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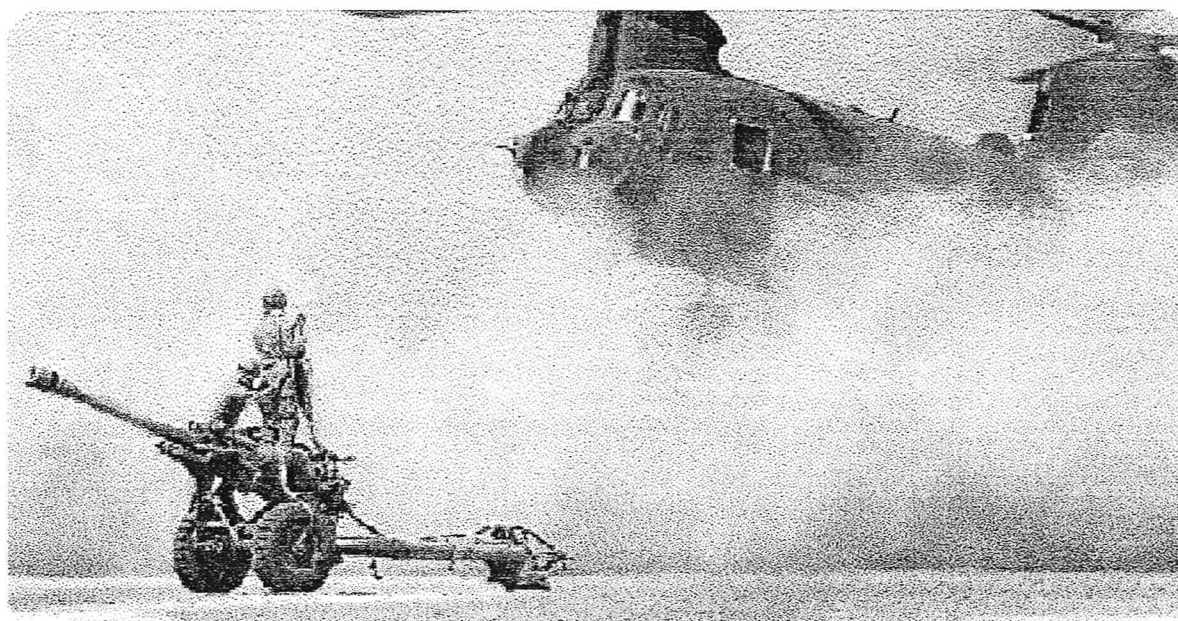
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Dust whipped from the dry cracked CSIRO Flats at Lavarack Barracks is about to swallow the 105 mm Hamel Gun prepared for a lift by a Chinook as part of a demonstration to RMC Cadets during Ex Bardia.

Photo by Cpl Belinda Mephram 1 JPAU (P)
Army News

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FOUNDED:

First AGM April 1978
First Cascabel July 1983

COL COMMANDANT:

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PATRONS and VICE PATRONS:

1978

Patron: LT GEN The Hon Sir Edmund Herring
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ED

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Patron: BRIG Sir William Hall KBE, DSO, ED

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MC, ED

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ED

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1984 MAJ P. S. (Norman) Whitelaw ED

1988 BRIG K. V. Rossi AM, OBE, RFD, ED

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.

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 breach 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.

ASSOC LOGO:

Our Assoc 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 1833, 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 Assoc Committee.

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Myers St Geelong

38 Mdm Bty 5231 2056
Queen St Colac

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The Editor's Scratchings

I was saddened to hear of the passing of Ron Curtis. He undertook the task of Editor of Cascabel with much enthusiasm and seriousness. To follow in his footsteps seems quite daunting. After I heard of Ron's passing I was wondering who would be the new editor. I did some thinking as to what would be involved and how much time that it might take. What the heck, If the Committee would be in favour of me undertaking the task I would give it a go.

In the eyes of the Committee I am still only a "baby" at 41 years of age. At present I am employed as an Occupational Health and Safety Officer for the manufacturing Divisions of the Schiavello Group of Companies. (The Schiavello Group manufacture commercial office furniture.)

I enlisted into the Army Reserve in February 1981 with 3 RAAPC Detachment in North Fitzroy, completed driver training and became a driver for Pay Corps. 1983 I was promoted to Lcpl. Mid 1984 I commenced full time duty working on the Small Arms Replacement Project at the Engineering Development Establishment at Maribyrnong. October 1985 I moved to Bundaberg and joined D Company RQR as a rifleman. November 1987, I returned to 3 RAAPC. October 1989 I transferred to 23 Fd. Bty 2/15 Fd. Regt as a Guntractor driver. I was a Guntractor driver for a number of years before completing IET gun course and promotion courses for Bombardier. I was promoted to Bdr. Served on the guns as a No. 7 and a No 1. My final posting before discharge from Army Reserve in December 1999 was as 22 Fd. Bty. Tpt. NCO.

