

KEEPING IN TOUCH

October - December 2017

Association of QLD Korea veterans Inc.



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The Association of Queensland Korea Veterans, Inc. is a non-profit service organization formed in 1996 to represent Navy, Army, Air Force, Nursing and other U.N. veterans of the Korean War, predominantly, but not exclusively, resident in QLD. New members and Associate members from the family and friend of Korea Veterans are always welcome.

Affiliated With The Korean Veterans' Association of Australia, Inc., Australian Council of Korea Veterans Associations, The Korean War Veterans Association of Sunshine Coast and The Korean Society of Gold Coast.



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Birthdays in the coming months and their turning age and Korea Service



3/8: Alan J. BECK, 88, 77SQN
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 10/8: Leonard (Len) KENNA, 86, 1RAR
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 15/8: John B. MCQUEEN, 93, 1RAR
 18/8: Lyle Martin, 89, 3RAR
 23/8: Bill Tomlinson, 87, 3RAR
 25/8: Richard Cuff, 85, 3RAR
 7/9: Alan Butler, 83, HMAS ANZAC
 10/9: Paul KIM, 82, ROK Marine
 13/9: BILL BAILEY, 85, 1RAR, 2RAR
 13/9: Ken DUNNE, 87, Anzac & Culgoa
 19/9: Robert BARNES, 92, 3RAR
 21/9: Alex CLARK, 85, 3RAR
 21/9: Russel ROLAND, 83, Sydney
 22/9: Ray PRICE, 86, 391 SQN
 23/9: Mike SINNOTT, 86, UK Gloucester
 25/9: Alex Weaver, 95, 3RAR
 25/9: Peter RAWSTRON, 91, RAN
 30/9: Lionel JACKSON, 84, 1RAR
 4/10: Eric NILSEN, 86, 1RAR
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 14/10: Raymond MOSS, 86, 77SQN
 20/10: Ken GEISLER, 87, 3RAR
 24/10: John FITZPATRICK, 86, Condamine

27/10: Stephen Reddy, 90, 3RAR
 28/10: Thomas HAMILTON, 90, Warramunga & Sydney
 2/11: Arthur HAMILTON, 85, 2RAR
 3/11: John N. PARKER, 89, 77SQN
 6/11: Alan F. DORLING, 88, 1,2,3,RAR
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 21/11: B.B. (Bernard) LANE, 92, 77SQN
 23/11: Kelly FRAWLEY, 86, 77SQN
 25/11: Frank MOFFITT, 93, 3RAR
 13/12: Clement Kealy, 94, 3RAR
 14/12: Yuki BARNES, 89, 1RAR, 2RAR
 14/12: Eric Sutherland, 94, 3RAR
 17/12: Kevin Dean, 84, 1RAR, 2RAR
 21/12: Eddie GROCOTT, 86, UK ARMY
 23/12: Peter IRELAND, 90, 3RAR
 30/12: IAN CRAWFORD A.O., 86, HMS Ceylon (Royal Navy)

Ages of Senior Korea Veterans on the hill of 90 as of 1/9/2017

Frederick Rennie From, 100, 3RAR
 Alan Tomkins, 97, 3RAR
Ted BOSWORTH, 96, 3RAR (Most Snr AQKV)
 Alex Weaver, 94, 3RAR
 Lady Keys, 94, 3RAR
 Keith Martin, 94, 77SQN
 Francis Phillip McKay, 94, 3RAR
 Clement Kealy, 93, 3RAR
 Eric Sutherland, 93, 3RAR
 John B. MCQUEEN, 93, 1RAR
 Frank MOFFITT, 92, 3RAR
 Donald Beard, 92, 3RAR
 Robert BARNES, 91, 3RAR
 Bernard LANE, 91, 77SQN
 John CROFT, 91, 3RAR
 Ken MCKERIHAN, 91, HMAS Bataan
 Mick SERVOS, 91, 3RAR
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 Lyle Martin, 89, 3RAR
 Alan O'TOOLE, 89, 1RAR

President Report

Hello Members, Families & Friends, and as always to our Members who are not well and Members who have become incapacitated and unable to attend meetings. Our past 12 Months clearly shows the committee have worked constructively with a commitment to responsibly serve the members for the future by working harder on the fundamental issues. It's very important to share with you as a member our key aspects of our performance, first our members have been loyal with contributions IE:- subscriptions, stamps, articles, fund raising. Membership has been growing, our bank balance is healthy, even our term deposit is better than shares without the loss of capital. Our aim is to keep the Association of QLD Korea Veterans strong and worthy for the future, this will be through you the members. On behalf of the committee I thank you for your continued support to - Association of Queensland Korea Veterans inc.

