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REMEMBRANCE - ADELAIDE HIGH SCHOOL

Adelaide High School has begun a project to honour Old Scholar Service personnel, and among them are several from the Malaya and Borneo campaigns. We have been pleased to be able to provide some research support to this project, which is being coordinated by teacher Amy Worswick. Amy attended our Malaya & Borneo Veterans Day service on 29 August and, together with Adelaide High student Cadet Corporal Rudra Mehta, placed a tribute during the service.

This project is the initiative of Adelaide High student and Head Prefect Ingrid Heinrich.

Ingrid's efforts in developing an Honour Board and a Peace Garden saw her selected to receive a 2025 Student Citizenship Award "Highly Commended" certificate and medallion, an annual award offered by the South Australia Branch of the Order of Australia Association (image above, photograph by Head Prefect Lilly Collins).



NOTICES

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BRANCH UPDATES 'KEEPING IN THE LOOP'

This newsletter's 'Medal of the Month' feature looks at the General Service Medal 1918-1964 with which we are all very familiar through the 'MALAYA' clasp awarded for service during the Emergency. This featured medal also bears a clasp less frequently seen – 'BRUNEI' – for service by the 1st Battalion, 2nd Gurkha Rifles (1/2GR) in quelling the 1962 Brunei Revolt.

Paired with this is a Campaign Service Medal 1962– with clasp 'BORNEO'. Notably, 1/2GR was involved in an early defensive action at the Border Scout post at Long Jawai near the border, in the Belaga District of northern Sarawak.

Our friend Dato Lim Kian Hock was the Administration Officer in Charge of Belaga during Confrontation, and worked closely with the Gurkha security forces. Dato Lim kindly provided a photograph of himself with some Gurkhas from 1/2GR taken shortly before the assault on Long Jawai.

During our reunion visit to Sarawak in 2023, we were able to recreate this photograph from 60 years before, with the members of the 1st Battalion, The Royal Gurkha Rifles who had joined us from Brunei. This was of particular significance, noting that when the four Gurkha regiments in the British Army amalgamated in 1994, it was 2GR and 6GR which came together to form the 1st Battalion, Royal Gurkha Rifles.

We received the following feedback from one of our members on the HB25 Special Edition newsletter: "*Last night I read through the 'Observation Post', it must have been an amazing experience for both you, Don and others who were able to be there. Loved looking at the photos and I intend to re-read it all again*".

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Remembrance Day: Tuesday 11 November 2025:
Personal observance

November meeting: 1115h Friday 21 November
Maid of Auckland Hotel,
followed by lunch



<https://www.facebook.com/MaidEdwardstown>

Christmas Lunch: 12 for 12.30 pm, Saturday 13 December 2025
Maid of Auckland Hotel

January Social Lunch: 1200h Friday 16 January 2026
Lunch get-together only, Maid of Auckland Hotel

February meeting: 1115h Friday 20 February 2026
Maid of Auckland Hotel, followed by lunch



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COMMUNICATION SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

In August, a small group of 604 Squadron Cadets attended two residential weekends at Keswick Barracks, primarily developing their research, writing and public speaking skills. There included a walking tour of the base and a visit to the Army Museum of South Australia to conduct research, and a visit to the South Australian Aviation Museum in Port Adelaide. Leading Cadet Aryan Patel submitted this image and story.



THE 28th COMMONWEALTH INFANTRY BRIGADE

The Malayan Emergency began on 16 June 1948, and was declared a State of Emergency for all of Malaya by the British on 18 June. Australia's involvement began in 1950, sending about 7,000 members of all Services (Royal Australian Navy, Australian Army and the Royal Australian Air Force) until the official end of the Emergency in 1960. During this time period, 39 Australian Servicemen were killed, with 15 of those killed in operations and more than 27 wounded.

The patch shown on the uniform is an original badge of the 28th Commonwealth Infantry Brigade. This existed from 1955 to 1971, and served with the Far East Strategic Reserve. Its members served in the Malayan Emergency, on the Malay Peninsula and during the Indonesia Confrontation. I obtained this souvenir patch after supporting the Malaya & Borneo Veterans Day in 2024.

REME BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Paul Bayliss reports that our Vice President and Jenny Cameron were guests at the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers Association of SA Birthday Celebrations held at the Gepps Cross Hotel on Sunday 28 September.

Also in attendance was a contingent of the RAEME Corps who won most of the raffle prizes!





COMMEMORATION

MALAYA & BORNEO VETERANS DAY Adelaide, Friday 29 August 2025

The SA & NT Branch, NMBVAA has adopted a four-pronged approach to commemoration, and the first of these is 'Remember the fallen'. Among those who placed tributes at our commemorative service were teacher Amy Worswick and Cadet Corporal Rudra Mehta from Adelaide High School, who placed a tribute in honour of Pilot Officer Alex Gordon Pritchard (1928-1954).

Adelaide High School has begun a project to honour Old Scholar Service personnel, and among them are a few from the Malaya and Borneo campaigns. Our research has confirmed that Pritchard was the only Adelaide High School old scholar to serve in the Air Force during the post-WW2 Malayan wars.

Amy Worswick, who is coordinating the Adelaide High School Old Scholar honour project, wrote to us after receiving a copy of an earlier newsletter:

Dear Paul,

Kindest thanks for your wonderful 'Observation Post', it's a real gem of information and conveys the great spirit of all involved in your organisation.

I was also really thrilled that, thanks to your kind note, your readers are aware of our projects and the esteem we hold for service personnel, wanting to honour them publicly and lastingly.

My kindest regards and many thanks, Amy



Alex Gordon Pritchard (1928-1954) pictured as a Prefect at Adelaide High School in 1945 (front row, third from the right)

At Adelaide High School, between 1941 and 1945, Al Pritchard was prominent in Athletics, rowed in the Eight and was a member of the First Eighteen Football Team, and in 1945 was a Prefect.

He was a school teacher on Yorke Peninsula before enlisting in the Royal Australian Air Force on 14 January 1952.

In 1953-54, Pritchard served as a Pilot with No 1 (Bomber) Squadron during the Malayan Emergency, flying Lincoln Bombers from RAF Base Tengah on Singapore Island in operations against Communist Terrorist strongholds on the Peninsula.

He later served with the Central Flying School at RAAF East Sale, where he died in a Wirraway crash on 13 July 1954. His action in staying with his aircraft as it plummeted from 3,000 feet to 200 feet, and steering it away from Pearsonvale School, saved the lives of at least 17 school students.



Alex, who was a Pilot-Officer in the R.A.A.F., was practising forced landings without actually landing. Eyewitnesses said that the plane went into a spin, and appeared to be heading straight for the Pearsonvale school building. Alex stayed with his plane long enough to save it from crashing onto the building, and delayed his jump to a height of 200 feet. His parachute could not open in the distance and he crashed to earth. He had given his life to save seventeen school children.



COMMEMORATION

MALAYA & BORNEO VETERANS DAY Canberra, Friday 29 August 2025

Our National Secretary Maria Seddon attended the National Commemorative Service at Lake Burley Griffin in Canberra on Sunday 31 August which marked the 75th anniversary of Australian service in the Malayan Emergency. In her Report to the NMBVAA AGM on 7 October 2025, Maria reflected:

It was an absolute privilege to represent Dad (Arthur Seddon) and fly the flag for Victoria at the 75th Anniversary Commemorative Ceremony in Canberra recently. It was quite a difficult environment to take photos but I managed to sneak a couple.