I will follow the same format for Cascabel as Ron has done in the past, however I will make one or two changes in content. These changes will be part of the regular format. At present I am establishing contacts for content, so bear with me if the content is not up to the usual standard. I will endeavour to keep the standard of writing and content up to what you currently expect, however if I do make any errors they will not be intentional and will be through my limited military writing.

Lindsay Pritchard.

Editor



The President Writes

Well it's the end of the year again. We never know if this issue will get out before Christmas. It's a matter of juggling between getting the copy out in time to catch the printer before the Christmas break. The main aim of this issue is to remind you all about Church Parade on the first Sunday in February and if it is too early you might forget. So come along to St Bartholomew's in Burnley Street at 11 00 am and join the band at church.

After saying how we must support Lindsay the new editor I am the one who is running late due to some trouble with my computer. I think I have got all the bugs out now and with a new modem I am away again into the marvelous world of the EMAIL.

The AGM went of well. We were back home in the Sergeants Mess at Chapel Street. About thirty attended and it was great to see George Dean and Merle after many years. I expect there will be more detailed reports elsewhere in the magazine.

The Commanding Officer of 2/10 Field Regiment will step down at the end of this year. LTCOL David Mc Callum will relinquish command at a parade to be held on Saturday 14 December at 11 00am at Chapel Street Depot. Members are welcome to attend. David has been a fine CO and a great friend of the Association and I will be sorry to see him go. His replacement is to be LTCOL Peter Rowley. Peter is one of the OCTU cadets of Course 18 who graduated as lieutenants on the day I retired from the Army Reserve. It is great to see those people get on but gee it makes you feel old. I am sure you will all join me in congratulating Peter on his appointment and we wish him well for his time as CO of the Regiment.

The opening of the new Dandenong Depot was held on Saturday 12 October. The official opening and then lunch followed a fine formal parade. I am sure that 22 Bty will be able to make good use of these fine barracks.

About a dozen members and friends enjoyed a round of golf at Neil Hamer's Montuna Golf Club on Friday 25 October. Graeme Standish and I joined them for lunch after the game and all agreed that they had a good day.

Whether you see this before or after Christmas let me wish you all the compliments of the season and I look forward to seeing you in the New Year

Best wishes.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Merv Taggart'.

Merv Taggart



Membership Report

18 Nov 2002

Current Membership

Libraries	4
Life Members	223
Annual Members	82
Affiliates	59
<u>Total</u>	<u>368</u>

We regret the passing of LT John Charles Fields on 16/07/02.

We welcome the following new Members:

To Life Membership: LT Phillip A Richardson who served with 2 and 4 MDM Regts,
and 2 FD Regt.

GNR Anthony Borg who served with 12 FD Regt.

To Annual Membership: GNR Leslie George Harris who served with 65 AASL Bty,
55 Composite AA Regt.

The following Annual Members have transferred to Life Membership:

WO2 Rodney P Fulton.

SGT K Johnson.

Cascabel has been returned from:

CHAP Barry R Brown.

Mrs M J Radcliffe

We have no address for SGT M J Butler.

These three Life Members have been archived.

The following Annual Members are unfinancial at the time of printing:

LTCOL B G Hurrell, CAPT G G Rolfe, GNR N G Pike, MAJ G P Butcher, WO2 G N Cross.

Neil Hamer

MAJ (Rtd)

