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A Gun from 53 Independent Training Battery firing at their family day  
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# The President Writes

A change after more than twelve years!!

My first charge as your new President is to sincerely thank our out-going President, Major Merv Taggart for the many years of time and effort he has put in to make this Association the success it is today. I hope that I can do justice to the job in a similar manner. Only time will tell. Mina must also get a honourable mention for her support and patience over the years.

The Annual General Meeting of the Association was held on the last Sunday in October at the 2/10 FD REGT Depot. A report on the meeting appears later in this issue. The small attendance of about twenty members was disappointing, and will prompt the Committee to review the options open for the AGM in the future. I would be very interested to hear from the members, particularly those who did not attend, as to any preferences as to when the AGM should be held. Also the format of the meeting needs to be considered. For those who did attend, a magnificent lunch was once again provided by our caterer, Maris Sloan.

The amendments to the Association Constitution were passed at the AGM. These changes were made to satisfy the requirements of the Department of Justice, Consumer Affairs Victoria and do not really impact on the functioning of the Association. Any member of the Association who would like a copy of the constitution may request one by e-mail, or by contacting me.

A St Barbara s Day parade was held at the depot on 7<sup>th</sup> December and I had the privilege and pleasure of presenting the Association prizes. My congratulations to the recipients. Also recognition was made to the RSM and the QM for the support they have given this Association during their time at 2/10.

A few words about the changes to the Gunner Dinner. The attendance at the Gunner Dinner has been slowly declining over recent years. The reasons for this are varied, but the age and number of gunner officers in Victoria probably has a large influence. Whilst I realise that the Gunner Dinner has not been an Association function in the past, the running of the Dinner has become the responsibility of the Association and part of our contribution to gunners in Victoria. As our Association is an all ranks Association, and in keeping with the practice in other States, the Committee decided to change the format of the dinner to an all ranks function. Another reason is financial. The increase in cost at Victoria Barracks of approximately \$25 per head for labour charges meant that we had to seek another venue. To make any venue viable, we need to increase our numbers. I am therefore asking all members of the Association to support this function so that we can make it the success it deserves to be. Please, do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or comments about the Dinner.

I hope you have all had a good Christmas and New Year, and I look forward to an interesting and successful year for all gunners in 2004.

*Neil Hamer*

# Membership Report

3 Nov 2003

You may notice that this report is dated about two months prior to the *Cascabel* issue date. This is because the lead-time required for printing at this time of the year is about six weeks.

## ***Current Membership***

Life Members	220
Annual Members	81
Affiliates	47
Others (CO/CI, Messes, etc.)	11
Libraries	4
Total	<u>363</u>

SGT Peter Gibson has been welcomed onto the Committee as the representative of the RAA Vietnam organisations.

I have not yet received any replies to the Privacy Policy Document. I am therefore assuming, as stated in the document, that you are happy with the use of your personal information.

However, I will wait until after you have received this issue of the magazine before making any final decisions.

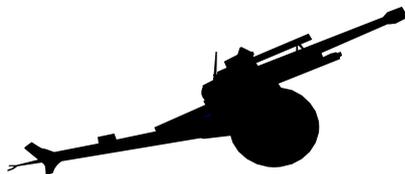
This has tended to make this report a bit limited in its content.

## **ANOTHER REMINDER** about the **new proforma** on the **last page below the Parade Card**.

If you have not already done so, it would be appreciated if you would provide the information requested so that our files can be kept up to date. This proforma should also be used to notify us of any future changes.

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### Apology

I omitted to acknowledge the source of the following photos in the October 2003 Edition of Cascabel.

The Photo on the front cover was submitted by Major Robert Suggett RFD ED

The Photos on pages 8 & 13 were submitted by Lieutenant Colonel Robert Sealey RFD. ED

My sincere apology to the contributors

Lindsay Pritchard   Editor

## **The Australian War Memorial s 1918 Exhibition Enhancement**

By

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Australian War Memorial

As many RAA Association members will know, the Australian War Memorial opened a major new exhibition space during 2001. Called ANZAC Hall, this building is situated behind the main Memorial building, and is connected to it by a bridge from the rear of Aircraft Hall. This new hall has given the Memorial about 3,000 square metres of additional display space, and is structured to accommodate large items of technology.

The exhibition at the eastern end of this hall is entitled '1918', and includes a number of artillery pieces from Germany, France and Britain, as well as the Memorial's Mark IV (Female) tank and the little French Renault FT17 two man tank. Various wagons, mechanized transport and an SE5 aircraft compliment the scene.

The two British artillery pieces on display are the 9.2-inch BL Heavy Howitzer Mk1, and a QF 18-pounder Mk1 field gun. The Memorial was always mindful that the display of both these pieces could be improved, so in late 2002, the 1918 Enhancement Project was commenced. This involves, among other things, the refurbishment of the correct MkII(L) limber for the 18-pounder field gun, and the construction of the Earth Box Mk1 for the 9.2-inch howitzer.

### **The 18-pounder MkII(L) Limber**

The Memorial collection contained a poor example of the correct limber for the 18-pounder, but this was a bare limber box, without wheels or fittings of any kind. It was badly corroded in many places, but still structurally sound. The conservation team certainly had their work cut out for them in restoring the limber to display standard. Many things were required, including the recreation of the original rataan baskets for the fixed 18-pounder rounds, external leatherwork, complete wheel assemblies, perch pole and cross tree, foot and toe boards. A billhook, rifles and First World War blankets would also be required.

The first stroke of good luck was the visit to the Memorial workshop of a collector from country NSW, who idly said I think I've got a pole for one of these it's been in the roof of the shed for years. It turned out to be the correct perch pole, still complete with the leather rubbing strip, metal fittings and vestiges of the original green paint. The next stroke of luck was another contact, who produced a set of the steel wheel hubs for the No.45 timber wheels. These were still fitted with the gunmetal dust caps which are a rare and hard to find item.