President :- John Fry



Jim Blake - one of a few residents in Harbour Quays - Gold Coast Provetus Care facility - Opened in May 2017 with high-quality design and fit out, contemporary and the latest in modern residential aged care. Jim waits for prospective residents and visitors to his new place only second to his home.

Meetings

General Meeting:

Place: Gold Coast TPI Centre in Cascade Gardens

Date and Time: Thursday, 14 September 2017 at 10:00

Advance Care Seminar: Following the GM on 14 September at 11:00.

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle Fund Raising:

Wednesday 27 September 2017 at Bunnings Burleigh Waters.

Corner of Bermuda St & Reedy Creek Rd, Burleigh Waters.

Treetops Plaza Shopping centre is across the Bermuda St.

8:00 AM to 3:00 PM, Volunteers and social visitors are welcome!.

The Bunnings Sausage Sizzle will enable a joyous X-Mas Party cost free.

The X-Mas Party is planned for Thursday, 14 December 2017.

at the Broadbeach Bowl's Club. RSVP by 1st of December is a must for correct catering preparation and costing without shortage or wastage.

Photos from Bunnings



WELFARE

If you have **any question, worry or health issue** do not hesitate to ring Peter Elliott, our very well suited and keen welfare officer 24/7. phone 5594 3871 or 0439 849 784,

Advance Care Planning:

What does advance care planning mean?

Why is advance care planning important for me?

Who needs to do advance care planning?

What is an Advance Health Directive?

What happens if I don't have an advance care plan?

What will happen if I do not complete an EPOA for Health matters?

Do I need to complete all three documents: Advance Health Directive (AHD), Enduring Power of Attorney (EPOA) and Statement of Choices?

What is a 'life limiting illness' or a 'terminal condition'?

What is an Enduring Power of Attorney (EPOA)?

What is a substitute decision maker?

What is a Statutory Health Attorney?

Who is the Public Guardian and what is their role?

Our Welfare Officer Peter Elliott has organised a seminar to answer these questions and other questions members may have.

It can be hard to talk about what might happen if you become unwell, but it will give you and your loved ones peace of mind knowing that your wishes can be known and respected.

Look forward to see you at the seminar (10AM) following our general meeting (11AM) at TPI Centre, Cascade Gardens, Broadbeach **on Thursday 14/9/2017.**

Scott Taylor Motorsports Morning Tea and Tour of the Complex

After ANZAC Service, on 15th of May 2017 small number of members were fortunate to be in the morning tea and tour hosted by Scott and Rebecca Taylor and Grant and Julia Wass who had provided two Jeeps for the ANZAC parade for us as well. The memorable day brought young boys out of the old war veterans..



HMAS Murchison - The Baron Of Han By RONALD McKIE

Continued from the last edition:

Part of the way down Sickle the enemy fire weakened and faded. Then Dollard had to reduce speed and almost stop as a stray rain squall came in from the sea across the river and spread grey drapes over the vital navigational buoys. For fifteen seconds Murchison was lost in the mist. Then the squall passed, the sunlight polished the wet ship, and Dollard was able to go on.

Murchison was nearing the western end of Sickle when, suddenly, the Chinese began again from a new cluster of guns, the nearest only 600 yards away. But as shells and bullets hit the frigate Dollard was too busy with his navigation to notice them, although he knew that one shell in his steering gear and he would be aground and being pounded to pieces. Like a native medicine man he kept up his monotonous chant:

"Steer one seven zero." "Steer one seven one."
"Port fifteen." "Steady." "Steer one six zero."

Once he noticed that the two leadsmen, abreast of the wings of the bridge, had ignored the enemy fire and were still calmly swinging and calling, although none could hear their reports above the gunfire. "Lay in the lead and take cover," he yelled. Then he resumed his chant.

