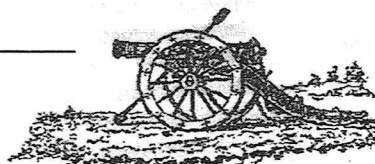


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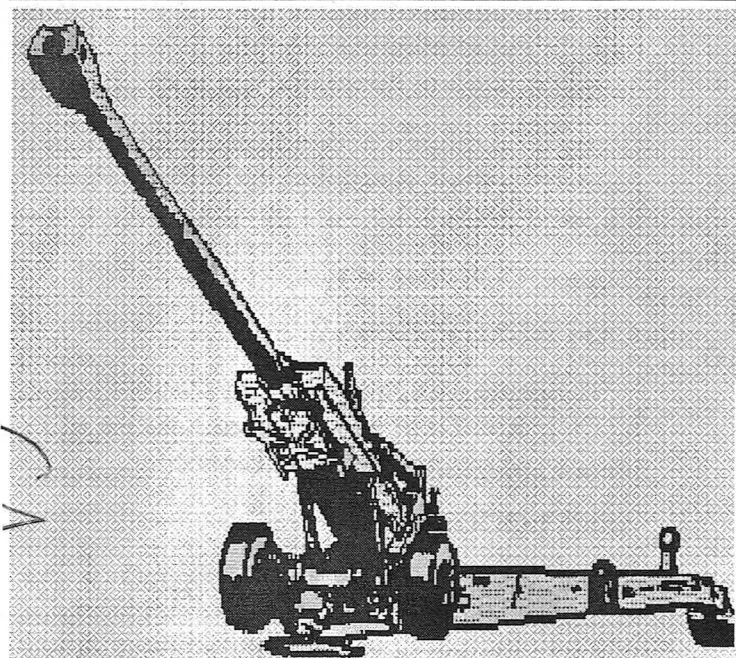
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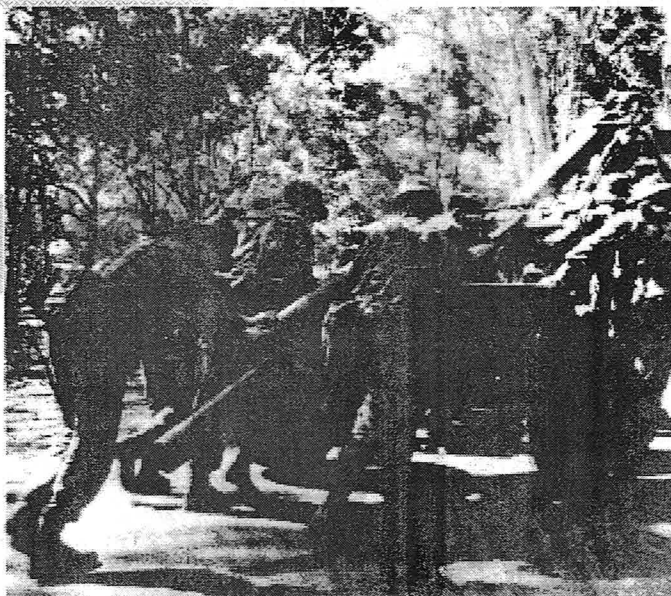


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Full report on

M2A2

**The Regiment
in the Field
Firing Day**



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First Cascabel July 1983

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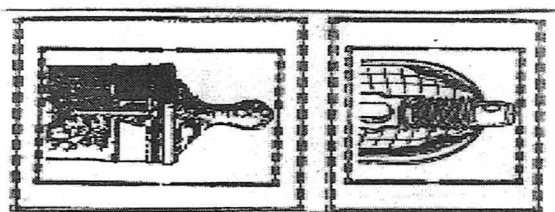
1991 MAJ M. Taggart RFD, ED

JOURNAL NAME:

CASCABEL - Spanish - Origin as small bell or Campanilla (pro: Kaskebell), 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 the barrel. Then shaped to look like a bell.

ARTILLERY USE:

After 1800 AD, 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 pressed 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, LTCOL Rob Gaw, and accepted because of its unique and obvious Artillery connection.

ASSN LOGO:

Our Assn Logo is the 1800 AD 9 Pdr Waterloo Field Gun. Copy is taken from Device, Badge and Motto of the Royal Regiment of Artillery, as approved in 1883, by HM King William IV.

LAPEL BADGE:

Copy of the left arm brass gilded gun once worn by Gun Sgts above the chevrons on each arm. Brassards worn by IGs at North Head were embroidered with this insignia. Selected by MAJ Warren Barnard, 1984 Assn Committee.

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EDITOR'S EXOTERICS

This issue may not thrill the "Foto Phanatics" (won't the spelling checker go mad with that lot), but the "bean counters" and "number crunchers" should be in their glory with all the financial thingos in the AGM reports.

Note the "you beaut" Back to the Regiment Night coming up in October. I have never been to one of these myself but hope to rectify that with this one, so trust I will see you all there.

If you are wondering why there is no report on the Visit to the Regiment in the Field Firing Day, that is because this issue will be already on its way to the printers when the visit takes place. Full report next issue.

Thanks to R. Heiner of Russell Offices, Christopher Jobson of the War Memorial and Army Newspaper, see page 10, I now know why my RSMs would not allow me to wander across the parade grounds for all those years. Now that I know I am very grateful that they did not, as my Dad was killed at El Alamein and I would now consider myself to have committed a sacrilege against him, had I been allowed to do so.

