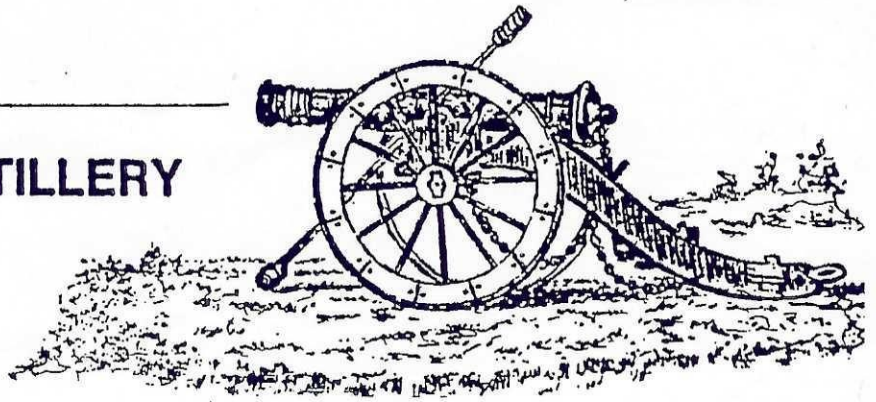


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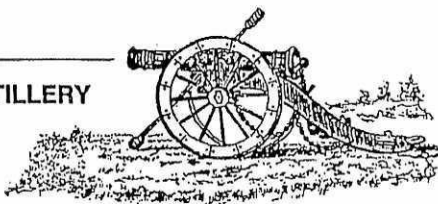
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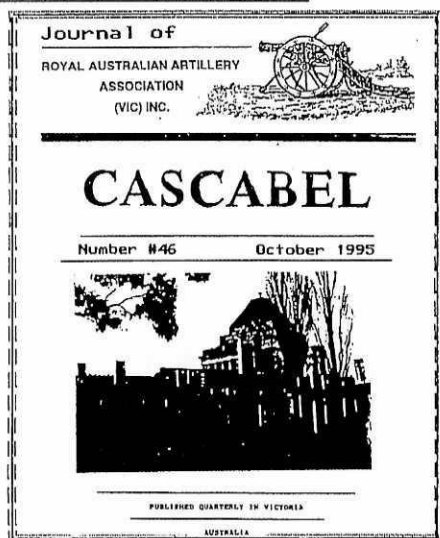
COL COMMANDANT:

Maj Gen Jim E. Barry MBE, RFD, ED

PAST PRESIDENTS:

1984 - 1985 Col A. (Sandy) Mair ED
1985 - 1988 Maj P.S. Whitelaw ED
1988 - 1991 Brig K.V. Rossi
OBE, RFD, ED
1991 - > Maj M. Taggart RFD, ED

FRONT COVER:



* A MEMORY in the FIELD of
REMEMBRANCE to all Gunners.
29 July 1995. The Shrine.
50 years after World War II.

FUNCTION:

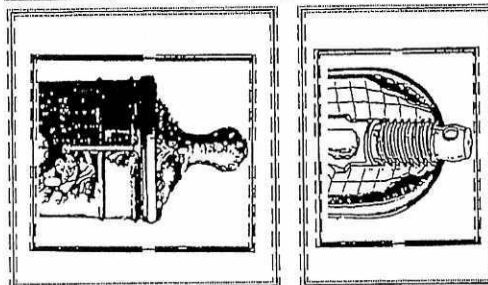
The FIELD of CROSSES
was lifted from its
location on the 20 Aug 1995 and
converted to ashes. On the 11 Nov 95,
following the Remembrance Day Service
at the Shrine, there will be a
committal service when the ashes from
the memories will be scattered over
the area used for the Field of
Remembrance.

Pic (C) J.V.AUCHRTTL 1995

JOURNAL NAME:

CASCABEL - Spanish - Origin as small
bell or CAMPANILLA, [pro:
KASKEBEL], spherical bell,
knob like projection.

CASCABLE - English Spelling.



REASON FOR:

Once a fixed extension left over when
a muzzle loaded GUN was molten cast.
It was the left over molten ore plug
from the cast liquid entry point.
Left on, as it was found to be a good
handle to move or elevate barrel.
Then shaped to look like a bell.

ARTILLERY USE:

After 1800AD, it became adjustable.
The breech is closed in large
calibres by a CASCABEL[E] screw,
which is a solid block of forged
wrought iron, screwed into the breech
coil until it presses against the end
of the steel tube. In the smaller
calibres, the A bore tube is carried
through to form the CASCABEL[E].
[Ref: Text Book on Fortification Etc"
Royal Military College, Sandhurst, By
COL G. PHILIPS, RE, 4th Ed, Ch-1, p9,
para 28, 1884]. [Source: Col Alan
Mason, Vic, May 1993].

CASCABEL HISTORY:

The name was put forward by the first
Editor, LT COL ROB GAW. And accepted
because of it's unique and obviously
Artillery connection.

ASSN LOGO:

Our Association LOGO, is the 1800AD
9pdr Waterloo Field Gun. Copy is
taken from Device, Badge and Motto of
the Royal Regiment of Artillery, as
approved in 1833, HM King William IV.

LAPEL BADGE:

Copy of the left arm brass gilded gun
once worn by Gun Sergeants above the
chevrons on each arm. Brassards worn
by IO's at North Head were embroidered
with this insignia. Selected by MAJ
WARREN BARNARD 1984 Assn Committee.

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The President Writes:



The Ball was held at Tudor Court again on Friday, 4th August. A good crowd attended and a good time was had by all. The band as usual produced their marvelous floor show which began with the debut of the, "Battery Hens", all girl drum corps.

On Saturday 19 August the Australia Remembers Victoria Committee conducted a Victory Ball at the Camberwell Centre. About 800 people attended including MINA and I with a group of other corps friends and KEITH and NAN ROSSI. It was very well done with presentations of World War 2 equipment including two 25 Pounders and a guard of honour of WW2 soldiers provided by our friends of the Military Historical Re-enactment Society. The music was provided by the RAAF Band.

The next day the same guard of honour met us at Saint Andrews Church next door to the Chapel Street Depot. It was the annual service in memory of CAPTAIN GILSON, Chaplain of the 14th Battalion killed at Gallipoli in 1915. The service was followed by lunch at the depot and a marvelous ban recital in the afternoon.

Our Annual General Meeting was reasonably well attended although I would have expected more on such a mild night. We did not raise the fees but we expect that they might have to go up next year. The committee has lost CAPTAIN NEALE SUTTON, who is rejoining the Regular Army and there are no new committee members.

REG MORRELL will be chasing the Sergeants and others to come back to the Regiment on Friday 13th October. In December there will be two functions. The first is an, "Assembly of Gunners", which will combine a reunion of WW2 Gunners and the Victorian launch of the book "The Gunners". That will be on Monday, 4th December, at Chapel Street. The second will be the 2/10 Medium Regiments St Barbara's celebration. Both activities are advertised elsewhere in this issue.

Kind Regards.

Merv Taggart

MERV TAGGART - Major
PRESIDENT

[] [] []

[46-MERV]

FORT GUN SITES HOBSON BAY



A day trip has been organised to visit Pre-Federation Gun Sites on HOBSON BAY, for;

Saturday 28th October

The bus departs at 08:00hr, from the R.A.E. Oakleigh Barracks [MELWAY 69 K11]. Return to Barracks at about 17:30hr.

COST: \$10.00 (Not meal)

Meal room has been booked at the YACHT CLUB HOTEL, Williamstown. Cost \$2.50 to \$3.50. You are asked to bring your binoculars.

RSVP BY: 17th OCTOBER 95
SSGT REG MORRELL
6 Melissa Street, Mt Waverley
Ph: [h] 9562 9552

[46-TRIP]



MEMBERSHIP

OCTOBER 1995

I would like to give a warm welcome to several new members who recently joined the Association. They are:

- Gnr J. M. SMITH
- Bdr W. SHEPHERD
- Sgt L. F. JONES
- SSgt I. J. ROGERS
- WO1 G. L. CARROLL
- Capt D. G. WEIR

Mail is being returned marked "left address" from four members:

- Bdr A. B. QUINLAN
- Sgt A. BRIAN
- SSgt S. P. Mc DERMOTT
- Capt RVC. KING

Our membership register currently stands at 403.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN ARTILLERY ASSOCIATION (VICTORIA) INCORPORATED



MEMBERSHIP REPORT YEAR TO 30TH JUNE, 1995

	LIFE MEMBERS	ANNUAL MEMBERS	AFFIL ASSNS	TOTAL MEMBERS
BALANCE 1/7/94	195	143	55	393
NEW MEMBERS	-	17	2	19
TRANSFERS	7	(7)	-	-
RESIGNED	-	-	-	-
DEATHS	(3)	(4)	-	(7)
UNFINANCIAL DELETIONS	-	(5)	-	(5)
BALANCE 30/6/95	199	144	57	400

INTERESTING FACTS OF THE TOTAL MEMBERSHIP OF 400

THERE ARE 54 OR'S
THERE ARE 124 SGTS AND WO'S
THERE ARE 161 OFFRS
THERE ARE 4 FEMALES
THERE ARE 4 INDIVIDUAL AFFILIATE MEMBERS
THERE ARE 57 AFFILIATE ORGANIZATIONS

If you know their whereabouts please give me a call.

For ANNUAL MEMBERS the renewal of your subscription is now due. Each annual member will find a separate renewal form in this Journal. I would ask that if you are required to renew your membership, that you attend to it as soon as possible.

If you know of a Gunner who is NOT A MEMBER, then why not request a new member application form. If you're about to move, please fill the change of address notice on the dustcover of this issue or telephone me at work on (03) 9781 2633 or at home on (03) 9787 7852.

DAVID OSBORNE - Major
VICE PRESIDENT
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

[] [] []

[46-DAVID]

MEMBERSHIP

If you have served or know of a friend who has served as a "Gunner" or attached to a "Gunner" unit - Then join the RAA Association (Victoria)

MEMBERSHIP RATES: LIFE \$100.00
ANNUAL \$ 10.00

SEND YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO

RAA ASSOCIATION VICTORIA INC
MAJOR DAVID. J. OSBORNE
P.O. BOX 309, FRANKSTON, 3199

An application form will be dispatched to you as soon as possible.

MUSEUM TRUST RAA



MUSEUM TRUST

RAA ASSN (Vic)

ITEMS IN TRUST

- [] The Museum Room has been moved to a room next to the Officers Mess.
- [] Concern over the levels and state of ammunition held for display appears to be temporarily resolved.
- [] COL A.G.C. MASON MBE ED, has offered a large quantity of display material from

both World Wars. Providing COL MASON son does not want this material it will become ours. Due to the quantity involved, it is suggested that items be permanently marked and distributed for display in Messes.

- [] The Regt is to write off the Dandenong 25pdr from 15 Fd Regt. This gun will be given to the Association. It must stay at Dandenong Depot until closed down.
- [] We have taken delivery of the Geelong 25pdr gun and it is now on loan to the GEELONG MILITARY HISTORICAL SOCIETY.
- [] The 3.7" HAA gun at Geelong is to be sent to workshops for full museum restoration. Returning to Geelong Depot on a new display.
- [] WO2 TOM CHRISTIE has presented;
 - A Pam on Artillery Computations and 37mm / 2pdr solid shot, projectile.
 - A 6pdr AT round cartridge case.
 - An empty 8kg projectile. Probably 1950 Centurion 20pdr.
- [] TERRY BULLOCK, has presented 3 B/W photographs from FORT QUEENSCLIFF;
 - VMR detachment, c1875 with 32pdr Naval Cannon.
 - Geelong Bty Vic Garrison Arty, c1880?
 - Detachment Vic Garrison Arty, c1913.
- [] Our Committee has negotiated with the FORT GELLIBRAND RESTORATION SOCIETY for a swap. One of their innocuous gun for our restored 25pdr for display. Our gun now held by the HISTORICAL RE-ENACTMENT SOCIETY OF AUST [HRSA].
- [] The HRSA has recovered a 15pdr from Bendigo; found to be a 12pdr originally which was at Chapel Street depot 1895. [REF: RAA MIN: 99/95].
- [] Our Committee via the HRSA has tracked down the following films;
 - Pre 1940 amateur 16mm B/W film of 4.5" or 6" howitzers on exercise.
 - Colour film of the departure of AIF soldiers Melbourne, 1940.
- [] The Museum has been offered on permanent loan a 9 foot BARR & STROUD stereoscopic rangefinder and tripod.

CONTACT: For more information on these subjects contact Museum Trust

DONATIONS: The museum is always looking for memorabilia on donation or loan. Any items given will be catalogued and secured. It will be put on display when needed. Please if you have any item that may be placed into the Trust then contact the Secretary at, 33 Haig Street, South Box Hill, 3128.

PRES: Major Brian Jackson - Ph 9748 9898
SEC: WO2 Craig Cook - Ph 9890 2117
MEMBERS: SSgt Brian Cleeman - Ph 9560 7116
 Bdr Tom Hayward - Ph 9813 1087

[46-TRUST]

AGM

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Business

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Chapel Street Depot

24th Aug 1995

ON PARADE

ANNAL. Geoff, AUCHETTL. John [*], BARRY. Jim, BEALE. George, CAMPBELL. John, CECIL. Michael, CLEEMAN. B [*], DIGGINES. Terry, EDWARDS. David, EVANS. Peter, FOSTER. Lionel, GEORGE. Ian, GREEN. B, GREEN. Dave, HAMER. Neil, JACKSON. Brian [*], MELLINGTON. Max, JENKINS. Alan, MILLER. Bob, MORRELL. R [Tres], OLSEN. Rod, PADDON. Earnie [*], ROSSI. Keith, SHILLINGLAW. John, SMITH. Robin [Sec], SUTTON. Neale, TAGGART. Merv [President], TUTTON. John, WERTHEIMER. Peter, WISHART. Greg :

[*] Assn Committee Member.

SOURCE: Off's Mess Book 24 Aug 1995.

95/96 COMMITTEE MEMBERS

There was no election for positions on the Association Committee. Apart from CAPT NEALE SUTTON, who did not nominate due to a posting to South Australia all positions remain unchanged.

However, there is still a short fall in numbers [2] and members are urged to think about taking up a very enjoyable challenge.

LIONEL FOSTER 10 MDM REGT ASSN

WO2 LIONEL FOSTER from the 10 MDM REGT RAA Association, Geelong - will take up a representative position with the Committee in support of the many Geelong Gunners. If your a past 10 MDM Regt Gunner why not contact Lionel and join their Association.

CONTACT: PO Box 1915, Geelong, Vic, 3220.
 [REF: RAA MIN: 94/95, 121/95].

MRS WHITELAW GIFT

The Association members wish to acknowledge the generosity of MRS PATRICIA WHITELAW for her recent donation of \$1000.00. This will be added to the current "Memorial Prizes Fund" that is in honour of MRS WHITELAW's late husband and our past President, NORMAN. This is a most generous gift and we are most grateful. [REF: RAA MIN: 93/95].

