

The Mighty 12th

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Hello again or hello for the first time to our new 12's.

The directory has grown to over 170 and it looks as though the word is certainly getting around. Don't forget, if you have an old 12 Bn Nasho mate who is not registered, annoy the -----out of him until he does so.

Thanks to those who have bought the badges and books. I will include an information page for "new" 12's with this newsletter. Over half the badges have been sold and the book supply has certainly dwindled. This will mean a few more newsletters yet. For those who still wish to purchase either badge or books just drop me a line. Prices were in the last 2 newsletters. As I said, postage and handling is increasing rapidly with the addition of extra members.

Thanks to those who have sent pictures- I am preparing a supplement to the supplement which just consists of photos sent by "members"

You may have picked up a few errors in the pages of the book but that's natural for me. One to correct yourself is the photo labelled 16 Platoon D Coy which is actually 15 Platoon.

Sorry about the platoon photos with no names as these were either supplied this way or only named one or a few of the platoon.

A bit later in the newsletter I will include a few bits and pieces that have been sent along by individuals. If you are looking for any "old mates" you might like to put a request in the next newsletter.

I will start a "letters to the Editor" section as well to see if this creates any extra interest. I will retain the "right" to edit material for all the reasons that you are aware of.

If you have an email address and have not got it recorded on the Directory, please contact me as this saves postage.

I am enclosing order forms for badges and books and CD's , so if you get one in error please forgive my book keeping and recording skills or lack thereof.

I hope to include- occasionally, some of the cartoons that I used in my books for your entertainment.

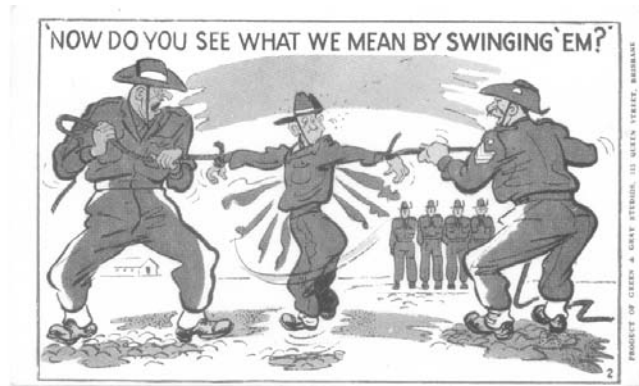
Wishes for a quick recovery to Ted Mercer- one of our very early directory members who is on the mend, I hear, after an operation.

Excuse the size of the type in the directory printed on page 4- get out the magnifying glass if you need it. I had to try to fit it to one page instead of 5.

Thought for Today"

"The most underdeveloped territory in the world can often be found beneath one's own hat."

One of our 12Bn mates had these Nasho Cards saved and I thought you might like to have them shared



WHO SAYS MEN DON'T REMEMBER ANNIVERSARIES?

A woman awakes during the night to find that her husband was not in their bed. She puts on her robe and goes downstairs to look for him. She finds him sitting at the kitchen table with a hot cup of coffee in front of him. He appears to be in deep thought, just staring at the wall. She watches as he wipes a tear from his eye and takes a sip of his coffee. 'What's the matter, dear?' she whispers as she steps into the room, 'Why are you down here at this time of night?' The husband looks up from his coffee, 'I am just remembering when we first met 20 years ago and started dating. You were only 16. Do you remember back then?' he asks solemnly. The wife is almost reduced to tears herself, just thinking how caring and sensitive her husband is. 'Yes, I do' she replies. The husband pauses. The words were not coming easily. 'Do you remember when your father caught us in the back seat of my car?' 'Yes, I remember,' said the wife, lowering herself into a chair beside him. The husband continues. 'Do you remember when he shoved that shotgun in my face and said, 'Either you marry my daughter, or I will send you to jail for 20 years?' I remember that, too' she replies softly. He wipes another tear from his cheek and says...'I would have gotten out today!

Contributed by Ted Goodman (1/55 12Pl C Coy.)

I registered for Nashos when I turned 17, hoping I would go in early so not to lose too much pay as an apprentice joiner. I went in at 18yrs 1 month and think I was the youngest recruit. I recruit was married with a child.

