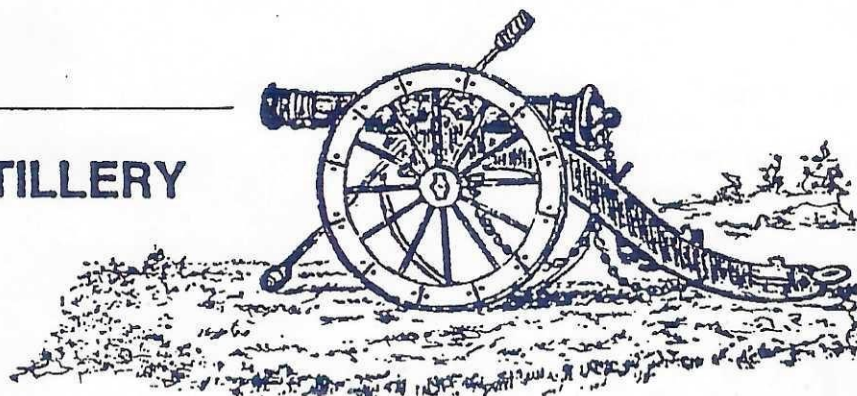


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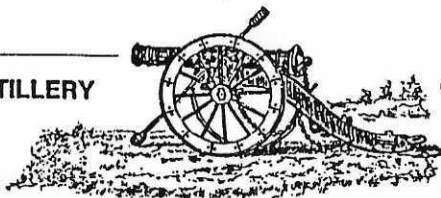


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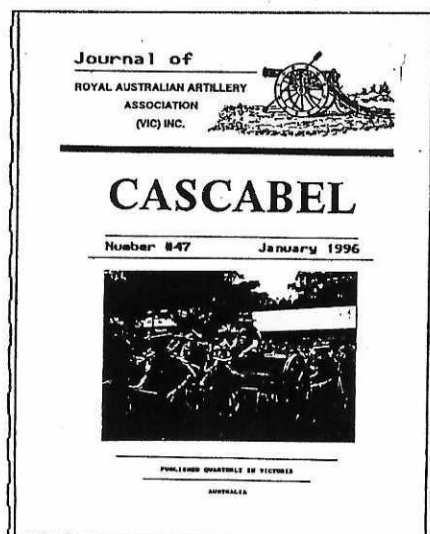
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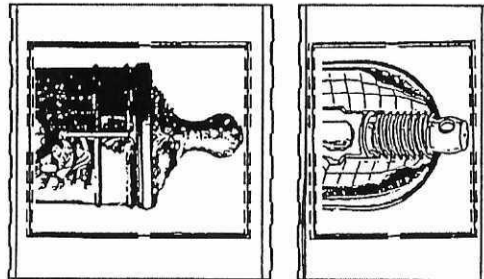
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Commanding Officer of 2/10  
Mdm Regt being farewelled by gun-  
carriage & limber. The gun attachment  
manned by Officers of the Regiment.

**FUNCTION:** The change over in Command  
occurred on SUNDAY, 10th  
DEC 1995 at a function for "THE FEAST  
OF SAINT BARBARA - Patron Saint of  
Gunners". 2/10 Medium Regiment was on  
Parade at their RHQ & HQ Bty RAA  
Depot, 8 Chapel Street East St Kilda.  
Col JOHN KIRKWOOD Commander  
Divisional Artillery, [CDA 2 Div],  
witnessed the "Change in Command" to  
LtCol CARL WOOD.  
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## 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  
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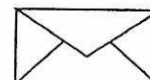
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9pdr Waterloo Field Gun. Copy is  
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the Royal Regiment of Artillery, as  
approved in 1833, HM King William IV.

## LAPEL BADGE:

Copy of the left arm brass gilded gun  
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by IG's at North Head were embroidered  
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# The President Writes:



I do hope you have all had a fine festive season and are looking forward to a happy and prosperous new year.

1995 was a busy year with all the "Australia Remembers" functions as well as our own. October saw the "Back to the Regiment" night. The attendance was down, but a reasonable group was present and enjoyed a fine meal and some often repeated memories.

The "Gunner Assembly" on the 4th December was a great success. About two hundred attended representing many WW2 units. At least one WW1 unit was represented. MAJOR SHIRLEY CROXEN came along to remember her father, a member of 106 Howitzer Battery 1st AIF. It was great to see so many of the Old and Bold.

I did miss ARCH PAIGE of 2/4th Fd Regt. ARCH passed away recently. He has been a stalwart of his unit association for many years and in recent years has been a regular attendee at our Association functions representing the 2/4th.

The Assembly was also used to launch, in Victoria, the book, "The Gunners". A history

of artillery in Australia written by Dr DAVID HORNER. This segment was introduced by MAJGEN JIM BARRY our Colonel Commandant. MAJGEN D.MUELLER, GOC Logistic Command gave a rousing speech to launch the book and the author DAVID HORNER replied. Unfortunately due to a bungle in NSW there were no books on sale on the day. I hope those that ordered a book have received their copy by now.

2/10 Medium Regiment held a parade and BBQ lunch to celebrate St Barbara's Day on Sunday 10th December. Once again I was honored to be able to present the P.S. WHITELOW PRIZES. The CDA 2 DIV, COL JOHN KIRKWOOD attended to oversee the change over of Commanding Officers. LT COL PETER ALKEMADE has relinquished command of the Regiment in favour of LT COL CARL WOOD.

I must thank PETER for his support to the Association during the past three years and I look forward to the same relationship with CARL.

Remember Church Parade on Sunday 4th February 1996 at 11.00am. There will be a new Minister this year, who starts work the day before the service. Lets impress him by swelling the numbers. See you there.

My best wishes to you all.

MERV TAGGART - Major  
PRESIDENT

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## MEMBERSHIP

JANUARY 1996

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

- Gnr J. M. SMITH
- LCpl J. D. UNDERWOOD
- LBdr J. B. HIRSH
- Sgt J. L. THOMAS
- Sgt J. STAPLES
- WO2 L. R. FOSTER
- Lt R. J. KIDD
- Maj A. J. BRETHERTON

Unfortunately, I have to report the death of the following member since our last issue:

- WO2 A. A. PAIGE

Our sympathy goes to ARCH PAIGES family.

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

- Bdr A. B. QUINLAN
- Sgt A. BRIAN
- SSgt S. P. MC DERMOTT
- Capt R.V.C. KING

If you know their whereabouts please give me a call.

Our membership register currently stands at 409.

Final notices have now been sent to Annual Members who have not yet responded to the call to pay their subscriptions. Should you be in this category then I ask for your co-operation to send your payment as soon as possible. Deletion from the membership could be the unfortunate result if you don't.

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

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## Back To The Regiment: Sergeants' Night

Artillery SERGEANTS MESS Ex-members, serving members and their partners, are invited to the - "Back To The Regiment: Sergeants' Night".

WHERE: Sergeants Mess -  
2/10 Medium Regiment RAA  
8 Chapel Street  
East St Kilda. MAP 5809  
WHEN: FRIDAY, 13th October 1995  
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## BACK TO THE REGIMENT SERGEANTS' NIGHT

FRIDAY 13th October 1995

52 Artillery SERGEANTS MESS past members, serving members and their partners, attended the "Back To The Regiment: Sergeants' Night". The function was on FRIDAY 13th October 1995, at Sergeants Mess - 2/10 Medium Regiment RAA Depot, 8 Chapel Street East St Kilda.

Each year this important SNCO function, organised by association committee member SSGT REG MORRELL, gives old friends the chance to see for the first time or re-visit the Sergeants Mess at Chapel Street and meet old mates again.

A full supper was provided and the bar kept the gathering well and truly happy.

It was nice to see WO2 Alan HALBISH not as ill, as we reported, but looking very fit. BARBARA HALBISH was looking forward to their eldest son MARK returning home for a visit at Christmas, from the US with his future bride. Both Alan and Barbara hope to be in the US in August 96.

Time has passed for many of us who attended the function, but WO1 Bob ARMSTRONG (still serving at APA-M as a SCA) has not lost his youth. However, he will admit to being a GRANDAD! Bob tells us that GAYLE and five daughters keep him young!



FIG: 1 The 132 BGV LDC Gang!  
L-->R are: Sgt Bob MILLER, WO1 Jim BREESE,  
WO2 Craig COOK, WO2 Rex GEROVICH, SSgt Des  
PALMER (Geelong). Pic (C) J.W.AUCHETTL 1995.

We wish to acknowledge the PMC - WO1 G. METCALF, RSM - for the authority to use his Mess.

Congratulations to SSgt Reg MORRELL and SSgt Brian CLEEMAN for their work in keeping the event alive.

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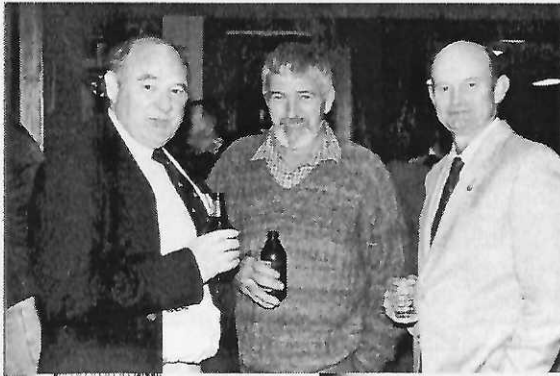


FIG: 2 L-->R are: LtCol Bernie PEARSON RFD, Sgt Neville (Mother) HUMPHRIES, WO1 Graeme BROWNE. Pic (C) J.W.AUCHETTL 1995.

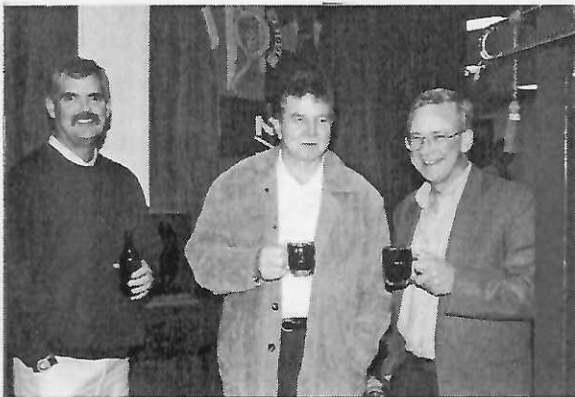


FIG: 3 Central L-->R are: Sgt Warrick GLENDENNING, Sgt Rod THARLE, Sgt John SHILLINGLAW. Pic (C) J.W.AUCHETTL 1995.



FIG: 4 L-->R are: Maj Merv TAGGART RFD ED [RAA Assn (Vic) President], LtCol Bernie PEARSON RFD, Lawrie (Mumble) JONES, WO2 Bruce GREEN, WO2 George CECIL, 2Lt Dave CATCHPOOL. (C) J.W.AUCHETTL 1995.



FIG: 5 L-->R Back: WO2 Harry PETRIW [TPT SPVR], WO1 Bob ARMSTRONG [APA-M SCA], Sgt John THOMAS, Sgt Ed CHINERY, WO2 Alan HALBISH, WO1 Fred FAHEY, Sgt John SHILLINGLAW.

L-->R Front: Sgt Harry JAMES, Mrs Barbara GREEN, WO2 Dave GREEN.  
Pic (C) J.W.AUCHETTL 1995.



FIG: 6 L-->R are: Sgt Warrick GLENDENNING, Mrs Diane BUNNETT, Sgt Igor EREMIN, ? , Mrs Sue McLEAN, Kenny JOHNSON.  
Pic (C) J.W.AUCHETTL 1995.

It was great to meet LtCol Keith BUNNETT RFD ED, with his 15 Fd Group, however, for some reason I seem to have missed LtCol BUNNETT in the "photo call"?

