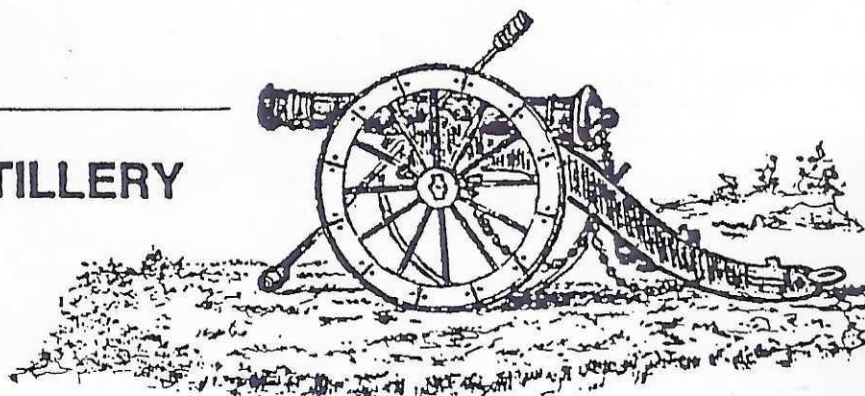


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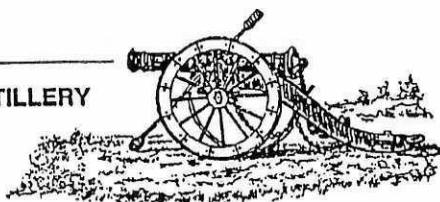


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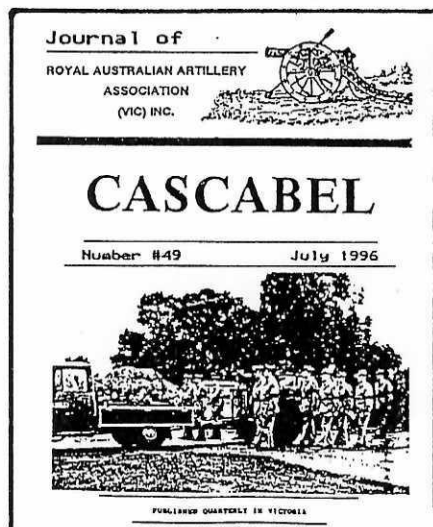
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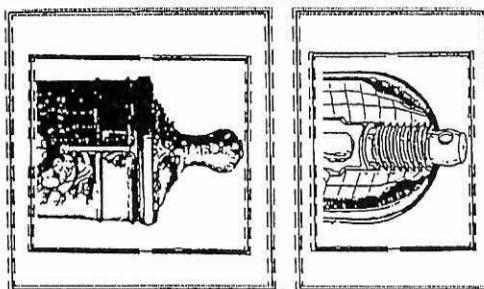
On the 3rd June 1996. A Guard of Officers and SNCO escorts the body of MAJOR BRIAN JACKSON, 2IC of the 2nd/10th Mdm Regiment RAA, by a Gun Carriage. From St James the Apostle Church, Hoppers Crossing North. The funeral proceeded to the Werribee Cemetery for the internment of MAJOR JACKSON'S human remains.
[Pic (C) Lt J. Auchettl 96]

BACK COVER:

TOP: - 22 Bty, 2/15 Fd Regt.
Layer is GNR PENG.
BOTTOM: - March 95, 38 Mdm Bty,
2/10 Mdm Regt, Pucka.

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 IG's at North Head were embroidered with this insignia. Selected by MAJ WARREN BARNARD 1984 Assn Committee.

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The President Writes:



I must begin by acknowledging the loss of MAJOR BRIAN JACKSON. Brian died recently whilst on duty as 2I/C of 2/10 Medium Regiment. He was a member of our committee and Chairman of the Museum Trust Committee. The committee has lost a great member and friend.

The position of 2I/C of 2/10 Medium Regiment has been taken up by MAJOR RON HARRIS. Ron was Battery Commander of 38 Battery at Geelong until recently. We congratulate him on his appointment to this new posting.

ANZAC Day went off without a hitch. The boys served breakfast after the Dawn Service as usual and many Gunners from a variety of units gathered after the march and enjoyed light snacks put on by Sgt EDDIE EVANS.

How is everyone coping with the weather. I think it has been the coldest winter for many years.

MINA and I had a holiday in Sydney recently where it was like spring. A couple of Gunner high lights occurred. The first was a tour by ferry to FORT DENISON just near GARDEN ISLAND. The stone fortification and gun emplacements are very interesting. There is a traditional ceremony performed daily at the fort and I can tell you that your President gave Sydney its time check that day by firing the one o'clock gun.

A few days later we visited the Artillery Centre where I had discussions with LTCOL TONY LYNCH. He is SOL to the Director. We talked about the expected move of the Centre to Puckapunyal next year and many other matters. I invited the Director to address the Annual General Meeting in August. He has agreed to do this and so I hope you will come along to hear him.

Following our visit to the Directorate we were given a conducted tour of the National Artillery Museum at NORTH HEAD. It is an absolutely marvelous display and is improving all the time with the help of an enthusiastic group of volunteers. I have to thank ARTHUR KENNEDY for his time in showing us around. The museum office building is where the Locating Wing of the School was years ago and has one of the better views of that marvelous harbour. A new addition is a 15cm Krupp naval gun on a field mounting recently restored with the help of Transfield Holdings. The museum is a must see if you are in Sydney.

Because I am late in writing this the Gunner Dinner has come and gone. Numbers were down a bit, but it was a good function at the usual venue at Victoria Barracks Officers Mess. The band played to their usual high standard. That night was the beginning of their annual camp.

The band performed again at their annual concert at Saint Bartholomews in conjunction with the church choir on Sunday 7th July. This really is an outstanding afternoon entertainment and I wish more members would come along and support the performers.

Friday 9th August, was the Artillery Ball which was held at Tudor Court again. Our thanks go to the committee led by Capt STUART PIGDON for organising the night.

It wont be long before the Annual General Meeting is here. The 22nd August, at Chapel Street. Remember that the Director of Artillery will be our guest speaker so come along and hear the good news.

MERVYN TAGGART - Major
PRESIDENT

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[49-MERV]



MEMBERSHIP

JULY 1996

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

- Gnr J. ANDERSON
- Maj Jim. KILLENDER
- Col C.H. HUNTER

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

- Sgt C. R. WALKER
- Maj F. B. JACKSON

Our sympathy goes to their families.

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

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

If you know their whereabouts please give me a call.

Our membership register currently stands at 407.

I have attached a membership summary as at 30th June 1996 for your information.

The rate of subscriptions will be set at the AGM to be held in AUGUST.

Subscription notices for annual members will then be sent out. Members do not need to pay now, but if you want to, then send your cheque payable to the RAA Association (Victoria) Inc, to me at P.O. BOX 309 FRANKSTON, 3199.

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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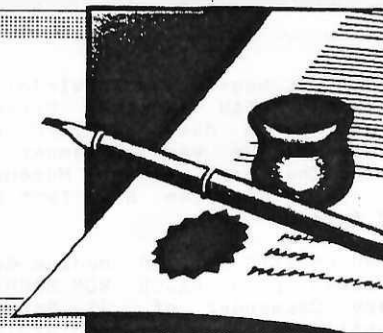
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BALANCE 1/7/95	199	144	57	400
NEW MEMBERS	6	13	2	21
TRANSFERS	9	(9)	-	-
RESIGNED	-	(2)	-	(2)
DEATHS	(5)	(3)	-	(8)
UNFINANCIAL DELETIONS	-	(4)	-	(4)
BALANCE 30/6/96	209	139	59	407

INTERESTING FACTS

OF THE TOTAL MEMBERSHIP OF 407

THERE ARE 60 OR's
THERE ARE 124 SGTS AND WO's
THERE ARE 160 OFFRS
THERE ARE 4 FEMALES
THERE ARE 4 INDIVIDUAL AFFILIATE MEMBERS
THERE ARE 59 AFFILIATE ORGANIZATIONS

[49-DAVID]



FROM THE
SECRETARY
DESK

[] CAN YOU HELP:

- Members are asked to consider serving the Association as a member of the Museum Trust Committee. If you can help in any way [short or long term] then let me know now or at the AGM.

[] NEW PURCHASE:

- Two silver CANDELABRA have been purchased by the Association to commemorate the 1995 Gunner Dinner. Members can view the Candelabra in the mid display case in the officers Mess. [REF: Min 69/96].

[] GUNNER TIES FOR SALE:

- We have purchased 30 RAA Gunner ties for the shop. If you need one then let me know cost \$28.00. The order is made up of 5 - RED RAA TIE, 10 - BLUE RAA TIE and 15 - ST BARBARAS TIE.
[REF: Min 63/96-b].

[] 25pdr SWAP:

- The Committee welcomed MR JOHN UNDERWOOD, Secretary of the historical Re-Enactment Society [HRSA] to the JUNE meeting. John reported on swap arrangements regarding a firing 25pdr for a inoperable 25pdr.
[REF: Min 117/96].

[] EARLY ASSOCIATION INFO NEEDED:

- As reported in the last CASCABEL, I am trying to reconstruct and clarify the early history of our Association, especially the Pre-CASCABEL days.

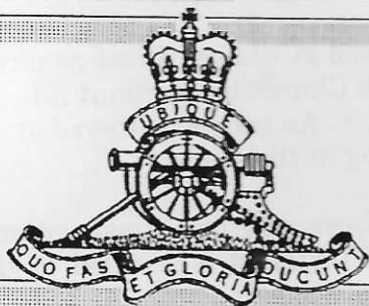
Do you have any minutes, reports & correspondence etc, from the early days of the Victorian RAA Association?

Please send any details, copies or information that will assist us in producing the history.

ROBIN SMITH - Major
SECRETARY

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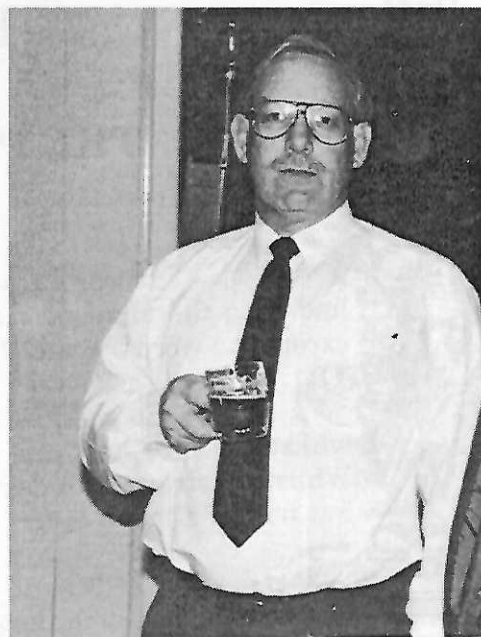
THE
MILITARY FUNERAL
OF
MAJOR
FRANCIS BRIAN JACKSON
1951 - 1996

By
Lt JOHN AUCHETT

FRANCIS BRIAN JACKSON, Second in Command of the 2nd/10th Mdm Regiment, born on 29th March 1951, elder son of JOAN and the late BLAIR (Peter) JACKSON, died suddenly on the night of the 28th May 1996, while on duty with his Regiment.

A large group of Family, Friends and fellow Officers and Gunners attended the Funeral

Mass with Military Honours on the 3rd June 1996, held at St James the Apostle Church, Hoppers Crossing North.



ABOVE: Major Brian Jackson. 24th Aug 1995.

The Pall over Brians Coffin, the Australian Flag reminds us of his service to our country. MARGARET then placed flowers with Brian to symbolise a life and unfolding beauty.

The First Reading was read by MICHAEL KISS
The Second Reading was read by CRAIG FAULKNER. FR PETER RAY offered the Homily. Prayer of the Faithful was read by BOB FAULKNER. Offertory Gifts were carried to the Alter by STEPHANIE & JACKSON DESIRA.

Followed by the Liturgy of the Eucharist, Offertory Eucharistic Prayer, Communion Hymn and the Final Commendation and Farewell.

A Guard of Officers and SNCO shouldered and escorted the body of MAJOR BRIAN JACKSON to the Gun Carriage, the funeral party then slow marched with a vanguard of a Shooting Party and the 2/10 RAA Band. The funeral then proceeded to the Werribee Cemetery.