The specification was to present the limber with the rear doors open and a simulated full load of cartridges in their rataan baskets. As sufficient numbers of the original items were unobtainable, both the baskets and the cartridge cases had to be manufactured. The baskets were made by five talented ladies of the Basket weavers Guild of Victoria, who used an original basket as their guide, while Cecil and Company developed a method for reproducing the brass 18-pounder cartridge cases. Fuse protection clips that protect the cartridge primer were obtained in France, where millions had been discarded during the

First World War, and are thus still available from many of the souvenir shops that dot the old battlefields. These were refurbished and a new webbing strap made for each one. Extensive research by Assistant Curator Mike Nelmes provided a comprehensive listing of the leatherwork required, which was then manufactured by a local Canberra saddler.

The only original No.45 wheels in the Memorial's collection were in very poor condition, and were not sufficiently robust enough to use, so replacement wheels were manufactured by Mahbrook Carriage works of Bungendore, near Canberra. These were made using original hubs and reproduction tyres. To complete the limber, two .303 SMLE rifles in original 1918 Hessian rifle bags, are mounted to the front of the limber box, and a bill hook is fixed in the straps below the footboards. After nearly 6 months of work, the completed limber was installed adjacent to the 18-pounder gun in ANZAC Hall during late August.

### **The 9.2-inch Heavy Howitzer Earth Box**

The heavy siege howitzer used extensively during the First World War was the 9.2-inch BL, and the Memorial obtained an example of this gun from the United Kingdom prior to the Second World War. Since then, the gun has had a chequered history, having been used for proofing purposes during the Second World War, then displayed outdoors for many years at Holsworthy Barracks. It was recovered to the Memorial in the mid-1990s, albeit the worse for wear after so many years exposed to the elements.

Now on display in ANZAC Hall, the full impact of the howitzer was marred by the absence of the earth box, which attached to the mounting rails forward of the gun when in action. This large steel box measured over 2 metres long, 1.5 metres wide and 1.6 meters high, and was designed to be erected in stages while being filled with 9-tons of earth (Poor bloody gunners!). The problem presented to the Memorial was that none of the few surviving 9.2-inch Howitzers are complete with their earth box, and detailed drawings were unobtainable.

Using information from the various handbooks, together with a suite of wartime photographs, Bruce Wiltshire at Special Engineering Services was able to construct a set of detailed engineering drawings. Using these, a Sydney engineering company was then able to fabricate a reproduction earth box using a mixture of traditional and modern methods. All the individual plates, including the rivet holes, were cut out using a computer controlled laser cutter, while the plates were joined together using traditional riveting methods. The result is a reproduction Mark 1 earth box that is as close to the original as possible. It was installed in front of the 9.2-inch Heavy Howitzer MK1 during October.

### **Other Objects of the Enhancement Project**

While the field and heavy howitzer enhancements are doubtless the more interesting to members of the Association, there are two other major items that deserve mention. The first is a Leyland G5000 series 3 ton lorry that has been refurbished and will be installed in ANZAC Hall later this year. The lorry came to the Memorial several years ago, but was in a civilian livery with an inappropriate flat tray body. Extensive work by Historic and Vintage Restorations in Melbourne has resulted in an authentic reproduction of the standard general service bodywork complete with heavy canvas tilt and canopy. This lorry type was used extensively by Australian Units during the latter stages of the First World War, particularly the Australian Flying Corps. It will make a handsome addition to the display.

Probably the major item of the enhancement project is the narrow gauge Hunslet steam 4-6-0 locomotive, build number 306. Narrow gauge light railways were used extensively in France during the First World War, and several Australian light railway operating companies were formed as part of the network. By the end of the war, over 12,000 pieces of rolling stock were in service throughout France. These provided an invaluable link between the standard railway network and the front line. Various locomotive types were in use, including Hunslet, Alco, Baldwin and Simplex. Hunslet No. 306, that came to the Memorial only 18 months ago, is known to have been in use in the Australian sector during 1918. Following the war, it was refurbished by Hunslet and sold to sugar cane interests in Queensland, where it laboured on until the early 1960s. Following a short period in a scrap yard, the locomotive was purchased by enthusiasts who, after many years, agreed to sell it to the Memorial. After such a long working career, the Hunslet was in very poor condition, and it has taken the Memorial's workshop and several sub-contractors seven months of intensive labour to restore it to its former First World War glory. The Hunslet is due to be installed into ANZAC Hall in February 2004.



### **The Soldier**

"It is the soldier, not the reporter who has given us the freedom of the press.

It is the soldier, not the poet, who has given us the freedom of speech.

It is the soldier, not the campus organizer, who gives us the freedom to demonstrate.

It is the soldier who salutes the flag, who serves beneath the flag, and whose coffin is draped by the flag, who allows the protester to burn the flag."

Philip Steele, Gulf War Veteran

Submitted by WO2 Alistair (Jock) Macdonald



## This Month in Australian Military History

### January

Date	Year	Title	Event
	1969	Vietnam	Australian military commitment to Vietnam reaches a peak of 8,300 service personnel.
1	1901	Proclamation of the Commonwealth of Australia	The union of the six former colonies came into being with a proclamation by the Governor-General, Lord Hopetoun at Centennial Park Sydney.
1	1901	Sunnyside, South Africa.	Two companies of the Queensland Mounted Infantry Regiment along with British and Canadian troops attacked a Boer laager on the western border of Orange Free State. The Queenslanders suffered the first casualties of any Australian colony in the Boer War.
1	1975	Office of Australian War Graves established	The Office is responsible for the maintenance of the graves of Australia's war dead in 78 countries around the world and in 76 war cemeteries within Australia.
2	1943	Buna Government Station captured	The Japanese withdrawal from the Kokoda trail enabled the allies to plan the encirclement of important Japanese positions in the Buna, Sanananda and Gona beachhead. Buna was the second of the three to fall to the allies after weeks of heavy fighting.
3	1941	6th Division in action at Bardia, Libya	The attack against the Italians at Bardia was the beginning of Australia's first major ground campaign of the Second World War.
3	1951	Seoul evacuated by UN Command Forces.	United Nations forces were forced to evacuate Seoul after a successful southward advance by Chinese and North Korean forces. It was the second time in the Korean war that Seoul had fallen; the first time was shortly after North Korea launched its invasion of the South.
4	1942	Japanese air attacks begin against Rabaul, New Britain	Rabaul possessed a number of airfields and one of the best natural harbours in the south-west Pacific. Its capture gave Japan a base from which to launch air attacks towards New Guinea and north-eastern Australia as well as a strong south-eastern corner to its defensive perimeter in the Pacific.
5	1941	Bardia captured	The Australian 6th Division captured 40,000 Italian prisoners, including 4 generals, at a cost of 130 killed and 326 wounded in Australia's first major land battle of the Second World War.
5	1945	HMAS Australia damaged by Kamikaze aircraft	Australian ships were operating in support of United States amphibious landings in the Lingayen Gulf, Philippines when the Australia, for the second time in the war, became one of seven Allied ships to be struck by Kamikaze aircraft. 25 of her crew were killed and 30 wounded.