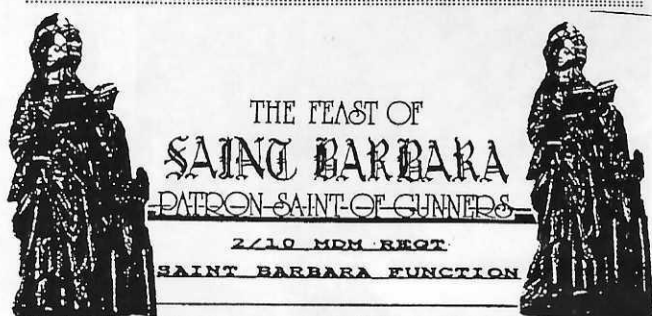


FIG: 7 L-->R are: WO2 Harry PETRIW [TPT SPVR], SSgt Reg MORRELL, SSgt Brian CLEEMAN, Sgt George BEALE. Pic (C) J.W.AUCHETTL 1995.

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- Apology from Colonel Commandant Southern Region, MAJ GEN Jim Barry - in Darwin on business but sends his warmest greetings and wishes all gunners the best for St Barbara's day celebrations.
- Message from Commander and Staff, Headquarters Land Command Artillery  
"Best wishes to all Gunners for Unit celebrations on 4 Dec 95 for Saint Barbara's Day. Ubique."
- Message from the Colonels Commandant, Director and Staff of Darty,  
"Greetings and best wishes to all gunners on 4 Dec 95. Enjoy the St Barbara's Day celebrations. Ubique"



SAINT BARBARA DAY  
CELEBRATIONS  
DAY REPORT  
10TH DEC 1995

Members were cordially invited to "THE FEAST OF SAINT BARBARA - Patron Saint of Gunners", 2/10 Medium Regiment Parade and BBQ held on SUNDAY, 10th DEC 1995, [normally the 4th Dec]. Gathered together as a Regiment, the CO and CDA presented prizes and awards to Gunners and the Batterys in completion of a successful training year.

#### MORE SUPPORT

When one considers that this special Parade is open to all Members and their families, the RAA Association attendance this year was again very poor. It is important for members to try and get to this function, its your chance to meet, talk, exchange views and see old friends. But most important your attendance adds a visual support to our active Gunners.

The function being held at the depot makes the whole event a very easy thing to get to and the facilities are good, meals & refreshments were available and there is alot of ground for the children to play. Keep this in mind and come along in 1996.



FIG: 1 The Regiment on Parade. 22 Fd Bty BC MAJ PETER ROWLEY. BK CAPT JASON COOKE [right marker]. WO1 G. METCALF RSM [Pace stick] & BSM WO2 FRANK MARCHNER to left of RSM.  
Pic (C) J.W.AUCHETTL 1995.



FIG: 2 L-->R are: Mrs MINA TAGGART, Col JOHN KIRKWOOD (CDA 2 Div). Maj HERV TAGGART RFD ED (President RAA Assn (Vic)).  
Pic (C) J.W.AUCHETTL 1995.



FIG: 3 Mrs MINA TAGGART, Maj HERV TAGGART, RFD ED (President RAA Assn (Vic)) LtCol CARL WOOD (appointed CO 2/10 MDM Regt), Col JOHN KIRKWOOD (CDA 2 Div), 2Lt ANDREW JONES (Host officer CDA). Pic (C) J.W.AUCHETTL 1995.



FIG: 4 The Regiment on Parade. 2IC MAJ BRIAN JACKSON addresses the Regiment. 38 Mdm Bty BC MAJ RON HARRIS to the right. HQ Bty at rear under the command of BC MAJ RICHARD McDONAGH. Pic (C) J.W.AUCHETTL 1995.



FIG: 5 The 2/10 MDM Regt RAA Band. WO1 DAVID FARRELL Bandmaster. Pic (C) J.W.AUCHETTL 1995

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### P. J. WHITELAW PRIZES 1995 PRESENTATIONS

The annual presentation of the P. J. (NORMAN) WHITELAW PRIZES were made by the RAA Association President MAJOR MERV TAGGART, RFD ED at the St Barbaras Day, BBQ function at Chapel Street on Sunday 10th Dec 1995. The recipients for 1995 are;

JNCO/OR	BDR	ANDREW. ECCLES	22 Bty
SNCO	WO2	DAVE. MILLS	22 Bty
OFFICER	2Lt	ANDREW. JONES	HQ Bty
ARA PRIZE	BDR	TIM. SMITH	

These RAA Association Prizes, which are presented to worthy GUNNERS, are for excellence in the performance of duty or for a most valuable contribution to the Corps. The congratulations of the Committee and all Association members is extended to those recipients who were presented with the 1995 awards.

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FIG: 6 JNCO/OR Prize to BDR ANDREW ECCLES of 22 Bty. Pic (C) J.W.AUCHETTL 1995.

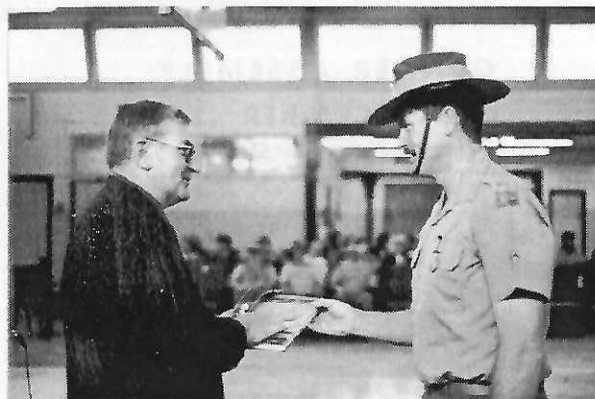


FIG: 7 SNCO Prize to WO2 DAVE MILLS of 22 Bty. Pic (C) J.W.AUCHETTL 1995.

#### WO2 DAVE MILLS

This was an extra special Parade for WO2 DAVE MILLS as the CDA 2 DIV presented him with the RESERVE FORCE MEDAL for 15 years effective service. WO2 MILLS enlisted in May 1979, HQ Bty 2/15 Fd Regt Dandenong as a SIG. In Dec 1979 he transferred to 2 Fd Bty (Dandenong) to the Gun Line. He went on to get - LBdr Guns 1980 / Sub-1 BDR 81 / BDR 1981 / Sub-4 SGT GUNNERY 82 / Temporary SGT in Dec 82. Posted to CP SGT 2 Fd Bty 83 and completed Sub-1 SGT in 83, moving to 3 Fd Bty Batman Ave. From 1985 to 88 out of Corps posting 3 TRG GP Pucka. Posted BG 22 Fd Bty Dec 1992.



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FIG: 8 OFFICER Prize to 2Lt ANDREW JONES of HQ Bty. Pic (C) J.W.AUCHETTL 1995.



FIG: 9 The ARA PRIZE to BDR TIM SMITH. Pic (C) J.W.AUCHETTL 1995.

**GUNNER ASSEMBLY****4 TH DECEMBER 1995****AUSTRALIA REMEMBERS****VICTORIA****GUNNERS ASSEMBLY****MONDAY 4th December 1995**

Over 200 Gunners past and present attended the VICTORIA GUNNERS ASSEMBLY. The RAA Assn (Vic) gave its full support to this historic reunion held on "THE FEAST OF SAINT BARBARA - Patron Saint of Gunners" - MONDAY, 4th DEC 1995, at 2/10 Medium Regiment RAA Depot, 8 Chapel Street East St Kilda. The Assembly bought together RAA Gunners, to mark the 50th Anniversary of VE and VP day, "Australia Remembers" tributes and the end of WORLD WAR II.

It was a great success when one considers that it was a Monday, work day and the Melbourne weather at the time was very cold and very wet. Most WWII units sent a representative. And one WWI unit was represented.

The Assembly was also used to launch, in Victoria, the book, "The Gunners". A history of artillery in Australia written by Dr DAVID HORNER.

The Assembly opened with a fine introduction by MAJGEN JIM BARRY MBE RF ED, our Colonel Commandant.

This was followed by MAJGEN D. MUELLER, GOC Logistic Command, who gave a wonderful speech [unfortunately not recorded] to launch the latest book on the history of Australian Artillery.



FIG: 1 The Assembly At Lunch. RAA Depot, 8 Chapel Street East St Kilda.

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FIG: 2 The Assembly At Lunch.

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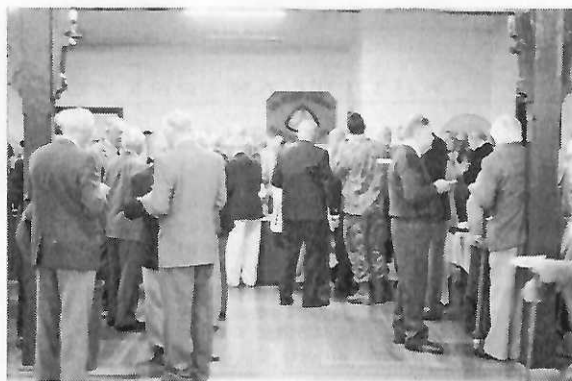


FIG: 3 The Assembly At Lunch.

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#### ARTILLERY HISTORICAL TRUST OF TASMANIA

Space does not permit us to give a run down on the full event, however, we were very happily surprised to meet NORMAN B. ANDREWS, the Hon Secretary of THE ARTILLERY HISTORICAL TRUST OF TASMANIA [Nth Branch] and THE LAUNCESTON ARTILLERY ASSOCIATION [brother associations]. NORMAN was visiting Melbourne and spent some time at the function.



#### 9th Bty AFA 1AIF

NORMAN came to the function with two most important guests. DORICE and BRUCE GROOM. DORICE is the daughter of MAJ R.S. GEE DSO VD who was the BC of the 9th Bty AFA 1AIF, known as the "Galloping Ninth". NORMAN reports that DORICE has many interesting stories to relate regarding her wonderful father. DR HORNER use "Dickie Gee's War Diaries" in his book.

It was a pleasure to see Major SHIRLEY CROXEN [was with Admin HQ RCSC] attend the Assembly, in remembrance of her late father, who was a member of 106 Howitzer Battery 1st AIF.

#### THE ORGANIZERS

The success of the function must go to the prime mover of the idea BRIG KEITH ROSSI, OBE RFD ED - Congratulations!





FIG: 4 The two outer members are unknown. Central L-->R are: Brig Graeme STANDISH AM RF ED, Maj Merv TAGGART RFD ED [RAA Assn (Vic) President], Maj Shirley CROXEN. Pic (C) J.W.AUCHETTL 1995.



FIG: 5 Mrs HELEN VICKERY and MajGen NORMAN VICKERY, CBE MC ED. Unfortunately, we were unable to identify the other member. Pic (C) J.W.AUCHETTL 1995.

### "THE GUNNERS" BOOK LAUNCH

"The Gunners", by ARA Infantry LTCOL Dr DAVID HORNER was given its VICTORIAN launch. This is the definitive history of Australian Gunners and members should try and add this



FIG: 6 L-->R are: Maj Merv Taggart RFD ED [RAA Assn (Vic) President], LTCOL Dr DAVID HORNER, BRIG KEITH ROSSI, OBE RFD ED [RSL Vice President] Pic (C) J.W.AUCHETTL 1995.

book to their collection. On that day, DR DAVID HORNER attended and addressed the assembly. Gunners had ample opportunity to meet LTCOL HORNER and this added to the days success.

Unfortunately, as hoped, there were no books on sale on the day as they had not been dispatched from their Sydney home.



FIG: 7 L-->R are: MajGen JOHN STEVENSON AO CBE with LTCOL Dr DAVID HORNER author of the book "The Gunners". Pic (C) J.W.AUCHETTL 1995.

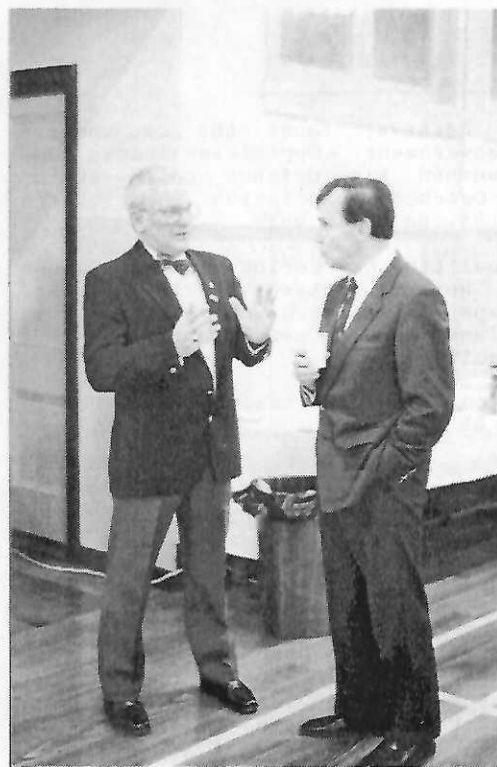


FIG: 8 Lt TOM McLEAN [15 Fd Regt] the President of Caulfield R.S.S. & Club and Caulfield RSL Sub Branch with MAJGEN JIM BARRY MBE RF ED our Colonel Commandant. Pic (C) J.W.AUCHETTL 1995.

