



Pensioner Barracks & Parade, 1860s.
(W.A. Museum)

ENROLLED PENSIONER GUARDS
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Convenors' Report:

Our next meeting will be our Annual General Meeting. We hope for a good attendance, and ask for nominations for the following positions:

Convenor	Lawrence Doran for re-election
Treasurer	Lawrence Doran for re-election
Deputy Convenor	Currently held by Phillippa Ward vacant
Secretary	“ “ “ “ vacant
Newsletter Production/Editor	“ “ “ “ vacant
Research	Currently done by Jeannette Lee and Phillippa
Social Events organiser	Currently not filled.

Please send nominations to 'The Convenor of the EPG' as soon as possible.

Phillippa wishes to step down from either the 'Deputy/Secretary', or the 'Newsletter Production/Editor' position (recognising of course that there may well be successful nominations for both)

Positions can only be filled by financial members of WAGS .

Celebration of the EPG at Claremont Museum on 1st June, from 1-4 p.m. Members of the Committee planning this event will be present to update us with progress. We have included a 'flyer' with this newsletter for members to pin up at your local library or other appropriate place to spread the word about the event.

EPG Membership Badge. We will by the time of the meeting, have a number of badges for sale. This badge will be exclusively for Direct Descendants of the Enrolled Pensioner Force, and to enable us to keep it as such, we will be asking members of our Special Interest Group to fill in an 'Application', and attach a copy of their family tree to prove their lineage. The cost of the badge will be \$10, with a further \$2 for postage, if to be sent. An application form for the badge is also included in the newsletter.

MEETING TIMES FOR YEAR 2001

Saturday 21 st April	12noon	Unit 4 WAGS
Saturday 28 th July	12noon	Unit 4 WAGS
Saturday 3 rd Nov	12noon	Unit 4WAGS

Please note corrected Nov. date.(Ed)

Convenor Lawrence Doran 9478 2962 Deputy Convenor Phillippa Ward 9276 7305
One or both of us will be at WAGS from noon to 2 p.m. most Thursdays

WANTED Secondhand copy of the book "The Veterans" by F.H. Broomhall please ring 9459 3280

February 25th Meeting in unit 5/6, WAGS

This meeting was dedicated to the ships arriving in January and February during the 16 years of Transportation to the Colony of W.A. They are **the Hougomont (9th January 1868)**, **the Lincelles (29th January 1862)**, **the Dudbrook (2nd February 1853)**, **the Palmerston (11th February 1861)**, and **the Merchantman1 (14th February 1863)**.

Lawrence first dealt with the issue of **WAGS membership** now being necessary to attend meetings held on WAGS premises. Explained to non members that we were having the meeting in the library to highlight the benefits of joining WAGS, and Lawrence encouraged them to do so.

General discussion about affiliated societies and reciprocal arrangements with National Trust and ? Historical Societies. Clarified that Historical Society members and WAGS do not as this stage have a reciprocal arrangement.

The Newsletter is available to all who pay the \$10 a year subscription , not only WAGS members. This is the last newsletter to be sent on last years subscription. The next subscription takes you through to March 31st 2002, and is **now due**.

The proposed badge was discussed. It is as shown; Actual size, with the scroll beneath having a dark Blue background to highlight the gold lettering.



The kings Park Rifle Range. Trish Bylsma reported that the board was receptive, but that things move very slowly.

Guest Speaker- Ray Hartnett/ Convenor of Irish Group

Ray has a Pensioner Guard named Patrick Carroll, who was in the Hon. East India Company. His advice:

- Using a researcher is cheaper than going to London. However, do your homework first, and be careful to stipulate what it is that you want your researcher to find for you.
- **Civil Registration Records** started in Ireland in 1864
- **Church of England Registration** Records from 1854
- **REGISTRAR IN DUBLIN** only gives records to the Church of Latter Day Saints.
- Each County has a **Heritage Centre** and used unemployed people to research records. You have to pay to get records out of Ireland, and **need mother's maiden name. (Parish records have been indexed).**
- **Where to look in WAGS:**

Mormons IGI (fiche)
Irish Index (in WAGS)
"Irish Roots"... Magazine in WAGS, published in Ireland
"Blarney" Victorian Irish Group
G.R.D..... Genealogical Research Directory
CDROM.... Griffiths Primary Valuation
CDROM.... Greenham's Record Finder

Members of the Claremont Museum /Organising Committee were introduced to the meeting:

Cec Florey
Barry Green
Jack Herbert
Ron Sutton
Peggy Whitewood.

