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THE SEASON'S GREETINGS TO ALL



Chelsea Pensioners at the House of Parliament
Two Chelsea Pensioners Walking by the Thames.

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CONVENORS REPORT

A special welcome to new members of the Group. We look forward to seeing you at Meetings or receiving information about your Enrolled Pensioner Guard ancestor.

To our long time members, we offer our appreciation for the interest and attendance shown at our Display at the Army Museum in Fremantle. The response has been very positive and we are pleased the Museum has requested the Display be left in place indefinitely. For any one interested in all facets of Western Australian history, the Museum has a varied range of exhibits and artefacts.

Special thanks are due to Committee member, Jeanette Lee, the Co-ordinator of the Display. Her dedication and attention to detail is evident in the three large panels which depict various aspects of the role and lives of the Enrolled Pensioner Force in Western Australia, particularly in the Fremantle area.

Our Speaker, Nicholas Reynolds as Keeper of Photographs at the Museum gave a most interesting talk on the care and preservation of old photographs – a subject particularly relevant to descendants of Army personnel and in particular our own Pensioner Guards. Photographs of individual Pensioners are rare and to be treasured. Nicholas suggests a good copy could be made for general viewing and the original kept in a safe environment.

The Enrolled Pensioner Force Banner is now in the Display in the PRE 1914 Room at the Museum where it will remain for the time being.

I can now report that our Application for a Grant from the Lotteries Commission has been submitted and we eagerly await a response. The Application was made under the Lotteries Cultural Heritage–Conservation Grant Scheme, for funds to conserve the Opalotype photograph of Enrolled Pensioner Guard Michael Fitzpatrick. The original photograph was kindly gifted by the Fitzpatrick family to our Group and was in need of urgent conservation.

Members will be advised of the outcome of our Application.

Details of the now available Certificate of Descendancy are set out in this Newsletter. Members at the Army Museum Meeting were shown the first Certificate, which was to be forwarded to Sue Baddeley. A member of the Enrolled Pensioner Group, Sue is a Military Historian based in London and her personal interest is in William Gaunt, an Enrolled Pensioner formerly of the 31st Regiment. William Gaunt arrived in Western Australia on the “Minden” in 1851. Sue is a regular contributor to our Newsletter and her interest in the Pensioner Guards and their military history is of great benefit to our Group.

After such a busy year, we now look forward to our Meeting at noon on Sunday 2 February 2003 to be held in Unit 4 of the Library of WAGS. Our Researcher Daphne Byrne will give a brief summary of the resources in the Library, in particular those sources that are relevant to our Enrolled Pensioner Guards.

May I take this opportunity to extend to all our members the Compliments of the Season, and to wish you all good hunting in your meandering through the pages of history – especially if it relates to our illustrious ENROLLED PENSIONER GUARDS.

Jean McDonald
Convenor

Certificates of Descendancy of Enrolled Pensioner Guards are available on application to the EPG Special Interest Group. A Lineage Form must be submitted. Certificates are \$5.00 each collected at a General Meeting or \$10.00 postage & handling.

Badges are also available. \$10.00 collected from General meeting or \$12.00 postage & handling.

Display Co-ordinator - Jeanette Lee

Now that life has returned to normal after the very successful Artillery Barracks meeting I would like to thank everyone who contributed towards making the display a success.

Firstly, I would like to thank the Staff of the Fremantle Artillery Barracks for the use of their premises for the display and offering us an opportunity to give our Pensioners some well needed publicity.

