

# **Ibrox Park BHS Cadet Unit**



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...and yet the menace of the years  
finds, and shall find, me unafraid.

It matters not how strait the gate.  
How charged with punishments the scroll.  
I am the master of my fate.  
I am the captain of my soul.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>William Ernest Henley. 1875. "*Invictus*" (Latin, adj.) – unbeaten, unconquerable.



## Foreword

Leichhardt in the 1950-60's felt the lingering melancholy of World War II and struggled to get back to normal. Families had been toughened by past experiences. Many yearned for the "*good old days*" to return but with fresh energy and brighter prospects. Children were stirred with values influenced by the past and encouraged by the hope of the future.

Education was part of Leichhardt's future; it was a way to avoid the struggles of the past and improve post war socioeconomics. In the past, parents left school barely able to read or write. They found jobs in mines, cane cutting, lugging bales of wool, domestic duties, cleaning and other working class livelihoods. Their children may have attended Leichhardt's Junior Technical, Home Science, Ibrox Park BHS and Leichhardt GHS secondary schools.

In 1960 Ibrox Park BHS opened its doors for the first time. During that year the School's Cadet Unit took its first step with twenty one cadets. It would have been taken with some trepidation but it was part of a plan to introduce a new education era in Leichhardt that provided opportunities and social changes. The Principal, Mr. E. Smith, and his cohort of Teachers set about establishing a Cadet Unit.

The Cadet Unit was in its infancy. Friday parades were held in the school grounds; Ceremonial Parades at Leichhardt Oval; Anzac Day Honour Guard at Pioneers Memorial Park and an annual camp at the Singleton Army Camp. As a result, Army culture slowly percolated through the minds of cadets raising a greater consciousness of the importance of discipline and resilience. For some cadets army life went against their grain – orders, dress rules and marching was too much to handle. However, most cadets fitted in with weekly routine and welcomed the challenges – marching about the school grounds to the beat of "*left-right-left*" and saluting Officers was part of their enjoyment.

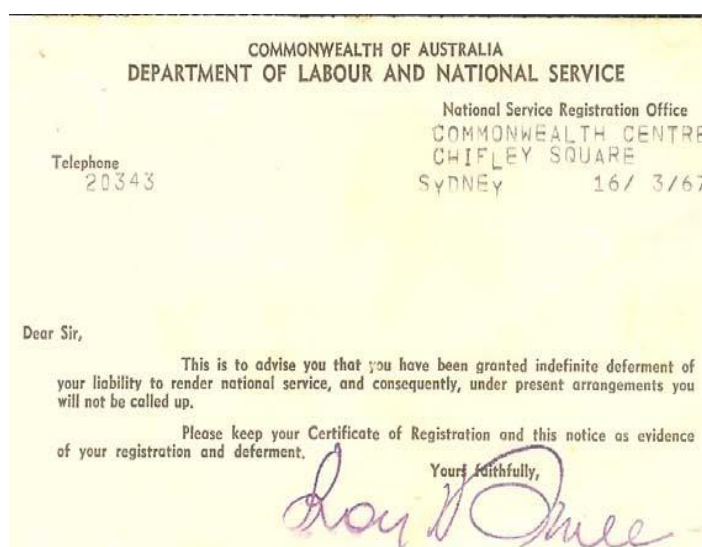
The news of the assignation of President J. F. Kennedy in 1963 came through while attending a C.U.O course at the Singleton Army Camp. At the time, I remember sitting in a tent cleaning boots. It was shocking news; it raised in my mind the possibility of war if the assignation involved a foreign country.

The prospect of army life continued with the Vietnam War in 1964 and the introduction of national service. Past students and cadets enlisted or were conscripted and many received National Service Notices.

The students who served in Vietnam included Richard Friend, Russell Fozzard, John Proctor and Len Pitt; thank you for your service.

On reflection, the 1960's was an uncertain time. No doubt those students who were lucky enough to be in the Cadets experienced aspects of Army life and perhaps were better prepared for the unexpected challenges of that time.

Terry Ryan



1. National Service Notice, 1967.  
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# Acknowledgement

What does a new school with most teachers not much older than their students do to make a difference in a struggling working class suburb of Leichhardt in 1960?

It was thought at the time that part of the answer was to instil confidence, self-esteem and discipline in students. Apart from the classroom challenges some teachers lead by Joe Walsh with the support of the Principal, Mr. Smith, also turned their efforts to forming a Cadet Unit. Joe Walsh became the first Officer of Cadets supported by Maxie Weichman and Graham McGill gathered together twenty one students to form the Ibrox Park BHS Cadet Unit's first platoon in August 1960.

David Enock was one of those young teachers who had students two years older than himself. When David was asked in 2016 about the Cadet Unit his reply was revealing and sobering. Teaching many "*tough students*" showed him that traditional teaching methods were never going to work. Classroom respect was a two-way process - if respect was given then respect was received. The approach created a practical learning environment that suited students producing remarkable results.

