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PNG Assist takes off

Air Force joins disaster relief effort for flood-stricken PNG

By FLGOFF Eamon Hamilton

“DUTY as a good neighbour” is how the commander of the ADF’s latest humanitarian relief effort describes Operation PNG Assist.

At the request of the Papua New Guinea government, the ADF has initiated Operation PNG Assist to aid the Oro Province with humanitarian supplies and disaster relief following devastating floods.

These floods were the result of torrential rain from Cyclone Guba, reportedly leaving more than 200 people dead and displacing thousands more.

On November 22, the first aircraft and personnel left Australia for Port Moresby under Joint Task Force (JTF) 636, led by OC 84WG GPCAPT Tim Innes.

Their force included two Caribou aircraft from 38SQN, along with a pair of 37SQN C-130s.

On board the Hercules were pallets of humanitarian relief from AusAID, along with air movements and communications personnel.

A medical assessment team, airfield engineering team and an engineering and infrastructure reconnaissance team have also been deployed.

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Outlining the challenges, GPCAPT Innes said: “My first priority will be to find what’s happened over there, what the situation is, what the priorities are, and what appropriate assets will need to go in.

“The event is still ongoing – we’ve still got rain and poor weather conditions in the area – and it’s widespread, with washed out and damaged roads,” he said.

“These floods have severely disrupted local infrastructure, so they really need airlift in there to bring all those priority services – health, clean water and sanitation.”

This task will entail establishing a Forward Operating Base in area of operations on the northern side of the Owen Stanley Ranges, which features soaring peaks and is home to the Kokoda Track.

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WOFF-AF loses his mo’ in the MEAO

By CPL Mike McSweeney

WHEN asked how much it would take for him to lose his mo’ for charity, WOFF-AF Ray Woolnough held up one hand – $500.

Many of the male members of the C-130 detachment in the Middle East were growing moustaches for the Australian charity event, “Movember.”

When WOFF-AF and CAF AIRMSHL Geoff Shepherd paid the task group a visit earlier this month, some of the crew thought it would be a good idea to get WOFF-AF Woolnough on board.

“We offered him the chance to donate to the ‘Movember’ charity, which is a charity to raise money for prostate cancer research and men’s depression,” FLGFOG Sarah Clark said.

In less than a day, the task group raised the $US500 and during a barbecue it was announced that the WOFF-AF’s mo’ would have to go.

WOFF-AF Woolnough was a bit surprised, not thinking they would be able to raise the funds. Task group member, LACW Janelle Tyley, was called in to do the honours.

“It was my first time [assisting in Movember], so I was a bit shaky with the task group member, LACW Tyley said.

Fortunately for WOFF-AF, who hadn’t shaved his upper lip for more than 15 years, LACW Tyley had been taught a thing or two about men’s shaving.

“I was taught never shave up, always shave down,” she said.

A few minutes later, after many laughs and – $500.

WOFF-AF Woolnough said.

FLGFOG Clark, a nurses officer with the detachment, said it was great to have the WOFF-AF join TG 633.4 in the worthy fundraising activity.

“Most of the guys in the task group are participating, but they’re actually growing their moustaches as opposed to having theirs shaved off,” she said.

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WOFF-AF Ray Woolnough braves as LACW Janelle Tyley shaves off his mo’ for a good cause.

CAF on tour

By CPL Mike McSweeney

CAF AIRMSHL Geoff Shepherd visited personnel during a whirlwind tour of the Middle East earlier this month.

Joined by WOFF-AF Ray Woolnough and Commander Surveillance and Response Group AIRCDRE Warren Ludwig, the CAF visited the C-130 and AP-3C task groups, the Force Level Logistics Asset and the RAAF Control Reporting Centre in Afghanistan.

In his seventh trip to the MEAO since 2004, AIRMSHL Shepherd used the opportunity to see the changes and improvements that had been made.

“It’s great to see some of the developments that have happened here,” AIRMSHL Shepherd said.

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“Most importantly, it’s great to see the spirit.”

While touring the facilities, he met personnel and invited them to raise any issues they had.

The CAF also received operation- al briefs outlining the strengths and any issues and solutions from the various task groups.

Evening barbecues provided an informal environment to catch up with people, and in the case of the C-130 detachment, listen to some musical talents.

“Just remember the spirit and fun you had here working as a unified Air Force and ADF team,” AIRMSHL Shepherd told the troops.

“Try and take some of that spirit home, and translate it back to your normal life.”

In an address to members of the task group, AIRMSHL Shepherd reflected on the Air Force’s history.

“In 1915 we lost our first Australian military aviation casualty outside of Basra – LT Burns and New Zealand navigator LT Murtz,” he said.

“That was the Australian Flying Corps, and here we are the best part of 100 years later, still working in this part of the world.”

CAF said the work done by Air Force teams was vitally important to missions in the MEAO and would remain so for years to come.

“You do great work and you follow in the traditions of all those who have served in the Air Force before you. As Chief, I’m very proud of what you do,” he said.

“We do a lot of that great under- pinning work and we deliver a great product to allow the coalition to work to achieve the outcomes we need.”

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Air Force mini quiz

1. What prizes were won recently by two Air Force cooks?
2. What tune was played by SGT Craig Dawson during Exercise Longlook?
3. What is the name of the new suburb proposed for Laverton, Victoria?
4. Where and when was Australia’s first military aviation casualty?
5. Which flying squadron retains its own team of ADGs and Security Police for protection?

Air Force


November 29, 2007
AN INCREASED tempo during the 2007 Federal Election campaign led 34SQN to rack up a proud milestone for its fleet of Challenger special purpose aircraft.