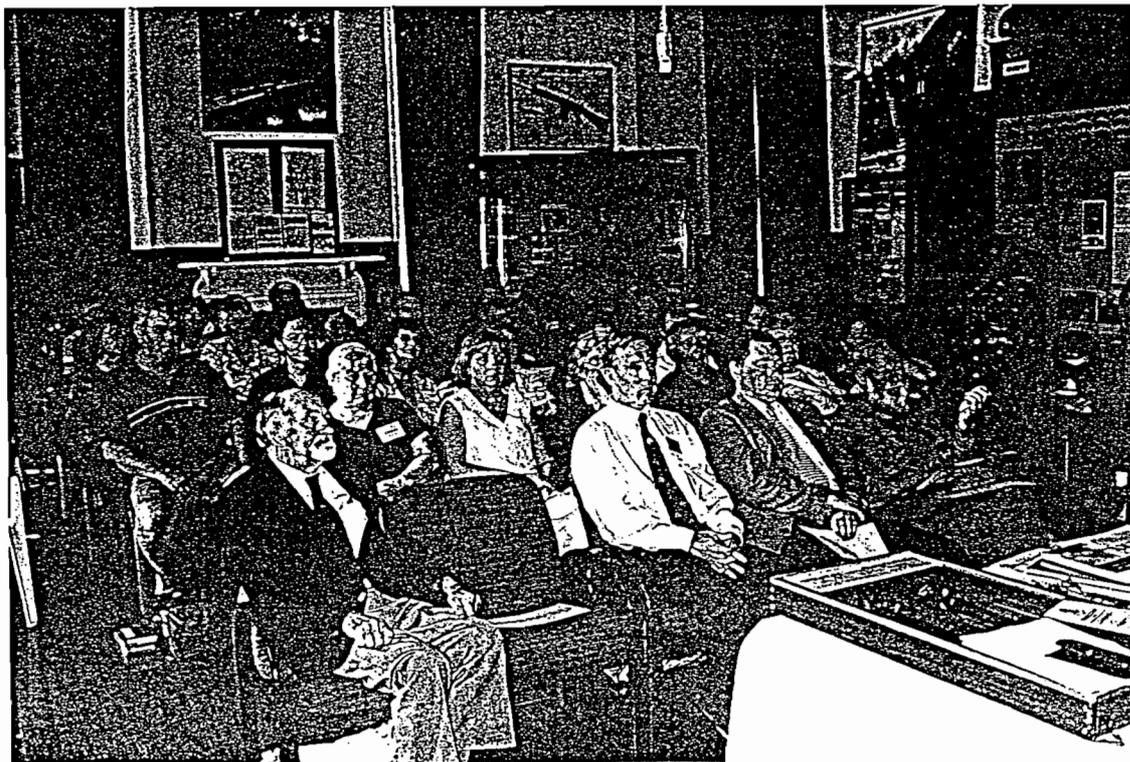
It goes without saying Jean McDonald, the Convenor, and all the Committee were very helpful and supportive.

Daphne Byrne's research into Lt. Col Bruce and Phillippa Ward's submission on Michael Fitzpatrick, the result of many interviews with members of the Fitzpatrick family added to the overall success of the display. Furthermore I would like to thank the Fitzpatrick family, Jean McDonald, Terry Carroll, Robyn Hukin, and Roma Wiseman for their generosity in sharing their personal research of family members of the Enrolled Pensioner Force.

One of the comments regarding the display was the lack of acknowledgment of the part played by the wives of the Guards, something which has been raised previously and we would like to address. As many of the women were younger than their husbands, and possibly lived to a later date, it may be that more photographs of them exist than for the men.

I have already expressed the difficulty in obtaining photographs of our Enrolled Pensioners in uniform and would now like to suggest we amass a database of photographs of our men and women, in any dress and at any period of their lives. In that way when we are required to mount a display we can go to our database and extract the required photographs. With this in mind I would like to ask the members of the Group if they have a photograph of their man or his wife to let us have a copy which I can scan and return to them. Photos could be sent to me c/- of WAGS. If it is more convenient photographs could be e-mailed to me at Jeanettelee@bigpond.com

If anyone has not seen the display it will be on show until about April next year.



Members and Invited Guests at the Fremantle Artillery Barracks

HISTORICAL ENCYCLOPEDIA OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

The Centre for Western Australian History at the University of Western Australia is involved in the compiling and publishing of a Historical Encyclopedia of Western Australia.