Please assist where you can.

We have received correspondence from a number of **Historical Society Branches** which are relevant to our research. We are very grateful for their information, and intend this to be reciprocal. We intend to feature these sites in future newsletters.

OBITUARY NOTICE

COLIN PATRICK MINORGAN (26.6.1920 – 4.12. 2000)

Colin joined our *Special Interest Group* at the outset in February 2000, as a very proud descendant of Enrolled Pensioner Guard **Thomas Minorgan**. He gave us much encouragement and was the source of much early information which helped us to develop a Resource File for researchers. The family donated a very concise history of this family to have on file at WAGS.

Colin died on the 4th December last year, and a Eulogy was held on the 8th December at his 'Happy Valley' at Jarrahdale. He leaves 3 sons and 2 daughters. The name Minorgan lives on. His family is also proud of him. His sister Brenda Bell is still a member of this group having joined along with Colin.

Early years were spent at the family home in North Perth where he attended Highgate State School. His father died young and Colin grew up during the depression. He was apprenticed to the State Electricity Commission and worked there until war broke out. He and his brother joined the Australian Navy, the brother was killed in action on the 'Hobart', and Colin spent four and a half years in the Navy on minesweepers. Following the war, he married, and in 1958 bought his property at Jarrahdale, which he thought to be a 'little bit of heaven' and a special place for the family he leaves behind. After the war, he returned to the SEC, rising to be an Inspector, and retiring at the age of 60. I'm sure that at this time he would like us to also remember his ancestor Thomas Minorgan of whom he was so proud.

THOMAS MINORGAN was born in County Carlow, Dublin, in 1832, and was educated at Trinity College, Dublin. . At the age of 22 years he enlisted with his brother Robert John for duty in the Crimean War. His regiment was the 24th Foot.

He served in the battles of Alma, Sebastopol and Inkerman, earning decorations of 'Crimea Medal with three bars' and the 'Turkish Medal'. His rank at the time, was 'Sergeant'. After the withdrawal of the British Army from the Crimea, he was stationed for some time at Gibraltar –with him was his first wife (name unknown) and his small son, Robert John.

It is not known when he left Gibraltar, but reports are that in June 1862 he arrived in Western Australia with his family aboard the 'Norwood' which was carrying convicts for the Swan River Colony, neither is it known how long he stayed in the Colony in this first venture. His wife was in poor health and homesick, and they returned to Ireland where she eventually died. He later married again – to Catherine Flynn of Dublin, and in 1872 he set sail again for Western Australia, this time with his wife and two sons, Robert John and Thomas. He enrolled with the Pensioner Force, his duties being that of Staff Sergeant at Perth Barracks, Inspector of Pensioner cottages, and later became Imperial Paymaster for the Pensioner Force in the Colony. He was promoted to Colour Sergeant and received the 'Meritorious Medal' during his duties in Western Australia. He received a grant of land known as 21 John Street, West Perth, where he and his family lived for many years.

He died on the 1st December, 1911, aged 79 years, leaving his widow Catherine, four sons, Robert, Thomas, James, and Edward, and three daughters, Annie, Catherine and Alice. He was accorded a full military funeral – his burial taking place in the Anglican portion of the Karrakatta Cemetery.

The preceding passage has been taken from the notes which Colin donated to WAGS in recognition of his forebear Thomas

'Early Days', the Journal of the Royal W.A. Historical Society is an excellent source of historical information. Volumes are available at all (I would think) local libraries. Below are some extracts from many submitted by Daphne Byrne and Jean McDonald

Vol 1. Part 6 Page 51 1929 (The Diary of Alfred Hawes Stone)

His entry for Aug. 1852 mentions ships arriving from South Australia and the accounts from the diggings are very flattering and he goes on to mention there are reports that W.A. "is to have no more regular soldiers here after this lot go away, but plenty of Pensioners."