At last we have been invited to something down my way, also on page 10, the dedication of a new war memorial at Mornington. Hope to see as many of you as possible on that occasion.

Can you hear my CD "Voice of the Gunners" playing at the moment ? No ? Does that mean you haven't got one ? I'm sorry ! Quick get your order in now, you have no idea what you are missing out on, it is fantastic.

Hope you continue to enjoy reading Cascabel as much as I enjoy editing it for you. Stand slack until next time.

Ron G. Curtis
Editor.

INTERNET SURVEY

Would you like to have access to the latest information on RAA Association (Vic) Inc activities through our own home-page?

We could:

- * publicise Gunner items such as the 2/10 Mdm Regt Band CD, ties, port, cufflinks etc
- * reach potential members who don't know about our Association, especially the younger Gunners
- * promulgate functions, with the contact officer for bookings

If you would like to record interest, and/or have any suggestions to add,

email to: rsmith@eisa.net.au

or write to the Secretary,
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Frankston VIC 3199



The President Writes

I am allowed to be the last in to submit copy for this the spring time issue of Cascabel only because I am expected to report on the Annual General Meeting held in late August. I guess that the most important purpose of Cascabel is to keep the members informed of the business of the Association but it would be great if a few more could come along to the AGM and get the good oil first hand. I must admit that it was probably the worst night for the meeting that we have had for some years, so it was pleasing to see about thirty members present.

AGM's of any well run organisation tend to be fairly bland and predetermined unless there is some unforeseen factor occurring. In our case I am glad to say that was not the case and things flowed along smoothly. Most of the matters discussed will be covered in other parts of the magazine but I shall give a brief outline of events.

Our Treasurer Reg. Morrel presented a very detailed report in accordance with the modern procedures required by the Associations Incorporation Act. We have seven pages which prove that we have a net worth of \$40,344.94. Whilst that figure does not vary greatly from year to year it should be noted that about \$9000 is presently in shop stock much of which is Band CD's which we would like you all to buy up as soon as possible. Reg also presented a proposed budget showing a modest deficit. It was however resolved that there was no reason to increase the fees at this time.

David Osborne presented his Membership Report showing a strength of 390 at the end of June. I expect he will publish his report elsewhere in the magazine so that you can see the detailed make up of the membership profile. He and I exhort you to seek out friends who may be eligible to become members.

My President's Report really consists of a resume of the Associations activities over the year and most things have been previously reported on in earlier issues.

The committee as shown in the front of the magazine was elected unopposed. LTCOL John Morkham has declined to continue on the committee this year due to other commitments but is to continue as convening officer for the Gunner Dinner and to conduct the Direction 2000 project.

WO2 Trevor Hopkins has agreed to continue as auditor and we thank him for that task. He tells me that he is often assisted in this job by Judith Davis who many will remember as a staunch member of the committee several years ago and I thank her for that.

LTCOL Richard Maurice CO 2/10 Medium Regiment was to have reported to the meeting on the activities of the his Regiment but was unable to attend. He was ably represented by the Adjutant Captain Simon Grace who gave us a very detailed and professional presentation on the state of the Regiment.

The COL COMD BRIG Graeme Standish addressed the meeting on matters of higher Regimental interest.

LTCOL Maurice was to have given a presentation on his experiences in the Sinai during his previous posting but was taken away on other duties. He has been appointed Director of Practice for "Exercise CROCODILE" at Shoalwater Bay Training area later in the year and is required to go off frequently and at short notice to supervise preparations. I hope that we can hear about Sinai at the next AGM.

Major Jim Killender is assembling the history of the artillery units in Victoria during the last fifty years and you will remember he asked for information in an earlier issue. This project is continuing and

Jim will be happy to have any information we can provide. Particularly he is anxious to be able to tie together the locations of units and their manning. To help with this he would be pleased to have names of senior NCO's and above, together with unit, location, posting and dates. Information can be sent to J. Killender 31 Longacres Road, YALAMBIE Vic 3084 or phone him on 9459 1563. There is little in the way of official records of this data and it is important to capture the truth before we all forget the detail. I recommend this project to all of you.

We are a little disappointed at the lack of submissions regarding the Direction 2000 project. This matter will continue to be open for discussion until next year so if you have any thoughts please contact John Morkham.

The Artillery Ball went off well once again. It was a very pleasant venue although a bit further away than some of us are used to. There was some confusion about the date which was wrongly published in Cascabel and I guess that did not help the attendance much. I have not been able to talk to Andrew Langford the convening officer yet to find out if that was the reason that there was no response from the School of Artillery this year. Our thanks to Andrew for his efforts in organising the Ball under difficult conditions. The Ball was significant for one event. It is not often you see a Battery Commander propose to his girl friend in front of the assembled Regiment but Major Aleks Kostadinovic and Lieutenant Samrika Payne became engaged to be married before our very eyes. Very romantic and our very best wishes to them for a happy future.

Best wishes

Taggart MAJ



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President

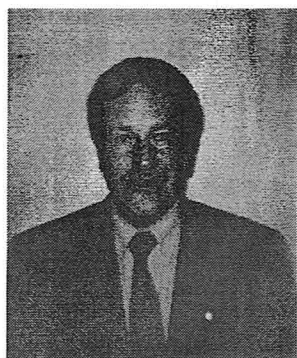
HELP NEEDED – HISTORY OF VICTORIAN ARTILLERY

One of our members, Major Jim Killender is preparing a history of Reserve/CMF Artillery in Victoria from 1948 to the present. He is collecting unit histories, notes on personalities, units and sub-unit names, locations and photographs of interest. In particular he is seeking good photos of the Tracker and Predictor from HAA days and the Artillery Board and aiming posts from field artillery. Can you help? If so drop him a line with any information to 31 Longacres Road, Yallambie, 3084. He can be contacted by telephone on (03) 9459 1563. You should also fill out on a piece of paper your service history with the following details:

Name Initials Rank Decorations Unit Bty Posting Dates From/To

I'm sure that Jim would appreciate your help in compiling this history of all our service. Jim can accept your contributions by floppy disk if that's easier for you. I understand it's Jim's intention that when completed he will be presenting a copy of his work to this Association.