Once he glanced up and saw enemy tracer shells, like flaming onions, rising incredibly slowly it seemed and in a high curve, and heard Turner, the New Zealand captain, call, "This lot's coming right on the bridge." But the shells went over, and behind and above in the Director Tower Jock Chalmers yelled "Mortars" to Smith and pointed. Four mortar bombs were dropping towards the ship and four more had just been fired. The four-inch swung. They fired. The two men watched the four tracer shells go out from the muzzles towards the land and explode, and in the black explosion stained with orange and grey four bodies jerked into the air and seemed to lie there before they slowly fell. And as the soldiers fell and disappeared from view white darts rose from the ground behind them and came swiftly towards the ship, and as they moved they got higher and whiter and Smith watched them coming and said to himself, "Bazookas".

During that Sunday afternoon run one sailor was seriously wounded and two were slightly wounded, and Murchison had seven shell holes in her, shrapnel and bullet scars all over her, and one of her Bofors damaged and out of action. In return she destroyed a 75, mortars and machine guns.

Later, when the New Zealander Brian Turner wrote his official report of that action he left no doubt what he thought of Dollard or his crew. In one part he said: "Dollard set an admirable example of coolness and concentration at a time when divided attention might have spelled disaster." In another part he had this to say: "Dollard's handling of his ship and general direction of the armament was faultless and imperturbable. The range was barely 600 yards, which reduced the accuracy of the four-inch armament even when it could bear. . . . The guns' crews and the control parties were admirable and this spirit . . . was right throughout the ship down to the engine room in which a shell exploded after having neatly drilled the ship's side and the reinforced corner of the watertight door. . . ."

No one was surprised when later Dollard and his Navigator, Lieutenant "Ned" Kelly, were awarded Distinguished Service Crosses.

There are many stories from the Han, but one of the best, largely because it gives a clear picture of Dollard the man, concerns Murchison's "Guns", Frank Smith. On one of many trips to Knife Edge, when only a few shots were fired against them. Smith saw an ox cart, which the Chinese used to carry ammunition and food, making for a village about 1,000 yards from the river. He fired the four-inch and missed, and as the shells kicked up the mud of a paddy field just ahead of the cart Smith could see the owner belting the ox with a stick. As the ox began to canter and then gallop he fired and missed again—and missed with every shot after that before his target reached the village. Twenty minutes later, on their way back from Knife Edge, Smith saw what looked like the same ox cart coming out from the other end of the village.

"I'll get the bastard this time," he yelled, still furious with his poor shooting. But from the Compass Platform Dollard called: "No, Guns. You've wasted enough bloody ammunition. Let him go."

To Dollard, however, the most memorable day of the sixty he spent up the river was 31 January 1952. On that day the tall and elegant Rear-Admiral Scott-Moncrieff, whom the Australians admired tremendously, moved his flag from the cruiser Belfast to Murchison when the Little Ship made her final tour among the channels of the Han, and fired her final broadsides at the game Chinese. And when that day was over and Murchison was once more outside in the Yellow Sea, Scott-Moncrieff wined and dined Allen Dollard and his officers and later sent two farewell signals which Dollard has never forgotten.

The first read:

"I dislike the thought of continuing the war without Murchison but I will have to accept it now as a fact. You have been a tower of strength and your good name will always be associated with the infamous Han. No ship could have done better. For fine seamanship and steadiness under fire you have proved yourselves beyond reproach. Good luck in all your sailings and a happy home coming to you all."

The second was: "For your long tenancy of the Han, for mastery of all insidious and doubtful delights, and for insecurity of tenure I think you should be created Baron Murchison of the Han, Lord Fork and Viscount Spoon." -- END --

September 18, 2008 edition of "NAVY" – The sailor's paper Volume 51, No. 17:

In memory of Murchison's Han River operation
A PLAQUE commemorating HMAS Murchison's Han River Estuary operation in the Korean War to be unveiled at 10am on Saturday, October 11 on Kanghwa Island... RAN's outstanding exploits

.....The plaque is one of three designed by Dr Ross Bastiaan to commemorate the RAN, the Battle of Maryang San and the RAAF in the Korean War.



On 29 Aug 1953, Flight Lieutenant Gordon Harvey became the first of six RAAF prisoners of war released during prisoner exchanges at Panmunjom, Korea. (First photo on right). Harvey was actually also the first Australian to have become a prisoner of the Communists, after being captured on 19 January 1951—two days before members of an Army patrol were taken prisoner. The remaining five pilots followed at two-day intervals. (Second photo on right): **Don Pinkstone (RIP 2007), the last RAAF POW released on 5 Sep 1953** meets his best friend John Seaton at Camp Britannia. The six RAAF prisoners were the last members of the RAAF to have been prisoners in any conflict in which Australia was involved.