Membership Co-ordinator

RAA Association (Victoria) Inc Corps Shop

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

PRICE LIST

Badges, etc		Books	
RAA Assn (Vic), members (limit two per member)	\$5.00	<i>Kookaburra's Cutthroats</i>	\$39.00
RAA, tracksuit	\$3.00	<i>Aust Military Equip Profiles</i>	\$13.50
RAA badge cuff links	\$9.00	Stationery	
Key ring, RAA badge	\$4.00	Card, RAA badge, with envelope	
Brooches		Christmas message	\$0.40
Marcasite Exploding Grenade	\$93.00	blank inside	\$0.40
Bar items		Stickers	
Crock, blue with gold badge (name at no extra cost)	\$22.00	Bumper: <i>Gunners do it</i>	
Coffee mug, blue, gold badge (name at no extra cost)	\$6.00	<i>with a bigger bang</i>	\$2.00
2nd/10th Medium Regiment Band		Square: gold badge, red	
<i>Voice of the Gunners</i> recording		and blue background	\$2.00
cassette	\$10.00	Folders, white A4 size, 2-ring	\$2.00
compact disc	\$10.00	ENQUIRIES:	
Clothing items		BRIAN CLEEMAN (03) 9560 7116	
Scarf, blue with red flash	\$29.00	REG MORRELL (03) 9562 9552	
Ties		ORDERS:	
Blue with single red gun	\$30.00	Most orders will require an additional FIVE	
RAA Burgundy with gold gun	\$43.00	DOLLARS packing and postage, which will cover	
RAA Navy with gold gun	\$43.00	one to several small items. If in any doubt	
St Barbara Stripe	\$43.00	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 <i>Not</i>	
		<i>Negotiable.</i>	
		Orders to:	Mr B. Cleeman
			28 Samada Street
			Notting Hill VIC 3168

**Annual
RAA Association Church
Parade
Sunday 2nd February 2002**

Service at 11 am



All Gunners and their families are invited to attend.

St Bartholomew's Anglican Church
290 Burnley Street
Burnley
Melway ref map 2H E9

A Gunner Writes Home

Dear Mother,

You will be glad to hear that I have now been promoted to Lance Gunner. I hope you are proud of me, because I have worked hard for this.

Only yesterday the Sergeant Major saw me at work and, for the first time since we have been in camp he was speechless. After a stagnant silence he said: "Gunner, that was colossal. Never before have I seen a No.6 do what you have just done. The way you carried the engine draft connector through a quarter circle over the muzzle, kicked off the brake with your foot so that the gun ran right to where the G.P.O. was standing, and dropped 13 rounds of ammunition at the feet of No.4 of the gun next door just bu-----, that is beggars description,"

He seemed very excited and so did the G.P.O., but I think that was because he was a bit slow and a gun wheel just caught the edge of his foot. Anyway, I looked up a gun drill book afterwards and what he said hopping around wasn't in the book.

In addition, I have made a name for myself in the ordinary camp duties, and three time in the past 10 days I have been chosen for the hygiene fatigue. The Orderly Officer said I had just the right touch for the job. "Bog in like you have been and you'll get on," he said.

One of the N.C.O's told me today that a Government poultry expert is coming up to teach us the correct sequence of laying. He said we had to know it for dealing with machine gun nests. I'll have to stop now because we are having a lecture on the dial sight. The Sergeant Major said I'd better attend because the sight of my dial would harden the men to face any dangers. But gosh, I'm not that good.

Love from
Montmorency

Mothers Reply to Gunner

Dear Monty,

I was so pleased to receive your loving letter, so thrilled to hear you are getting on so well and are a Lance Gunner. Promotion comes quickly in the army. You will be Lt. Colonel soon.

I was at the Axiliaries' Club Rooms yesterday, and such a nice Sergeant major spoke so pleasantly about your bludging. He said that when he tried to drill you, he remembered when he was young he had some wooden soldiers. But when his mother took them away, and he cried, she told him one day that one day he would get some more. That day arrived. Such a nice man, son. And here is a secret. He told me you were to be kitchen fatigue for next week. How thrilling, you must be good.

Hoping you are well,

Your doting Mother

*From "Oservation Post" Journal of the 2/11 Fd Regt RAA 8th Div
Volume 1 editions 1 (1 Oct 1940) & 2 (14 Nov 1940)*

On Bludgeing

Now that the hot weather is approaching, it is necessary for the budding artilleryman to brush himself up in the Art of Bludging. I am therefore, offering our readers the benefit of my years of experience in this, one of the highest and most admirable military arts.

Bludgeing is, of course, fairly hard to define. It may be described as the art of energetically, intelligently, but not unwillingly doing nothing and getting a compliment from the C.O. for doing it. Since the completion of the Shrine, it has threatened to become a lost Art, but with the added impetus of this camp life, it is coming into its own once more. Here are a few hints on bludgeing.

When not to bludge: -

- a) When an officer is about who started his army career as a gunner in the 6th Div. – they were good
- b) When all around you are doing nothing and blaming it on you – they are fellow bludgers.

A Good bludge

The M.O energetically inventing a simple machine for the automatic ejection of Aspros, for the operation by his orderly, Aspro Lance Jack.

Finally if you are a poor or unpracticed Bludger, never bludge if the job is to be done easier than trying to bludge – don't over bludge.