For David, the Cadet Unit was an extension of his pedagogy<sup>1</sup> with a focus on building confidence, training, organisation and leadership. David was appointed an Officer of Cadets with the rank of Lieutenant responsible for training in 1962.

During 1960-69 the Cadet Unit grew to a Company of three platoons and a drum and bugle/trumpet Band due to the dedication of Joe Walsh (Manual Arts), David Enock (Mathematics), Maxie Weichman (Sports Master), Graham McGill (English, History), Tony Cameron (Science), Tony Bible (Manual Arts), Andy Mereniuk (Science), Col Cameron (Mathematics) and Denis McMullen.

The Cadet Unit was commanded by Captain J. Walsh from 1960-64. Joe was recognized for "*developing high standards of performance in all phases of cadet training*". From 1965-69 Captain D. Enock commanded the Unit after Joe was transferred to Cronulla High School to form a new Cadet Unit.

With these past events in mind on behalf of the hundreds of Cadets who served in Ibrox Park BHS Cadet Unit in the 1960's I acknowledge the dedication and foresight of Joe Walsh, David Enock, Maxie Weichman, Graham McGill, Tony Cameron, Tony Bible, Andy Mereniuk, Col Cameron<sup>2</sup> and Denis McMullen. Without their commitment and insight the Cadet Unit would not have existed.

To these Ibrox Park BHS Teachers, who went the extra mile - thanks for the memories.

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<sup>1</sup> Pedagogy: the science or profession of teaching.

<sup>2</sup> Col Cameron also known as Lt. Col. Cameron.



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## Ibrox Park Cadet Unit - Early days

The Ibrox Park BHS Cadet Unit was formed in August 1960 with a total of twenty one cadets increasing to eighty in 1961 and one hundred and twenty two in 1969. The Unit at this time comprised five Officers of Cadets, three Cadet Under-Officers, 25 NCO's and 89 cadets.

The Unit from 1960 to 1964 was commanded by Captain J. Walsh who was recognized for developing high standards of performance in all phases of cadet training. Captain Walsh was ably assisted by Lieutenant David Enock and Lieutenant G. McGill. The Cadet Under-Officers in those early days included Bruce Stannard, Peter Board, Theo Baloglow, Ian Chapman, Terry Ryan, Brian Chung, Doug Isbester and Joe Francis.

In 1964 the Cadet Unit was presented with a ceremonial sword by Brigadier B. Hinton on his retirement from the Army. The sword was subsequently awarded as a sword of honour to the Cadet Under-Officer of the year. The first recipient was Brian Chung.

In 1965 Captain D. Enock was appointed O.C. of the Unit after Captain Walsh was transferred to Cronulla High School to form a new Cadet Unit.<sup>1</sup>

The 1969 Cadet Unit appointments included Officer Commanding: Captain David Enock. Second in Command: Lieutenant Tony Cameron. Adjutant Lieutenant: Tony Bible. Training Officer: Lieutenant Andy Mereniuk. Quartermaster: Lieutenant Col Cameron. Senior Cadet Under-Officer (CUO): A. Jacobson. Cadet Officers: Barry Moberg, Richard Skinner."<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Tully, R. M. 1969. *"The Ibroxian"*, Ibrox Park BHS, Leichhardt. The Cadet Unit – Captain David Enock, Pages 16-17

<sup>2</sup> Ibid.

## Debutantes' Ball

The Ibrox Park BHS Cadets were required to escort nurses from Balmain Hospital to their debuts. It was a formal occasion with the Debutantes<sup>3</sup> dressed in formal white dresses with no train and cadets in full Army dress blues. As each Debutant was "*introduced to society*" a cadet escorted her to the dance floor. When all the introductions were completed, music started up for a "*Pride of Erin*" Waltz<sup>4</sup>. The couples then danced in the promenade position holding hands above the shoulders. Dinner, dancing and speeches completed the evening.



2. Ibrox Park BHS Cadet Unit  
Debutantes' Ball, Balmain Town Hall, 1962

(L to R) Bruce Stannard, Desmond Green, Terry Ryan, Joseph Francis,  
Peter Board, Douglas Isbester, Ian Chapman, Denis McNulty, James Johnson, Unknown