On October 16, Challenger A37-003 recorded the 10,000th flight hour for the fleet of three Challengers, which were introduced into service in July 2002.

The record was noted during a flight from Adelaide to Melbourne, with deputy leader of the Federal Opposition, Julia Gillard, on board.

When the aircraft shut down at Tullamarine Airport in Melbourne, the Challenger’s fleet has provided a means for the Federal Opposition, Julia Gillard, on board. To Adelaide to Melbourne, with deputy leader of the Federal Government, Mark Latham, on board.

The unit’s three Challenger CL604 business jets are operated from Defence Establishment Fairbairn, alongside a pair of Boeing Business Jets.

The Challenger operates with a crew of two pilots and one crew attendant, and is capable of carrying up to nine passengers on a 7000km trip.

With the Challengers approaching their fifth year of operation by the Air Force, 34SQN CO WGCDR Andrew Griffiths said “the Challengers have been outstanding aircraft and will continue to be so”.

“34SQN is the representational squadron of the ADF, and for many in the government and particularly guests of government, we are the only contact they have with the ADF. Thus, we are quite often the only face of the RAAF and the ADF, and this is unique to both Challenger and BBJ,” WGCDR Griffiths said.

A number of factors make 34SQN unique in the Air Force, many relating to their high-profile passengers.

The unit retains its own team of airfield defence guards and security police for protection of the special purpose aircraft and its passengers, and tasking for the jets does not come direct through the Air Mobility Control Centre at RAAF Base Richmond.

“Unlike other Air Lift Group and Air Force aircraft, 34SQN is directly tasked by one of three agencies – the offices of the Governor General, the Prime Minister and the Minister for Defence,” WGCDR Griffiths said.

“The major challenge for squadron operations is flight planning support for short notice tasks. We are about to embark on a trial of an electronic flight bag, which is anticipated to go a long way to assisting us in this area.”

Tasks between the Challengers and BBJ fleet are divided according to requirements of the VIP – including destination, passenger numbers and range. “The Challenger is able to go to locations such as Bathurst Island in the Northern Territory, and other locations where runways are quite short and have low pavement ratings, which are unsuited to the BBJ,” WGCDR Griffiths said.

Outside of their VIP function, the 34SQN special purpose aircraft have put their quick response capability to use during times of crisis, including supporting relief efforts for the Boxing Day Tsunami and the Sea King crash in Nias, Indonesia.

34SQN VIP jet clocks up 10,000 hours

By FLGOFF Eamon Hamilton

34SQN fleet

history

- De Havilland DH-84 Dragons (1942)
- Avro Ansons (1942)
- Tiger Moths (1942)
- C-47 Dakotas (1943)
- DC-3 Convair 440 Metropolitans (1956)
- Vickers Viscounts (1964)
- Hawker Siddley 748 (1967)
- French Dassault Mystère 20s (1967)
- BAC-111s (1969)
- Dassault Falcon 900s (1989)
- Boeing Business jets (2002)
- Challenger CL604s (2002)

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Good work, Bill

CPL Bill Griffiths from 114MCRU was presented with a CDRSRG Commendation for his "exceptional efforts, technical expertise and great resilience" while deployed to Task Group 633.12. CPL Griffiths deployed to Kandahar Airfield in April for six months as the logistics NCO and had an immediate impact on the safety, comfort and operational effectiveness of the task group.

HOME SWEET HOME: CDRSRG AIRCDRE Warren Ludwig (front centre) with members from the first rotation to Afghanistan at an informal welcome home function at RAAF Base Darwin. Left, AIRCDRE Ludwig presents CPL Bill Griffiths with a CDORSG Commendation for his contribution to the deployment.

By FLGOFF Skye Smith

NUMBER 114 Mobile Control and Reporting Unit (114MCRU) celebrated a significant milestone recently when a detachment of 75 members were welcomed home at RAAF Base Darwin following deployment to Afghanistan in support of Operation Slipper.

Commander Surveillance Response Group AIRCDRE Warren Ludwig congratulated the detachment and praised the efforts of 114MCRU’s air combat officers, air surveillance operators, logistic, engineering, technical and administrative personnel, who were supported by Combat Support Group.

The deployment provided an important milestone in 114MCRU’s distinguished history, with Afghanistan being the unit’s first operational deployment since 1958, when it deployed to Butterworth.

“We deployed to Malaysia in the 1950s, but through their spectacular achievements over the past nine months, it is clear that 114MCRU has not forgotten how to deploy,” AIRCDRE Ludwig said.

“A lot of work by a lot of people in the 50 years in-between operational deployments has kept the unit focused on its core warfighting skills.”

The efforts in Afghanistan could not have been effected without the exceptional support from the Australian-based teams to facilitate the deployment.

Air Force deployed one of its Lockheed Martin TP-77 radars and a Mobile Control and Reporting Centre to manage the airspace of an assigned area of Afghanistan.

“Everything that could be asked for was achieved, including the laying of a substantial concrete slab and the erecting of a deployable hangar,” AIRCDRE Ludwig said.

He recognised the continued support of families and friends during the deployment.

“Your sacrifice and support has been vital to the achievements of the members we are welcoming home today.”

A ceremony was held at Kandahar on August 5 when Australia formally accepted responsibility for the mission from the US Air Force. Following the exchange of command, the Control Reporting Centre (CRC) has sustained operations around-the-clock.

The CRC at Kandahar is an integral element of the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) command and control architecture, and provides a myriad of battlespace management functions.

114MCRU’s contribution to ISAF in Afghanistan was an important component of the Australian Government’s commitment to working together with the international community to help prevent acts of terrorism around the world.