Expressions of interest are now being called for and work has started on this ambitious project. People interested in Western Australia's history are being asked to submit entries for this most comprehensive history from early settlement to the 1990's. The Centre is promoting this forthcoming book as "W.A.'s biggest book". There are plans to produce a written version and an electronic version. It is hoped the electronic version will be made available to schools and libraries, hopefully by 2004. That year is the 175th Anniversary of the settlement of Western Australia.

The Enrolled Pensioner Guard Special Interest Group intends to submit an entry on the role of the Enrolled Pensioners.

Individual people may also submit entries on their own ancestor or particular historical interest. Information about the project can be obtained from the General Editor, Historical Encyclopedia of Western Australia, Centre for WA History, UWA Crawley 6009 or Email hewa@uwa.edu.au

Details should include your contact name and address along with your particular area of interest.

Jean McDonald
Convener

ARMSTRONG BREECH LOADING GUNS

Mr. Derrick Prall of Gosnells (the gentleman who donated the Bayonets to the Group) contacted us about the existence of two Gun Barrels which had been in Geraldton and were now at the Royal Australian Artillery Barracks (Irwin Barracks), Karrakatta. Mr. Prall was of the opinion they may have been the Barrels of guns used by the Enrolled Pensioner Guards.

As a consequence of further information received, Jeanette Lee (Committee) and I paid a visit to the Irwin Barracks and were welcomed by Mr. Don Rae, the Curator of the Museum at the Barracks.

We were surprised to learn from Mr. Rae that the barrels were actually not the 12 pounders we had expected to see and were in fact 9 pounder Artillery Gun barrels. Mr Rae told us the 9 pounders were used at Albany Fort when it was feared there was the possibility of an invasion by the Americans or the Russians.

It is also believed two of the guns were at the entrance to Kings Park and a photograph of those guns are in the possession of the Army Museum of WA and the Kings Park Board.

Jeanette and I were escorted on a tour of the Artillery Museum where there is a very impressive collection of Artillery guns now restored and under cover. The Museum also houses memorabilia of Talbot Hobbs and Bessell Brown families along with many fine photographs from the 1890's. There are also military artefacts including art of Prisoners of War.

We were then taken to the Workshop area of the Barracks where we were shown the 9 pounder gun barrels in preparation for restoration.

As funds become available the Artillery Historical Society intends to gradually carry out restoration of the gun barrels and eventually display them under cover.

In spite of our interest in the gun barrels it appeared that we could not undertake such a project, let alone be able to display them and continue their preservation.

It is of great interest to our Group to hear of any items relative to the Enrolled Pensioner Guards. Perhaps we cannot hope to acquire such artefacts, but we can at least record their existence and their history. It all adds to a more complete picture of how our Pensioner ancestors were involved in the defence and development of this State.

Jean McDonald
Convener

Researcher- Daphne Byrne

Continued from last newsletter.

Below is the article that Daphne picked up with her incredible memory for names and places as she was researching for something else. Perhaps you may have known one of the other students.

From "The Inquirer." Wed. April 20, 1887

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION

In The Schools.

The following is the report of the examinations in religious subjects of the scholars attending the Perth Boys' and Girls' Government schools. The examinations were conducted during the week commencing March 20. The subjects for the year were the book of Genesis, (*sic*) the Gospel of St. Matthew, Psalms 8th, 1st, and 19th committed to memory, with the Ten Commandments and the Lord's Prayer .

Boys' School

Number of names given, 209; absent, 51; total number examined, 158. The boys were examined in five divisions; the first division, consisting of boys in the 7th Standard, gave written answers to questions on the Old and New Testaments. The results of the examinations are as follows:-

1st Division, 7th Standard, total marks 120: Edward Stokes 81; Edward Lockyer, 70; Thomas Williams, 70; Ernest Jeffery, 59; Edward Barnett, 54; In this division five obtained full marks for recitation and five answered fairly the written questions.

Girls' School

In this school the pupils are divided into three sections for religious instruction. There were 90 in all examined.

