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ARMY APPRENTICES SCHOOL – SOME FACTS AND FIGURES

Trades

9,297 young men and women enlisted into the Australian Army for service as Army Apprentices.

There were 1782 non-graduates, including 24 apprentices who died whilst at AAS. Of these, 446 non-graduates went on to service in the Regular Army.

There were 7,515 graduates into the following trades:

- Architectural Draughtsman – 12
- Blacksmith – 61
- Bricklayer – 52
- Carpenter and Joiner – 781
- Clerk – 120
- Electrical Fitter – 335
- Electrical Mechanic – 365
- Electrician – 88
- Fitter and Turner – 1213
- Musician – 385
- Plumber – 287
- Radio Mechanic/Electronic Tradesman – 1584
- Vehicle Mechanic – 2224
- Welder – 8.

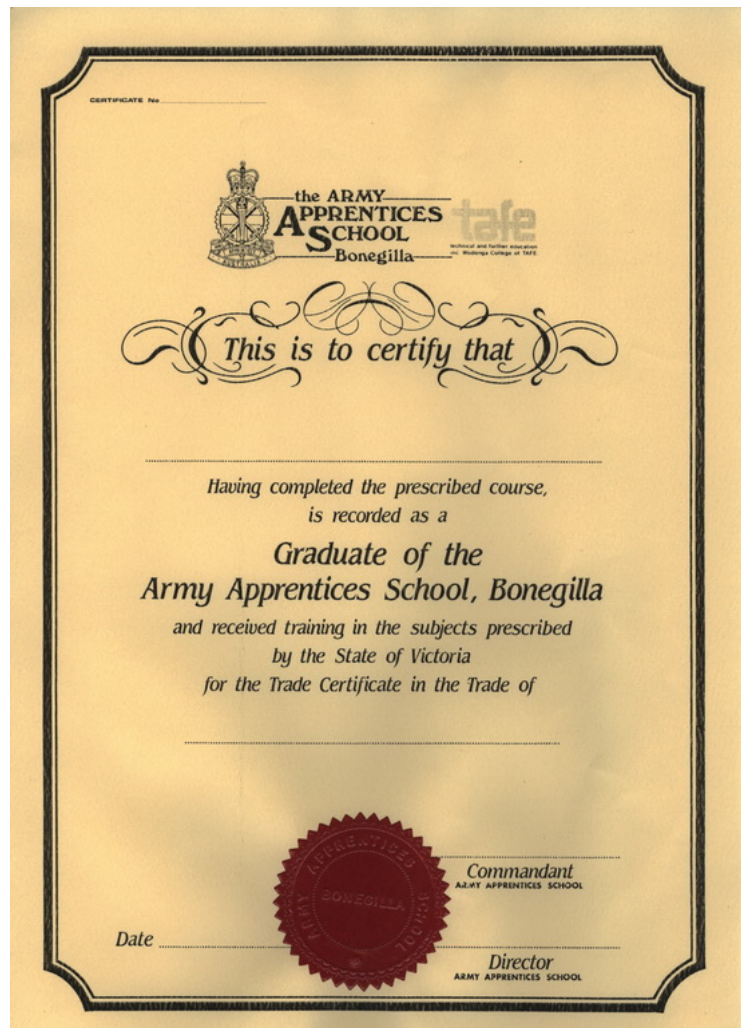
Female Apprentices

There were 115 female Army Apprentices, of whom 49 did not graduate.

For those who did graduate, their trades were:

- Electronics – 32
- Vehicle Mechanic – 28
- Fitter and Turner – 5
- Carpentry – 1.

One has reached the rank of Major, two of Captain, three of WO1 and one of WO2.



Operational Service

Many Army Apprentices have participated on overseas operational service, both warlike and non-warlike. Some Apprentices have been on multiple operations. The number of individual Apprentices who have partaken in all these operations totals 2563:

- Afghanistan – 288
- Bougainville – 255
- Borneo – 198
- Sinai – 29
- Iraq – 227
- Korea – 34
- Malaya – 271
- Middle East – 18
- Balkans – 8
- Rhodesia – 5
- Rwanda – 40
- Solomon Islands – 94
- Somalia – 43
- Thailand -10
- Thai/Malay Border – 30
- Timor – 678
- Pakistan – 7
- Cambodia – 138
- Namibia – 131
- Vietnam – 1125 (includes 71 non-graduates)
- Western Sahara – 12
- Ethiopia – 2
- Mozambique – 3
- Sudan – 2
- Kashmir – 3

Note: The above figures include 145 non-graduates who partook in 205 operations.

Australian Army Training Team Vietnam (AATTV)

There were 15 Apprentices posted to the Australian Army Training Team Vietnam (AATTV), including members from the 1st, 6th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 14th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th and 21st Intakes.

SASR

There have been 74 Apprentices who have qualified to wear the SAS beret.

Officers and Warrant Officers

There have been 766 Apprentices who have reached officer rank. This includes 34 non-graduates. There have also been six padres in that total. 382 Apprentices graduated from OCS/RMC/ADFA.

In the higher ranks there have been: 1 x Lieutenant General, 1 x Major General, 6 x Brigadiers, 20 x Colonels and 117 x Lieutenant Colonels.

There have been 741 x WO1s and 749 x WO2s.

Still serving

As of today, only 449 Apprentices remain in uniform: 273 Regulars and 176 Reservists (includes 8 x Airforce and 2 x Navy personnel). The oldest still serving are Reservists LTCOL Ian McLean and MAJ Robert Hudson, both 22nd Intake; and Regular WO2 Gary Kalem, 26th Intake.

Statistics from Wally Rotow, 18th Intake and Phillip Scholz, 35th Intake.
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