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Flanked by the Regimental Standard, Commanding Officer LTCOL Jake Penley receives Honorary Colonel BRIG Ted Acutt on parade

CAMBRAI REUNION SPECIAL



British Mark IV Female and Male Tanks of 'C' Battalion, including 'Crusty' and 'Centaur II' loaded aboard a train at Plateau Station in preparation for movement to the forward area prior to the opening of the Battle of Cambrai.

(Photo source - ©IWM [Q 46941])

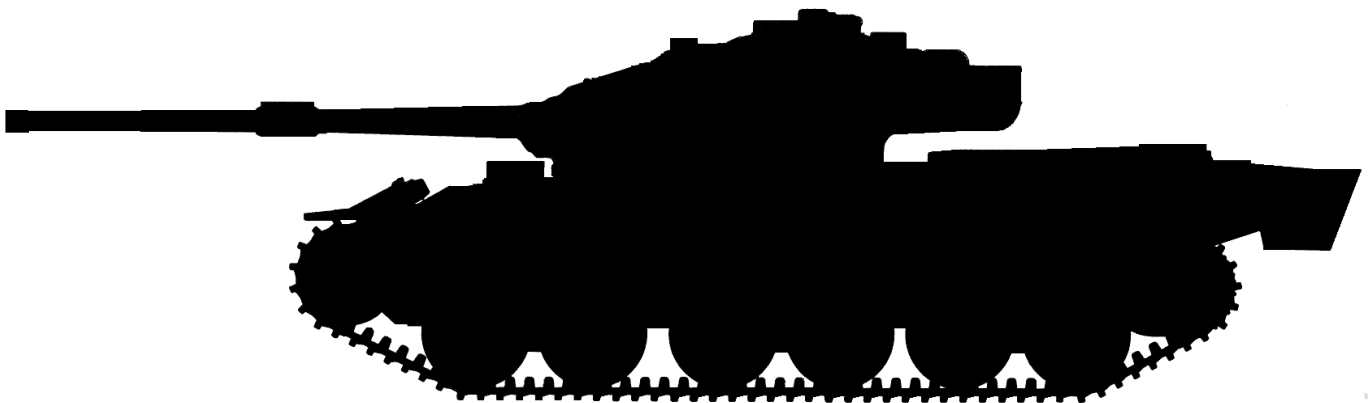
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This special edition of Paratus is dedicated to the 1st Armoured Regiment Association Reunion held in Adelaide over the period 21 – 24 November 2024. Comprising a selection of photos covering each of the activities organised by the Reunion Sub-committee. Further photos can be viewed via the Association website and on various Association and Regiment affiliated Facebook pages at the links on the next page.

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Parade and BBQ – Friday 22 November 2024

Part Two Reunion Dinner – Saturday 23 November 2024 and
Torrens River Cruise and Chateau Yaldara winery visit, as well as
Last Parade / Notices





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Meet and Greet –Adelaide Hilton

21 Nov 24



Association President, Keith Meloncelli, preparing to address the large Meet and Greet gathering (Editor photo)



Vice President (and merchandise guru) Dean Martin hidden in the shadows, Mark Reid, Bill Bates and Gary McCabe distributing quality Association merchandise at the Meet and Greet (Photo courtesy Chris and Jan Fenton)



The epitome of what reunions are all about, reuniting with old mates.

Paul Singleton and Karl Boeck (Editor photo)



Andy Brady, Rod Lang, Trevor Watts, John Crozier and Rob Breddels (Editor photo)



Peter Best, Peter Hendy, Ian and Cathie Hastings (Editor photo)



Mick Rainey MM, Bob Snape and Des Maher (Editor photo)



Chris Bavistock, Gary Millar and Bob Mackenzie (Editor photo)



Lynn and Bob Kennard, Bob Parsons (Jnr) and Jason Mengel (Photo courtesy Chris and Jan Fenton)



Alison and Martin Kies, Dave Blaser and Tony Rigby (Photo courtesy Chris and Jan Fenton)



Col and Lyn Shaw, and Dave Key BM and Bar (Photo courtesy Chris and Jan Fenton)



Obviously happy to be representing the Regiment at the Meet and Greet; CPL Kevin Lan and LCPL Richard Roberts (Photo courtesy Chris and Jan Fenton)



Richard James, Andrew Rule, Iris James, Renai Rule and Jan Fenton (Photo courtesy Chris and Jan Fenton)



**CO LTCOL Jake Penley, XO (Regt 2IC) MAJ Jim Carroll and Geoff Baker
(Photo courtesy Chris and Jan Fenton)**



Steve Haynes, Adam Giuliani, Tory Thurgood, Matty Kee and Tim Whitford
(Photo courtesy Chris and Jan Fenton)



Lynda and Mick Jacob (Photo courtesy Chris and Jan Fenton)



Bob May speaks with TPRs Raymond Muller and Kyle Rowlingson (Photo courtesy Chris and Jan Fenton)



Roger Foote, Andrew Priess and Bob Cameron (Photo courtesy Chris and Jan Fenton)



Cambrai Parade and BBQ – RAAF Edinburgh

22 Nov 24



Semi disguised Secretary Russ James and President Keith Meloncelli, head into the compound to form up prior to marching on parade. The Executive was very pleased with the turn out.