It was a balmy 5 degrees where I was watching the service. Lake Burley Griffin was a fitting foreground with its perfect stillness. Blankets were in demand and the frosty temperature meant my red beanie was not taken off until the flight home.

The service was very moving. Excellent and engaging contributions from veterans from each of the armed forces. The round of applause for all veterans on arrival raised the roof and so well deserved. The military band wowed with their renditions of "I'll Be Seeing You" and "Danny Boy". Ian Davenport [National Treasurer] did a great job with the Ode and it was nice to put a face to a name. The service was broadcast live on the ABC and the feedback I received on it was overwhelmingly positive.

After the ceremony, I was pleasantly surprised to be greeted by Emily from Sarawak who had driven up to Canberra the night before with her husband and little ones in tow! It was time for some photos before we all headed our separate ways for the long trip home.

Also attending the Service, representing the late Bombardier Barry Algar, was his widow Jan and daughter Vicki Tieg OAM and her husband Ross Farrell. There is a profile of Barry in our September 'Observation Post' and also in our September (MBV Special) newsletter.

During, Lance-Bombardier Barrington Fish served during the Malayan Emergency with 101 Field Battery, Royal Australian Artillery. On 11 November 1962, Barry changed his surname by Deed Poll to 'Algar'. On 24 May 1964 during Confrontation, he deployed with 111 Light Anti-Aircraft Battery, RAA to serve at RAAF Base Butterworth.

Bombardier Algar was injured in a motor vehicle accident on 23 September 1964 during a crew changeover, and died in Penang General Hospital on the same day, aged 26.



Bombardier Algar's name is honoured in the Sarawak Heroes Memorial Park in Kuching



Maria provided this image of the Malayan Emergency memorial at Lake Burley Griffin in Canberra



COMMEMORATION

SARAWAK DEFENDERS

Commonwealth forces in Sarawak were responsible for defending their allocated areas of responsibility on the Sarawak-Kalimantan border, against Indonesian regular army and paramilitary forces and irregular forces. The Australian infantry battalions established and occupied fortified company and platoon patrol bases astride some of the traditional trading routes between Indonesian Kalimantan and Bau/Kuching. Their task was to protect the Sarawak capital Kuching by defending the approaches to Bau – which was recognised as “the key to the door of Kuching”. We honour the eight Australian soldiers who died on operational service in Sarawak in 1965-66 during Confrontation, and three who died after being evacuated.

Following a reunion visit by Australian military veterans on 30 August 2019, we received the following feedback from a resident of Kampong Serikin: “Welcome back our defender”.

During the Operation “Hornbill 2025” executive liaison visit to Sarawak, our executive party visited Kampung Gumbang. They were received in the Balai Raya Kampung by the Ketua Kampung (‘Village Chief’) Agun anak Ringot. They also met our esteemed friend Atok anak Derop, the immediate past Ketua Kampung Gumbang, who is now Temenggong Bidayuh (Cultural Leader) for Kuching Division. Temenggong Atok has sent us the following tribute:



Tribute to the Fallen Heroes of Australia

In the sacred memory of those who gave their lives defending Sarawak during the Confrontation of the 1960s, I, Temenggong Atok anak Derop, extend the deepest gratitude and solemn respect on behalf of the Bidayuh community of Kuching Division.

To the brave sons of Australia who crossed oceans to stand with us in our hour of need—your courage was not only a shield for our land, but a testament to the enduring bonds of humanity. You came not as conquerors, but as protectors. You stood firm in foreign soil, under foreign skies, so that our children might grow in peace and our villages remain free.

Your sacrifice is etched into the soil of Sarawak, into the hearts of our elders, and into the stories we pass down to our youth. We remember you not only as soldiers, but as brothers in spirit—men of valor whose legacy lives on in the freedom we cherish today.

To your families, we offer our prayers and our thanks. Know that your loved ones are honored not only in Australia, but here in the hills and rivers of Borneo. Their names may be written in distant cemeteries, but their memory walks among us.

May the light of their sacrifice continue to guide our path toward unity, peace, and mutual respect. And may the bond between our peoples—Australian and Bidayuh—remain strong, forged in the fire of shared struggle and sealed by the grace of remembrance.

We salute you. We honor you. We remember you.

With deepest honour and gratitude,

Temenggong Atok anak Derop



BRANCH MEETING Friday 17 October 2025

It was pleasing to see such a large group attend, filling the room. The Ode of Remembrance was recited by Vice President Don Cameron.

We acknowledged Dennis Price (1942-2015) who was an active member of the SA/NT Branch from 2011 until his passing on 21 October 2015, aged 72.

We acknowledged the passing of corresponding member Fred Lynch on 11 September, aged 91, who had served in Korea with 3RAR (1953-54) and with 100 'A' Field Battery during the Malayan Emergency (1958).

We also acknowledged the passing of Borneo veteran Roy Hanisch on 26 September, aged 100.

We were pleased to welcome special guests Ian and Maureen Davenport (pictured below).

Ian is the NMBVAA national Treasurer, and played a key role in the recent National Commemorative Service in Canberra which marked the 75th anniversary of Australian service in the Malayan Emergency.

Ian gave members a review of the ceremony, and an update on the proposed Malaya-Borneo-FESR memorial. Currently the committee has been presented with five possible designs, with a final decision to be made in December 2025. Vicki Tiegs OAM is assisting with fund-raising and promotion.



If you are currently non-financial, please pay your 2025 subs before Saturday 13 December – remember, financial members attending the SA & NT Branch Christmas Lunch will receive a cashback bonus.





No 604 SQUADRON, AAFC

AAFC NATIONAL RIFLE COMPETITION

Congratulations to Cadet Sergeant Zac Palmer who was a member of the 6 Wing Shooting Team which recently competed in the 2025 National Rifle Competition. The 32 participating Cadets competed in both deliberate and snap practices using the BRNO CZ-452 .22-inch calibre rifle.

Last year, the 6 Wing team placed second overall, scoring 2,093 points out of a possible 2,400 – just 27 points shy of the trophy. This year, the 6 Wing team achieved 2,035 points – winning the Group Captain (AAFC) Colin Palmer Trophy. They were 25 points ahead of the second-placed 4 Wing team.

Congratulations again to CSGT Palmer who has been awarded a Gold AAFC Commendation for his performance.



DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S INTERNATIONAL AWARD

Congratulations to Cadet Corporal Ishi Saini on the successful completion of the Bronze Award. CCPL Saini was the 604 Squadron Banner Bearer at our Malaya & Borneo Veterans Day service on Friday 29 August 2025.



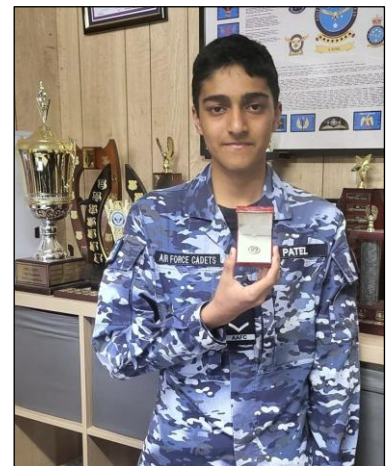
Congratulations to the 6 Wing team which won the Group Captain (AAFC) Colin Palmer Trophy.



