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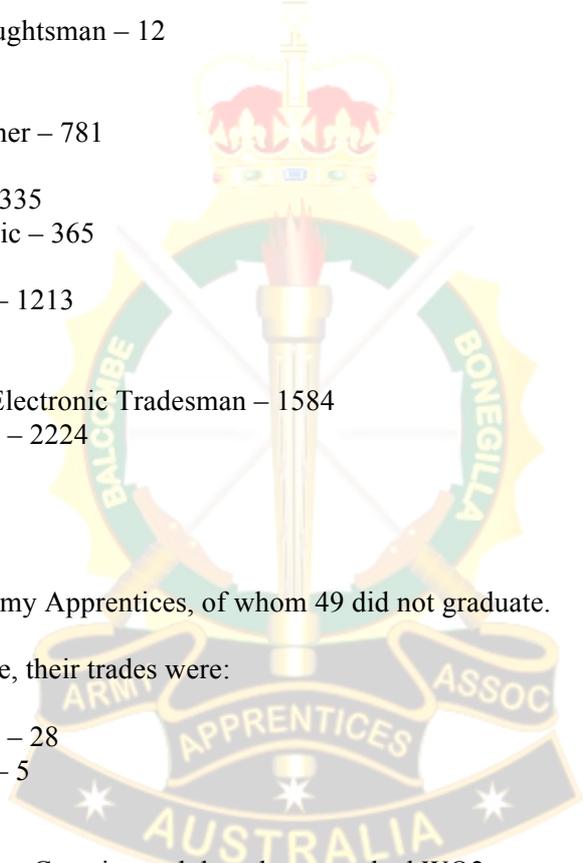
### AAS - SOME FACTS AND FIGURES

#### Trades

9,296 young men and women enlisted into the Australian Army to service as Army Apprentices.

There were 1783 non-graduates, which include 25 apprentices who died whilst at AAS.  
Of these 446 non-graduates went on to service in the Regular Army.

There were 7,513 graduates into the following trades:



- Architectural Draughtsman – 12
- Blacksmith – 61
- Bricklayer – 52
- Carpenter and Joiner – 781
- Clerk – 118
- 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 is now a Major, two are Captains and three have reached 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 2561:

- 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  
Thai/Malay Border – 39  
Timor – 678  
Pakistan – 7  
Cambodia – 138  
Namibia – 131  
Vietnam – 1125 (includes 71 non-graduates)  
Western Sahara – 12  
Ethiopia – 2  
Mozambique – 3  
Sudan – 2

*Note: These figures include 145 non-graduates who partook in 205 operations.*

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## Officers

There have been 762 Apprentices that have reached officer rank. This includes 36 non-graduates. There have also been six padres in that total. There have also been 711 WO1s and 765 WO2s.

In the higher ranks there have been:

1 x Lieutenant General  
5 x Brigadiers  
21 x Colonels  
109 x Lieutenant Colonels

As of today, only 591 Apprentices remain in uniform – 351 in the ARA and 240 in the ARES.

Statistics from Wally Rotow 18<sup>th</sup>  
Central Army Records Office  
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