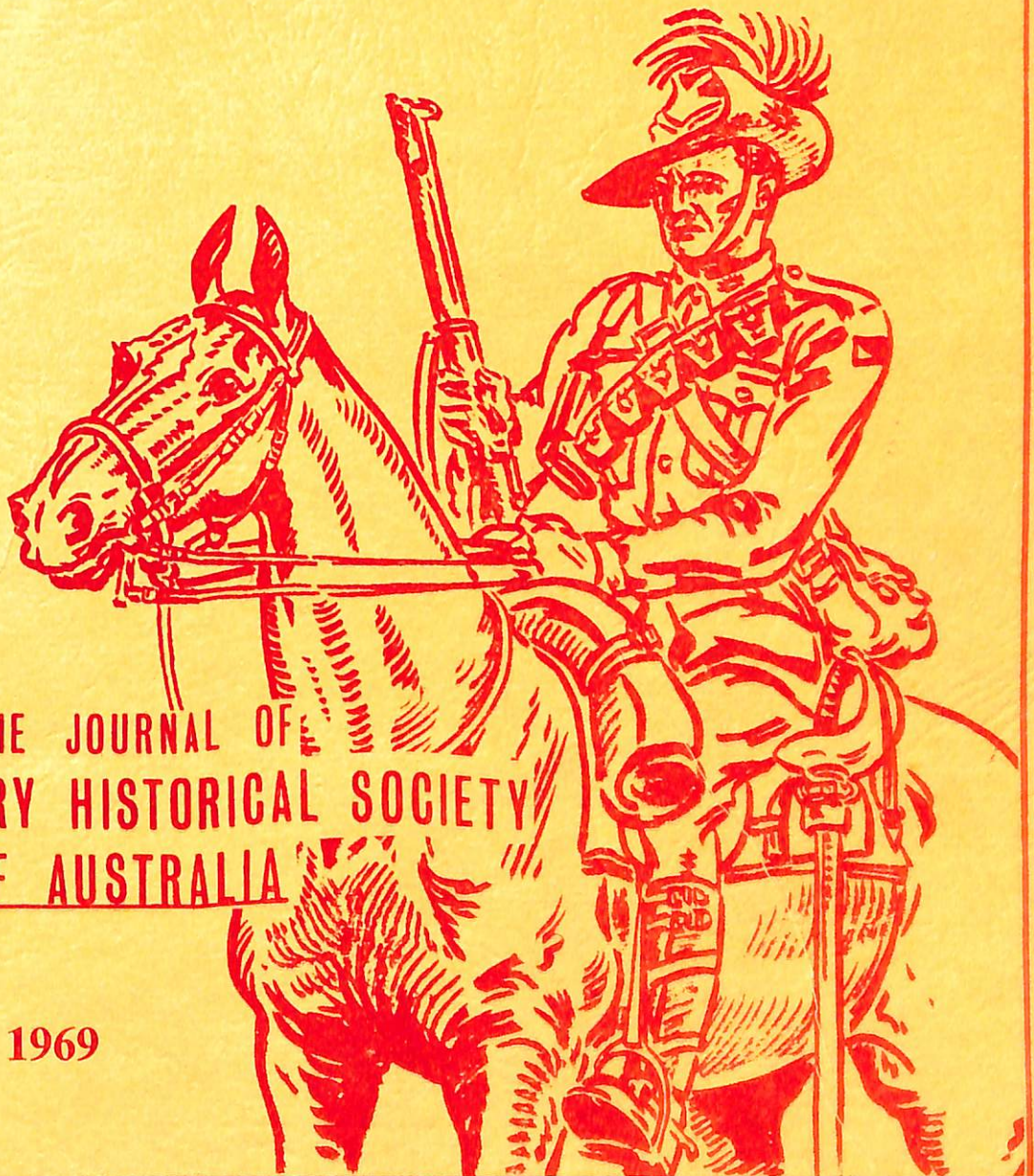
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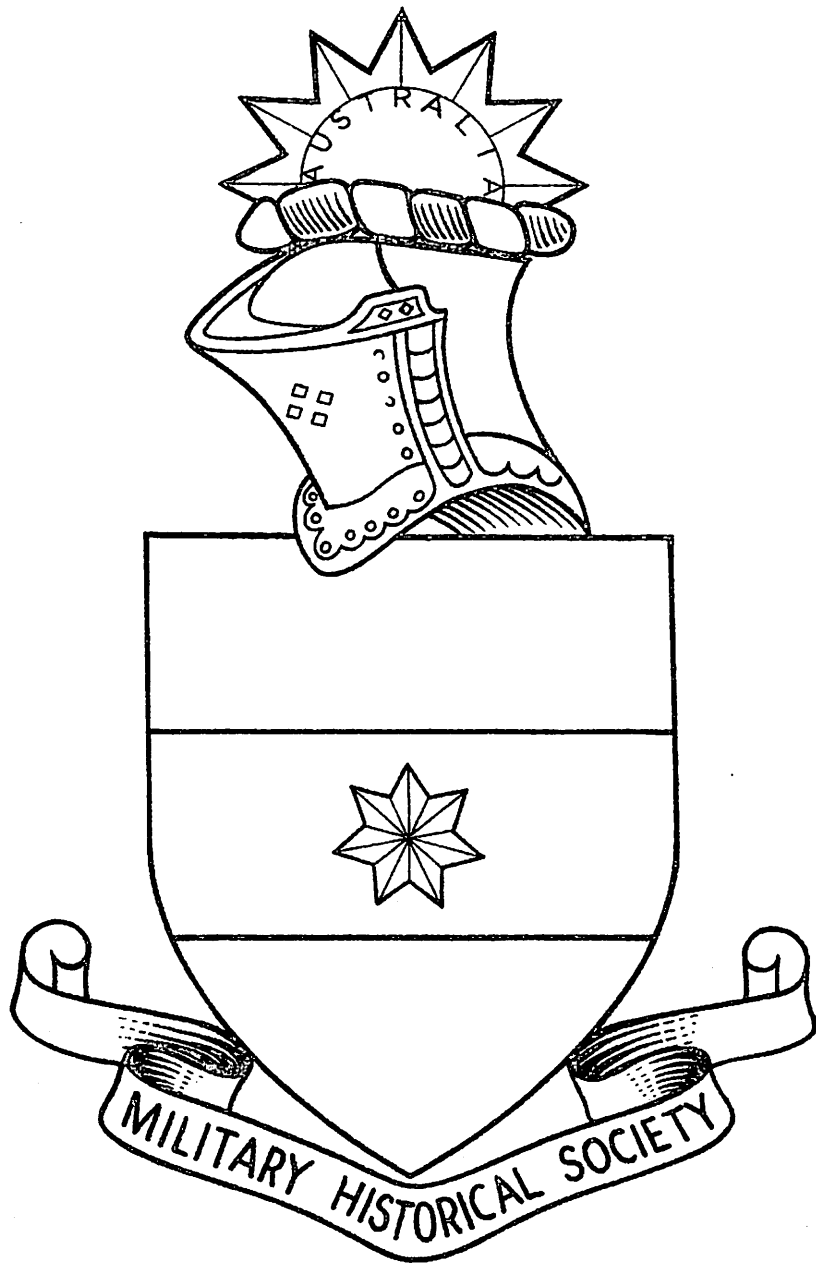
THE MILITARY HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA

(Founded in Melbourne in 1957)

AIMS OF THE SOCIETY

The aims of the Society are the encouragement and pursuit of study and research in military history, customs, traditions, dress, arms, equipment and kindred matters; the promotion of public interest and knowledge in these subjects and the preservation of historical military objects, with particular reference to the Armed Forces of Australia.

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THE BADGE OF THE SOCIETY

- Features:
- A representation of the first "Rising Sun" badge, as a heraldic crest to the helmet;
 - A wreath in the national colours of Blue and Gold;
 - A mediaeval helmet in Silver;
 - A 3 colour shield of Navy Blue, over Army Red, over Air Force Blue;
 - The Federation Star of Australia;
 - A scroll bearing the Title of the Society.

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**JOURNAL AND PROCEEDINGS OF
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THE MILITARY HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA

1. NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION & RULES

2. CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE ELECTION OF FEDERAL COUNCIL, 1969/70

As mentioned in the October, 1968 issue of the Society's Journal, a Sub-Committee has been formed to revise the Constitution & Rules. The revision is proceeding and it is hoped to have the new Constitution & Rules ready for adoption in 1969/70.