**ROYAL AUSTRALIAN ARTILLERY ASSOCIATION
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RAA ASSOCIATION (VIC) INCORPORATED
**GENERAL FUND
BUDGETED INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT
for the year Ending 30th June, 1996.**
INCOME

Subscriptions	\$ 2,250
Interest	650
RAA Association Shop	100
Membership Badges	50
	<u>\$3,050</u>

EXPENDITURE

Supper - AGM	150
Anzac Day - Bar Snacks	200
Presentations & Annual Awards	200
Printing & Stationery	600
Corporate Affairs - Fees	50
Postage	1,000
Funeral Notices	100
Insurance	300
Donations	500
	<u>\$3,100</u>

NET DEFICIENCY for the YEAR.
\$50
RAA ASSOCIATION (VICTORIA) INCORPORATED
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30TH JUNE 1995
Members Funds

General Fund	
Balance brought forward	13079.88
Add Surplus for Year	409.78
	<u>13489.66</u>
Donation - Maj P Whitelaw	2000.00
	<u>15489.66</u>

RAA Social Fund	
Balance brought forward	12906.73
Add Surplus for Year	597.43
	<u>13504.16</u>

Museum & Memorabilia Fund	
Balance brought forward	1416.68
Add Surplus for Year	28.10
	<u>1444.78</u>
	<u>30438.60</u>

Represented by:

Assets	
Stock on Hand - RAA Association Shop Items	7041.63
Stock on Hand - Presentation Plaques	229.58
Cash at Bank - Commonwealth Bank of Australia	9103.41
Term Deposits - Commonwealth Bank of Australia	30000.00
Prepayments - Artillery Ball	700.00
	<u>42074.60</u>

Less Liabilities

Subscriptions Received in Advance	8440.00
Payments Received in Advance - 1995 Gunner Dinner	3196.00
	<u>11636.00</u>

NET ASSETS
30438.60
RAA ASSOCIATION (VICTORIA) INCORPORATED
STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 1995

GENERAL FUND		EXPENDITURE	
INCOME			
Subscriptions	2304.00	AGM - Supper	150.00
Interest Current Accounts	48.79	Anzac Day - Bar Snacks	200.00
Interest Term Deposits	717.69	Donations-	
Sale - Membership Badges	120.00	St. Barnabases	100.00
Profit - RAA Association (Vic) Shop	175.34	Australian War Memorial	100.00
Surplus - Back to the Regiment Night	190.69	Shrine Of Remembrance	200.00
		RAA Historical Society	100.00
		RAE Corp Committee	100.00
		Postage	797.70
		Printing & Stationery	420.39
		Insurance	348.37
		Gifts & Presentations	281.35
		Bank Charges	37.59
		Cascabel Expenses	247.33
		Incorporation Fees	64.00
		Surplus for Year	409.78
	<u>3556.51</u>		<u>3556.51</u>

RAA SOCIAL FUND

EXPENDITURE	
INCOME	
Interest Current Accounts	46.17
Interest Term Deposits	679.44
Recovery of Unpaid Amounts	
1993 Gunner Dinner	842.00
	<u>1367.61</u>
Deficit -1994 Gunner Dinner	390.9
Deficit -1994 Artillery Ball	379.28
Surplus for Year	597.43
	<u>1367.61</u>

MUSEUM AND MEMORABILIA FUND

EXPENDITURE	
INCOME	
Interest Current Accounts	4.92
Interest Term Deposits	72.58
Donations	47.00
	<u>124.50</u>
Purchase Memorabilia	76.40
Locks for Display Cases	20.00
Surplus for Year	28.10
	<u>124.50</u>

RAA ASSOCIATION (VICTORIA) INCORPORATED
FUNDS STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 1995
Source of Funds

Surplus for Year - General Fund	409.78
Surplus for Year - RAA Social Fund	597.43
Surplus for Year - Museum & Memorabilia Fund	28.10
Donation - Maj P Whitelaw	1000.00
Decrease in Stock on Hand	380.26
Increase in Payments Received in Advance - 1995 Gunner Dinner	3196.00
	<u>5611.57</u>

Application of Funds

Increase in Cash at Bank	5447.57
Decrease in Subscriptions Received in Advance	164.00
	<u>5611.57</u>

AUDIT REPORT

I have audited the accounts of the Association for the year ended 30th June 1995 in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards.

In my opinion, the accompanying Statements of Income and Expenditure and Funds Statement for the year ended 30th June 1995 and the Balance Sheet as at that date represent a true and fair view of the results of the Association's activities for the year then ended and of the state of affairs at the 30th June 1995.

T. D. Hopkins AO2
B Bus CPA
Honorary Auditor
23rd August 1995



FIG 1: RAA Assn (Vic) Members at the AGM.

- | | |
|---------------------|-----------------------|
| [1]. WO2 FOSTER | [21]. WO2 GREEN |
| [3]. Mr CECIL | [41]. SSgt CLEEMAN |
| [5]. MajGen BARRY | [6]. Maj CAMPBELL |
| [7]. Sgt MILLER | [8]. Maj HAMER |
| [9]. ? | [10]. Maj JACKSON |
| [11]. Brig ROSSI | [12]. Capt WERTHEIMER |
| [13]. ? | [14]. Sgt MELLINGTON |
| [15]. Sgt BEALE | [16]. Maj TUTTON |
| [17]. Maj PHILLIPS | [18]. SSgt PADDON |
| [19]. ? | [20]. WO2 DIGGINES |
| [21]. Maj WISHART | [22]. Gnr EDWARDS |
| [23]. Mr EVANS | [24]. Capt SUTTON |
| [25]. LtCol GEORGE. | |

[MONTAGE]

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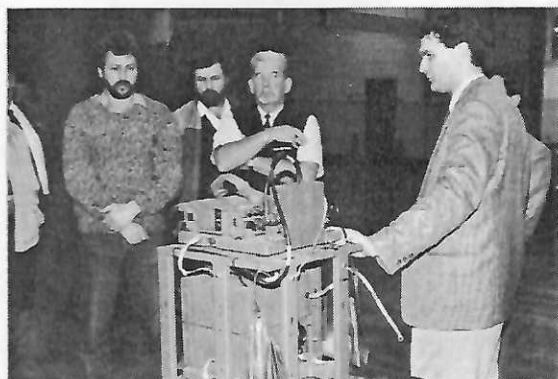
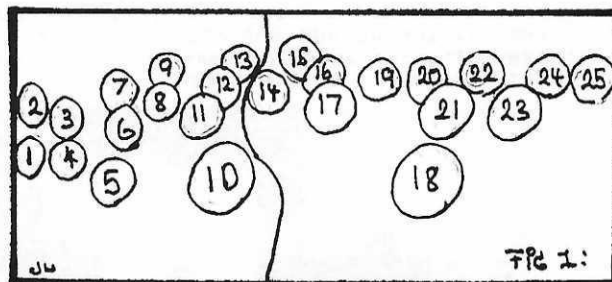


FIG: 2 CAPT NEALE SUTTON the BK 38 Bty briefs members on the new RAVEN VHF radio. Pic (C) J.AUCHETTI 95.

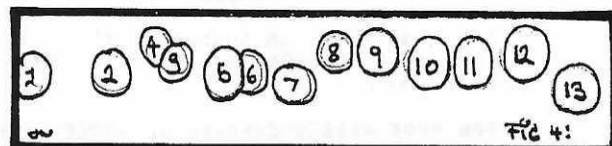
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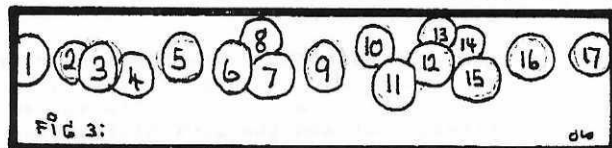
FIG: 4 CAPT PETER BRUCE [Adj 2/10 MDM Regt] demonstrates the new two man command post Computer Fire Control (CFC) system. Pic (C) J.W.AUCHETTI 1995.



FIG: 3 Demonstration of Computer Fire Control (CFC) system. Pic (C) J.AUCHETTI 95.



- [1] Maj TAGGART [2] Maj PHILLIPS [3] Sgt BEALE [4] ? [5] Capt BRUCE [Adj 2/10 MDM Regt]
 [6] Maj HAMER [7] Gnr EDWARDS [8] WO2 DIGGINES [9] Maj CAMPBELL
 [10] Capt WERTHEIMER [11] Mr EVANS [12] SSgt NORRELL [13] MajGen BARRY [ColC]



- [1] Sgt MELLINGTON [2] WO2 DIGGINES [3] ? [4] Gnr EDWARDS [5] WO2 FOSTER
 [6] Sgt BEALE [7] Maj HAMER [8] Maj CAMPBELL [9] Capt WERTHEIMER
 [10] Mr EVANS [11] Maj PHILLIPS [12] Capt BRUCE [Adj 2/10 MDM Regt] [13] SSgt NORRELL
 [14] ? [15] Sgt MILLER [16] MajGen BARRY [ColCom] [17] Maj TAGGART.



FIG: 5 SGT R (BOB) MILLER, being presented with "Certificate of Appreciation" by the President Major Merv Taggart, RFD ED. In recognition of SGT BOB MILLERS assistance in providing research information to our Journal CASCABEL. Pic (C) 1995 John Auchettl.



FIG: 6 Major General JIM. E. BARRY, MBE RFD ED - Colonel Commandant makes the main addresses the AGM with the "Col Commandant Report". MID: Maj MERV TAGGART RFD ED [Pres] - RHS: Major ROBIN SMITH, RFD [Sec]. Pic (C) 1995 John Auchettl.

STATE OF THE REGT

MAJOR BRIAN JACKSON, 2IC, 2/10 Mdm Regt, addresses the AGM on the "State of the Regt". The following is a point summary of MAJ JACKSON address.

- [] OPERATIONS: No Annual camp this year.

The Regt will run courses, TEWTS and support 4 Brigades 5/6th Bn RVR and 8/7th BN RVR.

The Regt will undertake an ARTEP in March 1996.

- [] PUCKA RANGE: Pucka is now a 26km range. HE Rocket Assist ammunition can now be fired on the range.

- [] NORTHERN EXPLORER: The Regt found the Mt BUNDEY range (130km SE Darwin) very rugged. Poor range due to the sacred sites, dust and the lack of features for navigation and OPs.

Man management priority. Heat produced major problems with detachments. Activity was suspended after 12:00hr until 15:00hr

then light duties used. Area climatizing is a priority.

- [] DEPOTS: DANDENONG and then BAXTER will close. No fixed date or location. 22 Fd Bty will move to possibly CRANBOURNE in a new Multi User Depot [MUD]. COLAC will close. GEELONG will become a Multi User Depot [MUD] for the district.
- [] EQUIPMENT: There is no operational "recuperators" for the 105mm M2A2. To keep the guns in service these units may need to be manufactured locally. The Computer Fire Control (CFC) system and the RAVEN VHF radios are in the Btys.
- [] BAND: There is a [top] push to reduce our excellent Band from 25 to 15 members. This will be a disaster as the Band is over worked at present and its quality will be diminished. As well, we will also loose our BANDMASTER! Measures to stop this reduction have been taken. However, the Regt want your support or help in this matter. Have a

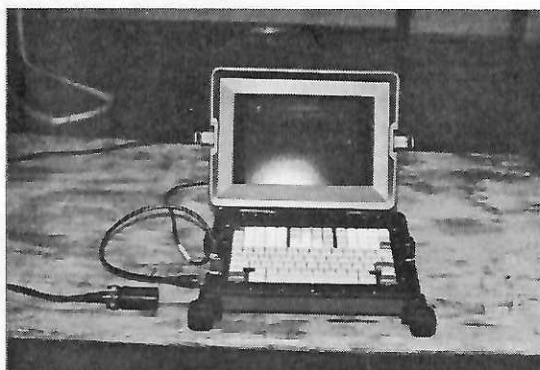


FIG: 7 The Computer Fire Control (CFC) system. Note [LHS] on table the "Enter" button. Pic (C) J.V.AUCHETTL 1995.



FIG: 8 The MOUNT SCHANK Challenge Trophy in the Officers Mess. Pic (C) J.V.AUCHETTL 1995.

say! This fine Band is "Our Best Asset".

- [1] MANNING: If manning trends continue as they are by the year 2006 the ADF will be empty. To counter this threat each Regt will be responsible for its own recruiting. Each unit will have its own comprehensive recruiting cell.

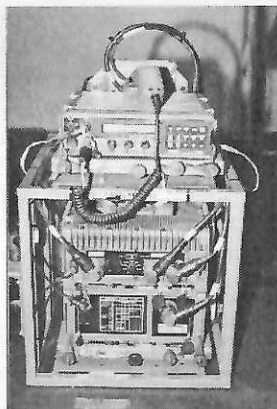


FIG: 9 The RAVEN VHF radio.
Pic (C) J.AUCHETTL 95.

[46-AGM]



FIG: 1

FOREGROUND L->R LtCol Bernie Pearson RFD,
Col John. Kirkwood (CDA 1 Div).

REAR L->R Capt Alan Sandback, Capt Neale
Sutton (HQ 3d Mdn Bty). Pic (C) AUCHETTL 95



GUNNER DINNER 50th ANNIVERSARY OF WWII END

On Friday 7th July, 1995, 89 officers attended the annual Gunner Dinner, held at the Officers Mess, Victoria Barracks. MajGen N.A. VICKERY CBE MC ED, (Fig 2), made the key address at the dinner. This was an important occasion as it commemorates the 50th Anniversary of the end of World War II.

Principal Guest	- Brigadier A.J. McNeilage.
Host	- LtCol Peter Alkemade the CO of 2nd/10th Mdn Regt.
Dining President	- Maj Merv Taggart RFD ED President of the RAA Association (Vic) (Fig 5).
CDA 2 Div Representative	- Col John. Kirkwood (Fig 1). - Maj Thomas J. Murphy who is on exchange from US Army Artillery (Fig 4).