Congratulations to Cadet Corporal Delisha Panchal and Leading Cadet Aryan Patel on the completing the Silver Award.

CCPL Panchal was the 604 Squadron Banner Warrant Officer at our Malayan Emergency Anniversary event on 31 May, and was a member of the Catafalque Party on Malaya & Borneo Veterans Day.

LCDT Patel was a member of the Guard for our ME-75 Anniversary event on 31 May, and was the NMBVAA Banner Bearer for both the 2024 and 2025 Malaya & Borneo Veterans Day services.





604 SQUADRON IN THE MEDIA

'Wings' is the national magazine of the Air Force Association. It delivers an informative and entertaining collation of Australia's proud aviation history, the latest aerospace research and technology, aviation industry and military news, and engagement with the veteran community. The Spring 2025 issue includes two stories relating to 604 Squadron staff and Cadets.

Firstly, there is a report on Flight Sergeant (AAFC) Kim Edgar who attended a service of commemoration at the Australian War Memorial in Canberra to mark the 50th anniversary of the humanitarian mission named Operation 'BABYLIFT'.

And secondly, there is mention of the 604 Squadron's support to our special event marking the 75th Anniversary of the start of Australia's involvement in the Malayan Emergency – the only ceremony of its kind in Australia held on the actual anniversary date, 31 May.

COMMEMORATION: OPERATION BABYLIFT

ON 23 JULY, a service of commemoration was held at the Australian War Memorial (AWM), Canberra to mark the 50th anniversary of Operation Babylift, the humanitarian mission launched to evacuate more than 3,000 orphaned children from South Vietnam. The ceremony honoured those involved and acknowledged the lives saved and lost during the mission. Flight Sergeant (AAFC) Kim Edgar was one of a number of the Vietnamese orphans evacuated to Australia in April 1975 who attended the ceremony along with their adopted families.

"My life, like that of many others, was forever shaped by the actions of the RAAF personnel of HQRIC Detachment 'S', including Nos 36 and 37 Squadrons and associated RAAF aircrew, medics and support staff," FSGT(AAFC) Edgar said.

"My adoption, arrival in Australia, and subsequent upbringing led directly to my involvement with the South Australia Squadron Air Training Corps, which eventually evolved into my current role within the Australian Air Force Cadets. Attending this ceremony in uniform symbolises my full-circle journey from an orphaned child rescued by the Air Force, to now proudly serving as an instructor developing today's youth under the Air Force banner.

"To be present at this ceremony in AAFC uniform was a deeply personal honour and privilege, symbolising the connection between past and present generations of the Air Force family. It also respectfully acknowledged, not only my own journey, but the service of those who made it possible, while demonstrating the continued commitment of the AAFC to honouring Defence traditions."

LAST POST CEREMONY

The Last Post ceremony narrative on 23 July was read by the Chief of Air Force Air Marshal Stephen Chappell relating the service of Lieutenant Osma Voy Richardson who was killed in action on 7 August 1916 and is buried at the Villers-Bretonneux Memorial, Picardie, France. Lt Richardson was AIRMSHL Chappell's great uncle.

The memorial service was followed by a short service for the consecration of two plaques at the RAAF Association Memorial Grove, Majura, ACT.



LEFT FSGT(AAFC) Edgar at the AWM.

COMMEMORATION: MALAYAN EMERGENCY

SATURDAY 31 MAY marked the 75th Anniversary of the start of Australia's involvement in the Malayan Emergency. In the only ceremony of its kind, members of the South Australia & Northern Territory Branch of the National Malaya & Borneo Veterans Association Australia (NMBVAA) held a ceremony in the City of West Torrens War Memorial Gardens in Adelaide.

The service was supported by local Air Force Cadets – the 16th ceremonial detachment provided by No 604 Squadron, AAFC to NMBVAA commemorative events.

The branch honoured the service and sacrifice of the Australians and members of Commonwealth and Malayan naval, military, air and police forces who served in Malaya and Singapore between 1948 and 1960. The ceremony served the additional purpose of acknowledging the six branch members who are surviving veterans of the Malayan Emergency – four of whom were in attendance.

Australia's commitment to operations in Malaya fell within the context of its membership of the British Commonwealth Far East Strategic Reserve. The RAAF deployed Lincoln bombers (No 1 Squadron) and C-47 Dakota transports (No 38 Squadron) operating out of Singapore and later Kuala Lumpur with the Far East Air

Force, as well as Canberra bombers and Sabre fighters operating from Butterworth air base.

Janice Silby, Deputy Commissioner South Australia with the Department of Veterans' Affairs gave an address, placed a tribute in memory of the fallen and to acknowledge the service of all veterans of these campaigns, and presented each veteran with a Certificate of Appreciation.

A message from the SA/NT Branch Patron, Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC, Governor of SA, was read to the veterans. Her Excellency said, in part: *I pay tribute to all who served, with a special acknowledgment to the six surviving veterans from the South Australia/ Northern Territory Branch of the National Malaya and Borneo Veterans Association. Your service not only upheld the sovereignty of the Federation of Malaya, but also played a crucial role in supporting Malaysia during its early years as an independent nation and in strengthening the ties between our countries.*

Tributes were also sent by Kahlil Fegan DSC AM, Repatriation Commissioner Department of Veterans' Affairs and Senator Andrew MacLachlan CSC.

The Cadets of No 604 Squadron demonstrate a worthy commitment to

honouring military service and sacrifice through their provision of multiple ceremonial detachments throughout the year. This dedication is acknowledged by the primary associations they have with the NMBVAA, the War Widows Association (South Australia), Modbury High School and Endeavour College, Legacy and RSL South Australia.



ABOVE Cadets provided a ceremonial detachment. Photo: LAC(AAFC) Oliver Farnden.



No 604 SQUADRON, AAFC

MALAYA & BORNEO VETERANS DAY Friday 29 August 2025

At our 2025 Malaya & Borneo Veterans Day service, Cadets from 604 Squadron placed a book as a tribute on behalf of the squadron. This honoured the 15 members of the RAAF and two aviation personnel of the RAN Fleet Air Arm who lost their lives on operational service during the post-war campaigns of the Malayan Emergency and Confrontation. Paul and Don took this book to Sarawak for donation to Sekolah Kebangsaan Gumbang (Gumbang School) in Kampung Gumbang.



GOLD AWARD CEREMONY Tuesday 23 September 2025

The Gold Duke of Edinburgh's International Award involves a significant commitment of time, determination and personal growth, and deserves to be celebrated in a meaningful way.

These Gold Award recipients and former members of 604 Squadron are pictured with Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC, Governor of South Australia – Juliana Therese Buerano and Andrzej Czechowicz.

Juliana was a Cadet Under Officer in 2024, the Cadet Executive Officer of 604 Squadron.

Andrzej Czechowicz is currently serving as an adult staff member with 601 Squadron at Keswick Barracks. As a Cadet Corporal in 2021, Andrzej was a member of the 604 Squadron Catafalque Party for our Malaya & Borneo Veterans Day service at West Torrens on 27 August 2021.