Source: Ian Chapman

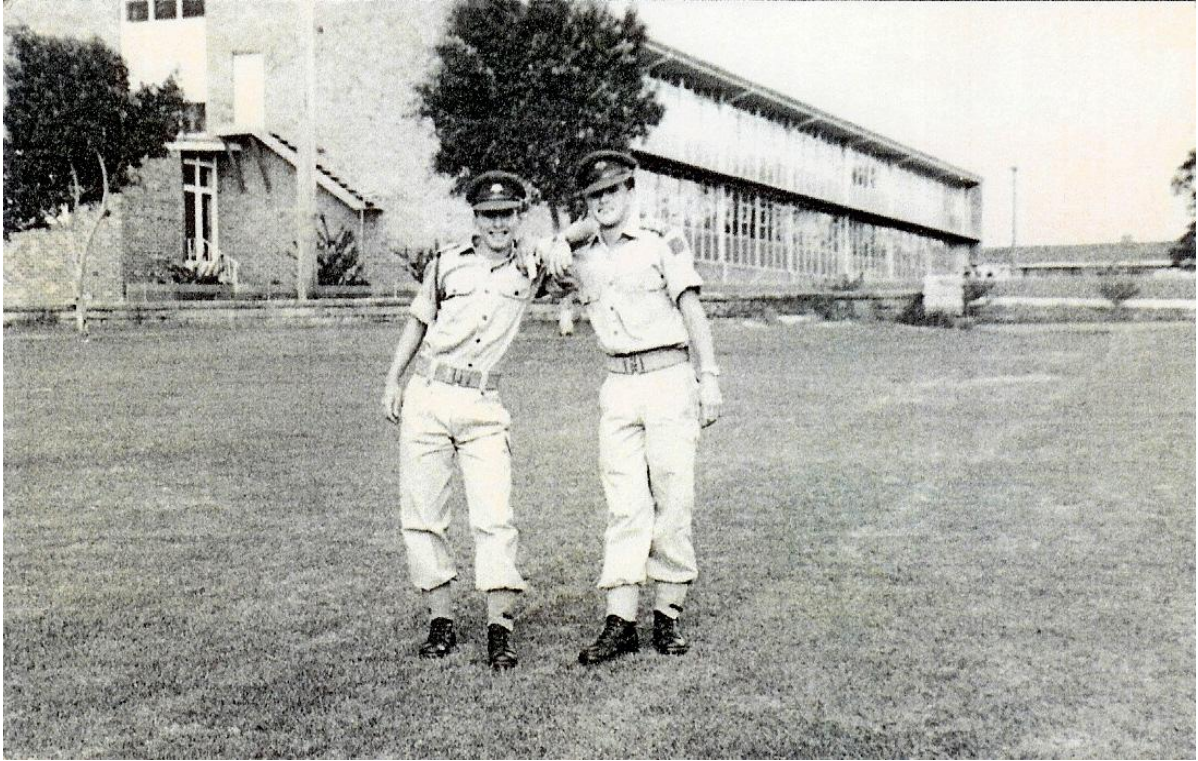
It was a challenge for the Cadets to dance the "*Pride of Erin*" in such a formal manner required by the occasion. But dance the "*Pride of Erin*" they did... complete with white gloves, red striped pants and shiny buttons. The Debutantes were no doubt impressed by the Cadets' chivalry and gentle manners. And no doubt, the Cadets were taken aback by the Debutantes' radiance and demeanor. It was an important occasion for the Debutantes and one that the Ibrox Park BHS Cadet Unit can be proud in supporting the nurses.

<sup>3</sup> Debutante – (French: female beginner) who has reached maturity and ready to be introduced to Society.

<sup>4</sup> 1930's Old Time dancing included: Pride of Erin, Barn Dance, Jazz Waltz, Canadian Three Step.

## Pioneers' Memorial Park

The photograph of CSM Ian Chapman, CUO Peter Board and the school's southern building is taken from the Pioneers' Memorial Park (formerly Balmain Cemetery) adjacent to Derbyshire Road. The area to the right of the building was used as a teachers' car park.



3. Ibrox Park BHS, 1963.  
Ian Chapman, Peter Board and School Grounds.

Source: Ian Chapman

The Pioneers' Memorial Park was built over Balmain Cemetery. The cemetery operated from 1868 until 1912 and formerly closed by the Old Balmain (Leichhardt) Act 1941. The cemetery was "*converted*" to the Pioneers' Memorial Park in 1941 amidst community concern about the treatment of the cemetery and the remaining 10,608 burials. Graves and headstones were covered or used in the construction of the park. The headstones and monuments were broken-up or carved into blocks for a park wall. Only a few of the inscriptions of the monuments were transcribed and no headstones were placed as memorials around the site as required by the "*Old Balmain (Leichhardt) Act, 1941*".

The Balmain Cemetery Registry Index 1868-1912 includes names, burial dates, page number of the burial register and burial number in either Part 1 1868-Jan 1881 or Part 2 February 1881-1912).

## Anzac Day 1963

The Cadet Unit played an important role in the community; it provided a sense of pride and showed that Ibrox Park BHS was making a difference in the Leichhardt area.