36SQN enjoys its first big night out

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PHOTO BY LAC SCOTT WOODWARD
SGT wins coveted Eagle Trophy

By Barry Rollings

WINNING the 2007 Rolls Royce Eagle Trophy was not the sole factor that proved SGT Sean Bell, from RAAF Base Edinburgh, was in a class of his own.

SGT Bell, a design engineer with the Joint Electronic Warfare Operational Support Unit (JEWOSU), received his award at the Commonwealth Club in Canberra on October 23 at the annual Rolls Royce dinner.

The award and a gold commendation were presented by CAF AIRMSHL Geoff Shepherd and the President of Rolls Royce – Defence Aerospace, Axel Arendt, from the United Kingdom.

The Eagle Trophy is a scale model of the Eagle VIII engine which was fitted to the Fairey IIID, one of the Air Force’s first aircraft when it formed in 1921. The trophy was first presented in 1996 in recognition of the Air Force’s 75th anniversary.

AIRMSHL Shepherd said SGT Bell's performance in carrying out his duties had been tireless and exemplary.

"Well done Sean, you certainly deserve this award for your contribution to your unit and to the Air Force, and the great results that come from working in a leading-edge environment," he said.

SGT Bell's CO, WGCDR David Cox, said that a design engineering role was normally associated with commissioned officers.

"It is unusual for a SNCO to be appointed as a design engineer; it doesn't happen very often," WGCDR Cox said.

"The section was short on manpower because of postings, so SGT Bell stepped up and undertook the extra training to obtain the regulatory knowledge required to become a design engineer.

"What the award identifies is Sean's knowledge, proficiency and work ethic in support of 82WG and the C-130H aircraft prior to deploying to the Middle East.

"From a unit perspective, we are very proud and pleased that he has won the award. It showcases JEWOSU as an area of expertise in software engineering for electronic warfare self-protection. It is a just reward for his efforts within this unit."

The award was surprising news for SGT Bell, who had no inkling he had been nominated after returning from deployment recently.

"I was quite overwhelmed to have my name associated with the trophy," SGT Bell said. "It is quite an honour to be recognised. It's satisfying that SNCOs and junior officers are able to be recognised for their efforts through this perpetual trophy.

"Being in JEWOSU has allowed me to continue my professional development. It's great to be at a unit that encourages the sort of professionalism that ultimately enabled me to win this award.

"It certainly opens up many avenues for commissioning within the engineering profession and electronic warfare realms in the future."

"I would encourage avionic technicians to take up the study to become a system technician, which in turn provides the exposure and opportunities in engineering," he said.

TOP BRASS: JEWOSU CO WGCDR David Cox congratulates SGT Sean Bell after he received the prestigious Rolls Royce Eagle Trophy and a CAF gold commendation for his contributions as a design engineer.

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TWO RAAF Base Tindal chefs have once again convincingly demonstrated that Air Force professionals are leaders in their fields by having their meals declared "the tastiest" by a highly-critical panel of professional cuisine judges.

LAC’s Peter Janes and Brad Tellam from 322ECSS narrowly missed taking the gold at the national Nestlé Golden Chef’s Hat cooking competition in Sydney. The event took place in the 10 state-level competition in Darwin.

The event comprised a ‘mystery box’ of products, so they did not know in advance what they would be preparing. However, before departing for Darwin, Tindal’s senior chefs devoted much time to training in the mystery box techniques.

Upon arrival, they found their box contained meats, fruit and vegetables, Nestlé products, sauces, herbs and spices.

“We had just half an hour to devise a menu,” they said.

“We then had three hours to prepare, cook, garnish and serve four courses of entrée, main and dessert. We devised a menu and constructed a work plan. Then, we prepared our dishes, working as a team with a constant flow of good communication and a few laughs,” Tindal’s WOFF caterer WOFF Gary Woods accompanied his two protégés to Sydney.

“[Brad and Peter] can be very proud of their achievements,” he said. “On the night of the presentations, they were first up and were awarded silver medals for each course they produced. They also received a fantastic prize of a set of Global Chefs knives [worth more than $1000] and cookbooks for their initiative and creativity.”

The judges told them that their main dish was the tastiest of all the meals presented and that their work practices, hygiene and cleanliness were of a very high standard.

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By way of thanks, his lament was completed, SGT Dawson played Waltzing Matilda to thank the veterans, Kevin Ormond and John Ferguson. Dawson on Mount Tumbledown as a RAF C-130 flies over. Photos by SAC Kathryn Bowler, RAF

THE battle for Mount Tumbledown was the final major battle of the Falklands War. The British land forces, backed by their air and naval forces, had destroyed or driven back most Argentinean forces and were pushing the enemy bastion, a series of heavily fortified and reinforced positions on the slopes of Mount Tumbledown and the nearby heights and manned by the reinforced Argentinean 5th Marines.

The attack started at 8.30pm on June 13, 1982, with a diversionary attack on some of the more exposed Argentinean positions. At 9pm, the main assault began and the British were soon fighting a well-prepared, heavily-armoured and dug-in opposition. They came under heavy fire from mortars, machine guns, grenades and small arms fire from a company and two Scots Guardsmen were hit and killed. They were only two of several casualties.

Despite the carnage, the Guards carried forward their attack, and by early morning, had achieved all their objectives. The cease-fire came when the commander of 5th Marines was preparing to mount a counter-attack.

History of Tumbledown battle

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MSI is on a high

By Barry Rollings

HAVING qualified recently as a Military Skills Instructor (MSI), LAC Justin Williams is looking forward to his next big challenge with Air Force.

LAC Williams, from 1 Combat Communication Squadron (1CCS), was one of five graduates from the seven-week course at 1 Recruit Training Unit (1RTU).

