



GRADUATION CEREMONY

DUNTROON

TUESDAY 11 DECEMBER 1973

The Graduating Class 1973

Cpl	T. M.	ALMOND	UO	G. M.	McDONALD
Cpl	E. Z.	ANTONIAK	Col Sgt	D. P.	McGREGOR (NZ)
Cpl	J. R.	BARRETT (NZ)	UO	S. D.	McLEOD
Sgt	A. I.	BECKINGHAM	Cpl	I. R.	McNAUGHTON
Cpl	P. F.	BERNARD	Cpl	S. F.	MacKENZIE
Cpl	R. J.	BREEN	Sgt	P. L.	MAHER
Col Sgt	J. H.	CATCHLOVE	Cpl	R. W.	MARTENS
Sgt	R. R.	CHALUPSKY	Sgt	D. J.	MARTINDALE
Cpl	I. L.	CLEAVER	UO	N. G.	MILLER
Cpl	P. J.	DE GRAAFF	Cpl	K. J.	MUIR
Cpl	P. J.	DE HAAS	Cpl	S. W.	NEILSEN
Cpl	R. S. T.	ELMS	Cpl	P. H.	NOONAN
Cpl	D. M.	FORSTER	Cpl	T.	O'REILLY (NZ)
Cpl	G. E.	GARSHIDE	Col Sgt	J. W.	PARSONS (NZ)
Col Sgt	I. C.	GORDON	Sgt	M. L.	PRUNTY
Cpl	R. P.	GRAY (NZ)	UO	F. X.	ROBERTS
Cpl	R. H.	GREVILLE	Cpl	P. A.	ROBOTTOM
Cpl	P. M.	GUMBLEY	Col Sgt	D. H.	ROSS
Sgt	J. D.	HANDS	Cpl	P. L.	SCHMITT
Cpl	D. R.	HAY	SUO	R. W.	SHOEBRIDGE
Cpl	B.	HOLLINS	Cpl	J. F.	SKINNER
Cpl	G. M.	HUGGINS	Sgt	D. A.	SMITH
UO	R. V.	JAQUES	Cpl	P. M.	STEVENS
Sgt	M. T.	JENKINS	Sgt	G. J.	STONE
Sgt	R. E.	JEWELL	Sgt	E. W. G.	THOMSON (NZ)
Cpl	K. J.	JONES	Cpl	J. B.	TROTTER
Sgt	G. A.	KASLAR	Cpl	D. I.	TYERS
Sgt	G. J.	LEARY	Sgt	C. J.	WALLACE
Sgt	C.	LINTHONG (THAI)	UO	J. J. A.	WALLACE
Sgt	R. J.	LINWOOD	Cpl	D. R.	WILTON
Sgt	R. E.	LOSİK	Cpl	R. M.	YEATS

Graduation Programme

Two ceremonies take place on the Parade Ground. Firstly the Graduation Parade of the Corps of Staff Cadets and secondly the conferring of University of New South Wales degrees and presentation of the Royal Military College diplomas to the graduating class.

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Today, cadets of the First Class parade at Duntroon for the last time before they receive their Sovereign's Commission. They form up in front of the remainder of the Corps and they are the first to march past.

After the Advance in Review Order, the Inspecting Officer and party move from the dais to seats on the terrace, to view the brief ceremony of 'Farewell to First Class'.

Their last parade at Duntroon ended, the Graduating Class march off the parade ground in slow time to the strains of 'Auld Lang Syne', followed by the 'Maori Farewell'. The Sovereign's Company, with Queen Elizabeth the Second's Banner, march off. The remainder then march off under command of the senior cadet of the Second Class.

The Graduation Ceremony will follow immediately after the Parade. His Excellency the Governor-General will address the Corps, then present the Sword of Honour and the Queen's Medal.

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In 1967, the College entered into an affiliation with the University of New South Wales, and the University established the Faculty of Military Studies at Duntroon. The first students were admitted to the Faculty in 1968; those members of the Graduating Class who have completed courses in the Faculty will be graduating with the University's Degrees of Bachelor of Arts in Military Studies, Bachelor of Science in Military Studies, or Bachelor of Engineering.

The ceremony of conferring degrees is a Graduation Ceremony of the University and is held on the parade ground under its aegis. The Chancellor of the University will admit the graduands to the three degrees.

At the invitation of the College, the Chancellor will also present the Diploma of Military Studies to those members of the Graduating Class entitled to receive it.