Marching down Norton Street from the Town Hall to Leichhardt's Pioneers' Memorial Park on ANZAC Day in 1963 to the sound of bugles and the beat of drums was a special moment. The bass drum banged out a pounding beat that echoed from the adjacent shops and houses; the tenor drums rasped out a skittering rhythm and the bugles' shrill notes completed the cacophony of sound. Intermittent applause from groups of people lining each side of the street added to the moment.

The Cadet Band had a limited repertoire; it did not matter, provided the Band kept the Cadets in step and there were not too many discordant notes from wayward buglers. Marching in step; not tripping over tram lines; keeping the slouch hat's chin strap in place; looking straight ahead and not smiling to the onlookers was the "*order of the day*".

The march ended at the formal entrance that leads to the memorial. The Cadets provided a backdrop for official speeches and presentations at the memorial. The occasion was marked with an official salute where the Cadets "*presented arms*" while a lone bugler sounded the last post and the Catafalque<sup>5</sup> Party "*reversed arms*"; it was a solemn occasion and a credit to the school's Cadet Unit.



4. Leichhardt Pioneers Memorial Park (circa 1970).  
Formal Entrance, Fronting Norton Street.

Source: Terry Ryan

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<sup>5</sup> Honour Guard.



5. Leichhardt Pioneers' Memorial Park (circa 1970).  
Memorial.

Source: Terry Ryan

During the late 1960's Anzac Day attracted a range of mixed feelings mainly generated from the Vietnam War. As anti-war sentiment grew, Anzac day became a focus for protests that heightened generational differences between returned services personnel and *"baby boomers"*.

The generational differences were highlighted in Alan Seymour's 1958 production of *"The One Day of the Year"*. The production showed how different generations regarded Anzac Day. It came down to two polarized views: the glorification of war and the remembrance of those who served. It was a poignant observation that went to the heart of most people that helped heal the differences between returned services personnel and the *"protesting baby boomers"*.

The 1963 Anzac Day could be described as the calm before the storm. Anti-war protests were just starting to build momentum that eventually culminated in the 1970's. The affect on individual Cadets was varied. Those in uniform received anti-war comments when they travelled on public transport. The daily TV coverage of the Vietnam War produced horrific battlefield scenes and human tragedies. As a result, anyone in an army uniform was regarded as responsible for these atrocities.

Despite the growing antiwar sentiment, the Cadets mustered their efforts and carried out Anzac Day duties with dignity.



## Singleton Army Camp, 1963

The Annual Singleton Army Camp held different memories depending on the time. In later years, it was thought that the camp allowed for the enjoyment of living in the bush and engaging in such exercises as compass marches, patrolling, firing rifles and machine guns as well as aircraft familiarisation.<sup>1</sup>



6. Ibrox Park Cadet Unit, Singleton Army Camp, 1963  
(L to R) Douglas Isbester, Brian Chung, Ian Chapman, Terry Ryan, Gary Oldfield

Source: Terry Ryan

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<sup>1</sup> Tully, R. M. 1969. *"The Ibroxian"*, Ibrox Park BHS, Leichhardt. The Cadet Unit – Captain David Enock, Page 17



7. Ibrox Park Cadet Unit  
Singleton Army Camp, 1963  
Second Platoon, Contact Exercise

Source: Terry Ryan



8. Ibrox Park BHS Cadet Unit, 1963.  
Singleton Army Camp.  
Lee Wright (Back Row 6<sup>th</sup> R), Ian Chapman (Front Row 4<sup>th</sup> R), Robert Lockeridge (Back Row 11<sup>th</sup> R),  
Brian Chung (Back Row 12<sup>th</sup> R), Gary Oldroyd (Front Row 6<sup>th</sup> R), Des Greene (Standing, Front Row 7<sup>th</sup> R)

Source: Terry Ryan



9. Ibrox Park Cadet Unit  
Singleton Army Camp, 1963  
Mess Parade  
Doug Isbester (Front Row)

Source: Terry Ryan

The Singleton Camp for most cadets was an eye-opener - organisation and orderliness underlined daily activities.

For many, it was the first time they experienced the rough and ready of camp life. Sleeping in a tent with six other cadets on straw filled hessian palliasses<sup>2</sup> with its lumps and prickles was a shock for new cadets. Flattening out the straw into an even surface only teased out the straw through the hessian palliasse that found its way through the covering army blanket particularly at night - finding a comfortable position without a prickle was cherished.

Tents billowed in the wind and seeped during storms. Kit bags were stowed with clothes at the end of each bed and used at night as a pillow. Personal toiletries were gathered together in drawstring bags, which were an essential part of the daily visit to the ablution block. Privacy was put aside in hurried showers hoping the hot water would hold out. The communal facilities enforced army traditions and regulated by strange customs involving: bugles, flags, whistles, barking Sergeant-Majors, mess parades, route marches, parades, drills and lights-out.