On January 14 next year, he takes up a posting as an MSI, instructing across a range of skills with 1RTU at his new home of RAAF Base Wagga.

As the Chief Instructor’s Dux of the Course, LAC Williams was presented with a certificate and plaque by WOFF-AF Ray Woolnough.

The 1RTU Training WOFF, WOFF Scott Davey, described LAC Williams as a stand-out student who always displayed motivation and professionalism with the sole aim to do his best at whatever the task.

“The words courage, professionalism and personal mastery describe him very well,” WOFF Davey said.

LAC Williams said it was a satisfying but surprising achievement.

“I learnt a great deal on the MSI course and I knew I had done well but did not think I had done that well,” he said.

The course included two weeks of weapons instruction and two weeks learning instruction techniques.

NEW ROLE: LAC Justin Williams from 1CCS was awarded Dux of the MSI course and looks forward to his challenging new role at RAAF Base Wagga next year. Photo by LAC Ben Dempster

LAC Williams said he had wanted for some time to undertake the MSI course.

“My ‘other half’ is in Wagga, so when I found out 1RTU was moving, it was the last tick in the box,” he said.

I had an interest in military life from a young age and was involved in Army Cadets before I joined up’’

as a communications electronics technician before the course, LAC Williams frequently found himself on deployment.

He anticipates his new job will be very challenging and expects to be assisting on about four courses a year, which will involve about 30 personnel on each.

“The challenge will be trying to have everyone qualify at the end of each course,” he said.

Everybody learns at different speeds and levels, so it will pretty much be a matter of being patient.”

For more information on becoming an MSI, check out People Central under Career Progression.

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People power

AIR FORCE News takes another look at some of the faces from the 2007 Defence Force Air Show at RAAF Base Edinburgh.

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FAMILY GUY: Above, WOFF John Matthews with his son Ben, daughter Lisa, wife Sharon and baby daughter Rebecca after receiving an ACAUST commendation at a recent 37SQN family day. Photo by SGT Bill Guthrie

FAST TALKING: Below, FLGOFF Sean Rutledge from 6SQN with Tiffany Heddes and her son Baily during the Indy 500 race on the Gold Coast. Seven members from 1 and 6SQN volunteered to spent time with children from the Variety Club of Queensland at the event. Photo by CPL Emil Jones

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November 30: The Parade Band will support the RAAF SFS 20th anniversary parade at RAAF Base Amberley.
November 30: The Jazz Ensemble will perform at the dinner function for the RAAF SFS 20th anniversary.
December 4: The band will play at the RAAF Base Richmond Carols.
December 7: The Concert Band will perform at the RAAF Base Williamtown Carols.
December 11: The Parade Band will support the RAAFCDL change-over parade at RAAF Base Wagga.

Central Band
November 30: The Ceremonial Band will support the SFTS Pilots’ Course graduation parade at RAAF Base Pearce at 10.30am.
November 30: The Ceremonial Band will support the OTS Initial Officer Course graduation parade at RAAF Base William Cook at 11.30am.
December 1: Force 10 will support the RAAF Base Williams Officers’ Mess Ball at RAAF Base Williams, Laverton.
December 2: The Concert Band will perform at the RAAF Base Williams Carols at Point Cook.
December 5: The Ceremonial Band will support the final 1RTU graduation parade at RAAF Base Edinburgh at 1pm.
December 5: The Air Force Jazz Ensemble will perform at the 1RTU graduation cocktail party at RAAF Base Edinburgh.
December 9: As part of the celebrations to mark 1RTU’s move to RAAF Base Wagga, the band will perform a variety show entitled “Welcome to Wagga” at 2pm at Joyes Hall, Charles Sturt University, Wagga.
December 11: The Ceremonial Band will support the parade to transfer the RAAFCOL colours to SPS, RAAF Wagga at 11am.
December 16: The Concert Band will perform at Carols by the Bay at the Peter Scullen Reserve in Mordialloc from 6.30pm.

Ex-apprentices reunion
Ex-apprentices, partners and friends are invited to attend the annual reunion on January 26 at the Holiday Inn, Brisbane from 12.30pm. For more information, contact Les Bunn on (07) 4143 4050 or email: lesbunn@austarnet.com.au

MEDICAL CHECK: LACW Zoe Webb from Area Health Services checks an ambulance while on the job at RAAF Base Edinburgh. Photo by AB James Whittle

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AIR FORCE


November 29, 2007
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Australian Defence Force families benefit from Choice Housing

ADF members with dependants (MWD) continue to benefit from 'Choice' housing that provides a lifestyle option for families.

Under the New Housing Classification Policy (NHCP), Defence Choice Housing has been re-branded Rent Band (RB) Choice.

In 2003, DHA and Defence introduced Defence Choice Housing, which provides homes in more desirable locations, but with fewer amenities.

There are a restricted number of RB Choice homes available in Sydney, Townsville, Melbourne, Canberra, Darwin, Adelaide, Newcastle and Perth, comprising of inner city apartments, townhouses, and well located detached houses.

Members with dependants (excluding MWD(U)) who are eligible for Defence housing can select a RB Choice home.

RB Choice homes are offered – and occupied – on a purely voluntary basis as they do not meet the minimum housing standard introduced under NHCP. The rent you pay will reflect the classification of the property in relation to your rank group.

If you select a RB Choice home within your rank group, the contribution is identical to what you would pay for a Service residence within your rank group. If you select a RB Choice home above your rank group, you will pay a higher contribution under the Choice Contribution Scheme. You should also be aware that the minimum contribution payable by a member is the rate for a three-bedroom home, even though some RB Choice homes may have fewer bedrooms.