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### AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE

#### NEW PUCKAPUNYAL ARTILLERY CENTRE

On the 1 December 1995, Parliament gave approval for the \$35 million development of the new ARTILLERY CENTRE at Puckapunyal. Work on the new Artillery Centre should start in APRIL 1996 and be finished by NOVEMBER 1997. [REF: Herald Sun, 2 Dec 95, p4].

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#### NEW RSM 2 DIV

WO1 ANTHONY REID will take up the post of RSM 2 DIV. WO1 REID was formally RSM AT HQ Norcom. [REF: ARMY, 16 Nov 95, p5].

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#### READY RESERVE FACES AXE

The Ready Reserve, faces the axe under a Coalition government. Opposition leader JOHN HOWARD launched his defence policy at the Australian Defence Association in Melbourne on 6th OCT 95. He tells us;

"The Coalition has serious concerns about the Ready Reserve scheme as it does not address gaps in defence capabilities, it lacks readiness and its cost is high relative to its capacity."

[REF: Rebecca Lang & Michael Harvey - Herald Sun, 6 OCT 95 p3].

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#### ARMY MANPOWER STRENGTH - DOWN

New manpower figures released to SENATOR J. NEWMAN show that Not one of the Army's 12 combat units was at full peacetime strength:

- One combat unit was down	68.0%
- Four combat units were down	20.0%
- ADF unit Port Hedland down	19.5%
- ADF unit Darwin was down	22.0%
- ADF unit Cairns was down	13.5%
- GRes Commando unit in support of SAS was down	26.0%
- SAS or first contact unit was 53 short of its 572	9.3%

The figures show that for 1993/94 the ADF interviewed 18,000 but only 3000 were accepted. The figures show Logistic & Admin units having full manpower quota.

[REF: F.CUMMING - Sunday H/S, 22 Oct 95, p11.

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#### ARMY COUNTER ATTACK DOWN TURN

To counter the above levels the Government has changed pay, conditions and career structure. The revamp summary is as follows;

- Pay 11.7% rise.
- Pay scale cut from 9 to 7 categories.
- Field allowance up 200%.
- Low interest loans up to \$80,000.
- Scope to live outside base.
- Super access.
- Child care & spouse assistance.
- Greater travel entitlement.
- Job sharing / home based work
- Bonus & incentive pay.
- Less family moves.

[REF: KELLY RYAN - Sunday H/S, 26 Nov 95, p35.  
KAREN MIDDLETON - AGE 11 Dec 95, p51.

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#### SURVEY CORPS RESTRUCTURED

Survey Corps after 81 year has come home to the RAE, when it was integrated due to Corps restructure on the 1st July 95. RA Svy originated from the Engineer Corps in 1915 and after a review of non-core activities, it was reduced by 400 leaving tactical mapping to the Corps to support the deployed land force. Its other activities are now in civilian hands.

[REF: Col SIMON LEMON, Director of Survey-ARMY, 5 Oct 95, p11.

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#### GRes ATTITUDE SATISFACTION

1995 GRes Attitude & Opinion Survey of 1/3 of GRes show generally satisfaction with conditions. The main problem areas are;

- Dissatisfaction with pay.
- Career management needs improvements.

The positive findings show that most GRes;

- Will parade for more than 70 days/year.
- Want to serve overseas.

[REF: LtCol RON FURRY, IPRU - ARMY, 16 Nov 95, p3].

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#### COMPULSORY RETIREMENT CHANGES APPROVED

As reported in CASCABEL #45, p14 - the compulsory retirement age for general service officers is now approved. It has been raised to 55 years for all ranks. The past policy required one to retire if your ranks was;

2Lt	at 47	Majors	at 47
Lt	at 47	Lt Col	at 50
Capt	at 47	Colonels	at 55

[REF: Maj STEPHEN GOLTZ, APMS - ARMY, 19 Oct 95, p9].

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[ 47-ADF ]



The Regiment had a very successful 1995. This is reflected in the awards and achievements listed over the following pages. All the hard work will be tested this March during the ARTEP. There is no doubt that our fine Regiment will again succeed.

The following summary report is taken from the final parade of the Regiment, on SUNDAY, 10th DEC 1995 at a function for "THE FEAST OF SAINT BARBARA - Patron Saint of Gunners". The Parade was held at their RHQ & HQ Bty RAA Depot, 8 Chapel Street.



FIG: 1 LtCol PETER ALKEMADE [dais] after addressing his Regiment for the last time. Capt PETER BRUCE [Adjnt] - MC the presentations assisted by WO2 C.L. BATEMAN [CClk]. Pic (C) J.W.AUCHETTL 1995.

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### UNIT TROPHIES

Unit Prizes and Trophies were presented by the CO - LtCol PETER ALKEMADE, and the recipients are as follows;

#### VICKERY TROPHY

The Vickery Trophy was presented by Maj Gen His Honour Judge N.A. VICKERY, CBE MC ED [see page 11 Fig 5 of this edition] - is awarded to the best Forward Observer for 1995 Capt SCOTT DUTTON of 38 Med Bty Geelong.

#### BSM TROPHY

The "BSM Trophy" is awarded annually for Military skills excellence and this year is awarded to GNR A. MUDRONJA of 38 Mdm Bty.



FIG: 2 The Vickery Trophy presented by LtCol PETER ALKEMADE to Capt SCOTT DUTTON. Pic (C) J.W.AUCHETTL 1995.

#### ESSENDON TROPHY

The "Essendon Trophy" is awarded to the Regt Team which has achieved high standards and contributed most to overall unit effectiveness. This year the winning team is 38 Bty Gun Line.



FIG: 3 The "Essendon Trophy" is presented by LtCol PETER ALKEMADE to WO2 B.J. McLEOD BSM of the winning team, 38 Bty Gun Line. Pic (C) J.W.AUCHETTL 1995.

#### B BTY TROPHY

The "B Bty Trophy" is awarded to the most efficient sub unit and this year is awarded to 22 Fd Bty.



FIG: 4 The "B Bty Trophy" is presented by LtCol PETER ALKEMADE to MAJ PETER ROWLEY the BC of 22 Fd Bty. Pic (C) J.W.AUCHETTL 1995.



132 DIV LOC TROPHY

The "132 Div Loc Trophy" is awarded to the best new recruit over the last 12 months and this year goes to PTE LISA RICHMOND of 38 Mdm Bty.

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CLASPS TO MEDALS

**CLASPS** to Defence Force Service Medal and The Reserve Force Medal recognise each additional 5 years of service after the initial 15 years.

- Cpl William John BOLTON

Enlisted in the ARA Jan 1970. He served in a variety of units during his nearly 25 years with the ARA, including Puckapunyal Area Workshops, RACT Centre, 2/3 FER Workshop Det - Sydney, HQ 1 Bde, Puckapunyal Log BN, 2 Sig Regt and 4 Fd Regt in Townsville. CLP BOLTON transferred to the GRes in Nov 1994 and all up has completed 25 years 11 months service to his country.

- LCpl Kenneth PEARCE - 38 Mdm Bty \*

He enlisted in Nov 74. The majority of his service has been with 38 Mdm Bty as a cook.

NOTE: \* = not present



FIG: 5 The CDA 2 Div - Col JOHN KIRKWOOD presents Cpl William John BOLTON with his CLASP. Pic (C) J.W.AUCHETTL 1995.

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RESERVE FORCE  
MEDALS

The Reserve Force Medals established in 1982 to replace the National Medal, recognises 15 years diligent service. The RFM were presented by the CDA 2 Div - Col JOHN KIRKWOOD, and the recipients are as follows;

- WO2 MILLS
- Bdr RABBAS
- Cpl KOWALIK \*
- LBdr SCHILDER

NOTE: \* = not present

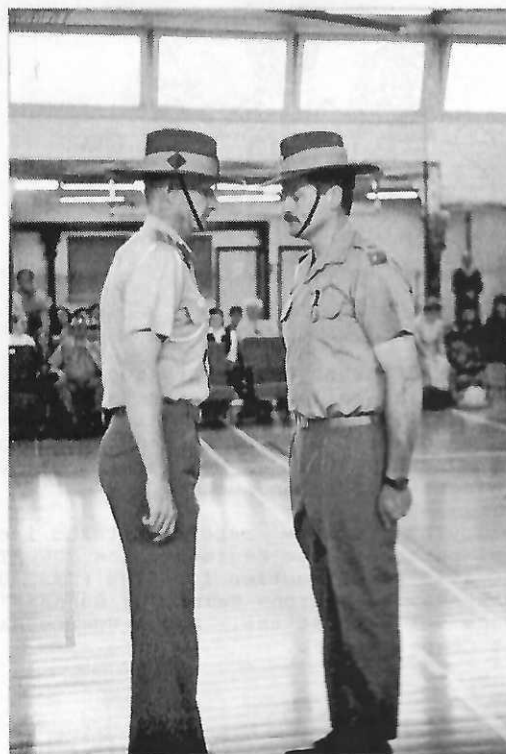


FIG: 6 The CDA 2 Div - Col JOHN KIRKWOOD presents WO2 DAVE MILLS of 22 Fd Bty with the RFM. Pic (C) J.W.AUCHETTL 1995.

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FIG: 7 The CDA 2 Div - Col JOHN KIRKWOOD presents BDR RABBAS of 38 Mdm Bty with the RFM. Pic (C) J.W.AUCHETTL 1995.



FIG: 8 The CDA 2 Div - Col JOHN KIRKWOOD presents LBDR SCHILDER with the RFM.  
Pic (C) J.W.AUCHETTL 1995.

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### PROMOTIONS

As recognition of achievements and as an identification of potential, promotion is one of the Army's key methods of saying well done. The following soldiers have been so recognised and are promoted to LBdr or LCpl.

- Gnr PANAPOPOULOS to LBdr
- Gnr MARVIN to LBdr
- Gnr CALDWELL to LBdr
- Pte McCOLLELL to LCpl

We would also like to congratulate the following who have been promoted in recent months;

- Capt ROB DARBY
- LBdr CRUMP
- LBdr O'NEILL



FIG: 9 Promoted to LBdr or LCpl. L-->R are: McCONNELL, CRUMP, MARTIN, PANAPOPOULOS.  
Pic (C) J.W.AUCHETTL 1995.

### SOLDIERS

### MEDALLION

Each year the Army recognises exemplary service with the "Soldiers Medallion". Presented by the CO - LtCol PETER ALKEMADE, the unit recipient this year is:

- PTE McCONNELL of 22 Fd Bty.



FIG: 10 The "Soldiers Medallion". Presented by the CO - LtCol PETER ALKEMADE to PTE McCONNELL. Pic (C) J.W.AUCHETTL 1995.

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### CERTIFICATES

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### SERVICE

As recognition of service to the ADF achievements the CO - LtCol PETER ALKEMADE, presented certificates to this year's unit recipient;

NOTE: Photo & names not in order. Some GNR not on parade.