Vol 3 Part 4 Page 37. Dec.1942 The eastern Goldfields Early Explorers 1863-1866 By C.M.

Harris ".....The roadmaking and well sinking party were under Mr. Turner, Officer in Command of four Soldier Pensioners and four probationers."

**FORMER REGIMENTS
OF THE
ENROLLED PENSIONER FORCE**

African Corp
Army Medical Corps
Army Staff Corps
Canadian Rifles
Coastal Brigade
Corps of Armourer Serjeants
Dragoon Guards 2,3,4,5,6,7,
Dragoons 1,2,3,6,10,13,14,15,16,17,
Dragoon/Huzzars 4,7,14,15,16,17,18,21,
All the various HEIC regiments and HEIC artillery
Falkland Island Corps
Foot Guards 1,2,3
Life Guards 1
Newfoundland Corps
Newfoundland Veteran Corps
Royal Artillery (all)
Royal Engineers
Royal Horse Artillery
Rifle Brigade
Royal Marines
Royal Sappers and Miners
St. Helena Corps
1st Regiment of Foot to the 103rd Regiment of Foot.

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We hope to expand this list by providing names for all the Regiments.

A tribute to The Veterans

BALAKLAVA

Many a deed of faithful daring may obtain no record here,
Wrought where none could see or note it, save the one Almighty Seer,

Many a deed, awhile remembered, out of memory needs must fall,
Covered, as the years roll onward, by oblivion's creeping pall:

But there are which never, never, to oblivion can give room,
Till in flame earth's records perish, till the thunder- peal of doom:

And of these, through all ages married to immortal fame,
One is linked, and linked for ever, Balaklava, with thy name;

With thine armies three that wond'ring stood at gaze and held their breath,
With thy fatal lists of honour, and thy tournament of death.

O our brothers that are sleeping, weary with your great day's strife,
On that bleak Crimean headland, noble prodigals of life,

Eyes which ne'er beheld you living, these have dearly mourned you dead,
All your squandered wealth of valour, all the lavish blood ye shed,

And in our eyes tears are springing; but we bid them back again;
None shall say, to see us weeping, that we hold your offering vain;

That for nothing, in our sentence, did that holocaust arise,
With a battle-field for altar, and with you for sacrifice.

Not for nought; to more than warriors armed as you for mortal fray,
Unto each that in life's battle waits his Captain's word ye say --

"What by duty's voice is bidden, there where duty's star may guide,
Thither follow, that accomplish, whatsoever else betide."

This ye taught ; and this your lesson solemnly in blood ye sealed:
Heroes, martyrs, are the harvest Balaklava's 'heights shall yield.

By R.C.Trench

(The battle of Balaklava took place during the Crimean War, October 25th 1854. It was signalized by the brilliant charges of the Light Brigade, under Cardigan, and the Heavy Brigade, under Scarlett)

Contributed by Lawrence Doran

Recommended reading

The Army in Australia 1840 –1850

by M.Austin

Recommended by Michael Murrice-Jones, Queensland. "It is a general historical work, but well written and does contain some good basic information about Enrolled Pensioners (Alexander /1st floor/ 355 00994)