*David Osborne
Vice President.*



Membership Report September 1999

I am pleased to report that we have added five more new members recently. They are LTCOL J Evans, CAPT G Addison, LT Wren, SGT Jenkins and SGT R Street. We have also added two new affiliate organisations. They are the RAA Historical Company (operators of the RAA Museum at North Head) and the Defence Reserves Association. Welcome to you all and I trust your association with us is long and happy.

The deaths of CAPT R L Henry, WO1 G Carroll, WO2 I A (Jock) Galloway, and GNR R R Cocks were noted with sadness recently. On behalf of all members, I would express our sympathy to their families.

At the AGM in August the subscription for 1998/99 was again set at \$12. Those annual members who now need to pay their fees will find a renewal slip as an attachment within this issue. Those annual members who are in advance will not receive a notice and will not need to respond in any way. I would ask those concerned to respond quickly as it makes my job so much easier.

The membership register as at 30 June last was as follows:

	LIFE	ANNUAL	AFFIL	TOTAL
Balance 1/7/98	222	114	55	391
New Members	3	14	2	19
Transfers	2	(2)	-	-
Resigned	-	-	-	-
Deaths	(6)	(4)	-	(10)
Deletions	-	(9)	(1)	(10)
Balance 30/6/99	221	113	56	390

Interesting facts: Of the total membership of 390

There are 60 ORs

There are 116 SGTS and WOs

There are 154 OFFRS

There are 7 Females

There are 4 individual affiliate members

There are 56 affiliate organisations

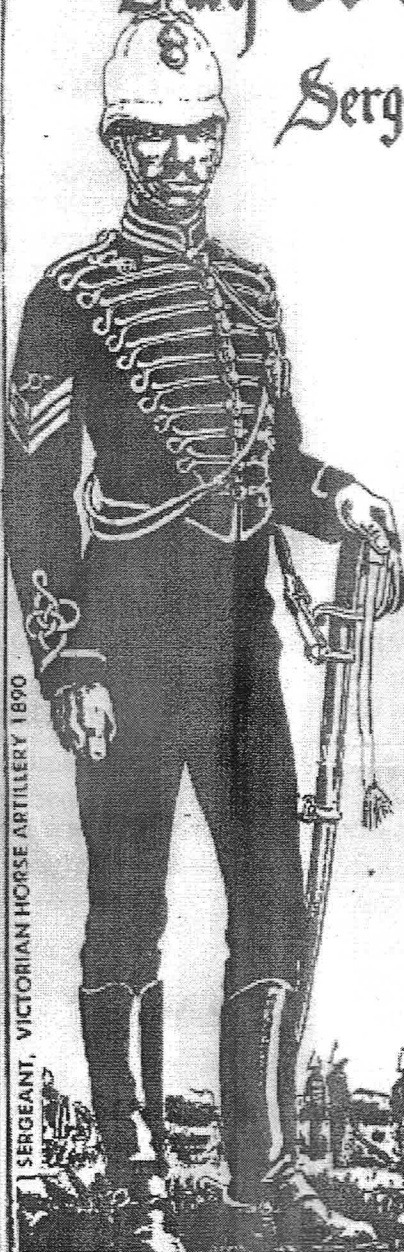
We have several members with whom we have lost touch. Their copies of Cascabel are being returned unclaimed. If you know their whereabouts, please let me know so we can re-establish contact. They are: COL C H Hunter, LT A R Maguire, LT J W Auchettl, SSGT S P McDermott, SGT A Brian, LBDR W P Wessner, GNR S J Preston, GNR R G Mudge, 77 Mobile AASL Bty Association and the British Gunners Association.

If you are about to move then please ensure you advise us. Please cut out and post the change of address notice on the cover of this issue. Alternatively, telephone me at work on (03) 9781-2633, or at home on (03) 9787-7852.

**DAVID OSBORNE
MAJOR**

VICE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY.

Back To The Regiment: Sergeants' Night



It has been .a. year, since we have held a "Back to the Regiment" night and due to numerous requests, it was decided to have another reunion. So here is your chance to re-visit the Sergeants' Mess and catch up on some of those memorable occasions (commonly known as war stories).

WHO: Senior NCO's and Officers (serving and non serving) with partners if so desired.

WHERE: Sergeants Mess
2/10 Medium Regiment RAA
8 Chapel Street, St. Kilda

WHEN: Friday, 8th October, 1999

TIME: 1900 hours

DRESS: Neat casual

COST: \$15.00 per person
(Supper provided)

R.S.V.P. 7th October, 1999

6 Melissa Street,
Mt. Waverley 3149
Home 9562 9552

See you there!

REG MORRELL

NAME.....RANK.....UNIT.....
(Leave blank if no change)
ADDRESS.....
TELEPHONE (H).....(Bus).....
I/We will/will not be attending the "Back to the Regiment" on the
8th October, 1999. Enclosed is my cheque for \$15-00 payable to
the RAA Association (Vic) Inc.