A third former member of 604 Squadron was unable to attend this ceremony, being on duty at the Australian Defence Force Academy at this time – former Cadet Under Officer Jesse Isaac, who was the Cadet Executive Officer during 2023.

As a Cadet Corporal, Jesse was also a member of the 604 Squadron Catafalque Party for the 2021 Malaya & Borneo Veterans Day service.





Adelaide High School

ADELAIDE HIGH SCHOOL
Senior Years Speech Assembly
Thursday 23 October 2025

Paul Rosenzweig recently attended the Adelaide High School Senior Years Speech Assembly to present a Student Citizenship Award certificate and medallion to Head Prefect Ingrid Heinrich.

The Student Citizenship Awards program is conducted annually as the flagship program of the SA Branch of the Order of Australia Association, of which Paul is a Branch Committee member.

Senior students throughout South Australia may be nominated by their schools and colleges, and are assessed against four criteria – leadership, contributions to the school and/or community and contributions to the environment and/or community development, as well as pride in Australian citizenship.

For 2025, a total of 47 submissions were received for consideration, from 33 schools and colleges.

Ingrid Heinrich received a ‘Highly Commended’ certificate signed by Her Excellency the Governor and the SA Branch Chairman, as well as a cased Student Citizenship Award medallion. Ingrid’s citation is as follows:

As Head Prefect, Ingrid has exemplified outstanding leadership, citizenship and service, significantly benefiting the school and wider community.

Her inclusive approach is demonstrated through initiatives such as implementing a fund raiser for Little Heroes Foundation, Student Voice, creation of an Adelaide High School Honour Board working with Old Scholars, and initiating the establishment of a Peace Garden.

We heartily congratulate Ingrid on being selected for this well-deserved award.



Adelaide High School teacher Amy Worswick attended our 2025 Malaya & Borneo Veterans Day service of commemoration and placed a tribute in honour of Pilot Officer Alex Gordon Pritchard (1928-1954), an Old Scholar who served during the Malayan Emergency.



Paul Rosenzweig and Head Prefect Ingrid Heinrich in the Adelaide High School Peace Garden precinct, with Ingrid’s Student Citizenship Award medallion and “Highly Commended” certificate signed by Her Excellency the Governor – who is Patron of both the SA Branch of the Order of Australia Association and the SA/NT Branch, NMBVAA.



MEDAL OF THE MONTH

GENERAL SERVICE MEDAL 1918-1964

The General Service Medal 1918-1964 was instituted on 19 January 1923 by Army Order No 3 to reward service by members of the Army and Air Force in minor warlike operations after the end of World War 1, other than in India and Africa, for which no separate medal was issued.

The medals were struck in sterling silver at the Royal Mint in London. The medal has an ornate swivelling suspender bar, with an elaborate mount attaching the suspension bar to the medal disc with a vertical pin.

There were six obverse designs of this medal: this is the sixth and final pattern medal issued between 1953 and 1964, featuring the crowned effigy of Queen Elizabeth II facing right.

The General Service Medal 1918-1964 was not issued without a clasp, with 18 clasps ultimately authorised.

When subsequent clasps are awarded, they are added above the first-issued clasp so the 'record of service' reads upwards from the medal.

21149131 Lance-Corporal Krishnabhadur Gurung 1st Battalion, 2nd King Edward VII's Own Gurkha Rifles (The Sirmoor Rifles)

Krishnabhadur Gurung was a Gurkha rifleman, from the ethnic Nepali Gurung group which was native to the western and central regions of Nepal.

The name 'Bahadur' in Nepali means 'brave and courageous'; many Gurkhas have 'Bahadur' as a middle name representing their martial ethos and heritage.

Krishnabhadur Gurung saw operational service with the 2nd Gurkha Rifles during the Malayan Emergency, in subduing the Brunei Revolt in December 1962, and then in Borneo during Indonesia's Confrontation with Malaysia.

In the late 1950s, Krishnabhadur Gurung enlisted in the 2nd KEO Goorkha Rifles at Dehra Dun, the Gurkha Rifles Recruiting Centre for 2GR (and also 3GR and 9GR prior to 1948).

For his service in Malaya he was awarded the sixth-pattern General Service Medal 1918-1964, which was issued between 1953 and 1964 – suggesting that he enlisted after 1953 but certainly before 31 July 1960, the date the Government of the Federation of Malaya officially declared the Emergency over.

This regiment was the second to have been raised as an irregular battalion on 24 April 1815, during the Anglo-Nepalese War, for service with the army of the British East India Company. It comprised men from the Sirmoor tribal area in the lower Himalayas in far western Nepal (now District Sirmour in the state of Himachal Pradesh in India, in the outer Himalayas), and was titled 'The Sirmoor Battalion'.

During the Indian Rebellion of 1857 (the 'Indian Mutiny'), when the Crown took over direct rule of British India from the East India Company, this battalion was one of the few Indian units that remained loyal to Britain.

Scarlet facings, and the unique red and black diced headband on the Kilmarnock cap, were adopted in recognition of 2GR's close association with the British 60th Rifles (King's Royal Rifle Corps) with whom The Sirmoor Rifles had served beside in the Delhi Siege of 1857 during the Indian Mutiny: the two regiments held the key positions on Delhi Ridge through three months of fighting.

The spelling 'Goorkha' is peculiar to this regiment and quite unofficial. The spelling 'Goorkha' was used in the titles of Gurkha regiments until it was standardised to 'Gurkha' in 1891, however 2GR continued to refer to itself as 'Goorkha'.

Krishnabhadur Gurung swore his oath of allegiance at the 2GR regimental Home Station at Dehra Dun.

He was allocated to the 1st Battalion, and joined the 2nd KEO Gurkha Rifles in Singapore where the Gurkhas were developing their expertise in jungle fighting.



The General Service Medal 1918-1964 with two clasps (left) awarded to Lance-Corporal Krishnabhadur Gurung, struck in sterling silver at the London Mint.

Jai Gurkha!

The tribes and clans (*jaat*) of Nepal are extremely complex, and their hierarchy, religious and social order is deeply rooted in ancient religion and mythology going back thousands of years.

Traditionally recruits of Indian Gorkha or Nepalese nationality came from one of four major *jaat* groupings: the Gurung and Magar from western and central Nepal, and the Limbu and Rai from eastern Nepal.

The Gurung (also called 'Tamu') are an indigenous people of the foothills and mountains of the Himalayas, primarily around the Annapurna Region, most commonly using the surnames 'Gurung' and 'Ghale'. Their religion combines ancient animistic rituals and Buddhist beliefs.

Until 1914, the British and Indian Armies had primarily recruited Gurungs and Magars into their Gurkha regiments; after 1948 they formed the majority of soldiers in the 'western' battalions (2GR and 6GR).

2nd King Edward VII's Own Goorkha Rifles

The Sirmoor Battalion, one of the first three irregular Gurkha battalions raised on 24 April 1815, subsequently had the following titles:

> 66th Goorkha Regiment of Bengal Native Infantry: the regiment became a regular infantry unit in 1850 and was taken into the Bengal line and under the authority of the British Crown.

> 2nd Goorkha (The Sirmoor Rifles) Regiment: redesignated in 1861 after the Gurkha regiments which had remained loyal during the Indian Mutiny were developed into their own Line of rifle regiments, numbered sequentially in order of their raising.