The morning bugle sounded at dawn; its mournful tone raised a natural reluctance to face the day. Sleep held onto the drowsy cadets as they trudged to the shower block. They wondered about their family, dreams and home. The competition for showers and wash bowls brought home the reality of Singleton Camp – *“you’re in the army now”*.

The Mess Parade was an obligatory line-up complete with *“dixies”* in hand and the necessity for order. Orderliness was an essential part of all messes even though the name raised images of messy food and uncontrolled gatherings. Breakfast usually involved baked beans, cereal, toast and juice, all wholesome food - nothing too fancy.

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<sup>2</sup> Palliasse – a straw mattress.

Morning parade followed breakfast. Again it was necessary for straight lines arms length apart forming a platoon of about twenty cadets. The Sergeant-Major bent over his clip-board roared out the day's schedule. It usually involved endless marching and rifle drills.



10. Ibrox Park Cadet Unit  
Singleton Army Camp, 1963  
Morning Parade  
C.S.M. Ian Chapman (First Right)

Source: Terry Ryan

Most days involved lessons on Army protocols, drills and duties.

On one morning it was announced by the Sergeant-Major that:

*"Today was going to be a bit different as all 'soldiers' were going to learn the right way to clean rifles before heading out to the firing range".*

The lesson of how to properly clean a rifle involved a "*pull-through*" located in the butt of the .303 rifle. The "*pull-through*" consisted of a weight at one end which was lowered through the barrel. At the other end a piece of gauze coated with oil was poked through a loop. The weight together with the gauze was then pulled through the barrel until it was perfectly clean. The rifles were carefully inspected by a dutiful Sergeant peering down the spiralling barrels looking for the slightest imperfection and perhaps finding a reason to shout further orders.

*"Who would have thought that cleaning a rifle was really about instilling discipline and developing character?"*



11. Ibrox Park Cadet Unit  
Singleton Army Camp, 1963  
Company On Parade, "At Ease".

Source: Terry Ryan



12. Ibrox Park Cadet Unit  
Singleton Army Camp, 1963  
Second Platoon  
(Front Row, L to R) Doulas Isbester, Brian Chung, Gary Oldfield

Source: Terry Ryan



## Contact, 1963

It was a dry hot day. The sun stung on the back of sweat-stained shirts weighed down by hundreds of sticky black flies that took turns to attack the corners of eyes as sweat trickled down the middle of backs, rolling down legs and pooling into hob-nailed boots.

Just standing up, let alone holding a Lee-Enfield .303 bolt action rifle; carrying a heavy pack that included a ground sheet (*"poncho"*), blanket, eating utensil (*"dixie"*), enamel mug, food rations and walking in weighty boots was an achievement in itself. With all this weight, the cadet patrol moved silently in double file avoiding dried twigs that would snap with a loud clack that rose above the droning sounds of the Australian bush.

The second Platoon of the Ibrox Park BHS Cadet Unit was on a contact exercise; its mission was to engage the *"enemy"* with tactical manoeuvres involving twenty 14-16 year old cadet soldiers armed with obsolete .303 rifles and blank cartridges. Each patrol had a pretend rapid fire *"Bren-gun"* – a .303 rifle with a handkerchief tied around its barrel. The patrol scout was typically a hundred metres ahead of the main group who used hand signals to communicate with the patrol leader. Each patrol had a radio operator. The radio was configured as a back-pack with an aerial, headset and microphone. An independent observer (Lieutenants: D. Enock or G. McGill – Officers of Cadets, Ibrox Park Teachers) was assigned to each contact patrol. Their job was to assess the outcome of each contact and indirectly provide guidance.



13. Ibrox Park BHS Cadet Unit, 1963.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Platoon, Contact Exercise, Singleton Army Camp.  
Terry Ryan (Front Row 4th R)

Source: Terry Ryan

The “*enemy*” were four other patrols moving in a circular direction around a course of four checkpoints. The patrol leader had a map and compass to find the checkpoints as well as staying on course to contact patrols heading in the opposite direction.

In theory, each patrol was expected to have four contacts, which was problematic as most patrol leaders had not used a compass before and had no idea how to work out distances from pacing or map reading.

The patrol passed into shadowed ground sparsely populated by spotted gums, low scrub littered with scrubby undergrowth and steepening slopes rising on the right-side of the patrol. Somewhere ahead an “*enemy*” patrol would be listening, pausing and moving towards them. It was difficult terrain to move through without making a sound. The patrol leader signalled to the “*Bren-gun*” unit to move to the right and follow the high ground. The land started to open up. The mottled sun flickering through branches created impressions of movement ahead. With each sound, flicker and rampant imagination, the bush came alive with the “*enemy*” everywhere. Excitement was building; eyes darting from the front, then to either side of the patrol. “*Was that the point of a rifle... no, just a shadow?*” The excitement spread to all patrol members; they glanced at each other, some pointing ahead, others transfixed.