Infront of a large gathering, a graveside service was conducted with Prayers and Military Funeral functions.

The Shooting Party posted a volley of three shots, the last post, a minutes silence and prayer of committal. Family and Friends, witnessed the interment of Brian's human remains. The Rouse, concluded the service.

We wish to express our most sincere sympathy and love to MARGARET, BLAIR, SARAH and the Jackson Family.

"Rest in Peace"

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"VALE"

BRIAN JACKSON

THE PERSONAL EXPERIENCE OF A PALL BEARER

It was early on the Wednesday when Michelle told me that Carl WOOD had rang the night before and could I ring him. I rang him anticipating every thing except the words "Brian JACKSON died last night".

So shocked was I that Michelle asked what was wrong so I wrote a note whilst listening to Carl. You could have knocked me off the chair with a feather. Whilst no stranger to death, this was different, this was family, not immediate family, but part of a much bigger and different family, all of us Gunners.

Needless to say the phones ran hot throughout our family network, all toned with the same disbelief and sorrow, perhaps some of us got an opportunity to discover our mortality earlier than we expected.

Over the coming week there was first my pride in being nominated to be a Pallbearer, then some concern over the confusion that reined in the ensuing organisation. Its a pity death doesn't fit into schedules.

On the day of the Funeral I arrived at Chapel Street as directed at 0730 to finally be briefed and then transported to the Church in Derrimut Rd. Again briefed, we waited outside the church. As people gathered it become soon apparent that the small church would be bulging at the seams.

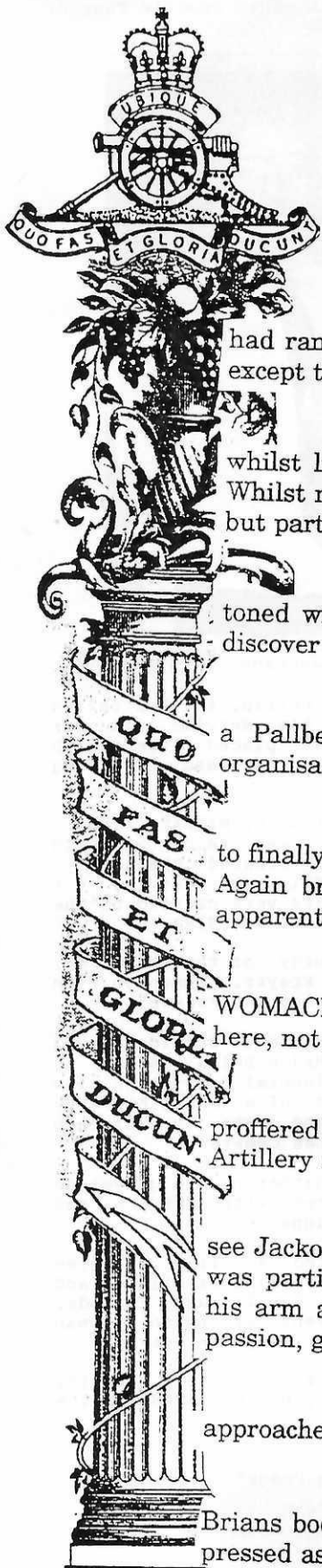
I met many old and familiar faces and one conversation with Mike WOMACK Ross PETERKEN and Peter WERTHEIMER is recalled in that we were here, not so much in Brians death but to celebrate his life.

I was not surprised when I noticed a General Service Sword being proffered for Brians Coffin but equally proud when asked to replace it with my Artillery sword. It looked the part under Brians slouch hat.

Soon the appointed time was on us and I was staggered at the crowd to see Jacko off. The Church service gave me time to reflect on my memories of Brian. I was particularly impressed by his cousins eulogy and yes I could picture Brian with his arm across the shoulder of a young boy speaking to him about one of his great passion, guns and gunnery. Im proud to say it bought a tear to my eyes.

It was a moving sight at the end of the service as the Senior NCOS approached to bear the weight of their 2IC and convey him to the gun carriage.

The imposing sight that greeted me as we formed up ready to receive Brians body on the gun carriage was eerie, the weather had darkened, the crowd had pressed as close as they could, school children formed up and then the band struck up



and the armed escort with band and the gun carriage and tractor flanked by pall and coffin bearers slow marched Brian away towards the cemetery.

Unfortunately after about 500m, modern reality forced us to step short, peel off and bus it to the cemetery in order to be in position to receive Brian at the Grave sight. At the grave sight the game plan changed but not withstanding that, our dignity prevailed and when the drum beat could be heard it wasn't long before Dave MILLS and his guard appeared bearing Brian to his final resting place.

Words were spoken, volleys were fired, bugles blown and all paled as the deafening minutes silence surrounded us at the grave site. As the coffin bearers folded the Pall I was moved and proud to be there, whilst a respectable member of the community who had spent so much time in duty for his country was laid to rest. Brian left us in style. Someone said it was raining, I didn't notice. After falling out, I threw a single white carnation on his coffin, saying my farewells.

On return to the Regiment I found myself behind the bar, in the mess that Brian wanted to renovate. His rough drawings were laying on the bar as a reminder of why we were there.

I lost count of the drinks I dispensed but it was a cosy but brisk environment. Yes, we had a few drinks for Brian, and not a sad word was spoken as everyone remembered his jovial self, imposing himself around us as he had in the past. Glasses were clinked, toasts made and schemes plotted as they should be in good company.

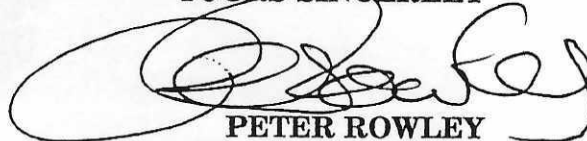
This is my personal recitation of the day Jacko was laid to rest. My farewell. I was proud to be a pall bearer in the company of Majors McDONAGH VENN, HARRIS, WARDROP AND PEARSON. I thank the Regiment for remembering me out in the vast neverland out of Corps.

I want to publicly express my gratitude to Warrant Officer Dave MILLS and his guard Warrant Officers MacLEOD, MARSCHNER & CHRISTIE and Sergeants DOBAY, HEARD, THOMAS, and BREEN for performing their duties with dignity and professionalism. As they know, I would expect nothing less and am not surprised that they made us all proud to be members of a part time profession which exacts full time commitment. We wouldn't have it any other way.

To Brians family I can't say anything to alleviate the pain I know you will be feeling. Brian was a fine man, husband and father who didn't have an unkind bone in his body. Your loss was great and so was the community's.

JACKO, wherever you are, you will be missed but not forgotten.

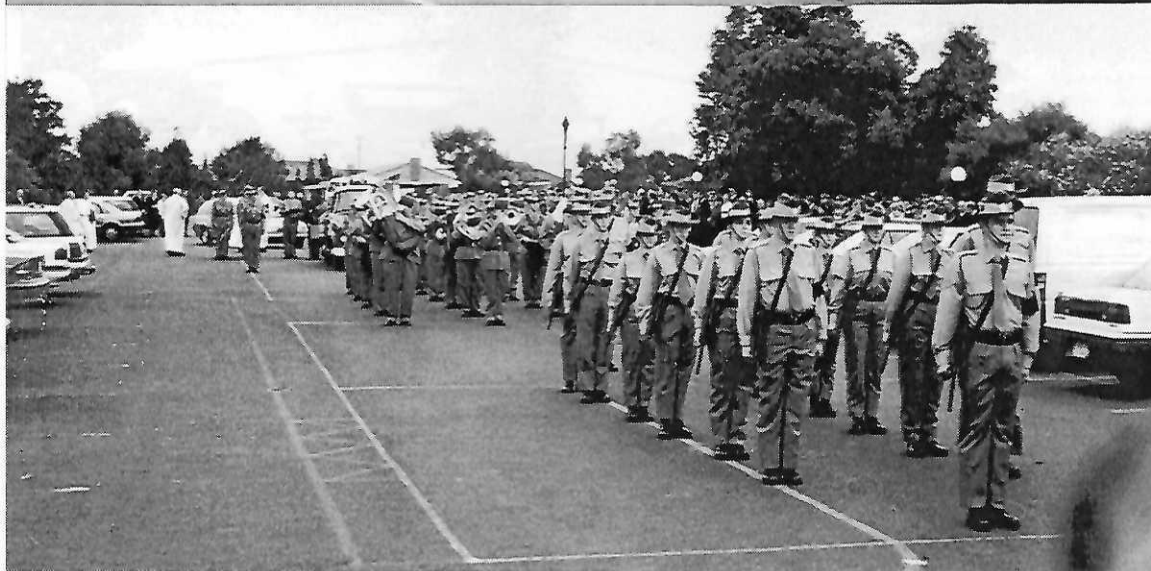
YOURS SINCERELY



PETER ROWLEY
MAJOR









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RAA ASSN (VIC)
ITEMS IN TRUST

- [] On the 7th March 96, we received from PAUL M. O'REILLY a Field Clinometer Mark 5, No 4043, Set in Minutes/Degrees. Produced by Taylor Taylor & Hobson LTD, 1917.

The item was originally owned by MAURICE O'REILLY who received it from a CAPT JOHN (Jack) CLARKE of North Balwyn.

[REF: RAA MIN: 90/96].

- [] From LTCOL ROBERT SEALEY, RFD ED RL a gift to the RAA Assn Victoria one framed 280x280cm selected B/W photograph of Mortar Detachment

[49-ART-5]

circ 1966 of 4.2inch Mortar, 132 Div
loc Bty at Puckapunyal 1961

[REF: RAA MIN: 90/96].

- [] An old display cabinet has been purchased and \$270.00 has been used to reglaze the display case.
[REF: RAA MIN: 77/96].
- [] An Armstrong collection display cabinet has been purchased for \$400.00
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CONTACT: For more information on these subjects contact Museum Trust Committee.

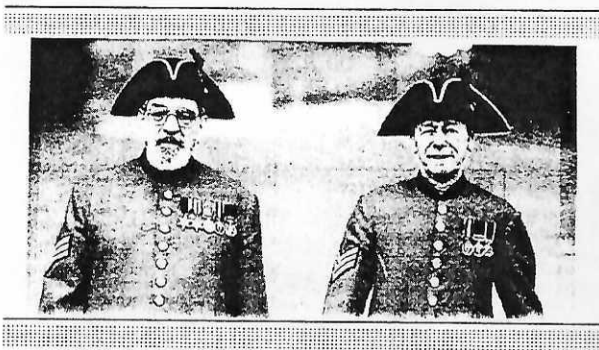
DONATIONS: The museum is always looking for memorabilia on donation or loan. Any items given will be catalogued and secured. It will be put on display when needed. Please if you have any item that may be placed into the Trust then contact the Secretary at, 28 Samada Street, Notting Hill, Victoria, 3168.

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[49- TRUST]



CHELSEA PENSIONERS AT THE REGIMENT

By

Lt JOHN AUCHETTL

This year we had the good fortune to meet and entertain two "Chelsea Pensioners" at the Regiment. SGT ALF SMETHURST and SGT JACK ROGERSON are Royal Artillery (RA) Gunners and were invited to the Melbourne International Flower Show.

SMETHURST & ROGERSON were assisted out to Australia by the Victorian RSL and were the guest of BRIG KEITH ROSSI, Vic President of the Victorian RSL, and our past President.

SGT SMETHURST final RA posting was with the 50th Mdm Regt in Scotland. And SGT ROGERSON final RA posting was with the 32nd Mdm Regt in Germany.

Both have lived in Australia during their service days and both have relatives living in Victoria.

They tells us, to get into a ward at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, one must fulfil two major qualifications. You need to be on a British Army Pension and you must be unattached.



FIG 1: ANZAC Day 96 in the Officers Mess. CO of 2/10 Mdm Regt LtCol Carl WOOD, Sgt Jack ROGERSON, Sgt Alf SMETHURST, the Col Commd Brig Graeme STANDISH, AM RFD ED and the President of the RAA ASSN (Vic) Major Merv TAGGART, RFD ED. [Pic (C) J. Auchettl 96].