*From "Oservation Post" Journal of the 2/11 Fd Regt RAA 8th Div
Volume 1 edition 2 (14 Nov 1940)*

I have received the following e- mail from Philip Eagles regarding the 38th Battery 1st AIF. If any one can help could they either reply to the address below or to myself at jlpritchard@bigpond.com

Lindsay

Dear Sir,

I am in the process of putting together an article for an internet site about my Great uncle George Jessop. He served with the 38th Battery 1st AIF. I was just wondering if you might happen to have any information on the battery, photos etc or records of the serving officers or other ranks around the time of the offensive of 8th August 1918 in which they were involved.

Regards
Philip Eagles.

"philip eagles" <philipeaglesrocket@hotmail.com>

SECOND (AUST) ARMY TRAINING SCHOOL
COURSE NOS. 131 & 132

DURATION 22 NOV – 19 DEC 42

NO OF STUDENTS – 131 20
– 132 20

ADMINISTRATION INSTRUCTION BY

SENIOR INSTRUCTOR, CAPT A.H. MUIR

ISSUED AT SEYMOUR

22 NOV 42

Instructors	Capt A.H. Muir
	WOI N.W. Oberin
	WOII E.E. Cook
	S/Sgt E.B. Davies
	S/Sgt E.J. Ruddick

Co – opted Instructors	Lieut A. Capp
	S/Sgt N. Gilchrist

Daily Routine	Reveille	0615	hrs
	First Mess Call	0725	"
	Breakfast	0730	"
	Synchronisation of Time	0800	"
	Sick Parade	0801	"
	Tent Inspection	0810	"
	Quarter Warning	0815	"
	Five Minutes Warning	0825	"
	Parade	0830	"
	Dismissal	1240	"
	First Call Mess	1255	"
	Lunch	1300	"
	Quarter Warning	1345	"
	Five Minute Warning	1355	"
	Parade	1400	"
	Dismissal	1700	"
	Shower Parade	1705	"
	Retreat	1800	"
	First Call Mess	1801	"
	Dinner	1805	"
	Quarter Warning	1845	"
	Five Minute Warning	1855	"
	Night Study Parade	1900	"
	First Post	2130	"
	Second Post	2200	"
	Last Post	2215	"
	Lights Out	2230	"

Periods	0830 hrs – 0900 hrs
	0900 “ – 1000 “
	1010 “ – 1110 “
	1115 “ – 1215 “
	1220 “ – 1245 “
	1400 “ – 1500 “
	1510 “ – 1610 “
	1615 “ – 1700 “
	1900 “ – 2100 “

Parades	First Parade	0830 hrs
	Second Parade	1400 “
	Dismissal	1700 “
	Shower Parade	1705 “

TENT MAINTENANCE AND DISCIPLINE OF LINES

Tents are in scattered blocks for security. An instructor is responsible for maintenance and discipline of each block irrespective of Wing to which Students belong. Students are responsible for maintenance of own tents. They are your homes whilst you are here, keep them in good repair. Materials for repair may be obtained from “Q” Store.

INSPECTION OF LINES

Until further notice all tents will be prepared for inspection daily at 0810 hrs and remain so until 1700 hr.

<u>TENTS</u>	All flaps will be rolled
<u>ROPES</u>	Will be correctly adjusted, poles vertical and pegs secure.
<u>BEDS</u>	All blankets will be folded in three, the regulation way, and the palliasse folded back once
<u>UNIFORM</u>	Jacket and Trousers S D and Greatcoats to be neatly folded and placed in front of blankets on folded palliasse.
<u>BOOTS</u>	
<u>SHOES</u>	Spare boots and shoes are to be cleaned daily and placed at the head of the bed.
<u>SUITCASES & KITBAGS</u>	Will be placed at the foot of the bed.
<u>TOWELS</u>	Each tent is permitted to and will fix a line 9” down from the ridge which must be kept taut. Towels will be neatly spread to dry and securely fixed so that the wind will not remove them.
<u>LAMP</u>	To be centrally placed in front of the rear pole. Tent opening facing east. Lamp glasses to be kept lowered and cleaned.

WASTE PAPER
MATCHES

Tent Comds will see that a jam tin, procured from "Q" Store is placed in the middle of tent foot at the junction of the four sets of boards, top to be set below flush. This provides an immediate receptacle for small pieces of waste paper, butts, etc, and will be regularly emptied into dustbins provided, particularly prior to inspection. Waste paper, dead matches, butts etc will NOT be thrown carelessly about the lines or any part of the school grounds. Any breach of this Instruction will be severely dealt with.