HALLOWED GROUND

I am a civilian working at Russell Offices and I am curious as to the history and standing of parade grounds.

Why are they treated with such apparent reverence and why are personnel not permitted to cross them except when on parade?

After putting this question to a number of middle and senior ranking army officers, I was disappointed that not one was able to answer this query.

The only plausible explanation I received (and I am still wondering if he was pulling my leg) was that in the old days, fallen comrades were buried beneath the parade ground.

*R. Heiner
Russell Offices
Canberra, ACT*

Christopher Jobson, Australian War Memorial, replies:

At the completion of battles, in days gone-by, Retreat would be sounded and units would reassemble in the form of hollow squares to call the roll and count the dead. The dead were placed within the squares and no one used these areas as thoroughfares. Today the parade grounds represent these squares and hence a unit's dead.

It is deemed to be hallowed ground, soaked with the blood of our fallen, and the areas are respected as such.

This article appeared recently in Army Newspaper, permission to reproduce it for the benefit of our members who do not have access to that publication is gratefully acknowledged.

POST WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL

MORNINGTON MEMORIAL PARK

11.30 am SUNDAY, 17th OCTOBER, 1999

All members and their families have been invited to the dedication of a memorial remembering the sacrifices of all Australians who have served in conflicts since World War II. The principal speaker will be MAJGEN D. M. Butler AO, DSO, who served in both Korea and Vietnam.

Members and families are invited to assemble in Queen Street Mornington, near Main Street (Melways map 104, D 10), by 10.45 am, then march to Memorial Park. The ceremony is expected to finish by 12.30 pm, followed by light refreshments at Mornington RSL.

If you have any queries, or can let me know of any sizeable group planning to attend, please call Robin Smith on (03) 9435 6352



RAA Association (Victoria) Inc Corps Shop

The following items may be purchased by mail, or at selected Association activities.

PRICE LIST

(THESE PRICES DO NOT INCLUDE POSTAGE AND PACKING)

Badges, etc

RAA Assoc (Vic), members (limit two per member)	\$5.00
RAA, tracksuit	\$3.00
RAA badge cuff links	\$8.00
Key ring, RAA badge	\$4.00

Bar items

Artillery Port	\$8.00
Crock, blue with gold badge (name at no extra cost)	\$22.00
Coffee mug, blue, gold badge (name at no extra cost)	\$6.00

2nd/10th Medium Regiment Band

<i>Voice of the Gunners</i> recording cassette	\$15.00
compact disc	\$20.00

Clothing items

Cap, RAA badged	\$7.00
Scarf, blue with red flash	\$29.00
Wallet, cam	\$5.00

Ties

Blue with red flash	\$30.00
Blue with single red gun	\$30.00
Blue with small gold gun	\$30.00
Maroon with small gold gun	\$30.00

Books

<i>The Gunners</i>	\$30.00
<i>Kookaburra's Cutthroats</i>	\$39.00
<i>Aust Military Equip Profiles</i>	\$13.50
<i>RAA - Customs & Traditions</i>	\$15.00

Stationery

Card, RAA badge, with envelope Christmas message	\$0.40
blank inside	\$0.40
Stickers	
Bumper: <i>Gunners do it with a bigger bang</i>	\$2.00
Square: gold badge, red and blue background	\$2.00
Folders, white A4 size, 2-ring	\$2.00

ENQUIRIES:

BRIAN CLEEMAN	(03) 9560 7116
REG MORRELL	(03) 9562 9552

ORDERS:

Most orders will require an additional FIVE DOLLARS packing and postage, which will cover one to several small items. If in any doubt concerning this, or availability, please contact one of the enquiries numbers above.

Cheques should be made payable to RAA Association (Victoria) Inc, and be crossed *Not Negotiable*.

Orders to: Mr B. Cleeman
28 Samada Street
Notting Hill VIC 3168

REPORTS FROM THE AGM

Thirty members attended the AGM. on Thu 26 Aug 99, at 2/10 Mdm Regt's depot at Chapel Street. We were made welcome and comfortable by the Adjutant and the RSM on a wet and miserable Melbourne winter evening.

Commanding Officer's Report

CAPT Simon Grace (Adjt) gave this report as the CO, LTCOL Richard Maurice, was interstate due to his duties as 'Ex Crocodile' Director of Practice.

Personnel Stats:

- * 2/10 Mdm Regt is at 58% of Minimum Level of Capability (MLOC), which allows manning at 28 OFFR, 55 WO/SNCO, and 272 OR. 75% of members are compliant with Army Individual Readiness Notice (AIRN) requirements, with a further 9% allowed a waiver for temporary conditions.
- * The unit has recruited 23 since June '98 (target was 97), but has lost 86 through discharges and transfers. The unit has no control over recruiting, as priorities are set by 4 Bde HQ. A recruiting campaign is planned for course over Christmas holidays.

Training Activities:

- * 'Ex Bardia' in July saw 22 Fd Bty support 5/6 RVR in a Battalion Group LFX at Cultarna. 4 Bde was exposed to a working Bde level JOSCC (previously FSCC), and made aware of Gunner role as Offensive Support Advisers.
- * CO Tac Party will be provided for 'Ex Crocodile 99' FTX East, in Sep/Oct.
- * 'Ex Bobdubi' in Nov/Dec will see 38 Mdm Bty support 8/7 RVR at Puckapunyal/Sale.
- * Freedom of the City - Port Phillip is planned for 14 Nov 99.
- * 2/10 Regimental Birthday weekend is on 1-2 Apr 00.
- * Freedom of the City - Geelong on 8/9 Apr 00, is yet to be confirmed.
- * Other activities include Adventure Training, Soldiers' Dinner and Farewells (16 Oct 99), Employer Nights, Regimental Open Day (18-19 Mar 00) and Olympic Games Support.