If you have access to HomeFind you will be able to view any RB Choice homes in your gaining location, that are within your rank group.

Your local DHA Housing Management Centre (HMC) will be able to provide updated information concerning the availability of RB Choice housing in your gaining location.

Cpl Quirke’s moving from O2 to OTS

By FLGOff Skye Smith

PT OFF Ben Quirke’s passion for aviation and travel has taken flight with his admission to Officer Training School (OTS).

The former CPL was commissioned to PLTOFF aircrew on October 19 and upon completion of OTS will head to 2FDIS to begin pilot training.

Having travelled Australia as an armourer on the FA-18s after becoming an avionics technician, PLTOFF Quirke worked at 323ECSS at RAAF Base Townsville before his commissioning.

A normal day’s work included maintaining aircraft batteries, replenishing liquid dry breathing oxygen vessels and maintaining the storage compound and equipment.

Hard work and determination has paid off for PLTOFF Quirke, who has taken the first step to a flying career. He completed flight screening at the Basic Flying Training School in Tamworth and looks forward to pilot training next year.

For information on applying for commission, visit People Central under Career Progression.

Adfa on the list

By Barry Rollings

AIRFIELD engineering will be among the next items CPL Chris Kluft plans to tick off his Air Force “to do” list.

CPL Kluft is an NDI (non destructive inspection) technician at RAAF Base Townsville, where he is one of only two personnel engaged on testing Army helicopters for fatigue and corrosion in aircraft metals and composite materials.

He has been accepted into the Airman Access to the Academy Scheme at ADFA in Canberra. He posts in on January 29 to begin his university studies for a degree in civil engineering, which he hopes will lead him on to a career in airfield engineering.

“I am working with 5 Aviation Regiment. Army does not have any testers, so I am one of two Air Force corporals working on Army’s helicopters,” CPL Kluft said.

His involvement had been beneficial because of Army’s different administration and management structures.

“They do a lot more physical training for it. I have enjoyed the challenge and I think it’s beneficial to have had that experience,” he said.

However, in regard to the actual work he performed, nothing had changed because all three Services work by the same maintenance manual.

CPL Kluft’s father was also a CPL in Air Force and influenced his decision to enlist in 1999 as an aircraft technician, as well as his keen interest in working on aircraft.

The selection process to go to Adfa next year had been fairly long, with many tests and interviews. CPL Kluft said.

At the end of his four-year degree course, he said he will go into airfield engineering.

“I am looking forward to it,” CPL Kluft said of his impending transfer to the academy.

“I was doing uni part-time and found it a little difficult. I have been to East Timor five times already this year.

“The opportunity to study full-time is fantastic and the facilities at Adfa are first-class.

“The majority of the work will be theory-based but there will be two six-week work experience opportunities. One of these will be with an Air Force unit and the other probably will be with a civil engineering company,” he said.

He said that airfield engineers liaised with the Defence Services Group and base commanders, on new facilities to be built at Air Force bases.

More information on applying for the AAA Scheme is available on People Central under Career Progression.

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Air Force


November 29, 2007
Anzacs are honoured in Borneo

By SqnLdr Phil Smith

THE World War II battlefields of Borneo are fast becoming the next place of pilgrimage for Australians trying to connect with their Anzac heritage.

While Anzac Cove and the Kokoda Track are best known, and Long Tan now draws dozens of veterans each August, the Commonwealth War Cemetery on the island of Labuan is a unique place.

Almost 8000 Australians and half as many Britons visit memorials in Malaysia each year. Those sites include locations along the terrible Sandakan Death March that killed almost 2000 Commonwealth Servicemen.

The last major battles fought by Australians, within weeks of the war’s end, were the liberation of Borneo by the Ninth Division, Tarakan, Balikpapan and Labuan itself.

It’s at Labuan, beneath a perfect lawn edged by rainforest trees, that the dead of Australia, New Zealand, Britain, India and the Malayan states were buried.

More than 300 people gathered there on Remembrance Day this year. They included grandchildren of soldiers for whom there is no marked grave.

Veterans who had fought in the Malayan Emergency and ‘Confrontation’ with Indonesia attended. Still others who had served at Butterworth during the Vietnam era brought family.

Representing the Australian High Commission in Kuala Lumpur, GPCAPT Phil Lavelle placed wreaths along with government and military representatives.
Selection for Service commences 28 July 2008

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3. Book your SF Psych exam (PS006) through your unit.
4. Book for a SF medical examination with your unit RMO (PM532)

February 2008
5. Attend the National SF information tour during the period 04-12 February in all state Capitals and major bases.
6. Commence your SF psych and medical exam

April 2008
7. Completed applications AD343, PS006 & PM532 faxed to Selection Wing Clerk SFTC on 0265703329 or 3071. NLT 26 April 07.
8. SF Panelling Board (SFPB) convenes

29 April 2008
9. Commences 13 Week Training Program

May – July 2008
10. Continue with 13 Week training Program.

Note: Service transfer will not take effect until you have completed the Mandatory courses on the reinforcement cycle.

Contact

The SAS Selection Warrant Officer
on 02 65703315 or (m) 0439702526. Or email your questions to LPN SFTCSelection@defence.gov.au

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Quenching your thirst

Worked hard on the run or in the gym? Your mouth tasting like dried glue? You are dehydrated. LT Rob Orr considers this potential killer.

Hydration is an often neglected part of training. Hydration, or rather the lack of it, results in dehydration. This is the lack of water in the human body: water that is necessary for energy production, internal heat regulation (temperature control) and the removal of waste products. This water lack, or dehydration, reduces physical performance, affects concentration and increases the risk of heat illnesses (heat exhaustion, heat cramps and heat stroke).