7		HMAS Tobruk bombards Chomi Do, Korea	The bombardment of Chomi Do, on the Haeju Gulf north-west of Seoul, forestalled a North Korean invasion of Yongmae Do, an island about 20 kilometres from Inchon.
8	1916	Evacuation of Helles	British and French landings at Helles on 25 April 1915, had failed to secure their objectives, leading to a lengthy stalemate on the southern tip of the Gallipoli Peninsula.
8	1952	RAAF launch first meteor rocket attack against ground forces	Meteors proved unsuitable in air-to-air combat against the superior MIGs and were reassigned to ground attack duties.
8	1958	Last Australian servicemen return from Korea	At the end of hostilities in Korea the peninsula remained divided between North and South. The war has yet to officially end.
9	1917	Light Horse captures Rafa.	Following the capture of Magdhaba a fortnight earlier the Allies need to take Rafa, a former Egyptian police post on the Mediterranean border with Palestine, to enable their advance into Palestine.
9	1940	Australian Comforts Fund (ACF) re-established.	The ACF, based on its First World War predecessor, raised money for comforts parcels for Australian service personnel in the field, clothing and the provision of meals and accommodation for men on leave.
9	1966	1st Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, in Operation Crimp	The operation became the scene of a major action against a Viet Cong tunnel complex.
10	1940	2nd AIF sails for the Middle East	Following in the footsteps of the 1st AIF, the 2nd AIF were also sent to the Middle East rather than England. Unlike their earlier counterparts, however, most of their fighting took place in North Africa.
10	1942	Japanese air raid on Singapore	After their rapid advance through Malaya, Japanese forces paved the way for their invasion of Singapore with a series of air raids against the island.
11	1942	Japanese captured Tarakan island, Borneo	The success of Japan's war in South East Asia and the Pacific depended in large part upon the seizure of Borneo's oilfields, including those at Tarakan
11	1973	Cessation of hostilities in Vietnam by Australian forces	The proclamation by the Governor-General, Sir Paul Hasluck, ended 11 years of Australian involvement in Vietnam, the longest duration of any war in Australia's history.

12	1943	Beginning of allied attack on Sanananda.	The Japanese withdrawal from the Kokoda trail enabled the allies to plan the encirclement of important Japanese positions in the Buna, Sanananda and Gona beachhead. Sanananda was last of the three to fall to the allies after weeks of heavy fighting.
13	1900	Prieska, South Africa	New South Welshmen attacked at Prieska by Boers
14	1942	Gemas, Malaya	8th Division inflicts heavy casualties on Japanese in an ambush at Gemas in the first Australian contact with Japanese troops of the Second World War.
15	1944	Sio	The capture of Sio by the 9th Australian Division represented the final destruction of the Japanese 20th Division in the protracted Huon Peninsula campaign of 1943-1944.
16	1952	HMAS Sydney begins its 7th patrol in Korean waters	Sydney began its service in Korea in August 1951. This was the ship's final patrol in Korean waters.
16	1962	Death of Frank Hurley	Hurley was the first official AIF photographer having been appointed in 1917.
17	1917	4 Squadron, Australian Flying Corps sail for France	No. 4 Squadron was the final Australian Flying Corps squadron formed in the First World War. Its pilots flew Sopwith Camels over the Western Front beginning their active service in the battle of Cambrai.
17	1991	Coalition air attacks begin against Iraqi forces in Iraq and Kuwait.	The first day of the Gulf War which ended when Iraqi forces were driven from Kuwait.
18	1919	Versailles Peace Conference opens	The Treaty of Versailles, signed between Germany and representatives of 27 victorious powers punished Germany territorially and financially for her role in the First World War. The treaty was supposed also to prevent Germany from having the means to make war in the future.
18-22	1942	Anderson VC	Lieutenant Colonel Charles Anderson, 2/19 Battalion, 8th Division, originally of Cape Town South Africa, won the Victoria Cross during operations against the Japanese at the Muar River, Malaya.
19	1942	North Borneo surrendered to Japanese	The Japanese continued their conquest of South East Asia in early 1942. Oil rich North Borneo was a vital objective that would allow Japan to carry on its war in Asia and the Pacific.
19	1951	No. 77 Squadron raids Pyongyang.	Mustangs of No. 77 Squadron attacked a suspected Chinese headquarters with rockets.