Widow of Don Pinkstone was presented with her husband's Peace medal during the 2017 Korea Veterans Day Service at the QLD Korean War Memorial on 22 July 2017. 31 other veterans / families received the medals at the service. A Dutch Navy's son was presented with the medal on the day of our own AQKV service on the National Korea veterans Day Service (27th of July 2017).

On 22nd of July, more than 300 attended the memorial service conducted by Surfers Paradise RSL at the Cascade gardens. 268 guests attended the Thank you /Peace Celebration lunch hosted by Korean Society of Gold Coast sponsored by Korean Government in their everlasting effort to honour the sacrifice given to the nation for her peace and freedom. **22nd Of July in Gold Coast began with the arrival** of Sunshine Coast Korea Veterans president Ted Parkinson and his wife Corrine according to the photos of Alan Fortunato - The ever present photographer at the Kapyong Day Services at Southport RSL, July Services and X Mas Parties. **The photos** are available from **Koreanwar-memorial.com.au**. Thanks to Alan and Maurie Pears. The photos starts with Corinne and Ted Parkinson: no welcome corsage flower yet!

The flower lady is wife of Edward Kim. The lady in charge of making 250 corsage flower was Ms. Chang Min - daughter of founding member of Korean Society and past president - Mr. Min who passed away a few years ago. Ms. Min had a florist business in Canada and is familiar with Memorial services from similar experiences with the Korean community and Korea Veterans in Canada. AQKV Vice President Eddie Grocott with Mark Ahn, a Korean attending from Melbourne and is a KVVV member and a Melbourne Korean War Memorial Committee.



Above: Alf Vockler with Kevin Dean, 2RAR. Ron Perkins and Ray Deed with Pat Cannard, 3RAR. Mr & Mrs Leo Bull with Jeanne - Special get together as for all.



Left: Special occasion for Denise, daughter of Tom Muggleton representing her late father at the memorial accompanied by Tom's grand daughter and Grant and Julia Wass of the ANZAC Jeep..

32 Peace Medal recipients attended: 11 Korea veterans of Bribie Island, 11 other Korea veterans, 7 widows and 3 children. 2 sons of Sydney (Ben) Buckler - Kokoda veteran and CO 3RAR 1954 and John Williams of 1952 HMAS Battan whom we met at the Greenbank RSL Korea services were among them along with widow of Don Pinkstone, the last RAAF POW. Young students, The band, TSS Cadets and director Conan Bland with his first son Archie, his wife Gemma in Navy singing anthems, Fran Smith singing Korean national anthem, RSL supports and young volunteers ensured awesome experience for all.





George Karsai, Surfing Paradise RSL opens the ceremony, Catafalque Party mounts



Gold Coast Mayor Tom Tate welcomes, Consul General SangSoo Yoon Delivers Address, Students from Benowa High and Merrimac High Schools present resolutions. JaeWoo Lee student of UQ delivers Thank You Veterans Message. Dave Harper, president SEAK who organises the annual Southport RSL Kapyong Day service commented: "The speech was the best one And he was not looking at his note, he was speaking from his heart.: So here is the copy: Good morning Ladies and Gentlemen, Honoured veterans, their families and friends, officials from the Australian Government, City Council, and the Gold Coast Korean Society. I stand before you today to bring attention to an important chapter of history. Sixty-seven years ago, in the small ruined town called Kapyong, men of the 3rd Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment took part in one of the



most significant battles since the end of World War II. As a result, the current South Korean capital, Seoul, was saved from falling back into Communist hands, and the Australian troops had added a new chapter to the ANZAC legend. Half a year later, through the Battle of Maryang San, the 3rd Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment had won one of the most impressive victories achieved by any Australian battalion. However, these victories at Kapyong and Maryang San would not have been possible without the sacrifices of the Australian soldiers. My name is Jaewoo and today it is my utmost honour to present a message to thank the Veterans who showed their bravery, those who fought and died in these battles. A lot has been written and spoken about the famous battles and campaigns that the Australians have fought in the past. However, it is unfortunate, that despite the best efforts of historians, journalists and especially the veterans themselves, the Korean War is often characterised as, "Forgotten"

I cannot agree more with this.

