





REPORT BY P D CAMERON HON AUDITOR

32 SMALL SHIP SQN ASSN

YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2004

I reviewed the books of 32 Small Ship Sqn Assn for the year ending 30 June 2004 and found them to be well maintained and all transactions appropriately recorded. It is a pleasure to audit books that have been well prepared and presented.

I also noted that the Term Deposit is current and the Association has an invested sum of \$11 492.43 as at 30 June 2004.

I did not review the Stock-on-Hand records and am unable to report upon this aspect of the Associations operations. I note that the sale of goods and book exceeded the cost of goods and books purchased for sale.

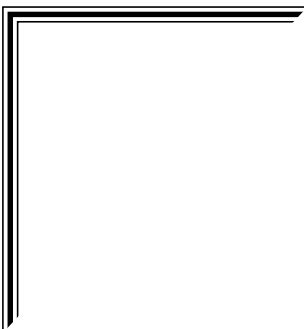
The Association's cash position improved by approximately \$2000 during the year due to the profit from the raffle, sale of goods and control of postage and other costs. The Committee is commended for this outcome.


P D Cameron
Hon Auditor

21 Sep 2004

TERM DEPOSIT

Balance @ 1/7/2003
Total interest y/e 30/6
May 2004
Re-invested 6 m



PLEURAL PLAQUE

Phil Cannane has requested that any members who have been diagnosed with pleural plaque to contact him. He has discovered four members (all electricians) who served on LSMs who have contracted the disease. It is an asbestos related disease and takes about seven years to develop. Apparently it is quite common, generally causes no symptoms and usually requires no treatment. However, it may cause a dull pain, or in rare cases, makes you short of breath. If you have pleural plaque it is important that you stop smoking. You may need to see your doctor for regular check-ups and have a chest x-ray. You may also need to have a lung function test. Pleural plaque is not cancer and does not cause cancer.

If you have been diagnosed with it, or need further information, contact Phil on

(07) 4124 6373 or email him at philcan@bigpond.com

ASBESTOS MONITORING

There was a considerable amount of asbestos used in Army vessels, mainly as insulation around boilers, engine

NEW MEDAL ENTITLEMENTS

Malaysian Service Medal. The Department of Defence recently advised that Malaysia has proposed to offer a special medal of service to eligible Australian service men and women who served from Independence until the end of Confrontation in Malaysia. The Australian Government has agreed to accept the award. Defence is currently working through the detailed eligibility provisions and administrative arrangements with Malaysia. These arrangements will include an application process to enable service to be verified. After further information is available it will be widely promulgated amongst the ex-serving community.

It would appear that crew members of AV1353 Harry Chauvel and AV1355 Vernon Sturdee who were deployed to Borneo in 1964 are eligible for the medal. We will keep you informed of progress in this matter.





Australian Defence Medal. This award is for the recognition of the significant commitment and contribution that voluntarily enlisted service men and women (regulars and reservists) make to the defence of our nation. Current and former Australian military members who have served for a period of enlistment of at least six years since 1946 will be eligible for the award.

Eligibility will be extended to ex-service men and women who:

- a. have honourably served, but due to the Defence Force service and enlistment policies at the time, were unable to serve the required six years, or
- b. have been severely disabled or have died in the course of duty, thus rendering them unable to serve the required six years.

The Department of Defence has advised not to apply for this medal yet. A special application form will be designed and made available after details of eligibility are established and approved. We will keep you informed of progress.

Australian Service Medal. Some members have applied for this medal with either the clasp PNG or SE ASIA (or both) depending on where they served, and have been knocked back because they could not provide evidence for the required qualifying service of 30 days. John McGregor was in this category when he applied to have his PNG service recognised. However, the Department of Defence has now decided to issue him the medal. Part of the letter he received from Canberra states "...The records that you provided certainly indicated that you departed for and returned from a number of duty trips to PNG. Most of the records, however, do not actually indicate time spent in PNG. Thus we are only able to confirm a total of eight days in PNG. Notwithstanding this, we are morally certain that you did indeed spend more than the 30 days minimum required for the medal and clasp. As we are aware that the ships log books for the vessels of 32 Small Ship Squadron were destroyed, the decision has been made in the interests of fairness to accept the entries in your AAB83 as proof of service and to confirm your eligibility for the medal. Arrangements will be made to have the medal and clasp issued to you. I am pleased at this outcome as it has never seemed fair to me that members of your unit were denied a medal entitlement due to circumstances totally beyond your control.

Defence would appreciate it if you could contact other members of your former unit who are in the same position as yourself and advise them to contact us with the same sort of records you have provided..."