TENT COMD

A tent Comd will be appointed to each tent by the Instr in charge. The Comd will be responsible for the general maintenance of the tent, and the cleanliness of the lines.

HYGIENE

In the interests of Hygiene, tent floors will be lifted each weekend. This will be done on Sunday mornings. Washing etc will be done on Sunday mornings.

DUTIES

Section Duty NO's will be detailed from the Students as per Duty Roster, and he will accompany the Inspecting Officer on the daily inspection.

LEAVE

Leave will be granted on the basis of – each 14 days, 24 hrs leave to Melbourne, from 1630 hrs on Saturday until 2359 hrs on Sunday. Local leave will be granted on free nights as per the syllabus. Sect Duty No will submit list of those desiring leave. Students are reminded that they must be in possession of a leave pass before moving from the School Area.

PRIVATE STUDY

Students will assemble in Syndicate rooms for lectures and P.S. at 1900 hrs on nights laid down per syllabus. An Instructor will be in attendance to assist if required.

ROUTINE

As per school R.O's All students will acquaint themselves with School Standing Orders, including Fire Orders.

SCHOOL R.O's
ATTENDANCE

Will be read daily at Dismissal Parade. They are also posted in messes

AT PERIODS

Sect Duty Nos are responsible that their Secs attend periods at time stated in syllabus with necessary equipment as advised.

DRESS

PARADES.
ON LEAVE

As ordered by the S.I., Capt. A.H. Muir.
All students will be correctly dressed before proceeding on leave. Only those articles of an authorised issue will be worn. Gaitors will be worn by all O.Rs.

(Signed) A.H. MUIR Capt.

S.I., P & R.T. WING

SECOND (AUST) ARMY TRAINING SCHOOL
COURSE NO. 131

OBJECT: - To train Instructors in P. & R.T.

PERIOD: - 22 NOV - 19 DEC 42

Syllabus Codes by

Senior Instructor Capt A.H. Muir.

No of Students

20

Issued at Seymour

22 Nov 42

Serial		Periods
	<u>Admin Code "A"</u>	
A 1	Standing orders, Censorship, etc	2
A 2	Weighing, measuring	5
A 3	Pay	2
A 4	Quiz	1
A 5	Closing Address	1
A 6	Return of Stores	1
A 7	Leave	<u>3</u>
		15
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	<u>Physical Training Code P.T.</u>	
P.T. 1	Mess Drill	17
P.T. 2	Starting Positions	4
P.T. 3	Table 1 P. & R.T. Manual 1941 p 16	3
P.T. 4	Table 2 P. & R.T. Manual 1941 p 18	3
P.T. 5	Table 3 P. & R.T. Manual 1941 p 20	3
P.T. 6	Table 4 P. & R.T. Manual 1941 p 36	2
P.T. 7	Table 5 P. & R.T. Manual 1941 p 38	2
P.T. 8	Table 6 P. & R.T. Manual 1941 p 40	2
P.T. 9	Table 7 P. & R.T. Manual 1941 p 42	2
P.T. 10	Mutual Instruction	25 ½
P.T. 11	Medicine Ball P. & R.T. Manual 1941	4
P.T. 12	Punch Pad P. & R.T. Manual 1941	6 ½
P.T. 13	Boxing P. & R.T. Manual 1941	4
P.T. 14	Body Building	10
P.T. 15	Class Taking Students in other Wings	9
P.T. 16	Square System Boxing	2
P.T. 17	Examinations - Practical	9
P.T. 18	Artificial Respiration	1 ½
P.T. 19	Swimming & Life Saving Royal	<u>10 ½</u>
	Life Saving Handbook	
		120

<u>Recreational Training Code R.T.</u>			
R.T. 1	Tabloid Sports	P. & R.T. Manual 1941	3
R.T. 2	Athletics	P. & R.T. Manual 1941	7
R.T. 3	Cross Country	P. & R.T. Manual 1941	5
R.T. 4	Games	P. & R.T. Manual 1941	3
R.T. 5	Tug – O – War	P. & R.T. Manual 1941	<u>3</u>
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<u>Lectures Code "L"</u>		
L. 1	Teaching Methods	1
L. 2	Hygiene	1
L. 3	Tabloid Sports, Cross Country, Tug – O – War	1
L. 4	Boxing, Foul Hits, Refereeing	3
L. 5	First Aid S/Sgt Gilchrist	1
L. 6	Circulatory System & Pressure Points	1
L. 7	"Japan" Lieut Capp	1
L. 8	Bones & Muscles	1
L. 9	Private Study	<u>6</u>
		16

These documents are from

The Second (Aust) Army Training School have been provided by the widow of
O.R.HolmesV52639.