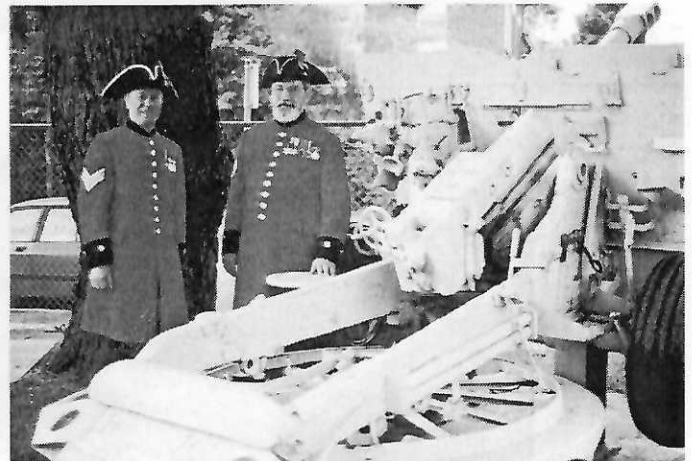


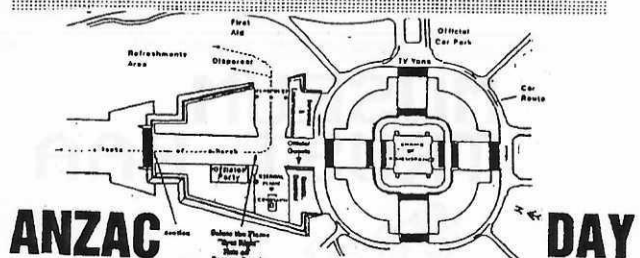
FIG 2: Sgt Jack ROGERSON and Sgt Alf SMETHURST at the Depot front gate, ANZAC Day 1996. [Pic (C) J. Auchettl 96].

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ALSO SEE:

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- [2]. Age 21 May 1996, p20.

[49-ART-4]



ANZAC DAY

1996

REPORT

BREAKFAST

The BREAKFAST at Chapel Street open to all GUNNERS who attend the DAWN SERVICE was again a great success. The numbers were up this year, 52 had a good feed and early drink before they went out to a cold wet March.

AFTER THE MARCH

After the long cold March we noted that the Gunners [drinkers] were again down in numbers, about 230. There is an obvious trend towards a lack of activity & drinkers.

NEED FOR MORE RAA ASSOCIATIONS

There may be a need for all AIF & RAA Gunner Associations and their families [in the near future] to come back or be bussed back to the Corps Depot the Regiments home, rather than make their individual tracks to many distant parts of Melbourne!

However, all who got back were welcomed at the Officers & Sergeants Messes.

The RAA Assn (Victoria) would like to thank the CO - 2/10 MDM Regt, LTCOL CARL WOOD and the RSM - WO1 G.D. METCALF for their assistance and facilities.

You need not March or put up with the cold next year, why not come down and meet some of the Gunners and Friends in the Mess near open log fire, for something to eat and drink!

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FIG 1: Maj John. V. PHILLIPS RFD ED, WO1 Ken. M. HODGES "The Angry Ant" [DASM], Capt Clive. W. GLEADELL. [Pic (C) Lt AUCHETTL 95]



FIG 2: Col G. J. DEAN, ED.

COL DEAN - Served during WWII with 2/8th Fd Regt as a Gunner. 46 Battalion HQ, BC 2 Fd Regt, 2IC 10 Mdm Regt, 3 Div HQ, CO 15 Fd Regt. COL DEANS father was the BSM at the Chapel Street Depot.
[Pic (C) Lt AUCHETTL 95]



FIG 3: Maj John.H. CAMPBELL, Lt Frank MULLINS, MajGen John. STEVENSON AO CBE. [Pic (C) Lt AUCHETTL 95]



FIG 4: Brig Sir William HALL, KBE KG DSO ED.
[Pic (C) Lt AUCHETTL 95]

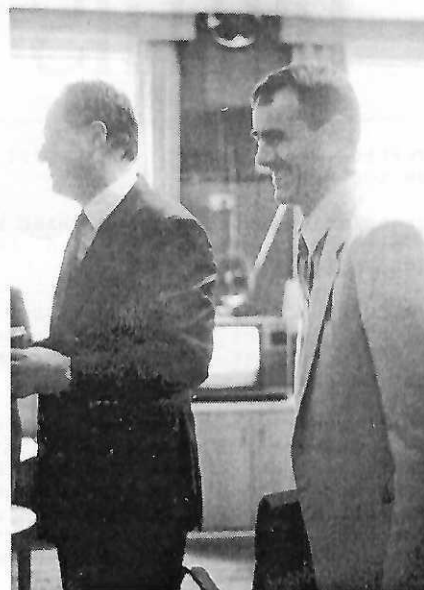


FIG 5: CO - 2/10 MDM Regt, LTCOL CARL WOOD and the RSM - WO1 G.D. METCALF.
[Pic (C) Lt AUCHETTL 95]



MARRIAGE

HUTCHISON & HARRIS

It is with pleasure, we note the recent marriage of CPL JILL HUTCHISON [UPR - 2/10 Mdm Regt, RAA] to MAJOR RON HARRIS [2IC 2/10 Mdm Regt, RAA].

They were married on the 8th June 1996, at St Pauls Anglican Church, Corner Bay and High Street, Frankston. Congratulations to Jill & Ron and we wish them a happy and fruitful future.

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BIRTHS

CRASH ACTION BIRTH GUNNER ZOE McDONAGH

Congratulations to SANDY & RICHARD McDONAGH on the birth of their second child GUNNER ZOE McDONAGH, a sister for CLARE.

MAJOR RICHARD McDONAGH, is the OPSO & BC HQ BTY at our Regiment. CAPT SANDY McDONAGH is an instructor at Defence International Training Centre.

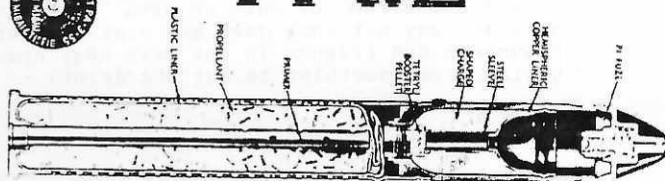
Like all good RAA operations, surprise was the key - Gunners ZOE made a spectacular life entry and gave her Mum & Dad and 10 minute "Crash Action Mission", in the lounge room at home - what a Gunner! It has been reported that the OPSO is now qualified as a "RAAGM - RAA Gunner Midwife". SANDY and ZOE are both well. Well done!

[See Also REF: ARMY #909, July 25, 96, p2].

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[49-MARRY]

PP&E



MAJGEN DES MUELLER OBSERVER NEW PROX FUSE TRIALS

From

WO2 GRAHAM MCBEAN

The General Officer Commanding [GOC] Logistic Command - MAJGEN DES MUELLER, a well know Victorian Gunner based at Victoria Barracks, Melbourne was at P&EE, PORT WAKEFIELD, South Australia on his annual visit.



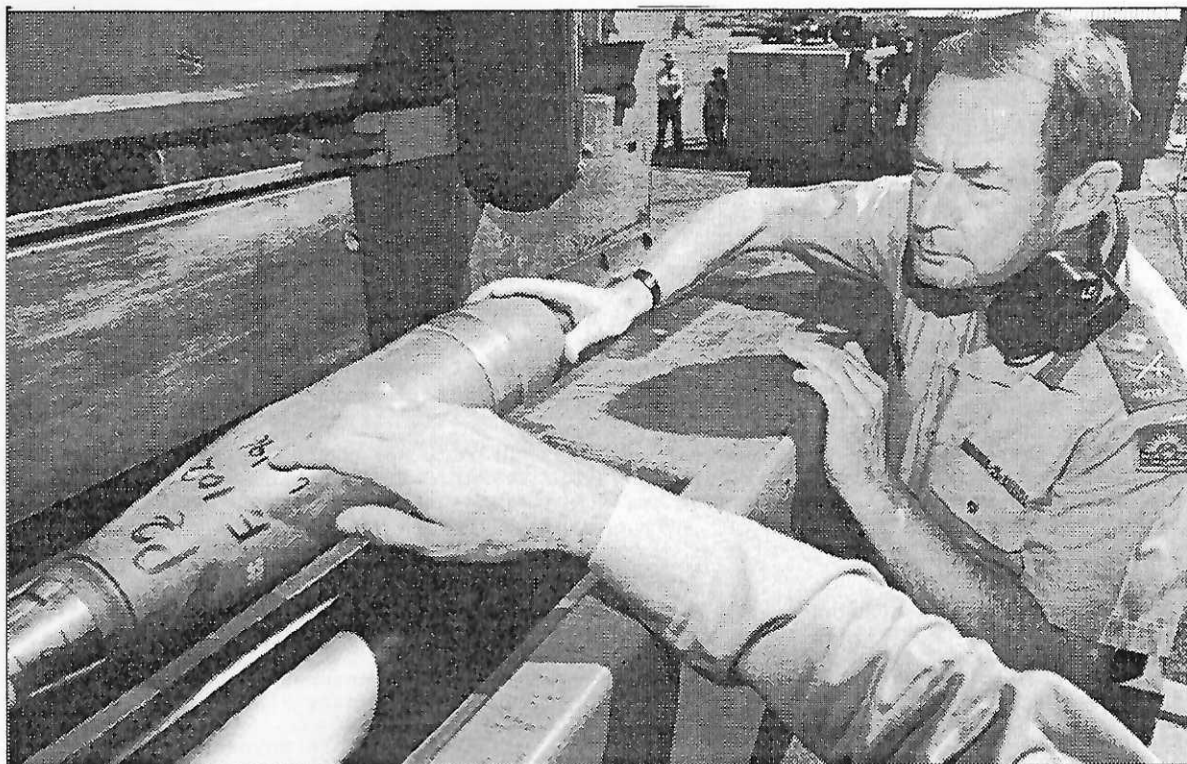
ABOVE: MAJGEN DES MUELLER, GOC LOG COMMD.

MAJGEN DES MUELLER, observed live ammunition testing at P&EE Range. P&EE staff had some "Big" target practice when they tested a new "Proximity fuse" for naval ordnance.

Gun Captain SGT DAVE APPO, P&EE Port Wakefield did the honours of firing about 20 rounds of 5-inch naval ammunition for the trial.

The ordnance was fired over 2700 metres at a 3.3 metre [330cm] aluminium sphere suspended between two 90 metre towers.

Admin Officer P&EE Port Wakefield, CAPT DAN WEADON reported the sphere was intended to simulate an aircraft.



ABOVE: The GOC Log Commd loads round to be fired over 2700 metres at a 3.3 metre [330cm] aluminium sphere suspended between two 90 metre towers.

Pic (C) CPL MARK DOWLING 96.

"It was basically a test of the sensitivity of the fuse," CAPT WEADON said.

"We gradually moved the point of aim further away from the sphere until the round ceased to function."

CAPT WEADON said the rounds should explode close enough to the target for shrapnel to be effective.

"We tested the old fuse first, which I believe is American and we know it works."

"Then we tested an Australian made fuse that worked perfectly and will be used from now on."

The trial was a success.

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THANK YOU:

The RAA Association Vic, wishes to thank WO2 GRAHAM MCBEAN for the article and CPL MARK DOWLING for the use of his photograph of the GOC.

SOURCE: ARMY #904, 16 May 96, p7.

PIC CREDIT:

Pic (C) CPL MARK DOWLING 1996

[49-ART-7]



By

WO1 BOB ARMSTRONG
Career Adviser

FAREWELL

There are a couple of people who have moved on, and we wish them well in their new careers.

SGT JACK BOHMER

We say farewell to SGT JACK BOHMER who took discharge recently. Jacks civilian job and family commitments with a growing tribe, left him little time to give what he needed to for a fulfilling GRES career.

BDR CRAIG

The other is BDR CRAIG from 22 Bty. He has taken his discharge and although this was some time ago, we wish him all the best as a full time civi.

POSTED ARRIVALS

SGT ROBIN THOMAS

Welcome back to the Regiment, ROBIN has returned to the Regiment, after 2 years at MONUR. He has been posted as a Gun Sgt.

POSITION CHANGES

WO1 BOB BROCKWELL

The most recent move was a significant one in the life of a long serving member of the Regiment, WO1 BOB BROCKWELL has been posted to the BASB. Although not his preferred move, the "Service Need" takes precedence in all postings and there was a crying need for a qualified RQMS in this relatively new unit. I haven't caught up with BOB to see how he is going, but all the best BOB.