The patrol leader knew something was not right; it may have been a feeling but he was going to act on it. He signalled to the patrol to move back to a defensive position on the high ground. The “*Bren-gun*” unit took a position on the extreme right moving forward below the high ground on the other side of the ridge to about two hundred metres ahead and then crawled silently back to the ridge where they found the “*enemy*” laying in ambush waiting for our patrol.

The cadets in charge of the “*Bren-gun*” exchanged looks; it was cocked and then fired as quickly as it took to work the bolt action. “*Bang, bang, bang*” each blank firing out plumes of smoke and paper particles.

The “*enemy*” were caught out and had no other recourse but to flee down-hill unknowingly into the path of our other patrol members. “*Bang, bang, bang*” more blanks fired. The enemy were trapped between the handkerchief “*Bren-gun*” on the high ground and a line of “*riflemen*” on their flank; it was the end of the contact; it was a classic pincer manoeuvre straight out of our Ancient History text book.

The observers compared notes while the patrol leader formed up his Platoon. At the ready, the Platoon moved on through the bush as twigs and eucalyptus leaves crunched and clacked under foot in harmony with the cicada’s shrill applause. The patrol marched along a track to the next checkpoint as the rain started to drizzle. Arriving at the checkpoint a level cleared area was selected for an overnight camp. Ponchos were clipped together to make a tent. Rope was strung between trees and make-do tents soon littered the area. For some students, it was their first camp and they would have wondered what they were doing in the “*middle-of-nowhere*” putting up dubious tents in the rain.

A fire was started. “*Bully beef*” and canned vegetables were cooked in an oversized pot and served in “*dixies*” with crunchy bread. After the sumptuous meal a Platoon of Cadets became boys standing in the drizzling rain beside a warming fire watching its flames dance along the eucalyptus firewood, recalling the day...and then it was time for sleep in misshapen but cosy poncho tents.



14. Contact Camp - Breakfast in the Field.  
Singleton Army Camp, 1963.

Source: Terry Ryan



15. Contact Camp – Poncho Tents.  
Singleton Army Camp, 1963.

Source: Terry Ryan



16. Ibrox Park Cadet Unit, Contact Camp.  
(L to R) Gary Oldfield, Douglas Isbester, Terry Ryan, Unknown.  
Singleton Army Camp, 1963.

Source: Terry Ryan



17. Ibrox Park Cadet Unit, Contact Camp.  
Singleton Army Camp, 1963.

Source: Terry Ryan

## Passing-Out Parade, 1964

The Passing-Out Parade at Leichhardt Oval involved departing cadets from the Cadet Unit; it was a way of acknowledging their contribution and formally marking the occasion. The Parade included a "*general salute*", "*march past*" and "*march-off*" by the departing Cadets.



18. Ibrox Park Cadet Unit.  
Leichhardt Oval, 1964.  
Passing-Out Parade, "*Present Arms*".  
Captain Joe Walsh leads the Company  
Lieutenant David Enock (Right Flank)

Source: Terry Ryan



19. Ibrox Park Cadet Unit.  
Leichhardt Oval, 1964.  
Passing Out Parade, "*Stand At Ease*".

Source: Terry Ryan



20. Ibrox Park Cadet Unit.  
Leichhardt Oval, 1964.  
Passing Out Parade.  
Presentation 2<sup>nd</sup> Cadet Brigade Efficiency Prize.  
(L to R) Brigadier Hinton, CUO Terry Ryan, Mr. Sid MacKay

Source: Terry Ryan



21. Ibrox Park Cadet Unit.  
Leichhardt Oval, 1964.  
Passing-Out Platoon, "March Off".  
(Front Line, L to R) CUO's Terry Ryan, Ian Chapman.

Source: Terry Ryan



22. Ibrox Park Cadet Unit.  
Leichhardt Oval, 1964.  
Passing-Out Platoon.  
( L to R) CUO's Terry Ryan, Ian Chapman

Source: Terry Ryan



23. Ibrox Park Cadet Unit.  
Leichhardt Oval, 1964.  
Passing-Out Parade.

(L to R), Richard Friend, Neil Smith, Ian Robertson, Ian Chapman,  
Anton Tickvicki (kneeling), Graham Skillicorn, Terry Ryan, John Ireland  
(Background) Theodore Baloglow (arms crossed), Mr. Colin Keeble, Teacher (far R).

Source: Terry Ryan

*In the shadow of the old wooden grandstand  
amid the buzz at the end of the day.  
Taking steps as they grew,  
many years together along the way.  
Old school mates 'adieu'.*

## **Cadets' Ceremonial Parade, 1965**

"On Thursday afternoon, 21<sup>st</sup> October (1965), the school, parents and friends were given the opportunity of observing the high standard which the Cadet Unit has reached.