We reported to Nth Sydney drill hall 7/1/55, split into 2 Or 3 groups and bussed to New Holsworthy. On arrival I was offered the job of looking after the "horse". They thought I was from the bush as I wore "can't tear em" jeans and elastic sided boots- the only thing I had ever ridden was my ex army Harley motor cycle (yeah Ted- we know!!!!). All members except 3 came from Sydney Nthn beaches area. 1 outsider came from Sth Sydney and 2 – Vince Duffy and Sheriff Probert came from Wagga Teachers College. Vince became boxing champ and Sheriff was Tennis Champion. We were quartered in 4 marquees which were great in Jan, Feb, March '55- very hot and didn't rain for 3 months. On our first leave, Bruce Miller was killed when his motor cycle hit a power pole at Palm Beach. Bruce was the first person I knew who had died. Several platoon members went to his funeral.

As I was about 6'6" and 6 stone I had to have my uniform made special- it took 2 months, so guards and picquets were only in working gear. We trained on the 40mm Bofor guns. I was the gunner who loaded and fired the gun and yelled out "foot pedal held" to indicate I had applied the safety catch. At the range, I was so nervous that I dropped the clip of rounds on the footplate. They were AP- so safe.

My father did his Militia training at Old Holsworthy in the 20's. He rode the lead horse on the horse-drawn 18 pounder guns. His second camp he drove a 6x6 Thornycroft with solid rubber tyres from Nth Sydney to Old Holsworthy towing a 4.5" howitzer. He told me recently, (he's 99) that the first round they fired landed in the camp!! The camp appears to have had a few names- Bardia Barracks, Kokoda lines and near the officers quarters', near the golf links were markers on the greens with "Khartoum Lines cast on them. Ted Goodman.

Syd Goodwin sent this bit of information.

Re 3/55 intake, 5 Pl. A Coy.

Quite a lot of us were sent to Puckapunyal in Vic. and we were inducted into the Armoured Corps running around in Centurion tanks for a couple of months.

It was quite different to Holsworthy as we did not have to parade early in the mornings, just get up, go to breakfast, get changed then parade. We didn't have to do any KP duties and also we had rooms with only 2 of us in them. (Did we all do the same N.S. Training- I don't think so!!!) Not all of the chaps went with us. A lot of them (the lucky ones???????) stayed at Holsworthy.



12 Battalion Nominal Roll Query				
First Name	Last Name	Platoon	Company	Intake and Year
Barry	Andrews	11	C	1/54
Bruce	Askew		B	1/51
Ken	Atkinson	21	E	1/52
John	Auld	3	A	1/52
John	Avery/	16	D	1/55
Noel	Aylward/	17	D	1/55
Robert	Baker		E	1/51
Peter	Barden	6	B	3/56
Michael	Barnett/	17	D	1/52
Fred	Bastock	15	D	1/52
Keith	Bedggood/			3/58
Alan	Beissel	3	A	3/53
Barry	Bennett	1	A	2/55
John	Bertles/	13	B	2/52
Ian	Betteridge		E	
Henry Rogers	Betts/	15	D	4/52
Gaetano (Frank)	Bezzina		D	3/52
Ron	Bidwell OAM	2	A	1/55
Ian	Bird	1	A	1/57
Barry	Bloore/	9	B	3/52
Ian	Bodger	5	A	1/52
Ray	Bourne	8	B	1/56
James	Brown	7	B	2/52
Fred	Bucholtz	3	A	3/54
Roger	Bullman/	16	D	2/54
Graham	Burns	17	D	3/56
Noel	Butler	21	E	1/55
Ray	Butterfield/	1	A	1/52
Donald	Chandler/		D	2/56
Bernard	Chester/	18	D	3/55
Neil	Christie/	12	C	2/53
Don	Clark/	24	E	1/56
Don	Cliff/		E	1/51
William	Clifford/	12	C	3/54
Lawrence	Coady	10	B	1/57
Desmond	Cobb		B	2/56
Barry	Cole/		D	3/54
James	Corrigan/	24	E	2/54
Brian	Cosgrove/	11	B	3/53
Mick	Cowie/	22	D	2/52
William John	Craft	1	A	1/55
Noel	Crellin OAM/	22	E	2/55
Gordon	Cribbin	12	A	1/56
John	Cripp/	11	C	4/52
Roy	Cronin	2	A	3/54
John	Currie/	6	B	3/56
Peter	Curtis	12	C	3/52
Bob	Davidson	12	C	2/56
George	Davis	15	D	4/52
James	Della ca		E	1/51
Terry	Doepel/		E	1/53
John	Dunbar/	14	C	2/54
Frank	Dunne	19	C	3/56
Ron	Dures/			1/56
John	Dykes/	2	A	3/55
Gordon	Ellicott	2	A	2/53
Vic	Emerton/	19	C	1/57