SGT TONY WILKINS

TONY has been posted to MONUR to replace SGT ROBIN THOMAS, for his 3 year "Non Corps" posting, as an instructor. In preparation for career progression and promotion to WO2 and BG some time in the future.

SGT STEVE COX

STEVE has moved to the Mildura area with his Police duties, and we have managed to post him to 8/7 RVR acting in the capacity of a Pl Sgt. It is expected that he will be there for a couple of years and when the Police Force posts him back to Melbourne, he will rejoin the Regiment.

SGT IVAN DOBAY

IVAN has been posted to 2/10 Mdm Regiment Recruiting Sgt. His posting is to take effect on Sept 96.

MOVES TO NEW CORPS

CPL STEVE O'NEIL

After much training with 105 Const Sqn, and a severe culture shock, CPL STEVE O'NEIL has now changed badges and lanyard as he has recently become a fully qualified Field Engineer and loving it. Good on 'ya Steve.

BDR LAKE

BRD LAKE is now with 1 Pet Coy and settling in very nicely. Once Corps qualified, he will be another to Corps transfer.

NON CORP POSTINGS

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

WO1 BOB ARMSTRONG - APA-M Vic Barracks.
WO1 BOB BROCKWELL - RQMS at BASB.
WO2 BARRY YOVKOFF - OCTU.
SGT STEVE COX - 8/7 RVR Mildura Pl Sgt.
SGT DARYL JOHNSON - 3 Trg Gp, in Training Development Wing (TDW) Watsonia.

SGT JOHN DECKER - Army Reserve Recruiting Centre, Melb (ARRC-M).
SGT TONY WILKINS - Who is instructing at MONUR.
SGT KEN DANCEY - DUC in Geelong.
SGT VIC DOUGLAS - DUC in Geelong.
SGT PETER HANNON - Instructing at OCTU, Watsonia.

RECRUITING CHANGES

The Army is undertaking a massive recruiting drive and to attain the required number of enlistees, the manning establishment has changed. Each unit has now been allocated a position for authorised recruiters.

The rank of these members will be from Capt to Bdr/Cpl. Their job is to carry out all recruiting needs of the GRES and their units. Their work is to be the highest priority. They may train with their units, but only if their recruiting duties have been fulfilled. This is a major change to establishments and a major push to get people into the GRES. There is a plan to have a massive drive in about August 96, to have 400 recruits on a course in December 96 and a further 400 on course in January 97.

A mammoth task in anyones book.

To this end SGT IVAN DOBAY, has been nominated by the Regiment to take up the role of 2/10 Mdm Regt Recruiting Sgt. His position is to take effect by September 96.

Go get'em Ivan!

NEW CAREER ADVISERS

There have been some postings that will effect the current serving members. That is a change of Career Advisers (CA). Your CA for the following Corps are now:

RAA -|
AABC |-- WO1 BOB ARMSTRONG -(RAA)
RASVY |
RRES CAT 2 -|

RAAC -|
AUST INT |-- WO1 WERNER GOLLA -(RAAC)
RAAMP -|

RAINF -|-- WO1 LYAL RAISON -(RAINF)

RACT -|
RAAOC -|-- WO1 STRETCH JARVIS -(RACT)

WO1 Plan -|
RAAMC |-- WO1 BILL WILLIS -(RAAMC)
RAADC |
RAANC -|

RAAPC -|
AACC |-- WO1 PETER REARDON -(AAPSYCH)
AAPSYCH -|

NON CORPS POSTINGS

IS NOT AS FRIGHTENING AS
SOME OF YOU MAKE IT OUT TO BE

A number of Gunners have asked about the difficulties of a "Non Corps" posting. I can only talk from my own experience and relate ideas told to me by other Gunners that I know who have been posted "Non Corps". I am now in contact with people from every Corps and there is no difference between Gunners and any other soldier in a "Non Corps" unit.

The positions are generally for a 3 year period. This can be flexible, again subject to service need. It is your responsibility to maintain the technical skills that you may need when you return to the Corps. Normally, the Unit Commander of the "Non Corps" unit will release you to complete Corps training particularly courses. Communication is the key to maintaining contact with the unit and trade skills. All too often you are forgotten when you leave. If you need to keep in contact with mates and it's easy to find out what's going on in relation to social activities and technical training.

There is a life after Guns. After 6 years out of Corps, I can confirm that, a move is a refreshing change and there is a whole new life away from the Regiment.

Certainly one of the highlights of my career has been the "Non Corps" posting, meeting dozens of people with similar interests from many different units and Corps. Gaining new knowledge and skills to suit new jobs as they become available. The moves are however, only as good as you make them, if you sit on your bum and expect things to come to you, they won't!!

As one of my commando mates told me while at OCTU, J.F.D.I. (REF: E1) a truer acronym has never been defined. If any one wants to discuss "Non Corps" postings, just give me a call at APA on (03) 9 282 5705, or contact me through "Cascabel".

Non Corps is NOT as frightening as some of you make it out to be.

SURVEY CORPS ENDS

The death of a Corps; The Royal Australian Survey Corps was disbanded on 1st June 1996. All surveyors have been taken up by the RAE. Their ECN will be maintained but, they will need to be RAE qualified for future promotion. A real shame, but, a sign of the times. The shrinking Army. Svy Regt has been closed and their duties taken over by civilians who will perform the majority of the cartography, photography and associated tasks.

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.

This year, there was two tables of strangers at the Artillery Ball. Approximately 20 of us from APA attended, including the DIRECTOR of APA, COL BALL and the Deputy Director of APA LTCOL R. PARROTT who is also a Gunner. LTCOL PARROTT is a air defender [cloud puncher], but we won't hold that against him.

From the desk of your SCA.

WO1 BOB ARMSTRONG

Career Adviser

7 July 1996

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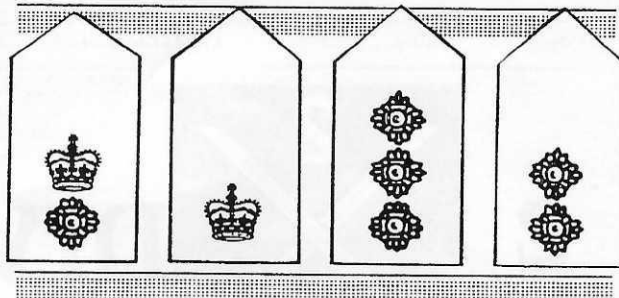
EDITORS NOTE:

[E1]. J.F.D.I. = Just F..ken Do It!

APA-M FUNCTION:

At Army Personnel Agency - Melbourne (APA-M) the Soldier Career Advisers (SCA) and New Career Advisers [CA] are responsible for implementing the Southern Region Corps Plan. APA-M is responsible to Pers Div for all aspects of soldier career management.

[49-PERS]



By

MAJOR STEVE VENN
SO2 APA-M RAA Career Adviser

The following information is from the RAA Career Advisor, Army Personnel Agency, Victoria Barracks, Melbourne. Listed in Rank Cohort order.

2Lt	BURNELL	On Leave
2Lt	CHENU	Bty Ldr 22 Bty
Lt	BAILEY	SECO 22 Bty
Lt	COX	GPO 22 Bty
Lt	DAVIES	C&SW (Basic) Student
Lt	ELLSON	GPO 38 Bty
Lt	HAAR	Bty Ldr 38 Bty
Lt	LAIDLAW	C&SW (Basic) Student
Lt	LANGFORD	A/GPO 22 Bty
Lt	NAIRN	C&SW (Basic) Student
Lt	SMITH	FO 22 Bty
Lt	ULLIN	On Leave
Lt	YOLE	A/Adjt RHQ & IO
Capt	BELFRAGE	CP Offr HQ 4BDE
Capt	BENNETT	Inst 3RTU
Capt	BRIGHT	FO 22 Bty
Capt	CARLISLE	Rec Offr MUR
Capt	COOKE	BK 22 Bty

Capt DARBY FO 38 Bty
 Capt DUTTON BK 38 Bty
 Capt EDWARDS Inst MUR
 Capt HOSKING C&SW (I) Basic Student

Capt KOSTADINOVIC 2IC DUC
 Capt LAMBERT BK HQ Bty
 Capt PIGDON FO 22 Bty
 Capt ROLFE Inst MONUR
 Capt SHEILDS FO 38 Bty

Maj CHARLES BC 38 Bty
 Maj COLE Coy Comd 8/7 RVR
 Maj HARRIS 2IC 2/10 Mdm Regt
 Maj PEARSON BC 22 Bty
 Maj ROWLEY SO2 (OPS) HQ 4BDE
 Maj VENN CA APA-M(SO2)
 Maj WARDROP Inst C&SW (FTS)

LtCol WOOD CO 2/10 Mdm Regt
 RAA CORPS ADVISOR

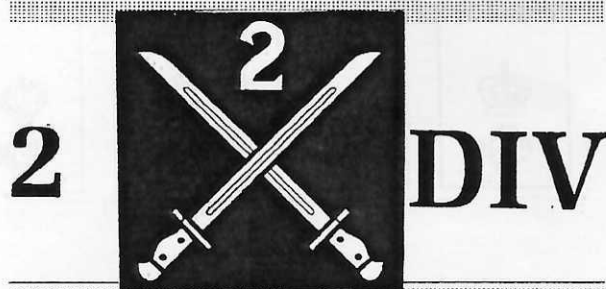
The information contained here is from the RAA Corp Plan, which projects postings for the next 5 years.

I hope you find this information useful.

MAJOR STEVE. C. VENN
 SO2 APA-M RAA Career Adviser
 22 May 1996 APA (03) 9 282 3916

[REF: OCM 1604/96, 22 May 96].

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QUEENS BIRTHDAY HONORS

June 10 1996

LTCOL LEONARD EDWIN BATTEN
 131 Div Loc

LTCOL BATTEN of Calwell ACT, was honored with a AO, Officer in the Military Division, Army. For service to the Army as Battery Commander 131st Divisional Locating Battery and Commanding Officer of the Base Administrative Support Centre, Liverpool.

[REF: Herald Sun "queens Birthday Honours", 10 June 1996, p15].

8/12 AT PUCKA

NSW based 8/12 Mdm Regt provided fire support to the 3rd Battalion RAR paratroopers who made their first drop into Victoria for over 10 years at a Puckapunyal DZ. The operation "SWIFT CANOPY 96" was designed to test 3RAR Parachute Battalion Group.

PROJECT LAND 117

RAPIER NEAR ITS END

On the 7th Feb 1996, PROJECT DIRECTOR, LTCOL GARY COLLINSON, invited Australian industry to register interest in a material definition study. The procurement process will start in Aug 1996.

The RAA will need a completely new air defence capability. We are looking at a medium level system, and if we have a number of areas to defend it may take 4 or 5 systems to defend each area, greater than RAPIER short range system. A "Standoff" weapon may be needed.

The project will be conducted in two phases, with the successful replacement system in operation by 2003. This will bring the latest technology into ADF.

SOURCE: LTCOL GARY COLLINSON - Defence Procurement Office. ACT.

27th BIRTHDAY

16 AD REGT, WOODSIDE

16 AD Regt celebrated its 27th birthday. The Regiment accepted their first Freedom of Entry into the hamlet of Woodside. Chief Inspector TED FORWARD, South Aust Police, challenged the CO 16 AD Regt, LTCOL PAUL APPLETON and his 170 Officers, NCO & Gunners.

Parliamentarians and the Commander Land Comd Arty (CLCA) COL ANTHONY ENGLISH were official guests. The host officer was Col Comdt [Central Region] RAA, COL JOHN DERBYSHIRE.

[49-DARTY]

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN ARTILLERY ASSOCIATION
 (VICTORIA) INCORPORATED



The 19th
 RAA Assn (Vic)
 Annual
 General Meeting
 22nd AUGUST 1996
 8:00 pm
 AT ARTILLERY DEPOT

ADDRESS BY

DIRECTOR OF ARTILLERY

COL PAUL RETTER

THE RAA STRATEGIC PLAN

ARTILLERY AND THE BATTLEFIELD
 FUTURE LAND FORCE OPERATIONS
 RAA VISION
 RAA MISSION
 RAA GOALS



AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE

RSM-A SENIOR POST RSM ADFA W01 PETER ROSEMOND

RSM ADFA, W01 PETER (Pedro) ROSEMOND
[see picture on left]
in December 1996, will
become RSM-A, following
the retirement of W01
ARTHUR FRANCIS.