### FOR 3 YEARS SERVICE

3 years service: GNR M.A. Balboni (38 Bty); LBDR A.G. Crump (38 Bty); BDR K.J. Casey (22 BTY); GNR S.R. Kennedy (22 Bty); GNR G.J. Marvin (22BTY); GNR P.G. Davison (22 BTY); GNR I.R. Johnson (22 BTY); GNR P.G. Haysom (22 BTY); GNR M.J. Dyson (HQ BTY); BDR M.P. Irving (HQ BTY); BDR G. Robertson (HQ BTY); GNR G.I. Wheeler (22 BTY); GNR S.A. Caldwell (22BTY); CFN S.A. Collins (38 BTY);

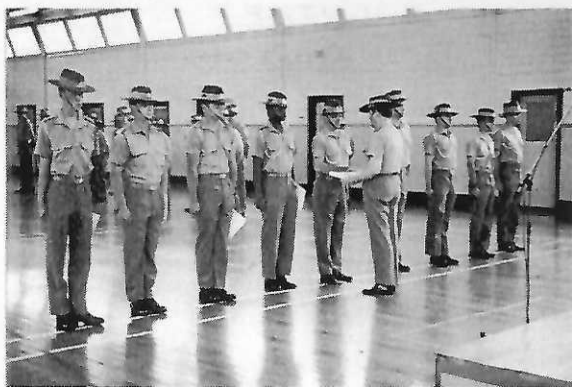


FIG: 11 3 Years Service.  
Pic (C) J.W.AUCHETTL 1995.

### FOR 6 YEARS SERVICE

6 years service: LBDR S.J. Podolad (38 BTY); LBDR M.J. Woodford (38 BTY); GNR B.C. O'Shea (38 BTY); BDR W.L. Coulson (22 BTY); LCPL D.A. Ellis (HQ BTY); BDR G.R. Sellar (HQ Bty); BDR M.R. Haan (22 BTY); BDR M.P. Heinrich (38 BTY); BDR F.M. Doyle (38 BTY); SGT J.L. Bohmer (22 BTY); GNR S.P. Burgess (22 BTY); GNR R.R. Lawrence (22 BTY).



FIG: 12 6 Years Service.  
Pic (C) J.W.AUCHETTL 1995.

### FOR 9 YEARS SERVICE

9 years service: CPL D.T. Bright; PTE D.A. Umland (38 BTY); LBDR T.D. Ramaker (38 BTY); SGT B.G. Munford (38 BTY); GNR A.J. Thackeray (38 BTY); CPL R.J. Bailey (38 BTY); LBDR R.D. Porter (22 BTY); SGT S.M. Cox (22 BTY); LCPL T.J. Videon (HQ BTY); PTE R.S. Dyer (HQ BTY); LCPL C.L. Leney (38 BTY); PTE L.A. Brown (HQ BTY); GNR S.J. Carter (HQ BTY).



FIG: 13 9 Years Service.  
Pic (C) J.W.AUCHETTL 1995.

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### DIRECTORATE OF ARTILLERY CERT OF APPRECIATION

With the reorganization of several trade streams within the RAA, some of our members have found themselves in a new Corps. All clerks now are in RAAOC and Transport supervisors are now part of RACT. The Directorate of Artillery has issued "Certificates of Appreciation" to all those leaving the Corps.



FIG: 14 The CO presents SGT STEVE PARTRIDGE with his Darty "Certificate of Appreciation". He has transferred to the RACT.  
Pic (C) J.W.AUCHETTL 1995.

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### COMMANDING OFFICERS CERT OF ACHIEVEMENT

These certificates are presented by the CO in recognition of a job well done. This year [95] the Units Mil Skills team achieved a very creditable place in the Brigades Mil Skills competition. The team was trained by SGT ANDREW & SGT REDDY and the members of the team were;

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|-----------------|--------------------------|
| - SGT ANDREW    | - SGT REDDY              |
| - LBDR WOODFORD | - GNR LOVEDAY            |
| - LBDR NUSS     | - GNR KENNEDY            |
| - LBDR CRUMP    | - CFW COLLINS            |
| - GNR MUDRONJA  | - PTE McCONNELL          |
| - GNR DAVISON   | - BDR TRAVILLA (injured) |



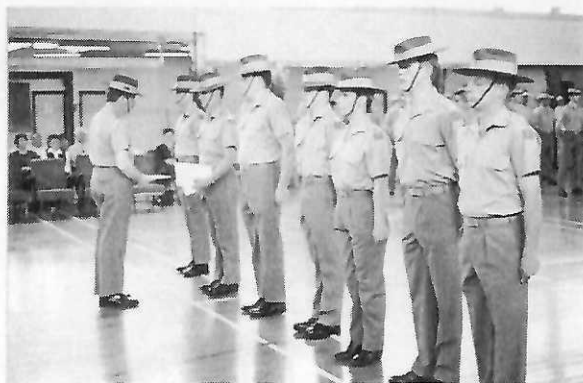


FIG: 15 The CO "Certificate of Achievement" presented by LtCol PETER ALKEMADE to the 1995 the Units Mil Skills team. Pic(C) AUCHETTL 95

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### WELL DONE TO CATHY MANASSA

During the second half of this year, our Chief Clerk, WO2 BATEMAN went off to complete a works study course at the RAAOC centre. This course went for 4 months and at the same time, our orderly room BDR had booked his overseas leave. A week after he came back he was off again for a 4 week Subject 1 for ASGT course. During this time the work load of the orderly room fell on the shoulders of CATHY MANASSA. Cathy has worked tirelessly to ensure all her normal work has been up to date as well as taking on quite a few additional tasks and bearing the brunt of all the work the OPSO, RSM and ADJT pushed her way. For this our thanks go to CATHY on a job well done!

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### CHANGE IN COMMAND

LtCol PETER ALKEMADE, Commanding Officer of 2/10 Mdm Regt being farevelled by gun-carriage & limber. The gun attachment manned by Officers of the Regiment.

The change over in Command occurred on SUNDAY, 10th DEC 1995 at a function for "THE FEAST OF SAINT BARBARA - Patron Saint of Gunners". 2/10 Medium Regiment was on Parade

at their RHQ & HQ Bty RAA Depot, 8 Chapel Street East St Kilda.

Col JOHN KIRKWOOD Commander Divisional Artillery, [CDA 2 Div], witnessed the "Change in Command" to LtCol CARL WOOD.

### THANKYOU & FAREWELL LtCol PETER ALKEMADE

The Regiment and members of the RAA Assn (Vic) would like to thank LtCol PETER ALKEMADE for his staunch support and co-operation, best reflected in the close and helpful partnership between the Regiment and RSL unit & RAA Assn (Vic) Gunners. We wish him great success in his new posting. [LtCol ALKEMADE is an RAA Association member].



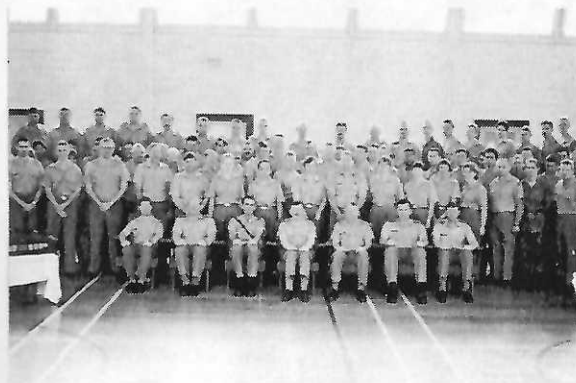
FIG: 16 LtCol PETER ALKEMADE being farevelled by gun-carriage & limber. The gun attachment manned by Officers of the Regiment. Pic (C) J.W.AUCHETTL 1995.

### WELCOME TO THE NEW CO LtCol CARL WOOD

We would like to welcome our Association member LtCol CARL WOOD to the post of CO 2/10 Mdm Regt RAA. Congratulations on your promotion and your new command.

[SOURCE: Admin Instruction - Final Parade 10 Dec 95 - 268-1-2, 5 Dec 95].

[ 47-REGT ]



Maj McDONAGH [OPSO / BC HQ Bty], Maj JACKSON  
Capt BRUCE OAM [ADJT], Maj ROWLEY [BC 23 FD

[2IC], WO1 METCALF RSM], LtCol ALKEMADE [CO],  
Bty], Maj HARRIS [BC 38 MM Bty]. Seated L-->R



ABOVE 1: L-->R - LtCol ALKEMADE hands over his command to Col JOHN KIRKWOOD (CDA 2 Div).

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ABOVE 3: Seated L-->R - Maj McDONAGH (OPSO / BC HQ Bty), Maj JACKSON (2IC), LtCol ALKEMADE, Col JOHN

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ABOVE 2: L-->R - LtCol CARL WOOD [CO], accepts his new command from Col JOHN KIRKWOOD [CDA 2 Div].

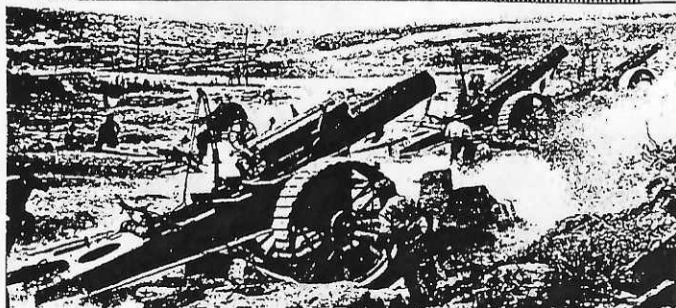
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WOOD [CDA 2 Div] LtCol CARL WOOD [CO], Maj ROWLEY [BC 23 FD Bty], Maj HARRIS [BC 38 HM Bty].



# Forum



## FORT GUN SITES HOBSON BAY

6th HEAVY BRIGADE 1939

By

EDMUND WILLIAMS

Most important feature of the day [SAT 28th OCT 1995], the weather, looked like being a very nice day, which it was. I was looking forward to this trip, for me it was a look back down memory lane.

After the known members of the tour had arrived, the numbers could have been better. Ten marks to SSgt REG MORRELL and his helpers, for the effort they put into these excursions.

First we had a very informative talk, in the lecture room at Oakleigh Barracks, conducted by JIM NEWLANDS - B.Agr.Sc(Melb) B.Ed(Monash) Grad.Dip.App.Sc. (Soc Stats) (Swinburne), who also supplied us with maps and paper-work to put us all in the picture, of the Forts that surrounded the top end of PORT PHILLIP BAY in the early days of MELBOURNE and WILLIAMSTOWN.

Next it was embus and to confuse the enemy, who may be watching, the coach had the word the "Royal Australian Airforce", on the outside. Nothing was being left to chance.

### EARLY FORTIFICATIONS

Number one stop was POINT ORMOND, one of the early fortifications and later a Quarantine Station. We all made it to the top of the hill, binoculars were the order of the day, and added attraction was a young couple, laying down with a blanket over them. A large empty wine bottle alongside and both were sound asleep, part of his attire was down round his feet, which were sticking out from under the blanket. Whether this was supposed

to be our welcoming committee, who had got carried away, I don't know and I didn't dare ask.

As we continued our tour JIM NEWLANDS, pointed out positions of the old Forts that had extended from Pt ORMOND to SANDRIDGE (Port Melb) on that side of the bay.

Over Westgate Bridge, owing to the excellent weather everything was at its best, good visibility, 360 degrees, an artillery observers dream. Next stop was the Spotswood Science Works, I must mention that from the moment I saw JIM NEWLANDS, he had a small set of steps with him which had me rather intrigued, I was soon to find out what they were for. The object of the visit to the Science Works was to have a look at an Air-raid shelter that was used in the 1939-45 war.

### WWII AIR-RAID SHELTER

It was one of the most unusual air-raid shelters I have ever seen, that is after they got the wooden door open and from all accounts it hadn't been open for a long time. The lock refused to budge, going through my mind was "Open O Sesame", those famous words may have helped, because shortly after this it decided to open... Oh well.

Now the set of steps (the entrance to the shelter was half way up a brick wall, which now that they had finally got the door open) were needed to get into it. The spiders resented our intrusion, cobwebs were everywhere. For the older members of the group (including me) muscles came into play that hadn't been used for years. 8-10 people, and it was full, standing up, perhaps that was the idea of having the entrance half way up the wall, in case of an air-raid only the fit and able made that climb, were going to be the only survivors.