General RAA Issues:

- * 8/12 Mdm Regt to raise additional Bty with move to Darwin (1 Bde).
- * 38 Bty M198s will go to 1 Fd Regt, which becomes 1 Mdm Regt.
- * Greater demands on Reserve Units - OP Belisi (Bouganville) etc.
- * Call On Bill due in Parliament shortly, to safeguard Reserve members' jobs during short periods of full time duty.

Colonel Commandant's Report

BRIG G. Standish covered the following items:

- * With disestablishment of the Directorate of Artillery, the Honorary Head of Corps has other full time duties, so Representative Colonel Commandant has additional tasks.
- * The Artillery Museum at North Head still has considerable facilities, and worth a visit.
- * His pleasure at seeing no recent reference to lanyard change, or the Infantry Battle Groups not needing Artillery.
- * The retention of the band, pro tem, is great for the Regiment.

Committee's Report

Your committee members submit the financial report of the RAA Association (Victoria) Inc. for the financial year ended 30 June 1999

Committee Members

The names of committee members at the date of this report are:

M Taggart	B W Cleeman
D J Osborne	E J Paddon
R A W Smith	J E Morkham
R W Morrell	R G Curtis
I L Wingate	L Pritchard

Principal Activities

The principal activities of the association during the financial year were to foster esprit-de-corps and to create and cherish a bond of comradeship between all gunners.

Significant Changes

No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year

Operating Result

The deficit amounted to \$349, including surplus on General Fund, \$1,498, surplus on Whitelaw Fund, \$36, deficit on RAA Social Fund, \$1,188 and deficit on Property Trust Fund \$695.

Statement by Members of the Committee

The committee have determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

The committee have determined that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the committee the financial report:

Present fairly the financial position of the RAA Association (Victoria) Inc. as at 30 June 1999 and its performance for the year ended on that date.

2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the RAA Association (Victoria) will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30TH JUNE 1999

Members' Funds

General Fund

Balance brought forward	20762.99	
Add Surplus for Year	<u>1498.31</u>	
		22261.30

Whitelaw Fund

Balance brought forward	1963.95	
Add Surplus for Year	<u>36.05</u>	
		2000.00

RAA Social Fund

Balance brought forward	17271.93	
Less Deficit for Year	<u>1188.29</u>	
		16083.64

Property Trust Fund

Balance brought forward	695.23	
Lge Deficit for Year	<u>695.23</u>	
		0.00
		<u>40344.94</u>

Represented by:

Assets

Stock on Hand - RAA Association Shop Items	3064.14
Stock on Hand - CD's & Cassettes	9027.14
Stock on Hand - Presentation Plaques	191.30
Cash at Bank - Commonwealth Bank of Australia	4807.50
Term Deposits - Commonwealth Bank of Australia	10000.00
Term Deposits - Commonwealth Bank of Australia	2000.00
- Whitelaw Fund	
Cash Management A/c	26114.38
Sundry Debtors - Gunner Dinner	<u>260.00</u>
	55464.46

Less Liabilities

Subscriptions Received in Advance	9046.50
Unexpired Life Member Voluntary Contributions	2653.60
Sundry Creditors -1999 Gunner Dinner	<u>3419.42</u>
	15119.52
	<u>40344.94</u>

NET ASSETS

STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 1999

GENERAL FUND

INCOME

Subscriptions	2321.50
Life Member Voluntary Contributions	335.70
Interest Current Accounts	4.25
Interest Invested Funds	513.53
Sale - Membership Badges	110.00
Profit - RAA Association (Vic) Shop	226.35
Profit - CD's & Cassettes	1281.04
Profit - Back to the Regiment Night	9.05

4801.42

EXPENDITURE

AGM - Supper	125.00
Anzac Day - Bar Snacks	200.00
Postage	832.38
Printing & Stationery	134.98
Insurance	275.00
Subscriptions	115.00
Bank Charges	45.83
Cascabel Expenses	554.74
Incorporation Fees	32.00
Obituries & Wreaths	278.56
Donations:	
2/10 Mdm Regt. Pennant	500.00
St Bartholomews	100.00
Transfer to Whitelaw Fund	109.62
Surplus for Year	<u>1498.31</u>
	<u>4801.42</u>

RAA SOCIAL FUND

INCOME

Interest Current Accounts	5.53
Interest Invested Funds	666.42
Surplus	
1998 Gunner Dinner	50.00
1999 Gunner Dinner	543.73
Deficit for Year	<u>1188.29</u>
	<u>2453.97</u>

EXPENDITURE

Deficit	
1998 Artillery Ball	133.90
Transfer to Property Trust Fund	2320.07
	<u>2453.97</u>

PROPERTY TRUST FUND

INCOME

Interest Current Accounts	0.03
Interest Invested Funds	4.42
Donations	123.10
Transfer from Social Fund	2320.07
Deficit for Year	<u>695.23</u>
	<u>3142.85</u>

EXPENDITURE

Purchase Books	51.00
Display Cabinets	1000.00
Display Counters	2025.00
Picture Framing	50.00
Locks & Tags	<u>16.85</u>
	<u>3142.85</u>

WHITELAW FUND

INCOME

Interest Invested Funds	16.34
Transfer from General Fund	<u>109.62</u>
	<u>125.96</u>

EXPENDITURE

Presentations	89.91
Surplus for Year	<u>36.05</u>
	<u>125.96</u>

**NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE
YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1999**

NOTE 1 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (Victoria). The committee has determined the association is not a reporting entity.