20	1942	Wirraways engage Japanese fighter and bomber formations over Rabaul	In the days before the fall of Rabaul, Japanese aircraft conducted a series of raids on the town. In an engagement lasting less than ten minutes three of 24 Squadron's 8 Wirraways were shot down, one crashed on take-off and 2 were damaged in crash-landings.
21	1941	6th Division begins its attack on Tobruk, Libya	The Port city of Tobruk was a well fortified Italian held strong point held by about 25,000 men.
22	1941	Tobruk surrenders to Australian 6th Division	After its capture Tobruk was garrisoned by the 9th Division , elements of the 7th Division and other Allied units. The town was surrounded on three sides by the German Afrika Korps in April and remained besieged, but able to be re-supplied by sea, until December. Most Australian, however, left Tobruk between August and October.
23	1942	Japanese capture Rabaul, New Guinea	Rabaul possessed a number of airfields and one of the best natural harbours in the south-west Pacific. Its capture gave Japan a base from which to launch air attacks towards New Guinea and north-eastern Australia as well as a strong south-eastern corner to its defensive perimeter in the Pacific.
23	1944	7th Division defeat Japanese at Shaggy Ridge, New Guinea	Australian troops cut the main Japanese routes through the Finisterre ranges with the capture of Shaggy Ridge, north west of Lae, after days of heavy fighting.
23	1952	Death of John Treloar	John Treloar, Director of Australian War Memorial between 1920 and 1952, was a staunch advocate of the need for a permanent building to house the vast collections of records and relics that had been collected during and after the First World War.
24	1967	First contact at Bien Hoa, South Vietnam	Fighting at Bien Hoa involved a series of contacts between units of the 1st Australian Task Force and communist forces in the area of the Bien Hoa - Long Binh complex near Saigon. Australian and American units sought to dominate the area and prevent enemy rocket attacks on nearby military bases and installations.
25	1942	Japanese land at Lae	Japanese forces sought to capture Lae in order to build a forward air base for the defence of Rabaul and for attacks on northern Australia and New Guinea.
25	1942	Full mobilisation ordered in Australia	The threat of a Japanese invasion and the proximity of Japanese forces to Australia demanded an increased commitment from the Government and public.
25	1952	Last day of HMAS Sydney's service in the Korean war.	HMAS Sydney had served in Korean waters since August 1951. The carrier had operated Firefly and Sea Fury aircraft (both types can be seen in the Memorial's Bradbury Aircraft Hall).

26	1945	Beginning of Sandakan death march, Borneo	Sandakan prisoner of war camp had been established by the Japanese in July 1942. Following Australian landings at Tarakan in May 1945 the prisoners were marched in land to Ranau. Many died of malnutrition, exhaustion, disease and ill-treatment and the survivors were shot when they reached their destination. Only six out of 2,500 Australians survived.
27	1941	Fighting at Derna, Libya, begins	Following the capture of Tobruk 2 brigades of the 6th Australian Division under Major General Iven Mackay pursued the Italians westwards and encountered an Italian rear guard at Derna.
27	1973	Conclusion of hostilities in Vietnam by United States forces	The United States government announced a policy of 'Vietnamisation' whereby the burden of fighting the war against the communists would be borne entirely by the South Vietnamese.
28	1991	RAN Clearance Diving Team departs Perth for Kuwait	As part of Australia's commitment to the Gulf War a Royal Australian Navy Clearance Diving Team was dispatched to the Gulf for explosive ordnance demolition tasks.
29	1973	Italians evacuate Derna, Libya	The Italians having been defeated at Derna by units of the 6th Australian Division continued their westward retreat across North Africa in the face of an Allied advance.
29	1943	Battle of Wau, New Guinea, begins	The Japanese recognised that Allied possession of Wau posed a significant threat to important Japanese bases at Lae and nearby Salamaua and sought to take the town. They were defeated after weeks of heavy fighting.
30	1942	Japanese attack Ambon, Netherlands East Indies.	Australia's 'Gull Force' along with some 2,600 Netherlands East Indies troops fought in defence of Ambon but were unable to defeat the Japanese invasion of the island.
30	1968	Tet offensive begins in Vietnam	While the Tet Offensive, named for Tet, the Vietnamese lunar new year holiday period over which the attacks occurred, was a military defeat for the Communist forces it proved to be a propaganda victory accelerating the American public's growing opposition to the war and causing United States military planners to question whether victory was possible.
31	1942	British forces withdraw to Singapore	Having been driven from the Malayan peninsula, Allied forces retreated to what was believed to be the impregnable fortress of Singapore.
31	1943	German forces surrender at Stalingrad	90 % of the German effort in the Second World War was directed against Russia. The defeat of the German 6th Army at Stalingrad is widely regarded as the turning point for the Allies. Thereafter the Germans were unable to regain the initiative on the Eastern Front.

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## A Visit to 2/10 Fd. Regt in the field

On the 16<sup>th</sup> of September the Association was once again given the opportunity to visit our local Regiment in the field. We take this opportunity to thank the CO of the Regiment for allowing us this privilege, and the QM for looking after us on the day.

The day was devoted to direct shooting and course shooting, both of which allowed us the opportunity to observe the activities from the gun positions.

The most remarkable item was the laser binoculars, now on issue, which measure the range to the object being viewed.

The only negative on the day was the very small attendance of Association Members. Only four Members attended out of an initial 16 who expressed interest. A major disappointment was the number of expected Members who did not notify us of their intention not to attend.

We realise that a weekday is not the best time for most people to attend, but we do have to fit in with the requirements of the Regiment. Maybe we need to assess the viability of this activity.

Nevertheless those who attended had a very interesting worthwhile day, and we once again thank the Members of the Regiment who made this possible.

Neil Hamer

Major



## AGM Notes

**Activities** during the past year were reported, and the success of email was noted, for quickly advising of activities which become possible at short notice (to join the list, advise Secretary at [rasmith@melbpc.org.au](mailto:rasmith@melbpc.org.au)).

**Thanks** were expressed to our outgoing President, Merv Taggart, and a plaque presented.

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**Reports** were presented by LTCOL Peter Rowley and BRIG Doug Perry.

Robin Smith

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Secretary

## Locating Radar 3MK7 Photo Presentation

On the 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> of June 2002 the celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the formation of 131 Divisional Locating Battery RAA was held at Enoggera Barracks, Brisbane. This was twofold, as a reunion for old locators and to rename the battery as 131 Surveillance and Target Acquisition Battery RAA. The writer attended and caught up with some old mates some not seen for many years.

After a tour of the facilities with demonstrations and inspections of the latest specialist equipment, some of us were able to enlighten the present day locators as to the use of the early equipments. Many items of it going back to WW2 era and which had been loaned by the Artillery Museum.