> 2nd (Prince of Wales's Own) Goorkha Regiment (The Sirmoor Rifles): adopted in 1876 after the regiment acquired the then Prince of Wales (the eldest son of Queen Victoria and Prince Albert) as royal patron.

> 2nd King Edward's Own Goorkha Regiment (The Sirmoor Rifles): the royal title was granted by King Edward VII (the former Prince of Wales) in 1906.

> 2nd King Edward VII's Own Goorkha Regiment (The Sirmoor Rifles): the royal title was amended in 1936.

After India gained independence from the British Empire under the 1947 tripartite agreement, 2GR (comprising two battalions) was one of four Gurkha rifle regiments which transferred to the British Army on 1 January 1948.

Malaya

1/2GR had deployed from India to Singapore in 1948, initially assigned to Johore Sub-District of Singapore District, operating under the authority of General Headquarters British Commonwealth Far East Land Forces (FARELF).

Rifleman Krishnabhadur Gurung joined 1/2GR in Malaya during the period the battalion was assigned to the 99th Gurkha Brigade, 17th Gurkha Division (1953-60).

The State of Emergency which arose in Malaya after World War 2 formally ended on 31 July 1960, but Headquarters British Far East Land Forces (FARELF) remained in Malaya as a deterrent to any further communist aggression.



2nd King Edward VII's Own Goorkhas (The Sirmoor Rifles)

The regimental badge comprises the Royal crest of the Prince of Wales (feathers, coronet and scroll) with the motto in German "ICH DIEN" ['I Serve'], which had first been adopted in 1876. Early badges, worn between 1922 and 1966, were produced in blackened brass.

The badge was worn on the Field Service Cap, beret and Gurkha Kilmarnock ('pillbox hat') with a scarlet felt backing, reflecting the association with the 60th Rifles.



Between 1901 and 1994, a rectangular patch of diced red and black was worn on the left side of the Terai Hat or Gurkha Hat, drawn from the diced band on the Kilmarnock, reflecting the historical association with the 60th Rifles. The patch was worn vertically on the pugaree, in opposite ways by the two battalions. The 1st Battalion (1/2GR) wore the two black squares to the front.



The formation badge of 99 Gurkha Infantry Brigade is printed in brown on diagonal weave cotton drill material, a format unique to Gurkha formation insignia, leaving the crossed kukris in white as a reverse silhouette.

British Forces Overseas Hong Kong

On 29 January 1960, Rifleman Krishnabhadur Gurung embarked with the 1st Battalion, 2nd KEO Gurkha Rifles in Singapore, and disembarked in Hong Kong on 2 February for duty with the British Army garrison of British Forces Overseas Hong Kong (1960-62).

During its tour of duty in Hong Kong, the Battalion was based at Cassino Lines, and was assigned to 48 Gurkha Infantry Brigade.

The battalion was engaged in internal security tasks, which included responding to civil disturbances resulting from China's Cultural Revolution.



The formation badge of British Forces Overseas Hong Kong (Headquarters Land Forces, Hong Kong).

Brunei

In December 1962, 1/2GR returned to the Far East: the Gurkhas were the first British troops to be used again in an operational role on the outbreak of the Brunei Revolt in December 1962 on the north coast of Borneo.

The Brunei Revolt involved the Brunei People's Party (*Parti Rakyat Brunei*, PRB) and its military wing, the National Army of North Kalimantan (*Tentera Nasional Kalimantan Utara*, TNKU), and the Sarawak Communist Organisation (SCO) which had a presence in Sarawak's Fourth and Fifth Divisions, adjacent to Brunei. The TNKU was an anti-colonialist group supported by Indonesia whose aim was the destabilising of the federation process and the establishment of a new state consisting of Brunei, North Borneo and Sarawak which would be independent of Malaysia.

On 8 December 1962, pro-Sukarno TNKU rebels launched attacks to depose the Sultan and capture police stations and oil fields across Brunei and East Sarawak. Police stations, power stations, the house of the Brunei Prime Minister and the Sultan's properties were attacked. The insurgents had limited success in Brunei Town, but seized Tutong, Bangar and Kuala Belait plus the strategically important town of Seria with its oilfield, as well as Limbang in Sarawak.

As Brunei was a British Protectorate, the acting High Commissioner sought urgent assistance from HQ Far East Command however the military in Singapore were ill-prepared for an immediate operational deployment. The standby infantry unit was the 1st Battalion, The Queen's Own Highlanders, but it was under-strength with troops deployed on anti-piracy duties in North Borneo. The task was therefore given to the 1st Battalion of the 2nd Goorkhas (1/2GR) under the contingency plan, code-named Plan 'Ale'.

After the receipt of intelligence reports indicating an impending full-scale military uprising, on the evening of 7 December 'Ale Yellow' (48 hours' notice for troop departure) was implemented: 1/2GR was placed on notice to be airlifted from Singapore to Brunei, 900 miles away.

The TNKU rebels had failed to capture the Sultan, and had not secured the airfield outside Brunei Town. Notice was increased to 'Ale Red' (immediate departure) seven hours after the revolt started. The RAF was able to land the bulk of the first wave (two rifle companies) from RAF Seletar in three Blackburn Beverley aircraft of No 34 Squadron, while a Bristol Britannia of No 99 Squadron carried other elements of 1/2GR to the neighbouring island of Labuan.

The Gurkhas advanced against the rebel forces at around 10pm that night, taking only minor casualties. A group of Gurkhas led by Captain Digby Willoughby secured the Sultan, and on December 9th the rest of 1/2GR arrived.

'A' Company was immediately despatched from Brunei Town by requisitioned Brunei Shell and Borneo Airways aircraft in order to secure the airport and oilfields at Lutong and Miri. Supported by Sarawak Police, the Gurkhas patrolled the roads leading to the airport, enforced a curfew in Miri, and guarded government buildings in the town.

By 2300h, only 21 hours after the outbreak of the revolt, the 'Initial Force' was deployed in Brunei Town, with its HQ in the Main Police Station. It had begun to consolidate its position in Brunei Town when information was received that the rebels had seized European hostages in Panaga. 'C' Company was immediately ordered to move in commandeered trucks to Seria and Kuala Belait: en route it met with rebel opposition at Tutong, where in the ensuing firefight seven Gurkhas were wounded while seven rebels were killed, 20 wounded and 108 taken prisoner.

On the morning of 9 December, a detachment from Headquarters Company together with 'D' Company (which had approached the town from the airfield) were both involved in firefights with the rebels. By first light 'D' Company had successfully cleared the rebel positions, and at least 24 rebels had been killed.

Over the next few days 'Initial Force' was reinforced by the remainder of the battalion, and HQ 99th Gurkha Infantry Brigade assumed overall command of the operation. From 9 to 13 December, Operation 'Ale' focused on crushing the rebellion and establishing safe-base areas, separating the insurgents from the population.

With Brunei Town secure, the Security Forces turned their attention to other areas of the State. 'A' Company assisted in denying possible jungle escape routes to Sarawak and Indonesia. Most importantly, they guarded the Sultan of Brunei and dug trenches around his bungalow (the Sultan left only to pray or occasionally to visit the Gurkhas).