The basic symptoms
- Thirst
- Strong thirst
- Dehydration
- Light-headedness, difficulty concentrating

Affecting factors
- Weather and humidity – The more humid the weather, the less effective sweat becomes as a coolant.
- Exercise intensity
- Exercise duration – A 1.5-hour run may lead to dehydration.
- Diet – Food that contains salt and caffeine as they cause you to urinate and lose water.
- Accessibility – How much water you can access.

Managing risk pays dividends

Plan properly before going into business, ASIC Commissioner Jeffrey Lucy writes.

Ever dreamed of being your own boss? Perhaps you’d like to issue orders instead of taking them?

If you’re thinking about plans for life after the ADF or if your partner is looking to bring in some income, you may be thinking about starting or buying a small business. Being a small business owner is likely to be less physically dangerous than being an ADF member, but the financial dangers can be significant.

In my experience, most businesses that fail do so because of factors within their control. Of course, there can be external factors, such as a drought; however these factors can be taken into account in your business planning and in the assessment of the amount of capital or cash, you require to sustain the business through good and bad times.

Following things should be considered or at least factored into your planning:
- Inadequate capital, or cash, at the time of starting the business and allowing for business cycles and other downturns.
- Too much invested into stock, or people owing you too much.
- Inefficient operating profit margins that require more sales to meet targets.
- Insufficient operating profit margins that result in an unrealistic expectation of sales revenue to provide the surplus to pay for running expenses.
- Not matching your running expenses with your business needs, for example, too many staff members or your premises being too expensive.
- Taking profits out of the business quicker than the business can afford.
- Spending on non-core assets, such as a luxury company car, and
- Lack of careful budgeting and reliable financial statements that clearly indicate the health of the business.
- These risks can be managed but it requires discipline and some skill. Your accountant and banker can help, but you must be in the driver’s seat managing both the risks and exploiting the areas of profitable activity.

Many small businesses fail in their first few years. As the saying goes, they don’t plan to fail, they fail to plan. Having a great idea is simply not enough. Any successful business requires thorough planning and adequate financing. And both need to be in place before you commit to going into business.

It’s a good idea to examine the reasons why the business might fail, as well as all the positives. And it’s crucial to know your market. What’s the current demand and supply situation? Who are your competitors?

You also need to think about what structure your small business will take. There are three main options: sole trader, partnership or private company. It is important to seek expert advice at this point because choosing the wrong structure can be costly. From a tax perspective, for example, you have to balance the impact of paying tax at personal tax rates if you operate as a sole trader versus paying 30 per cent on every dollar earned if you operate through a company.

No two businesses are the same, so getting advice from a qualified and licensed expert is essential.

This column is an initiative of the ADF Financial Services Consumer Council. To suggest a column topic, email ADFColum@asic.gov.au

Hydrate for exercise
- Drink 400-600 ml of water before exercise.
- Drink 100-200 ml of water every 10-15 minutes of exercise.
- Drink on schedule rather than relying on thirst – set your watch to countdown a set time and drink on the alarm.
- Drink cool water as this is more palatable and, by reducing the temperature of the stomach, fluid flow from the stomach to the small intestine increases.
- Water consumption should continue well after your session concludes.
- Drink for about an hour when exercising.

What to drink
- Cool water to date is still one of the best hydrants and for your basic participant is all that is required. Those who train aerobically for over an hour may consider using a carbohydrate replacement drink. The most effective drinks contain six to eight per cent carbohydrates.
- Beverages that exceed 10 per cent in carbohydrates like sodas, fruit juices and other concentrated fruitose drinks are associated with cramps, nausea and diarrhoea and should therefore be avoided.

So, take that extra time to drink and help beat the internal heat. You can lose up to two to three litres of water an hour when exercising.
Call of Duty 4: Modern Warfare
Activision
PC, Xbox360, PS3, M14+.

The Game: The venerable Call of Duty franchise returns for another session of first-person-shooter (FPS) action, but this time moves away from the stale WWII setting and throws you into current-day military conflicts in the boots of "Soap" MacTavish of the British 22 SAS Regiment and Paul Jackson of the US Marine Corps 1st Force Recon.

The Play: Modern Warfare switches between action in the Middle East with the US Marines and missions in Russia involving the SAS. The developers have really captured the feel of each Service perfectly. The SAS missions are more precise and efficient, whereas the Marines don't have much subtlety, just firepower.

Regardless of setting, the combat is extremely intense almost all of the time, with only a few dramatic breaks to enhance the story.

In addition, the developers have placed a few varied missions in the game to give you another perspective on the evolving story. Being the gunner of an AC-130 Spectre gunship using thermal imaging to take out ground troops is brilliant.

Aimed is the "one-man army" syndrome of previous versions. This time round your squad mates are actually effective and will use terrain intelligently to help and support each other, you included. The game feels more like you are part of a squad of highly-trained soldiers, with each having their own unique personality, rather than having your to do everything with a bunch of random guys impeding you more than helping.

For multi-player, COD4 uses a class-based online mode where your character gains experience that allows you to level-up and gain different skills and weapon upgrades. This essentially allows you to develop a character class that suits your style of play.

The Terrain: COD4 offers the most impresive graphics that I have seen on a first-person-shooter to date. Everything is near photo realistic and highly detailed. The character models are also excellent, as they all move and react as you would expect real people would.

On the weapons front, the developers have done their research. The game includes up-to-date weaponry such as the M203 grenade launcher, the AN/PEQ-2 vision targeter and the FGM-148 Javelin portable anti-tank missile, among others.