Afterwards enjoying the hospitality of the Battery it was noticed that the unit had illustrations of the present and previous locating radars but none of the original. This equipment had been adapted from the UK A.A., No.3, Mk.7. and were passed on to Field Arty when Anti Aircraft units were disbanded in the late 1950,s and modified for the field role.

It was proposed that we should attempt to find a suitable photo of the 3MK7 and have it suitably mounted and present it to the unit. The writer had in his possession some photos taken by the Battery Commander of the unit at that time, MAJ Robert Sealy. (LT COL R Sealy). Bob was contacted and he assured me he still had the negatives going back to 1962 and could reproduce the selected photo. This was done and the photo mounted and presented in memory of the late W02 Rex H Gercovich by his WO mates, Jim Breeze, Craig Cook, Brian Dix & Alistair Macdonald all former members of 132 Locating Battery RAA.

Alistair (Jock) Macdonald.



Pictured is Alistair (Jock) Macdonald presenting the framed picture to the President of the 131 BTY Gunners club BDR Kym Fox, on Oct 10 2003. It now hangs on the wall in the MENZ CLUB at Enoggera.

## The Zur Traube Inn Sign and the Barbarians

Below is some news from another organisation with links to St Barbara. My father has been a member of (these) Barbarian's for many years. They have a monthly lunch and draw their members predominately from those with connections to the Victorian brown coal mining industry. I've been to several of their lunches and have met gunners there. I believe the sign is still hanging outside Jimmy Watson s in Carlton.

Roger Dalton

In 1958, Ted Hassett, Doug Stewart and Hugh Rodgers used to lunch occasionally at Jimmy Watson s and discuss their common interest in the brown coal industry. They had spent some months in Europe in the previous year and had many friends amongst the West German brown coal mining firms and their related industry professionals and from this casual beginning was born the St. Barbara s Fraternity in Victoria. The idea developed from the presence in Germany of a fellowship amongst brown coal miners and those associated with the industry where St. Barbara is revered as their patron saint. Germany, with its many brown coal (or Lignite) open cut workings, had developed an expertise in design and construction of machinery for the working of open cuts. From the 1920 s and the days of Sir John Monash, Victoria had relied heavily on German technology in the development of the Latrobe Valley open cuts. The founders felt that there was the capacity in Australia to provide a higher Australian content and that this potential should be further developed. The casual meetings at Jimmy Watson s grew to include others interested in brown coal in Victoria - developers, users and manufacturers

and led to a greatly increased involvement of Australian technology in the Victorian power industry.

The Zur Traube is a fine wrought-iron inn sign that adorned Zur Traube Inn at Grevenbroich, Germany. That inn was a favorite haunt of the German brown coal fraternity and their Australian visitors in the 1950 s and 60 s.

It arrived in a shipment for Buckau Bucket Chain Excavator No. 318 as the Nameplate for SECV No. 8 Dredger . It has been erected here where the Barbarians started and continued to meet for some years.



## **MY SERVICE CAREER**

### **By COL Graham Farley, OAM, RFD, ED (Rtd)**

#### **Part 14 -- CO, 10 Medium Regiment, RAA, 1 Jan 71, the first year**

There are few that are not emotionally involved when promotion is in the air. To all intents and purposes I would be administering command of 10 Medium Regiment from midnight on New Year's Eve, with promotion presumably to come in due course. Yes, I was excited. My diary recalls that my thoughts went back to my days in National Service when even the sight of a major was an impressive one. That was now 17 years ago.

Unlike some walks of life, the services pay respect to the uniform and to the relevant badge of rank. As BC I had always been honoured, but now as CO I was expected to be able to walk on water. Within the regiment, everything and everyone orientates themselves to whoever is designated CO. His wish is my command takes on a reality where obedience is at all possible or feasible.

On an even happier note was that the new 2ic would be MAJ Graeme Standish (now BRIG, AM, RFD, ED and was Colonel Commandant until 30 Jun 02). This was the officer whom I had met at the FCV camp bivouac at Kinglake when Jim Barry became a CO as the first post war officer so to do. Graeme's professional position with Shell Oil Australia meant that the unit would be excellently served. We also understood each other's mode of operation. Before the year was out we found that we could swap roles having complete confidence in each other.

COL Keith Rossi, OBE, ED, (later BRIG, AM and RFD), became CRA on the same day. He told me to wear the uniform of a LTCOL but the relevant RO came through before I could be accused of masquerading. CAPT Mick Wilson was still adjutant. The QM was WO1 Duckworth, complete with moustache and dog. The latter even came to bivouacs. One of the first steps that the 2ic was to take was to inspect every nook and cranny in the two depots at Geelong, the QM coming with us with the necessary bunch of keys. It was a positive way to start. I am quite sure Graeme also conducted an audit and stock take of the messes, a habit that was to pay off to our benefit after camp.

Some would say that I did not quite epitomize the military style. I have never been one to believe that anything is achieved by shouting, but I trust that I did not quite go to the lengths of SGT Wilson in *Dad's Army*. Over the years I found that the most effective orders groups were BC, 2ic, or CO conferences where every possible person who would be involved was present. Rather than ask them to be quiet, I encouraged them to state their case and be prepared to justify it. In particular I recall the transport sergeant at 10 Medium Regiment, a keen speed boat enthusiast. I think he was surprised to be asked to attend and certainly amazed when he was asked for his opinion. It prevented any muttering later in the sergeants mess. But once the conference had decided on a course of action, the minutes carried the authority of being formal orders.

To attend my first parade as CO, I had to travel down from a scout camp at Eildon, but one was young in those days and that sort of drive was not a great challenge, particularly as it was a brand new private car.

The 1971 camp would be on the Stony Head range on the northern coast of Tasmania. The seeds for this camp had been sown between LTCOL Derrick Austin, the former CO, and COL Brown of Tasmania. Obviously it had been blessed by the outgoing and incoming CRAs. All three regiments would attend in fortnightly camps, one after the other. The order was 15, 10 and 2. 132 Div Loc Bty was spread over the camps to some degree so that all units got the benefit of their skills. The Tasmanian regiment, 6, would be last.