He is first Tankie
appointed since the jobs
inception.

W01 ROSEMOND enlisted in
1967 and was allocated
to Armoured Corps. In
1969 he was deployed to
Vietnam as a Tank
Commander.

SOURCE: CPL PAUL CROSS,
ARMY #903, 2 May 96, p4

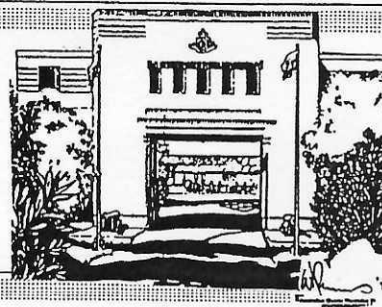
COMMD HQ RESTRUCTURE

A new single HQ will reduce the number
of war fighting HQ, to be called "HQ Aust
Theatre". This will:

- * Simplify the command chain at the
operational level.
- * Sensors & new weapons systems
mean field commanders have lost direct
command of resources that they once
had available to fight & win. The new
HQ will rely on other corps
specialists, policies, and external
support paths.
- * Move from brute force mentality to
application of technology.
- * Ability move from peace to war
without major changes.
- * Making Aust a self reliant defence
force.

SOURCE: CDF, GEN JOHN BAKER ARMY #896,
25 Jan 96, p2.

[49-ADF]



THE ARTILLERY CENTRE RE-LOCATION

Brief By

LTCOL IAN.A. LYNCH

The following is a brief introduction on
the re-location of the Artillery Centre.

BACKGROUND

In November 1995 the PWC voted unanimously
that the Artillery Centre should re-locate to
Puckapunyal.

Two major issues remain unresolved:

- * Provision and command of the Depot
Support Battery, and
- * Environmental effects of the increased
level of noise.

Notwithstanding the above, the RAA is
preparing, both physically and culturally to
move to new Barracks, Puckapunyal.

OUTLINE TIMETABLE

MARCH	1996	- Contract let for Managing Contractor.
		Complete Functional Brief.
MAY	1996	- Site office established at Puckapunyal.
JUNE	1996	- First building starts.
OCTOBER	1997	- Construction complete.

NAMING OF BARRACKS

A separate survey attached on naming of the
Barracks. Brief to be sent to GOC Trg Comd.

IMPLEMENTATION

COL Plans HQ Trg Comd (COL PETER LAWRENCE) is
Chairman of then Steering Group. DARTY-A has
representation on several working groups.

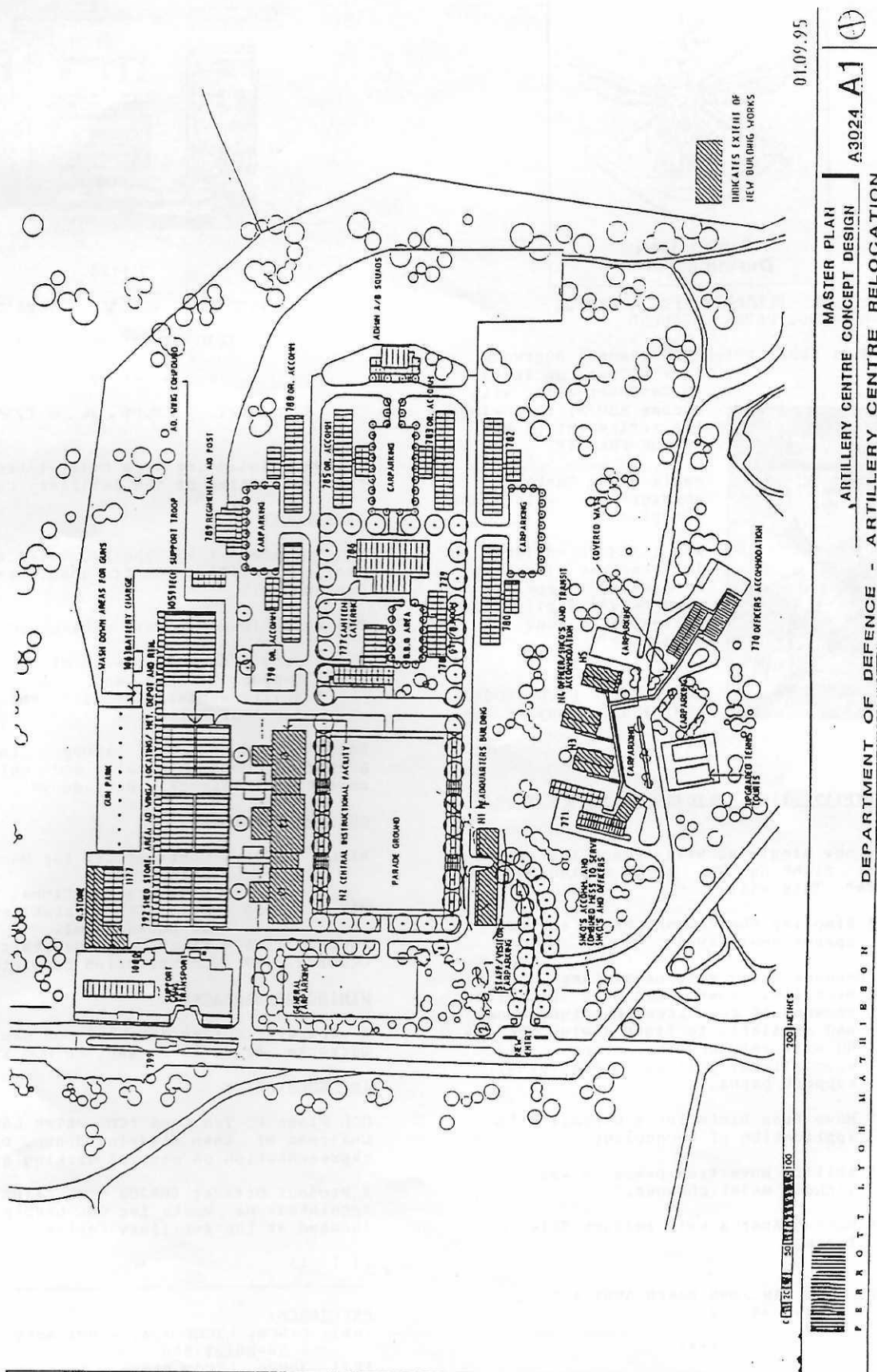
A Project Officer (MAJOR MIKE CAINE) has been
appointed. He works for COL LAWRENCE, but is
located at the Artillery Centre.

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REFERENCE:

- [R1]. LYNCH, LTCOL I.A. - S01 Arty
- 96-E012T.SAM.
[R2]. JONES, LTCOL Steve - Project Director.
CASCABEL #48, April 96, p11.

[49-ART-3]



ABOVE: Proposed Concept for Artillery Centre.

REF: DOD 01.09.95 MASTER PLAN A3024 A1

Forum

15 FD REGT

I REMEMBER

15 FIELD REGIMENT

By

LTCOL KEITH BUNNETT

I remember..... I first joined the CMF with 15 Fd Regt DANDENONG in 1961, I stayed with 22 Bty (P Bty) for 11 years - from Gunner to BK.

I walked into the depot and this skinny little bloke grabbed me and started to talk me into signing up, it was Lt "Doc" HOBSON. There was hardly any other people around as National Service had just been cancelled and consequently 60%-70% of the Regiment had gone home for good.

When we went to our first camp at Pucka in March 1961, we went to "S" Block (everyone went to "S" Block at that time). Old huts, coal fired heaters, pickets at night to keep the fires going, and to wake [SGT] GEORGE BEALE and the other cooks!

The QM Staff issued me a large hessian bag and pointed to a pile of straw out the back, and that was "Bed" on the floor of the hut.

I remember.....

Watching the Officers and Sergeants go into dinner every night of the first week in their Blues.

Unboxing 25Pdr Ammo for the first time and being deathly afraid that it would go off, until WO2 WALLY CULPITT came along with the

sand falling out of his Desert Boots and kicked a few of the rounds around just to show us new comers how safe it all was, he didn't kick the cartridges around though - thank God!

"Cartridge only unload"

Sitting on the Gun waiting to fire it, nervous and scared stiff, after a few days of training as a layer, little WO2 JIMMY FUNGE came along and chatted quietly to us about anything, and everything until the fire orders came, then I was too busy to be nervous. After the Gun went off what a great feeling of satisfaction and excitement that I could control this huge machine.

Waiting for fire orders after one of the other Guns had been adjusting, there was a fairly long delay from the OP, so the GPO ordered "Cartridge only unload". Naturally the only Gun to take any action was the adjusting Gun.

Then the order "Load" was given. My Gun Sergeant, KEN JOHNSON gave the order to load, but immediately a "Roar" burst out of the gathering dusk from our Bty Guide [BG], WO2 MAL BUGG - "No 1 Gun you've got a round up the spout, cartridge only load".

Well KEN was a touch taken aback at this, and he also stuttered a little under stress. So he said "B B B But.." and that's as far as he got. This great roar came again "Cartridge only load, are you going to argue with me?" and mal started shaking his half finger in KEN's face.

Seeing KEN was only half the size of big MAL, he decided he didn't want a half finger stuck up his nose, so he shrugged and said in a quite kind of way "Cartridge only load".

Then we were ordered to "Fire" - we lit up the place for miles and started a nice little grass fire out front. I don't think MAL knew whether to laugh or cry, but he spent the next few days wandering around trying to figure out how to make a round with no cartridge disappear before the end of camp.

I remember.....

Sitting on the layers seat in the middle of a Fire Mission and feeling the Gun start to slide down the hill, as we were firing, I remember jumping off the layers seat very bloody quickly!!

Crawling out of a "Hootchy" in the early

morning, frost on the ground, sun coming up and the Magpies carolling away fit to burst, it made you glad to be alive.

NIGHT OCCYS - no lights, trying not to make any noise, mist rising up, drivers trying to follow the white marker on the back of their Gun Sergeant, sometimes almost running them over, which at different times we thought was probably a good idea anyhow.

Pin points of light flashing on and off all over the Gun position, trying to find the ~Director~ light through the dial sight- "Who's that useless prick standing in the way of the light! Oops!! Sorry Sir!!"

TASMANIA & L5'S

A Night Occy in TASMANIA, our first year with the L5'S. Enemy rushing through the position firing blanks and hand held flares. One flare misfired and flew horizontally straight into the forehead of one of the Gunners. Five minutes later a yell from one of the Gun crews "MEDIC!!" - One of the crew had been using his finger in the dark to match up the holes in one of the ~Trail Sections~ instead of the bolt. Someone pushed the trail a bit too hard and NO FINGER. Two diggers off to hospital within ten minutes, strewth!! What a night. But the first round went down range on time at 0100hr.

A BC who refused to let us refer to our soldiers as "Diggers", they were "Christian Souls" - I thought that at times some of them looked very un-christian indeed.

Our first camp in TASMANIA, crash action in the middle of the main North-South Highway, the local travellers didn't mind, they all gathered around to watch. Free meals at the local restaurants. double page spreads in the local paper. We weren't sure whether we were still in Australia or possibly we had been turned into Americans.

JAMIESON CREEK CAMP

The JAMIESON CREEK CAMP, towing our Gun up FLOUR BAG Hill around the old narrow State Electricity Commission [S.E.C.] track and looking out the passenger seat of a "Gemmy", watching the outside rear dual wheel spinning in mid air with a 500 metre drop below, I only looked once!

Having to unhitch the Guns and manhandle them around some of the corners as they were too narrow for the Gun towers to tow the Gun around.

Being towed up one of the steeper hills with two Gun towers and two Guns hitched in tandem behind and engineer bulldozer.

Hearing that 2 FIELD REGIMENT could not get their track and were staying around the [Lake] EILDON area and thinking what a mob of wimps they were (Don't forget I was young and foolish in those days!).

Coming off picket on a freezing cold night on the range and wandering up to the old WILES COOKER tucked away up the back. Opening the door and entering a different world - of steam, light and warmth. A hot cup of tea and a fried egg sandwich made the world seem right again.

7RAR, CENTURION TANKS & VIETNAM

A combined Armour/Arty/Inf Exercise with 7 RAR just before they went to VIETNAM for their first tour. I was the FO with D-Coy, 7 RAR, I'd never seen so many soldiers carrying so much on their back before. We walked over the top of every flaming hill on Pucka Range. Every night the Coy Comd camped right on the top of a hill, and he made me sleep right on the peak.

