



Order of the Day
Royal Regiment of Australian Artillery
Anniversary Greetings 2018

This year marks the 147th Anniversary of the formation of a permanent component of the Australian Artillery when the New South Wales Artillery was formed. A part of this Regiment was later designated 'A' Battery and continues in service on Army's Order of Battle to this day. This is also the date that, by convention, we celebrate not only the beginning of the Australian Gunner journey, but also its continued service as the Royal Regiment of Australian Artillery to the Army, our Nation and the Commonwealth. On the 1st of August this year, with the 100th Anniversary of the end of the Great War only three months away, we will pay special attention to commemorating the significant role Gunners played in that conflict.

As part of this commemoration, four young soldiers from the RAA were recently part of an ADF contingent that travelled to France to attend commemorative activities for the Battle of Hamel. In addition, it is hoped that the RAA will be part of a Commonwealth Gunners commemoration in November this year when, at 11.00am on the 11th of November across the time-zones of the Commonwealth, Minute Guns will be fired in as many Commonwealth Artillery units as possible to mark the time when the guns fell silent.

As is customary on the 1st of August each year, our Representative Colonel Commandant has once again written to Her Majesty The Queen, our Captain General, on behalf of the Colonels Commandant, the Head of Regiment, and all Ranks of the Royal Regiment of Australian Artillery to convey to Her Majesty our respect and loyalty on the marking of another milestone in our history. Congratulations were also extended to Her Majesty on the occasion of her ninety second Birthday and our appreciation was expressed for the enduring leadership and dedication shown by Her Majesty to the service of the people of the Commonwealth.

On behalf of the Representative Colonel Commandant, Brigadier AG Warner AM, LVO, and our Colonels Commandant, I sincerely thank all ranks of the Royal Regiment, both serving and retired, for their outstanding service. Let us also remember at this time the members of the Regiment who have passed away during the last year and please join me in appreciating and honouring their service. They will be sadly missed.

Finally, our thoughts are with those members of the Regiment who still remain deployed on operations around the world. We wish them all good shooting and a safe return to their families.

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Brigadier
Head of Regiment

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