

*The  
Official Opening  
of  
Latchford Barracks*

*on*

*Sunday, 25th September, 1983*

*by*

*The Honorable G.C.D. Scholes, MP  
Minister for Defence*



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**Minister for Defence**  
**The Honourable G.G.D. SCHOLES**

**Mr. G.G.D. Scholes became a member of the House of Representatives when he won the Federal seat of Corio, Victoria at a by-election in July 1967.**

**Born in Melbourne on 7 June, 1931, Mr. Scholes has held several appointments in Parliament. A former Speaker of the House of Representatives (Feb 1975-Feb 1976), Deputy Speaker and Chairman of Committees (Feb 1973-Feb 1975), and Shadow Minister for Post and Telecommunications (1975-1977), Primary Industry (1977), and Defence (1978).**



**COLONEL E.W. LATCHFORD, MBE, MC**

Colonel E.W. Latchford, MBE, MC, joined the Victorian Militia in 1907 and enlisted in the Permanent Military Forces in August, 1910, attending the first PMF NCOs Course conducted at Albury in 1911. He was commissioned in 1916.

In 1942, he was appointed Chief Instructor of a Small Arms School, Randwick, and supervised its transfer and expansion to the LHQ MMG School at Bonegilla.

He retired in 1949, after 39 years service in the Permanent Military Forces. He died in September 1962.



*Commander Albury/Wodonga Area*

**COLONEL D.R. LAWRENCE**

Colonel David Robert Lawrence was educated at Melbourne Grammar School, Victoria. He graduated from the Officer Cadet School in 1959 and was allotted to the Royal Australian Armoured Corps. During his regimental service in the RAAC he served with 1 Armoured Regiment, 3 Cavalry Regiment, 4 Cavalry Regiment, 1/15 Royal New South Wales Lancers, 2/14 Queensland Mounted Infantry and 4/19 Prince of Wales Light Horse.

After completing a tour of duty in South Vietnam, Colonel Lawrence was posted to the RAAC Directorate as a Grade 2 Staff Officer. He attended Staff College in 1972 and this was followed by a tour of duty as the OC of an independent cavalry squadron. In 1975 Colonel Lawrence was posted to the U.S. Armour School, Fort Knox, Kentucky, as an exchange instructor. On his return from the USA he was posted to the Australian Staff College as a member of the Directing Staff. He assumed command of the Army Apprentices School in January 1981.

In June 1982 he was promoted to Colonel and appointed Commandant Army Apprentices School and Commander Albury/Wodonga Military Area in preparation of the School's move to Bonegilla in January 1983.

## LATCHFORD BARRACKS KEY PERSONNEL

Area Commander/Commandant Army Apprentices School  
Colonel D.R. Lawrence

Commanding Officer/Chief Instructor Army Apprentices School  
Lieutenant Colonel J.G. Hislop

Commanding Officer/Chief Instructor School of Military Survey  
Lieutenant Colonel K.J. Murphy

Officer Commanding 6th Camp Hospital  
Major K.T. Farrell

Officer Commanding 19 Dental Unit  
Major P.G.S. Walmsley



*The Central Administration Building*

## *The Governor-General's Banner*



*The Governor-General's Banner  
(The obverse and reverse sides of the Banner are depicted).*

From the days of early man some sort of insignia has been employed to distinguish families, tribes and nations.

The first military organisation to adopt a unit device was the Roman Army, the units of which carried a bronze or silver eagle mounted on a staff.

The first traces of the Banner were found in the British forces at the Battle of Hastings in 1066 which were in the form of Bayeux tapestry.

Before being presented, the Banner is dedicated at a religious ceremony on parade when God's blessing of them is asked. This dates back to the Battle of the Standard in 1138 when Yeomen of Yorkshire fighting the Scots, took with them, the consecrated banner of St. Peter of York, St. John of Beverley and St. Wilfred of Ripon. They fought so fiercely to save these banners that they defeated heavy odds.

The obverse of the Banner depicts the Standard of the Governor-General of Australia and is a symbol of loyalty to the throne. The reverse depicts the badge of the Army Apprentices School.

The Banner embodies the history, spirit and tradition of the unit to which they belong. They are highly valued, carefully guarded and treated with great respect.

The Governor-General's Banner was presented to the Army Apprentices School by His Excellency the Right Honourable Sir Paul Hasluck G.C.M.G., K.St.J. on 30 August, 1969. The Banner pays compliments to Her Majesty and the Governor-General only.

## *Notes for the Guidance of Guests*

### *Compliments*

Guests should stand during the arrival and departure of VIP's at the Parade Ground (or at the Assembly Hall in the event of inclement weather).

Guests are asked to stand for the paying of compliments at the times shown in the Order of Parade and Opening Ceremony. Gentlemen not in uniform are to remove their hats; officers and other ranks in uniform, not on parade, are to salute.