'B' Company assisted the 1st Battalion, The Queen's Own Highlanders to regain control of Seria, Panaga and Kuala Belait, and recapture the strategically important oil fields. The Brunei Shell Petroleum Company installations at Seria were recaptured on 10 December.

Over the course of the next ten days other units joined 1/2GR, including thousands of local Dayak levies. The code-name Operation 'Borneo Territories' was given to the transport of troops and logistic supplies to Brunei.

42 Commando, Royal Marines recaptured Limbang (12–13 December), and the 1st Green Jackets landed in west Brunei. The final action took place on 13/14 December 1962 when a force of rebels tried to infiltrate into Tutong, but were successfully ambushed by 'C' and 'D' Companies resulting in 26 rebels being killed. Over 3,400 rebels were captured, and the rebellion was easily suppressed.

1/2GR remained in Brunei until early February 1963 on mopping-up duties which proved to be very strenuous given the jungle terrain. The remainder of the campaign involved pursuit-and-search, maintaining pressure on the remaining TNKU fighters whilst increasingly preparing for the longer struggle against Indonesia. This second phase of insurgency continued until the capture of TNKU military leader Yassin Affandi on 18 May 1963. 1/2 Gurkha Rifles accounted for some 65 rebels killed and another 783 captured or surrendered. Gurkha casualties amounted to one British officer and one Gurkha killed-in-action, three Gurkha Officers and 14 ORs wounded.

The actions of the British military forces and the Sarawak Police were designed to counter the threat posed by the TNKU and SCO, which were known to be working in concert with Indonesian military forces from Kalimantan in an effort to invade Kuching.

Rifleman Krishnabhadur Gurung received the General Service Medal 1918-1964 with two clasps for service during the Malayan Emergency and the Brunei Revolt. The medal is named on the rim in small impressed capitals:

21149131 RFN.KRISHNABHADUR GURUNG. 2 G.R.

Clasp 'MALAYA'. This clasp was created by Army Order 58 of 1960 to recognise service during the Malayan Emergency, between 16 June 1948 and 31 July 1960.

Rifleman Gurung qualified for this clasp through his service with 1/2GR on operations against Communist Terrorists on the southern Malay Peninsula between 1953 and 1960, assigned to the 99th Gurkha Brigade.

Clasp 'BRUNEI'. This clasp was created to recognise service in suppressing the Brunei Revolt between 8 and 23 December 1962. Only three military units qualified for this clasp: the Queen's Own Highlanders, the 1st Battalion, 2nd KEO Gurkha Rifles, and 31 Company of the Gurkha Army Service Corps. The same clasp, for the Naval General Service Medal 1915-1962, was awarded to Navy and Marine landing parties, primarily from 42 Royal Marines Commando.

Rifleman Gurung qualified for this clasp through his service with 1/2GR on Operation 'Ale' between 8 and 13 December to crush the Brunei Revolt.



The reverse of the General Service Medal 1918-1964 bears the winged figure of Victory in a Corinthian helmet carrying a trident, bestowing a wreath on the emblems of the Army (a sword) and the Air Force (the wings).

Borneo

SCO guerrillas then fought alongside the TNKU and Indonesian forces during the Confrontation which followed. Every unit of the Brigade of Gurkhas ultimately took part in the Borneo campaign during Confrontation, providing the bulk and continuity of the British Army's contribution during four years of continuous operations in Sarawak and British North Borneo (later Sabah) and proving their value as jungle fighters.

From February to August 1963, Lance-Corporal Krishnabhadur Gurung deployed with 1/2GR for its first tour of duty.

1/2GR was assigned to the 99th Gurkha Infantry Brigade, which operated as West Brigade, assigned to the First Division of Sarawak to defend the line of approach from Indonesian territory in Kalimantan to the Sarawak capital Kuching. Headquarters was collocated with the Headquarters of the Sarawak Constabulary at Police Headquarters in Palm Road, Kuching. It comprised five battalions, mainly operating at platoon level from defensive positions and patrol bases.

From August 1963 to February 1964, 1/2GR was assigned to HQ 3 Commando Brigade (West Brigade) which had responsibility for the Third Division of Sarawak. The Battalion Headquarters was in Sibü. Lance-Corporal Krishnabhadur Gurung received the Campaign Service Medal 1962– with Clasp 'BORNEO' (created by Ministry of Defence Order No 2/64 dated 6 October 1964) which rewarded at least thirty days' operational service between 24 December 1962 and 11 August 1966 in operations against Indonesian and rebel forces in North Borneo (later renamed Sabah), Sarawak and Brunei during Confrontation. The medal is named on the rim in small impressed capitals:

21149131 L/CPL.KRISHNABHADUR GURUNG. 1/2 GR.

1/2GR subsequently served in Singapore, with British Forces Overseas Hong Kong, on Borneo with 51 Gurkha Infantry Brigade (Central Brigade) from July 1964, in Hong Kong from January 1965, in Malaysia from July 1965, on Borneo with 51 Gurkha Infantry Brigade (Central Brigade) from July 1965, and in Hong Kong from January 1966.

Battle of Long Jawai

During the period August 1963 to February 1964, Lance-Corporal Krishnabhadur Gurung was deployed with the 1st Battalion, 2nd King Edward VII's Own Gurkha Rifles, which had its Battalion Headquarters in Sibiu. 1/2GR was assigned to HQ 3 Commando Brigade (West Brigade), which was responsible for the Third Division of Sarawak.

In late 1963, the Gurkhas of 1/2GR had a major engagement at Long Jawai, a Border Scout post.

A new defensive position had just been constructed away from the longhouse, forty miles from the Indonesian border.

On 28 September 1963 a large Indonesian military force attacked the border post and with machine-gun fire and 60mm mortars killed a Gurkha and a policeman, wounded another soldier and policeman, and wounded or captured the Border Scouts.

With the wounded policemen and a Border Scout, plus five Gurkhas including himself, Lance-Corporal Tejbahadur Gurung deployed his small group to defend their position against an enemy force estimated to be 200-300 strong.

After a three-hour firefight, with ammunition about to run out and two further men wounded, after holding the vital ridge for several hours under fanatical attacks, the group carried out a difficult withdrawal just before the Indonesians mounted a counter-attack on the abandoned position.

Two Gurkhas, a policeman and 11 Border Scouts were killed (ten of the Border Scouts were executed).

After a four-day march the exhausted survivors eventually reached Belaga. The reaction by 1/2GR was immediate.

A reinforced 'C' Company was inserted by RN and RAF helicopters into the jungle around Long Jawai to establish river ambushes and prevent the Indonesian troops from crossing back into Kalimantan. These proved to be extremely successful with one accounting for at least 26 enemy.

Lance-Corporal Tejbahadur Gurung was awarded the Military Medal.

Our very good friend Dato Lim Kian Hock OAM, former Heritage Adviser to the Sarawak Tourism Federation, was a significant guest at our reunion events in Sarawak in August 2023.

Dato Lim had served in the Sarawak Civil Service during Confrontation and took part in security operations, notably beside Gurkha units. In 1963, Lim Kian Hock was the Administration Officer in Charge of Belaga in the Kapit District of northern Sarawak.

Three months after the group photo (top right) was taken, the Indonesian contingent attacked Long Jawai.