In the interim, however, Federal Council proposes to amend Part 1 (Constitution) - Clause 4 (2) of the present Constitution & Rules by deleting this Clause in its entirety, and inserting the following new Clause:-

"4 (2) The Federal Council shall comprise :-
a Federal President,
a Federal Vice-President,
a Federal Secretary,
a Federal Treasurer,
and Federal Councillors appointed by Branches
(to be their representatives), on the basis
of 1 Federal Councillor to each Branch.

Should a Branch not desire to appoint a Federal Councillor in any year, the Branch Committee is required to notify the decision in writing to the Federal Secretary.

The welfare of Corresponding Members will be the responsibility of the Federal Secretary.

In the event of an even number on the Federal Council, the President shall have the casting vote.

All Offices shall be honorary."

The object of this proposed amendment is to give Branches of the Society representation on the Federal Council, thereby giving them a say in the administration of the Society.

If no objection to this proposed amendment is received within 3 months of the date of distribution of this Notice, the amendment shall be incorporated in the Constitution and Rules, and the Election of Federal Council for 1969/70 shall be conducted in accordance with it.

(contd.)

THE NATURE OF THE PROBLEM

THE PROPOSED SOLUTION

THE RECOMMENDATIONS

The first part of the report discusses the nature of the problem and the proposed solution. It is suggested that the problem is a result of the fact that the system is not properly designed. The proposed solution is to redesign the system so that it is more efficient and easier to use.

The second part of the report discusses the recommendations. It is recommended that the system be redesigned so that it is more efficient and easier to use. It is also recommended that the system be tested thoroughly before it is put into use.

The third part of the report discusses the conclusions. It is concluded that the system is not properly designed and that the proposed solution is a better one. It is also concluded that the system should be tested thoroughly before it is put into use.

The fourth part of the report discusses the appendix. It contains a list of references and a list of figures. The references are: [1] Smith, J. (1980). [2] Jones, K. (1985). [3] Brown, L. (1990). The figures are: [1] Figure 1. [2] Figure 2. [3] Figure 3.

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On the assumption that no objection to the proposed amendment will be lodged, members are invited to nominate their candidates for the positions of Federal President, Federal Vice-President, Federal Secretary, and Federal Treasurer. See attached Notice of Elections.

Branch Committees are requested to forward the name of the Branch member who is to be their Federal Councillor.

The Retiring Federal Secretary, Mr. J. B. Hirsh, has advised that he will not be a candidate for any position on the Federal Council.

April, 1969.

J. K. LYONS,
(Retiring) Federal President.

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THE MILITARY HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Twelfth Annual General Meeting of The Military Historical Society of Australia will be held at 262 Tucker Road, ORMOND EAST, Victoria, on Friday, 29th August, 1969 commencing at 8.00 p.m.

BUSINESS:

1. To receive and adopt the Report of the Federal Council for the year ended 30th June, 1969.
2. To receive the Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 30th June, 1969.
3. To receive the result of the ballot for Federal Council.
4. To consider any business of which 14 clear days' notice has been given in writing to the Federal Secretary.
5. To appoint an Honorary Auditor for the following year.

By Order of the Federal Council.

262 Tucker Road,
ORMOND EAST, 3204

J. K. Lyons, Federal President
J. B. Hirsh, Federal Secretary

31st March, 1969.

THE MILITARY HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA

NOTICE OF ANNUAL ELECTION OF FEDERAL COUNCIL, 1969/70.

The Annual Election of Federal Council will take place at the Twelfth Annual General Meeting of the Society, to be held at 262 Tucker Road, Ormond East, Victoria, on Friday, 29th August, 1969.

Nominations are now called for the following positions :-

FEDERAL PRESIDENT

FEDERAL VICE-PRESIDENT

FEDERAL SECRETARY

FEDERAL TREASURER

In order to qualify for nomination, a person must be a financial member of the Society at the time of nomination. Only financial members of the Society may hold office.

The prior written consent of each nominee is required for all nominations, and to facilitate the provision of this consent, a printed form is supplied.

The Office Bearers, with the exception of the interstate Federal Councillors, must reside in Victoria, and as close as possible to each other in order to be able to effectively conduct the business of the Society, at its Melbourne Headquarters.

Please nominate your candidate for each, or any, position on the form provided, and forward, or arrange for him to forward, it to

The Returning Officer,
Military Historical Society of Australia,
87 Tooronga Road,
EAST MALVERN,
Victoria. 3145

by 30th June, 1969. The Returning Officer is Mr. A. Ray, LL.B.,
who is NOT a candidate for office.

Ballot Papers will be forwarded at least 21 days before the date of the Annual General Meeting.

J. B. HIRSH,
Federal Secretary

NOMINATIONS FOR FEDERAL COUNCIL OF THE SOCIETY, 1969/70.

The following Nomination Slips may be separated and sent to the Returning Officer by either the nominee or proposer in each case.

FEDERAL PRESIDENT

Nominee

Nominated by

I accept the above nomination

Nominee's signature

FEDERAL VICE-PRESIDENT

Nominee

Nominated by

I accept the above nomination

Nominee's signature

FEDERAL SECRETARY

Nominee

Nominated by

I accept the above nomination

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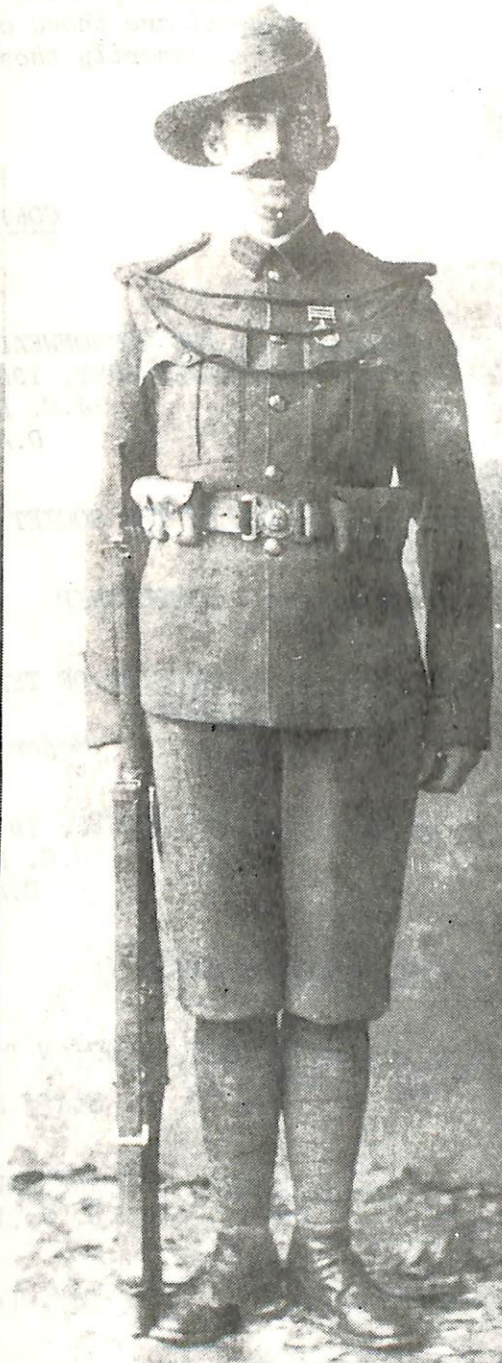
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*The views expressed in the articles in this
Journal are those of the authors and not
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INTRODUCTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH PATTERN UNIFORM OF THE
AUSTRALIAN ARMY, 1903.

Following the satisfactory reception of our publication in the January 1969 edition of New Zealand Dress Regulations of 1895, and, earlier, of details of the introduction of Australian Army unit designations in 1903, we feel it to be appropriate at this time to deal with the introduction of the Australian Army's first uniform after the "takeover" from the States' military forces.

The first portion of the relevant Regulations is published below:-

His Excellency the Governor-General in and over the Commonwealth of Australia, by and with the advice of the Executive Council thereof, in exercise of the powers conferred by the undermentioned State Acts, namely -

<u>State</u>	<u>Act</u>
New South Wales	... The Military and Naval Forces Regulation Act; and the Volunteer Force Regulation Act 1867.
Victoria	... The Defences and Discipline Acts.
Queensland	... The Defence Acts 1884 to 1896.
South Australia	... The Defences Act 1895.
Western Australia	... The Defence Forces Act 1894.
Tasmania	... The Defence Act 1885, The Defence Act 1889, and The Defence Act 1893;

and by the Constitution of the Commonwealth, has been pleased to approve of the introduction of a Commonwealth Uniform for the Military Forces of the Commonwealth (in accordance with the following instructions). Complete Regulations for Dress of Officers will be published hereafter:-

INTRODUCTION OF SERVICE DRESS

1. The Commonwealth Uniform will consist of a General Service Dress, which will, by the addition of aiguillettes, breast-lines, and girdles, be convertible into Full Dress. It will be observed, therefore, that by this means a single uniform coat will be provided which shall meet the requirements of a Fatigue or Service Jacket, and by the addition of lace attachments, &c., be readily converted into Ceremonial or Full Dress. Great economy in the provision of uniform, both from Government funds and at the hands of Officers, will be insured by this means. This is specially necessary in the case of officers who have in the past found it extremely difficult to supply themselves with the expensive and varied uniforms both for Full Dress and Undress.