### WILLIAMSTOWN

Next stop WILLIAMSTOWN (not many people get a town named after them ... joke) had a look at some muzzle loaders on the fore-shore, these proved to be of great interest to everyone. [9-inch RML 1867, 12 Tons s/n 1679 and 1683 by ARMSTRONG]. Then lunch at the historic Yacht Club Hotel, not exactly the Hilton, but the food was good and cheap.

### FORT GELLIBRAND

After lunch, FORT GELLIBRAND, this was like returning home to me, I had enlisted in the ROYAL AUSTRALIAN GARRISON ARTILLERY, RAA (M) 1936-37;

**NOTICES.**

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WILLIAMSTOWN, W.V.B.

Always include your Army Number, Rank, Name

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**NOTICE.**

File Muster Board Instructions A.39/1939.

Enlistment in the Military Forces entails certain obligations under the Defence Act and those regulations contained therein the soldier is under SEVERE DISCIPLINE. Breach of or non-compliance with the regulations of the Act is a crime.

Persons without leave from the Commanding Officer's Parade, or from a camp of instruction, are liable to be taken before a court-martial, and if found guilty, may be sentenced to a term of imprisonment in a civil court.

Commanding Officer's parades are strictly regulated on this parade work. Leave of absence from any parade may be obtained for sufficient reasons but, except in the case of sudden illness (which should be reported as soon as possible), prior application is necessary.

ABOVE: SIDE 1 - The 6th Heavy Brigade  
"Program of Parades"

# **6TH HEAVY BRIGADE R.A.A. (M).** **Programme of Parades for Half-Year ending 31st December, 1939.**

18th HEAVY BATTERY.										19th HEAVY BATTERY.										SENIOR CADETS.									
Commanding—Major W. C. Thompson.										Officer Commanding—Major A. J. McL. Wilson.										Officer Commanding—Lieut. L. J. Gregory.									
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down through the City, this was done night or day.

Then we had our annual pilgrimage to the Shrine. I remember quite well the last one we did before the 1939-45 war, it was early in the year of 1939 and a womens protest group decided to organize a rally against anything to do with the armed services. We held our parade (I still have a photo of it) but after we had marched through the Shrine with reversed arms they had to close the doors. I have often wondered what happened to all those people later in the year when war was declared and we were fighting for our very existence!

Oh what memories FORT GELLIBRAND and the 6th Heavy Brigade hold for me. How many from the Regiment are still around, perhaps if they are not members of the RAA Assn, they would like to join, they would be most welcome.

WO2 CRAIG COOK, Museum Secretary, said to me he would like to know more about the 6th Heavy Brigade, I hope what I have written may give him a little insight of what we were all about.



**ABOVE:** The 25Pr No II Mk I, Carr 25Pr MkI/L RVWOLT 1942 REG No 6029 Br/No 7538 FL8663 6637. (Pic (C) J.W.AUCHETTL 951).

#### AN ENJOYABLE DAY

Just inside the gate of FORT GELLIBRAND was a 25 pounder, SSgt BRIAN CLEEMAN, gave a very interesting rundown on the working of this famous piece of artillery equipment, which was appreciated by all. What a pity it's disappearing into the grass. To me, and I think I speak for all the others of the group who attended, a good time was had by all and for those unable to go, you missed a very enjoyable day.

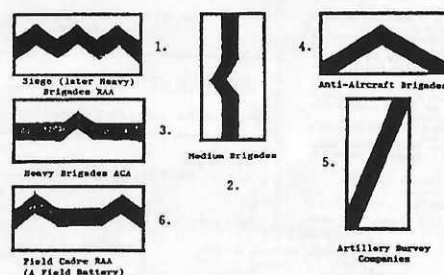
FORT GELLIBRAND, Williamstown is now occupied by the Commandos 2 C.D.O. Coy.

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## ARTILLERY COLOUR PATCHES OF THE LATE MajGen W.A. COXEN

By

MajGen John WHITELOW  
AO CBE - Patron of RAAHS

I came across a quaint card apparently produced by MAJOR GENERAL W.A. COXEN between the wars. It comprised a replica of the very distinctive AUSTRALIAN SIEGE BRIGADE AIF colour patch as the centre piece with four fold over sections with small apertures cut out.

Folding over each of these sections aligned the cut out piece with part of the red portion of the AUSTRALIAN SIEGE BRIGADE AIF and contributed to making up the full colour patch of another Artillery element printed on the reverse side of each of the fold over sections. The result was the card could show the colour patch of all the elements of Australian Artillery then in service with the exception of the divisional units (5 infantry and 2 cavalry divisions).

The colour patches depicted are shown below. On the reverse of the card as best I can decipher is;

"It is only a small piece of cloth  
Of Artillery Blue and Red  
But it brings to mind the days of war  
And memories of our glorious dead."

W.A. COXEN.

MAJOR GENERAL W.A. COXEN, CB CMG DSO (1870-1949) was Brigadier General Royal Artillery (BGRA) 1st Australian Corps in France during the breaching of the HINDENBURG Line in 1918, "Der Schwarze Tag" of the German Army in world War 1.

#### COMMANDED THE GREATEST AGGREGATION OF ARTILLERY

It has been claimed that in the Battle of 8 August he commanded the greatest aggregation of artillery in the history of warfare. It is



certain that he commanded more guns in action than any other Australian before or since.

His distinguished military career began with the QUEENSLAND MILITIA GARRISON ARTILLERY in 1893, then to the QUEENSLAND PERMANENT ARTILLERY, to command the 36th HEAVY ARTILLERY GROUP (the AUSTRALIAN SIEGE BRIGADE AIF) in 1916 and successively as Commander Royal Artillery (CRA) and BGRA.

After the war he went on to the Military Board as Chief of Ordnance, Quartermaster General, Adjutant General and finally Chief of the General Staff from which he retired in 1931, a victim of the Depression. Most of his career was in the service of the guns.

He was appointed Honorary Colonel of the Regiment in 1931 and is shown in that appointment in the June 1940 Army List.

#### THE BOSS GUNNER

To quote WARREN PERRY;

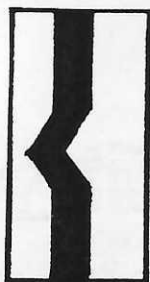
"It was said of him that if he had not been a captain in arms he would have been a captain of industry. Good temper and a vivid sense of humour characterises this man of action. At the front he was known as "the boss gunner". Gifted with keen insight, and an outsize memory, he never forgets a face or a fact. Efficiency is his watchword."

#### THE COLOUR PATCH CARD

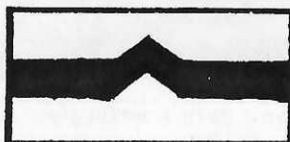
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(worn horizontal)  
AUSTRALIAN SIEGE BRIGADE AIF and later  
HEAVY ARTILLERY RAA



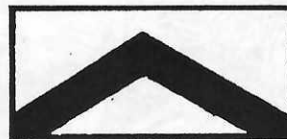
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3. Heavy Artillery AGA  
(Heavy Brigades)  
(worn horizontal)



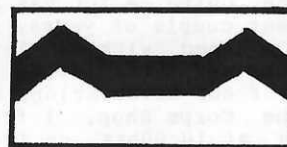
4. Anti Aircraft Artillery  
(AA Brigades)  
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5. Artillery Survey Company  
(worn vertically)



6. Field Artillery Cadre RAA  
(worn horizontal)  
(A Field Battery)



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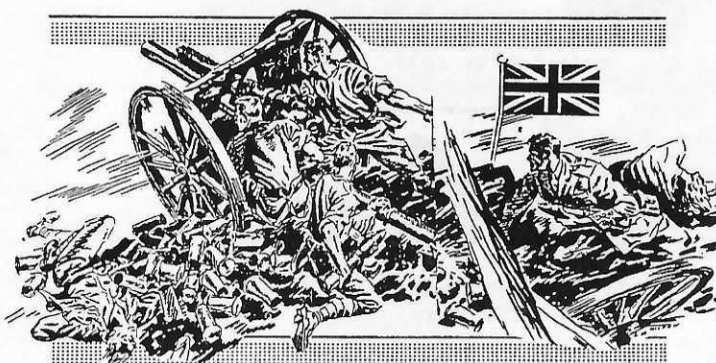
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**THE  
HOME OF  
ARTILLERY  
HOW WOOLWICH WAS UNDER THREAT**

BY  
**SSGT E.J. PADDON**  
RAA ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE

During a holiday in England in October [1995], I had the occasion to visit the "Home Of Artillery", the WOOLWICH ARSENAL in London, quite a lot has happened there over the last couple of years, as I was to find out. Armed with a letter of introduction from our President MAJ M. TAGGART and \$800 of our Associations money to buy stock from the Corps Shop, I fronted up at the main gate at 10:00hrs on Tuesday 17 October 1995 to be met by armed Gunners (still worries with IRA bomb threats) who told me to park my car, and report to the

guard room, where a Bombardier after a couple of phone calls was put in touch with the Secretary of the R.A. Association, a LT COL "Paddy" STEELE. I was then given an escort to the R.A. Association office, and was warmly greeted by LT COL STEELE who made me feel at home with a cup of tea. A former RSM, PADDY STEEL is one of those rare characters you come across from time to time. I was then taken down to the Corps Shop where I had no trouble spending the Associations and some of my own money, after which it was back upstairs, where PADDY introduced me to the "Boss" - COL MIKE DARMODY, who told me that the R.A. INSTITUTION has had a couple of moves over the last few years, from CONNAUGHT HOUSE, to the OLD MILITARY ACADEMY and finally now into the WOOLWICH BARRACKS proper and so, finally comes under the Army umbrella. WOOLWICH is no longer a training establishment, all recruitment and training are now done with the Guards Regiments at PIRBRIGHT, with Gunnery training done at LARKHILL, before posting to R.A. Regiments.

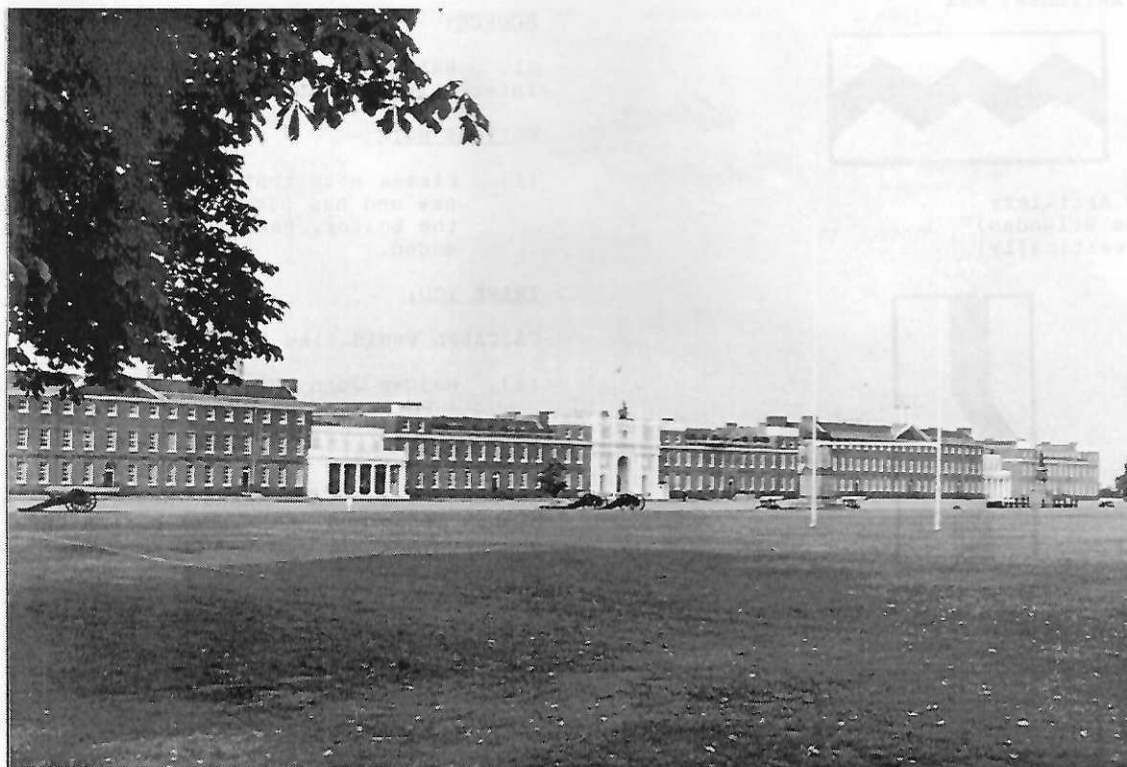
Property developers wanted to turn WOOLWICH into a shopping complex, but with the return of one of the two Arty Regt's from GERMANY, redevelopment is no longer to take place.