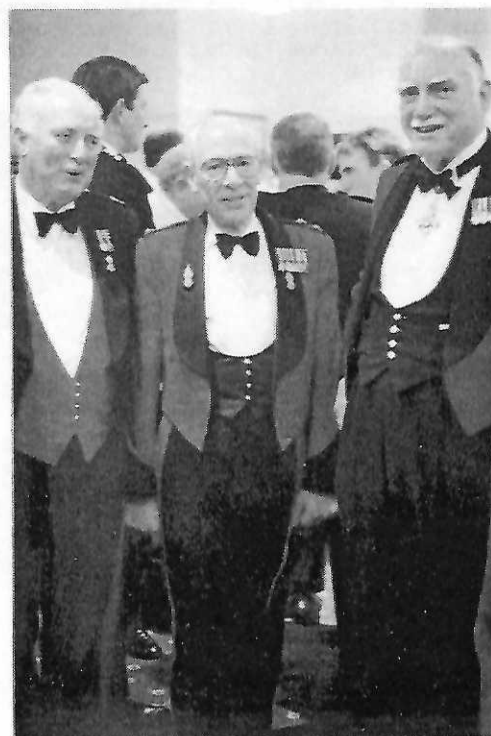


FIG: 2 L->R - Major Ian Barnes, LtCol
Norman Wright ED, MajGen N.A. Vickery CBE MC
ED. Pic (C) J.V.AUCHETTL 1995



FIG: 3 Officers gather after the Gunner Dinner. Victoria Barracks Officer Mess.
Pic (C) J.V.AUCHETTL 1995



FIG: 6 L-->R Capt John Trail, Capt Dave Allen, Capt Mike Womack, Maj Peter Rowley (MC 22 Pd Bty). Pic (C) J.V.AUCHETTL 1995



FIG: 4 L-->R [faces] Maj Thomas J. Murphy [US Army Artillery], LtCol John Morkham RFD, LtCol Mike Buckridge, LtCol John Henry RFD.
Pic (C) J.V.AUCHETTL 1995



FIG: 5 L-->R [faces] Maj Merv Taggart RFD ED [RAA Assn (Vic) President], Maj Robin Smith RFD [Sec RAA Assn Vic], Maj Neal Hammer RFD. Pic (C) J.V.AUCHETTL 1995



FIG: 7 LtCol Peter Alkemade (CO 2/10 Wdn Regt), Maj David Osborne [Vice-Pres RAA Assn]



FIG: 8 After Dinner, drinks at Chapel St Depot. L->R Maj Lewis Scheuch-Evans, Col John. Kirkwood (CH 2 Div), LtCol Peter Alkemade (CO 2/10 Wdn Regt).



FIG: 9 The important help needed for a successful night. CPL A. Cooke [LHS] from 22 Fd Bty, with her detachment, Chapel St Depot.

[LHS Rear] Maj Richard McDonagh [BC HQ Bty 2/10 Mdn Regt], Maj Brian Jackson [2IC 2/10 Mdn Regt]. Pic (C) J.W.AUCHETTL 1995



FIG: 10 The "final push" towards the end of the night at Chapel St Depot.

L-->R - Maj Bill Cross, Maj David Osborne (Vice-Pres RAA Assn (Vic)), Maj Richard McDonagh [BC HQ Bty 2/10 Mdn Regt], Col John Kirkwood [CDA 2 Div], LtCol Peter Alkemade [CO 2/10 Mdn Regt], Maj Carl Wood, Maj Peter Gustafson, Maj Lewis Scheuch-Evans, Capt Mike Womack, Lt K. Dickinson, Lt Nicholas Ullin, Maj Merv Taggart RFD ED [RAA Assn (Vic) President], Maj Brian Jackson [2IC 2/10 Mdn Regt]. Pic (C) J.W.AUCHETTL 1995

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POSTED DEPARTURES

CAPT NEALE SUTTON

It is now official the BK of 38 Bty - CAPT NEALE SUTTON has returned to the ARA. After a short "desipere in loco", NEALE after September, will take up a posting back at his old unit the 16AD Regt in South Australia.

NEALE was on the RAA Associations Committee, and provided a vital link with our serving Geelong Gunners. Unfortunately we have lost a very active and valued Gunner.

We wish CAPT SUTTON a fruitful future and we will look forward to his return sometime in the not to distant future. Thanks NEALE!



FIG: 1 Farewell drinks as Capt Neale Sutton returns to the ARA. Officers Mess 24 Aug 95. L-->R Maj Merv Taggart RFD ED, Capt Neale Sutton [BK 38Bty], Capt Peter Bruce OAM [Adjtl], Maj Brian Jackson [2IC]. Pic (C) J.W.AUCHETTL 1995

VICTORIAN GUNNERS MEMORIAL CHAPEL STREET

The OPSO & BC HQ Bty MAJ RICHARD.S. McDONAGH appeals to member for any offer of support with a self help landscape project, in front of the old SGT MAJ COTTAGE. At the proposed roundabout we will be placing the "VICTORIAN GUNNERS MEMORIAL" to be dedicated at some future function. To finish this task we need your urgent HELP with the following items;

- Help in drawing garden plans.
- Plants for the garden.
- Stone, cement or metal balls to stack as "Cannon balls".

1995 RAA WO/SNCO FAREWELLS

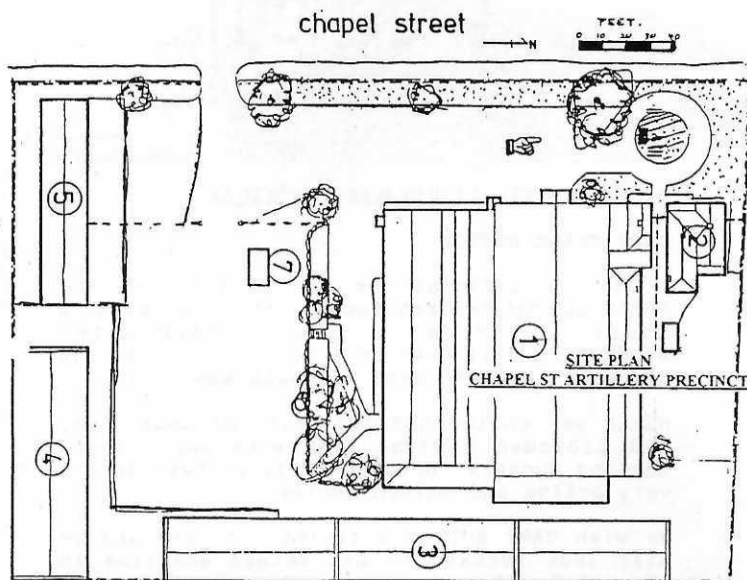


Date: 21 OCT 95
Time: 1900 hrs
Location: RAA Regt
Sgts Mess
Cost: \$30
Dress: Coat & Tie
RSVP: 16 Oct 95
WO2 G.J. Attwater
Secretary
RAA Regt Sgts Mess
PO Box 42
MANLY NSW 2095
Phone: (02) 9976 1113
Fax: (02) 9976 1302

Size approx 14cm Dia, Qty 40.
- And your free labour.

The project will need to be finished by 10 NOV 95. Contact the OPSO PH: 9526 4221.

"HELP NEEDED"



By

WO1 BOB ARMSTRONG

APA-M FUNCTION

At Army Personnel Agency - Melbourne (APA-M) the soldier career advisers (SCA), there are 7 of us responsible for implementing the Southern Region Corps Plan. APA-M is responsible to Pers Div for all aspects of soldier career management and to this end are kept very busy.

Soldier management is now coming into line with the Officer style of management of which we are all familiar. It is also incorporating some of the relevant aspects of SCMA management of ARA with particular emphasis on the civilian aspects of the GRES soldier.

We are working towards implementing a number of ARA systems that have been proved to work over the years. Soldier Career Management (SCM) is slowly being accepted by units and with the assistance of unit commanders will work well to enhance the career management of soldiers.

PROMOTIONS

Congratulations to SSGT DON ERREY. Now promoted to SSGT. Similar congratulations on his promotion to SGT go to STEVE COX, both are at 22 Bty.

WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to the REGT to WO2 TOM CHRISTIE. Tom has been out of the Corp for 8 years in the Infantry Battalions and recently transferred back to RAA as part of his career progression. He has taken up a posting in the Regt.

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Welcome back to WO2 FRANK MARSCHNER who returned to the Regt in January 95, after his Non Corp posting to OCTU. Frank was the first WO to be posted out of a unit in the Southern Region, under the SCM Corps Planning process and is one of the first to return to his unit.

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Similar welcome to the GRES after his retirement from the ARA go to WO2 BARRY YOVKOFF, who replaced Frank at OCTU.

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NON CORP POSTINGS

Other "Olds and Bolds" who are still in Non Corps postings, include;

WO1 BOB ARMSTRONG - APA-M Vic Barracks.
SGT DARYL JOHNSON - 3 Trg Gp, in Training Development Wing (TDW) Watsonia.
SGT JOHN DECKER - Army Reserve Recruiting Centre, Melb (ARRC-M).
SGT ROBIN THOMAS - Who is instructing at MONUR.
SGT KEN DANCEY - DUC in Geelong.
SGT VIC DOUGLAS - DUC in Geelong.
SGT PETER HANNON - Instructing at OCTU, Watsonia.

FAREWELL

We say farewell to SGT STEVE DRAPER who pulled the pin this year.

NEW ENGINEER

Earlier this year BDR STEVE O'NEIL was posted to ENGINEERS at Oakleigh and is having a ball. He has told me that it was a bit of a culture shock but he is enjoying life after guns.

Don't worry, if your name doesn't appear on this list, keep looking because one day it might, but not before YOU know about the event.

This covers most of the news from RAA Soldier Corps Plan and hopefully keeps those non serving members of the Association a bit more up to date with the comings and goings of old mates.

From the desk of your SCA.

WO1 BOB ARMSTRONG
Career Adviser

[46-PERS]



**AUSTRALIAN
DEFENCE FORCE**

EXPANDING OUR INF BN NUMBERS

The Australian Army is reorganizing its regular infantry component to expand the number of battalions available for "Quick Deployment".

The Dec 94 Defence White Paper directed that a 5th regular Inf Bn be formed.

2/4RAR --- | --> 2RAR - (Townsville)
| --> 4RAR - (Holsworthy)

In Feb 95 the 2/4 RAR was split into two BN. 4 RAR will lack manpower. Full capability of 4 RAR is expected by 1998. 4 RAR will join 3 Brigade as a Ready Deployment Force.

[Janes Defence Weekly, 11 Feb 95, p8].

2 DIV - ROLE & TASKS

The ROLE of 2 DIV is to deploy as a follow-on force. The role is qualified by a number of TASKs (in summary);

- Provide a deployable, joint 2 Star (General Level) HQ - expanded to a Joint Force HQ if necessary.
- Protect vital national assets (VNA).
- After further training, undertake manoeuvre operations (Ops).
- Maintain an ability to conduct Ops at levels up to and including Division, and develop concepts for Rear Area Security Ops in the Australian Support Area.

[REF: WO1 B. GEORGE, RSM 2Div, DISPATCH, May 95, p1].

BRIGADE LESSONS 7 Fd Bty

MAJ R.B. FARRELLY RFD, reports that officers of 7 Fd Bty on a Short Warning Conflict (SWC) TEWT, BURRUP Peninsula, NW Aust, noted the following;

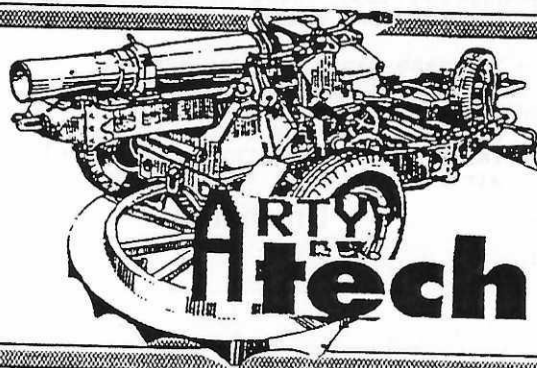
- * "...the Bty officers gained greatly from this opportunity to physically inspect these most vital assets and walk the ground that will be occupied by the BRIGADE".
- * "Simply experiencing the heat in the area immediately raised questions of resupply

and troop deployment that would not have been made apparent were the TEWT conducted in a classroom environment".

- * "Too often in past [BRIGADE] TEWTs, the battery has been seen as little more than another infantry company with liaison officers attached".

[REF: MAJ R.B. FARRELLY RFD, RSM 2Div, DISPATCH, May 95, p7].

[46-ADF]



RAPIER UPGRADE

British Aerospace Defence Limited [BAe], Dynamics Division, has received a contract worth more than \$4 million to upgrade our RAPIER air defence system in service with the RAA.

The upgrade will incorporate the COSSOR IDENTIFICATION FRIEND or FOE (IFF) 892 Mk12 system to enhance the Australian RAPIER system's aircraft identification capabilities.

The upgrade package will be despatched from Britain to Australia commencing March 1996 where they will be embodied into the RAPIER system by the RAA with assistance from BAe Australia. The Army Rapier Base Repair Facility [Woodside SA] has had a 20 year association with BAe Australia.

In December 1995 a contract was signed with BAe for the supply of 20 RAPIER B1 systems to Australia.

[REF: Asia-Pacific Defence Reporter - May-June 95, p30].

54KG 120MM MORTAR

A 120mm mortar tube & baseplate have been developed using graphite composite composition with a titanium insert and conventional firing pin mount. The rubber base energy absorber acts as recoil system. This gives 62% weight reduction. A steel mortar is 144kg and new composite mortar equals 54kg.

[REF: Lockheed Missiles / Janes Defence Weekly 26 Nov 94, p22].

10KM PRECISION MORTAR

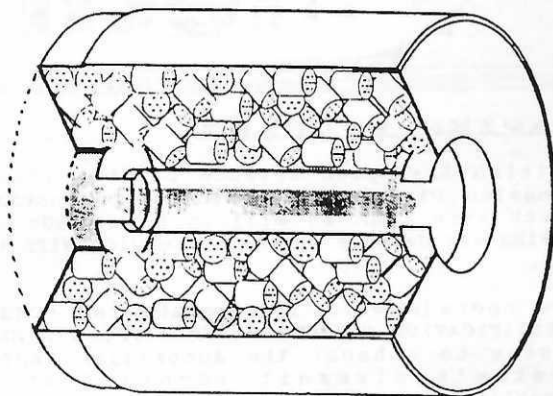
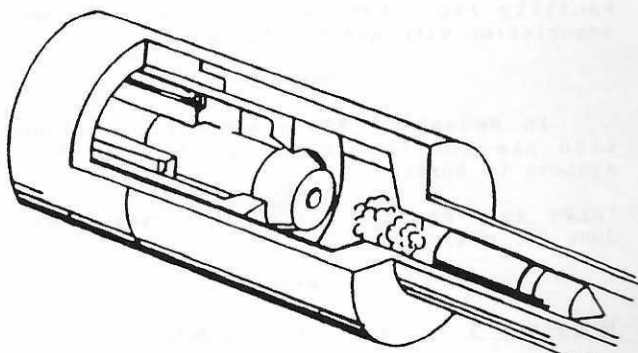
Precision Guided Mortar Munitions [PGMM] is in development. At about 1 metre long and a launch weight of 17.23kg it will have a range of 10km.

[REF: Lockheed & Diehl of Germany / Janes Defence Weekly 26 Nov 94, p22].

NEW PROPELLENT SYSTEM

New field artillery propellant technologies are under study. These are the UNICHARGE & LIQUID PROPELLANT systems. Each system can;

- Increase range to over 40km.
- Increase fire rate.
- Reduce detachment size.
- Reduces logistics burden.
- Improve survivability in ammo explosion after Counter Bty Fire impact.