2. The following instructions are promulgated for the guidance of all concerned:-

In accordance with the principle indicated in para. 1, the soldier will be provided as follows:-

- (a) A Service Uniform for general use.
- (b) A Full or Ceremonial Dress, by the addition of aiguillettes or breast-lines, girdle, &c., to the Service Uniform.

3. (a) The Service Uniform will be adopted from the 1st July next for all purposes, by all branches of the Military Forces of the Commonwealth, except upon ceremonial parades, or upon occasions when Full Dress is directed to be worn. It will be gradually brought into wear as the existing uniform becomes worn out and unserviceable.
- (b) The Full or Ceremonial Dress, i.e., Service Uniform with the addition of aiguillettes or breast-lines, &c., will be adopted from the 1st July next, and will be gradually brought into wear as funds admit by all those units unprovided with Full Dress. It may be adopted also by other units upon the expiry of the period for which their present Full Dress Uniform is required to last.
- (c) In cases of Corps who have at present a duly-authorized Full Dress, and who desire to retain the same, no change will take place. The Full Dress, according to existing sealed patterns, shall, in these cases, continue.
4. Officers gazetted to commissions after this date will be required to provide themselves only with the uniform mentioned in para. 2.

Regimental Officers, on the issue of the Service Uniform to the rank and file of their unit, or if previously requiring to renew their Undress Uniform, will provide themselves with the Service Uniform mentioned in para. 2 (a), and in the case of Corps adopting the Full Dress mentioned in para. 2 (b), with the necessary additions for Full Dress.

5. SERVICE UNIFORM - The following is a general description of the various articles for Warrant and Non-commissioned Officers and Men, of which sealed patterns will be supplied for general guidance:-

- (a) Jacket - Made of a special khaki-coloured serge, single-breasted, with yoke back, turned-down collar, fastened with two hooks and eyes; detachable shoulder rifle patches; two patch breast-pockets with pleats, and three pointed flaps; pointed cuffs:-

Gorget Patches will be worn on the Collar - Cloth - colour as follows:-

Staff	...	...	...	Scarlet
Light Horse	...	...	...	White, with red line down centre
Artillery	...	...	...	Blue, with red line down centre and brass Grenade
Engineers	...	...	...	Red, with blue line down centre
Infantry (Militia and Partially Paid)	...	...	...	Dark-green, with red line down centre
Army Service Corps	...	...	...	White, with blue line down centre

Army Medical Corps	...	...	...	Chocolate (Militia and Partially Paid) with red line down centre
Army Ordnance Corps	...	...	...	Dark blue
Army Veterinary Department	...	...	...	Maroon
Volunteer Troops	...	...	...	Scarlet, omitting coloured line down centre.

A Regimental Badge or Numeral will be worn on the centre of the Gorget Patch.

Detachable Shoulder-Straps will be worn as follows:-

Staff	...	...	...	2 broad stripes scarlet cloth, with $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch serge, light
Light Horse	...	...	...	$\frac{1}{2}$ -inch edging white cloth
Artillery	...	...	...	$\frac{1}{2}$ -inch edging blue cloth. In centre a loop of scarlet braid from shoulder-seam round upper end of button-hole. Sides of loop $\frac{1}{2}$ inch apart
Engineers	...	...	...	As for Artillery, but colours reversed
Infantry (Militia and Partially Paid)	...	...	...	$\frac{1}{2}$ -inch edging red cloth
Volunteer Infantry	...	...	...	$\frac{1}{2}$ -inch edging dark-green cloth
Army Service Corps	...	...	...	$\frac{1}{2}$ -inch edging white cloth. A double line of blue braid down the centre from button-hole
Army Medical Corps	...	...	...	$\frac{1}{2}$ -inch edging chocolate cloth, loop of scarlet braid as for Artillery
Army Ordnance Corps	...	...	...	$\frac{1}{2}$ -inch edging dark blue
Army Veterinary Department	...	...	...	$\frac{1}{2}$ -inch edging maroon cloth

Piping on Cuffs:-

Staff	...	...	...	Scarlet
Light Horse	...	...	...	White
Artillery	...	...	...	Blue
Engineers	...	...	...	Red
Infantry (Militia and Partially Paid)	...	...	...	Red
Volunteer Infantry	...	...	...	Dark-green
Army Service Corps	...	...	...	White
Army Medical Corps	...	...	...	Chocolate
Army Ordnance Corps	...	...	...	Dark-blue
Army Veterinary Department	...	...	...	Maroon

TITLES OF UNITS - The Titles of Regiments and Corps will be embroidered on a curved strip of same material as the garment, and will be worn on the upper arms of Jackets and Great Coats, about 1 inch from the arm-seam of the former, and just clear of the shoulder-flap on the Great Coat. The number of the Regiment, embroidered in the same colours as the title, will be worn over the title:-

Light Horse	...	...	...	Embroidered in White letters
Artillery	...	...	...	" Blue letters
Engineers	...	...	...	" Red letters
Infantry Regiment (Militia and Partially Paid)				" Red letters
Infantry Regiment (Volunteer)				" Dark-green letters
Army Service Corps	...	...		" Blue letters
Army Medical Corps	...	...		" Chocolate letters
Army Ordnance Corps	...	...		" Red letters
Army Veterinary Department	...			" Maroon letters

The Scottish Corps will retain their present dress, in accordance with existing sealed patterns, for general purposes, except that the colour of the jacket will be the same as that adopted for the Service Dress.

Chevrons, and badges of rank, of gold lace for Militia, and silver lace for Volunteers, will be worn on both arms.

Buttons will be of gilded metal for Militia, and of white metal for Volunteers, of a special Commonwealth pattern, which will be hereafter decided.

- (b) Trousers (for Dismounted Services) - Made of khaki serge similar to the Jacket, loose in the breech and at the knee, cut narrow as they approach the ankle, and made short, just reaching the top of the ankle boot, as now adopted into the Imperial Army. They are not to be worn without leggings or puttees, except in Camp or Barracks.
- (c) Breeches (for Mounted Services) - Bedford cord, of a colour to match the dress, and to be laced below the knee.
- (d) Cap - The pattern of Field Service Cap now in wear will be continued for the present for Non-commissioned Officers and Men (Officers will wear a peaked cap, of material to match the dress, and of pattern similar to the Staff Forage Cap. Details will be issued hereafter.)
- (e) Hat - Drab felt, hooked up on left side. Leather chin-strap with adjusting buckle.
- (f) Ornaments for Hat -

Staff	...	...	...	Red and white cock's plumes (New South Wales - Black cock's plumes and regimental badge. Victoria - Single eagle feather (and regimental badge.
Light Horse	...	...	...	(Queensland) (South Australia) Emu feathers and (Tasmania) regimental badge (Western Australia - Black swan (feather and regimental badge.

Field Artillery...	...	...	Feather plume as for Light Horse, with red and blue rosette and Artillery Grenade
Artillery (Garrison)	...	...	Blue and red rosette and Artillery Grenade
Engineers	...	...	Red rosette and regimental badge
Infantry	...	...	Black rosette and regimental badge or numeral
Army Service Corps	...	...	White rosette and regimental badge
Army Medical Corps	...	...	Plume (Officers only), chocolate rosette, and regimental badge
Army Ordnance Corps	...	...	Blue rosette and regimental badge
Army Veterinary Department	...	...	Maroon rosette and departmental badge

(g) Puggaree - Khaki of same shade as Jacket, with a distinctive Regimental line of colour.

(h) Puttees - Woollen, of the same colour as the Jacket.

6. FULL DRESS - The additions to the Service Uniform, in order to constitute the Full Dress, will be as follows:-

Mounted Services, including Staff.