The Master Gunner, GEN SIR MARTIN FARNDAL, KCB is currently trying to raise 20 Million Pounds for restoration works. The Rotunda Museum now has on display, Rapier, S.P. Guns and a Railway gun.

So on a final note, the Royal Artillery will stay at its original home "WOOLWICH".

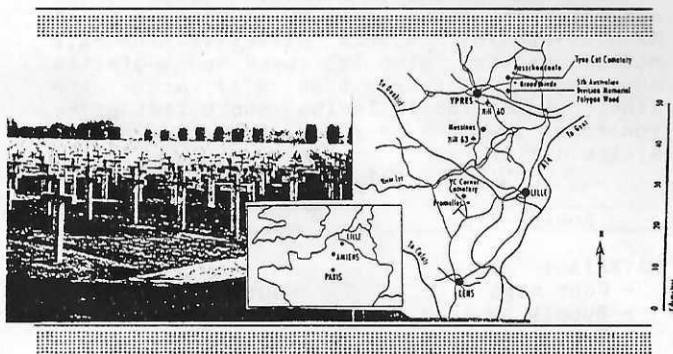
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ABOVE: "Home Of Artillery", the WOOLWICH

ARSENAL in London. (C) Pic J. AUCHETTL 1996.



**FROM GUNNERY  
TO SURVEYOR  
NOW HE IS 103**

By  
**MICHAEL RYAN**

Victorias second oldest soldier turned 103 in November 95. Born in NEWPORT, COUNTY TIPPERARY, on November 26, 1892, Bombardier JACK CULLEN came to Melbourne aged 17 (1909) with his Australian born mother. In 1916 he joined the Australian Volunteer Army in FIELD ARTILLERY. Bombardier CULLEN's role in WWI was decided by a chance encounter at the first morning milling in MARIBYRNONG CAMP.

"A group to one side said to me, "What are you doing over in that crowd?" Stay here with us, and that's how I got into the Artillery. The rest went to infantry".

In France, Bombardier CULLEN worked on trench mortars and slept in catacombs around PASSCHENDALE.

"Little bunch of 8 marched out to the line and spent 10 days in a dugout under the railway embankment at WESTHOEK RIDGE. It was always raining, the barrel of my gun was always full of mud, we couldn't shoot"

Another time, a blistered heel from tight boots sent him back to reserve line and saved his life.

"The whole team of 8 with my replacement, were killed by one shell. I don't know if it was the Almighty looking after me. I felt terrible about that little chap who took my place, but of course it wasn't my fault, I didn't ask to be sent back."

Bombardier CULLEN recalled a wonderful Australian event on the eve of armistice;

"A General saw us [gunners] unruly and ordered us to polish our harnesses. A thousand of us shouted him off parade.

We lost 63,000 Australians altogether, so any of us who got out of it alive was jolly lucky". Bombardier CULLEN survived the slaughter of WWI in France from 1917 to 1918.

**JOINS SURVEY CORPS**

Back home in 1920 he then rejoined the Army and went to Survey Corps. During WWII he served as a survey instructor with 3 Fd Survey Company. His daughter BETTY BENGOUGH, remembers how at KYNETON (Victoria) her dad used to bring his topographers home for supper and they would sing around the piano. "Back in the 1920" Bombardier CULLEN recalled, "a corporal and I spent 18 months to walk over, measure and draw a 120 mile area of TALLAROOK with every contour, road and stream recorded."

The same map would take a fortnight today with aerial photography and computer reproduction.

According to his pupil, COLONEL DON McDONALD, who finished up Colonel Director of Survey, JACK CULLEN had a great eye for country. For his 90th birthday, the entire Army Survey Regiment from all over Australia travelled to BENDIGO in his honour.

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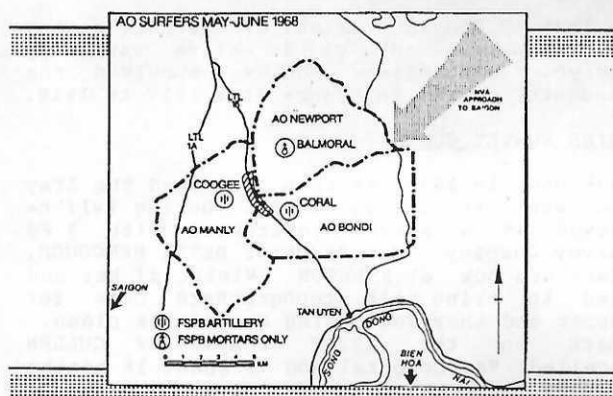
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ABOVE: Soldiering  
army days.

on: Veteran Jack Cullen at age 103 and his  
[Pic (C) Bill McAULEY 95]





## JUNGLE EMPLOYED

### ARTILLERY

### FIXED OR MOBILE

By

SGT BRIAN. MITCHELL

My days as a CP Sgt and a FO Ack [Qld] are long over, but my interest in jungle operations [looking mostly at WWII PAPUA NEW GUINEA (PNG) operations] still stimulate me as the difficulty that such tasks, place on our gunners & FOs can only be regarded as the supreme field test based on the human difficulty. Just ask any WWII Middle East gunner what he thought about their PNG operations! With this in mind I constantly compare notes from "Jungle Operations" articles and in this summary, I have focused on two short articles, one from ENGLAND by Maj J.C. HOWARD-VYSE, RA [R2] and the other from AUSTRALIA by Maj K.R. HALL, RAA [R2].

HALLS impressive paper backgrounds Australian Artillery operations in VIETNAM in the 1970s, while HOWARD-VYSE looked at the same problem using 1966 BURMA, MALAYA and KENYA operations for his study into future jungle operations. The two papers are not research or definitive policy papers, there is better literature to cover the "Do & Don'ts".

Was Vietnam a jungle war, to most of us it was, but this point is debatable. Therefore, knowing full well that there is no one correct view, CASCABEL gunners may find this simple overview, of some interest.

#### FIXED AND MOBILE OPERATIONS

HALLS articles is very different to HOWARD-VYSE vision. HALL tells his story from "ground seen & experience". His jungle war is "fixed on the ground", his guns dominate an area and he needs to have a defence policy. (Air cover is vital).

HOWARD-VYSE view is based on a "Mobile Jungle War" [similar to the New Guinea Campaigns]. His war system looks correct, and I believe reflects our current ADF operations policy.

Also HOWARD-VYSE has never been in the jungle with a modern system, unlike HALL. To his credit HOWARD-VYSE recognises this problem and he searches for common solutions.

So which jungle system would you use?. The

mobile system feels and sounds better, the odd thing is, HALLS fixed "Fire Support Base" [F.S.B.] policy is more effective. The "Air Mobile" factors give it speed and logistics advantages. Although some will argue the finer points. The following short list gives you some idea how a fixed or mobile jungle system differ:

### THE OBSERVER

HOWARD-VYSE:

HALL:

#### MATERIAL:

- |                   |                   |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| - Poor maps       | - Survey          |
| - Supply by road  | - Air supply      |
| - Weight problems | - Fast collection |
| - Movements slow  | - Constant supply |

#### FOO NEEDS:

- |   |                             |
|---|-----------------------------|
| - Need to be fit                            | - Safety doctrine to follow |
| - Acclimatised                              | - Local people              |
| - Forest life problems EG: scorpions/spider | - Planned programs          |
| - Perseverance                              | - More FO needed            |
| - Initiative                                | - Multi tasked              |
|   | - Airstrike active          |

#### OP USED:

- |                    |                             |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| - Tree top         | - Air FOO                   |
| - Nodal point      | - Battalion net             |
| - Jungle Cover     | - Ground sensors            |
| - Range to move    | - Ground radar              |
| - Forest edges     | - Remote monitors           |
| - Withdrawal value | - People Sniffers           |
|                    | - Create Fire Support roles |
|                    | - Mortar FC needed          |

#### TARGET ACQUISITION:

- |                   |                   |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| - IR Devices      | - Ground sensors  |
| - Bino            | - Ground radar    |
| - Stay behind OPs | - Remote monitors |
|                   | - People Sniffers |
|                   | - Smoke           |
|                   | - Patrolling      |

#### MISSION PROBLEMS:

- |                   |                                   |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------|
| - Lack of Guns    | - Civilians areas                 |
| - Fall of shot    | - CBF                             |
| - Lost rounds     | - Contact doctrine                |
| - Adjustments     | - Limited & Fixed ground location |
| - Troop locations |                                   |
| - Coordination    |                                   |
| - Night Ops       |                                   |

#### MUNITIONS FACTORS:

- |                     |                  |
|---------------------|------------------|
| - Use VT            | - All ammo types |
| - Adjust with smoke | - Harassing      |
| - Mortars           | - Volume use     |
| - Save it policy    | - Ship & Air     |

### GUN POSITIONS

#### DEPLOYMENT:

- |                                  |                      |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| - Use paths & roads              | - Off road recon     |
| - Use tracks & APC for movements | - Air lift in        |
| - Winching Drills                | - APC covered        |
| - Bogs                           | - Surveyed & Div Loc |

#### POSITION:

- |                             |                      |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| - 360 deg position          | - Fire Support Base  |
| - Pits & trenches           | - Triangle position  |
| - OH protection             | - Counter insurgency |
| - Tight concentration       | - Wire & mines       |
| - Wagon line middle of guns | - Clear fell trees   |
|                             | - APC covered        |
|                             | - Underground        |
|                             | - Strong points      |

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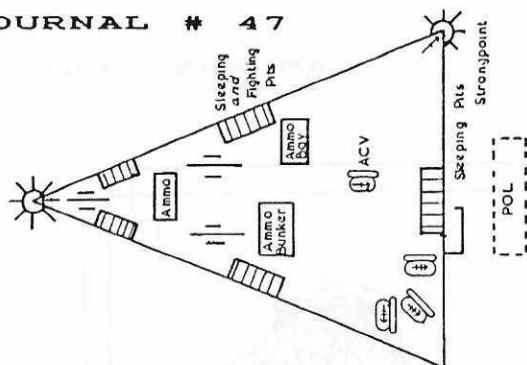


FIG: 1. Diagrammatic layout of section F.S.B. (Outer perimeter wire not shown).

((C) HALL 1972 - Page 161 (R21)

In HALLS conclusion he states;

"The basic differences which exist in fire support procedures in Vietnam are due entirely to local conditions and requirements. These conditions have led to additional safety factors and to some change in adjustment techniques. But despite these small variations, operations in SOUTH VIETNAM have confirmed our existing doctrine and techniques. However, certain domestic problems and weaknesses in the organisation and establishment of the Field Regiment have been emphasised. For example, there are insufficient FOS to match the establishment of the infantry battalion and increments had to be provided to man such necessary cells as the Arty AirStrike Warning Control Centre [AASWCC] and Arty Tec. These should not remain *ad hoc* organisations but should be catered for within the regiment, and the skills and techniques which evolved in VIETNAM should be kept alive."

The RA & the RAA views are most interesting, principally for the different perspectives relative to theatre of operation. And that's the point: - have we practice it or is distance stopping us looking at two types.

#### A NEED TO UPDATE

The ADF operations [North Force] at present are not jungle operations. However, PNG & INDONESIA are less than 1000km from DARWIN, granted we have a "big moat" [TIMOR SEA] to protect us, but as each officer will tell you "the best form of defence is attack", does this mean that the RAA may need to cross that "big moat" to do our gunnery? History has shown us that we can not assume we will never cross over again.