UnichargeLiquid Propellant

MUZZLE VELOCITY

A Muzzle Velocity [MV] analyzer produced by GRINAKER AVITRONICS called the MV201 is now in field artillery operations. The MV201 measures, displays and stores MV data between 250 metres/sec and 1,400 metres/sec at fire rate of up to 600 rounds per minute. The MV201 has a high data accuracy of 0.05%.

It runs on a current proven PC/AT package that meets combat and EMI environments.

This MV analyzer gives gunners an increase in round accuracy with improved fire calculation data.

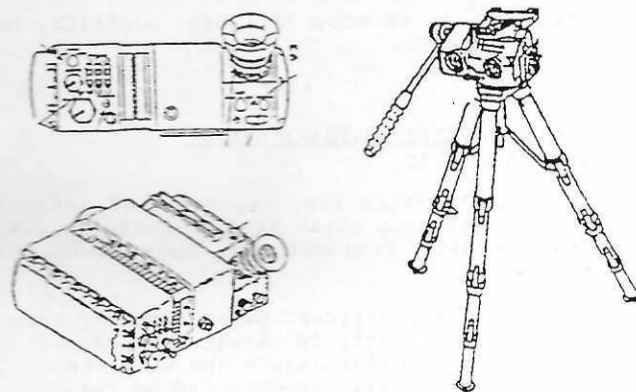
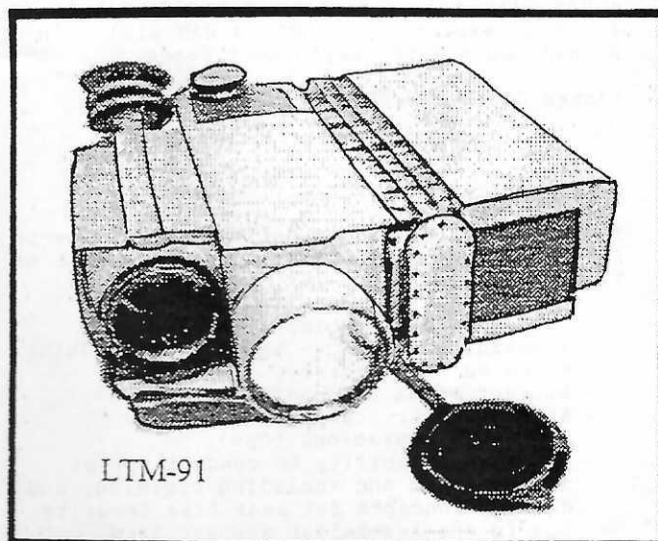
[REF: GRINAKER AVITRONICS 95].

LTM-91 LASER TARGET

The LTM-91 [Laser Target Marker] will be used by Australian FOs to mark the targets for our new COPPERHEAD round. The "VARO Inc LTM-91" was first developed to meet a requirement for a one man laser designator system that is portable and lightweight. The LTM-91 has an important feature, as it will give the FO a measured LTM to target distance.

The LTM-91 will determine ranges up to 10km and mark targets out to 5km from the OP. This can be done in a manual or a remote control setting.

The system takes a IR night vision device to give a all round combat role. In the past the weakest link in the laser system has been the power packs. In most systems they have been to large and short on power time. The LTM-91 is 24 volts battery and vehicle powered.



[REF: DARTY Info Handout, PGM & ICM Demonstration Singleton FFX 21 June 95, p10].

[46-TECH]

Forum

Blamey

BLAMEY BATTERY REUNION GROUP

REUNION: Friday Evening, 2nd June 1995.
At 2/10 Medium Regiment RAA,
8 Chapel St, East St Kilda.
6.30 pm for 7.00 pm.

BLAMEY BATTERY

1951 TO 1952

BY

FRANK ROBERTS
FRANK MULLINS
JOHN CAMPBELL

The BLAMEY BATTERY was formed, early in 1951, by HQ RAA 3 DIV as a "Special Training Battery"; it was not on the official establishment but was fostered by the following units:

2 Fd Regt |
10 Fd Regt |
22 Fd Regt | --- RAA
2 Mdm Regt |
2 LAA Regt |

The Battery had its genesis in the concern of GENERAL SIR EDMOND HERRING (based on his post-WW1 experience) that Citizen Force [CMF] training should not again be neglected. In the short term, the Battery was to qualify CMF Officers whose role would be to train National Servicemen posted to CMF units at the end of their full-time service. That role achieved, the Battery was disbanded in mid-1952.

The Blamey Battery students were transferred in from the above units or were enlisted "off the streets" on the recommendation of schools which had cadet Corps, held on the books of the enlisting unit, but trained with the Battery.

The name "Blamey" was, we understand, selected by the BC MAJOR (later Brigadier) EASON ("Uncle Dick").

COMMAND STRUCTURE

The Battery was formed during BRIG ANDY ARTHUR'S term as CRA. He relinquished command

on the 29th June 1951 and was succeeded by BRIG (later SIR WILLIAM) HALL two days later.

The COs of the 5 units involved were;

2 Fd Regt LT COL LEN PARKINSON
[2 March 50 - 20 July 52]

10 Fd Regt LT COL MAX COOCH
[26 May 50 - 29 June 53]

22 Fd Regt LT COL W.J. GREEN
[1 April 48 -]
LT COL DES COX
[1 July 51 -]

2 Mdm Regt LT COL W. HALL
[- 30 June 51]
LT COL J. PEARSON
[1 July 51 -]

2 LAA Regt LT COL W.E. KELLY
[-]

BLAMEY BATTERY REUNION GROUP

CONTACT LIST (AS AT 2 JUNE 1995)

Name (a)	U (d)	# (e)	Notes (f)
ADAMS TB (Tom)		S	A
ALLEN MW (Bill).	22	S	A
ARMSTRONG JC (Chris)	2F	S	✓
BARRY JE (Jim).	2L	S	✓
BOCKING BJ (Bernie)	22	S	✓
BOWDEN JM (Jim).	22	S	✓
CAMPBELL JH (John).	10	S	✓
CHATFIELD BB (Barry).	10	S	✓
DOUGLAS GWA (Alan).	2	I	✓
EDWARDS OR (Owen).	2L	S	✓
ELLIOTT CDM (Dennis).	22	S	✓
FORD .. (George)		I	✓
FRANCIS MA (Michael).	22	S	✓
GRUTZNER BK (Brian)	2F	S	✓
HALL Sir William	CRA	-	A
HENRY RL (Russ).	?	I	A
HOGAN .. (Dr John)	?	I	A
HORAN .. (Merv).	?	I	✓
HOSKING PM (Peter).	2M	S	✓
HUXLEY .. (Ken)		S	✓
JENKINS AK (Allan).	2F	S	✓
JONES WH (Henry).	?	I	A (BK)
KILBY JF (John)	2F	S	
KNIGHT K ("Cracker").	?	I	✓

LAWRENCE JM (Jeff)	2M	S	✓
LOCKWOOD GK (Graham)	2L	S	A
LUKIS RAF (Rob)	2F	S	✓
MASON AGC (Allan)	10	I	✓
MIDDLETON HC (Harry)	2L	S	A
MOLONY JH (John)	2F	S	✓
MORRIS BM (Brian)	10	S	✓
MOUNTAIN KR (Ken)	2M	S	✓
MULLINS FA (Frank)	2F	S	✓
MYERS WT (Bill)	22	S	✓
McKAIGE RW (Bob)	10	S	✓
NEWELL LJ (Laurie)	10	I	✓
NEWTON JK (Joe)	22	S	✓
NOLAN .. (Michael)			✓
NORTH WJC (Bill)		I	A
O'NEILL DGF ("Bluey")	22	S	✓
O'SHAUGHNESSY KMM (Kevin)	10	S	✓
PEDDEY R (Russell)	22	S	✓
PICKING GG (Geoff)	2L	S	✓
ROBERTS FA (Frank)	2F	S	✓
ROSSI KV (Keith)	10	I	✓
ROTHEL RS (Bruce)	2L	S	✓
STONE D (Derrick)	2F	S	A
STONE M (Michael)	2F	S	A
TEDSTONE HD (Harry)	2F	S	✓
TIVEY BR (Bruce)	10	S	✓
TOMKINS KR (Ken)	22	S	✓
UPTON B (Bernie)	?	I	✓
van ASSCHE MR (Mich.)	2F	S	✓
WALKER GI (Geoff)	10	S	✓
WEIR DJ (Doug)	10	S	✓
WILLS RJ (Bob)	2M	S	
WISCHUSEN PJ (Peter)	?	I	A
WOODWARD P ("Paddy")	2M	I	✓ (BSM)

NOTES: Re Colm (d) (U=Unit); 10 = 10Fd; 22 = 22Fd; 2F = 2Fd;

2M = 2Mdm; 2L = 2LAA.

"" (e) (#= I or S); I = Instructor; S = Student.
 "" (f): ✓= Attending; A= Apology.



THE SEARCH FOR FORMER MEMBERS

We did not initially appreciate that because of the Battery's special status all formal administration of its members (instructors and students) was the responsibility of the members parent units, thus all Battery papers were subsumed into the files of those units, and sadly, they no longer exist.

We next wrote to CARO but that body receives so many research requests it was (at the time), unable to help us.

The groups collective memory was the course started with some 180 students. This dropped within the next 6 months to a "hard core" of about 120. Of the later about 50 were commissioned during or at the conclusion of the course. "Paddy" WOODWARD, our BSM, thinks our figures are about right. A number of other students were subsequently commissioned.

We were able to use the "Stud Book" to find many of those commissioned, but efforts to locate members who served on as NCOs were in default of CARO data, almost fruitless.

From [COL] ALAN MASON, "X" TROOP Commander, we have a HQ RAA Admin Instruction giving the Battery structure.

BHQ:

BC MAJ R.T. EASON
 BK CAPT W.H. JONES
 BSM WO P. WOODWARD

TROOPS:

W Troop - 2 Fd Regt
 X Troop - 10 Fd Regt (Part)
 Y Troop - 2 Mdm Regt
 10 Fd Regt (Part)
 Z Troop - 2 LAA Regt
 22 Fd Regt

W-TROOP INSTRUCTORS:

TC (Capt) NORTH
 Capt -
 Lt ROSSI
 WO/SGT UPTON
 FORD

X-TROOP INSTRUCTORS:

TC (Capt) MASON
 Capt PHILIPS
 Lt AYTON
 WO/SGT NEWELL

Y-TROOP INSTRUCTORS:

TC (Capt) DOUGLAS
 Capt -
 Lt -
 WO/SGT COOPER
 KNIGHT

Z-TROOP INSTRUCTORS:-----

TC (Capt) CUNNINGHAM
 Capt -
 Lt -
 WO/SGT -

["Specialists" came and went on an as-required basis].

THE BATTERY PARADES

Whilst we were sure, after 44 years, that the Battery ran from April 1951 to mid-1952, we found no parade cards to prove the long hard weary hours of training we endured.

But, as luck would have it, a group member found his sketchy 1951 & 1952 diaries. His diary notes, hereunder, confirmed such dates and what we always believed - that we performed beyond the call of duty.

"My 1951 and 52 diaries show the pattern of my parades; presumably, after allowing for "missed" parades (a factor common to all students), such pattern would be applicable to the overall student body. The date of the first parade of Blamey Battery is still unclear as, although I enlisted in 10 Fd regt on the 21st Mar 1951 (No 3/55380) the diary shows my first Army parade to have been with Blamey Battery at the beginning of May."

1951

(Parades are at Batman Ave unless otherwise stated.)

May: Wed 3, 31: Parades

June: Sat 2, Sun 3, Thu 7, 21, 28, Wed 31: Parades

July: Thu 5, 12, 19, 26: Parades
 Fri Ev 27 to Sun 29: Bivouac (Batman Ave) ["More study of pams read"]

August: Thu 9, 16, 23: Parades
 Fri Ev 24 to Sun 26: Bivouac (Batman Ave)
 Thu 30: Parade (7pm to 10pm)

September: Sat 1, Thu 13, 20: Parades
 Sun 16, Wed 19, Sun 23, Wed 26: "Toy Soldiers" practice
 Thu 27 (Show Day Pub.Ho!.): "To Drill Hall to return "Jungle greens".
 Sun 30: "Gun Drill as "Toy Soldiers" uniforms did not arrive."

October: Mon 1, Tue 2: "Toy Soldiers" practice (at Show Grounds)
 Thu 4, Fri 5, Sat 6: Army Tattoo: "Toy Soldiers" went off well. (Lawrie Newell trained us.)
 Thu 11: Parade ("Paid £0-15-0 Meal Allowance for 60-hour Course")
 Thu 18, 25, Sun 28 (AM): Parades

November: Thu 1, Sun 4, Thu 8, Sun 11: Parades
 Sun 13 (Empire Day) (AM): 19-Gun Salute for opening of Parliament
 Thu 15, Sun 18, Thu 22: Parades
 Sat 24: Parade; "Preparation for next week's shoot"
 Sun 25, Thu 29: Paradesp.4

Nov/Dec (Shooting bivouac): Fri 30 Nov: "8.30 pm, left for Pucka"; Sat 1 Nov: "12.45 am, arrived Pucka"; Sun 2: Pucka "Learnt a lot".

December: Sat 8: "Drill Hall 8am - 5pm; Practical Exam"
 Thu 13: : Parade "Written Exam"
 Mon 17: Pay Parade "E12-12-0"
 [A note for Fri 21st reads "Collected Militia Pay for Special Course £3-19-1"]
 [On a personal plane: I find, from my random diary notes, that my Public Service salary was about £13 per fortnight and I banked £3 and paid board of £3 to my parents.]

1952

January: Thu 10, Sun 20, Thu 24, 31: Parades
 Sat 26, Sun 27, Mon 28 (Aust Day): "At Pucka firing 5.5s"
 [A note for Wed 30th says "At Drill Hall to draw new gun drill pams and check Tattoo Pay".]

February: Sun 3, Thu 7, Sun 10, Wed 13, Thu 14: Parades
 Fri 15: "6.23 - 7.19pm; Fifty-six-Gun Salute in Kings Domain in Memory of HM King George VI."
 Sun 17, Wed 20, Thu 21, Sun 24, Thu 28: Parades

March: Sun 2, Wed 5, Thu 6, 13: Parades
 Sat 15: Parade "Tests (MI and Wireless)"
 Sun 16, Thu 20: Parades

Mar/Apr: Sat Mar 22 to Fri Apr 4 - Annual Camp at Seymour with Field Firing, etc, at Pucka, Tue 1 Apr to Thu 3 Apr.

April: Wed 9, Thu 10, Wed 16, Thu 17, Wed 23: Parades

Sun 27: "Passing-out Parade"

(Did this parade conclude the Course? The pattern of my attendances for the next few months, especially the appearance of Monday evening parades, suggests that Blamey Battery continued and that, for a while, members paraded with both that battery and their parent units.)