Compliments are paid:

- a. on the arrival and departure of the VIP's;
- b. on the order, 'Present Arms', during the marching on and off of the Governor-General's Banner;
- c. during the march past – as the banner passes immediately in front.

Guests are asked to stand when the Prayer of Dedication is given by the Principal Chaplain (Army).

## *The Opening Day Parade*

### **PARADE COMMANDER**

Apprentice Battalion Sergeant Major C.J. Cockcroft

### **THE REGIMENTAL SERGEANT MAJOR**

Warrant Officer Class One R.M. Clinghan, RAR

### **THE BANNER PARTY**

Apprentice Colour Sergeant T.A. Walker

Apprentice Colour Sergeant M.J. Nicholas

Apprentice Colour Sergeant R.A. Stephens

Apprentice Colour Sergeant M.E. McFarlane

### **DIVISION COMMANDERS**

A Coy – Apprentice Sergeant Major M.J. Patrick

B Coy – Apprentice Sergeant Major P.A. Wilson

C Coy – Apprentice Sergeant Major K.J. Dignan

D Coy – Apprentice Sergeant Major R.A. McGillivray

Official Opening of Latchford Barracks —

and

Programme of Music

by

THE BAND OF THE ARMY SCHOOL OF MUSIC

Conducted by: Major A. A. Sillcock, LTC

Drum Major: Musician D. B. Cassin

The Battalion of Army Apprentices Marches on Parade

*'Army of the Nile'*



The Governor-General's Banner is marched on parade.

*'Sevare Decimus'*

*'Point of War'*



The Commander Albury/Wodonga Area Colonel D. R. Lawrence is received on parade.

*'Scipio'*



The Commander 3rd Military District Brigadier G. F. Cohen is received on parade.



The General Officer Commanding Training Command, Major General D. M. Butler, DSO, representing the Chief of the General Staff, Lieutenant General Sir P. Bennett, KBE, AO, DSO is received on parade.

*'Cavalry Brigade'*



The Reviewing Officer, the Minister for Defence, The Honourable G. G. D. Scholes, MP is received on parade.

*'The Duke of York'*



The Inspection

*'Men of Harlech'*

*'Elbanico'*



March past in slow time.

*'Balcombe Slow March'*

*'Banner Parade'*



*Latchford Barracks — Sequence of Events*

*and*

*Programme of Music*

by

OF THE ARMY SCHOOL OF MUSIC

led by: Major A.A. Sillcock, LTCL, MIMT

Drum Major: Musician D.B. Cassidy

March past in quick time.

*'Sevare Decimus'*  
*'Standard of St. George'*

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The parade advances in Review Order.

*'British Grenadiers'*  
*'Cavalry Brigade'*

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Official Opening Address by The Honourable G.G.D. Scholes, MP, Minister for Defence

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Prayer of Dedication by the Principal Chaplain (Army), Principal Chaplain D.H. Percival

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The Reviewing Officer departs.

*'The Duke of York'*

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The General Officer Commanding Training Command departs.

*'Cavalry Brigade'*

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The Commander 3rd Military District departs.

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The Commander Albury/Wodonga Area departs.

*'Scipio'*

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The Governor-General's Banner is marched off the parade.

*'Point of War'*  
*'Sevare Decimus'*

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The Battalion of Army Apprentices marches off parade.

*'Waltzing Matilda'*  
*'Minstral Boy'*

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# Activities Programme

TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
1100-1140	Open Day Parade	Oval No 1
1140-1150	Official Opening of Latchford Barracks	
1150-1200	Prayer of Dedication	
1200-1400	Official Luncheon	Mess Recreation
1300-1330	Gun Club Demonstration	Gun Club
1300-1345	Band Display	Oval No 1
1300-1430	Yacht Club Demonstration	Upper Lake
1400-1420	Gymnastics Display	Oval No 1
1430-1500	Radio Control Demonstration	Upper Lake
	Basketball Game	Gymnasium
1500-1530	Obstacle Course Demonstration	Obstacle Course
1500-1530	Yacht Club Demonstration	Upper Lake
1530-1545	Tent Pegging Display	Oval No 1
1545-1630	Radio Control Demonstration	Upper Lake
	Trade Demonstrations/Displays	Trade Wings
	Survey Display	School of Military Survey
	Hospital/Dental Display	6 Camp Hosp/19 Dental Unit
	Canoe Club	Lower Lake
	Trail Bike Ride	Rear MV Wing
	Jeep Restoration Club	Rear MV Wing
	CCTV Club	MRC
1300-1630	Physics Laboratory	MRC
	Photography Club	MRC
	Fishing Club	Lower Lake
	Antique Engine Club	Club Area
	Lapidary Club	Club Area
	Radio Club	Club Area
	Scuba Club	Club Area
	Venturers	Club Area
	SMS Museum	Club Area
	Catering Display	CFPF



*Bonegilla 1983 - An Aerial Photograph*

## *Adverse Weather Programme*

In the event of inclement weather, the Official Opening Ceremony will be conducted in the Assembly Hall.