I am a Korean-born Australian university student, and 11 years ago, my family migrated to Australia. I have been attending schools and university ever since, and I have a strong pride how my mother nation turned into the World's 11th largest economy from the ashes of war in mere decades.

Every school ANZAC ceremonies I went, I remember young myself eager to listen and see people mention about little pieces of history of where I came from.

Every history class I took, I remember young myself flipping through textbooks trying to find something about the history of my mother nation.

It was harder than I expected.

There just weren't enough references about the Korean war itself.

And I believe that is why today's commemorative service is very significant.

Their story is worth telling just as much as any other battle and their service is worthy of wider recognition.

Despite the many stories I heard from my grandparents, it's hard for me to imagine the pain of the war, and there is no other place than where I am now, to think about what could possibly have happened.

The Government and people of South Korea have never forgotten those who came to their aid from Australia,

and have ensured our veterans have been honoured and remembered.

This strong relationship between the two countries needs to be continued no matter what.

Without a doubt, the veterans who took part in this battle played an important part in the shaping of our region's history.

It is timely to pause and remember the veterans who took a significant action, and I cannot thank enough to what sacrifices have been taken in place 67 years ago for where I'm standing here as a citizen of freedom today.

Lest we forget. Thank you.

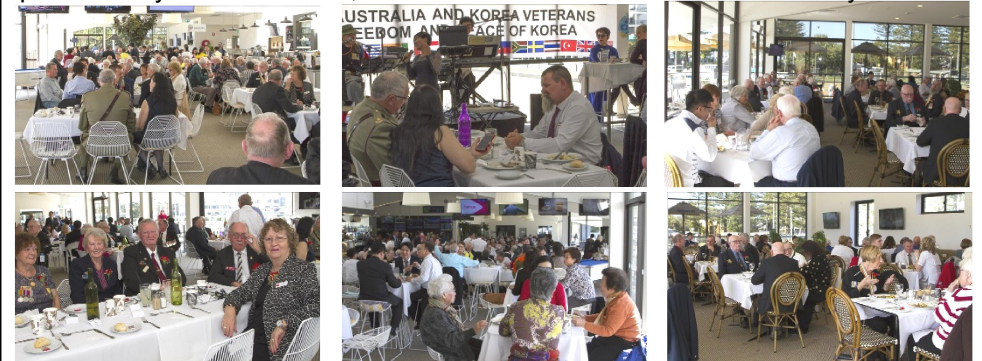
More Photos from Gold Coast Korea Veterans Day Service on 22 July 2017



Defence Attaché Choi, John Fry, Mr Hyun, Mr Kim, UK Veterans, Merrimac High, Christian Representatives were among the wreath layers. Consul Hyun was one of the last to lay wreath, his first and last chance, he was to return to Korea soon after. John Fry ran out of his spare wreaths and was glad he had a bunch of poppies



Peace Medal presentation to Alfred McLean (RIP 12/8/2017) and 31 other veterans and families, Plaque to Alan and Margaret Whelan (RSL), David Yardley (Memorial Design) presented by Consul General, AQKV annual Awards to Korean community students.



Our Own National Korea Veterans Day Service on 27 July 2017

AQKV's own Korea service at the QLD War Memorial and tea at Broad beach Bowls Club was serene and reflective. Our welfare officer Peter Elliott led prayer at the service. We share the prayer with all members:



O God our Heavenly Father,
Creator of all that is good,

We have gathered here today at this magnificent Korean war memorial, which has been dedicated to the memory of all those valiant souls who sacrificed their lives in the defence of the Republic of South Korea, when it was invaded by hostile military forces from the North on the 25th day of June 1950, We remember with sadness that brutal conflict which took so many lives and did so much destruction in Korea, until the cessation of combat operations which took place on the 27th day of July 1953.

We are gathered here today in solemn remembrance of those whom we knew, we remember their names and their faces and they gave their lives to defend the freedom of South Korea and stop the spread of Communism.

We honour them, our hearts are filled with gratitude for them and their great Sacrifice. We thank thee O God, for the comfort which Thou gave to those who grieved the loss of their loved ones.

We also express our gratitude for the support which Thou gave to all who were responsible for bringing Peace to the land of the morning calm. It is our earnest prayer that the peace which so many sacrificed their lives for, will continue to be maintained for all who live in South Korea.