May: Mon 5, Mon 12, Wed 14, Sat 17, Sun 18, Mon 19, Wed 21, Mon 26, Wed 28: Parades

June: Mon 2, Wed 4, 11, 25: Parades
 Sat 14: Rifle Shoot at Williamstown
 Sat 21: First Appointment Exam, Subject A
 Sun 22: First Appointment Exam, Subject B
 Wed 25: Parade
 Mon 30: Pay parade; Parade pay £11-4-0; Empire Day £1-7-0

CONCLUSION

All of us would agree we greatly benefited from our Blamey Battery experience. We learnt much that was to help our future from the example and advice of our instructors. We are in debt to them.

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THANK YOU:

We would like to thank the following;

- [1]. JOHN MOLONY - who volunteered [?] to join our group and thereby reduced our workload.
- [2]. JOE NEWTON - Who told us where to find many members.
- [3]. LTCOL PETER ALKEMADE - CO 2/10 Mdm Regt for permission to use the Chapel St Depot.
- [4]. RSM GREG METCALF - Sgt Mess President & Mess Committee for the use of this most excellent Chapel St venue.
- [5]. Golden Days Radio, Community Radio - for broadcasting news of our reunion.
- [6]. RAA Association Victoria Inc - For support and encouragement.
- [7]. JOHN AUCHETTLE - The Editor of CASCABEL for featuring this reunion in its pages.

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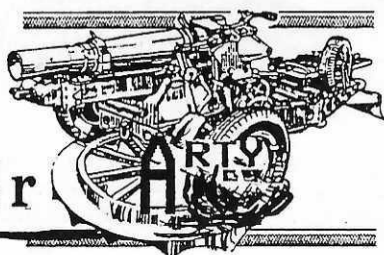
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**First
SHORT**

25 pdr



**NOTE ON THE
DEVELOPMENT OF THE
GUN 25 POUNDER SHORT
(Australia)**

By

COL J.P. BUCKLEY, OBE

R.A.E.M.E

Acting Director of Design & Development
1942 to 1943

In early September 1942, I was requested by LTCOL W. HALL, the Assistant Director of Armament (later BRIGADIER SIR WILLIAM HALL) to investigate the possibility of designing a mortar which would fire a standard 25 pounder artillery shell up to a range of 10,000 yards. This request was made to meet an urgent operational requirement in NEW GUINEA for a weapon with increased mobility compared to the existing 25 pounder field artillery piece, and an air drop capability.

Investigation showed it was not practical to design such a weapon without unacceptable characteristics. LTCOL HALL then suggested that the Design Directorate should look at the possibility of redesigning the standard 25 pounder gun, on the basis that no major component should exceed 400 lbs weight and that the maximum range of the weapon should be not less than 10,000 yards.

MAJOR EMERY (Assistant Director of Design-Armament & Ammunition) and CAPT WRIGGLESWORTH (Armament Design Engineer) were appointed by me, as the project engineers. In fact, as the project progressed WRIGGLESWORTH carried the main design responsibility. Work commenced in very close association with CHAS. RUWOLT PTY LTD, who were well experienced in armament production. Their executive engineer on the project, MR NORMAN BENNETT, had been a Captain in the Royal Australian Artillery (Heavy) at QUEENSLIFF. He gave absolute priority to the production of a "mock-up" and later to the pilot model.

The work proceeded rapidly, there was little paper work and all concerned worked as a very close knitted team. MAJGEN WHITELAW (Major General, Royal Artillery) gave every encouragement to the team, particularly through LTCOL A. ARTHUR (later Brigadier) and MAJOR C.C. THOMAS (later Brigadier) as his representatives, but the speed with which the pilot model was produced was mainly due to the

drive and strong leadership of LTCOL HALL.

The first proof of the pilot was carried out at FORT GELLIBRAND early in December 1942, just three months after the request was made. The proof was carried out by LTCOL H.B.L. GIPPS (Instructor General of Munitions) with MAJOR N. FORREST as Proof and Experimental Officer. MAJGEN WHITELAW was present as was BRIGADIER J.W. O'BRIEN the Deputy Master General of Ordnance (Equipment).

The proof was satisfactory, but it must be mentioned that the gun was not as stable as the standard 25 pounder particularly at higher ranges. Broadly, the gun met all the requirements in that at Charge 3 the range was 10,400 yards (9,514m), at Supercharge the range was 11,500 yards (10,520m) and the heaviest component (the recoil system, charged) weighed 408 lbs.

It was agreed that any disadvantages of the gun were outweighed by its strong points. Only minor modifications were necessary. It must be remembered that the gun was not designed as a replacement for the standard 25 pounder - it was designed for a special purpose to meet operational requirements in NEW GUINEA, namely to be air-portable, and man-portable in case of need.

Over 200 [212] short guns were produced and it was first used in operations near LAE on the 8th September 1943. LTCOL HALL was there to supervise a troop of the 2/4th Field Regiment.

The design and production of this gun was an excellent example of how a dedicated team of user, engineer, producer and inspector, working together, can meet an urgent operational requirement. From concept to action was just 12 months.

COL J.P. BUCKLEY, OBE
Melbourne 1981

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KEY MEMBERS:

ARTHUR, LTCOL A. - (later Brigadier).
BENNETT, MR NORMAN - CHAS. RUWOLT PTY LTD - Captain in the Royal Australian Artillery (Heavy) at QUEENSLIFF.
BUCKLEY, COL J.P., OBE - R.A.E.M.E Acting Director of Design & Development 1942 to 1943.
EMERY, MAJOR - Assistant Director of Design - Armament & Ammunition.
FORREST, MAJ N. - as Proof and Experimental Officer.
GIPPS, LTCOL H.B.L. - Instructor General of Munitions.
HALL, LTCOL W. - Assistant Director of Armament (later BRIG SIR WILLIAM HALL).
O'BRIEN, BRIG J.W. - Deputy Master General of Ordnance Equipment.
THOMAS, MAJ C.C. - (later Brigadier).
WHITELAW, MAJGEN - (Major General, Royal Artillery).
WRIGGLESWORTH, CAPT - Armament Design Engineer).

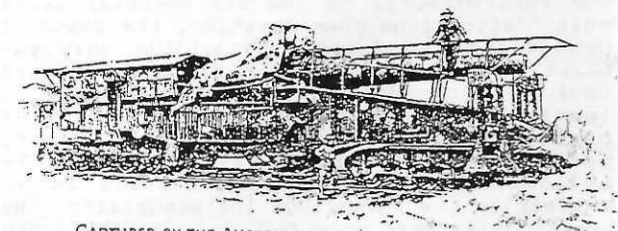
TECHNICAL DATA:

MUZZLE VELOCITY	- 1248 ft/sec Charge 3	
	- 1464 ft/sec Super	
BARREL LIFE	- 10,000 est rds	
ASSEMBLE TIME	- 2 min 24 sec	
DISMANTLE TIME	- 4 min 40 sec	
WEIGHTS	- trail front	361 lbs
	- trail rear	203
	- castor wheel	41
	- carrier dial sight	77
	- breech ring/block	282
	- jacket	257
	- barrel & muzzle cap	271
	- cradle / cap arc	283
	- recoil sys + 17lb oil	408
	- saddle & elev gear	226
	- axle, seg, stabilising	260
	- traversing gear	14
	- top stores tray	53
	- sundries	164
	TOTAL	2900 lbs

SOURCE:

The following article was sent to the EDITOR LT J.W. Auchettl on the 14 NOV 94, from WO2 BERNIE. V. UPTON - EX 2/8 Aust Fd Regt (AIF), 9 Aust Div, 2 Fd Regt (CMF). WO2 UPTON is an association member.

[46-ART-6]



CAPTURED BY THE AUSTRALIANS
A 14 C.M. German Naval Gun intact with its Train & Equipment.

**THE
GERMAN RAIL GUN
AT
CANBERRA**

By
MIKE CECIL

The article entitled "Canberra and the German Rail Gun" on page 16 of CASCABEL #45 was very interesting [R3]. It reminded me of some information I obtained by chance some time ago while conducting research into artillery weapons in Australian service, together with a published account of the gun's capture. The information may be of interest to fellow members.

The weapon referred to by Gnr EDMUND WILLIAMS appears to be the German 28-cm rail gun captured by a party from the 8th FIELD COMPANY, ROYAL AUSTRALIAN ENGINEERS near ROSIERES, FRANCE, on 9th August 1918. The incident is recounted in McNICOLL (1979) on page 145:

"... The 31st Bn drove the crew off a 28cm railway gun, one of those which had been shelling AMIENS and had been brought back to its home siding near ROSIERES. This lay on the enemy's side of the new front line. According to the 8th Field Company's official account of the incident, Lt G. BURROWS of the 14th Field Company, at the time attached to the 8th, decided that the prize could not be left in No Mans Land. With Sappers STRAHAN and PALMER, he raised steam in the locomotive, shunted off the burning coaches which had housed the crew, coupled up the gun with two ammunition trucks and two armourer's trucks and brought them, under intermittent shell fire, to the north of HARBONNIERES, where progress was halted by a break in the line. During the night a section of the 8th Field Company repaired the line... The locomotive was watered, steam raised again, and after various vicissitudes the train was hauled safely inside the 5th Division's defenses..." [R1].

Following the end of WW1, the railway gun was brought to Australia as a war trophy, where it formed part of the Australian War Memorial's national collection and resided, complete and assembled, at the CANBERRA Railway Station.

In 1942, there arose a need at the Proof Establishment, PORT WAKEFIELD, South Australia, for a mounting capable of withstanding the recoil from the proof firing of 8-inch naval guns. As no other suitable mountings were available, the Army (who were responsible for the Proof Establishment) requested the loan of the mounting from the rail gun. The AWM agreed on condition that all borrowed parts were returned to Canberra and re-assembled when no longer required for the proof tests.

Consequently, the gun barrel, which was not required, was removed and left in storage at the Canberra Railway Station. To facilitate moving the mounting to South Australia, the remainder of the assembly, viz, bogies, carriage and mounting, was moved by rail to ALBURY, where it was disassembled. The bogies and carriage were subsequently stored at 1 Central Ordnance Depot, BANDIANA, while the mounting (the only part actually required for the proof firing) was moved by road to PORT WAKEFIELD, where it remained in use for some years. Confirmation that the items were still at BANDIANA and PORT WAKEFIELD in 1954 is provided by various correspondence and an entry in a list of captured enemy equipment dated 6 August 1954:

"Carriages, Rail, Gun Mounting; 1; This Carriage complete with mounting and ordnance was captured by the 1st AIF in the 1914-18 war. The ordnance is in Canberra ... The mounting is held at Port Wakefield Proof and Test Range. The carriage has a rail gauge of 4 foot 8.5-inches is held at 1COD." [R2].

About 1953, negotiations were entered into about the return of the rail gun to Canberra, and the matter resulted in regular correspondence between the Army Department of Supply, and the AWM. At about the same time, the Commandant, RMC, requested that, upon the gun's return to Canberra, the AWM consider erecting it on a site at Mt PLEASANT as a memorial.

In December 1954, the DCGS indicated that the Army would be prepared to meet its obligations regarding the return of the railway gun to Canberra, estimated to be in the vicinity of 3300 pounds for the transportation, and 3900 pounds for its re-assembly!

There was a problem, however, as the AWM was "requesting" that the Army pay for the whole task of transportation and reassembly at the Mt Pleasant site, rather than returning the gun to the Canberra Railway Station as originally agreed. The change in destination was going to be more expensive, as it necessitated additional transportation costs and preparation of the new site, including the provision of a short section of rail line. Following further correspondence, the AWM indicated that it did not have the additional funds (several hundred pounds). The AWM was, however, willing to obtain the required rails for the Mt Pleasant site, but that was all.

In correspondence of 10 November 1955, the problem was succinctly expressed by the Secretary of the Department of Supply in the following terms.

"The Australian War Memorial Board of Management has expressed its willingness to arrange for the provision of rails at the site but is unable to undertake the movement of the barrel. It therefore appears that the project cannot proceed unless the Army undertakes ... [transportation and assembly at the new site] ... at an estimated cost of 7,879 pounds."

In the meantime, the AWM Board of Management had met on 8 November, and decided that the Rail Gun would not be installed on Mt Pleasant, and that the mounting should remain at Port Wakefield. Why the AWM did not take the opportunity to have the rail gun assembled at the Canberra Railway Station in accordance with the original agreement and at the total expense of the Army, is not indicated. In any event, it would appear that the AWM's decision resulted in the loss of the opportunity to have this unique weapon re-assembled.

The barrel and the structure which roofed over the loading area remained in Canberra, and were eventually installed on the area near the AWMs main entrance. They were still there in 1994. Without its mounting, it sits on concrete blocks looking rather awkward.

No official information relating to the fate of the remainder of the weapon has as yet come to light. Perhaps members with contacts at Port Wakefield and Bandiana might be able to make further enquiries.

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THE

GERMAN RAIL GUN

By

MAJ J.C. ARMSTRONG, ED

I offer some comments on a item in the recent edition of "Casabel" #45 [15]. There were articles about the "Amiens Gun" (captured by Australian troops in 1918) in "Stand To" of July-August 1962 [1], and the "Army Journal" of early 1975 [2]. I do not have either on record, but as a result of correspondence between myself and the Editor of the "Army Journal" in 1975 Mr N.J. FLANAGAN, then Director of the Australian War Memorial, wrote as follows:

"..... In 1954 the Australian War Memorial [3] was advised by the Director of Inspection, Department of Supply [4], that the mounting (of the gun) was no longer required at PORT WAKEFIELD. Then began discussions as to the ultimate disposal of the gun barrel, mountings and bogies, extending over some years. At one stage consideration was given to assembling the complete equipment on Mt PLEASANT. In 1964, the then Director of the War Memorial wrote that "after long consideration, the Board of Management ... decided to exhibit only the barrel. In reaching this decision the Board took into consideration the enormous cost involved in the removal of the component parts, and there was considerable doubt, because of its immensity, as to the suitability of the gun as a whole as an exhibit in the grounds of the memorial". The gun's bogies were sold for scrap in 1961. The mounting was similarly disposed of in November 1963". [1 & 2].

Sic transit gloria mundi! I am not sure how the reported BANDIANA sojourn relates to that at PORT WAKEFIELD, but certainly the barrel, alone, remains at the War Memorial.

A poor remnant of this historic war trophy, which had significance for Australian Infantrymen, Engineers and Gunners alike.