- (a) Aiguillettes and cord Shoulder-pads. - Somewhat similar in pattern to the aiguillette now worn by Staff Officers, but of worsted cord (Officers, vide Schedule):-

Staff	...	...	White with red thread
Light Horse	...	...	White
Artillery (Field)	...	...	Blue with red thread
Army Service Corps	...	...	White with blue thread
Army Medical Corps	...	...	Chocolate

- (b) Plastron - For Lancers only. Scarlet or white cloth.

- (c) Girdle - For Light Horse - Web of distinctive colours, as under:-

Light Horse	...	...	White
Light Horse (Lancers)	...	...	Red and yellow, or, red and white.

(For Officers - Sash with tassels, or Girdle, vide Schedule)

Dismounted Services.

- (d) Breast-lines with cord Shoulder-pads. - Worsted cord of distinctive colour as under suspended across the breast from the cord Shoulder-pads (Officers, vide Schedule):-

Artillery (Garrison)	...	...	Blue with red thread
Engineers	...	...	Red with blue thread
Infantry (Militia and Partially Paid)	...	...	Dark-green (with red thread on Shoulder-pads)
Volunteer Infantry	...	...	Dark-green
Army Ordnance Corps	...	...	Blue
Army Veterinary Department	...	...	Maroon

(Sash - For Officers, vide Schedule)

7. GREAT COAT. - The Great Coat will be made of rainproofed khaki cloth of same colour as jacket, and of more open texture than the blue and grey Great Coat cloths at present in use, and thus more easily folded. It will be unlined, of the same general pattern for Mounted and Dismounted Services, and of the same quality for all ranks.

The Coats for Mounted Services are made larger in the Skirt than those for Dismounted Services, and with detachable capes.

Side slits are provided to enable the wearer to get at his pockets, haversack, &c., and there is an adjustable waist-strap at the back.

8. Great Coats and Cloaks of the present pattern will continue to be worn. They will be gradually replaced by the new pattern Great Coat when stock admits.
9. The Schedule herewith gives the dress for Officers, Warrant Officers, Non-commissioned Officers, and Men.
10. The following is the scale upon which issue of the new Service Uniforms, &c., will be made:-

The period of wear will be determined by a State Military Clothing Committee of Commanding Officers, subject to approval.

ARTICLES	Light Horse	Artillery		Engineers			A. S. Corps.	A. M. Corps.
		Field	Garrison	Field	S. M. M. and Electric.	Infantry		
Jacket, Service	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Trousers, Service	..	2*	2	2	2	2	..	2
Breeches, Bedford-cord, Pairs	2	2†	..	2†	..	..	2	2†
Aiguillettes, sets	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	1
Breast-lines, sets	..	..	1	1	1	1	..	..
Hat with Puggaree, Badge and Feathers	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Hat with Puggaree and Badge	..	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Cap, Field Service	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Cap, Working	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Puttees, pairs	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Spurs, pairs, Hunting pattern, with leather, foot and instep straps	1	1§	..	1§	..	..	1§	1§
Great Coat†	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Suits, Working - Canvas	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Suits, Working - Blue Serge	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..

* For Gunners only.

† Issue to be made to Drivers and other Mounted Men, in lieu of trousers.

‡ To be issued from Ordnance Stores.

§ Issue to be made to Drivers and other Mounted Men only.

MILITARY FORCES OF THE COMMONWEALTH

Dress for Adoption as the Commonwealth Service Uniform and Full Dress by all Arms of the Service

Branch of Service	Service Uniform			
	Jacket			
	Shoulder Straps	Gorget Patch.	Piping on Cuffs.	Titles †
Staff	Two broad stripes scarlet cloth, with ½-inch serge, light	Scarlet	Scarlet	...
Light Horse	½-inch edging white cloth	White, with red line down centre.	White	White letters
Artillery	½-inch edging dark-blue cloth. In centre a loop of scarlet braid from shoulder seam round upper end of buttonhole. Sides of loop ½-inch apart	Blue, with red line down centre and brass grenade.	Blue	Blue letters
Engineers	As for Artillery, but colours reversed	Red, with blue line down centre.	Red	Red letters
Infantry (Militia or Partially Paid)	½-inch edging red cloth	Dark green, with red line down centre.	Red	Red letters
Infantry (Volunteer)	½-inch edging dark-green cloth	Dark-green	Dark-green	Dark-green letters
Army Service Corps	½-inch edging white cloth. A double line of blue braid down centre from buttonhole.	White, with blue line down centre.	White	Blue letters
Army Medical Corps	½-inch edging chocolate cloth. Loop of scarlet braid as for Artillery	Chocolate.	Chocolate	Chocolate letters
Army Ordnance Corps	½-inch edging dark-blue cloth	Dark blue	Dark blue	Red letters
Army Veterinary Department	½-inch edging maroon cloth	Maroon	Maroon	Maroon letters

N.B. - The coloured line in Gorget Patch is omitted for Volunteers.

† Not worn on Officer's Jacket or Great Coat.

*G.I. - General Instructions

Full Dress		Sash (Officers only)	Plastron
Aiguillettes	Additions made to Service Dress		
	Breast Lines	Girdle	
Officers - Thick gold lace with red thread	Scarlet or white Cloth - For Lancers - To be buttoned on Jacket.
Others - White with red thread	...	...
Officers - Silver	...	Lancers (Officers - Silver with two crimson silk stripes (Others-Red and yellow or red and white (Other Units of Light Horse. (Officers - Sash) (Others - White	
Others - White	...	...
Field Batteries	Garrison Coys.		
Officers - Gold	Officers - Gold	...	
Others-Blue with red thread	Others-Blue with red thread	...	
...	Officers-Gold with red and blue thread	...	
...	Others-Red with blue thread	...	
...	Officers-Gold with dark green thread	...	
...	Others-Dark green with red thread on shoulder pads	...	
...	Officers-Silver with dark green thread	...	
...	Other-Dark green	...	
Officers-Gold with blue thread	...	...
Others-White with blue thread	...	...
Officers-Gold with chocolate thread	...	...
Other-Chocolate	...	...
...	Officers-Gold with blue thread	...	
	Others-Blue	...	
	Officers-Gold with maroon	...	

Vide G.I. para. 7

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS1. Officers' Rank Badges -

2nd Lieutenant	...	...	...	1 star
1st Lieutenant	...	...	...	2 stars
Captain	...	...	...	3 stars
Major	...	...	...	Crown
Lieutenant-Colonel	...	...	...	Crown and 1 star
Colonel	...	...	...	Crown and 2 star
Brigadier-General	...	...	...	Crossed sword and baton
Major-General	...	...	...	Crossed sword and baton and 1 star above

To be worn in metal on shoulder-straps of Great Coat, but in worsted embroidery on flap on sleeve of Service Jacket.

2. On the Service Jacket the rank of Officers will be also shown by rings of $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch worsted braid, and worsted tracing braid of khaki colour and special design round the cuff of the sleeve of the jacket -

Lieutenants	...	...	...	One ring of braid
Captain	...	...	...	Two rings of braid
Major	...	...	...	Three rings of braid and two rings of tracing braid between them.
Lieut.-Colonel	...	...	...	Three rings of braid and four rings of tracing braid.
Colonel	...	...	...	Four rings of braid, and five rings of tracing braid.
Brigadier-General	...	...	...	Four rings of braid, and three rings of braided eyes between them.
Major-General	...	...	...	Four rings of braid and five rings of braided eyes.

3. Squadron, Battery, or Company letters or numerals are to be worn by Non-commissioned Officers and Men on shoulder-straps and pads.

4. Officers of the Staff will wear brown leather boots (hunting pattern) or brown Stowasser leggings in lieu of puttees.

Officers of Mounted Services, and Mounted Officers of Dismounted Services, may also wear brown leather boots or Stowasser leggings as above, at the option of Commanding Officers, provided that all officers of each Regiment or Corps are alike.

5. Spurs - Hunting pattern. Spur leathers brown.

6. The sash is to be worn by Officers round the waist, the tassels on the left hip.

7. The waist sash for Infantry and Departments will be optional with Officers Commanding Regiments and Corps.

JOHN FORREST,
Minister of State for Defence.

ALL RANKS -

Jacket	as in para. 5(a)
Trousers, Dismounted	
Services	as in para. 5(b)
Breeches, Mounted	
Services	as in para. 5(c)
Cap	as in para. 5(d)
Hat	as in para. 5(e)
	and (f)
Puggaree	as in para. 5(g)
Puttees*	as in para. 5(h)
Great Coat	as in para. 7.

*See para. 4, General Instructions.

1. INTRODUCTION OF COMMONWEALTH UNIFORM

(1) Attention is directed to the Commonwealth Government Gazette, published in G.O. No. 109, of 16th inst., introducing the new Commonwealth Uniform.