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First Name	Last Name	Platoon	Company	Intake and Year
Russell	Fenton	25	E	3/56
Ted	Fowler/			1/53
John J	Freeman	25	E	2/56
Rene	Gavan/	17	D	3/53
Brian	Gerber/	12	B	2/56
Barry	Glover	25	E	3/56
Syd	Goodman		C	3/55
Ted	Goodman/	12	C	1/55
Mick	Grange	7	B	3/52
Allen	Green/	19	"D"	3/55
John	Griffin		E	1/51
Rodney	Grimble/	2	A	3/56
Ray	Grindley/	12	C	1/55
Ian	Hallenan/	23	E	1/57
Morrie	Hamilton	19	E	1/53
Terrence	Harvey	9		1/53
Lance	Hawker	13	C	2/52
Harry	Healey	21	E	1/52
Keith	Henderson/		D	3/52
Brian	Henry	12	C	3/53
Clive	Hitchin/	16	D	1/54
Barry	Hocking/	11	C	3/53
Frank	Horneman	8	B	3/52
Neil	Howard		A	2/55
Kevan	Hutchinson/	1	A	3/56
Clive	Jamieson		A	2/53
John	Jeremy	5	A	2/53
Norman	Jones		B	2/54
Bill	Keith			
Lance	Kelly	5/7	B	3/?
Peter	Kelly	4	A	1/55
John	Kelly		B	2/52
Peter	Keogh	5	A	3/56
Rod	Kilby/	9	B	1/56
Peter	Lawrence	9	B	1/53
Kevin	Lawson	6	B	2/54
Robert	Lee/	15	C	1/56
Charles	Lindstrom/		E	1/51
David	Lorimer	23	E	1/55
Neville	Love/	18	D	2/52
Don	Lynch/	5	A	3/56
Lawrie	Maher/	23	E	1/56
Ron	Mansfield/		E	/54
Brian	Marshall	18	D	3/53
Ken	Martyr	1	A	1/55
Colin	McAlpine/	8	B	2/55
Trevor	McDonald/	8	B	3/55
George (RAY)	McDowall/	17	D	2/56
Max	McFarlane	11	C	/52
Elmo	Meadley	8	B	
Ted	Mercer	15	D	2/52
Donald	Meredith	12	C	2/54
Sid	Metcalf	2	A	3/53
Barry	Mills	2	A	3/54
Geoff	Mohr	5	A	1/57
Dennis	Moran		C	3/55
George	Murray			
Keith	Nees	14	C	3/54

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First Name	Last Name	Platoon	Company	Intake and Year
Roy	Nichols	13	C	2/56
Pat	O'Neill/		A	1/55
Bill	O'Neill/			2/55
David	Power	4	A	1/54
Bill	Prior			
Geoff	Prowse	5	A	3/56
Brian	Pudsey/	19	D	1/56
Jim	Raine/	9	B	3/55
Ken	Reid/	10	B	1/56
John	Reid/	17	D	1/52
Brian	Richards	24	E	1/55
Peter	Riley/		A	1/57
Frank	Rose/	16	D	1/54
John	Rosewall/	19	E	3/53
Frank	Rosewarn	16	D	1/54
Barrie	Russell	4	A	2/55
Peter	Scanlan	12	C	2/56
Paul	Sheehan/	25	E	3/55
Norman	Showell	16	D	1/54
Rodney	Sloan/		D	1/54
John	Sloane	4	A	2/55
William	Smart	24	E	1/55
Ray	Smith	8	B	4/52?
Don	Smith	8	B	3/52
Max	Smith/	23	E	2/54
Des	Smith/	7	B	1/55
Ian	Sommerville	2	A	2/54
Ron	Starr/	12	C	1/55
Alan#	Stenhouse/	5	A	1/54
Neville	Storey/	16	D	1/54
Tony	Sullivan	5	A	1/57
Noel	Sundstrom	11	C	3/54
Ron	Swattridge	20	E	3/53
Douglas	Tatam	16	D	1/54
Russell	Taylor	1	A	1/51
Cyril	Taylor	4	A	2/54
Sydney	Thode/	20	E	2/57
Owen	Thomas	4	A	2/55
Kevin	Thompson	5	A	1/57
Bill	Thompson	16	D	1/54
Dudley	Tinyow/	6	B	3/56
Jim	Veryade/	14	C	1/56
Darryl	Walker/	3	A	1/54
Hilton	Waples	16	D	1/54
Doug	Watchorn/	16	D	1/54
Neil	Whittaker	16	D	1/54
Arthur	Withers	5	A	3/55
Geoff	Wood/	8	B	3/56
Ron	Woodridge	24	E	1/52
Clifton	Wright/	5	A	1/52
Lester	Wyman/		E	1/54
Charles	Zarb	5	A	2/56