I am unsure of Mr Holmes rank or military history, however he was a student on this course.

Note: The text is printed as originally published.

Lindsay,

Soldiers Five

Over heard at an IMT lesson

Instructor: What is the main fire power of an infantry section?

Wit: A hexamine stove

SECOND (AUST) ARMY TRAINING SCHOOL

COURSE NO. 131

SYLLABUS TIMETABLE BY

SENIOR INSTRUCTOR CAPT A.H. MUIR.

Issued at Seymour

22 Nov 42

DATE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
NOV. 23	A.1	A.1	P.T.1	P.T.2	P.T.2	A.2	A.2	P.T.2	L.1
24	MARCH	P.T.1	P.T.2	P.T.10	P.T.14	P.T.3	P.T.10	R.T.4	L.2
25	MARCH	P.T.1	P.T.3	P.T.10	P.T.14	P.T.10 & 11	P.T.12	R.T.2	FREE
26	MARCH	P.T.1	P.T.4	P.T.10	P.T.14	P.T.10 & 11	P.T.13	R.T.2	L.9
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WHY DOES INFM MATTER ?

- a. Would you think of sending ammunition to the enemy in war time? Obviously NOT; but you might, unconsciously, supply him with INFORMATION – which is just as deadly to us.
- b. Unless you know something about your opponent, unless you have INFORMATION, you do not know how to deal with him. The more you know, the more INFORMATION you have, the less SECURE he becomes, and the more easily you bring about his destruction.
- c. When you give the ENEMY INFORMATION, you give him power to destroy.
- d. It is the duty of every soldier to do his bit to keep from our enemies this potent weapon – the only real secret weapon the Nazis and the Japs can possess – INFORMATION.

WHAT IS SECURITY?

- a. Security has been defined as a guard or guarantee. It guards and guarantees safety; your safety and your fellow soldiers' and relations' safety.
- b. Just because where your unit, bde, or div is or what they are doing, the date you go on final leave or the date you move to a new battle station, is stale news to you, does not mean that the enemy knows.
- c. it is quite possible that INFORMATION which to you, seems out of date or quite trivial, or obvious, may be to him the ONE MISSING LINK for which he is looking – think how much you may have helped the ENEMY in this way TODAY – YESTERDAY –

IS THERE ANY DEFENCE?

- a. Of course there is! Become more SECURITY MINDED – the one sure defence.
- b. When you are with strangers, be doubly cautious. Everyone who speaks Aust. Is not necessarily a patriotic Australian; even uniforms and apparent rank do NOT mean that you are certainly with friends.

c. The possibility of the "information Seeker" being in uniform appears to have been forgotten. An officer – a stranger to the students of a Potential Officers' Course – joined the course with the story that he was a late comer.

In four hours, most of which was spent at a smoke concert, this officer obtained information as follows: -

- I. No. of students attending the Course from each 4 Bns.
- II. Formations available for a certain Command
- III. The battle stations and roles to be played by four Bns.
- IV. The service destination and strength of one AMF
- V. Camp stations of two Bdes. two Regts, two Bns.
- VI. Home stations of five units.
- VII. Number of carriers on issue to 2 Bns. together with valuable information respecting M/T and ammo supplies.
- VIII. The morale of the troops in command and the categories of the U.S.P. in camp.
- IX. Two rumours were repeated – a named Bn. may be sent to DARWIN – a certain Armd Div will very likely never leave AUST.

REMEMBER!

Railway stations and refreshment rooms are places to be aware of. If a stranger plies you with drink and questions, you may, by answering, be paying for the drink with Australian lives

Do not give Military news in your letters, especially about the CHAPS IN THE NEARBY CAMP SITES

Do not pose as a know - all ready with all the answers. The real know - all gives away nothing and is silent.

Beware of arguments. The man who talks plain nonsense may be doing so only to trap you into contradicting him, and thus betraying the infm he is seeking.

Beware of the defeatest move or the mood in which you think" what does it matter anyway if I mention it? Every one knows it anyhow"

SILENCE

there is only one occasion when SILENCE is NOT the best policy. Should you see or hear anything suspicious at all, REPORT IT AT ONCE. Delay will destroy all value.

Do you remember that amusing series of famous last words of motorists – "I think I can just squeeze past him", etc. In this War, the most famous last words might be – "I KNOW YOU WON'T LET THIS GO ANY FURTHER."