Being in Tasmania it meant that the then Department of Supply had to ship the unit guns across Bass Strait. Personnel would travel by Hercules aircraft. During the camp, each unit would take part in a PR trip to Hobart, towing its guns in a display to the public. There appeared to be cooperation on every side. On the 20 Feb 71 the main body moved to RAAF Laverton (now RAAF Williams) by bus where they became PAX, were briefed as to air movement and loaded into the Hercules aircraft. For many of the gunners, it was their first experience of travelling by air. For them it was an excitement. For MAJ Standish it was old hat he went to sleep for the trip. But even that would be a challenge in the far from noise-deadened Hercules aircraft where one sits in a very large rectangle space with no windows, with the crew gorilla like swinging through the air above one as they carry out the necessary steps for safe travel.

I recall obtaining two green 'sausage' bags in which to carry my gear and having morning tea in down town Geelong with unit officers on the morning of departure. All very civilized.

In Tasmania, I was met by the adjutant who swiftly drove me to the camp training area. This was mainly a tented one on sandy soil. There were two buildings. Both had been built by a philanthropist, CAPT John Gunn, who, because of his munificence, was allowed to move about the range in his own military-coloured land rover, complete with his own tac signs. John Gunn had named the officers building Oxley House after the senior ARA officer in Tasmania. Inside the building, which was suitably appointed in colonial taste, were pictures of the Queen Victoria, the real Queen as far as John was concerned. I was quite content with the CO's tent that came with a vintage dressing table!



CAPT Mick Wilson and  
CO at Stony Head  
training area

The training area was adjacent to the ocean and the gunners had frequent swimming parades. Whereas sheep grazed on Puckapunyal, cattle did so at Stony Head. I recall one cow contentedly chewing away at the ropes securing the army survey marker and in finally pulling it over. The weather was excellent. We enjoyed the services of a Roman Catholic padre. As members of that denomination did not need to be fallen out, all members of the unit who had paraded accepted my invitation to remain a sensible ecumenical approach.

The drive to Hobart was quite memorable. The locals cheered us as if we were liberating them from an oppressor. We were feted with considerable hospitality. I recall a visit to a restaurant in Hobart, led if memory serves me right by our RMO, CAPT (later COL) Barry Cairns and CAPT (later MAJ) Reg Wheller. We had magnificent lobster mornay.

MAJ Standish had to return to Melbourne for a short period but he was able to get back to the unit as soon as he could. He organised an inter-battery gymkhana in which a number of basic military skills were exercised. One was to change the wheel of a land rover. CAPT David Carr made sure that the wheel nuts on his vehicle had been greased so that they could be unscrewed in the minimum of time. When Standish told the three units to toss for which vehicle they were to use, David sounded off like a wounded steer. Needless to say, his team did not win.



Cows graze peacefully alongside  
the OP Ack and CO during live  
firing

There was also a difficulty with the allocation of ammunition, RAA divisional staff wanting to retain some for other purposes. Neither Graeme nor I would have any of it and we fired our approved allocation. Graeme also conducted a full mess audit and stock take and obtained the signature of the

Tasmanian regiment for the return of glasses and stock.<sup>1</sup> Graeme also attended COL Oxley's weekly conference, known locally as 'morning prayers'. Graeme returned jubilantly from one with the smoke machine for keeping the fly plague in check.

There was a kerfuffle over the CRA's car, that should not have been in Tasmania at all. Both the CRA and MAJGEN Green visited the camps. At times communications were hairy, but CAPT (later LTCOL and CO MUR) Bernie Pearson did a very good job with the equipment on issue.



CAPT Reg Wheller, MAJ Doug Knight and MAJ Graeme Standish, 2ic

In due course the unit returned to the mainland in good order after a wonderful experience.

The rest of the year was not an anti-climax. It was to be the very opposite in my life. The foundation for what was to occur matrimonially was that I decided that with the problem of getting personnel to camp, the unit should conduct quarterly PR dinners to which employers and civic dignitaries would be invited.

Arranging the tables in a square formation so that everyone could talk to each other, a guest list equally of officers and civilians was drawn up. The latter would include management from major employers such as Ford, International Harvester, Pilkingtons and of course each of the cities in turn.<sup>2</sup>

I am not sure how CAPT Jim McGregor-Dowsett came into the picture, but I was encouraged to invite him to be chairman of a Citizens Committee. That the committee continued to only have one member did not affect its efficiency one bit. McGregor-Dowsett was one of those now rapidly disappearing characters with which society can not really do without. He had been a planter in New Guinea and claimed to have been in the original party that knocked out the German wireless station in the early days of the First World War. He had served in the CMF. Whenever he could he would don the tartan. He was credited with introducing pipe bands into New Guinea. At his East Geelong house, he and Mrs. Dowsett grew roses. Many was the recipient whose heart was melted with the arrival of Jim with buckets of magnificent blooms. How could one refuse such a gift without going the second mile!

I could never describe Jim as a 'loose cannon,' but one had to trust that his intentions and achievements would only be to the unit's benefit, for he had a will of his own. For instance, he would find out from me as to which local government body had been invited. He would then acquire a piece of silver suitable for the mess and walk into the appropriate town clerk's office placing the candlestick or whatever on the desk and say that this was what his mayor was presenting to the regiment at the forthcoming dinner. And of course he also placed down the docket for the cost.

As most invitations were for gentleman and lady, it was natural for me to seek a partner for the night. Shirley Monkivitch accepted my invitation. At the first PR dinner, everything went swimmingly, except that when we were about to enter the officers' mess from the ante-room, I spotted that no candles had been placed in the candelabra. In only seconds, Shirley had the box of candles and was immediately at work, placing red and blue candles and even a gold one for the place where the RAEME officer would be sitting. Before the night was out, all guests had been given the chance to speak and the mess received its first of many pieces of silver. Those who

<sup>1</sup> Sometime later, the unit mess received a docket requesting payment for unaccounted glasses and liquor. Nothing more was heard after photocopies of the relevant pages of the mess book and signatures of the taking over officers were sent back with the docket unpaid! Thank you MAJ Graeme Standish.