About bloody time, I hear you say! If members are in the same position as John, and wish to apply or reapply for this medal please contact:

Staff Officer Policy Research

Directorate of Honours and Awards

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CANBERRA ACT 2600

Thanks John for that important piece of information. Hopefully, members who were refused a medal because of this situation can now have another go. For those who intend to re-apply, please let me know the progress. Perhaps we can assist.



VALE

It is with regret that we inform you of the passing of the following shipmates:

Stan Leale – 2003

Ian Buck – 27 September 2004

John (Slim) Frankel - 2 October 2004

Many members would remember **Major General Duncan Francis, AO, OBE**, who died on 26 October 2004 in Canberra. He was a distinguished Sapper, and was a reserve for the first contingent of the Australian Army Training Team Vietnam. Subsequently he was OC 17 Construction Squadron and CO/CI School of Military Engineering. At the time of his retirement in 1991 he was Army's Chief of Materiel. He was accorded a Traditional Military Funeral – Federation Tri Service Guard, Military Band with muffled drums, gun carriage and eight Warrant Officers Class One as the Bearer Party. The congregation of 500 included the Governor General.

KARRAKATTA MEMORIAL

In the September 2004 Notice to Mariners we advised that a grant had been given to Bruce Wiltshire (Custodian of our Association Memorial at 13 Field Squadron, Karrakatta, WA) for the provision of a marble slab to mount the plaque on. Colin Symons said that he, Bruce and a few other stalwarts have recently cleaned up and redeveloped the site in preparation for the granite (not marble) slab. Granite is now the preferred choice because it is more resistant to staining from the bore water sprinklers. The project should be completed in early December.

To supplement the Association grant, it should be noted that Bruce and his fellow Sappers stuck their hands in their own pockets to help out. Well done fellas.

REQUEST FOR HELP.

SERGEANT VIC HEATH

Vic Heath has requested assistance from anyone who **served** on **AV1354 Brudenell White** in Papua New Guinea during the period May 1963 to October 1965. He wishes to get recognition for this service, and as usual, the Army has no record of it. If anyone can verify all or parts of the trips to PNG at that time could you contact Vic on (02) 6288 0604 or write to him at 51 Serpentine Street, Duffy ACT 2611.





NEW MEMBERS

I welcome a few new members joining the Association over the last twelve months but I've been a bit slack by not publishing their names. After a quick tidy up of the office (what bloody office?) I've managed to locate details of the following:

Dick Cains -
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Keith Ford -
John Monash