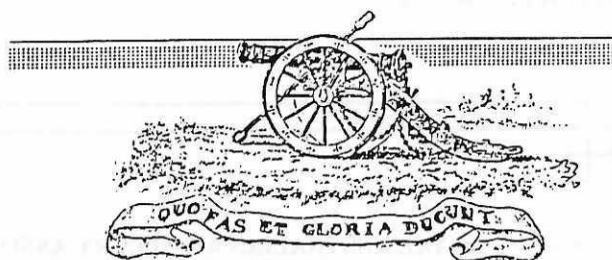
With FO's using GPS, SATCOM, Laser and Smart Munitions, I wonder if our past skills in the two obvious jungle techniques could now be outdated or if not practiced, even lost?

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Device, Badge and Motto of the Royal Regiment of Artillery as approved in 1833 by HM King William IV

## THE

## RED AND BLUE

By

NORMAN ANDREWS

The Secretary - AHTT

The Regiments colours are RED & BLUE, however the original colour worn by Gunners and Matrosses was RED. [A MATROSS assisted the Gunner with loading, traversing & cleaning, the rank was abolished in 1783].

Artillery was originally part of the BOARD OF ORDNANCE and was clothed by the BOARD in its standard issue RED coat trimmed with BLACK velvet. In 1689 the DUKE OF SCHOMBERG, under the Dutch born KING WILLIAM III, became the MASTER GENERAL of ORDNANCE and he dressed the artillery trains in BLUE coats, trimmed with orange (colours of the Netherlands). WILLIAM soon replaced the BLUE coat with that of the previously worn RED (done in the main to soothe patriotic discontent within England). The colour BLUE was kept, however, for the facings and lining and the breeches and waistcoat remained BLUE also. RED and BLUE were also considered to be Royal colours.

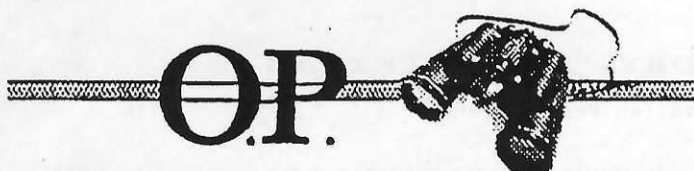
The button holes of the coats were later strengthened with braid, or tape. The infantry for some reason used white tape, while the gunners opted for YELLOW. Eventually the officers and the senior non-commissioned officers in the artillery replaced the tape with GOLD coloured braid and in time these colours spread to the badges of rank, with the infantry wearing WHITE chevrons and the Gunners GOLD.

In the mid 18th century the Gunners changed the coat back to BLUE again; it was found that this colour was more practical in hiding the stains of flash and gunsmoke. RED then became the colour of the facing etc, and the GOLD or YELLOW, depending on the rank, remained. Some people say the Gunners colours represent the flash (RED) and the smoke (BLUE) of a cannon firing; there is nothing to substantiate this. GOLD or YELLOW, has long been a part of the Gunners colours (example: the dress of the Kings troop RHA, and the stable belt). The artillery colours as laid down in "Records of the British Army" (1895) are: SCARLET & BLUE with GOLD cord.

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SOURCE: Objectives - Artillery Historical Trust of Tasmania 24 May 1994, pl0.

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### GUNNER NUN - BORN KILLER?

Sgt MARIA EGAN [2/15 Fd Regt, HQ Bty], now SISTER MARIA (Nun from our Lady of Mercy) returned to Melbourne for a brief R&R visit last year from her new home in PAKISTAN. Nothing has changed Maria and she is still lots of fun and full of laughs, but one anecdote had us in stitches;



- Apparently when Maria first arrived in KARACHI, she was being shown her accommodation, which happened to be on the 3rd floor of a building. She reports that a sudden volley of gunfire passed her location. The other Nuns were oblivious to the rounds, looked in amazement when they turned, to find Maria on the floor "belly crawling" for cover. The amazed Nuns questioned her unusual posture, "What are you attempting to do Sister Maria?". Seeing the funny side to the moment, Maria instinctively replied "Oh... you may not realise but I am a trained killer from the Australian Army... in a past life". [a somewhat inappropriate reply for a NUN], a quick withdrawal was required. It took Maria a number of days to explain her reflex action to the other Nuns. She tells us that "I never had to hit the dirt in 7 years at PUCKA and here I was doing it, as if I knew what I was doing? ... may be someones lesson did get through to me!" This is proof that there are miracles and hope for the Army. You will find a Gunner just about everywhere. UBIQUE!

[SOURCE: LISA. Auchettl, 15th Dec 1995].

### WO2 ARCH PAIGE 2/4th Fd Regt AIF

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With time, many of our WWII Gunners have left us, some without any record and other are reported in their Regimental Journals. That's a fact of life and in the "Passing Parade" there is little we can do to acknowledge them all, their good work or service to the Corps. However, on occasion, one or two special people stand out above the rank and file. Such a Gunner was WO2 ARCH PAIGE, Secretary of the 2/4th Fd Regt AIF. ARCH was one of many, who continuously serve their Regiment, however, members within 2/4th and outsiders alike would agree that ARCH was a very special and "Rare Bloke" who live by the Gunners creed & motto "UBIQUE". When you loose such a man you have taken a devastating incoming round! On the 6th of NOV 1995, Gunner WO2 ARCH PAIGE, passed away at his ELWOOD home. He will be sadly missed.

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### GUNNER & GLASS MAKER

SIR ALASTAIR PILKINGTON, was born in Calcutta India on 7th Jan, 1920. He developed the revolutionary "float glass process" and went on to be company director of St Helens Pilkingtons [glass makers]. After school he went to Cambridge, in 1938 to read mechanical science. He became a reserve officer in the Royal Artillery and was posted to EGYPT a week before war was declared and was in the thick of the fighting in GREECE. He was one of the last to escape from the country. In CRETE, however, he spent precious time rounding up stragglers and when he brought them to the evacuation beach, lots had to be drawn for the few remaining places in the boats. He spent the rest of the war as a prisoner in GERMANY.

SIR ALASTAIR PILKINGTON, inventor, company director and philanthropist died in London on 5th May 1995 aged 75. [SOURCE: The Australian, 31 July 95, p14]



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FROM D-DAY TO VIETNAM

MajGen DOUGLAS (TIM) VINCENT  
Commander Australian Forces Vietnam  
1916 - 1995

MajGen DOUGLAS (TIM) VINCENT, one of our most important Commanders, died 8th Oct 1995. Born 10th Mar 1916, MajGen Vincent pursued a career in the ADF, graduated DUNTROON 1938 and was posted into Signal Corps. He was the 3rd person in Queensland to enlist for WWII. He became the Adjutant 7.



Div Sigs during the 1941 SYRIAN Campaign. He was one of only 13 Australian Army officers attached to British Army and involved in the planning of "Operation Overlord", the D-Day landing. As a major in HQ British 30th Corps he saw action from NORMANDY to BELGIUM. In 1962 MajGen Vincent became Commander of Australian Armed Forces in the Far East, MALAYA then SINGAPORE. It was at this time he became an aviator. To most gunners it was his 1967 placement as Commander Australian Forces VIETNAM that saw gunners write another distinguished chapter to the Australian Artillery history. He retired in 1975 became active in the RSL as defence adviser and chairman and took over as national trustee of the RSL from 1993.

[SOURCE: OBITUARIES - Herald Sun, 9th Oct 1995, p77].

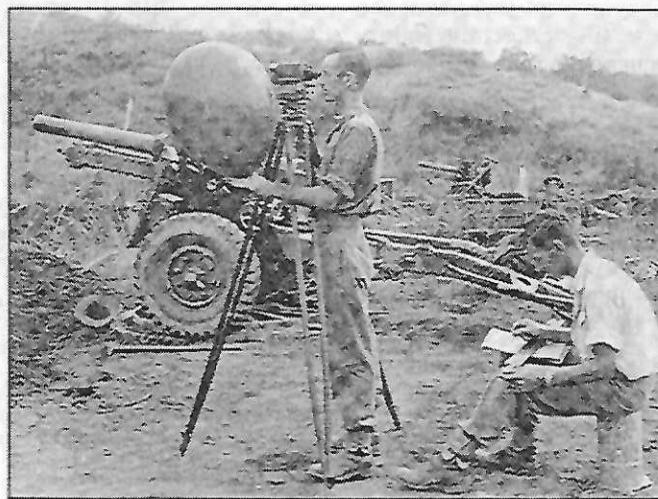
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R.A.A.F. No3 MOBILE MET FLIGHT  
BORAM AIRSTRIP WEWAK

As we reported in CASCABEL No 46, [OCT 95, p30] Gunners have long acknowledged the importance of weather in accurate fire missions. The 900 member RAAF Meteorological Service, served in 150 locations and in a recent article in VETAFFAIRS, [NOV 95, p5], a interesting photograph was printed, taken from one of our GUN LINES at BORAM AIRSTRIP, WEWAK. The RAA Regiment was not identified, however, it does show members of RAAF No3 MOBILE MET FLIGHT, preparing ballistic information for our Gunners.

WO LES BURKE [RAAF] in VETAFFAIRS, reports that in the withdrew from SALAMAU he carried his pilot balloon theodolite across the OWEN STANLEY RANGE, something that most ground force units would not have known.

These unsung heros are owed an enormous debt of gratitude for their professional and vital all CORPS work. "Well Done and Thank You"!



REF 1. VETAFFAIRS - ISSN 0819-89343, NOV 95, p5.  
REF 2. CASCABEL - No 46, OCT 95, p30.

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OUR VICTORIA CROSS  
GUNNER NATION RECOGNITION

Australias three surviving VICTORIA CROSS holders - SIR RODEN CUTLER, 79 [Merdjayoun Syria 1941] of Sydney NSW, TED KENNA, 76 [Wewak PNG 1945] of Hamilton Victoria and KEITH PAYNE, 62 [Vietnam 1969] of Mackay QLD - have been provided with "Gold Travel Passes" at a ceremony at Parliament House, Canberra [Oct 18, 1995]. The Gold Pass now gives them free travel for life. The Minister for Veterans Affairs, CON SCIACCA MP presented the passes on behalf of the Australian People & Federal Government in recognition for their bravery and service to our nation.



ABOVE: Keith Payne, Sir Roden Cutler and Ted Kenna in Canberra.  
(C) Pic Herald Sun 1995.

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# Editor



[ ] Welcome to another edition of our Journal.

## FUTURE EDITIONS

Over the next three editions, I will concentrate on a number of topics that will effect past and present Gunners such as: any changes to the Corps, the structure of the current Australian Artillery and especially our CDAs plans for the future.

## LOCAL FRONT CHANGES

Changes on the local front [this edition covers a good part of that] will have a priority, as our Regiment undertakes its ARTEP in March. I hope we will be able to bring some pictorial information on the way we run our operations. At the same time our new ARTILLERY CENTRE will start to take shape and I want to record that important change.

## HAVE A SAY

I now have a good selection of past Artillery stories, and have started production on a number of interesting projects. I trust our full time authors will keep up their good work! However, to the less active - if you have something to say or want us to cover a special subject, then contact me! Do not worry about the spelling, grammar, type etc... we will assist you in that area. My

main objective is to free up the process for members and other interested organizations or groups - so let's talk about artillery.

By the way if you don't like something, then get that into me also. It gives me a chance to find out what you want CASCABEL to be.

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## COPYRIGHT CHANGES

Over the past year I have received a number of letters from members and other RAA Associations about the reproduction of articles found within CASCABEL. The strict Copyright restrictions, found in past editions, are very necessary in the public & commercial market, but in our Association and Defence Force world, they may be too harsh?

At our November Committee meeting, I promoted a change that would give ONLY - our Members, Kindred Organizations, the ADF and accredited research, some freedom to "copy without prior approval", ORIGINAL articles or items of interest, within this Journal, if the source and author are acknowledged.

Remember, the material will still be covered by Copyright law, all we have done is waived your need to tell us that you wish to use the material, it will be based on a process of good-will.

This, I believe, will free up the process (within the rank & file) so that all GUNNERS and Association friends & journals, can use the data to promote the subject or history of Australian Artillery. The committee approved the idea and I wish to bring to your attention the changes in policy recorded on PAGE 4. However, when in doubt ask!