<sup>2</sup> Nowadays there is the one local government unit, The City of Geelong, but in those days Corio, West Geelong, and the City had their own jurisdictions, complete with their own mayors, councillors, secretary, engineer and the works.

know the Geelong mess are aware that one wall is a glass cabinet with many valuable pieces, but not necessarily suitable for mess dinners. Dowsett was soon to remedy that.



Cr. CAPT Jim  
McGregor-Dowsett

A second dinner followed in May. Inevitably with Dowsett's influence, *The Geelong Advertiser* was on hand to take photographs and these appeared with almost monotonous regularity from then on. Clearly the formula for the PR dinners was a success. The catering group became very well trained as a result. Prior to that dinner, there had been an infantry tactics bivouac in the Anglesea area and the regiment paraded in Geelong for Anzac Day. A wreath was placed on the cenotaph.

But life as CO was not all beer and skittles. The story of the Colac gun must now be told. Honesty is the only course to take. While visiting the Colac depot (which had the second gun battery), the regular army Q staff pointed out what appeared to be a pile of bits and pieces of metal. Before I knew what was happening the items were taken away to the Geelong tip!

Not long after the divisional artillery headquarters was trying to placate the mayor and councillors of Colac, to say nothing of its citizens, as to why the Geelong CMF had put a First World War gun, that had been in the local park, on the tip! Perhaps I had learned earlier that the unit had offered to service and clean the gun, but if I had surely I would have felt a warning signal.

Fortunately, the CRA was able to put his hand on a similar equipment for which there was no further use and another gun was placed in the park as a substitute. The fathers of Colac were somewhat mollified, but it was still necessary for me to eat humble pie before the council and solemnly apologize for the original error. It appears that the unit and I were now forgiven.

Perhaps Colac then returned the compliment. The third PR dinner was in Colac. The *Colac Herald* reported the dinner saying that LTCOL and Mrs. Graham Farley had attended! We were not even engaged!

A training night for officers permitted the group to see the film, *Waterloo*, at the local cinema. LTCOL (now COL) Mike Vincent (CO 15 Fd Regt RAA) and I were invited to witness the presentation of the Queen's Banner to the Royal Regiment of Australian Artillery at the Victoria Barracks, Paddington, Sydney. This implied winter dress ceremonial, which meant swords. No trouble going to Sydney by train, but on the way back we flew. Hence our swords, as prohibited weapons, were surrendered to the pilot for the duration of the flight.

Then came the regimental ball, to which I again invited Shirley. MAJGEN Green on arrival greeted her as Mrs. Farley. As I spluttered in response, protesting as to her single status, he suggested that I should rectify the matter. He must have been clairvoyant for that night I intended to make a proposal, which was, I am glad to say, accepted. CAPT Peter Wertheimer would also wish to take some of the credit. But the one person that we did not tell until he read it in the following Saturday's *Addy*, was WO2 Bob Millett, MBE. He could wait and have his turn to assist at the wedding.

There were still some military highlights before the year ended. The local paper sent a journalist on a firing bivouac and we got several pages of photographic spread. At this bivouac, the 2ic and I found that we knew each other well enough to interchange our roles and give the necessary orders with the full confidence that they were both right and mutually accepted.

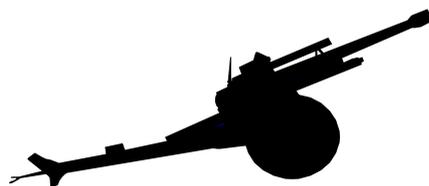
Then came what the *Geelong Advertiser* called the wedding of the year. It was certainly the wedding of my life. Permission was successfully obtained for it to be a military wedding, although there was nearly a hiccup at the last minute with the swords from ordnance with which the officers would offer a guard of honour under BRIG Jock McNeill's command. The wedding breakfast was held in the regimental mess. I even issued orders for the event (and dared to offer Shirley a copy

seeing that she was involved!). The blues uniform as it was then was being reissued with the patrol collar. Apparently I was not pushy enough to get my order in in time as the RAAF had gone to their lighter blue. The Commonwealth Clothing Factory was flat out. In the event, I turned to Mike Vincent and borrowed his set of blues. Much tucking and use of safety pins was the order of the day, which was splendid for my occasion but a fright for him when he next had to wear them!

My last confession for 1971 was that on returning from the honey moon neither Shirley nor I remembered the officers children s Christmas Party at the *Eumeralla Scout Camp*, for which I had the key. The officers forgave me believing that my memory was otherwise engaged!



The CO of 10 Medium Regiment, RAA, LTCOL Graham Farley and Mrs. Shirley Farley, together with the guard of honour under the command of BRIG Jock McNeill, following their military wedding on Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 1971, at St. Stephen s Anglican Church, Belmont. Photo: courtesy of *The Geelong Advertiser*, front page, the next day.



## **GOLF AT BERWICK MONTUNA**

The weather was kind and the course was very good, considering the amount of rain over the last few days as twenty two players competed in a stableford competition at the Berwick Montuna Golf Club on the last Friday in October.

This was our second successful annual golf day, with a better than 100% increase in the number of players.

The winner on the day was Peter Storey with 36 points on a handicap of 24. A very credible effort on what was a fairly damp course. The runners up were: for the ladies, Annette Richardson with 26 points on a handicap of 28, and for the men, John O'Brien with 35 points on a handicap of 16. Congratulations to all.

After the golf, a social lunch was held in the Clubhouse with much reminiscing and storytelling.

A pleasant day was had by all.

Neil Hamer

## **The Artillery Lunch**

The Artillery Lunch was held at the Naval and Military Club on the 18<sup>th</sup> of September 2003. Our Col. Comdt. Brig. Doug Perry delivered the speech after an introduction by Col. Mike Vincent. Maj. Gen. Jim Barry thanked the speaker.