The cadets were reviewed by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade Commander, Colonel Peach, who in his address referred to the responsibility of each pupil to himself and to the community. To the cadets in particular he suggested that the Cadet Unit provides training in leadership and Australia needs people who are able to size up a situation and act accordingly.

Awards were then presented to the following cadets:

CUO Brian Chung, the most efficient Cadet Under-Officer,  
Sergeant Robert Belton, the most efficient NCO, and  
Cadet G. Chlepko, the most efficient cadet.

Concerning the rest of the year – the following members of the Unit have been selected to attend CUO and NCO courses to be held at Singleton in December:

CUO's: Sgt S. Cullen, L/Cpl R. Glover and Cadet P. Daltoe,  
NCO's: S. Brien, J. Fairall, W. Campbell, D. Christenson, G. Chiepkov, J. Caffrey,  
R. Li-Chiang, R. Matheson, and  
D/Major: Cpl. L. Millet.

The rank of CSM will be filled by Sgt. R. Belton, taking over from WO II G. Oldfield.

On behalf of the Cadet Unit, I would like to wish the cadets and NCO's the best of luck in their courses."<sup>1</sup>

P. O'Neill, Fourth Form.  
(Extract: The Ibroxian, 1965)

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<sup>1</sup> Tully, R. M. 1965. The Ibroxian – Newspaper. Ibrox Park BHS. Leichhardt.



## The Cadet Unit, 1969

“Over the past ten years the Cadet Unit has displayed high standards of performance at many public appearances that included Anzac Services and the Annual Ceremonial Parade. In 1962 the Unit was given the honour of providing a guard of fifty cadets at the opening of extensions to Leichhardt Girls’ High School and was inspected by the Governor of N.S.W. In 1964 Brigadier B. Hinton presented the Cadet Unit a ceremonial sword to mark his retirement from the Army. The sword was subsequently used as a Sword of Honour awarded to Brian Chung (Cadet Under-Officer of the year).

For the last three years Trumpeters from the Cadet Unit Band have sounded the “*Last Post*” and “*Reveille*” at the War Memorial in Sydney’s Hyde Park for the school children’s’ Anzac Eve Service. The Trumpeters were highly acknowledged by the General Officer Commanding (G.O.C.) Eastern Command.

Over the last past few years the Cadet Unit Band, trained by Captain David Enock, has distinguished itself and was successful in gaining first place in the B Grade Division of the Waratah Spring Festival Band Competition held in October, 1967. In 1968, the Band achieved the honour of being awarded the best marching band for drill and music in the Annual Anzac Day March in the City of Sydney.

The 1969 appointments included:

Officer Commanding and Band Master: Captain David Enock.  
Second in Command: Lieutenant Tony Cameron.  
Adjutant Lieutenant: Tony Bible.  
Training Officer: Lieutenant Andy Mereniuk.  
Quartermaster: Lieutenant Col Cameron.  
Senior Cadet Under-Officer (CUO): Alan Jacobson.  
Cadet Officers: Barry Moberg, Richard Skinner.  
CSM: WO2 G. Rebello.  
CQMS: Staff Sergeant G. Chlepko.  
Drum Major: Sergeant M. Senczak.  
Bugle Sergeant: Sergeant W. Simpson.  
Signals Sergeant: T. Reneberg.  
Platoon Sergeants: M. Steedman, D. Lee, J. Collins.  
Sergeants: R. Churton, P. McSullea.  
Medical Corporal: R. Jones.  
Corporals: J. Chindamo, J. Compagnon, R. Lay.  
Lance Corporals: A. Bell, R. Ellison, G. Teys, P. Hagstrom, W. Pitt, Gary Fender, S. Kendall, D. Hughes.

Annual Camp allows enjoyment of living on the bush and engaging in such exercises as compass marches, patrolling, firing the self-loading rifle and and light machine gun and also aircraft familiarisation.