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## RETURN MAIL

I must apologise to some members, as sometime it becomes impossible for me to reply to your letters. I do try [at least get a thank you back], yet this can be very costly [post comes out of my pocket] and after each edition I get quite a lot of mail. At the moment there is little I can do to change this problem. If I have missed you and you need something just write "URGENT" on the top and I can then give you a priority rating.

## 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.

JOHN AUCHETTL - Lt  
EDITOR

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# YOUR book

REVIEWS

## BOOK REVIEW:

### The Army and the Defence of Darwin Fortress

by Robert J Rayner.

Hard cover, 403pp, Priced around \$48.00.

Published in 1995 by Rudder Press, Plumpton, NSW

Reviewed by Mike Cecil.

Subtitled "Exploding the Myths of the Critical Phase, 'til September 1942", this book chronicles the day to day events which occurred in the greater Darwin area up to the end of 1942. The opening chapters set the scene, beginning with an appraisal of Darwin and Northern Australia's involvement with the military since 1824, through to the early part of the Second World War. Subsequent chapters detail the strengths and dispositions of the various Units, and the problems faced by them. The first air raid on the 19th of February 1942 is dealt with in great detail over four chapters, followed by details about Unit movements during the ensuing months up to September 1942.

Much of the book appears to draw heavily from the Unit War Diaries and similar material generated by the various Units which were located in the Darwin area during the first three years of the Second World War. Later chapters include snippets from interviews or the diaries and correspondence of a number of the participants.

I found this book very difficult reading, not just because of the lengthy portions of text which detail the comings and goings of Units within the general area, but also because of the author's particular style of presentation. Units are not referred to in a consistent manner, for example, the "19 Light Horse (Dismounted) Machine Gun Regiment A.M.F." is also referred to as "19 Machine Gun Regiment A.M.F.", and "19 Machine Gun Regiment". Similarly, the United States Army's 147th Field Artillery Regiment is listed as "147 U.S. Field Artillery", "147 Field Artillery Regiment", "147 Field Artillery", and the "147 F.A.". Without any cross referencing, it was at times difficult to interpret which Units were being referred to, particularly as abbreviations such as "F.A." do not appear in the list of abbreviations.

Unfortunately, the List of Abbreviations is neither complete, nor in alphabetical order, which is unforgivable, especially in these days of efficient word processors. Many abbreviations in the text do not appear in the abbreviations listing, with FA, PMG, AAOC, AASL, VID, W/Cdr, F/Lt, and HAA being a few. "AOB" and "ARP" are listed before "Amb" and "AMF", and "AOC" is sandwiched between "Aust Inf Bn" and "Arty", while "SDU" is listed between "DU" and "ED"! Curiously, the abbreviations list follows the normal convention of *not* having full stops between letters, but most abbreviations in the text do have full stops. But even here, there is inconsistency, as some abbreviations such as RDF, appear in the text without the full stops.

Similarly, the Index is listed in an unconventional manner, with numbered entries such as "124 Reserve Motor Transport Company" followed by "13 Infantry Brigade". Some items also appear to have multiple listings, such as "119 A.G.H." and "119 General Hospital", or "Darwin Overland Maintenance Force" and "Darwin Overland Maintenance Force (D.O.M.F.)". "P40 Kittyhawks" is also listed twice under "P", several entries apart.

The unconventional also extends to the Bibliography, which is listed with the title first, but not in alphabetical order of either title or author.

Technical aspects of the book are also questionable. The term "Bren Carriers" is often used and while this may be popular terminology, is incorrect in the Australian context, particularly as the author states that these vehicles have *bells* of ammunition. Hence, these are clearly Machine Gun Carriers (Carriers, MG, (Aust) LP1, 2 or 2A) armed with Vickers Medium Machine Guns. "Marmon Herrington" (Tractors, Artillery, (Aust) No.3 or 3A) is spelt in a variety of ways, and is mistakenly applied to the photograph of Ford 4x2 model 01T GS trucks mounting searchlights and towing searchlight generator trailers.

**"DOCTORS DIARY"**

BY

**CAPT ROY MILLS**Report by  
**CAROLYN WEBB**

**War hero SIR EDWARD "Weary" DUNLOP** has been revered for his work tending sick prisoners of war during World War II.

But the actions of another doctor on the infamous THAI-BURMA railway came into focus with the launch of the war diaries of DR ROY MARKHAM MILLS on the 13 Dec 1995.

DR MILLS joined the army in 1941. He was captured in February 1942. In 1943, aged 26, he was the only doctor among a group of 718 men chosen by the Japanese to work in some of the most isolated railway camps.



ABOVE: CAPT ROY MILLS POW Doctor.  
(C) Pic BRUCE HOWARD 95

Amid tropical heat and monsoon rains he tended prisoners weakened by hunger and suffering from cholera, dysentery, tropical ulcers and malaria.

Often he saved lives by refusing guards demands to make sick men work and was brutally bashed. By the end of the war in 1945, CAPT MILLS had been transferred to CHANGI prison and discovered he had tuberculosis.

But he recovered and went on to be a respected physician at the Royal Newcastle Hospital. He retired in 1984 and received the Order of Australia.

Veterans Affairs Minister, MR CON SCIACCA told a gathering at his departments LaTrobe Street office, that CAPT MILLS diaries were "an extraordinary record of his magnificent fortitude, perseverance

The 180-odd photographs which appear to have come from mostly private sources, are certainly interesting, and could have benefited from more extensive captions. For example, the picture captioned "Sisters Mess and Wards Bagot 119 AGH" also shows a rare Willys model MA jeep in the foreground, and the caption to the photograph of armourer Clifford Webb "... working on equipment" does not identify the partially dismantled Lewis Light Machine Gun on the bench, a type which is often mentioned in the book.

Finally, I found the author's personal opinions intrude into the text. The tone of statements such as "*Herring had been scheming .... to replace existing officers in key positions with his own people - old 6th Division mates*", detract from the overall credibility of the book. So too, the use of the word "upcoming", which, although receiving some current usage, seems out of place in text primarily about the 1940s.

This book, while containing a wealth of detailed information and obviously the result of considerable effort by its author, is let down by its presentation. It could be improved considerably by thorough and consistent editing.

**BOOK REVIEW****THE OXFORD COMPANION TO AUSTRALIAN MILITARY HISTORY**

By Peter Dennis, Jeffrey Grey, Ewan Morris and Robin Prior.

Published in 1995 by Oxford University Press Australia.

Hard cover; 692 pages; Retail price \$69.95

Reviewed by Mike Cecil

This book is portrayed as a "...landmark ..[which] explores the richness and diversity of Australian Military History", and it certainly goes a long way to achieving that lofty claim. With an impressive directory of contributors, the more than 800 individual entries cover a widely diverse range of subjects related to Australian military history.

The alphabetically arranged entries vary in length and detail, from a few lines to several pages. While the majority of these are concerned with specific people, places or items of equipment, there are also 36 lengthy thematic entries, such as "*Aboriginal Armed Resistance to White Invasion*" and "*Military History and Historians*". All contain a wealth of information, and are supported by 100 photographs, most of which were sourced from the Australian War Memorial. The alphabetical entries and photograph captions are generally well researched, though occasionally suffer from minor errors.

The captured A6M5 Zero fighter pictured on page 27, for example, has New Zealand Air Force markings, not Australian as stated, and the tank pictured on page 51 is actually a Vickers Medium Mark 2 (Special), not a Mark 2 as stated in the caption.

The RAAC will doubtless be interested to learn that the Leopard tank replaced the Centurion from 1974 (the Leopard was ordered in 1974, but the Leopard AS1 actually started replacing the Centurion from early 1977 following the arrival of the first batch in late 1976). Likewise, that the M113 APC (*sic*) (presumably the M113A1 LRV or APC) is obsolete, despite the fact that the RAAC will be using them into the next century.

In addition to the alphabetical entries, the book also has a number of useful reference sections such as "Military Ranks: Service Equivalents" and Appendices such as a list of Prime Ministers and Chiefs of Staff of the armed forces.

The preface of the book states that the authors have sought to make the coverage as comprehensive as possible but that "... the result to some extent reflects [the authors] interests and expertise ...". This is very much the case, although it is difficult to understand why some items have extensive entries, while other, no less deserving items, do not appear at all.

For example, aircraft operated by the RAAF are listed in a concise table spanning several pages, together with a large number of individual alphabetical entries. Both sets of entries are cross referenced to further assist the reader. By contrast, there are just two entries covering armour and armoured vehicles: an entry on armour in general, and an entry on the Australian built AC-1 Cruiser tank under the name "Sentinel". Other tracked AFVs get little mention and no individual entry, despite their significant contribution to Australian military history. Wheeled armour of World War 2 is summed up in half a sentence, with no reference to either local production or the types imported.

and devotion in carrying out the oath that all doctors state - to save others lives.

The launch of the "DOCTORS DIARY AND MEMOIRS" is one of the final acts of the Australia Remembers campaign, marking 50 years since the end of World War II.

**SOURCE:** Herald Sun, - "War Hero Tells of POW Horror", 14 Dec 95.

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This apparent imbalance in subject coverage also extends to inconsistencies in the coverage of items within groups of materiel as well. The broad subject entry for Small Arms mentions a large number of weapons, but only a few of these have detailed individual entries. This poses the question why, for example, is the M60 GPMG deserving of an individual entry, when the M16A1 rifle and M79 grenade launcher of the same period are not? Like wise the entries for artillery: why are the 18 and 25-pounder guns entered individually, but not the 105-mm M2A2 and a host of other types?

Another aspect of consistent presentation is in the use of metric and imperial measure. Some weights and measurements are entirely in imperial, others in imperial followed by the metric equivalent in brackets, while still others are in metric only.

Despite the apparent inconsistencies and imbalance in subject coverage, this is a valuable book of reference. Its strength is in the concise and readable way in which it covers the subjects that have been chosen by the authors for listing. Since receiving this book, it has become a prime source of reference in my library, if only as a stepping off point to more detailed texts. I recommended this book to anyone interested in the broader aspects of Australian military history, though those primarily interested in items of military technology may be disappointed by the restricted extent of the coverage. Perhaps a companion volume on Australian Military Technology is also needed?

# Learn

**QUESTION 1:** Before the Battle of Waterloo 1815, the French had 72,000 men & 246 cannons. After the Battle their losses comprised 25,000 killed & wounded 7,000 prisoners, but how many men were never found after the battle?

[a] 3,000 [b] 4,300 [c] 10,000 [d] 1,000 [e] 900

**QUESTION 2:** In 1975 the all ranks man power levels in a Field Regiment were 39 Off + 498 OR = 537, a Divisional Locating Battery was 14 Off + 334 OR = 348, so what was the Medium Regiment all ranks level?

[a] 571 [b] 525 [c] 623 [d] 556 [e] 633

**QUESTION 3:** What was a FISA PROTECTOR? What did it do, and where was it found near a gun. Was it a ...?

[a] Sleeve [b] Charge [c] Mount [d] Sight [e] Eye Cover

## ANSWERS TO #46

**QUESTION 1:** ANS was:- [e] . Less 121 121-160 161-210

- Ref: Ch3, Fire Resources Section 8, Artillery, para 304, p 3-1.

**QUESTION 2:** ANS was:- [c] . Before firing.

- Ref: Pam# 1B Artillery Training, Vol 3 Fld Gunnery, Ch1,(d),p7.

**QUESTION 3:** ANS was:- [d] . Shot travel.

- Ref: ordnance carriage and mounting definitions, para 9.

- See next Journal # 48 - for answer or write to the Editor -

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2/3 Fd Regt Assn (V)  
2/4 Fd Regt Assn (V)  
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2/12 Fd Regt Assn (V)  
2/14 Fd Regt Assn (V)  
4 Fd Regt Assn (V)  
8 Fd Regt Assn (V)  
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15 Aust Fd Regt Assn (V)  
22 Fd Regt Assn (V)

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

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+ Exmouth Hvy Bty 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)  
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21 Mar 96 Committee Meeting +  
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28 Mar 96 ARTEP

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5/6 RVR & FOS  
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