Regimental Funds

The RAA Regimental Fund provides finance for Regimental projects that benefit all Gunners. The RAA has always sought to utilise the fund to promote esprit de corps, acquire and maintain Regimental property, and support projects suggested by units that contribute to the heritage of Australian Gunners.

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30 August 2002

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MY SERVICE CAREER

By COL Graham Farley, OAM, RFD, ED (Rtd)

10th Medium Regiment – 37 Battery BC at Geelong, 1 Jan 67 to 30 June 68

I had been posted as Battery Commander 37th Battery to the 10th Medium Regiment at Geelong at the end of 1965. I had thus been an "absentee BC" throughout 1966, which was not a good thing as far as my new unit was concerned. CAPT Lindsay Barfoot was acting in my posting. But when I did finally arrive I endeavoured to put my best foot forward. I knew very little about medium guns, other than that they were bigger and heavier than the 25-pounder field guns to which I was accustomed. Also, that medium guns were a corps asset.

Being an immigrant to Australia (five years colonial experience for my English insurance company father in 1937, but extended "for the duration"), Geelong had come to form a very warm association for my family. As "first cousins once removed," we had relations in Geelong. During petrol rationed war years, my father conserved his coupons so that we could make the trip down the then single two-way road several times a year. In addition to seeking a Geelong military appointment, I had also been successful in gaining a place and promotion to a Geelong high school (Bell Park). Here again I had been absent in 1966

The 10th Medium Regiment had a very proud lineage. The framed history in the officers' mess showed the long association of the city with the militia and the CMF. The twin depots had seen both infantry and artillery units, the latter being mainly anti-aircraft regiments.

Prior to being a medium gun regiment, the Geelong unit had been a heavy anti-aircraft regiment (HAA), with depots at Warrnambool and Colac. The firing range was at Port Fairy. Obliging pilots would tow a target across the skies, at which the gunners would fire rounds from their 3.7" guns. It was said of this type of training that many pilots fearful for their lives and aircraft would radio the command post on the ground, "I'm pulling this thing, not pushing it!"

The Port Fairy coastal range (unexploded rounds could fall harmlessly into the sea) provided a balmy setting for annual camp with all the potential "flesh pot" pleasures of the nearby communities. Following conversion to the field gunner one the cry of "Remember Port Fairy" would often hang in the air as the inhospitable Puckapunyal range was savoured in comparison.

Provincial towns, both large and small, leaders in their organisations. But from time to time to accept the "foreigner" from the "big" when, like me, I would be resident and

But for a few quirks of bureaucracy and fate, of Victoria. It is a city that can field a football allowed to reside in Geelong and barrack for advised not to do this very obviously!

I had already met the CO of the regiment, we had shared the back of a land rover while lived at "Eilyer," Mortlake.

When the unit included the Warrnambool geographically convenient. It was not all that convenient by 1967. Derrick would travel to Geelong early on the day of the weekly parade. He would then fulfill any administrative obligations or planning requirements, attend the parade and travel home the next day. Above all, Derrick was a gentleman and very fitted to being the "father" of a regiment.



always prefer their own townsfolk to be to time, they are obliged for many reasons smoke." This is made more palatable probably for some time.

Geelong could well have been the capital team in the nation-wide AFL. One is another of the AFL teams, but one is also

LTCOL Derrick Austin, ED, in 1965, when on a reconnaissance. Derrick and Judy

battery, Derrick's residence was

As with all CMF units, January is the time for the "CO's Conference." At this meeting, I met the 2ic, MAJ Ian Barnes, and the acting BC of 37 Battery, CAPT Lindsay Barfoot. 38 Battery was a recruit battery, which met on another night of the week in the Geelong depot(s). 39 Battery was a gun battery at Colac. In addition to the

traditional wooden drill hall, the army had also provided a brick depot. By now they were designated "training depots." But gunners still had to drill!

The jewel of the main training depot was the Officers' Mess. This large room, located on its southern side, was wood-panelled and flanked on several walls by floor to ceiling glass cases, groaning under the weight of magnificent pieces of silverware. In addition to candelabra, there were helmets, dishes and cups. It was said that one of the privileges of being the wife of the commanding officer was that "she" cleaned the silver! Together with a reasonable issue of the well-polished tables and other furniture, the unit and its associated body, the United Services Institute, could stage first-class dinners with an 'abundance of ambience.'