Trudging along with the Coy and a troop of Centurion tanks, not interested in the country simply trying to keep out of the tanks tracks in case they "Angel" back down the hill (which was a regular feature of them at that stage of their life). One in fact did go, on the hill next door, spectacular sight crashing back down through the trees, with diggers running for their lives. The Crew Commander hanging on for grim death. Fortunately it rolled out onto level ground and calm was restored.

Watching the Crew Commanders drinking their hot cocoa every couple of hours, and wishing for their tank to throw a track so they would be tired, wet and miserable like the rest of us.

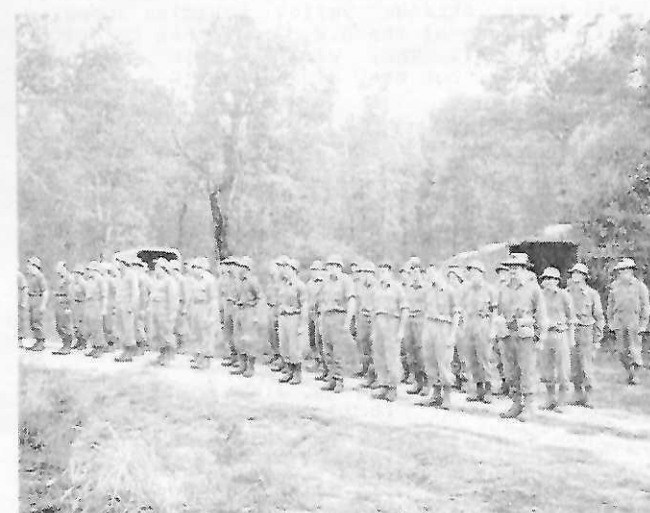
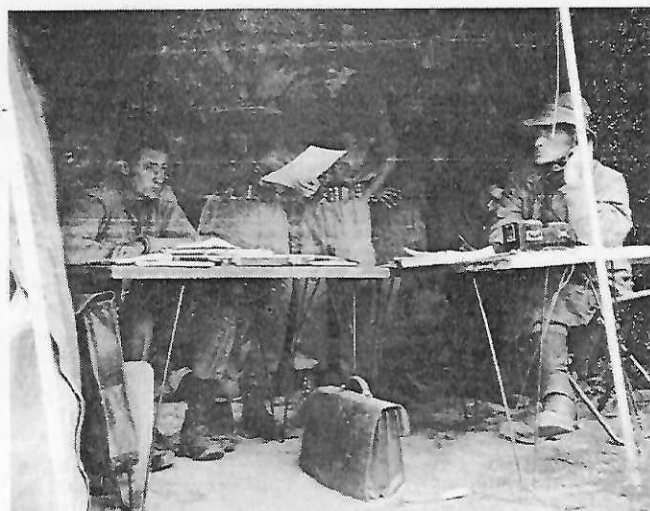
Walking with the Tank Troop Commander (a baby faced ANGUS McNEILAGE), just behind the Coy Commander and constantly querying his ~Loc Stats~ (at one stage he believed us to be "Three miles off the coast in BASS STRAIT"). ANGUS wondered how his tanks were swimming, but the Coy Commander couldn't see the funny side. We decided the Infantry must have been using maps of VIETNAM in advance.

CVT & LIGHT REFLECTORS

An incident while I was GPO of a 6 Gun Battery (GPO is absolutely the very best job in the Army for a Lieutenant, closely followed by a Troop Commander in a Reconnaissance Squadron). We were ordered to fire a CVT Fire Mission after the OP had ordered "Cease Fire", but had almost immediately changed their mind, and ordered another Fire Mission. The Guns were almost packed, but were not yet out of action, you can probably imagine the pleased comments from the No's 1 when they were ordered to "take Post" again.

The adjusting went fine and everything was normal until I ordered ~Fire for Effect with CVT~, when the Guns fired there was an almighty double explosion. The first, from the Guns firing and the second from a muzzle premature. There was shrapnel and holes everywhere and in everything. The Command Post tent looked like a sieve. The only thing that damned round did not hit was people! It was a miracle.

After everyone sat down and had a strong cup of tea, it was found that one of our faster No's 1 had packed his Gun to the point where his muzzle cover was on, and had forgotten to take it off again in the rush to bring the Gun back into action. The CVT round arms itself (or did in those days) on "set back" and was ready to fire as it left the barrel. Unfortunately, the muzzle cover had a reflector on it, and the impact of that reflector was enough to set the round off.



ABOVE: Annual Camp Feb 7th 1971, 22 Bty, Tas.

- Stony Head Range, Weymouth - Big River Camp

Being extremely keen and never missing an opportunity, our ADJT had all the shrapnel marked and the round impact traced. He then gave a lesson on the shape of impact of a round. The lesson was extremely well received, I don't think anyone ever forgot it.

MATT BOLTONG never did find his reflector!!!

I remember...

In the middle of the night on the range. Everything dark, no noise or lights. Then the word goes around the Guns "Salvo's Up" and off we would stumble over to the track. There would be the local SALVO in his blacked out landrover with steaming hot cocoa for everyone - Thank God for the Salvos.

Squatting over a hole on a steep hillside letting nature take its course, hoping desperately that the shovel I was hanging onto wouldn't come out of the ground. Twenty years later after I had transferred to Armoured Corp, I also had to worry where the top half of my tank suit way laying.

Sitting on the OP on a frosty April morning watching the sun burn the mist off the hills and gradually revealing Pucka Range in all its stark beauty. Feeling the sun gradually warm my bones.

Watching a Bush Rat sitting on SSgt JOHN STEWARTS chest eating an apple while SSgt STEWART was asleep. I crept over and quietly woke him up!!!!???? STEWIE'S eyes were bigger than the Bush Rats. It's a long time since I've seen anyone move so quickly.

Wondering how to stop the fishing boats sailing through the "Restricted Impact Area" which extended out into BASS STRAIT from the STONY HEAD Range. The local BC advised that they simply fired a shot across the bows of any offending ship, which "Generally solved the problem".

Doing a camp in the GIPPSLAND bush when there was no money and no vehicles (nothing much ever changes!) we were very short of vehicles, but a couple of days before camp, all these strange yellow vehicles appeared all courtesy of the S.E.C. and then CO, LTCOL KEITH ROSSI. They were a bit hard to camouflage, but they did the job.

I remember!

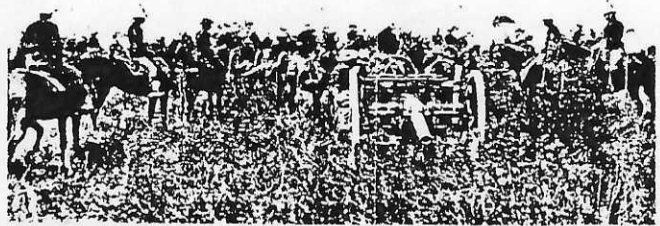
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NAMES IN TEXT:

BEALE,	[SGT]	GEORGE
BOLTONG,	[Sgt]	MATT
BUGG,	[WO2]	MAL
BUNNETT,	[LtCol]	KEITH
CULPITT,	[WO2]	WALLY
FUNGE,	[WO2]	JIMMY
HOBSON,	[Lt]	"Doc"
JOHNSON,	[Sgt]	KEN
McNEILAGE,	[Lt]	ANGUS
ROSSI,	[LtCol]	KEITH
STEWARTS,	[SSgt]	JOHN

NOTE: The above Ranks reflect the period.

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THE 125th BIRTHDAY "A" FIELD BATTERY By WO1 FRANK BERRIER

This year marks the 125th Birthday of "A" Fd Bty, RAA. "A" Fd Bty is Australians oldest regular Army sub-unit [located at 8/12th Mdm Regt, NSW]. It has recorded continuous regular service from 1871.

This birthday more importantly we celebrate the birth of the Royal regiment of Australian Artillery. "A" Fd Bty is the fortunate custodian of Gunner history by virtue of being the first Battery raised in what was to be the Australian Defence Force of the Commonwealth of Australia, in 1901.

"A" Fd Bty is a link in a chain. That chain being all the regiments of the Corps, ARA & GRes alike. None being more blessed than one or the other. We are the custodians of the Australian Gunner tradition.

I believe we have given honour to the Corps and will continue to do so while we enjoy the respect of our fellow Gunners.

THE START

The NSW Parliament enacted the NAVAL & MILITARY FORCE ACT 1871. With the proclamation, by th Earl of Belmore, Governor of New South Wales, Earl of Belmore raised the NSW Permanent Artillery, on the 1st August 1871. (R3). This Act gave law to the formation of a Permanent Force and the raising of an establishment for a FIELD ARTILLERY BATTERY.

Whilst enlistments and attestation did not occur on the day of proclamation, it is obvious that the military and the politicians had agreed on the force composition and strengths well before the act was passed. It was within the 1st-7th August 1871, that the "Nuts & Bolts", Officers, NCO's and Gunners were formerly medicated and sworn in.

SOME IMPORTANT FACTS

* The Battery has Australias first enlisted soldier: SSGT HENRY THOMAS GREEN. His Army number was "Nol". He had served in the

CRIMEA & INDIA.

- * The first BC was CAPT G. AIREY.
- * The first Gunner KIA, was GNR E. LEWIS. His body was interned at SUAKIM, EGYPT.
- * The Mascot (Totem) is the ubiquitous "Road Runner" of DISNEY cartoon fame. By authority of DISNEY, USA, 1962.

ON ACTIVE SERVICE

"A" Fd Bty has seen action in - Sudan 1885, South Africa 1900-01, ANZAC 1915, France & Belgium 1916-18, New Guinea 1943-44, Bougainville 1945, Japan 1946-48, Malaya 1948-60, and Vietnam 1971.

LEFT SHOULDER LANYARD

All units wore the lanyard on their left shoulder up to 1920. Then due to problems with the removal of a knife from the left hand breast pocket, due to the bandoleer being over that shoulder - the RAA changed shoulders to the right.

Australia followed the change, but "A" Fd Bty decided it would not change its dress regulations and kept the lanyard on the left.

There is no truth to the common story line that the Prince Of Wales authorised the batteries left shoulder stance. (RM).

TODAYS BATTERY

Today [96] MAJOR DON.J. SMITH commands the Batteries L119 HAMEL GUNS [c1989] & L118 ABBOT Barrel, as a mobile support Bty [Airborne] attached to 3 RAR. The Battery is located & the responsibility of 8th/12th Mdm Regt, Coral Lines, Liverpool. [The other sister being 103 Bty, with it's M198].

Other task: 4 Fd Regt ODF role, Depot Bty for the School and occasionally does VIP Gun

Salutes at Canberra.

The Battery has a Museum in the Bty Lines (The Henry Green Room) that also serves as the BC conference room.

The Battery Motto is "SEMPER PARATUS" [always ready].

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The RAA Association (Victoria) and Gunner Associations wish the present and past Officers, NCO's and Gunners of "A" Fd Bty a Happy Birthday celebration.

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CELEBRATION PROGRAM01 AUG 1996- CHURCH SERVICE

Location: The Garrison Church, The Rocks
Dress: Serving members: Ceremonial (2A)
 Civilians: Coat and tie
Timings: 0600: Transport departs Battery
 0630: Transport departs Sunnybrook Hotel
 0900: March to Manly wharf
 0915: Ferry to Circular Quay
 1000: Parade forms up at Circular Quay
 1015: Parade arrives at Garrison Church
 1030-1130: Church Service
 1215: Ferry to Manly Wharf
 1230: March to School of Artillery

LUNCHEON

Location: School of Artillery, Manly
Dress: Serving members: Ceremonial (2A)
 Civilians: Coat and tie
Timings: 1300: Luncheon begins
 1430-1800: RAA Museum tour

BEATING THE RETREAT PARADE

Location: School of Artillery Parade ground
Dress: Serving members: Ceremonial (2A)
 Civilians: Coat and tie
Timings: 1900-1945: Parade

INVITATION ONLY VIP COCKTAIL PARTY

Location: School of Artillery Ballroom

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

WO1 FRANK. BERRIER was a QM and a past member of "A" Fd Bty. He is a Life Member of the RAAHS, Patron of the Bty, and President of the "A" Fd Bty Association. He was also involved with the planning of the 125th celebrations. After 36 years service in the AIF & ARA, he is now retired and can be contacted at 13 Linton Ave, REVESBY, 2212. Ph (02) 9 771 3594.