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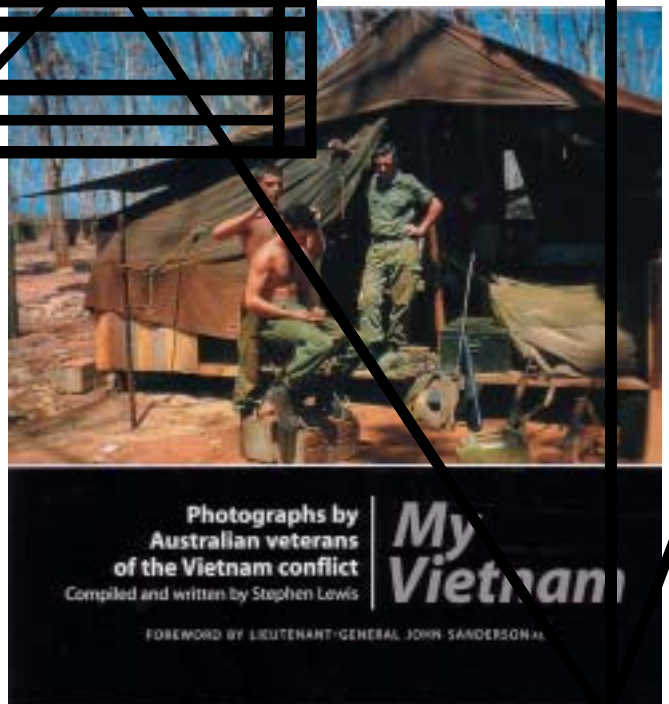
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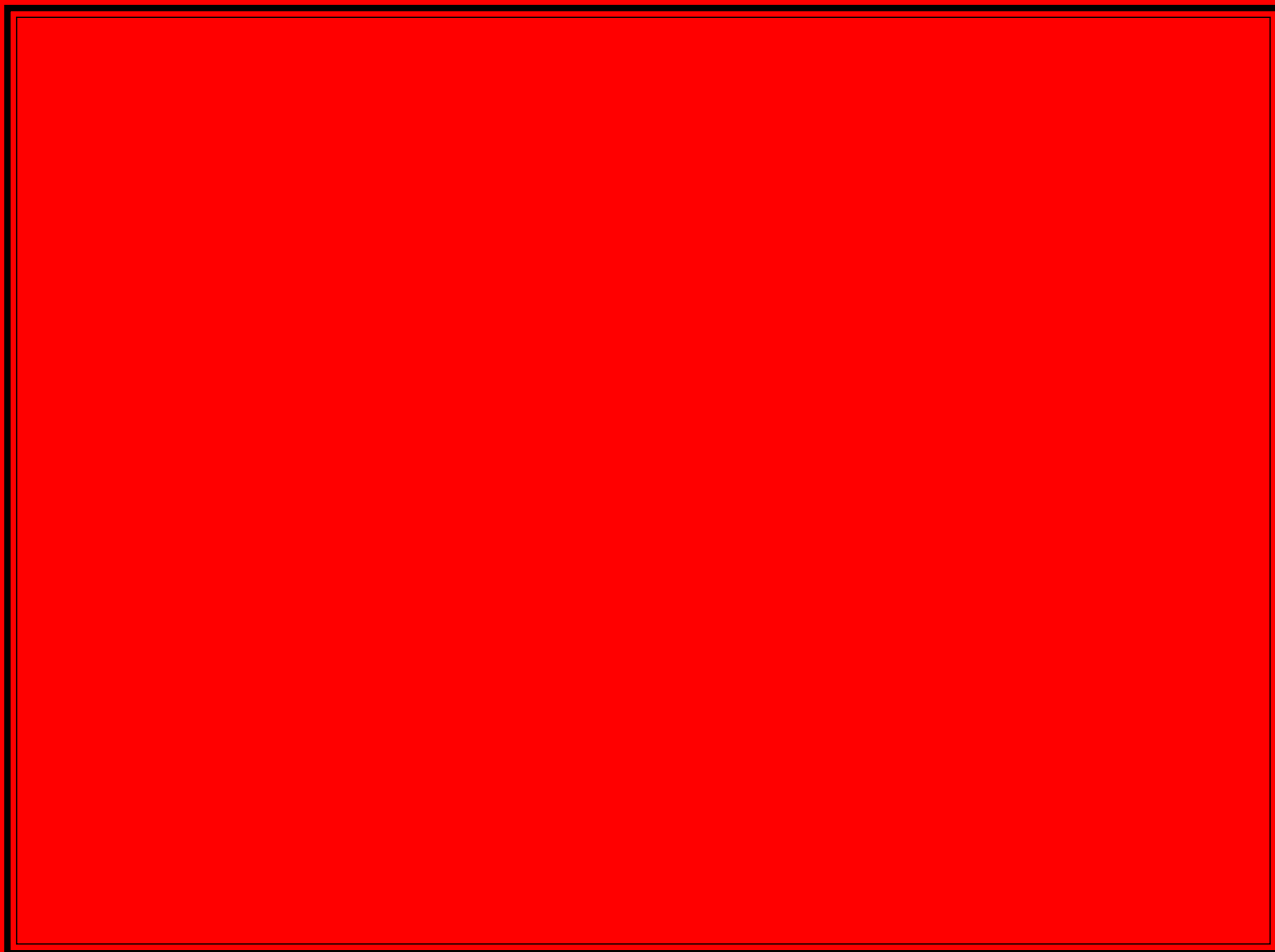
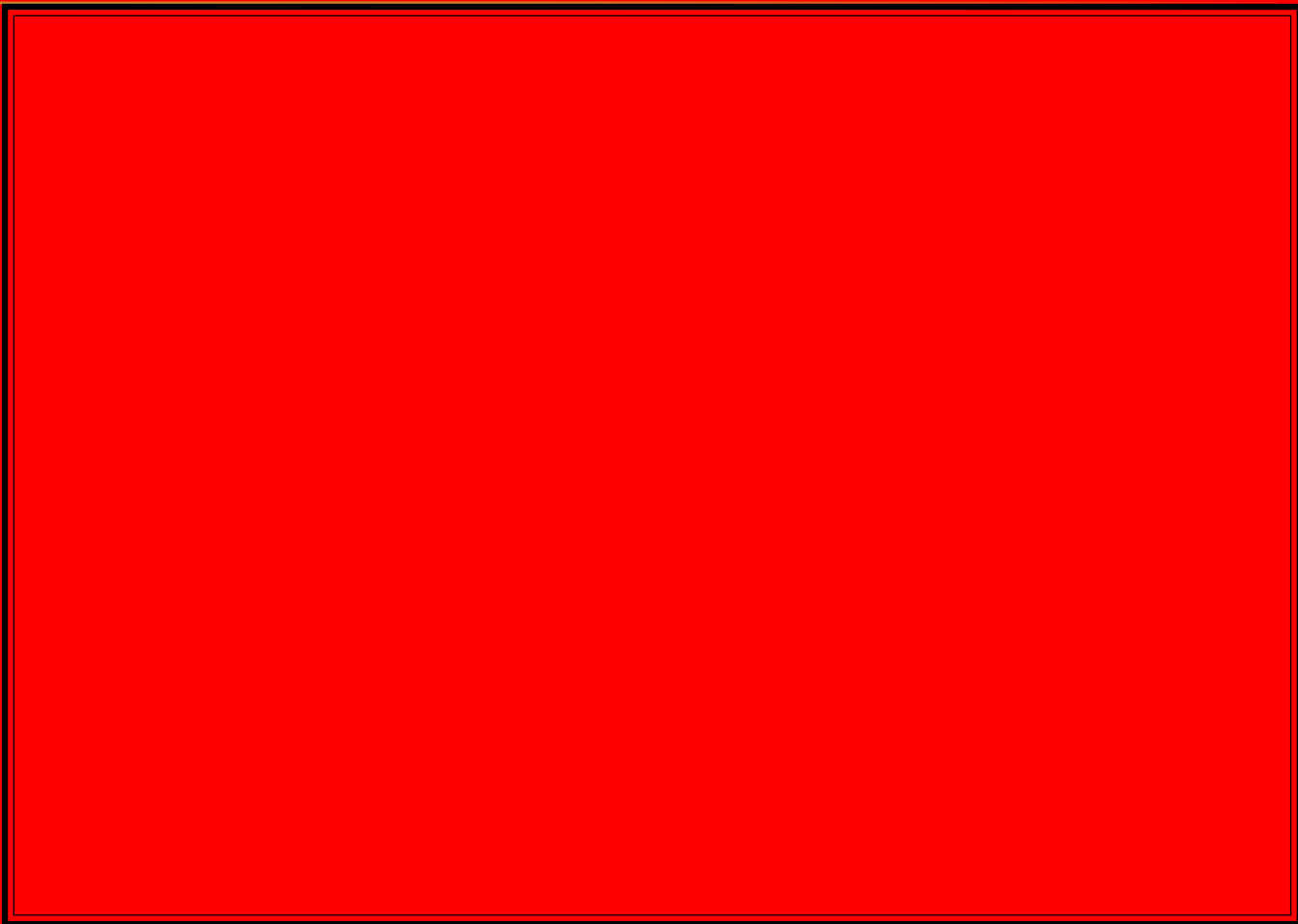
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33 TERMINAL SQUADRON REUNION DINNER REPORT

