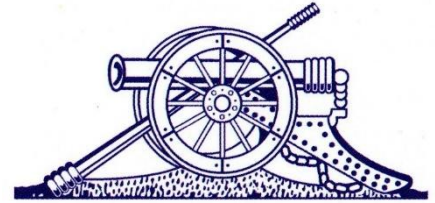


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Inaugural Parade of 9 REGT RAA (And other interesting items)

Report by MAJ Merv Taggart

We were all delighted to hear the news of the raising of 9 Regt HQ to command all the state Lt Btys earlier in the year and to mark the occasion a formal regimental parade was held on Saturday 14 April 2018 in SYDNEY.

A small contingent from the committee attended to represent the Association and to support the members of 2/10 Lt Bty.

Those attending were Major Neil Hamer (President), Major Merv Taggart (Vice President), Lieutenant Sandra Hodgson (Secretary) and Mrs Bev Morling, a friend. We had an interesting and pleasant four day adventure.

We drove up to Sydney on Thursday 12 April and had a smooth trip until we needed to find our accommodation in PADDINGTON. Three circuits of the locality and a visit to the police station got us there eventually.

On Friday we went to NORTH HEAD to visit the Memorial Walk. Sandra has not previously seen the tile that she placed there for her late husband WO 1 Jim Hodgson. We also searched for tiles placed by the Association and the Whitelaw family. We lunched at the cafe which was excellent and enjoyed the stunning views of SYDNEY HARBOUR. A visit by anyone who has attended a course at the School of Artillery

when it was at NORTH HEAD is highly recommended.

On Saturday we attended the parade which was held on the grass parade ground in front of Victoria Barracks PADDINGTON. It really is an impressive and historic location for such an occasion.

The troops acquitted themselves well. From the posting of markers until the advance in review order everything went off with precision.

The reviewing officer was LTGEN Angus Campbell soon to be Chief of the Defence Force.

Following the parade we enjoyed drinks on the Officers Mess lawn and spoke to members of 2/10 Lt Bty.

In the evening a function was held at the COOGEE Pavilion. Our little group did attend for a short time but decided that we were about two generations too old for it.

On Sunday we set off early for home noting at LIVERPOOL the enormous smoke column over HOLSWORTHY.

Our congratulations go to our 2/10 Lt Bty members of 9 Regiment RAA.



On Parade at Victoria Barracks Paddington



March Past



Hurry UP and Wait



More Marching



Fire



Regimental Pennant

At North Head

The start of the Walk and the Association paver.



370 Armstrong Gun Restoration Progress Report from Allan Sterling JP Project Manager Royal Australian Artillery Historical Company

Please see the attached pics showing progress on the restoration over the last year. The trail plate pics are from November last year, traversing mechanism fitting from April and the wheels on from last week. Slow progress at (at the best) 1 day per week, but that is what happens when you are relying on voluntary labour.





As you can see the timber donated by the RAAA(VIC) has been put to good use. When completed the gun will have a varnished finish so the beauty of the wood will come out. This finish will be consistent with the way the guns were shipped out from England originally.

New Honour Boards

Two new Honour Boards donated by the Association have been erected at Sargood Barracks

The information on the boards commences in 2018 consistent with the raising of 9 REGT RAA. They include BC, BK, IG, AIG, BSM, Battery Awards and Whitelaw Prize recipients.

After the boards were produced and erected we were informed that the word Light was to be removed from the Battery name. Oh Dear!!

We have had no official notification of this.

Committee Member

GNR Paul Heron volunteered to serve on the Association Committee. His offer was accepted, and the Committee elected him to replace the members who have resigned from the Committee. Thanks Paul

Saint Barbara's Day and Annual General Meeting.

Although the final details are yet to be decided by the Battery, we have been assured that the St Barbara's Day activities and the Association AGM will be held on Sunday 2 Dec 2018.

RAA Luncheon 2019

The RAA Luncheon 2019 will be held on Wednesday 6 Mar 2019. Final details will be notified when they come to hand. They are expected to be much the same as 2018.

Gunner Symposiums

It is still intended that the Gunner Symposiums conducted at Sargood Barracks will occur later this year.

The Symposiums are an event organised by the Association and 2/10 LT Bty.

The aims of the Symposiums are to inform both serving and retired members of the RAA about current and future developments.

(As a personal comment: Please explain the meaning of all abbreviations and acronyms used during the presentation. Us old fella's sometimes have a bit of a problem.)

Supplementary RAA Luncheon 2018



BRIG Doug Perry, ably assisted by SSGT Reg Morrell, liaised with the School of Artillery to arrange a luncheon for Association members and participants of the Regimental Officers Basic Course.

The Luncheon was held at the RACV in Melbourne on Saturday 28 April 2018.

An excellent meal and enjoyable company

Other Items

Your Input to this newsletter would be appreciated.

If any member has an article, report on an activity, photos of interest, or general comments please forward them to:

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Thank you to the members that have contributed

As our Committee members are not getting any younger, and numbers are falling.

We require Committee members and/or volunteers to assist with the general administration of the Association.

If you think you can help in any way, please contact Neil Hamer.

The information attached at the end of the Newsletter was sent to us from the organisers.

Any queries regarding these activities should be directed to the organisers.

Have you looked at our webpage lately?

Defence Reserves Association (DRA)

The Defence Reserves Association (DRA) is a tri-service organisation supporting the Australian Defence Force (ADF), promoting the interests, and safeguarding the concerns of the Defence Reserve component of the ADF. The DRA Victoria Branch invites any serving and former permanent and reserve Defence Force members (all ranks) together with members of the community who are interested in defence matters to join. For further information you can view their webpage: <https://dra.org.au/home> or via mail to: PO Box 7264, POINT COOK, VIC 3030

Dear 2/10 Battery members, ex-members and friends,



INVITATION

2/10 Battery mess committee would like to invite members, partners and friends to attend our Happy Hour function to be held on 28th September 2018 at the 2/10 Battery Mess, Sargood Barracks. We will have a poker night, role-playing games and a darts contest.

Please come along for what should be a very enjoyable evening.

Time: 1930hrs, Friday 28 Sep 2018

Location: 2/10 BTY All Ranks Mess, 8 Chapel Street, St Kilda

Attire: Neat casual with collar

Kind regards,

The 2/10 Battery Mess Committee



An Australian Government Initiative



Veterans' Art for Health and Healing

9.00 am – 12.00 pm

Saturday 22nd September 2018

Barkly Gardens, Mary Street Richmond

<https://www.facebook.com/events/294127541139376/> as listed as an event @richmondslvicR

Experience 'Veterans' Health Week' with a brush in one hand and a healthy snack in the other.
Richmond RSL, Australian National Veterans Arts Museum (ANVAM), and Yarra City Council welcomes
all Veterans and Yarra City park locals to join them in the spring sunshine with
something for mind, body and soul.

A big thanks to our contributors; Australian Government Department of Veteran's Affairs, Australian National Veteran's Art Museum, Yarra City Council, and Wild Timor Coffee.



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