(2) Special Dress Regulations will be issued hereafter for the undermentioned Units:-

	Royal Australian Artillery.
	(" Corps of Engineers.
Permanent	(" Army Service Corps.
	(" Army Medical Corps.

(3) Sealed patterns of the garments mentioned in paras. 5,6 and 7 will be forwarded to State Commandants in due course, for the guidance of State Military Clothing Committees mentioned in para. 2 hereunder, and of all concerned, and will be strictly adhered to. No deviation of any kind from such patterns will be permitted.

State Commandants will forward to the D.Q.M.G., for the information of the General Officer Commanding, a List of Regiments or Corps desirous of retaining the existing full dress under para. 3(c) of the Uniform Regulations published on the 16th inst.

(4) Officers and other ranks of the Head-Quarters, District, and Instructional Staff's will be permitted to continue in wear the uniforms at present in their possession, which will, however, be gradually replaced by the new uniform.

2. (1) A Military Clothing Committee will be established in each State, and will consist of Commanding Officers of Brigades, Regiments, and Corps, or their representatives, and a representative of the Deputy Quarter-master-General's Department. The State Commandant will act as President.

This Committee will deal with the following subjects, viz:-

- The supply and maintenance of Military Clothing, including the articles of kit usually comprised under the head of "Necessaries."
- Uniformity in Military Clothing.
- The expenditure of the Clothing Allowance to the best and most economical purpose.

(2) The Committee will elect an executive Sub-committee, which will be styled the Military Clothing Board, consisting of not less than five members (not necessarily Members of the Military Clothing Committee). The Military Clothing Board thus formed will carry out the following duties:-

- (a) Draw up Conditions of, and enter into Contracts subject to the approval of the Commandant, and otherwise make provision for the supply and inspection of Military Clothing and Necessaries which may be required by the Militia, Partially-paid, and Volunteer Forces of the State. These must be in conformity in all particulars with the approved patterns, which are sealed and retained for guidance at Head-Quarters of each State.
- (b) Forward to the Boards of the other States, through the State Commandant, copies of all Contracts entered into, and such other particulars as will assist to insure uniformity, as far as possible, in price and other details.
- (c) Draw up from time to time such recommendations as may be necessary in connexion with the provision and maintenance of clothing and necessaries for the consideration of the State Commandant.
- (d) Proceedings of the Board will be in writing, and will, after being signed by the Senior Officer as Chairman, be submitted to the State Commandant for approval.

(3) The Military Clothing Committee will meet at least once a year, and at other times when convened by the President.

(4) The Military Clothing Board alluded to in para. (2) will be assembled whenever required at the discretion of the Chairman and Members.

The representative in the State of the Quartermaster-General's Department will be, ex officio, a member of this Committee.

(5) In order to insure strict uniformity, the material for clothing will be obtained through the Ordnance Department in each State, and Contractors for making clothing will be required to obtain their supplies through such Department.

(6) The State Commandant, as President of the State Military Committee, will forward for the consideration of the General Officer Commanding the Military Forces of the Commonwealth, through the Deputy Quartermaster-General, any recommendations or suggestions which the Committee may desire to bring forward.

By Order,

J. C. HOAD, Colonel,
D.A.G and C.S.O.

PROPOSED BRANCH OF THE SOCIETY AT GEELONG (Victoria)

Reproduced below are the Minutes of the Inaugural Meeting of the proposed Branch of the Society at Geelong, Victoria.

Provisional approval to the formation of this Branch was given by the Federal Council on 21st March, 1969.

If no formal objection is received by me within 14 clear days of the date of distribution of this issue of the Journal, the Federal Council shall confirm the formation of the Branch.

J. B. HIRSH
Federal Secretary.

Minutes of the Inaugural Meeting of the proposed Geelong (Victoria) Branch of the Military Historical Society of Australia.

LOCATION: At the home of Mr. Ian L. Barnes, 47 Iona Avenue, Belmont, Geelong, Victoria. 3216.

DATE: Monday 4th November, 1968.

PRESENT: I.L. Barnes, B.P. Farquharson, P.J. O'Rourke, K.J. Mankelow, E.V. Andersen, J.C.R. Morton, W.G.J. Titchmarsh (potential member).

GENERAL: At 8.20 p.m. proceedings were opened by I. Barnes, who, assisted by J. Morton, gave an outline of the following reasons behind the desire to set up a Geelong Branch of the Military Historical Society of Australia:-

- (i) To aid our Society by adding an extra organized group to exploit the potential membership of Geelong and District.
- (ii) To more effectively further the interests of our Society amongst kindred groups in Geelong.
- (iii) To contribute to the interests and entertainment of members by meetings which will be complementary to those held in Melbourne.

Further, it was stated that cordial relationships between members are most important and future Melbourne meetings would be given normal Geelong support. Other Victorian members would be made most welcome at Geelong functions.

ELECTIONS: The following elections took place:-

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>NOMINEE</u>	<u>MOVER</u>	<u>SECONDER</u>
President:	I.L. Barnes	J.C.R. Morton	P.J. O'Rourke
Secretary:	J.C.R. Morton	K.J. Mankelow	E.V. Andersen
Treasurer:	B.P. Farquharson	J.C.R. Morton	K.J. Mankelow
Comm. Men:	K.J. Mankelow		
	P.J. O'Rourke		
	E.V. Andersen	J.C.R. Morton	B.P. Farquharson

All positions were carried by unanimous vote.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Meeting Dates - It was moved by J.C.R. Morton, seconded by P.J. O'Rourke, that for 1969 quarterly meetings be held, and that these meetings shall fall on the first Fridays of the chosen months, viz:- 7 March, 6 June, 5 September and 7 November. CARRIED.

Meeting Details - It was generally agreed that the meetings should be held in the U.S.I. rooms in the 10th Med. Arty. Regt, Drill Hall, and should generally conform to the following:-

- (i) 7 March. Committee meeting beforehand Statement of Situation, Aims, and general objects to members and potential member guests. Static display to which all foundation members must contribute. All members to speak, in turn, of their particular hobby or interest. Supper.
- (ii) 6 June. Guest Speaker. As the date chosen will fall on the anniversary of "D" Day, it was deemed appropriate that the guest speaker be a person able to give an eye-witness account of some phase of that day. I.L. Barnes to organize the evening's speaker. J.C.R. Morton to act as backstop speaker if necessary.
- (iii) 5 September. Playlet to be produced and enacted by Geelong members. The possibility of the subject being the Australian action at Kapyong to be investigated by K. J. Mankelow.
- (iv) 7 November. Annual Meeting and Ladies Night. It was generally agreed that this evening be suited to the interests of both members and their wives or lady friends. I.L. Barnes to check on the possibility of a lecture by an Australian Nursing Sister who served at Salonika during The Great War, and who is presently a resident of Colac.

- LETTERS: - The Secretary to write the following letters:-
- (i) To the Federal Council of the Military Historical Society of Australia, requesting that the Geelong Branch and its Committee be recognized.
 - (ii) To the President of the Geelong Branch of the U.S.I., informing him of the existence of the Geelong Branch of the M.H.S. of Australia, and requesting the use of the U.S.I. facilities for the previously mentioned meeting dates.

CLOSURE: After a most pleasant supper provided by Mrs. Barnes, President I. L. Barnes closed the meeting at 2300 hours.

Ian L. Barnes
President.

J. C. R. Morton
Hon. Secretary.

NOTIFICATION OF INCREASE IN SUBSCRIPTION.

The Federal Council regrets to advise that rising costs have necessitated an increase in the annual Membership Subscription of the Society, which, from July 1st, 1969, will be:

Members\$4.00 Australian

Junior Members\$3.50 Australian

The Membership Subscription entitles members to receive the Quarterly Journal SABRETACHE, and to other benefits of the Society.

Branch Membership dues, where required, are additional to the Society's Membership Subscription.

MEMBERSHIP

It is timely to remind members that Subscriptions fall due on 1st July, in each year, and that we are dependent upon the prompt receipt of them for the furtherance of our work.

Branch Members are asked to remit through their Branch Secretaries as soon as possible.

Corresponding Members are asked to remit to the Federal Secretary, at the address shown in the first page of this issue, by means of either a Money Order or Cheque, made Payable to THE MILITARY HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA, and NOT to an individual.

Membership cards, if required, should be requested when the subscription is submitted.

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THE MILITARY COLLECTION OF THE MUSEUM
OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Submitted by Major T.C. Sargent

In August and November 1968 the WA Branch of the Society was fortunate in that the Branch President, Captain J.J. LeTessier ED was able to arrange with the Museum of Western Australia for members of the Branch to inspect the military and arms collection of the Museum, currently not on display.