MAJ J. CHRIS ARMSTRONG, ED

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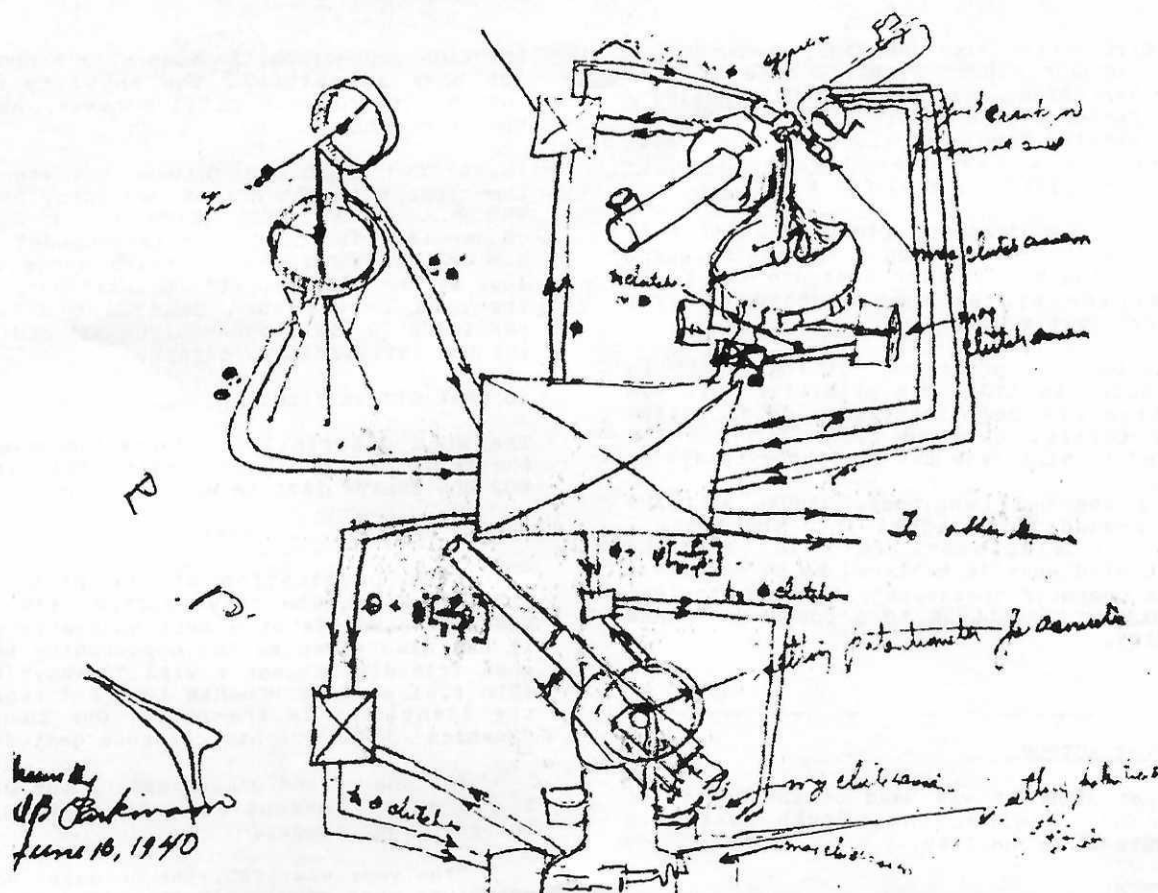
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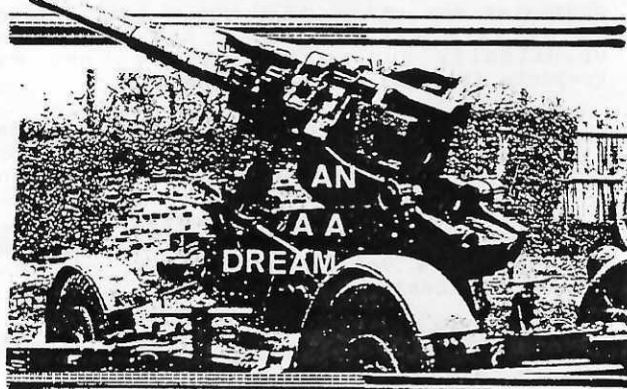
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[46-ART-3]



D. B. Parkinson's 1940 drawing for the M-9 gunnery control system. It incorporated vacuum tube amplifiers set up as the now familiar operational amplifier.

Pic. (C) SYDENHAM - "Electronics - Is Easy".



AN ANTI AIRCRAFT
DREAM
THEN THE
ANALOGUE COMPUTER

By

PROF PETER. H. SYDENHAM
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F.I.I.C.A., M.I.E.Aust

The war effort stimulated many ideas. In the area of gunfire control, electronic analogue methods were used in a system known as M-9. The system originated as the result of a dream on night of the 18th June 1940.

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The designer, DAVID. B. PARKINSON, had the dream after the disappointing DUNKIRK saga. PARKINSON "saw" guns firing under "automatic control", based on information about speed and position of the aircraft. [Above].

Eventually his dream turned into a reality which worked well against non-evasive targets. In fact M-9 systems shot down 4672 of the 4883 V1's [buzz bomb] aimed towards Britain during WWII.

That was significant enough at the time, but more significant still was the concept of the "operational amplifier" used in the system. It showed how mathematics can be performed in a general way using a single kind of amplifier connected in just a few basic and simple ways to suit a vast set of needs. The modern form of analogue computer had arrived! (11).

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DEATH OF PIONEER
GEORGE ROBERT STIBITZ
ACK ACK COMPUTER

Further to the above article, Members may also find the following death notice of some interest. Being Artillery in nature and recent it should be noted.

On the 31st Jan 1995, computer pioneer GEORGE ROBERT STIBITZ, died at home in NEW HAMPSHIRE, aged 90, [b 1904]. Hailed as the father of the modern digital computer, George Stibitz developed his first commercial machines as a means of directing anti-aircraft artillery in WWII. [R2 & R3].

American communications giant AT-and-T Bell for whom Stibitz worked as a wartime research mathematician say Stibitz designed the first electronics system that changed the way computers were made.

Stibitz built a primitive "binary adder" in his kitchen in 1937. His primitive unit was made from dry cell batteries, metal strips from a tobacco can and flash light bulbs soldered to wire from two telephone relays.

Stibitz and Bell engineer, SAMUEL WILLIAMS later expanded the adder into the Model I Computer Calculator. In 1940, Stibitz demonstrated what is believed to be the first "remote computer operation", sending problems from DARTMOUTH COLLEGE to a computer in NEW YORK CITY.

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Professor SYDENHAM was Head of the School of Electronic Engineering, South Australia Institute of Technology.

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[46-ART-7]



2 Fd Regt RAA
FRED DARMODY'S
COMMERCIAL HOTEL

ALEXANDRA
Annual Camp 1965

FROM

WO2 BRUCE B. GREEN
WO2 BOB SPLATT
WO2 JOHN WOODHOUSE

In the last Journal CASCABEL #45, page 23/24, we asked Members to name as many of the SNCO in the 2 Fd Regt Sergeants Mess

function photograph. In a show of support, we got back 14 returns. The majority of the returns covered two to five names, however, no one got the lot.

In the end there can only be one winner and the closest to the MPI was an entry from WO2 BRUCE B. GREEN. WO2 GREEN is an ex 2 Fd gunner [#41 in photo] and if you want to see how WO2 GREEN looks 30 years later have a look at the "AGM Report" in this Journal. The next best return came from BRIG DOUG PERRY RFD ED. Well done to you all and thanks for the extraordinary effort.

So what did we find out?

The most descriptive information came from the organizer of the function. This is what WO2 BOB SPLATT [#25 in photo] reports;

"The publication of the MESS DINNER photograph in the July CASCABEL #45 evoked pleasant memories of a most enjoyable night. It has also given me the opportunity to have some friendly arguments with "Swampy" WATERS [Pic #26] and JOE MONAHAN [Pic #8] regarding the identities in the photo. Our thanks to "Mumbles" JONES for his generous gesture".

"As one of the organizers of the Dinner, I can supply essential details which may interest your readers".

"The year was 1965, the occasion was the SERGEANTS MESS FORMAL DINNER held during 2 Fd Regt RAA Annual Camp (at the old MASONITE FACTORY in EILDON) and the place was FRED DARMODY'S Commercial Hotel in ALEXANDRA. As you can see from the photo, the Sergeants Mess was rather large so FRED's Hotel was chosen as the venue. FRED was a good friend of my late fathers and I had taken the opportunity during the camp to pay my respects (several times, in fact)".

"The problem of licensing laws (6pm closing was still in force) was solved by obtaining the approval of the Formation Commander (I'm not sure as to who was the incumbent at the time - PETER TURNER, perhaps?) for the occasion to be declared "an official Mess Gathering" or whatever the correct expression is".

"The Officer-In-Charge of ALEXANDRA POLICE at the time, another old friend of mine in the person of SERGEANT MAX PORTER, was highly suspicious of the whole affair but we managed to convince him of the legality of the occasion".

"As far as names are concerned, I'll confine myself to the "important" people in the third row. From left to right, they are WO2 MICK BAUN, WO2 DON MALCOLM, ADJT CAPT "Rusty" HOMES, CO LTCOL LAURIE NEWELL, 2IC MAJ GEORGE DEAN, RQMS WO2 JACK CAHILL, yours truly (being organizer obviously carried some benefit) and QM MAJ "Swampy" WATERS".

"The civilian on the right is GIL FOSTER [Pic 54#] who was the local Fisheries and Game Inspector at the time and who really enjoyed our company whilst we were in the area".

To add to the above information, the following items should be noted.

From WO2 JOHN WOODHOUSE;

"The dark haired WO seated on the CO's right is WO2 DICK MATHEWS [Pic #21]. DICK was a WO2 when I last saw him. He was an ARA AIG attached to 10th Field Regt, at the FRANKSTON DEPOT in Railway Parade during the 1950's. He was later posted overseas to either BORNEO or MALAYA, I understand. A very nice bloke. Wherever he is today, I wish him well".

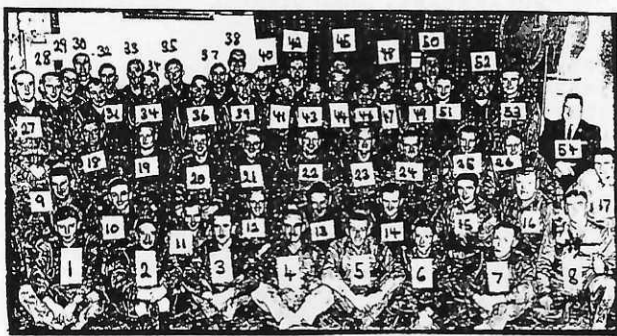
"In the fourth row from the front, [Pic #28] is WO2 BRIAN CORNELL (his rank when I last knew him). BRIAN was one of my TSM's, C Troop I think, in 10 Medium Regt RAA (Formerly 10 Fd Regt) in the 1950s".

From WO2 BRUCE GREEN;

"The photo was taken by ALAN WEEKS, 8 Johnstone Street, ALEXANDRA, copy no B17-1".

THE SMCOS LIST

THE 1965 SERGEANTS MESS FORMAL DINNER held during 2 Fd Regt RAA Annual Camp, location FRED DARMODY'S Commercial Hotel in ALEXANDRA.



FRONT ROW:

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|------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| [1]. | SGT GRAHAM MULDOON | - |
| [2]. | SGT (Nugent) JONES | - |
| [3]. | SGT GEOFF B. REBBECHI | - Gun [CAPT] |
| [4]. | ? | |
| [5]. | SGT E. (Ocker) BROOKS | - BQMS 3 Bty |
| [6]. | WO2 JIM BREEZE | - LAD |
| [7]. | WO2 FRED FAHEY | - TSM 2 Bty [WO1] |
| [8]. | WO1 JOE MONAGHAN | - RSM RHQ |

SECOND ROW:

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|-------|-------------------|-----------------|
| [9]. | ? | - LAD |
| [10]. | SGT RICK EASON | - Gun TARA |
| [11]. | SGT BOB ? | - Gun |
| [12]. | SGT HARRY BATES | - Gun 2 Bty |
| [13]. | Sgt JEFF CROSS | - HQ BTY TPT |
| [14]. | SGT BRIAN JOYCE | - Gun 3 Bty |
| [15]. | SGT ROY HAMPTON | - HQ BTY |
| [16]. | SSGT BILL BURGESS | - RHQ ADMIN ARA |
| [17]. | ? | |

THIRD ROW:

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|-------|------------------------|----------------------------------|
| [18]. | SGT LINOEL (Mick) BAUN | - Gun Sig 3 Bty
later WO2 [d] |
| [19]. | WO2 DON MALCOLM | - BSM 3 Bty [d] |
| [20]. | CAPT "Rusty" HOMES | - ADJT RHQ ARA |
| [21]. | WO1 DICK MATHEWS | - DAZM ARA |
| [22]. | LTCOL LAURIE J. NEWELL | - CO 2 Fd Regt |
| [23]. | MAJ GEORGE DEAN | - 2IC BC 2 Bty |
| [24]. | WO2 JACK CAHILL | - RQMS ARA |
| [25]. | SGT R.J.H (BOB) SPLATT | - HQ Bty Admin |

[later WO2]

- [26]. CAPT R.A. "Swampy" WATERS - QM [later Major ARA]

BACK ROW:

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|-------|----------------------|---------------------------------|
| [27]. | SGT HUGH WILSON | - Gun TARA [Off] |
| [28]. | SGT BRIAN CORNELL | - [WO2] |
| [29]. | SGT JACK BOLT | - |
| [30]. | SGT BOB FREELAND | - TARA [Off] |
| [31]. | SSGT FRANK MOULIN | - BQMS 2 Bty |
| [32]. | SGT MICK ? | - Gun TARA |
| [33]. | SGT LAWRIE JONES | - Gun |
| [34]. | SGT JOHN FAIRBROTHER | - Gun 3 Bty |
| [35]. | SGT PETER NEVILLE | - |
| [36]. | SGT JOHN OLNEY | - Sig Sgt 2 Bty |
| [37]. | SGT JEFF HOWSON | - TPT HQ Bty |
| [38]. | SGT KEITH HODGSON | - Gun TARA 2 Bty |
| [39]. | SGT BERNIE PEARSON | - Gun TARA [Off] |
| [40]. | ? | - |
| [41]. | WO2 BRUCE GREEN | - TSM 2 Bty [BSM] |
| [42]. | SGT JOHN LOCH | - HQ Bty |
| [43]. | WO2 EDDIE CAVE | - BSM HQ Bty |
| [44]. | WO2 DARBY O'TOOLE | - TSM 3 Bty
[BSM then DAZM] |
| [45]. | ? | - |
| [46]. | WO2 DAN O'BRIEN | - Sig WO HQ Bty |
| [47]. | SGT P. HARRIS | - Gun 2 Bty |
| [48]. | WO2 G.S. CECIL | - BSM 2 Bty |
| [49]. | ? | - ARA |
| [50]. | WO2 BRIAN HARRIS | - WO Caterer HQ |
| [51]. | SGT ROGER SMITH | - Gun 3 Bty |
| [52]. | SGT BARRY O'LOUGHLIN | - HQ Bty TPT [d] |
| [53]. | SGT BRUCE BINGHAM | - TARA
[WO Caterer] |
| [54]. | MR GIL FOSTER | - Fisheries &
Game Inspector |

NOTE: [d] = Now deceased
[Off] = Later Officer or that Rank.