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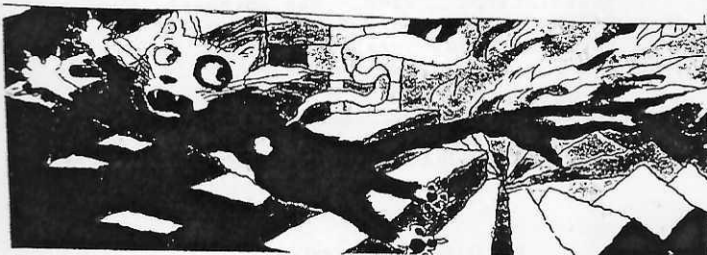
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THE OLD GUNNERS FIRE STOVE

By
EDMUND WILLIAMS

The older gunner had served his time with his Regiment and had decided to retire with his wife to the country.

They had bought a small cottage, with flower and a vegetable garden, plus a few chooks.... life was to be very pleasant.

Seeing the day was dull and wet, the old Gunner decided to stay indoors. So he sat in front of the fire stove, with the oven door open for extra warmth, with the family cat at his feet in the fender.

His wife was preparing a stew for their lunch, she also had to go down to the local store for some milk and groceries. Putting the stew on the fire stove, she said to her husband:

"Keep the fire going while I'm away
so the stew will be ready for lunch."

When she returned, she looked into the kitchen, here was the old Gunner and the cat, sound asleep, the stove stone cold. With the best voice she could muster, she shouted:

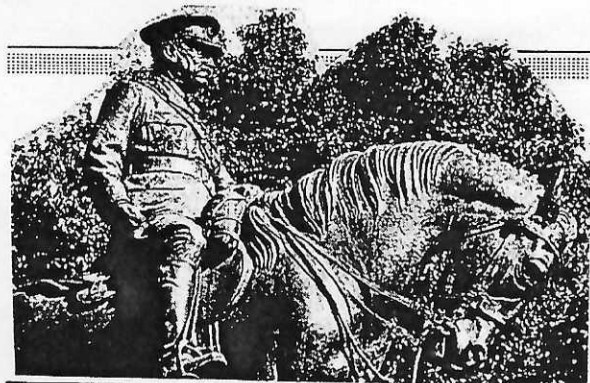
"the.. FIRE!"

With that the old Gunner jumped to his feet, picked up the cat, rammed it into the oven, slammed the door shut, sprang to attention and said

"No TWO GUN READY, SUH!"

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A FEW EXTRA NOTES ON MONASH THE MAN

By

ALAN HOLGATE

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
DEPT OF CIVIL ENGINEERING
MONASH UNIVERSITY

It is good to see SIR JOHN MONASH honored on the new \$100 note, but strange that the background illustrations made no reference to the greater part of his life's work. The accompanying article refers to him only as "military commander and university namesake".

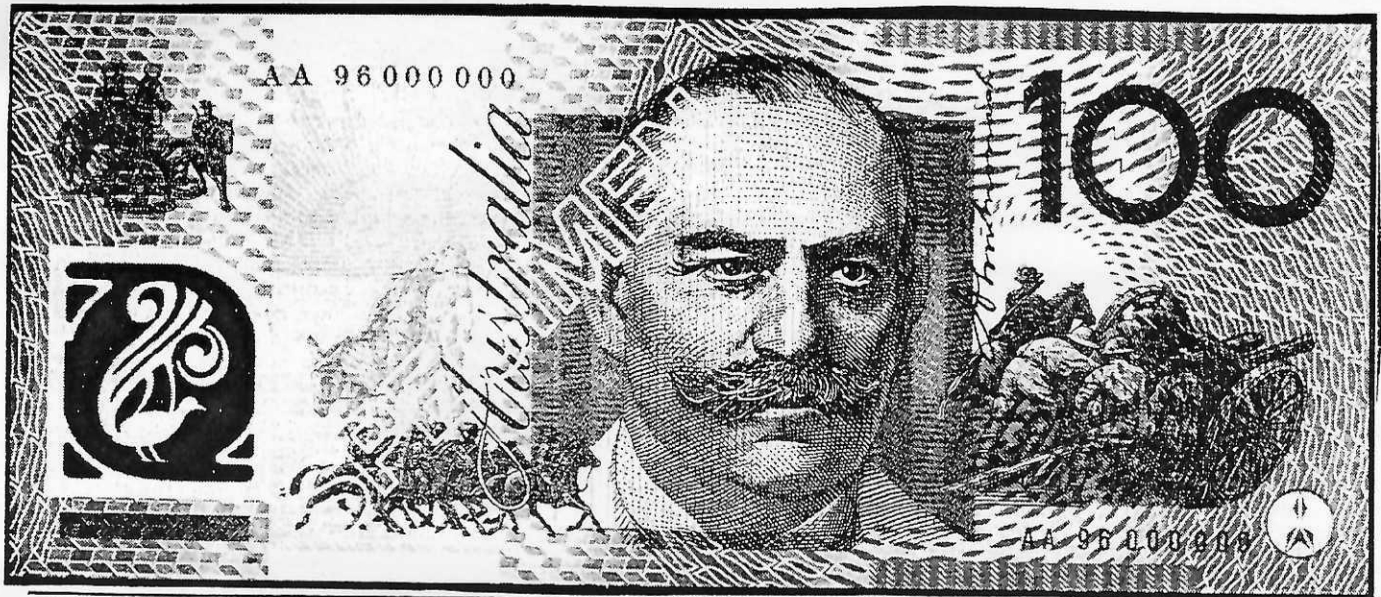
The full facts are readily available in GEOFFREY SERLES biography. MONASH had degrees in civil engineering (MCE) and law (LLB). Before leaving for World War I at the age of 39, he had enjoyed an intensely active career in the design, construction and analysis of projects in civil, mechanical and mining engineering, in patent work, and as an expert witness in major legal disputes over engineering contracts and technical matters.

It was in these enterprises, perhaps more than in the militia, that he learnt to know and respect the resourceful and independent minded men who formed the AIF.

In promoting and organising construction work, he learnt and honed the political, managerial and analytical skills that made him a great commander - in particular his ability to handle a large volume of work under high pressure and withstand inevitable setbacks, his meticulous attention to detail, and his insistence on clear and precise communication both up and down the chain of command.

After the war, he devoted the last 11 years of his life to his visionary work in establishing and developing the State Electricity Commission of Victoria.

In 1917 MONASH wrote home to his wife 'I hate the business of war and soldiering with a loathing that I cannot describe - the awful horror of it, the waste, the destruction and the inefficiency. My only consolation has been the sense of faithfully doing my duty to my country....'



A second edition of the \$100 note could present a more balanced view of his contribution to Australia by including people at work on design computations and at the drawing board; people building bridges, dams, water tanks, warehouses, wharves, electricity transmission lines and a Yallourn Power Station or two.

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MONASH TRIBUTE DAY

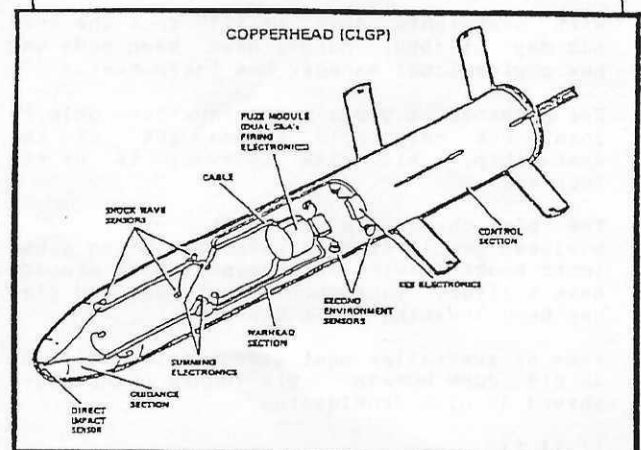
To remember this great Gunner and to celebrate his new \$100 note, Band Master WO1 DAVID FARRELL, and our 2/10 Mdm Regt RAA Band entertained guests at the MONASH TRIBUTE DAY. Two special guests, MONASH'S great-grandson, MICHAEL MONASH BENNETT [see on right] and the Lillydale Trust Chairman, DR GUILL DE PURY were also at the tribute day.

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FUNCTION



IN OCTOBER 1996
PUCKAPUNYAL RANGE

2/10 MDM REGT RAA
WILL FIRE ITS FIRST

155mm M712 COPPER HEAD
Cannon Launched Guided Projectile (CLGP)

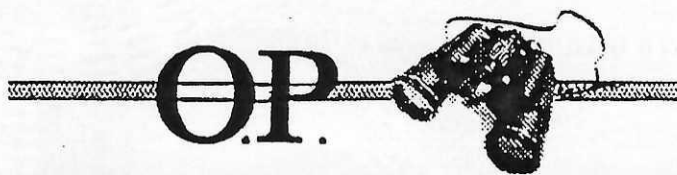
FROM

COL ANTHONY ENGLISH
Commander Land Comd Arty (CLCA)

AT THE 5TH JULY 96 GUNNER DINNER, THE CLCA COL ENGLISH, MADE A TENTATIVE INVITATION TO WITNESS THIS SPECIAL EVENT. NUMBERS, TRANSPORT, SECURITY AND THE EVENT DETAILS ARE NOT FINAL. TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE, YOU WILL NEED TO "WRITE" A SHORT NOTE TO OUR SECRETARY - FOR A PLACEMENT ON OUR LIST -

- STAND-BY FOR CANCELTION & CHANGES -

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NAVAL & MILITARY CLUB THE GUNNERS COMMAND POST

After 115 years, one of Melbourne's oldest and respected men clubs the Naval & Military Club (NMC) is making many major changes for the better. Reported as more like a evolution rather than a revolution of new ideas that have rattled the old sabres.

The NMC was established in 1881 starting as the PIPECLAY CLUB then the UNITED SERVICES CLUB. Full of tradition, with its 18 Streetons, major art works, historical items, dining rooms, bars, gymnasium, accommodation and its important Little Collins Street address.

With membership down to 1797 from the good old days of 4000, changes have been made and new professional manager has taken over.

For a number of years women have been able to join, but only hold around 10% of the membership, this side however, is on the increase.

The big change is in that civilians & business people of both sexes are being asked in to boost levels. At present 80% of members have military backgrounds, but age and time has been lowering their numbers.

Some of Australia's most famous soldiers, such as SIR JOHN MONASH & SIR THOMAS BLAMEY have served as club Presidents.

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SIR WILLIAM HALL NEW VETERANS HOSTEL

One of our most important Gunners and Association Members, Brig SIR WILLIAM HALL, KBE KG DSO ED, has been honoured with the naming of a new hostel for veterans at Heidelberg.

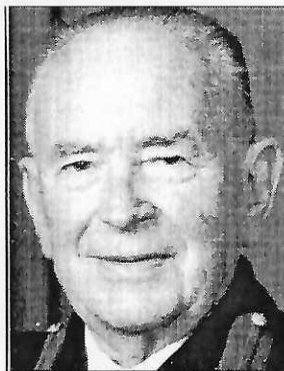
Named the "SIR WILLIAM HALL HOSTEL" it was opened with the unveiling of a plaque on the 26th April 1996, by His Excellency the Governor, the Honourable RICHARD. E. MCGARVIE, AC.

SIR WILLIAM addressed the gathering, attended by Family Members, Ministers, RSL Executives and guests to witnesses the occasion.

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THE GUNNER WHO FORMED THE ARMY PSYCH CORPS BRIG TED CAMPBELL

Brigadier EDWARD (Ted) FRANCIS CAMPBELL, Born Kalgoorlie 7 Jan 1908, joined the Citizen Military Forces in 1926 as a Gunner. During WWII he was posted as an Artillery Officer and served on HQ 3 Aust Army Div in the Pacific.



After the war he transferred to Aust Army Psychology Service and by 1952 formed Army Psychology into its own Corps. He loved Melbourne and resisted all moves to Canberra. Brig CAMPBELL was honored by many awards and retired from the Army in 1967. Becoming a consultant.

He died in Melbourne on the 16 May 96, aged 88.