The major part of the collection consists of the items passed to the Museum by the United Service Institute of WA - the so called 'Wieck' collection, referred to in the article on "The Medal Collection of the United Service Institute of Western Australia" by Capt. LeTessier, which appeared in Sabretache Vol XI No. 2 Oct. 1968 p.24. That this unique and valuable collection had to be moved out of Army accommodation is only another indication of the lamentable lack of interest which the Australian Army has shown in preserving relics of its past history, typical of the erroneous view that, if a relic does not qualify for inclusion in the National War Memorial, it is not worth worrying about.

During the August visit Branch members were able to view the uniforms and weapon collection. These are currently stored in the old police cells at the rear of the Perth Local Court, adjacent to the Museum. Some forty to sixty uniforms (jackets and trousers) are hung in three large glass display cases; they range from pre-Federation pieces to current battle dress items. Among the pre-Federation pieces are:

Geraldton Rifle Volunteers - officers uniform	c 1898
Western Australian Volunteers - mess dress	c 1898
Western Australian Army Medical Corps -	
" " Full dress uniform	pre-Federation
" " Mess dress	"
Guildford Rifle Volunteers - 3 uniforms	"

These descriptions have been taken from the Museum Accession List and have not been verified. There are many others, but time did not allow the WA Branch members to view each individual piece.

It is unfortunate that no steps have been taken, to date, for the preservation of these uniforms. However the matter is to receive attention this year, as will be mentioned later. Also a member of the Museum staff has recently been sent to Europe to study modern methods of preservation of display material.

In another area, reasonably well stored in wooden cabinets are head-dress and accoutrements - shoulder belts, pouches, sashes etc., mostly of pre-Federation units, and several swords and bayonets of the same units.

The weapon collection has been drawn from two major sources - the USI collection, consisting of entirely military items, and the 'Cool' collection, a general arms collection donated to the Museum. In all there are about two thousand pieces. The USI collection ranges from pre-Federation up to WWII items, not only hand weapons, but examples of other arms - mortar bombs and grenades of various types. The 'Cool' collection is mainly Eastern, with a fine selection of tulwars, parangs, kris, and various Eastern daggers, but it also includes European edged weapons and fire-arms dating back to 1800, so that the overall Museum fire-arms collection covers a range from the Brown Bess and early Arabic flintlocks up to a Vickers machine gun, and from flint-lock pistols of 1800 to Lugers of the 1939-45 period. The collection must be one of the finest in Australia and the arms are all well preserved.

Members attending the November visit to the Museum were able to view the photographic, documentary and badge collections.

There are some very interesting items among the photographic records - groups showing the HQ of the Western Australian Military forces, some South African material, and several albums of photographs of 1912-13-14 compulsory training activities. These photographs constitute by far the most important aspect of the documentary collection. The written material is scanty, but there are some interesting pieces, for instance, a printed programme for an inspection of the 'pensioner' Guard at Fremantle and Perth in the 1880's which lists each man on strength, his medals, and the bars awarded to each.

There is a holograph letter by the surgeon of HMS 'Northumberland' to which Napoleon surrendered after Waterloo, concerning the embarkation of the Bertrands. Among the papers was also seen an amateurish water colour purporting to be Lt. Manning of the 63rd Foot, painted in India, judging from the background. The 63rd were the first Garrison troops in WA and moved to India at the end of their tour of duty in Australia. However a search by the writer has failed to identify any Lt. Manning in the regiment during its time in Western Australia.

The members of the WA Branch strongly recommended that all photographic and documentary matter be passed to the Battye Library for proper preservation and cataloguing.

The badges were a pot-pourri. There were some unique pieces - helmet plates of the Perth, Fremantle and Albany Volunteer Artillery Units, a rare West Australian Cadet Corps badge, but these were mixed with miscellaneous and relatively common Australian, British and a few Canadian and New Zealand badges. Apart from the pre-Federation items, the collection is not significant.

The major problem with the military collection of the WA Museum has been the lack of room for proper display. However the Museum has recently started renovating the Old Ladies Asylum, in Finnerty Street, Fremantle, which is to become the repository and display centre for the Human Studies collection of the Museum. Work has already started on re-shingling

the roof of the old institution and it is hoped to have some displays in this extension to the Museum open for inspection in late 1969 or in 1970. (it is approximately one quarter mile from the writer's home.)

Currently the WA Branch of our Society is planning to photograph all significant items from the uniform collection, including the accoutrements. Further details of this project will be given at a later date.

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STRETCHER BEARERS' BADGES, 1903.

General Order No. 166

THURSDAY, 23RD JULY.

1. Regimental Stretcher Bearers, in the proportion of four per Squadron, and two per Company or Battery, will wear, when parading as such, an armet of special pattern, similar to that worn in the Imperial Service, namely:- A white web band, with the letters "S.B." in red upon it.

2. Non-commissioned Officers and Men, as above, who have qualified in Stretcher Bearer drill, will obtain a certificate of proficiency, and so long as they maintain their annual efficiency in Ambulance work, will wear a badge consisting of the letters "S.B." in a monogram, in red and blue, upon a white ground, enclosed within a red circle $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches external diameter.

The badge will be worked on cloth, the same material as the jacket or tunic, and worn on the right arm above the elbow.

3. To insure efficiency, all trained Stretcher Bearers will be required to attend at least four (4) Stretcher Drills annually.

By Order,

J. C. HOAD, Colonel,

D.A.G. and C.S.O.

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DISTINGUISHED UNIT CITATION TO D COMPANY, 6th. Bn., R.A.R.

Submitted by Staff Sergt. G.R. Vazenry
from General Orders.

AAO 36

AWARD OF THE DISTINGUISHED UNIT CITATION TO D COMPANY 6th
BATTALION THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN REGIMENT BY THE PRESIDENT OF
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

1. The following Citation was awarded by the President of the United States of America on 30 May 68 and Her Majesty The Queen on 13 June 68 gave formal approval for the acceptance and unrestricted wearing of the Distinguished Unit Citation by the personnel listed in this Order. (Particulars shown are as at date of award):-

"By virtue of the authority vested in me as President of the United States and as Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the United States, I have today awarded the Presidential Unit Citation (Army) for extraordinary heroism to D Company, Sixth Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment, The Australian Army.

"D Company distinguished itself by extraordinary heroism while engaged in military operations against an opposing armed force in Vietnam on August 18, 1966.

"While searching for Viet Cong in a rubber plantation north-east of Ba Ria, Phuoc Tuy Province, Republic of Vietnam, D Company met and immediately became engaged in heavy contact.

"As the battle developed, it became apparent that the men of D Company were facing a numerically superior force.

"The platoons of D Company were surrounded and attacked on all sides by an estimated reinforced enemy battalion using **automatic weapons, small arms and mortars.**

"Fighting courageously against a well armed and determined foe, the men of D Company maintained their formations in a common perimeter defence and inflicted heavy casualties upon the Viet Cong.

"The enemy maintained a continuous, intense volume of fire and attacked repeatedly from all directions.

"Each successive assault was repulsed by the courageous Australians.

"Heavy rainfall and a low ceiling prevented any friendly close air support during the battle.

"After three hours of savage attacks, having failed to penetrate the Australian lines, the enemy withdrew from the battlefield carrying many dead and wounded, and leaving 245 Viet Cong dead forward of the defence position of D Company.

"The conspicuous gallantry, intrepidity and indomitable courage of D Company were in the highest tradition of military valour and reflect great credit upon D Company and the Australian Army."