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| BATES 12 | FOSTER 54 | MOULIN 31 |
| BAUN 18 | FREELAND 30 | MULDOON 1 |
| BINGHAM 53 | GREEN 41 | NEWELL 22 |
| BOLT 29 | HAMPTON 15 | NEVILLE 35 |
| BREEZE 6 | HARRIS 47 | OLNEY 36 |
| BROOKS 5 | HARRIS 50 | O'BRIEN 46 |
| BURGESS 16 | HODGSON 38 | O'LOUGHLIN 52 |
| CAHILL 24 | HOMES 20 | O'TOOLE 44 |
| CAVE 43 | HOWSON 37 | PEARSON 39 |
| CECIL 48 | JONES 2 | REBBECHI 3 |
| CORNELL 28 | JONES 33 | SMITH 51 |
| CROSS 13 | JOYCE 14 | SPLATT 25 |
| DEAN 23 | LOCH 42 | WATERS 26 |
| EASON 11 | MALCOLM 19 | WILSON 27 |
| FAHEY 7 | MATHEWS 21 | |
| FAIRBROTHER | MONAGHAN 8 | |
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COMPILATION:

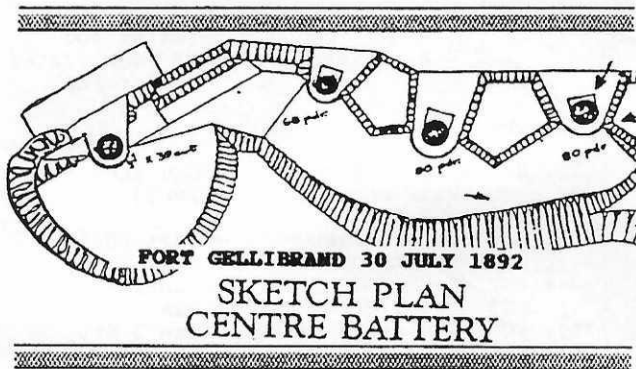
- [1]. The following list has been compiled by the Editor from a number of sources.

ACCURACY:

- [1]. The list is accurate as we can presently make it, and is open to change.

EDITORS NOTE:

- [1]. If you can offer more information or improve the accuracy of the list then please forward your suggestions.



**WILLIAMSTOWNS PLACE
IN MILITARY HISTORY
FORT GELLIBRAND
RESTORATION**

By

LTCOL JOHN. E SLEE
Royal Australian Engineers

JIM NEWLANDS articles "Fortifications Explained", several reminiscences by Fortress Engineers and the announcement about proposed Gunsite Excursions make it timely to report on progress with the restoration of FORT GELLIBRAND, on the site of one of the earliest defence works for the Colony of Victoria, dating back to the 1860s.

We are indebted to "Roll Call", Newsletter of the FORT GELLIBRAND RESTORATION SOCIETY, October 1994, for the following story.

Two years after what was no more than a good idea was proposed August-September 1994 saw the idea turn into reality with work being completed on restoration of Emplacement G1 of the old Fort. At a time when inertia, indifference and lack of funds make it hard enough to repaint a sign or plant a tree at an historic site, the speed and efficiency with which this work has been done at WILLIAMSTOWN is quite remarkable - and the work continues.

Once G1 housed a muzzle-loading piece similar to the Armstrong guns now displayed at the Fort. A team of 10 of 12 men would have served the Gun. But the Russians were no longer coming by the end of the century, the weapon became obsolete, and earth movement, producing great cracks in the concrete structure hastened the slide to decay.

Credit must go to a small active group whose untiring commitment got things underway. Funding of \$20,000 under the National Estate Grants Program, helped by private donations and membership support, has enabled the Society to proceed so far. Thanks goes from the Society to their contractor GERRY MCHARG who gave us reasonable quotes and a high standard of workmanship and took a personal interest in the enterprise.

But restoration of old Forts does not come cheap. At G1 the Society spent close to \$31,000, and was still forced to defer some work.



FIG: 1 Taken from the SIR W. G. ARMSTRONG 9-inch RML c1867 of 12 tons #1675 looking East. Fort Gellibrand 18.9.1994. Pic (C) J.V. ARCHER, 95

But enthusiasm has not waned. Fort Gellibrand Restoration Society sees the restored G1 as a reproach to indifference, and a challenge to people not only in the City of HOBSONS BAY, (formerly WILLIAMSTOWN), but in the wider Victorian community, and indeed to State and Federal administrations. Further funding will be applied for, and greater public support will be sought.

Delving further into history, in a recent publication of the English Coastal Defence Study Organization, MICHAEL KITSON described in detail the construction and equipment of FORT GELLIBRAND.

Space does not permit inclusion of all of this report. However, it is worth noting that the original Fort covered about 15 acres. Comprising 3 batteries, "Left", "Centre" and "Right", its original purpose was defence of the inner waters of PORT PHILIP, or HOBSONS BAY, which was the main anchorage for shipping before the Yarra River was dredged and developed. The Fort underwent considerable change as the main (outer) line of defence was gradually centre on PORT PHILLIP HEADS in 1870s and 1880s, and its guns were frequently moved to other sites in the defences.

It seems likely from KITSON'S description that G1 was part of the "Centre Battery", since the "Right Battery" became a cricket ground in the 1880s, while the "Left", or



FIG: 2 The right 3 ton BL site. Fort Gellibrand 1994. Pic (C) J.V. ARCHER, 95

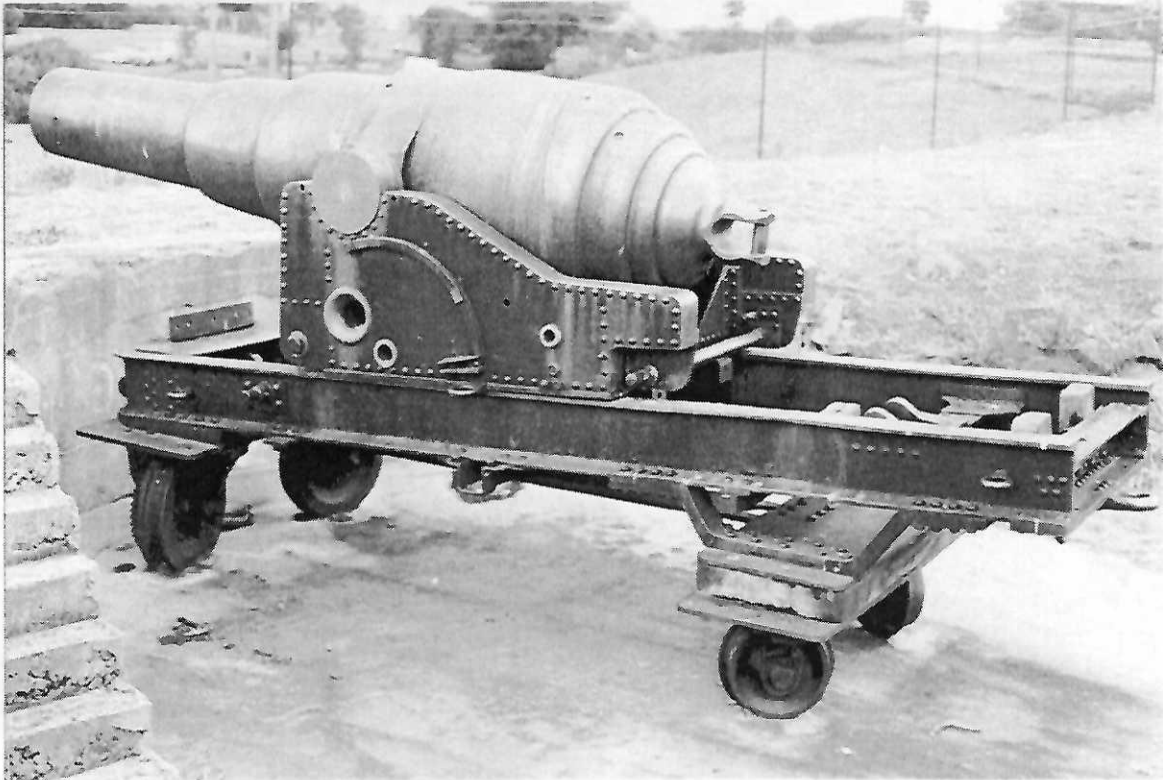


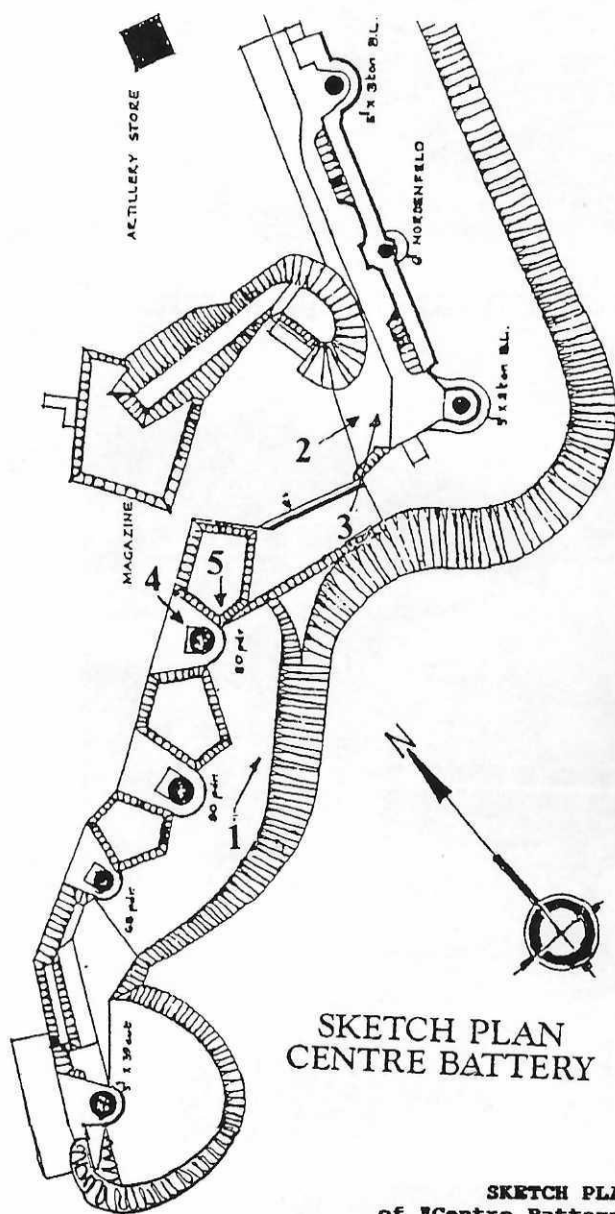
FIG: 4 The SIRW.G ARMSTRONG 9-inch RML cl867 of 12 tons #1675 looking West.
Port Gellibrand 18.9.1994. Pic (C) J.R. MCINTYRE 95



FIG: 5 Taken from the SIRW.G ARMSTRONG 9-inch RML cl867 of 12 tons #1675
looking East. ARMSTRONG #1669 is in the distance. Port Gellibrand 18.9.1994.
Pic (C) J.R. MCINTYRE 95



FIG: 3 Far left of picture is the left 3 ton BL site, mid is the NORDENFELT site and the right housed the other right 3 ton BL. Fort Gellibrand 1994. Pic (C) J AUCHETTE 95.



"Lighthouse Battery" was rebuilt in 1982 as an "Emergency Battery" of a more temporary nature.

FORT GELLIBRAND is part of a much larger historical precinct, POINT GELLIBRAND, which contains many sites and structures of significance in the development of Victoria: and a recent article in "The AGE" discussed the hopes and fears of organization such as the Friends of POINT GELLIBRAND in regard to proposed or suggested development of much of the area for residential, industrial or recreational purposes. Much of the land and historic structures on it do not have the protection which the Fort has by being at least partially on Army land.

JOHN STEVENS, the writer of the article, refers to a map prepared by local historians which "makes Point Gellibrand look like a treasure island, which indeed it is, archaeologically speaking. Beneath landfill of up to four metres are buried a number of known structures of great historical significance and doubtless many artifacts nobody knows about".

He believes "it would be a terrible thing" for this last major site pertaining to settlement of Melbourne that has not been redeveloped or substantially altered to be sold off by the State.

Perhaps the example of the FORT restoration and the enthusiasm of the Society will inspire others, and local and state authorities, to work towards suitable preservation of the whole area.

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THANK YOU:

The RAA Assn Victoria, wish to thank the following;

- [1]. LTCOL JOHN SLEE, RAE Melb.
- [2]. Fort Gellibrand Restoration Society.
- [3]. Mr JOHN STEVENS of the AGE.
- [4]. Mr MICHAEL KITSON.

SOURCE:

The following article was extracted from "SAPPER SUMMIT", RAE Corps Newsletter, Southern Reg, DEC 94, Vol 3 Issue 4, p10-11

REFERENCE:

- [1]. "Roll Call", Newsletter of the Fort Gellibrand Restoration Society, Oct 1994.

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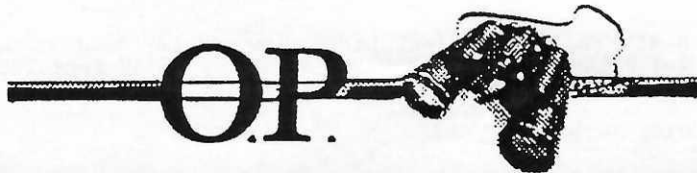
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THE WORD ARTILLERY?

FROM: MAJ MICHAEL R. VAN ASSCHE, ED

The following was taken from the SUNDAY AGE of the 30 July 1995 from the section called "IN A WORD";

"The word ARTILLERY comes from the Middle English "ARTILRIE", which in turn comes from the old French "ARTILLERIE", meaning implements of war."

[SOURCE: Letter to Editor Lt J.W. Auchettl, 31st July 1995].

GUNS OF THE REGT - AUTHOR?

The author of that much use and quote 1981 artillery book "Guns of the Regiment" the then COL S.N. GOWER has been found in print again in a sales brochure, endorsing the new Lt Col Dr DAVID HORNER book "The Gunners". Members may be interested to note that he is at present - General Officer Commanding HQ Training Command as Major General S.N. GOWER, AM.

50th YEAR AT SCHOOL OF ARTILLERY

The President of the RAA Association NSW, LT COL BROADHEAD, reports that past and present Gunners came together to celebrated Australia's contribution in the AMIENS OFFENSIVE of WW1. August 8th marked the 77th anniversary of what is believed to be the greatest concentration of guns at that time. No other Australian had commanded as many guns before or since that action.

"The Gunners big day out comprised an "Artillery Assembly" where the states of the Australian Artillery in 1945 and 1995 were examined by a range of speakers. A keynote speaker was military historian and retired ARA Infantry LT COL Dr DAVID HORNER".

LT COL BROADHEAD said DR HORNER also was guest of honour at the Annual Gunner Dinner with SIR RODEN CUTLER, VC AK KCME KCVO OBE.

"The Dinner marked 50 years of the School of Artillery (13 June) on the North Head Site".