The financial report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (Victoria) and the following Australian Accounting Standards:

- AAS 1 Profit and Loss or Other Operating Statements
- AAS 3 Accounting for Income Tax
- AAS 5 Materiality
- AAS 8 Events Occurring After Balance Date

No other Australian Accounting Standards, Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views or other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board have been applied.

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historic costs and does not take into account changing money values, or except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

The following specific accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report.

Income Tax

The association is exempt under Taxation Law as a non-profit Organisation. As such no allowance has been made for Income Tax.

FUNDS STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 1999

Source of Funds

Surplus for Year - General Fund	1498.31
Surplus for Year - Whitelaw Fund	36.05
Decrease in Cash at Bank	3768.18
Decrease in Prepayments - Artillery Ball	500.00
Decrease in Stock on Hand	587.65
Decrease in Stock of CD's & Cassettes	1486.96
Increase in Sundry Creditors - Gunner Dinner	<u>369.45</u>
	<u>8246.60</u>

Application of Funds

Surplus for Year - RAA Social Fund	1188.29
Deficit for Year - Property Trust Fund	695.23
Increase in Cash Management A/c	5773.88
Increase in Sundry Debtors - Gunner Dinner	260.00
Decrease in Subscriptions Received in Advance	33.50
Decrease in Unexpired Life Members Voluntary Contributions	<u>295.70</u>
	<u>8246.60</u>

INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE MEMBERS

SCOPE

I have audited the financial report, being a special purpose financial report comprising the Statement by Members of the Committee, Income and Expenditure Statement, Balance Sheet and notes to and forming part of the accounts of the RAA Association (Victoria) Inc. for the period ended 30 June 1999. The committee is responsible for the financial report and have determined that the accounting policies used are appropriate to meet the needs of the Associations Incorporation Act Victoria and the needs of the members. I have conducted an independent audit of this financial report in order to express an opinion on it to the members.

No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used, and described in Note 1, are appropriate to the needs of the members.

This financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (Victoria). I disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial report to which it relates to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

My audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. My procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report and evaluation of significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether, in all material respects, the financial report is presented fairly in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements. These policies do not require the application of all Australian Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

Qualification

I am unable to satisfy myself that all income has been brought to account, as it was not practical to extend my examination of cash receipts beyond the amounts as disclosed in the books and records of the Association.

Audit Opinion

In my opinion, because of the existence of the limitation on the scope of my work as described in the qualification paragraph, and the effect of such adjustments, if any, as might have been determined to be necessary had the limitation in scope not existed, I am unable to and do not express an opinion as to whether the Income amounts are presented fairly in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements.

Subject to the above, in my opinion, the financial statements present fairly in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements the financial position of the Organisation as at 30 June 1999 and the results of its operations for the year then ended.

Dated this 20th day of August 1999

T. D. HOPKINS CPA

Honorary Auditor

c/o Shepard Webster & O'Neill Pty Ltd

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Although Blue Swalwell was not currently a member of the Association he was one of the WWII characters who helped to develop the CMF in the post war years and thereby had a profound influence on many of my generation. As a matter of recording a chip of the history of the Regiment in Victoria I have asked Captain Bob Donovan to allow us to publish an edited extract of the eulogy presented by him at the funeral of this well respected Gunner.

Merv Taggart

**LIEUTENANT COLONEL ROBERT SWALWELL, ED
HUSBAND - FATHER - FATHER IN LAW - GRAND FATHER
SOLDIER - EXECUTIVE
and to many like me a loyal, true friend**

By Captain Bob Donovan

My first face to face contact with Bill was in 1940 in Palestine. He was playing football for his troop - I was the umpire. He avoided a tackle by chopping at the tacklers arm resulting in a free kick against this ginger headed bombardier. Then followed a conversation that was an inauspicious start to a friendship that lasted until interrupted last Saturday.

Bill was a happy character - always a smile, and his cry of, "God Bless the King, the Russians and Billy Swalwell" (at odd times the Pope or Uncle Joe Stalin would get a mention), could be heard at very odd times.

His was an early enlistment, his Regimental was No VX1002. He was inclined to be rude when his mates with three digit numbers asked him what took him so long.

It became evident that there was a considerable number of ex Footscray Tech. boys in the Regiment. This was not so surprising as our 2/IC William Edward Cremor was a teacher from that school. It was often said that if you were not a Footscray Tech. boy you had little hope of promotion. I am forced to admit that they produced a bunch of great soldiers. BRIG Richard Eason, LTCOL Bill Swalwell, MAJ Ron McPherson, CAPT Fred Young, CAPT Wally Ring.

Bill originally came on strength as a trumpeter. A good God spared us and he moved on to other things. We really became close mates after his promotion to Sergeant. If there were any high jinks we would be in it. Terry and Jeanine were loathe to credit that on one occasion we danced ballet at a mess party. A very unlikely duo of Sugar Plum fairies. I think he invented the shirt front on that night.

This is not meant to be a resume of the war but one of Bill's favourite memories was one of Crete. We were walking through a field avoiding the road because of enemy air activity. Suddenly an ME109 appeared, no doubt looking for targets on the road. Instead he spotted us, turned and came back. We scrambled over a stone wall to take cover. A burst of fire and he was gone, we thought. But no, the pilot had a sense of humour. He came back five or six times - no doubt amused by our clumsy wall hopping.