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FIG 2: Sir William HALL. taken at the opening of the new hostel. PICTURE (C): - MUFTI, Vol 36 No 2, June 5 1996, p5.



ABOVE: Association Member Gunner Ed Williams receives his RSL "Certificate of Appreciation" from MajGen WILLIAM (Digger) JAMES, AO MBE MC OstJ.

RSL - CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

At the RSL Victorian Branch 81st State Annual Conference, 3rd July 96, the RSL presented "National Certificate of Appreciation" to two Gunners and a civilian in grateful recognition for their important work on the restoration of the Lysterfield Avenue of Honour. [See CASCABEL #43/#44].

The RSL National President MajGen WILLIAM (Digger) JAMES, AO MBE MC OstJ, did the presentations to:

MRS TRISH GUIDOTTI - Visits, Protocol & Ceremonial Manager, - Defence Centre Melbourne, Victoria Barracks.

Gunner EDMUND WILLIAMS - RAA Association Member, Wantirna South.

WO1 HARRY WATSON - RSM - Defence Centre Melbourne, Victoria Barracks. (also a Gunner).

Congratulations to all and "A well done" to our hard working member, Ed WILLIAMS!

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HOLSWORTHY AIRPORT OR AMMO DUMP

Just about every Gunner has spent some time on the Holsworthy range, either making tea or dust and smoke with sharp things that go "Bang!". But here is something DARTY never told you at the School.

JUSTICE BARRY O'KEEFE, who chairs the Independent Commission Against Corruption in NSW as well as being the President of the local chapter of the National Trust of Australia has produced a dazzling list of historical details about the Holsworthy area.

JUSTICE O'KEEFE presented the list to our PM in a bid to keep the Holsworthy area untouched by politicians and airport ideas.

He covered everything from Koalas, tiger quolls and the 295 Aboriginal sites, including artwork depicting a four mast sailing ship.

CAMP HOLSWORTHY

But did Gunners know that Holsworthy was used as a 1914 German Internment Camp, used for enemy aliens, including survivors from the German cruiser raider EMDEN.

A KURT WIESE spent some time in the camp during the war, after his time was up, he returned to the USA as an illustrator for WALT DISNEY'S and did the animation feature "BAMBI".

JUSTICE O'KEEFE adds that several Germans escaped via a 120 metre long tunnel and stowed away on a ship to Java never to be apprehended.

NEW AIRPORT

At present Holsworthy is still an option for Sydneys second major airport, than is if Badgery Creek fails its next environmental impact statement.

GUNNERS WHO LITTER

We Gunners have been having such a good time making "big holes-worthy for our MP's", that one politician reports Holsworthy as being "littered with unexploded munitions from the armed forces bombing the firing range".

However, a scientist from the University of New England [UNE], DR JOHN STANLEY, tell us that technology developed by UNE could clear the site of unexploded bombs. The system has been used for detection of explosive ordnance in KUWAIT, VIETNAM, LAOS, SINGAPORE, CHINA and so on.

So if Dr Stanley finds a gold watch on the range then that's got to be mine!

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CAN YOU TELL US WHY

2nd MEDIUM BRIGADE Motto?
"Ubique Consenda et Stabilis"

FROM: SGT H.T. JAMES

I noticed in the April edition of CASCABEL #48, an article showing the device, badge and motto of the Royal Regiment of Artillery as approved in 1833 by HM KING WILLIAM IV.

It would appear that the motto;

"Quo Fas et Gloria Ducunt"

with the word "UBIQUE" in front of it is the motto used today for Artillery Regiments in Australia. My query is - The 2nd MEDIUM BRIGADE formed in Australia in 1925 had a motto;

"Ubique Consenda et Stabilis"

A rough interpretation;

"Every Where United We Stand"

Why was this motto different to all the other RAA Regiments?

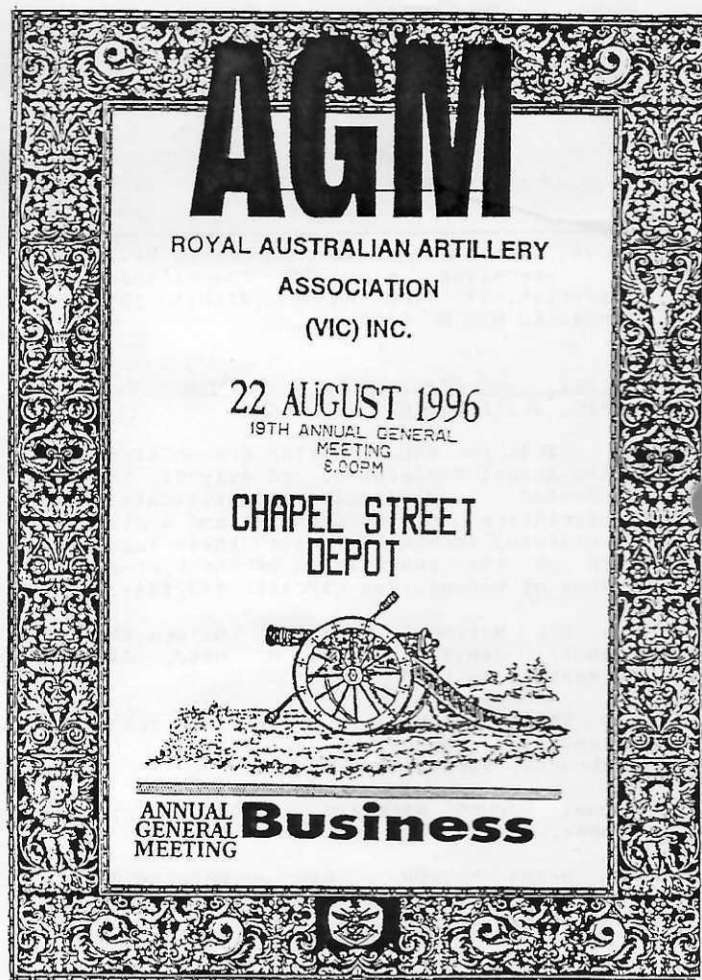
The uniform worn was the same, jacket, britches, leggings and spurs, though at no time were the Guns 6-inch Howitzers & 60 pounders drawn by horses.

The only difference I can remember was that no belt was worn with this dress, which included a bandoleer.

SGT H.T. JAMES
Nar Nar Goon

[SOURCE: Letter To Ed, 1 June 1996].

EDITOR: If you have some information on SGT JAMES question then get it into me.



Editor



[] Welcome to another edition of our Journal.

MAJOR B. JACKSON

I want to open this edition by first acknowledging the sad and sudden death [on duty] of MAJOR BRIAN JACKSON, 2IC of 2/10 Mdm Regt. Brian was a great supporter and friend. Brian was an important and active link, between the present Army system and past Gunners. His early loss will in many ways, hinder the information network for many months. His enthusiasm and energy [freely directed to us] will be hard to replace.

I trust that our members will not find the front cover too depressing, but see it as representing ones small way of celebrating a life, dedication and farewell to a fine Gunner.

15 Fd REGT LTCOL BUNNETT

I must draw your attention to LTCOL BUNNETT's article on 15 Fd Regt. I had the pleasure of typing the article into the computer and by the end of the session, I had just about everyone at work, rolling around in laughter. LTCOL BUNNETT article, captured something about Army life that just about everyone would understand or had experienced. This style of writing is very enjoyable to

read and follow. I hope other Gunners with similar "I Remember..." will get just as much fun out of reading this article and then think about having a go about writing up their Army days. To LTCOL BUNNETT, thank you & "Well done!".

2DIV IN ACTION

I have been very active over the past months with a number of trips to Sydney, ADI Benalla and Puckapunyal looking for information.

"A" Fd Bty BIRTHDAY - To celebrate the 125th Birthday, I have devoted the Dust Cover to "A" Fd Bty. Remember we are all 2DIV units today and as Gunners such important NSW events need to be covered.

ARTY CENTRE - The work on the new Artillery Centre at Puckapunyal is up and away. With some luck I hope to bring you some new info on the Centre very soon.

WHO'S WHO IN VIC

My thanks to WO1 BOB ARMSTRONG and MAJ STEVE VENN for their reports from Army Personnel Agency - Melb. From your past letters, many find this data interesting & important.

2/12 Fd Regt JOURNAL MAX PARSONS

2/12 Aust Fd Regt Editor, MAX PARSONS, has sent me a collection of 73 editions [30 missing] of the Regt's Journal "TAKE POST". I need them for a computer reference file. Later copys will be made up for State & Army libraries and long time storage in our own RAA Trust Museum.

As time catches up with us all, this is a most important effort, and OTHER EDITORS should think about having full sets of their magazines sent into ME for preservation, then safe keeping within the RAA system. Many thanks and great work MAX.

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.

See you at the AGM!

JOHN AUCHETTLE - Lt
EDITOR

[EDITOR: P.O. BOX 523, MULGRAVE, VIC, 3170]
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REVIEWS

"THE FORCE OF LAW"
INTERNATIONAL LAW AND THE LAND COMMANDER

EDITED BY HUGH SMITH

The Chief of the General Staff Exercise in 1994 explored the responsibilities of land commanders under the international laws of armed conflict in a contemporary context.

Conflict in the later part of the 20th Century has seen civilians increasingly embroiled in hostilities; operations are undertaken by multi-national forces which may be to a greater or less degree under united Nations auspices or control; authority is doubtful and the basic elements of law and justice are absent in the area concerned.

We have some rules. These are conveniently grouped and briefly described in an appendix to this volume based on a recent Army Occasional Paper. But the question is do they take proper account of the changing nature of conflict?

There are some 17 contributors to this volume from Australia, Switzerland, Singapore, the United Kingdom and United States defence forces and from the UN and International Red Cross. People with special skills such as World Vision, Care Australia, diplomats, lawyers, academics and a variety of government departments also contributed to the exercise.

The volume is divided into sections which give perspectives on diplomatic and legal aspects, and the problems facing commanders in the field. A section on special protection canvasses the problem of victims of war, refugees and environmental issues.

Four case studies are examined. As one would expect, there is a wide range of topics dealt with competently and interestingly.

The military reader will perhaps find the case studies of major interest; in particular the papers on "Desert Storm" and "Operation Solace". Of equal interest is the paper dealing with environmental issues which give a perspective not usually encountered.

The Editor, HUGH SMITH, makes a notable contribution in the conclusion which pulls it together in a very able fashion. It is not a message of hope, but it illuminates the need for nations to apply themselves assiduously to responding to change and progressively develop internationally accepted protocols to curb the abuse of human rights. It also highlights the problem for the Australian Defence Force in ensuring that commanders and staff have and maintain a sound knowledge of the many ramifications of this complex subject.

This book will become a standard reference in this process.

Reviewed by Maj Gen JOHN. WHITELAW

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5/6 RVR & FOS
18 Jul 96 Committee Meeting +
29 Jul 96 LCBS CANUNGRA QLD
8/7 RVR & FOS

AUGUST

1 Aug 96 1 "A" Fd Bty
2 Aug 96 1 125 Years
3 Aug 96 1 Celebrations NSW
9 Aug 96 ARTILLERY BALL *
15 Aug 96 Committee Meeting +
18 Aug 96 Vietnam Veterans Day
20 Aug 96 RAA Assn Ceremony
Shrine 10:30am
22 Aug 96 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING *
25 Aug 96 RSVP "Moonraker" Boat Trip
On 20 OCT 96 To
South Channel Fort

SEPTEMBER

13 Sep 96 MIL SKILLS COMP
19 Sep 96 Committee Meeting +
21 Sep 96 4 BDE TEWT TINDAL

OCTOBER

----- CASCABEL #50 -----
7 OCT 96 M712 Copper Head Live
Fire, Puckapunyal
7 Oct 96 WO & SNCO Farewells NSW
17 Oct 96 Committee Meeting +
20 OCT 96 "Moonraker" Boat Trip To
South Channel Fort

NOVEMBER

8 Nov 96 RSL Remembrance Service
War Grave Cemetery
Springvale 2.30pm
11 Nov 96 ARMISTICE DAY
21 Nov 96 Committee Meeting +

DECEMBER

4 Dec 96 St Barbara's Day
Feast of St Barbara
8 Dec 96 St Barbara Unit Function*
12 Dec 96 Committee Meeting +
25 Dec 96 CHRISTMAS DAY

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

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