**Return of Enrolled Pensioner Guards and their Families
who landed in W.A. between 1st June 1850 and 9th January 1868**

Date		Name of Ship	Strength of each Guard	No of Women	+ No of Children M.	F.	Reference Micro Reel
1 June	1850	<i>Scindian</i>	55	29	43	36	M/R909 AJCP 3209
24 Oct.	1850	<i>Hashemy</i>	32	24	24	24	AJCP 3197
21 May	1851	<i>Mermaid</i>	29	23	20	19	AJCP711
28 June	1851	<i>Pyrenees (1)</i>	30	25	20	21	AJCP3208
18 Oct.	1851	<i>Minden</i>	40	26	26	23	AJCP711
2 Aug	1852	<i>Wm. Jardine</i>	29	23	19	24	
7 Feb	1853	<i>Dudbrook</i>	30	24	27	18	AJCP3192
30 April	1853	<i>Pyrenees (2)</i>	30	24	22	18	AJCP3208
19 Aug.	1853	<i>Robt.Small</i>	29	23	20	26	AJCP711
31 Aug	1853	<i>Phoebe Dunbar</i>	30	20	21	22	AJCP711
6 April	1854	<i>Sea Park</i>	30	23	21	22	M/R910 AJCP711
14 Aug	1854	<i>Ranillies</i>	30	22	17	25	AJCP711
24 May	1855	<i>Stag</i>	30	24	17	18	
18 July	1855	<i>Adelaide</i>	30	21	22	20	
2 April	1856	<i>Wm Hammond</i>	29	20	25	15	AJCP3212
10 Sept	1856	<i>Runnymede</i>	30	19	18	22	
10 July	1857	<i>Clara (1)</i>	29	23	21	22	
8 June	1858	<i>Lord Raglan</i>	30	21	11	18	AJCP3181
24 Nov.	1858	<i>Edwin Fox</i>	30	16	10	12	
19 Aug	1859	<i>Sultana</i>	50	31	17	23	
11 Feb	1861	<i>Palmerston</i>	30	20	30	19	M/R911
29 Jan.	1862	<i>Lincelles</i>	30	17	17	14	
9 June	1862	<i>Norwood (1)</i>	30	21	19	19	AJCP3181
31 Dec.	1862	<i>York</i>	49	24	16	15	
15 Feb.	1863	<i>Merchantman(1)</i>	50	35	26	28	AJCP3181
27 May	1863	<i>Clyde</i>	50	35	34	31	AJCP3181
28 Dec.	1863	<i>Ld. Dalhousie</i>	30	20	16	19	
15 April	1864	<i>Clara (2)</i>	28	20	21	18	
12 Sept	1864	<i>Merchantman(2)</i>	28	18	19	21	AJCP3181
15 Aug	1865	<i>Racehorse</i>	50	31	38	40	M/R912 AJCP3181
22 Dec	1865	<i>Viniera</i>	30	23	22	15	BL Ship.List AJCP3181
4 July	1866	<i>Belgravia</i>	30	23	21	22	BL Ship List
22 Dec	1866	<i>Corona</i>	30	20	11	14	" AJCP3181
13 July	1867	<i>Norwood (2)</i>	30	17	14	16	M/R3181 AJCP3181
9 Jan	1868	<i>Hougoumont</i>	44	18	10	15	BL Ship List
			1191	803	735	734	Total 3463

This schedule is copied from Broomhall's book, which states it is compiled from a list issued by Lt. Col. Bruce in 1868 which appears in Micro reel 1658, Co 18/159, p. 168. Bruce's Return however lacks the day of the month on which each ship arrived, The dates given were extracted by Broomhall from Bruce's Returns to the War Office. The AJCP reel numbers have been added to the list.

NAME	FIRST NAME/S	REGT.	SHIP	EPG/PENS/WARDER
Cook	Henry		<i>Hougoumont ?</i>	
Cook	Henry		Esmerelda ?	Warder
Coomer	Matthew		Clara 1	EPG
Cooper	George		Adelaide	EPG
Costello	William		Racehorse	EPG
Coulston	John Wood		<i>Sophia</i>	Pensioner/ EPG
Craggs	Benjamin		Sea Park	EPG
Cronan			William Jardine	EPG
Cronin	Owen		Hougoumont	EPG
Cross	John		Clara 1	EPG
Cunningham	James	11th	Norwood	EPG
Cunningham	James	31st	William Jardine	EPG
Cunningham	James	51st	Runnymede 1	Pensioner/ EPG
Cunningham	James	60th	Merchantman 2	EPG
Dalziell	John		<i>Anna Robertson</i>	Pensioner/ EPG
Davey	Henry		Scindian	EPG
Davey	Thomas		Hashemy	EPG
Davidson	Archibald		Clara 1	EPG
Davis	John Law		Dudbrook	EPG
Day	John		Scindian	EPG
Deadman	William		Mermaid	EPG
Dedman	William		Mermaid	EPG
Delaney	Michael		Norwood 1	EPG
Donegan	John		Adelaide	EPG
Doran	Bryan		Merchantman 2	EPG
Doran	James		Ramillies	EPG
Doran	Joseph		Merchantman 2	EPG
Doyle	John		Racehorse	EPG
Dunne	Edward		Ramillies	EPG
Eccleston	William		Phoebe Dunbar	EPG
Efford	Samuel		Lord Dalhousie	EPG
Fallon	James		Clara 1	EPG
Fannon	Patrick		Vimiera	EPG
Feltham	James		Norwood 2	EPG
Finlay	William		Scindian	EPG
Fleming	William		Naval Brigade	EPG
Flynn	John	39th	Sea Park	EPG
Flynn	John	49th	Norwood 1	EPG
Fordham	Charles		Sea Park	EPG
Galbraith	William James		Merchantman 1	EPG
Gallagher	John	31st	Merchantman 2	EPG
Game	Charles		Dudbrook	EPG
Gardinier	Thomas	48th	Sultana	EPG
Gaunt	William	31st	Minden	EPG
George	William Ralph		Sea Park	EPG
Gilmore	Joseph		Clara 1	EPG
Gorman	James		Dudbrook	EPG
Hackett	Owen		Robert Small	EPG
Hale	John		<i>Nile</i>	Warder
Hall	Charles		<i>Palestine</i>	Warder
Hamilton	George		Adelaide	Warder
Hammond	John			Pensioner
Hanny	James		<i>Sophia ?</i>	Pensioner
Hardman	James			
Hardman	William		Minden	EPG
Hayden	James		Hashemy	EPG