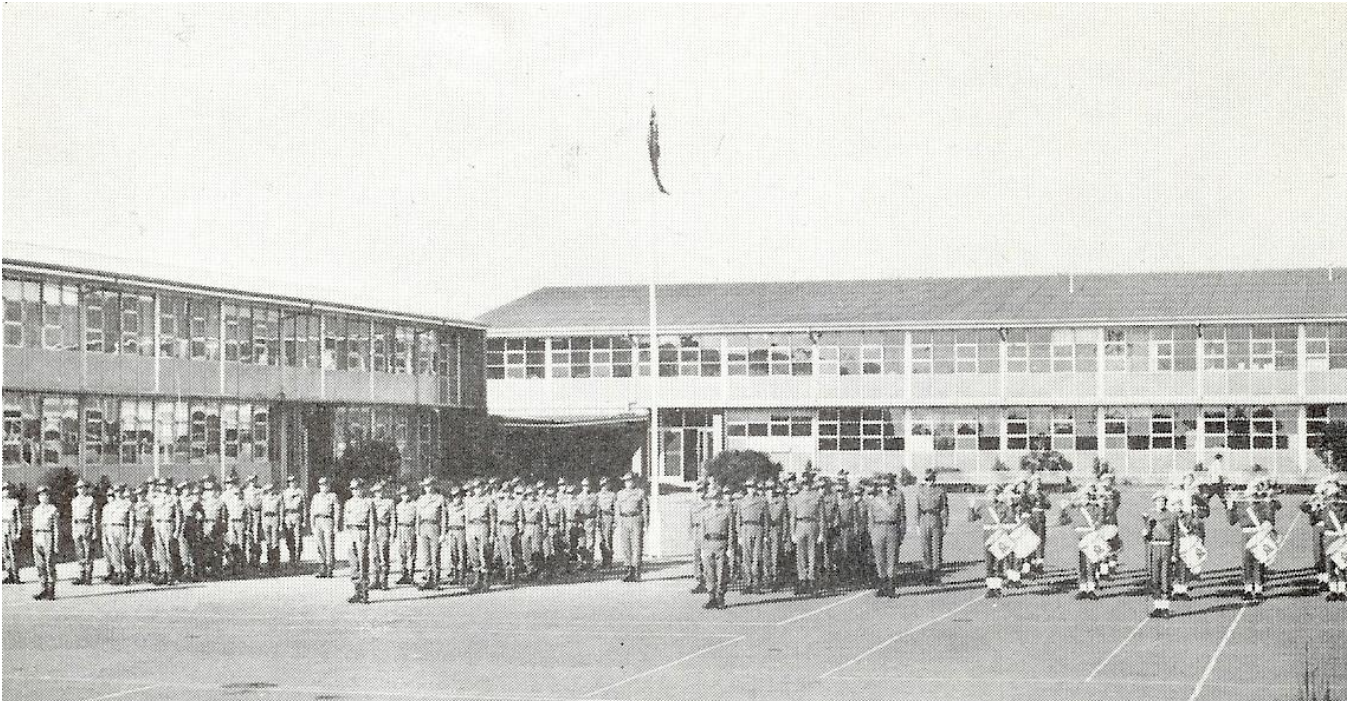
Appreciation must be expressed of the support, financial and otherwise, given by the Leichhardt-Lilyfield R.S.S.A.I.L.A. Club and the Parents and Citizens Association of Ibrox park.

In conclusion, I wish to congratulate all Officers and N.C.O.’s for the manner in which they have performed their duties for the Cadet Unit throughout the year.”<sup>2</sup>

Captain David Enock

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<sup>2</sup> The Ibroxian 1969. “*The Cadet Unit*”. Captain David Enock, page 16. Ibrox Park BHS Cadet Unit. Leichhardt.



24. Ibrox Park BHS Cadet Unit and School Grounds, 1969.  
Drum Major<sup>3</sup> Myron Senczak

Source: The Ibroxian, 1969  
Pompeo Vallario

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<sup>3</sup> Drum Majors Included: Ian Bolan, Anton Tickvicki, Ian Neilson, Myron Senczak

## Treasures



25. Certificate of Appointment, Australian Cadet Corps, 1964.

Source: Ian Chapman



THE COMMANDING OFFICER AND MEMBERS OF  
THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES REGIMENT  
REQUEST THE HONOUR OF THE COMPANY OF

*Company Sergeant Major [Signature]*

AT

*The Presentation of The Queen's and Regimental Colours*

BY

*His Excellency, The Governor of New South Wales*

*Lieutenant-General Sir Eric Woodward, K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O.*

AT THE OVAL, THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES, KENSINGTON  
ON SUNDAY, 27th OCTOBER, 1963, AT 2.30 P.M. AND

*Afternoon Tea*

IN THE UNIVERSITY UNION

R.S.V.P. PLEASE PRESENT THIS CARD AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE GROUNDS.

26. The Presentation of the Queen's and Regimental Colours, 1963.

Source: Ian Chapman



The Company Sergeant Major (CSM) badge of rank was worn on the lower sleeves of the cadet uniform; it was a unique badge as only one cadet was chosen to be the CSM of the Cadet Unit; it was a privilege and honour.

The CSM was a person who could lead the Company with a high degree of leadership, integrity and respected by his peers; it was a "*badge of honour*" in more ways than one.

27. Ibrox Park B.H.S. Cadet Unit, 1963.  
Company Sergeant Major (CSM) Badge.

Source: Ian Chapman

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What does a new school with most teachers not much older than their students do to make a difference in a struggling working class suburb of Leichhardt in 1960?