(Photo courtesy Anthony 'Dutchie' Soutar via 1st Armd Regt Assoc Members Only Facebook Page)



Coral Balmoral Veterans

Back row left to right: MAJ Fisher (OC C Sqn 2024), Herman Harberts, Kevin Hunter, Gerry McCormack, Eric Thompson, WO2 Daniel Williamson (SSM C Sqn 2024)

Front row left to right: Mick Ingram, Mick Butler, John Pheonix, Des Mahar, Bruce Tarran, Eric Rowley, Bob Snape, Mick Rainey MM, Chris Bavistock, John Blackwell. (Photo courtesy Chris and Jan Fenton)



Binh Ba Veterans

Left to right: Kingsley McGuire, Ray Arthur, Bill Morris, David Hay, Roger Foote. (Photo courtesy Chris and Jan Fenton)



OP Hammersley Veterans

Back row left to right: Peter Best, Ron Dawes, Peter Rosemond, Les Green, Lew Potter

Front row left to right: Graeme Unmack, Rob Joyce, Mark Arnold, Mick Charenko, Angus (Barry) Hodges, Anthony Geldens, Ian Hastings (Photo courtesy Chris and Jan Fenton)



Hat Dich Veterans

Mick Ingram, Kingsley McGuire, Keith Moodie, Mick Butler, Kevin Hunter, Chris Bavistock. (Photo courtesy Chris and Jan Fenton)



'Atomic' Tank Crewmen

Barry Hodges, Graham Munsell, Ray Arthur. (Photo courtesy Chris and Jan Fenton)



Peacekeeping Veterans

Back Row left to right: Brian Hatfield, Dean Chappel, Daniel Williamson, Chris McLeod, Brian Chapple, Roger Powell, Martin Kies, Mark Smiley Moran, Brian Roach

Front Row left to right: Gary McCabe, Bob Kennard, Bill Whitburn, Keith Moodie, Ric Jackson, Chris Fenton, Cameron Proudfoot, Craig Burn, Russell Gannon, Ian Cummings. (Photo courtesy Chris and Jan Fenton)



Iraq, Afghanistan and Timor Veterans

Back row left to right: WO2 Burrows, WO2 M Tarca, CPL Saunders, Brian Hatfield, WO2 Williamson, Chris McLeod, Martin Kies, Lindsay Black, Brett Ferguson

Front row left to right: MAJ Fisher, SGT Leathley, Bill Whitburn, Gary McCabe, Ric Jackson, Karl Boeck, Cameron Proudfoot, Graeme Walker (Newsletter Editor), Mark Moran, Ian Cummings and Millie

(Photo courtesy Chris and Jan Fenton)



South Australian Veterans

Back row left to right: Mick Butler, Herman Harberts, Keith Moodie, Jack Unger, Dean Chappel

Front row left to right: Mike Ingram, David Maxwell, Mike Charenko, Chris Bavistock, Kevin Hunter, Alan Murphy, Barry Filsell, Geoff Baker, Eric Rowley (Photo courtesy Chris and Jan Fenton)

The Association is indebted to Veterans SA (a SA Government Department) for the grant of a \$1,000 that was used for the supply of transport for Reunion Activities over the period 21 to 24 November 2024. The Grant enabled former members of the Regiment, especially those from SA to reconnect with their mates.



Bushy Coutts, Mick Payne and Trevor Watts (Photo courtesy Chris and Jan Fenton)



Roger and Rhonda Powell, Bryan Roach and Brian Chapple. (Photo courtesy Chris and Jan Fenton)



Brian Hatfield (RSM 1991/92) gives the current RSM, WO1 Grant Gripske, some last minute tips just prior to the parade.

(Photo courtesy Chris and Jan Fenton)



Bob Kennard, Gary McNabb, Martin Craze and Bob May. (Photo courtesy Chris and Jan Fenton)



The 'tall' end of sizing the veterans prior to marching onto parade. (Photo courtesy Chris and Jan Fenton)



Geoffrey Barnett and Gerry McCormack at the head of the veteran contingent
(Photo courtesy Chris and Jan Fenton)



A very full trophy table (Photo courtesy Chris and Jan Fenton)



(Photo courtesy Glendon Rusk via 1st Armoured Regiment (Australia) Past and Present Facebook Page)



(Photo courtesy Glendon Rusk via 1st Armoured Regiment (Australia) Past and Present Facebook Page)



The Regiment on parade (Editor photo)



The Regiment dismounted during the award presentations (Editor photo)



A Squadron formed up on parade

(Photo courtesy Glendon Rusk via 1st Armoured Regiment (Australia) Past and Present Facebook Page)



The Commanding Officer mounted on Zero Charlie leads the march past

(Photo courtesy Glendon Rusk via 1st Armoured Regiment (Australia) Past and Present Facebook Page)



Post parade BBQ in the Mick Rainey MM Club (Editor photo)



Post parade BBQ in the Mick Rainey MM Club (Editor photo)



A classic 'Toolbox' of Spanners:

**Chris McLeod, Graeme "Ferret" Unmack, Alex Wolf, John Blackwell, John Pheonix and Dean Martin
(Editor photo)**