A new element, "bullet penetration", has added a huge sense of realism as you can now shoot through objects, such as wood fences and thin walls etc. Not to be left out, the enemies also have a large range of modern weapons.

The Experience: As they did with the original Call of Duty, the developers have set Call of Duty 4: Modern Warfare as the standard to which all other FPS games must follow. It's impossible to put into words how intense the combat in this game is; it really needs to be played and experienced as it is easily the best Call of Duty ever.

With the amazing single-player experience and excellent multi-player mode, Call of Duty 4: Modern Warfare is an instant classic and an essential purchase for any shooter fan.

Just watch out for enemies throwing your grenades back at you.

— LS Yuri Ramsey

Choose your career path

Tony Hawk’s Proving Ground
Activision
Xbox360, PS3, Wii, PS2 M

The game: For the Tony Hawk series’ ninth shot at the skateboarding genre, they’ve crammed in no fewer than eight new features and given the player three possible story paths based on different lifestyle choices.

The play: The free-roaming environment is made up of a fusion of Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Washington, DC. Like most recent Tony Hawk games, your time will largely be spent completing missions to further the story or knocking off the various one off-challenges to reach 100 per cent game completion. The skateboarding itself is an improvement and mechanical, which you’ll either love or hate, while the missions range from typical skateboarding to fairly silly stuff.

The terrain: It’s definitely the best looking Tony Hawk game to date even though it isn’t as impressive as many other next-gen sports titles which have come out recently. However, the city is nicely detailed and suitably trashy while the characters are no longer the weird look the part.

The Experience: As with the previous Tony Hawk games, this game is an instant classic and an excellent purchase for any skater fan.

Ultimately, though, Proving Ground fixes enough problems and tries so many new things that it definitely shows signs of stepping in the right direction.

— Sean Roberts

Blazing Angels 2: Secret Missions
Ubisoft
PC, Xbox360, PS3, PG

The game: Take to the skies for some intense dogfighting action as the leader of an elite squad of pilots. Blazing Angels 2 takes you to authentic environments during the “secret missions” of WWII.

The play: The locations may be based on real geography, but the gameplay is pure arcade. Whether you’re protecting allies, bombing targets, or flying the odd stealth mission, you can expect frequent and accessible dogfighting from start to end. Whipping your crosshairs around is easy thanks to simple controls and the unlockable aircraft, with a straightforward upgrade system between levels, keeps things interesting.

The terrain: The visuals aren’t anything spectacular but they do the job. Like the first one, it still looks like a game that was ported from last generation in hi-res but there are some nice levels and the planes themselves always look the part.

The Experience: If you’re into realistic war games and your ears perked up at the promise of authenticity, this game may get under your skin. The highly fictional plot is told through classic comic book cutscenes, and history buffs will cringe when the evil Nazis turn up in the promise of authenticity, this game may get under your skin. The highly fictional plot is told through classic comic book cutscenes, and history buffs will cringe when the evil Nazis turn up in

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November 29, 2007
Account of life in the green zone

Imperial Life in the Emerald City: Inside Baghdad's Green Zone
Rajiv Chandrasekaran
Bloomsbury
$29.95

Imperial Life in the Emerald City is an extremely vivid account of the world created within the “safe” green zone in Baghdad after the liberation of Iraq. Chandrasekaran analyses the many different dimensions of life within the United States-created and run green zone, and the efforts of the head of the transitional administration, Paul Bremer, to reshape Iraq.

Highlights include the small green zone scenes, which portray the lead administration as a pro-Bush, misguided, imperialistic organisation and show how certain key personnel were recruited to develop and form government organisations.

One of my favourite recruiting stories was a 24-year-old man who, without any financial knowledge or training, was hired to restart the Baghdad stock exchange. Meticulously researched and written, you will find it hard to put down. Upon finishing it, I wanted to know more and I hope there will be a sequel. It is difficult to believe in this day and age, something as important as rebuilding a nation could be handled so poorly.

– CPL Andrew Hetherington

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This book is a real eye-opener.

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SAFETY PARAMOUNT: Both Volvo’s tested contained a raft of safety systems. Photo by CPL Andrew Hetherington

Powering through the five-speed auto made driving around the city a breeze. Yes, the diesel is not quiet at idle but on the open road driving in cruise is a relaxing experience. At 110km/h with aircon on I managed 6.5 litres/100km – an excellent result.

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Skydivers to take the fall

"TAKING a dive" is something frowned upon in most sports but will be positively encouraged when the Parachute Training School conducts the first ADF Parachute Championships for more than five years from December 3 to 14.

More than 50 parachutists will be stepping out in style as they fill the skies over Jervis Bay near Nowra.

"The championships will be open to all members of the ADF who hold a current Australian Parachute Federation (APF) B licence," one of the organisers, WO1 Paul Dunbavin, said.

"Military freefall-qualified members of the ADF who are not members of the APF will also be catered for, with a number of military events also being conducted over the period. These championships will provide a great opportunity for all members across ADF to increase their parachute knowledge and skill."

Intermediate (less than 1000 descents per team) and open events (more than 1000 descents per team of four) will be contested. Events will be judged by civilian qualified judges of the Australian Parachute Federation.

ADF national parachuting championships were first held in the early 1990s.

For more information, contact WO1 Paul Dunbavin on (02) 4424 2105 or email paul.dunbavin@defence.gov.au

Overseas Union: The Australian Services Rugby Union Warriors are enjoying the competition and the sights of South America during their tour, which started on November 1.

The Australian Services Rugby Union (ASRU) Warriors have a balanced ledger after winning one game and losing another in their tour of South America.