SUBMITTED BY SUE BADDELEY (UK) Selected details from her Enrolled Pensioner database.

SEARCHING IN THE STATE RECORDS OFFICE/ ALEXANDER LIBRARY

We would like to share with our readers the type of correspondence that we are finding as we search through the films on the ground floor of the Alexander Library.

CSR 869/185 a letter , address Albany, dated 1877

Dear Sir, I most humbly beg to be allowed to occupy one of the quarters of the old Barracks now vacant and has been for many months.

I am a widow with four little children to provide for if you could grant me this earnest request it would be a great help for which I shall ever feel most thankful.

I shall remain Your Humble Servant
Mrs. Reddin

Notes made by various people on and about the above letter

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* Mrs Reddin's husband was the Step-Son of Pensioner James Hanney- his own Father was also a Pensioner who arrived in the Colony in the Ship "Scindian" June 1850.

Mrs. Reddin is also the daughter of X

X a Pensioner named Whitehouse who lived in Albany some years ago,

She went to Adelaide with her husband Benj- Reddin (who had been employed in Pilot Boat) & then Reddin died -his brother Michael sent for the Widow intending I believe to support her and family, but just previous to her arrival here. He was drowned at Point Culver on the coast to the Eastward I believe.

* Mrs. Reddin is a decent person (William Finlay /Sub Inspector of Police 31.1.77 (1877)
To the resident Magistrate

* Forwarded to the Hon the Commandant.

* Albany 31.1.77

Forwarded to His Excellency the Governor - I believe the old Barracks alluded to to be on Suburban Lot E4 (western boundary running back towards Brunswick Road) which was transferred to the Colonial Govt. under authority from the office dated 15th Nov. 1864. Bruce's letter to the Honourable Colonial Secretary 17th January 1865. The keys of the old Barracks, I believe to be in Sgt. Tunney's possession, but I cannot say why. I don't want the Barracks
(Signed) G.D. Harris S Commandant 5th Feb 1877

Rec.5/2/77

I am unable to decipher all the signatures, but this record has a value to a number of researchers apart from the Reddin family, and also for the general history of the area and time in the history of the Colony. I have highlighted the relevant names and locations. Searching through these records is a history lesson in itself, and we encourage members to use them in your search for details about your ancestors. We thank Jeanette Lee for uncovering this piece of history.

CSR 597 /122

Court House Fremantle 2.9.1867

To Hon. Colonial Secretary Perth

John Baldwin, Pensioner is unable to support himself wife and 4 children. He is a shoemaker by trade but unable to procure work from the fact that the Master Shoemakers in this town prefer men boarding in their houses. It is also well known that most of the Master Shoemakers of this town have originally been of the 'Bond' class, and prefer workmen of their own stamp.

(Signed) Les Symmons
Resident Magistrate.

(Is this the first 'Closed Shop')