After Crete Bill was commissioned in the field, as were Keith Houghton, Mick Richardson and me. This did not change him a bit. If he could stir up a scragging he would. We were a handy pair of front row rugby forwards, indoor rugby. The God Bless the King etc. cry was often heard.

Lt Swalwell continued to serve the Regiment well in various postings. On return to Australia Bill

met Iris and married. He served with 2/2 Field Regiment until the end of the war after which he soldiered on in the CMF(now Army Reserve) The 2/2 Field Regiment had a great influence on the post war field regiments. Bill played his part in that. He became 2/IC of 2 Field Regiment and later became Commanding Officer of 15 Field Regiment.

Having met many of the officers who served with him in the CMF, and having listened to speeches made at the Gunner Dinners, which we old buffers are delighted to attend, it was obvious that Bill held the affection and respect of his officers. He was a good CO. This had it's effect on me - I did not remind him nearly as often of the time in Ceylon, when on the few occasions that the Survey Party caught up, the accurate co-ordinates had my pivot gun 200 yards out to sea.

His civilian occupation was concerned with the building industry. He retired from James Hardie in 1982 after suffering a stroke. In retirement he took an active part in Neighbourhood Watch and Probus.

One morning very early he phoned me to tell me that Iris had died overnight. Although he showed his usual courage it took a great toll on him. I spoke to him by phone on Thursday last and promised to visit him this week - he will know that I have done so.

RSL Honour for Veteran

WANTIRNA South resident Edmund Williams has received the rare honour of a second RSL award recognising his efforts to revitalise the Lysterfield War Memorial and the Avenue of Honour.

Mr Williams was presented with his second national certificate of appreciation last month after he successfully lobbied to move power lines that threatened the Avenue's English and Silky Oaks (Knox News January 19, 1999).

"I thought it would take 12 months, but it took more than three years," the 82-year-old ex-serviceman said.

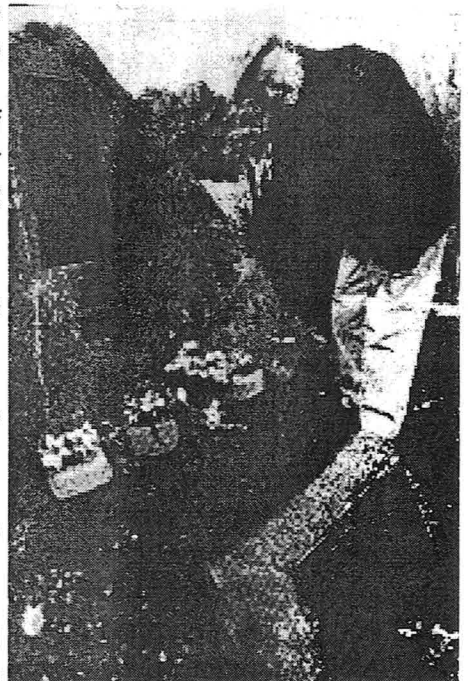
"It was the second time I have been surprised and pleased to receive the certificate".

Mr Williams was awarded his first certificate for his work to improve the Lysterfield Memorial.

The monument on Lysterfield Rd was first erected in 1918 and became overgrown with weeds and grass. Mr Williams took an interest in the site and beautified the area.

"It is part of our heritage," Mr Williams said.

"We don't have a lot of heritage in Knox, so we should protect what we've got."



**Rare honour:
Edmund Williams**

Letters to the Editor

Just a short response to your Cascabel #60 cover photograph. I think the photograph is of an Australian manufactured searchlight body, with the parabolic mirror still in place, but no glass front or other fittings. The "peculiar aspect" to which you refer is, I assume, that the image in the mirror is upside down compared to the background. Now, I'm no physicist, but I think the simple explanation is that the photographer is standing *within or closer* than the focal length of the mirror, hence, any object reflected from the parabola appears upside down. As the outer edges of the main body and the mirror *appear* eccentric, the photographer must be standing slightly to one side (otherwise they would appear concentric). This also results in the photographer not being included in the image, which appears to be a person seated some distance away. My guess is that our President took the photograph while visiting the East Point Military Museum, where, according to my notes taken during a visit in December 1995, just such a searchlight resides!

Association members who also regularly read the Australian Army's ARMY magazine may have noted the articles on the 105 mm M2A2, Yeramba Self-propelled 25 pdr, and 105 mm L5 Pack Howitzer which have appeared over recent years. While the original specification provided by the Editor was for profiles of small arms, I've nevertheless managed to slip the occasional artillery piece in, as well! Hope the readers from the Association have enjoyed them.

*Regards,
Michael Cecil
Castella via Healesville*

How I appreciated your March 1999 edition of CASCABEL as it gave me the opportunity to visit and catch up with my old Gunner mate Wally Culpitt who I have been trying to locate for many years and I thank WO2 Craig Cook for his item on Wally's whereabouts. I sent him a card and visited him at the Hedley Smith Nursing Home in Gasgoyne Street Canterbury. We had a great yarn over our times together with 22nd Fd Regt (SP) and later at 15 Fd Regt RAA at Dandenong where Wally transferred to after the closure of 22nd Fd Regt (SP) in around 1958. I had previously joined 31 Mdm Regt RAA at Dandenong in 1956 and was a foundation member of 15 Fd Regt RAA.