The Warriors opened their account with an impressive 120-7 win against Universidad Santo Tomas Rugby Club in the Chilean capital, Santiago on November 1.

The competition was considerably sterner against a strong regional team, Province of Mendoza, when the Warriors lost 19-10 in the Argentinean city of Mendoza on November 7.

After a marathon 28-hour journey to reach Santiago via Auckland and Buenos Aires, by the following day the team had recovered enough to start training at the Chilean Rugby Federation ground.

The ASRU team quickly established dominance against Santo Tomas and different combinations were tried because some of the players had not played for some time. By half-time, ASRU was well in front 57-7 after the home team scored an intercept try. ASRU continued to gain momentum in the second half, running away with a 120-7 victory. ASRU crossed for 20 tries and converted 10.

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IDCC on the Run

AIR Force has won two and lost one match in the International Defence Cricket Challenge (IDCC), played in Canberra from November 19-23.

At the time of going to press, Air Force lost by 128 runs against Army, but won by 107 runs against NZ Army and one wicket against a UK team.

Full details in the next edition of AIR Force News.

Freefall:
Skydivers will jump for their lives in the ADF Parachute Championships next week.
Paddle pushers

Regatta fun for Dragon Flight

By Barry Rollings

DRAGON boat racing continues to gain impetus in Air Force ranks after personnel from RAAF Bases Wagga and Richmond attended a weekend regatta on Canberra’s Lake Burley Griffin on October 20 and 21.

LAC Daniel Stanbrook travelled down to Canberra with his Wagga colleagues. LAC Stanbrook has paddled with the RAN team in the Penang Inter-paddle Dragon Boat Festival in Malaysia in 2006 and 2007.

“Dragon Flight” boat racers from RAAF Base Wagga joined their fellow paddlers from the Dragons Abreast Wagga team (a local Breast Cancer Support Group) for the foray to Canberra.

The two groups have been training together and sharing a boat. “The men of Dragon Flight paddled with a number of different crews during the regatta. LAC Stanbrook, CFN Andrew Werczyk and CFN Ben Page each paddled in seven races; CPL Nathan Dean and CPL Darren Irwin each paddled in five races,” he said.

“FLTLT Michael Dillon, his daughter Rachel and SQNLDR Heather Mack, Jennifer Gilliland, SGT Connie Gordon and FLTLT’s Michael Dillon and Pete Boreham,” he said.

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“FLTLT Boreham said it was the first outing for what is thought to be the first permanent dragon boat team established by Air Force. “Members who paddled were, without exception, pleased and excited by their experience and intend to continue their involvement with Dragon Flight,” he said.

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I expect we will recruit a number of new paddlers. We expect to obtain our own boat soon, but we will continue to share the Dragons Abreast boat at Wagga in the meantime. “Base Commander at Wagga WGCDR Jenny Fantini has offered her ongoing support for Dragon Flight.”

Air Force takes ACT golf comp in Mollymook

AIR FORCE defeated all comers to win the ACT inter-Service Golf Championship at Mollymook Hilltop Course on the NSW South Coast from October 29 to November 2.

With the APS competing for the first time, the three Service teams joined in to fight out for the coveted Chiefs of Staff Trophy in match-play competition.

Air Force just edged Navy 6.5 to 5, with Army beating APS 6 to 5.5 in the opening round.

In round two, Air Force was too strong — 7 to 4.5 against the APS, and Army beat Navy by a similar margin. That set the stage for a great final day, with Air Force playing Army to decide the 2007 champions.

“Throughout the tournament, the Air Force team had shown strength in depth and this continued against the Army,” player SQNLDR Mark Wilkins said.

“Until the final two or three holes, the match could have gone either way but it was the Air Force which secured a well-deserved win 8 to 3.5 to lift the trophy for the first time since 2003.

“All teams played in the spirit that is the embodiment of inter-Service sport and special mention goes to the APS who joined us for the first time, enhancing the standard of competition.”

WATER BABIES: FLTLT Michael Dillon and daughter Rachel before their first race. Photo by LAC Aaron Curran

Dillon family in the deep end

By Barry Rollings

RAAF Base Wagga paddlers FLTLT Michael Dillon, daughter Rachel and son Daniel found themselves in the deep end of dragon boat racing on October 20 and 21 in Canberra and loved it.

FLTLT Dillon accepted an invitation from FLTLT Pete Boreham from Wagga to try dragon boating in Canberra on the weekend in Dragon Flight — the name and boat base paddlers share with the Bidgee Boobs, a Wagga breast cancer survivors’ group.

Neither Bidgee Boobs nor Dragon Flight has local access to a boat, and practice takes place at the swimming pool in Wagga.

“The Air Force team was formed with less than a week’s notice and, with two practices under their belt, set off to Canberra for the ‘come and try’ day with the Ice Dragons on Lake Burley Griffin on the Saturday,” FLTLT Dillon said.

“On the Sunday, we were invited to paddle with a number of Dragons Abreast teams in their Canberra regatta and all did extremely well.

“The regatta has sparked a great deal of excitement among the members and we are keen now to have access to a local boat (currently being negotiated).”

“Rachel, Daniel and I intend to continue with dragon boating,” he said.

Different strokes: The ADF Dragon Flight team on a break at Lake Burley Griffin. From left, CFNs Andrew Werczyk and Benjamin Page, CPLs Nathan Dean and Darren Hier, AC Lucas Moro, LAC Daniel Stanbrook, Rachel Dillon, SQNLDR Heather Mack, Jennifer Gilliland, SGT Connie Gordon and FLTLT’s Michael Dillon and Pete Boreham. Photo by LAC Aaron Curran

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Air Force paddlers hit the lake for dragon boat regatta – see P23