2. Eligible personnel are:- 6776 Maj. H.A. SMITH; 311509 Capt. H.I. McLEAN-WILLIAMS; 43433 2 Lt. G.M. KENDALL; 2781294 2 Lt. D.R. SABBEN; 2781465 2 Lt. G.C. SHARP; 27758 WO2 J.W. KIRBY; 22861 S Sgt. R. GILDERSLEEVE; 55106 Sgt. R.S. BUICK; 3854 Sgt. W. O'DONNELL; 213525 Sgt. N.J. RANKIN; 13605 Sgt. D.A. THOMSON; 16828 Sgt. J. TODD; 37822 Cpl. P.N. DOBSON; 213745 Cpl. L. DRINKWATER; 15230 Cpl. J.M. DUROUX; 14938 Cpl. M.W. GREEN; 1200658 Cpl. J.W. HARRIS; 15989 Cpl. T.H. LEA; 15319 Cpl. M.V. McCULLOUGH; 16825 Cpl. I.E. McDONALD; 42194 Cpl. C.M. MARCHANT; 15630 Cpl. K.T. MILLER; 16912 Cpl. D.R. MOGG; 214543 Cpl. W.R. MOORE; 215672 L Cpl. G.R. SMITH; 37542 L Cpl. G.J. BALLINGER; 51648 L Cpl. M.G. CAMPBELL; 1410958 L Cpl. G.K. CROWTHER; 2781847 L Cpl. J. JEWRY; 214752 L Cpl. C.T. LITHGOW; 2781705 L Cpl. W.T. LUTHER; 1731001 L Cpl. B.E. MAGNUSSEN; 311352 L Cpl. G.R. RICHARDSON; 1731036 L Cpl. J.C. ROBBINS; 2781709 L Cpl. P. SLACK-SMITH; 1731053 L Cpl. D.A. SPENCER; 3411688 Pte. C.T. AINSLIE; 1200221 Pte. W. AKELL; 55120 Pte. R.A. ALDERSEA; 17846 Pte. A.G. BARTLETT; 2781734 Pte. D.F. BEAHAN; 43901 Pte. J.E. BEERE; 215598 Pte. S.R. BELFORD; 5411494 Pte. N.R. BEXTRUM; 1730903 Pte. K.D. BRANCH; 1730905 Pte. C.W. BROWN; 2781736 Pte. R.D. BROWN; 1411098 Pte. W.R. BUCKLAND; 3411657 Pte. R.T. BURSTALL; 215608 Pte. V.M. CAMERON; 1730909 Pte. I.M. CAMPBELL; 37990 Pte. R.C. CARNE; 1730910 Pte. J.C. CASH; 1730914 Pte. D.J. COLLINS; 17816 Pte. G.R. DAVIS; 1730923 Pte. A.R. DELLER; 2781739 Pte. P.H. DETTMANN; 2781804 Pte. I. DIXON; 1730924 Pte. P.R. DIXON; 1730926 Pte. K.P. DOOLAN; 2781829 Pte. P.J. DOYLE; 1730929 Pte. G.A. DRABBLE; 1730934 Pte. R.M. EGLINTON; 2781832 Pte. H.T. ESLER; 1790936 Pte. D.P. FABIAN; 2781865 Pte. B.D. FIRTH; 2412205 Pte. D. FORSYTH; 4410920 Pte. A.R. FRASER; 1730941 Pte. K.H. GANT; 216604 Pte. D.A. GRAHAM; 2781692 Pte. K.W. GRAHAM; 3411673 Pte. E.F. GRANT; 1730947 Pte. V.R. GRICE; 2781700 Pte. N.J. GRIMES; 1730953 Pte. B. HALLS; 1730957 Pte. R.C. HEALEY; 1730961 Pte. J.E. HESLEWOOD; 1200509 Pte. S. HODDER; 1730964 Pte. J.R. HOLMES; 2781878 Pte. W.F. HORNETT; 1200306 Pte. B.G. HORNUNG; 43893 Pte. J. HOUSTON; 2781694 Pte. T.R. HUMPHRIES; 120001 Pte. P.R. HUNT; 2781845 Pte. P.W. JAMESON; 2781676 Pte. G.D. LANGLANDS; 2781704 Pte. P.A. LARGE; 1731097 Pte. A.J. MAY; 1730993 Pte. A.F. McCORMACK; 1730994 Pte. D.J. McCORMACK; 2412318 Pte. I.J. McGRATH; 1731008 Pte. B.C. MELLOR; 1781870 Pte. D.I. MITCHELL; 1731013 Pte. W.D. MITCHELL; 1731015 Pte. D.B. MONTGOMERY; 2781791 Pte. R.C. MOSS; 38452 Pte. I.D. MUNRO; 3786625 Pte. P. NASH; 1731095 Pte. T. NEWALL; 2781706 Pte. A.L. PARR; 2781750 Pte. R.V. PERANDIS; 216605 Pte. G.M. PETERS; 1731031 Pte. J.H. QUINCEY; 1200607 Pte. B.R. REILLY; 1411132 Pte. R.L. RENCHER; 1731034 Pte. J.P. RICHMOND; 2781850 Pte. J.E. RILEY; 2412298 Pte. W.A. ROCHE; 216509 Pte. T.P. RYAN; 1731040 Pte. D.J. SALVERON; 2412263 Pte. V.W. SIMON; 2781795 Pte. A.M. STEPNEY; 2781863 Pte. R.N. STEWART; 38712 Pte. D.J. THOMAS; 1200265 Pte. F.B. TOPP; 1731062 Pte. K.J. TRONC; 1731063 Pte. B.F. VASSELLA; 2781851 Pte. L.S. VINE; 216559 Pte. M.R. WALES; 1731069 Pte. G.C. WARRELL; 215265 Pte. T.W. WATTS; 5713983 Pte. H.G. WEBB; 3787607 Pte. C.J. WHISTON; 1731076 Pte. S.R. WILLIAMS.

METHODS OF DISPLAY AND PRESERVATION.

By B.J. Videon.

In the previous edition, I made mention of a type of polystyrene wig head which seemed to be suitable for the display of certain types of headdress.

Today I was informed of the existence of a material which is said to be used in some military museums for the preservation of cloth.

This is an Acrylic Glaze called Aqua-Clear Duralex. There are two kinds, flat and shiny, and it is the flat one which is said to be suitable for cloth.

The method is apparently to dip the garment or article into the liquid, which is sold in gallon lots or greater. The liquid will not harm the cloth, and it dries in about 30 minutes. A sample which I saw of an old piece of army blanket treated with the liquid was fairly stiff to the touch, but otherwise not changed by the treatment, as far as the eye could see.

The effect of the liquid is said to be to render cloth impervious to attack by chewing insects, and also to remove the tendency to sag often experienced with old garments when hung on dummies or hangers, with consequent risk of weakening of the old seams.

It is understood that uniforms to be hung on dummies are hung while wet, and allowed to dry to shape on the figure. The liquid is said to have no adverse effects on gold or silver wire braid or on metal, but rather to preserve "for ever" the brightness of the finish.

While the use of this liquid on uniforms seems a little "intrepid" to the writer, it is a logical answer to the problem faced by all museums with multitudes of clothed dummies otherwise subject to the ravages of moths and silverfish.

My informant said that maps and documents can also be treated with this liquid, with similar preservative results.

It certainly seems to be the answer for the collector of cloth badges.

Can any other members come up with any bright ideas on display or preservation which might benefit their fellow members?

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DESPATCHES

(Letters, queries and comments to the Editor)

From Lt. Col. P. V. Vernon :

Mr. P. J. Burness has written about the band of the Australian Horse ("Sabretache" XI, Page 80). It is not generally known that all three regiments of the N.S.W. Mounted Brigade had mounted bands.

The N.S.W. Lancers Band, being located at Parramatta, was much in the public eye and consequently well known. Less known is the Australian Horse Band, raised at Goulburn. In "Australian Cavalry" F. Wilkinson mentions its existence in 1898, and photographs show it was still a mounted Band in 1908. Mr. Burness may be telling us more about it later.

But any record of the N.S.W. Mounted Rifles Band has been difficult to find. The compiler of "A Short History of the New South Wales Mounted Rifles, 1888 - 1913" records its existence but did not think worthy of mention the fact that it was mounted. Several years ago I was told, by a friend too young to have seen it, that it had been mounted, but it was only recently that I obtained proof of this when I saw a photograph of it, mounted, which had appeared in "The Town and Country Journal", 22 October, 1902. A drum banner is in view but it is not very clear; the device on it appears to be the badge of the Colony. This band was raised at Bathurst. I doubt whether it was still mounted by the time of the divisional camp in 1908. I wonder whether any reader can give information about it.

From Mr. P. C. Candy :

I would like to hear from anyone who can supply me with anything about the history of the Cadet Movement in Tasmania from 1884 onwards.

I would also like to identify the central device which appeared on each of the sets of colours presented by Lord Kitchener in 1911 for annual competition amongst school cadets. All the colours are now lost.

From Lt. Lewis Evans : FRONTISPIECE OF JANUARY 1968 ISSUE.

Mr. Thornborough's drawing was of considerable interest to me in my capacity as quasi-official Regimental Historian of the 4/19th Prince of Wales's Light Horse, RAAC. The drawing provides some detail of a uniform worn by our Regiment in the 1860's which I have long sought. I have seen references to it but never an actual drawing. I was intrigued by the reference to the drawing in the April issue in which it was stated that the colour was probably blue. It was also stated that the artist had no references on the colour and was really only guessing.