We are grateful for Thy influence upon those who have been responsible for the creation of this inspiring War Memorial set in here in the quiet of Cascade Gardens, and for all the people and organisations who so willingly contributed time, labour and finance for its erection.

Having this Monument provides a constant reminder to us of those whose sacrifice we remember and their contribution in bringing to pass the Freedom so earnestly sort for by South Korea. Freedom so often requires the Sacrifice of many, plus Thy Divine help.

May Thy blessings continue to be upon the families of all who are remembered here this day, we humbly pray in the Sacred name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Brisbane Premiere of the Australian Documentary Film - highlight of the annual Korean Film Festival - **PASSAGE TO PUSAN** - A Brisbane mother's mission to visit her son KIA Korea, **Vincent Healy** - Saturday Sept 9 @ 4:30pm Event Cinema Myer Centre, Elizabeth Street, Brisbane

Funeral Flower Tribute Program - Defence Attaché of ROK in Canberra Please advise of this program to other Korea Veterans and family to notify DA or AQKV of the funeral. The flower tribute comes with a message to the family: *Dear Family of Mr. (Korean War Veteran),*

On behalf of the Korean Government, we send our most sincere regards for your loss. Koreans have lost a brave friend. He sacrificed himself to fight for us during the Korean War. As what he has done for us, we now extend our condolences to your family. We hope that you may draw some measure of comfort knowing that others care and share in your loss. Yours sincerely,

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Welcome New Member:

Rex McCall
2RAR
1953-1954
Rex at the Memorial Service accompanied by his Son.



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Application Opportunity news from Defence attaché office and other notices will be forwarded to members by email when available. If you would like to apply next time but do not use email then please let us know so that we can ring or post the news to you.

Recently joined Members Bob and Valerie Hart attended Greenbank Korea Service with Brian and Aileen following Saturday after Gold Coast Service - as they are all members of Sunnybank RSL. Aileen is sister of James Daunt - The



youngest soldier buried in Pusan UN Memorial Cemetery Korea. Aileen received her brother's Peace Medal in 2015 at Gold Coast service.



Don Joseph 3RAR who was wounded in Korea in 1953 was presented with Peace Medal during Yarraman RSL sub branch meeting on 7 August 2017. The medal was posted from Gold Coast as a part of Gold Coast Korea Veterans Day. According to South Burnett news, Mr Joseph said: "Maybe we have not been forgotten after all," Yarraman Sub-Branch president Terry Reid said that the sub branch is also preparing a trip for Don to Australian War Memorial Canberra in October.

FAREWELLS

Alfred James McLean, HMAS Shoalhaven, 12 August 2017

Barrie Francis Heckenberg, 3RAR, 27 June 2017

Mervyn Holland, 1RAR, 15 June 2017

Mick Judge, Royal Artillery, 2 June 2017

Victor Anderson, HMAS Tobruk, 20 May 2017

Reginald Amos Bandy MBE, 3RAR, 6 May 2017

Denis Hartnett, HMAS Sydney, 20 April 2017

Cecil J. Malone, 2RAR, 14 April 2017

Cyril S. H. Souter-Robertson, HMAS Warramunga, HMAS Bataan, 13 April 2017

John Donald Parsons, 3RAR, 27 March 2017

Owen Gill, Royal Navy HMAS Birmingham, 8 March 2017

Albert Martin Edgar, 3RAR, 18 February 2017

Kerry Albert Smith, 2RAR, 17 February 2017

Arthur Norman Pickett, 3RAR, 26 January 2017

James Brian Roxburgh, 3RAR, 1RAR, 22 January 2017

Tom Muggleton MBE, 3RAR, 15 January 2017

James Williams, HMAS Warramunga, 25 December 2016

Peter D. R. Childs, 2RAR, 15 December 2016

Douglas G. Nix, 1RAR, 26 September 2016

Alex Englander, 77SQN, 2015

Tom Hayes, 3RAR, 3 December 2016

Frederick Crawford, 3RAR & 1RAR, 3 November 2016

Richard Hetherington, 3RAR, 22 October 2016

They shall grow not old, As we that are left grow old;

Age shall not weary them, Nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun, and in the morning

We will remember them.