33 Terminal Squadron held a reunion dinner at Gosford RSL on 6 November. 54 ex-members of and partners enjoyed a sumptuous three course meal and spent many hours getting re-acquainted. Four of the past OC's were present; Eddie Egan, Monty Williams, Mark Berkovich and Dave Williams. Eddie, Monty and Mark had to make the journey over the Queensland border to attend. Three past SSM's also attended; Len Williams, Bob Smith and Gordon Lavis.

Anne Smith and Terry Moore did a great job getting people sorted out at the door and seated. There was a continuous electronic slideshow of about 500 old Squadron photos and music from the sixty's, seventies and eighties. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the evening.

It was great to see the Stephenson brothers there, we had not seen either of them for quite a number of years. They are both still with the police, Chris with the Feds at Kirribilli House and Phil with the State Cops at Dubbo. Phil has been posted out west for a long time. He has some really amusing and funny stories about life as a country cop. It would make a very interesting book.

John Cornish and Keith Wainwright were the only seamen there representing our old Water Transport Troop. Keith had a huge album of old nautical photos. George Truelove (chief engineer of the old 'Coconut Queen' LCM8) sent apologies, he had commitments with his mini-bus company at Dural. We will excuse him as he is a regular attender on Anzac Day. We are still on the hunt for contact details for other ex-mariners.

Hans Kumpel sent an apology as he was to be overseas on the date of the function so also did Wayne Schmarr who was on exercise in Townsville.

(Thanks Bob Smith for the report and photo's.)



Peter (Lippy) Harding, Bob O'Dell, John Cornish, Ron (Shorty) Thomas, Terry Moore & Frank Brown.





**Keith & Jan Wainwright,
Maureen & John Cornish &
Olly Ollinkoski**

**Norm Cobban,
Dale Pearce &
Col Suprain**



John Cornish, Peter Harding, Terry Moore & Olly Ollinkoski.





ATTENTION !!!!

Any member who receives their Notice To Mariners by email and would also like a hard copy please contact Ocka Murray to be placed on the mailing list.
 Back copies are also available.
 Changed your email address ?
 Let Ross McMurray know.

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32 Small Ship Sqn. Book.....	\$30.00	Collar Badges.....	\$6.00
Assc. Aniversary Plaque.....	\$25.00	Flag Army Afloat.....	\$50.00
Assc. Patches.....	\$8.00	Ass. Caps (navy).....	\$12.00
LSM Badges	\$12.00	Assc. Polo Shirts, White, Red and Navy To Order.	\$25.00

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