Each of us learnt many things from Wally on a Gunner's life and duty in action if we were ever to face it. Wally was posted as a TSM to B Troop and his mate WO2 Jim Wheeler TSM of A Troop. I was BSM of the P Battery. MAJ Eric Watts was our BC and Capt Jim Barry our BK. Also you are right Craig, Wally was at the Battle of Alamein on the gun line where hundreds of guns side by side put down that horrendous creeping barrage to support Infantry Forces in the big advance to smash Rommel's Afrika Corps. Wally's unit was 2/8th Fd Regt RAA and he was the gun sergeant on the right ranging gun who registered the barrage start point. Sadly following this get together with Wally, I attended the funeral of the late WO2 Jock Galloway at Cranbourne some days later. It was great to see so many gunner officers and ranks give support to Jock's widow Lorraine and her family. Jock would have been proud of the Regiment's turnout in his honour and the fact he brought us all together again in mateship. I hope sometime in the future to write a few notes to you on some of the regiments I have been part of or associated with in my service time such as 22nd Fd Regt (SP), 31 Mdm Regt RAA, 15th Fd Regt RAA and 15 Lt Regt RAA and the good times I had with them.

**Thank you for your great paper.
Yours in Service,
WO2 Malcolm J Bugg OAM JP (RTD)
Morwell**

Suggest MAJ Taggart should choose a difficult Object especially for old Ack Ack Gunners. Of course we all know that it is a part of a searchlight with Mr Pres and his good lady, albeit upside down. Cheers

WO2 A. W. (Jock) Macdonald.

Good copy of June Cascabel but was disappointed that no mention was made of the Reserve Forces Day march to the Shrine on 1 July. Apart from remembering the date from last year, I received a reminder in the Locating Association Newsletter way back near Easter. What happened to a reminder in Cascabel? Unfortunately we had a minimal presence at the march, although the band was there to represent the Corps and only six gunners marched. Interesting that five were Locators or had served with 132 Bty at some time. A large number of uniformly dressed "National Servicemen marched under their banner as well.

Second point I wish to raise is the letter from Mal Bugg about the note that Wal Culpit is now in a nursing home. I would hope that there may be others who would like to drop in and see Wal as I'm sure he would be pleased to see any visitors.

Third point concerns a "sort of reunion" that some of us had last Saturday at the Heidleberg RSL with the President of the Locating Artillery Association, John Posener. As John was visiting Melbourne on business he expressed an interest to meet with any one for a chat and the following turned up for the morning; Jim Killender, Jim Breeze, Rex Gercovich, Glen Ritter, Fred Fahey and myself. If any one would like to make contact with the association they can Email John at jposener@ozemail.com.au

Finally I would like to suggest the object on the front cover of the June Cascabel is looking into the front of an AA searchlight mirror. At first I thought it may have been a "signaling lamp, but decided on the searchlight mirror. The funny or peculiar aspect of the picture is that the full picture image is the correct way up while the image seen inside the black "thing" is inverted. I believe that we are looking at an inverted image of Merv sitting on a wall some distance away from the mirror and because the camera itself is not visible in the mirror it indicates that the camera is "off" the optical axis of the mirror. This would also be supported by the fact that the mirror does not appear to be concentrically placed within the dark outline of the device itself. Tell Merv that if I am correct he can owe me a bottle of good port.

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September 1999

11 Visit Unit in the Field
16 Committee Meeting

October 1999

21 Committee Meeting
TBA Pt Cook Visit
30 10 Mdm Assoc Cabaret

November 1999

14 Freedom Pt Philip?????
18 Committee Meeting

December 1999

4 St Barbara's Day
9 Committee Meeting

January 2000

No Functions or Meetings during
this month

February 2000

6 Church Pde
17 Committee Meeting

March 2000

16 Committee Meeting
31 2/10 Regt Ball

April 2000

1 2/10 Birthday Function
9 Freedom Geelong?????
20 Committee Meeting
25 Anzac Day

May 2000

18 Committee Meeting

June 2000

15 Committee Meeting
30 Gunner Dinner

July 2000

20 Committee Meeting
28 Arty Ball?????????

August 2000

17 Committee Meeting
24 AGM

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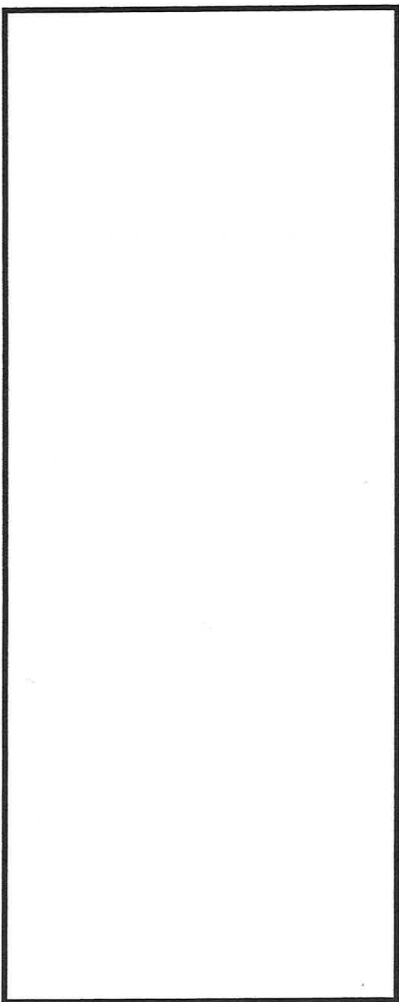
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