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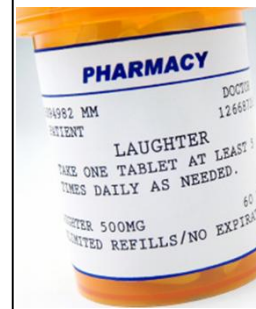
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HUMOUR



A biology teacher wished to demonstrate to his students the harmful effects of alcohol on living organisms. For his experiment, he showed them a beaker with pond water in which there was a thriving civilization of worms. When he added some alcohol into the beaker the worms doubled-up and died.

"Now," he said, "what do you learn from this?"

An eager student gave his answer.

"Well the answer is obvious," he said

"if you drink alcohol, you'll never have worms."

What is red and smells like blue paint?

Red paint.

What do you call bears with no ears?

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If you want to find out who loves you more, stick your wife and dog in the trunk of your car for an hour.

When you open the trunk, who is happy to see you?

At this small church in a small town, there was one particular member of the congregation called Maureen who was a real gossip and viewed herself as responsible for maintaining the congregation's morals. People didn't really like her but they were too afraid of her to say anything.

Then one day, a new member of the congregation called Bill left his pickup parked all afternoon outside the town's one and only bar. Of course this was spotted by Maureen who accused Bill of being an alcoholic and told him and the other members of the congregation that everyone who saw his truck there would know what he was doing.

Bill didn't talk much at the best of times, and here he didn't say anything at all. He just stared at her for a while and then turned and walked away without trying to come up with any explanations or excuses.

Later that evening, he parked his truck outside of Maureen's house and left it there all night.

"What rhymes with orange?"

'No it doesn't'

"What do you mean, does nothing rhyme with orange?"

'No... that doesn't rhyme either.'

"Well, I know 'that' doesn't rhyme, I'm asking, what rhymes with orange?"

'No! It doesn't!'

Lady: Is this my train?

Station Master: No, it belongs to the Railway Company.

Lady: Don't try to be funny. I mean to ask if I can take this train to New Delhi.

Station Master: No Madam, I'm afraid it's too heavy.

Passenger: "How long will the next train be, will it run on time?"

Porter: "Same as usual, sir; three carriages and it will run on rails!"

What did our parents do when they were bored with no internet?

I asked my 18 brothers and sisters, and they didn't know either.

Real ABC Interview in 2015 given by Irish Taxi driver on same-sex marriage:
'I'm in favour of same sex marriage because I've been having same sex with the wife for the last 30 years.'

THE KOREAN WAR 1950 - A Tour of Operations

By Milton Cottee, Gp Capt RAAF Retired; *The Lone Survivor of the first mission No 77 Mustang Squadron flew into Korea on 2 July 1950. (tenth in series)*

A similar off limits situation arose later when we were doing a low level recce around the North Korean capital Pyongyang. I spotted a large electric sub-station containing three big transformers. Thinking these would be a prize target I soon caused some fireworks followed by thick black smoke coming from these transformers. Some days later the Squadron was advised through the intelligence channels that such targets were off limits. The electric grid system was wanted for use by our own side, following our later advances.

August 1950 was a busy month. I flew 18 missions flying 52 hours.

Flying log book entries for August 1950 are significant for the Naktong River Battle. Aug 6 ... Strafing, Rockets buildings NE Chinju, Aug 6 ... 6 rockets Targets of opportunity Andong area. Aug 6.. Targets close Daegu then to Japan Aug 8 ... Troops & supplies Waegwan area.. Aug 8 ... Tanks Vehicles Waegwan Area.. Aug 10...Railway tunnel contents Waegwan Area...Aug 10..Hillside troops & villages 3 miles N Waegwan...Aug 13...Targets Chinju area...Aug 13...Valley E Chinju destroyed village 2 x trucks...Aug 13...Waegwan area then Japan...Aug 14 ..2 trucks near Pongamni..Aug 19...Destroyed 2 field guns in village..Aug 19..Close support Naktong front. Troops. Newsreel...Aug 19..Destroyed gun position on ridge. Stranded supplies. Aug 24..Iwakuni to Daegu..Aug 24..6 x Anti Tank Rockets, Guns 3.50 Recce Hamhung area. 2 locos, 1 truck.. Aug 24...Daegu - Japan..Aug 28...Destroyed tank Waegwan. Troops in village. Aug 30.. 1.15Japan to Daegu... Aug 30 2.40 Seoul Area Bombed bridge. 4 x trucks Aug 31.. 2 x Napalm 6 rockets 0.50cal 3.00 Close support ridge NW Masan. Hit flack gun. Aug 31 2.00 Strike & recce Andong to Yongdok Sep 2 2.20 Strafing & bombed troops W Daegu Sep 6 1.10 Close support.. Similar missions supported the Naktong River Battle through to Oct 11