I. - In the first Division 26 girls were examined on paper. 14 gained more than 50 marks out of 100 and 24 gained over 30 marks. There were six who were perfect in the memory work. The four who stood highest in all subjects were: Ada J. Martyn, 99; Ethel Strutt, 90; Bella Gardener, 87; Mary Tomlinson, 86;

II.- In the second Division there were 40 girls examined. Of these 17 were perfect in the memory work. In the *viva voce* examination on the historical work the girls showed a very fair knowledge of the portions prescribed. The four highest in this Division were Jane Christie, Ada Lawrence, Emma Britnall, and Eliza Wearne.

III.- In the third Division there were 30 children examined. All were perfect in recitations. A few answered questions in Bible history. The three highest were Louisa Newton, Susan Halliday, and Alice Benson.

The above shows considerable improvement.

Also from Daphne

A sample from the 'Paupers Records'

CSR Vol 541 folios 203 . 370
18th Jan. - 27th December 1864
Folio 253-255 Residents Office
Fremantle 13.4.1864
Mrs. Game - well worthy of outdoor relief. Her husband was a Warder. Known in Guildford.
Pensioner Game whilst employed as a Warder was found drowned near Guildford in March 1861.
She was a hardworking woman since her husband's death, earning a living for herself and two children by casual needlework, children always attending Sunday School

CSR Vol 561 folios 40 - 175
7th Jan-30th December 1865
Folio 79 Fremantle Residents Office 5.3.1865
Family of Pensioner Howard (who went to Champion Bay promising to send money and did not), requiring poor relief.
Folio 145 Fremantle 1865
Pensioner Ellis 2nd Foot.
Unable to follow any employment and Perhaps never will be able to.
Folio 146 Residents Office
Fremantle December 20, 1865
Report on increase in Pauperism in this district to Col. Sec. Perth from Thomas Symmons, Resident.

JUBILEE DAY IN PERTH

The Celebration of Queen Victoria's Jubilee in Western Australia.

By J.H.M Honniball.

Extracts from the above article which appeared in the early Days Journal of the WA Historical Society, Volume 9, Part 5, (1987)

And so came the great day for pomp and ceremony in Perth, Tuesday 21st. It began with services in the two cathedrals. At the Catholic cathedral there was Low Mass at 7 a.m. and High Mass at 9.30 a.m. The service at 10 a.m. at the old St. George's cathedral was attended by the Governor and all officialdom and followed an order compiled by the Archbishop of Canterbury. During the course of the service, the sun broke through the clouds which had lately brought heavy rains, and it was perfect weather for the rest of the day.

From the cathedral Governor Broome drove his barouche, with a Mounted Police escort, the short distance to the Howick Street entrance of the town Hall. Inside, before a large gathering, he was presented with another loyal address to the Queen from the mayor, burgesses and citizens of Perth. From there the programme required him to be the focal point in a grand procession through the streets to the site of the new Public Library.

As soon as the audience began emerging from the Town Hall, the procession moved off, the band of the Metropolitan Rifles in the lead playing *Rule Britannia*. After the Rifles Corps four abreast, marched members of five Temperance and Friendly Societies, the clergy of the various denominations, senior Government officials, members of Perth City Council, Fremantle Town Council, Legislative and Executive Councils, two judges and a number of Aborigines. Barrack Street was lined on either side by the Perth and Naval Artillery and St. George's Terrace by the Fremantle and Guildford Rifles—altogether some 420 men in uniform.

Apparently it was only when the marchers had covered most of their route that it was realised 'an embarrassing hitch' had occurred. Broome had been left behind at the town Hall, having accepted an offer of refreshment by the Mayor (George Shenton), and unwittingly the order to start the procession had been given too soon. 'In this unfortunate predicament it was impossible for the Governor to pass through the lined streets in his carriage attended only by his guard of mounted police'. The marchers were therefore ordered to return, and the procession was repeated 'though scarcely in such good style as on the first occasion'. Still, Perth had never seen a more brilliant spectacle, declared the *Inquirer*.