[SOURCE: RAA ASSN NSW, "GUNFIRE", 2/95 June 95, p2 - ARMY, #888, Sept 7 95, p7]

AIRBORNE ARTY TO VIETNAM

In the JULY edition of "TIGER RAG" the official newsletter of the 105th Fd Bty RAA Assn, Editor and publisher LT COL ARTHUR BURKE reports;



"Did you know that relationship between the units of the 173rd Airborne Brigade & 105th Fd Bty goes back much further than that first tour of VIETNAM? Remembering that the 105th was a Battery of 4th Fd Regt RAA at the time it was warned for service in Vietnam, I couldn't help reminiscing recently that this bond went back to WW2.

"...back to that unique parachute drop of the 2/4th Fd Regt at NADZAB on 5th Sept 1943. This was the culmination of a two week crash course for 4 officers and 30 ORs of the two gun Short 25pdr section of 2/4th.

"The course was conducted by the 503rd Parachute Infantry Regt whose airborne assault on the same day had only the Aussie Light Section for artillery support once it hit the ground".

"Thus, when 4th Fd Regt's first Battery to deploy to Vietnam set up shop near the 1st & 2nd Battalions of the 503rd Infantry on 30 Sept 1965 a link just over 22 years old was reformed".

[SOURCE: TIGER RAG, July 1995, p8].

WHO WON THE WAR

SIR RODEN CUTLER, VC was an assistant commissioner in Commonwealth Dept of Repatriation, Melbourne on 15th Aug 1945, the end of WWII. SIR RODEN had gone to a limb factory to have work done on his artificial leg;

"When I returned to my office in Collins Street about 10 o'clock in the morning, I realised the war in the Pacific was over..... A woman then came up to me and ~thanked~ me for winning the war. I didn't know I'd won the war but I was glad it was over".

[SOURCE: VETAFFAIRS, AUG 95, p9]

105th Fd Bty VICTORIAN GUNNERS?

Are you an X-Member of 105th Fd Bty? Then your Bty would like to make contact with you. The Secretary of 105 Fd Bty, BOB LONG has an appeal out to the lost 254 gunners. Why not drop a line or give them a call.

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[SOURCE: TIGER RAG, July 1995, p11].

ARTILLERY & RAAF WEATHERMEN

John LAHEY of the AGE, wrote an interesting article about Weatherman DR JOHN MIDDLETON who now lives in LILYDALE. DR MIDDLETON was with the RAAF Meteorological Service and recalls secret weather operations in Australia and behind Jap lines. The RAAF took over the 200 strong Bureau of Meteorology on 19 Apr 41. By wars end it was 900 strong and at 150 locations in Aust/PNG. He notes that by the end of the war some ~mobile met flights~, provided front line wind & temperature information essential for accurate ARTILLERY fire. We sometime forget how important the unseen units were to the war effort. However, Gunners always remember the importance of weather!

[REF: LAHEY, Mr JOHN, "Wartime Weather Men had a Sticky Time", THE AGE, 14th Aug 1995, p4].

FIRST ARTY BARRAGE?

FROM: "Gunners At War" by SHELFORD BIDWELL R.A. 1970

It is a truism that no arm can stand by itself. These simplicities were firmly grasped by GENERAL MONASH, who commanded the Australian Corps and who designed and fought an action on 4 July 1918 at HAMEL, which was a model of its kind. His aim was to bite off a salient and seize the village of HAMEL and some high ground beyond it overlooking his position. The essence of the whole scheme was surprise. There was no preliminary bombardment, not even a brief hurricane bombardment as used at CAMBRAI. Nothing was done to arouse enemy suspicions. Instead of coloured ~lines~ marking objects, ~operational areas~ were selected, each for a battalion group of infantry and tanks. These were assembled with great secrecy and formed up, the tanks leading in the classic fashion on lines of white tape in the dark. Zero hour was 3:10am, first light, as the tanks began to move a fully predicted barrage, probably the first in history and a vigorous counter battery programme started with a crash.

Sent in by SGT BOB MILLER, 5th Sep 1995

[46-OP]

Editor



[] Welcome to another edition of our Journal.

It is official, I am back again for another year. And from the correspondence and feedback from Members and observers the current format of our Journal is a winner. This first hurdle was the most complex, as change can rattle everyone. However, in this case we seem to have created a positive and fruitful transition.

The next thing to do will be to refine the Journal to fit our needs and wants. Yet my primary aim is to weave existing faces and current events into our Artillery History. This gives us all a place in that history and offers our future Gunners a sense of stewardship and connection to us.

UPDATED HISTORY

Over the next 12 months, we hope to bring to members a precise history of the RAA Association Victoria. This is a complex task and the Secretary Major ROBIN SMITH has taken up the challenge.

At present there has been a number of small changes to page 2, but we still lack the full story. Just keep an eye open to any update in that area.

WELCOME TO QUEENSLAND

I want to send a special "Hello" to Gunner friends and members in Queensland. It looks as if we have struck a chord in the "Sunshine State" and over the past three months, I have received a number of letters and items of interest from up north.

GROUP PHOTOGRAPHS

10 FIELD REGIMENT - 1954

10 MEDIUM REGIMENT - Q BTY - 1959

WO2 JOHN WOODHOUSE, [Frankston] has sent a copy of two Gunner photographs. They are of great value and JOHN has been able to supply the name of each member in the snap.

- One is of 10 Fd Regt at site 17, Seymour May/June 1954.
The CO was LTCOL J.C. TATCHELL.
- The other was WO & Sgts of Q-Bty, 10 Medium Regt 12 May 1959.
The BC was MAJ DAVENPORT.

This will interest many members and historians and I will try and have them reproduced in a future edition. Thanks John.

WO2 ALAN HALBISH

Many Association Members will be interested to learn that WO2 ALAN HALBISH, is recuperating after major surgery. BARBARA HALBISH reports that all went well, and Alan took 5 week RNR at his ASPENDALE home after the surgery. Cause "Lifting to many Bombs!"

NATIONAL ARTY MUSEUM

Members should place in their Christmas holidays itinerary a stop at the **National Artillery Museum, MANLY**. I have visited MANLY on a number of occasion and found the Museum a terrific place. At only \$3/adult & \$1/child the effort will be well rewarded. The Museum has a full time curator WO2 S.J. CRAWFORD. It is open Sat/Sun from noon to 4:00pm and Wednesdays. Try and have a look!

FINALLY

Finally, thank you to all those who have taken the time to write, and welcome to all who have just join us as members. I hope you enjoy this issue of the Journal. Don't stop those letters and messages coming in.

"I WISH YOU ALL - A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR"

JOHN AUCHETTLE - Lt
EDITOR

[46-JOHN]

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military and life style subjects with many reproductions, 16-18 articles and lots of Artillery for us. The article subjects are interesting to the average reader and the illustrations in this first edition are excellent. The Journal is full of advertisement for functions and places with historical significance to see or visit.

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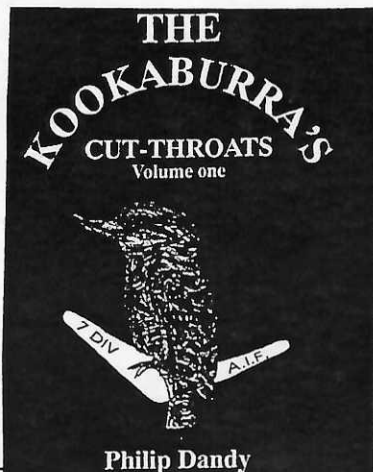
"THE KOOKABURRAS CUT-THROATS - VOL I"

BY PHILIP DANDY

Author PHILIP DANDY in this first volume has produced an interesting 7 Division MARKHAM & RAMU Valley campaign history, commencing on the 1st Sept 1943 at TSILI TSILI until the 31 Oct 1943 on SHAGGY RIDGE. The book (in very large print) brings together the threads of the 6 months campaign against the Japs in NEW GUINEA. MAJ GEN VASEY'S fighting battalions had fought a number of major battles in the drive north and the 7 Div saw action along the MARKHAM VALLEY Road, KAIAPIT, SURINAM VALLEY, JOHNS KNOLL and then at SHAGGY RIDGE. There is a lot of important events for gunners, starting with the first "Arty Para drop" by 2/4th Fd Regt "Light Section" into NADZAB with the 503rd Para Inf Regt. Artillery is well covered.

The information in this book has been extracted from many other books and unit histories into a nicely condensed overview. The only major problem with the

book, is the lack of correct reference for the original books, AWM reports & sources within the text. However, DANDY acknowledges this fact and he still has the next volume to correct this error when the important index is produced.



This is a very interesting and nicely produced book and with only 1000 produced we highly recommended it to our readers. A good read!

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[46-BOOKS]

ERRATUM

For future information accuracy, Members are asked to make the following error corrections to their listed CASCABEL Journal.

[1]. #45 - Page 14 - SEE: line 17 "4 FD REGT - QLD".

ERROR: "4 FD REGT - QLD..."
CHANGE: *** Delete ***

"The Editor wishes to apologise for the above error"

Learn

QUESTION 1:

Close and general support artillery are equipped with guns, gun howitzers, howitzers or rockets. Guns are classified according to calibre [mm], as follows:

	Light (Fd)	Medium	Heavy
[a] .	Less 110	111-155	156-310
[b] .	Less 131	131-180	181-410
[c] .	Less 70	71 -200	201-500
[d] .	Less 101	101-150	151-300
[e] .	Less 121	121-160	161-210

QUESTION 2:

"JUMP" is the angle in the vertical plane between the line of departure and the axis of the bore...

- [a] . After firing.
- [b] . Less tangent elevation [TE].
- [c] . Before firing.
- [d] . Less droop.
- [e] . After quadrant elevation [QE].

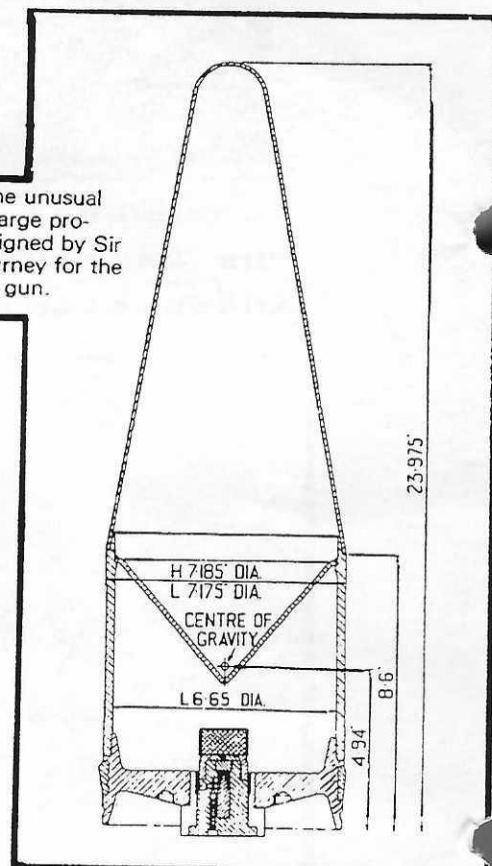
QUESTION 3:

The distance from the breech face to the base of the projectile when rammed is called the "length of ram". The distance from the base to the muzzle is known as the

- [a] . Shot rifling.
- [b] . Bore travel.
- [c] . Calibre length.
- [d] . Shot travel.
- [e] . Lands travel.

[(C) Picture IAM V. HOGG - British & American Artillery of VIII, p238].

Below: The unusual hollow-charge projectile designed by Sir Dennis Burney for the 7.2in RCL gun.



ANSWERS TO #45

QUESTION 1: ANS was:- [a] . General.

- The 1995 Master Gunner is General Sir MARTIN FARNDAL, KCB
- Ref: The Journal Of The Royal Artillery, Sept 1994, No 2, Vol CXXI, p2.

QUESTION 2: ANS was:- [b] Fd 450 Mdm 96 Hvy 20 AA 440 = 1006

- Ref: the gunner march 1969, p56.

QUESTION 3: ANS was:- [b] 9 Div

- Ref: GUNFIRE!, A history of 2/12 Aust Fd Regt By Max Parsons, p92. ISBN 0-646-05189-X

- See next Journal # 47 - for answer or write to the Editor -

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FIELD REGT

106	Fd Bty Vietnam (V)
2	Fd Regt Assn (V)
2/1	Fd Regt Reunion Comm (V)
2/2	Fd Regt Assn (V)
2/3	Fd Regt Assn (V)
2/4	Fd Regt Assn (V)
2/5	Fd Regt Assn (V)
2/6	Fd Regt Assn (V)
2/7	Fd Regt Assn (V)
2/8	Fd Regt Assn (V)
2/11	Fd Regt Assn (V)
2/12	Fd Regt Assn (V)
2/14	Fd Regt Assn (V)
4	Fd Regt Assn (V)
10 Aust	Fd Regt Assn (V)
15 Aust	Fd Regt Assn (V)
22	Fd Regt Assn (V)

MEDIUM REGT

2	Mdm Regt (AIF) Assn (V)
10	Mdm Regt RAA Assn (V)

LIGHT A/A

2/17	Lt A/A Bty Assn (V)
2/3 Aust	Lt A/A Regt Assn (V)
2/4 Aust	Lt A/A Regt Assn (V)
112	Lt A/A Regt Assn (V)
116	Lt A/A Regt Assn (V)

HVY A/A

5	Bty 2 Hvy A/A Regt Assn
2/2	Hvy A/A Regt Assn (V)

ANTI-TANK

4th	Anti-Tank Regt Assn (V)
106	Tank Atk Regt Assn (V)

SURVEY

2	Aust Survey Bty Assn (V)
2/1	Survey Regt Assn (V)

AASL

65	Mobile AASL Bty Assn
67	A/A S/Light Bty Assn (V)
77	Mobile AASL Bty Assn

INTERNATIONAL

	British Gunners Assn (V)
	Ceylon Arty Assn (V)

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Directorate of Arty (NSW)
Off Mess Melb, Vic Barracks (V)
Off Mess, Comd & Staff College (V)
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28 Oct 95	Pucka Field Firing Ex "IRON PUNCH" HOBSON BAY Fort Trip RAE & RAA Joint Function

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4 Nov 95	2 DIV Military Skills Comp
5 Nov 95	RSL Remembrance Service War Grave Cemetery Springvale 2.30pm
11 Nov 95	ARMISTICE DAY
16 Nov 95	Committee Meeting +
16 Nov 95	1812 Overture RAAF Williams
25 Nov 95	Pucka Small Arms Ex

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4 Dec 95	St Barbara's Day Feast of St Barbara Book Launch "THE GUNNERS" Dedication Chapel St Depot
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10 Dec 95	St Barbara Unit Function
12 Dec 95	FINAL PARADE
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JANUARY

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FEBRUARY

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15 Feb 96	Committee Meeting +

MARCH

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21 Mar 96	Committee Meeting +

APRIL

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25 Apr 96	ANZAC DAY 1995 ***

MAY

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JUNE

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