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On completion of the ceremonies on the parade ground, morning tea will be served in Duntroon Gardens for the Graduating Class, their guests, and the staff and guests of the College and in the Corps of Staff Cadets Mess for cadets and their guests.

THE COLOURS

Origin of the Colours

Since earliest times, warriors have carried standards or flags as an identification symbol and to serve as a rallying point during battle. Today the Colours embody the spirit and tradition of the Regiment to which they belong. They are highly valued, carefully guarded and treated with great respect.

Seniority of the Colours

Arising from this ancient tradition, infantry battalions carry two Colours. The Queen's and the Regimental. The Queen's Colour is a reminder to all ranks of their loyalty and duty to their Sovereign and country and is the Senior Colour. The Regimental Colour is a symbol of Regimental tradition and of the loyalty of all members to the Regiment.

The original colours were first presented to the Corps of Staff Cadets by His Majesty King George VI when, as Duke of York, he visited Australia in 1927. Colours were re-presented by Her Majesty the Queen on 17 February 1954 and again on 27 April 1970.

The Old Colours have been laid up on each occasion, the first at the Church of St John the Baptist in Canberra and the second at the Anzac Memorial Chapel of St Paul at Duntroon.

According to custom, before the Colours were presented, they were first consecrated, dedicated and blessed by the Chaplains-General of the Church of England, Roman Catholic and Protestant denominations.

Queen Elizabeth the Second's Banner

When Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II visited RMC in 1954, she graciously approved that henceforth the title 'The Sovereign's Company' should be bestowed on the Champion Company of cadets each year. Her Majesty subsequently gave permission for her Banner to be carried by the Sovereign's Company on ceremonial occasions.

Queen Elizabeth the Second's Banner was presented to the Corps of Staff Cadets on 26 February 1958 by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother. Queen Elizabeth the Second's Banner is accorded similar honours to those accorded to the Queen's and Regimental Colours.

The Champion Company is decided by a summation of all inter-company competition conducted during the year. Sporting competitions are held in Athletics, Australian Rules, Basketball, Cricket, Hockey, Tennis, Rugby, Soccer, Swimming, Squash and Water Polo. Other competitions held are Cross Country, Drill, Obstacle Course and Small Arms. The Company which wins the highest number of points in sporting competition is awarded the Lee Shield.

The Sovereign's Banner is handed over from one Champion Company to another at Banner Parade, held on the Thursday before Graduation. Last Thursday Gallipoli Company (the Sovereign's Company 1973) handed over the Banner to Alamein Company who are now accorded the title 'The Sovereign's Company'.

The order of seniority of the Companies is The Sovereign's Company, Gallipoli, Kokoda then Kapyong Companies.

PROGRAMME OF MUSIC

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THE BAND OF THE ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE
UNDER THE DIRECTION OF CAPT C. R. FISCHER

CORPS OF STAFF CADETS MARCH ON PARADE

‘Old Panama’

THE COLOURS ARE RECEIVED ON PARADE

‘Advance Australia Fair’, ‘Point of War’

INSPECTION

‘Climb Ev’ry Mountain’

MARCH PAST IN SLOW TIME

‘General Bridges’, ‘The Field of the Cloth of Gold’

MARCH PAST IN QUICK TIME

‘The Staff Cadet’

ADVANCE IN REVIEW ORDER

‘Advance Australia Fair’

FIRST CLASS MARCH TO POSITION

‘The Rare Breed’

FIRST CLASS AND COLOURS MARCH OFF PARADE

‘Auld Lang Syne’, ‘Maori Farewell’

THE SOVEREIGN’S COMPANY MARCHES OFF PARADE

‘Colonel Bogey’

THE CORPS OF STAFF CADETS MARCHES OFF PARADE

‘The Great Race’

CONFERRING OF DEGREES AND PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS

Corps March on Parade—‘March of the Herald’

Incidental Music—‘People’, ‘If Ever I Would Leave You’

Corps March off Parade—‘Le Reve Passe’

ORDER OF CEREMONY

THE CORPS OF STAFF CADETS MARCH ON PARADE

THE CORPS OF STAFF CADETS RECEIVE ON PARADE THE QUEEN'S COLOUR AND THE REGIMENTAL COLOUR

Spectators stand on the Command 'Colour Party Quick March' and remain standing until the Colour Party is in position. It is only necessary to salute when the Band plays 'Point of War'