From the Public Library where a foundation stone was laid to mark the occasion of the Queen's Jubilee amid much ceremony, the focus shifted to the new recreation ground below the Esplanade, where some 3,000 people witnessed a grand military parade and, in the afternoon, an athletic sports meeting. At lunch time the city council provided the volunteers with refreshment in the undercroft of the town Hall. As this was 'of such a beggarly description...consisting of a sandwich and a mug of colonial beer per man...very few of the number partook of the wretched fare. Indeed Captain Gardiner of Guildford was so disgusted that he at once marched his men off to the Governor Broome Hotel where he provided them with a substantial meal at his own expense.

The day ended with the Citizen's Ball at the town Hall –with some 200 couples on the dance floor, plus spectators –and a Jubilee Ball at Government House.

An account of the day's events in the city was recorded in the Geraldton newspaper by its 'own reporter'. Criticising some points in the Governor's key speech, this writer said 'he was further unfortunate in alluding to the beauty of the site, which though it might form a very delightful spot for a picnic, was too far from the town for a 'library'. In another column, 'a Perth correspondent' told the northern readership that:

The Jubilee Ball at government House was remarkable for three things – the bad floor, the overcrowded state of the ballroom, the unfashionable character of the majority of the dresses. Out of over 150 ladies who were present, not more than a dozen wore dresses which one would turn round to look at after the wearer had passed. Lady Broome's dress bore a suspicious resemblance to the one she wore at the May Ball last year, and inasmuch as I have described that dress at that time it does not need description now. There were four brides present, amongst them Mrs. Waylen (formerly the widowed Lady Leake) who looked particularly youthful in pure white, her dress, however, being decidedly décolletée...

In reference to the state of the floor...

Lady Broome, disregarding advice, had it treated with linseed oil, with the result that walking was unpleasant and dancing an absolute labour. Added to this, the dust mixed with the oil, and ruined several dresses. The wines and refreshments generally were of the class to which Government House guests have been accustomed for the past four years, and sensible people eschewed the champagne and sherry. The people went in to supper in three lots, the last two escaping the infliction of the Governor's speech.

Thank you Phillippa Ward for another interesting article. Ed.

A LITTLE HELP WITH IRISH FAMILY RESEARCH ..From the "net"

IRISH NAMING PATTERN.

1st son was named after the father's father

2nd son was named after the mother's father

3rd son was named after the father

4th son was named after the father's eldest brother.

1st daughter was named after the mother's mother

2nd daughter was named after the father's mother

3rd daughter was named after the mother

4th daughter was named after the mother's eldest sister.

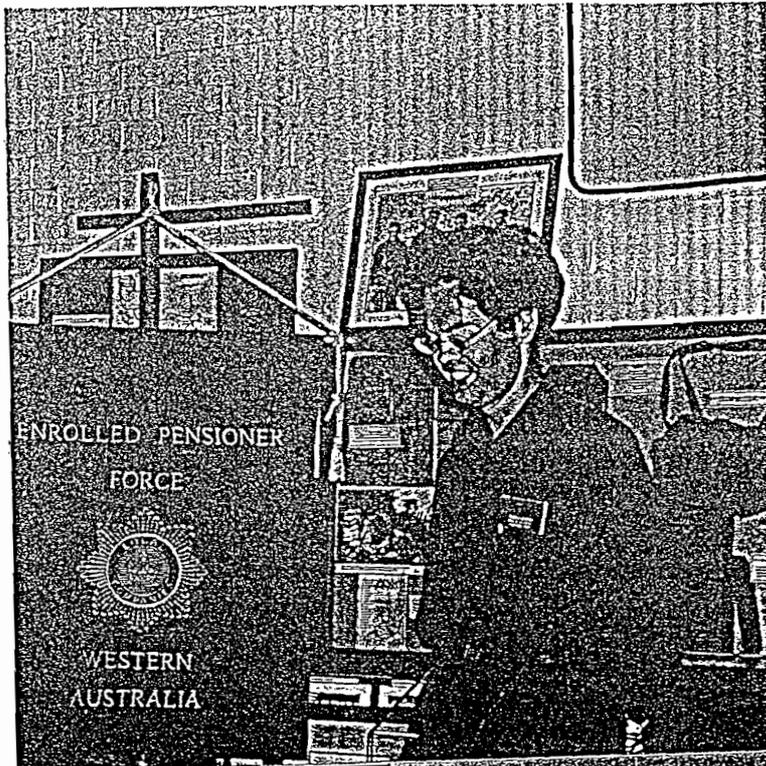
***This pattern is not set in stone. For instance, it was considered bad luck to have 3 people with the same name**