Next year it is envisaged that all RAA Association Members be advised in advance of the luncheon. It is an all ranks function not solely for Officers.

Percy Cooper

## 53 Independent Training Battery Family Day

53 Independent Training Battery held a marvellous family day on Friday, 24 October 2003, at Puckapunyal - our second eldest, Andrew, is a gun number with the Battery and his younger brother, Ben, and I went up for the day. 53 Battery was re-raised at the School of Artillery in 1998 and provides support for various gunnery related courses run at the School (I'm not sure when it was last at the school but General Stevenson remembers it being there post WW2 before he was sent to Japan in the occupation forces). It is set up today a bit like 23 Battery from 2/15 Field Regiment was in the late 1980s and early 90s - 23 Battery had its gun bays, battery offices, etc, within the grounds of Baxter Technical School while 53 Battery has theirs within the grounds of the School of Artillery. Apart from this, 53 Battery runs much like any other gun battery.

Family and friends met within the Battery area at the School at 0830 and were welcomed by the BC, Capt Kerr. A bus took us out onto the range, just past the old range camp, where the GPO, Lt Bibby, and BSM, WO2 Phillips gave the safety briefing and distributed ear protection. The recon had been completed and the CP deployed prior to our arrival but we had a first hand view of 3 of the Battery's 105mm L119 howitzers occupying their platforms. The Battery can deploy 6 guns, mortars, command posts and a JOST i.e., observation party or permutations of this depending on the support requirement. For example, an IET course may supply gunners and number 1 for each gun with 53 Battery supplying the number 7, CP, drivers, sigs, etc (53 Battery also supports infantry minor tactics training conducted at the school by supplying an enemy party). My gunner background was with reserve artillery units during the 80s and early 90s so humour me as I comment on differences I noticed. The L119 is towed with the barrel clamped to the trail so bringing it into action involves removing one wheel, rotating the barrel 180 degrees, and replacing the wheel. A key role in the gun detachment, then,



is doing the wheel someone who can perform this drill in minimum time. It is both practiced in the gun park, and performed on the range, with the same urgency as a pit crew changing tyres on a Formula 1 car except they use a hammer, rather than pneumatic spanner. After the guns reported ready (the left and right with cam nets and the centre gun without - to give us a better view) there was a pause in proceedings while we were split into four groups for a look over the position. Our group started with the command post where Lt Bibby showed us the setup and ran through some dry missions. The CP had received met from the school earlier in the day, and typically has met when they shoot. There is a photo showing the CP and, apart from the computers, perhaps, you will see some familiar equipment eg, Vietnam-era intercom set gun control, etc. Since the 80s/90s, technology has enabled significant advances in survey (including the OP), radios, and recording and storage of target information. Met, however, was transmitted and received via a verbal radio transmission.

From the CP, we moved to the next stand and received a presentation on personal equipment (both that issued by the Army and that necessary to purchase from a Platypus Outdoor shop), living in the field, and a chance to fire some blank from the Steyr and Minimi .

There was a further pause in proceedings while we availed ourselves of the Salvation Army's hospitality note the improvement in their transportation and organisation of the vehicle (one thing that hasn't changed is the necessary supplement to Army rations the Salvos biscuits provide).



After a cuppa our group moved to Charlie gun where BDR Phillips was the Number 1. Gunners are posted to either 53 Battery, following their initial engagement training (IET) at the school, or to the regular regiments in Darwin, Townsville, or Brisbane. In recent postings, and it may well have happened previously, there has been an effort made to post new gunners from the southern states, i.e., Tasmania, Victoria, South Australia, to 53 Battery for a year or so before sending them up north. Apart from the proximity to home, another big advantage of 53 Battery is that they get to fire considerably more ammunition than their equivalents in other regular batteries 53 Battery appears to provide much more opportunity for members to hone gun line and OP drills under live firing conditions. The 53 Battery gunners also have more opportunity to mix with both their regular, and reserve, peers from gun regiments and batteries across Australia as these gunners work with 53 Battery while attending various promotion courses, etc, at the School.



The final stand for our group was where the BSM took us through the various types of ammunition and fuses including explaining the reasons to mums, wives and girlfriends why a round cannot go off before it is meant to.

Live firing was about to commence, but not before we noticed another nuance - civvy TST conducting the pre-firing checks on the guns! I should also mention that the hearing protection has been refined since my day. The traditional mickey mouse ears are now battery operated and enable the wearer to hear normally until a loud noise and then they cut over to conventional hearing protection (like the clear glass welding masks that only activate smoked glass once the arc is struck). We were able to get under the cam net while the missions were in progress and felt like one of the detachment. I've not seen a 25pdr fire, but I can imagine the L119 would be similar. It is a one man lay with larger bearing switches applied via the Number 1 moving the trails .



All too soon firing was over and pack up began we were pleased to see the battery came out of action as smoothly as they went in. Increment charge bags were burnt and then family and friends were bussed back to the battery lines.

Post firing duties were quickly completed and we all then enjoyed a BBQ, beer, chinwag well into the afternoon. 53 Battery's heritage is promoted to the members and their brew room has some interesting memorabilia, including a large mural depicting 14 Field Regiment in New Guinea during WW2 (there are several photographs on the Australian War Memorial web site including where 53 Battery guns engaged Japanese positions on Ioribaiwa Ridge from Owens Corner in 1942). The Red Baron connection is also prominent - the Battery has Buie and Evans Troops, named after Gunners Buie and Evans from 53 Battery who shot down the Red Baron with their Lewis gun in 1918.

My thanks again to Capt Kerr, and members of the Battery, for a great informative and splendid day. It has certainly helped the Daltons put faces and images to the stories we are regaled with during Andrew's home visits.

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25 ANZAC Day

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15 Committee

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21 Committee  
?? Golf Day  
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**FEB 2004**

01 Church Parade  
19 Committee

**MAY 2004**

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**AUG 2004**

19 Committee  
?? DRA Conference

**NOV 2004**

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