Sixty years later we were able to recreate this photograph with the members of the 1st Battalion, The Royal Gurkha Rifles who joined us from Brunei for our reunion events.



Members of the 1st Battalion, 2nd King Edward VII's Own Gurkha Rifles with Administration Officer Lim Kian Hock in Belaga in June 1963.



Dato Lim Kian Hock with the 1st Battalion, The Royal Gurkha Rifles detachment during the Sarawak River Cruise on Sunday 27 August 2023.



Dato Lim with the 1RGR detachment following the service of commemoration in Kuching on Monday 28 August 2023.



UPCOMING EVENTS


National Malaya & Borneo Veterans Association Australia Inc
South Australia & Northern Territory Branch
Patron: Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC, Governor of South Australia

 **INVITATION** 
SA & NT Branch
Christmas Lunch 2025



You are invited to join us at the Maid of Auckland Hotel in Edwardstown for our annual Christmas Lunch on Saturday 13 December.

This is an opportunity to reflect on the events of the year, while also supporting our sponsorship of four schools in the Bau District of Sarawak where Australian military forces were deployed during Confrontation – Sekolah Kebangsaan Stass, Suba Buan, Serabak and Gumbang.

The contributions to raffles, cash donations, and donations of books are greatly appreciated, and will contribute to next year's pilgrimage visit to Sarawak – Operation "Hornbill 2026".

Date: Saturday 13 December 2025, 12 for 12.30 pm **RSVP:** Jenny Cameron, by Wednesday 3 December 2025
Venue: Maid of Auckland Hotel, 926 South Road 08 8264 2858 || 0430 401 939
Dress: Smart Casual / Business attire wildcameron@adam.com.au
Bring your jacket, miniature medals and beret





REMINDER

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Join us at the Maid of Auckland Hotel for our annual Christmas Lunch to reflect on the events of the year and to support our sponsorship of the four schools in the Bau District of Sarawak where Australian and Commonwealth military forces were deployed during Confrontation, as part of our philosophy of 'Remembering Malaysia' and 'Looking to the Future'.

Donations of raffle prizes are most welcome – these can be brought to the November meeting or on the day.

Bring your jacket, miniature medals and beret for a group photograph.

Remember there is a cashback bonus for 2025 financial members.



VALE

5/2469 Bombardier Frederick John Lynch OAM (1934-2025)

We have been advised by Jeannette of the passing of her father Fred Lynch from WA on 11 September, aged 91. Fred had only just recently become a corresponding member of the SA/NT Branch.

Fred was born in Subiaco, WA on 26 February 1934. He enlisted in the Army in 1952, and served in South Korea as a Private with the 3rd Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, from 31 December 1953 to 8 May 1954.

He transferred to the Royal Australian Artillery, and served with 100 'A' Field Battery during the Malayan Emergency, from 31 May to 8 December 1958.

Fred had mixed interests. He was at one time General Manager of the Fremantle Sailing Club, a Judge with Greyhound Racing WA, and a Justice of the Peace for Western Australia.

He was a member of the Royal Australian Artillery Association of Western Australia. He was involved with the Leighton Battery Historical Site Project in Fremantle, through the Royal Australian Artillery Historical Society of Western Australia.

He was involved with the NMBVAA for many years, with both the Tasmanian and Victorian Branches, and from 2018 was the WA Functions Convenor.

In the 2022 Queen's Birthday Honours List he was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia, "For service to veterans, and to the community".

Not too long ago he had written to us:

Your South Australian / NT group seems to have flourished and stands out as a fine example of how to keep the organisation alive.

Lest we Forget



VALE
141038 Leading Aircraftman
Roy Hanisch (1925-2025)

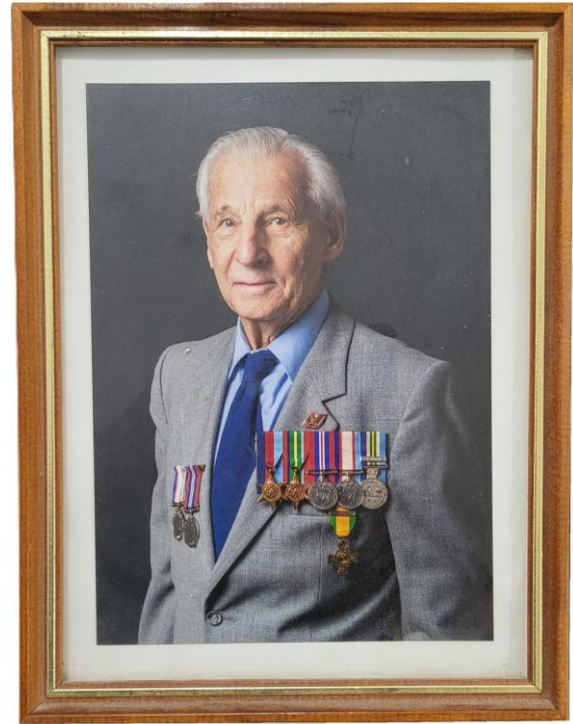
We have been advised by Graeme Hanisch of the passing of his uncle Roy Hanisch on 26 September, aged 100. Graeme and his wife Jen, in Nanango, Queensland, are both SA/NT Branch members, and joined the 2019 and 2023 Sarawak Reunion Tours.

Roy was born in Meadows in the Adelaide Hills on 10 May 1925, the son of a Great War veteran. He enlisted in the RAAF on 16 August 1943, and was appointed Aircraftman 1st Class. After training at 1 Recruit Depot in Shepparton, he attended No 3 Bombing and Air Gunnery School at Sale, but on medical grounds was instead selected for Mess duties.

Roy served at Morotai in the Netherlands East Indies from 24 March 1945, and took part in the landing on Tarakan Island (Operation 'Oboe One') where he served as a Cook's Assistant with 29 Air Stores Park from 24 May to 2 July 1945.

Roy then served with the Australian First Tactical Air Force (No 1 TAF) Telecommunications Unit at Labuan. He departed Labuan in December 1945 and arrived home on Christmas morning. He was discharged in Adelaide on 22 March 1946.

Lest we Forget



This image shows Borneo veteran Roy Hanisch in 2016, wearing his war medals and the medals of his late wife, former 114833 Aircraftwoman Daphne Nunn.

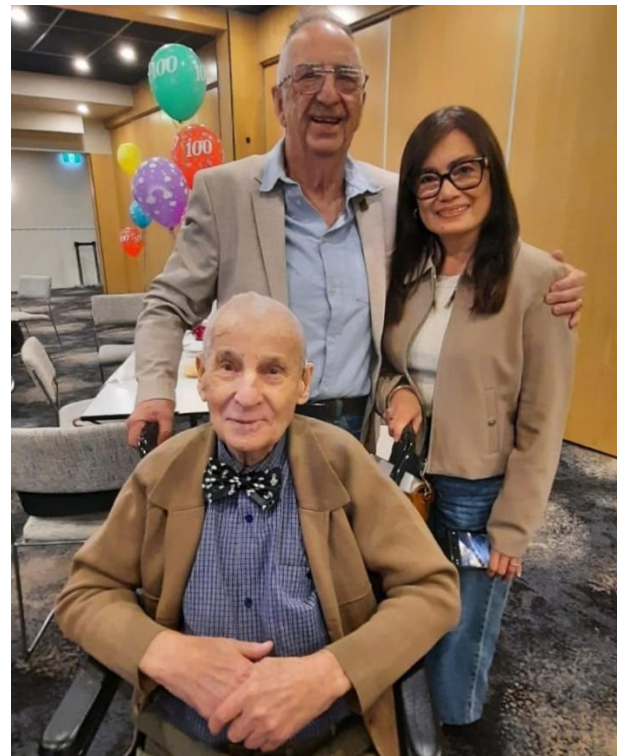
Roy wears the WW2 Dutch War Commemorative Cross (Oorlogsherinneringskruis), which was established on 16 March 1944 to commemorate wartime service to the Kingdom of the Netherlands.