THE COMMANDING OFFICER CORPS OF STAFF CADETS
LIEUTENANT COLONEL H. J. COATES, MBE, IS RECEIVED ON PARADE

THE COMMANDANT, MAJOR GENERAL R. A. HAY, CB, MBE, IS RECEIVED ON PARADE

THE CHIEF OF THE GENERAL STAFF, LIEUTENANT GENERAL F. G. HASSETT, CB, CBE, DSO, MVO, IS RECEIVED BY THE COMMANDANT

THE MINISTER FOR DEFENCE, THE HONOURABLE L. H. BARNARD, IS RECEIVED BY THE COMMANDANT

THE PRIME MINISTER, THE HONOURABLE E. G. WHITLAM, QC, MP, IS RECEIVED BY THE COMMANDANT

HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HONOURABLE SIR PAUL HASLUCK, GCMG, GCVO, KSTJ, GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF AUSTRALIA, IS RECEIVED ON PARADE

Spectators stand when the Governor-General's car enters the parade ground, salute during the playing of the Royal Salute and remain standing until the parade has shouldered arms. When those in uniform salute, it is customary for gentlemen in civilian dress to remove hats

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL INSPECTS THE PARADE

THE CORPS OF STAFF CADETS MARCH PAST IN SLOW AND QUICK TIME

Spectators stand and salute only when the Colours and Queen Elizabeth the Second's Banner pass immediately in front of, and on their side of the parade ground

THE CORPS OF STAFF CADETS ADVANCE IN REVIEW ORDER

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL AND PARTY LEAVE THE PARADE GROUND

FIRST CLASS AND THE COLOURS MARCH OFF IN SLOW TIME

Spectators stand and salute only when the Colours pass immediately in front of, and on their side of the parade ground

THE SOVEREIGN'S COMPANY MARCH OFF PARADE

Spectators stand and salute only when Queen Elizabeth the Second's Banner passes immediately in front of, and on their side of the parade ground

THE REMAINDER OF THE CORPS OF STAFF CADETS MARCH OFF PARADE

Spectators are requested to remain seated during the march off of the Corps of Staff Cadets

CONFERRING OF DEGREES AND PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS

THE CORPS OF STAFF CADETS MARCH ON TO THE PARADE GROUND

THE PROCESSION COMPRISING THE INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF OF THE COLLEGE, MEMBERS OF THE PROFESSORIAL BOARD OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE FACULTY OF MILITARY STUDIES, THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE UNIVERSITY, AND THE INTERIM COUNCIL OF THE COLLEGE MOVE ON TO THE PARADE GROUND

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL AND THE CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES, SIR ROBERT WEBSTER, CMG, CBE, MC WITH THE REMAINDER OF THE OFFICIAL PARTY MOVE ON TO THE PARADE GROUND

ADDRESS BY THE COMMANDANT

ADDRESS BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL

PRESENTATION OF SWORD OF HONOUR AND THE QUEEN'S MEDAL BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL

CONFERRING OF DEGREES AND PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS BY THE CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL DEPARTS FOR DUNTRON HOUSE

His Excellency The Governor-General is accorded a Royal Salute as his car moves off. Spectators stand and salute

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS DEPART

THE PROCESSION PRECEDED BY THE OFFICIAL PARTY MOVE TO THE TERRACE

THE CORPS OF STAFF CADETS MARCH OFF THE PARADE GROUND

Spectators are requested to remain seated until the Corps of Staff Cadets has marched off

DEGREES, DIPLOMAS AND PRIZES

The Sword of Honour

For exemplary conduct and performance of duty

Robert William SHOEBRIDGE

The Queen's Medal

For the most distinguished performance in military and academic studies

David James MARTINDALE

Academic awards and Military prizes are shown against the recipients name below.

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

Bachelor of Arts in Military Studies

Edward	ANTONIAK
Peter Frederick	BERNARD
Robert John	BREEN
Rudolf Robert	CHALUPSKY
Peter Joseph	DE GRAAFF
Ronald Stanley Thomas	ELMS
David Macquarie	FORSTER
Richard Paul	GRAY
Richard Hughes	GREVILLE
John David	HANDS
Brian	HOLLINS
Mervyn Thomas	JENKINS
Geoffrey Allan	KASLAR
Gregory John	LEARY
Russell John	LINWOOD

Weapon Training

Signals

The Oswald Watt Essay Prize

Blamey Scholar

Infantry Minor Tactics—The
Staffordshire Regiment Cup
(Shared)

Robert Edmund	LOSIK
Stuart Faulconer	MACKENZIE
George Moreton	MCDONALD
Douglas Paul	MCGREGOR
Stephen Douglas	MCLEOD
Ian Robert	MCNAUGHTON
Peter Lewis	MAHER
Kenneth James	MUIR
Michael Leslie	PRUNTY