I believe I may be able to shed some light on this matter. According to my best estimate the colour of the trousers was blue with a yellow or gold stripe; the "Garibaldi Shirt" of a scarlet colour and a blue cap probably piped yellow or gold. The cap is somewhat doubtful as the drawing portrays a pillbox whilst I have seen references indicating a small peaked cap something between a pillbox and a kepi apparently often worn with a white cap cover and neck cloth a la Legion Etrangere.

This educated guess is based on rather vague references in one of our rather sketchy Regimental Histories prepared some years ago by an unknown officer who, alas, never quoted sources. It is also based on a coloured print by S. Calvert dated 1865, showing the Governor of Victoria being escorted through Ballarat by a troop of the then Prince of Wales's Regiment of Light Horse (Hussars).

I hope this will be of some use to the Society.

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THE REGULAR INFANTRY OF THE AUSTRALIAN ARMY

Submitted by Staff Sergt. G. R. Vazenry.

The first permanent peace time units to be formed as part of the Australian Infantry were, of course, the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Battalions of the Royal Australian Regiment which were formed as the 65th, 66th and 67th Battalions of the 34th Infantry Brigade in October 1945 for service in the Occupation Forces in Japan.

There were, of course, other infantry units that served on full time duty, but they were units raised as part of the AIFs in the two World Wars. These were volunteers but they were not strictly speaking regular, professional, soldiers. And of course we must not forget the Battalion raised for service in the Sudan. This too was a volunteer unit but cannot be classed as an Australian unit as it was raised in New South Wales, although volunteers from other States sneaked in:

This article is about a unit that is seldom mentioned and, in fact, was not even a unit of the Australian Infantry -

THE DARWIN MOBILE FORCE

The Darwin port was long recognized as a port that must be defended against enemy attack and a battery of the Royal Australian Artillery (Permanent), with supporting Engineers and other Details, was stationed there. But it was also recognized that coastal defences, no matter how good, were not enough to prevent an enemy from landing some distance away and attacking from landwards. To prevent this, or at least to hold such an enemy force until reinforcements arrived, an infantry unit was required.

Prior to World War 2 defence legislation provided for a small permanent force to man the coast defences; to train and administer the militia units; and to maintain the forces. This permanent force consisted of the Staff Corps; the AIC; RAA (P); RAE(P); Aust Svy Corps (P); AASC (P); AAMC (P); AAVC (P); Aand the AAOC (P). The only infantrymen in the Permanent Military Forces were those in the Staff Corps and the AIC. (The same applied to the Light Horse). The composition of this Force was laid down in the Defence Act (paragraph 31 (2)).

In 1938 the threat of war loomed and the need for an infantry unit in the Darwin area became more apparent. Although legislation did not provide for an infantry unit, it did not say that a new unit of an existing corps could not be raised. Using this loophole in the law the Army called for volunteers to man a special unit of the RAA (P), to be called the "Darwin Mobile Force".

The new unit, although not an infantry unit, was organized around the basic infantry sub-unit. The establishment was notified in Australian Army Order No. 1 of 1939 and was as follows -

<u>Group</u>	AIC		RAA				Total	
	Ssgt	Sgt	Cpl/Lop1 Bdr	Art	Pte/Gnr			
<u>HQ Wing</u>								
No 1 Gp	1(a)		2	1		7		10 HQ
No 2 Gp	2(b)	1	3	2		9	2	17 (f)
No 3 Gp			4	5		6	25	40 Arty
No 4 Gp			1	1		4	4	10 Recce
No 5 Gp			2	3		5	24	34 MG
No 6 Gp			3	4		6	24	37 Mortars
<u>Total HQ Wing</u>	3	1	15	16		37	79	148
<u>Rifle Coy</u>	1(c)	1	3	6	3	7	52	72
<u>Attached</u>								
RAE (Signals)			2	1				3 (d)
AAMC				1				1
AAOC	1(e)	2	1	6				10
<u>Total</u>	5	4	21	30	3	44	131	234

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| a. WO1 | d. Includes 1 sergeant storeman for wireless duties. |
| b. 1 QM & 1 CSM | e. Ordnance Mechanical Engineer 4th Class (Lieutenant) (not AIC). |
| c. WO2 | f. Transport, stores, cooks and band. |

Transport

8 motorcycles; 3 vans light; 4 vans wireless; 8 lorries 30 cwt for machine guns and personnel of Nos. 5 & 6 Gps (fixed sides, no canopy); 14 lorries 30 cwt for equipment and personnel, including two for each rifle platoon (Wall type with canopy hood); 5 vans battery staff for No. 3 Gp; 6 tractors artillery FWD for No. 3 Gp; 3 cars reconnaissance armoured for No. 4 Gp.

The first officer to be posted to the DMF (as it will be called hereinafter) was Major Alec Bath MacDonald, who took command on the 14th November 1938. Major MacDonald was an infantryman who had been appointed to the Australian Staff Corps in December 1920. He had held the appointment of Adjutant and Quartermaster of various militia battalions in Queensland and New South Wales and had administered command of the 56th Infantry Battalion prior to assuming command of the DMF. (Major MacDonald was later to become the Commander of the Headquarters, Australian Training Centres with the rank of Temporary Colonel).

Major MacDonalds Quartermaster was Temporary Quartermaster and Honorary Lieutenant Andrew Barclay Stephen, Distinguished Conduct Medal, of the AIC, who took up his appointment on the 14th November, 1938. He was later to be promoted to captain with the appointment of Assistant Supervisor of Physical and Recreational Training, Headquarters 2 Aust. Army.

On the 15th May, 1940 was replace by Major Phillip Heathcote George Cardale. Major Cardale was a Light Horse officer who had been commissioned in the Permanent Military Forces in December, 1919, transferring to the Australian Staff Corps in October 1920. He had held various administrative and instructional appointments until being appointed to command the DMF. (Major Cardale was later appointed Colonel in Charge of Administration, Headquarters Western Command with the rank of Temporary Colonel).

On the 22nd September 1940 the DMF was redesignated the Darwin Infantry Battalion (DIB), with thirteen officers and ninety-one other ranks of the PMF transferring to the new unit; (the disposal of the remainder of the PMF members of the DMF, if there were actually any, is not known as the Routine Orders for the DMF cannot be traced). This redesignation transferred the unit from the RAA (P) to the Infantry.

The DIB was on a normal infantry battalion establishment and, to bring it up to strength, it was necessary to transfer in personnel from other units. As the DIB was not raised as part of the AIF, this was done by transferring personnel from existing infantry units, and by calling up personnel on full time duty for the purpose. (Note that it was now war time and there were no problems in calling up personnel for this purpose). This was done as follows:

- a. Four officers and forty one other ranks, militia from all states (except Tasmania) and the Northern Territory, transferred in from "Z" Garrison Company on the 14th November 1940. (In addition one man was enlisted in Northern Territory);

- b. Nine officers and one hundred and fifty privates taken on full time duty in Queensland on the 1st November 1940, with a further officer and ninety eight privates being called up by the 16th November, 1940;
- c. Six officers and two hundred and forty-eight other ranks taken on full time duty in New South Wales between the 21st October and the middle of November 1940.

The militia from Queensland and New South Wales arrived in Darwin on the 6th February 1941. (The members of Z Garrison Company had already been stationed there before transfer to the DIB).

The DIB published its last routine order on the 18th November 1941, in Darwin. On the 2nd December 1941, 19th Infantry Battalion published its first routine order showing 19th Battalion as being on full time duty. The first routine order published by 19th Battalion in Darwin was dated the 16th January 1942, when the Battalion took over the role of the DIB.

CONCLUSION

The DMF actually finished on the 22nd September 1940 when it became the DIB, but some historians, for some reason, claim that the DMF became the 19th Infantry Battalion. As can be seen from the above facts, which have been taken from official records, the DMF was a separate entity, raised as part of the RAA (P) for a particular purpose.

The DIB was a completely new unit raised as part of the Infantry, to take over the role of the DMF. Certainly, some of its members may have come from the pre-war 19th Battalion, but the original units (DMF & DIB) were originally raised by members from all states (except Tasmania). (Note that the PMF members of the DMF were all given "D" numbers, indicating that they had enlisted in the Northern Territory; this only indicated that they were actually in the Territory at the time that prefix letters were added to Army numbers, about 1940). The 19th Battalion, as such, did not arrive in the Territory until January, 1942.

The Darwin Mobile Force was the first Australian Regular Army Infantry unit, even though it was formed as a unit of the Royal Australian Artillery.

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