POHANG, KOREA, USAF 35TH FIGHTER GROUP, 11 October 1950

On 11 October my section had taken off from Iwakuni with napalm to complete a mission and then land at Pohang to stay. Pohang is east of Taegu on the coast. The enemy had over-run Pohang and had not long before withdrawn following the Inchon landing. Whilst occupied, Pohang had become the place to drop off any unexpended ordnance after a mission. The town had been completely obliterated. The airfield nearby was just a bare 5000 feet concrete strip. No building remained.

When we landed Dave Hitchins and his crew was there with "his" Goony Bird pushing tents and supplies out on to the ground. He flew away as soon as his aircraft was empty on a return flight to Iwakuni. A few airmen had been dropped off to attend to our aircraft for the next day's missions. It was about 4 pm and here we were on a bare strip with a pile of tents and odds and ends lying on the wet ground. Fortunately it had stopped raining and we selected our tent sites. By nightfall we had a few partially erected. On the other side of the strip the 35th USAF Fighter Bomber Group, also equipped with Mustangs, had also started to move. They were somewhat more organised and we used their messing and many other facilities.

We were now integrated into the USAF's 5th Air Force with the 35th Group which was commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Jack Dale from North Carolina. The 35th had been in Australia and New Guinea during the Pacific war. Several pilots, including Dale, had taken part in the Pacific campaigns so we had a very solid affinity.

Our CO, Wing Commander Dick Cresswell had extensive WW2 experience and close associations with the Americans. Consequently, we were quickly welded into close cooperative operations.

As it became dark on that 11th day of October our thoughts turned to food. We didn't know yet where this would come from until a truck came by to pick us up. We were soon on our way across to the 35th's mess

tents. This was my second experience after Taejon at eating with the Americans. I enjoyed hamburgers and sweet corn and coffee in a tin mug. Then back to our side of the strip, looked for a couple of blankets and stretched out on a ground sheet under a tent fly.

Next morning we took off to give close support to troops in the Kaesong area. On take off with a heavy load we soon found that the runway had a drainage depression just short of our lift-off distance. It happened to be just at the point where the accelerating Mustang had its tail well up but not quite ready to fly. We were projected into the air coming out of the depression and I could sense that I may be able to just keep the aircraft in the air. With the stick well back, the wings clawed at the air and just made it. Others flopped back on to the runway, bouncing a few more times before finally staying airborne.

A few mornings later on my birthday, I suddenly awakened, wondering what had happened. There was a shattering crash and then only the drone of other aircraft which had just taken off. Four of our Mustangs had been taking off. One had suffered an engine dead cut during take off. The sudden cut-out of noise had wakened me and the crashing sound I heard later was the aircraft changing into wreckage as it ran off the end of the strip. Weapons did not explode and the pilot was uninjured. This aircraft turned out to be the one assigned to me personally on my arrival at the Squadron (A68-775) so I felt that I had lost another mate.

On 14 October our section of four led by Flt Lt Fred Barnes was assigned to provide close support to Australian troops advancing into the village of Namchonjom. On arrival in the area we could see the Australian force advancing along a road about two miles from the village. The road went straight through rice paddy fields which were partly flooded with water. Enemy fire was coming from the village and the ground controller was soon asking us to subdue this fire. We had napalm and guns and proceeded to drop our napalm on gun positions near the village. Following Fred out of his napalm run I was intrigued to see that Fred had a napalm tank hang-up under his left wing.

These hang-ups occasionally happened with the Japanese manufactured drop tanks we used. The two suspension lugs used to hang the tanks on the bomb racks had been made with slightly incorrect dimensions with the lugs a fraction too close together. This caused the tanks to sometimes jam on the bomb release unit. To get a positive release it became our practice to give the stick a hard sharp pull back at the moment of pressing the release button on the top of the stick. Fred had done this but this tank was reluctant to come off. Another practice was for us to climb away from a target towards our own lines whenever possible. So I watched as Fred climbed up over our own troops.

....To be continued on the next edition ---



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