Roy Hanisch, aged 18 (1943) and 99 (2025).



Paul and Don called on Roy on 10 March 2025.



Roy with Graeme and Jen at Roy's 100th birthday party.



IN MEMORIAM

Arthur Seddon (1935-2016)

At the National Commemorative Service in Canberra on Sunday 31 August, marking the 75th anniversary of Australian service in the Malayan Emergency, our NMBVAA National Secretary Maria Seddon honoured her father, the late Arthur Seddon.

Arthur was born in Liverpool, Lancashire on 10 July 1935. He did his National Service in 1956 and 1957 with the 1st Battalion, The Loyal Regiment (North Lancashire), which had its regimental depot at Fulwood Barracks, Preston.

The Loyal North Lancashire Regiment was formed in 1881 with two battalions, the first being created from the former 47th (Lancashire) Regiment of Foot, and the second from the former 81st (Loyal Lincoln Volunteers). During World War 1 the regiment expanded to a total strength of 21 battalions, and during World War it comprised 10 battalions.

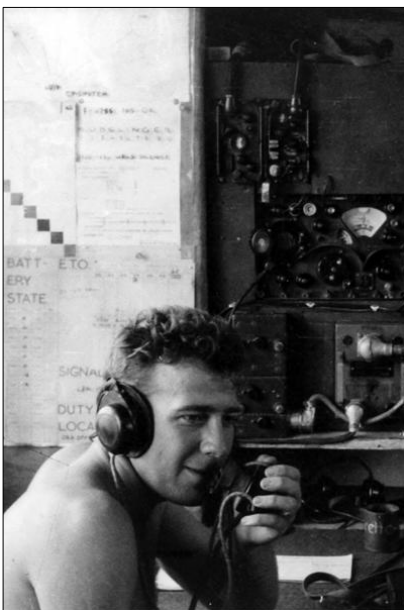
Arthur deployed with the 1st Battalion to the northern Malay Peninsula during the Malayan Emergency to conduct anti-communist operations, stationed in Ipoh in heavy jungle terrain. Maria recalls: "*He had many memorable encounters with the jungle inhabitants including natives, tigers and cobras, never mind communist insurgents*".

Maria recalls that her father lost a couple of mates during his active service. The Loyal Regiment lost seven men: one is buried at Kranji Military Cemetery in Singapore, one is buried at Cheras Road Christian Cemetery in Kuala Lumpur, and four are buried in the Taiping (Kamunting Road) Christian Cemetery in Perak (formerly known as the Penang Road Civil Cemetery).

After completing his national service, Arthur married Jean Hewitt in 1960. They emigrated to Australia in 1968 with four children (Michael Karl, born 1960; Nicholas Paul, 1962; Jonathan Peter, 1964; Catherine Louise, 1965). The family travelled per RMHS *Ellinis* under the Assisted Passage Migration Scheme, departing Southampton on 31 October 1968. In Australia, Arthur and Jean had two more children (Maria is number five).

Arthur was an active member of the Loyal Regiment, North Lancashire Branch until his passing in Frankston, Victoria in 2016, aged 81.

Lest we Forget



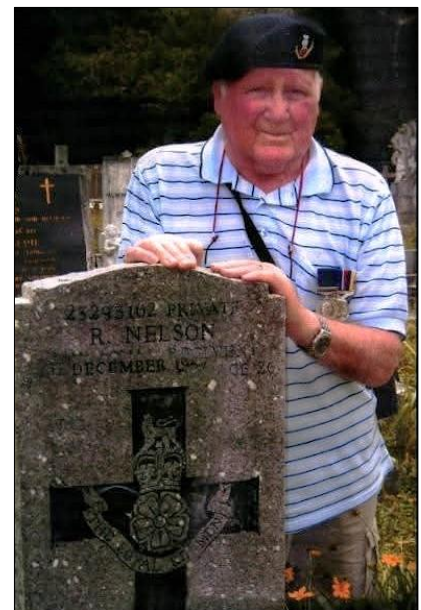
"Dad was tasked with communications as part of his role. Quite challenging in the jungle environment! He later described hiding behind trees sending messages to HQ whilst being shot at".



THE LOYAL REGIMENT (NORTH LANCASHIRE) (47th and 81st of Foot)

Amalgamated in 1970 with The Lancashire Regiment (Prince of Wales's Volunteers) to form The Queen's Lancashire Regiment.

In 2006, amalgamated with the King's Own Royal Border Regiment and the King's Regiment to form the present-day Duke of Lancaster's Regiment.



Arthur successfully campaigned for posthumous medals to be awarded to his best mate Bob Nelson who died in Malaya, pictured here at Bob's grave in the Taiping Christian Cemetery.



MALAYAN EMERGENCY Roll of Honour – November

Honouring the sacrifice of the 45 Australians who died on operational service during the general period of the Malayan Emergency, 16 June 1948 to 31 July 1960.

2/8234 Corporal Duncan MacVicar,
2nd Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment:
2 November 1956

Lest we Forget

CONFRONTATION Roll of Honour – November

Honouring the sacrifice of the 26 Australians who died during the general period of the Indonesian Confrontation with Malaysia, 24 December 1962 to 11 August 1966.

13339 Private Francis Noel O'Sullivan,
3rd Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment:
14 November 1963

Lest we Forget

THAILAND Roll of Honour – November

Honouring the sacrifice of the two Australians who died on operational service during the period 31 May 1962 to 31 August 1968.

A113169 Aircraftman John Lynden Kirkwood,
Royal Australian Air Force – Base Squadron,
Royal Thai Air Force Base Ubon
19 November 1966

Lest we Forget



Frank O'Sullivan is buried in the Cheras Road Civil Cemetery in Kuala Lumpur.

2/8234 Corporal Duncan MacVicar (1926-1956)

Duncan MacVicar was born in Gourrock, Scotland on 21 April 1926.

He served as an infantry rifleman with the 3rd Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment during the Korean War, from 13 March 1951 to 13 March 1952.

On 8 October 1955 he embarked in Brisbane with the 2nd Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment on the MV 'Georgic', and disembarked in Penang on 20 October.

On 2 November 1956, Corporal MacVicar died of wounds (accidentally wounded, fall) at Minden Barracks in Penang, Malaya, aged 30.

Corporal MacVicar was buried in the Taiping (Kamunting Road) Christian Cemetery in Perak, Malaysia where he remains today – one of 42 Australian fallen from the Malayan Emergency who still remain buried overseas.

Corporal MacVicar's name is located at panel 2 in the Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial.

Lest we Forget