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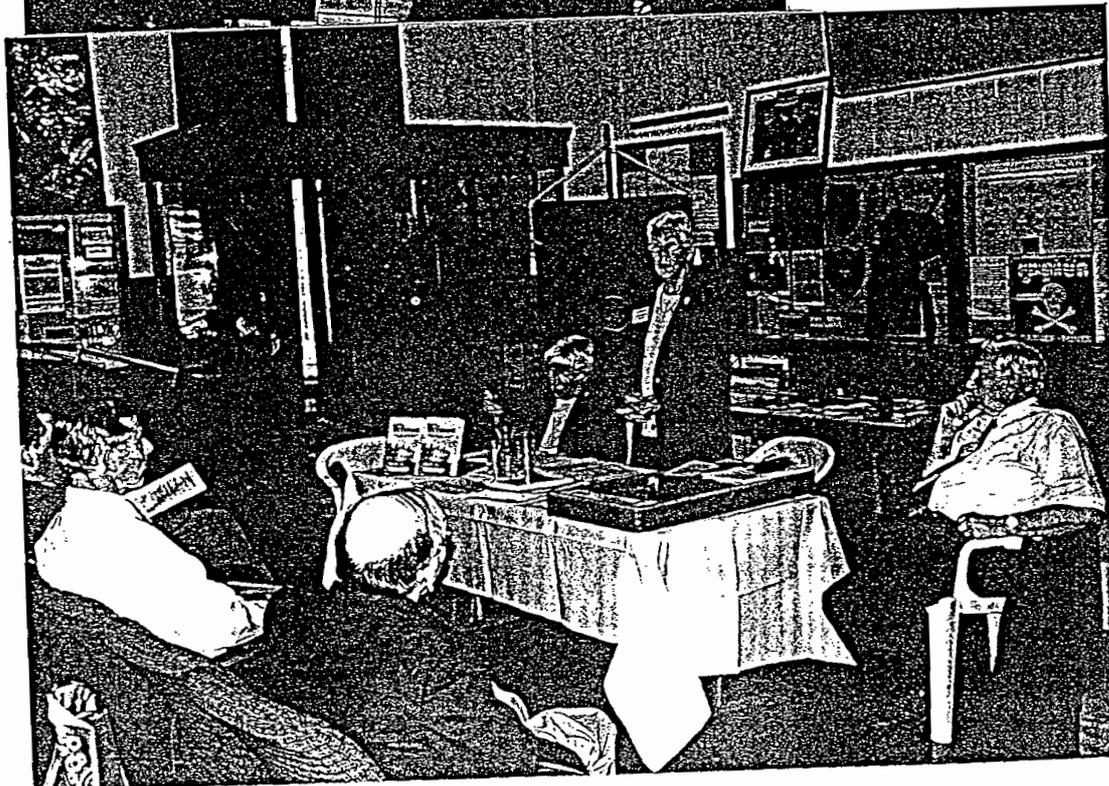
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GENERAL MEETINGS 2003

February 2003.	Sunday, 2 nd	at 12.00 noon Unit 4.
April, 2003	Saturday 26 th	at 12.00 noon Annual General Meeting
July, 2003	Saturday 26 th	at 12.00 noon
October, 2003	Saturday 24 th	at 12.00 noon



Guest Speaker -
Nicholas Reynolds
Fremantle Artillery
Barracks 26-10-2002



Mrs. Jean McDonald, Convenor, EPG Special Interest Group
Addressing the members at the Fremantle Artillery Barracks