<i>Times:</i>	1045 a.m.	Guests are requested to be seated.
	1055 a.m.	Official Guests arrive.
	1100 a.m.	Opening Ceremony begins.

## *Unit Briefs*

### ARMY APPRENTICES SCHOOL

The Army Apprentices School (AAS) was established at Balcombe, Victoria in 1948, to meet the increasing demand for soldier-tradesmen in the Australian Regular Army. The curriculum was designed to meet the standards for civilian tradesmen, Victorian Education Department, the Apprenticeship Commission and the appropriate Trade Unions.

The School moved to Latchford Barracks in January 1983.

Since the School commenced 4491 apprentice Electronic Tradesmen, Electrical Fitters and Mechanics, Plumbers and Gasfitters, Carpenters, Motor Mechanics and Fitters and Turners have graduated, and of these 333 have gained commissioned rank.

AAS currently has a Training strength of some 600 apprentices.

### SCHOOL OF MILITARY SURVEY

The School of Military Survey (SMS) is responsible for the training of all RASvy personnel in Topographical Surveying, Cartography, Photography, Printing and Reprographic Illustration.

SMS also assists in the research, trial, investigation and introduction of new survey equipments and techniques, and the production of training publications and Corps doctrine. The School trains Service and Civilian personnel from other agencies and countries, as part of Defence Co-operation Programmes.

Survey training in the Army first commenced in 1942, at the Field Survey Training Depot, Burwood, Victoria. The Army School of Survey was then formed at Balcombe, Victoria, in 1943, and moved to Bonegilla, on the West Bank of the Hume Weir in 1965.

The School moved into Latchford Barracks in November 1982.

## 6TH CAMP HOSPITAL

6th Camp Hospital was established on 30 November, 1982 was originally planned as the Bonegilla Medical Centre. The hospital has a twenty-six bed capacity and provides appropriate medical support for military personnel in the Albury/Wodonga Military Area. As 6th Camp Hospital does not have a surgical facility, local civilian hospitals are used.

The assessed dependant population for 6th Camp Hospital is 2650, which makes it the second largest Army Camp Hospital in Australia.

## 19 DENTAL UNIT

19 Dental Unit was established on 30 November, 1982 to provide dental care for 2650 military personnel in the Albury/Wodonga Military Area.

The Unit has its headquarters and one treatment section in Latchford Barracks and one treatment section at Bandiana.



*6th Camp Hospital*

## CENTRAL FOOD PREPARATION FACILITY

The Central Food Preparation Facility (CFPF) provides catering support to all units in the Albury/Wodonga Military Area.

The CFPF indents and accounts for, processes and distributes all foodstuffs to kitchens in the Albury/Wodonga Military Area.

Daily tasks include the processing of carcass meats and selected vegetables so that area caterers have only to cook the finished product. The preparation and baking of pastry and desserts are also undertaken.

## *History of the Bonegilla Camp*

The first portion of 'Bonegilla' was developed for the occupation by 2/23rd Inf Bn, known as 'Albury's Own', though it was not comprised of Albury men to any great extent. Local militiamen from the 122nd Howitzer Battery, 59th Inf Bn and 8th Light Horse Regiment were already in the AIF when the 2/23rd was formed at the old Albury Showgrounds. On 25 September, 1940 the 2/23rd Inf Bn marched from the showgrounds to their new camp.

Units listed as being in Bonegilla during the war years include 2/23rd Inf Bn, 2/21st, 2/22nd, HQ Inf Bde, 2/2nd Aust Pnr Reinforcements, Medical Reinforcements, elements of Armoured Div, 143rd General Tpt Coy, Signal Training Units including two groups of AWAS, 67th Dental Unit, the RASC Training Brigade and numbers of CMF Troops after Japan entered the war.

During 1942-43 Selected American Officers and Engineers underwent specialist training at the RAE Bomb Disposal School, and at the end of the war small groups of women who had been released from Japanese Prison Camps passed through on their way to rehabilitation and home.

The first unit to be established east of the Weir road was the Officers Training School built in 1941. This was followed by a School of Mechanisation and the School of Small Arms (commanded by Lt Col Latchford).

The camp was handed over to the Immigration Department and was used as a Migrant Reception Centre from 1947 until 1965 when it was handed back to the Department of Defence, and the School of Military Survey marched in. The Immigration Department continued to utilise the original camp block until 1971. In that year the entire Bonegilla Camp was handed back to the Department of Defence, but only CMF units utilised its major facilities between then and the building of Latchford Barracks.

In the interim the School of Military Survey had been hosts, for a short time, to a RAASC Transport Group, the School of Catering in 1969 and a detachment of the Survey Regiment in 1970.

*The Development of  
Latchford Barracks*



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*Autographs*