New Zealand Peace Administration

Topography

Paul Adrian	ROBOTOM	Infantry Minor Tactics—The Staffordshire Regiment Cup (Shared)
Peter Leslie Robert William	SCHMITT SHOEBRIDGE	Blamey Scholar Peter Mitchell Travelling Award Tactics—Second Place Armour Australian Peace Administration
David Angus Peter Michael	SMITH STEVENS	War Administration Australian Military Law
Gary John Eion William George John Bernard Douglas Ian James John Arundel	STONE THOMSON TROTTER TYERS WALLACE	Peter Mitchell Travelling Award Drill
Roderick Michael	YEATS	

Bachelor of Science in Military Studies

James Henry Peter John Ian Campbell Roger Vernon	CATCHLOVE DE HAAS GORDON JAQUES	Staff Duties, Training and Intelligence Military Engineering
Kevin John Stephen William John Francis	JONES NEILSEN SKINNER	The Major General J. S. Whitelaw Memorial Artillery Prize
David Ronald	WILSON	Blamey Scholar Tactics—First Place Artillery New Zealand Military Law The Major General C. H. Finlay Award The New Zealand CGS Prize The RSL Prize

Bachelor of Engineering

Arthur Ian	BECKINGHAM	The Hutchison Trophy
Roderick Ernest	JEWELL	Honours Class II, Division 1
Chayasit	LIN HONG	
David James	MARTINDALE	Honours Class I
		Blamey Scholar
		Arthur Corbett Prize in Engineering
Neil Gordon	MILLER	Honours Class II, Division 2
Tom	O'REILLY	
Francis Xavier	ROBERTS	
John William	PARSONS	Honours Class II, Division 2

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS

Diploma of Military Studies in Arts

Thomas Michael Price	ALMOND
Geoffrey Edward	GARSDIE
Peter Michael	GUMBLEY
David Ross	HAY
Graham Michael	HUGGINS
Paul Herbert	NOONAN
David Henry	ROSS
Christopher James	WALLACE

Diploma of Military Studies in Applied Science

John Russell	BARRETT
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Diploma of Military Studies in Electrical Engineering

Ian Lindsay	CLEAVER
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Diploma of Military Studies in Mechanical Engineering

Robert William	MARTENS
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THE FIELD MARSHAL SIR THOMAS BLAMEY MEMORIAL AWARDS

Four cadets, the winner of the Sword of Honour, and the top graduates in Arts, Applied Science and Engineering, have received Blamey Awards for 1973. These awards are in memory of Australia's most distinguished soldier, Field Marshal Sir Thomas Blamey, GBE, KCB, CMG, DSO, ED, and were presented yesterday by the Commandant on behalf of the Trustees.

Field Marshal Blamey was born in Wagga Wagga, New South Wales in 1884. He joined the Regular Army in 1906, and at the start of World War I was a junior staff officer. At its conclusion he was a Brigadier General, and Chief of Staff to Lieutenant-General Sir John Monash, Commander of the Australian Corps.

He left the Regular Army but continued in the Militia between the Wars. At the beginning of World War II he was chosen by the Government to lead the 6th Division overseas. Later he was to command the Australian Corps in the Middle East; the ANZAC Corps in Greece. He was then appointed Deputy Commander-in-Chief Middle East.

On return from the Middle East in March 1942, as Commander-in-Chief of the Australian Military Forces his skilled direction in the fields of organisation, operational and administrative efficiency, and morale, effectively raised the fighting capacity of the forces he commanded. Then, as in the ensuing war years, his outstanding leadership was shown.

As Commander Allied Land Forces South West Pacific Area under General MacArthur he played a foremost part in planning and directing the combined operations which drove the enemy from New Guinea and the Pacific Islands.

He was gazetted Field Marshal in June 1950, the first Australian, and with the exception of Field Marshal Jan Smuts, the only Dominion soldier so honoured. He was then on the eve of his last illness. He died on 27 May 1951. His concluding words live on:

'Australia's sons must be ready to accept whatever responsibilities fall on them and draw strength for their discharge from the traditions of their predecessors. I can no longer lead them, but I commend to you those familiar army words "Carry on" which combine both exhortation and encouragement'.

The Blamey awards are made available by the Trustees of the Field Marshal Sir Thomas Blamey Memorial Fund and the Trustees hope that the recipients of these awards, throughout their service, will themselves demonstrate, and encourage in others, the great qualities of leadership, intelligence, resolution and courage for which the late Field Marshal will always be remembered and revered.