By 1967 the new national service scheme had been introduced. Readers will recall that dates of birth were placed in a barrel and those those selected were liable for two years service, the first part of which would be recruit and corps training. The relevant act also offered that an eighteen-year-old could avoid the "raffle" by enlisting in the CMF for a period of six years. Many did so, particularly those with careers that did not sit easily with a two-year absence. Hence, CMF units at the time had an influx of recruits, generally necessitating a separate company or battery in which to train them. Their attitude to military training was positive where there was good leadership

For some twelve months, a new greatcoat had been following me from one depot to another. It was finally issued to me and I carried it proudly home on the train. An officers' greatcoat is so much more appropriate, although the one issued for national service still had plenty of wear left in it. Greatcoats dated from the days when soldiers had to bivouac out in the open and might not always have a tent or blankets. But by 1967 the days of greatcoats were numbered. They would go the way of all "superseded" items, some of which I may note in due course.

On taking command of the battery I met the Battery Sergeant Major, Warrant Officer, Class II, Bob Millett, MBE. MBE's are not thrown around and it was indicative of the quality and experience of this man that he had been so honoured. We were to share careers that would see him retire in the posting of Divisional Artillery Sergeant Major (CMF). He reminded me so much of the highly competent BSM's that I had met in the UK. He was quite capable of running the battery.



WO2 Bob Millett, MBE

Annual Camp was to be at Puckapunyal commencing on 15 Apr 67. The fortnight would include the Anzac Day celebrations. In the run up to camp, the battery staff tried to fob me off with any old driver and signaller, but I insisted that the driver who was considered to be the best would be the most appropriate one for me. This "bottom up" approach to command was something that was irritating at the very least. So GNR Tarrant took the wheel of the BC's vehicle (X-Ray), with GNR Spenceley as signaller. BDR Young and GNR MacFarlane completed the BC's team.

I went to camp with the LAD officer, MAJ Gil Bryant, an officer with whom I would later have close associations on the Senior CMF Officers' Tactics Course. On arrival in camp, I was pleased to see that WO2 Millett had "conned" a marquee for the battery administration centre rather than the quite inadequate tent that had been originally allocated. Our battery flag flew proudly from a mast.

First days in camp are always difficult ones. The advance party has had three or four days getting things established without too many senior officers in evidence. They seek praise for what has been achieved, not criticism. If something has not been done, then there are many pat excuses – e.g. "Not on issue, sir, they have sent such and such instead!" The biggest failing is in the kitchen area, particularly the gunners' mess. Since the advance party tends to consist of officers and NCOs the two other messes have been reasonably well set up. For various reasons the more capable of the "civvy cooks" have been allocated to the two senior messes!

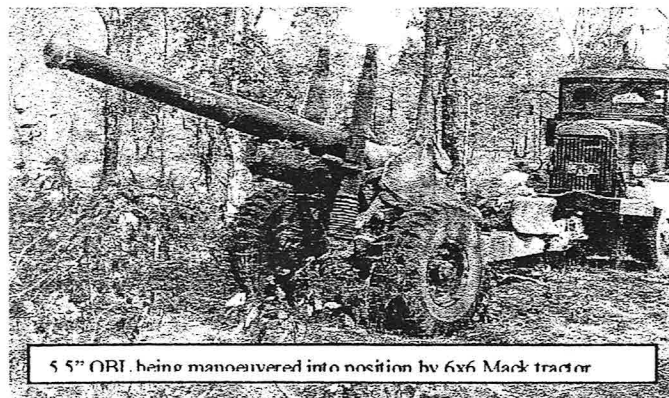
The state of the gunners' mess at this camp was no different to many others. Having asked the BQMS and the RQMS as to how many soldiers he believed he was catering for and for the menu, I required that the orderly officer, then the battery officers and finally the CO and the acting 2ic be present. In no time the "unavailable" tables had been produced and assembled, the equally "non-existent" tablecloths had been found and the

"forms, folding, GS" were broken out. When the soldiers had eaten their meal, then the officers of the battery were allowed to return to their mess.

For years, the regiment had relied on a civilian named "George" to organise the kitchens. For some reason, this character failed to appear. I often saw the QM looking wistfully towards the camp gate, hoping against hope that "George" would appear and relieve him of the daily challenge of feeding the regiment. Was the spirit of Port Fairy still hanging in the breeze?

Camp life was often interrupted by the visiting inspections of senior officers. These ranged from the CRA (COL Peter Turner), GOC of the Division (MAJGEN Stewart McDonald), the GOC Southern Command, and officers from the Directorate of Artillery. Depending on rank and status so was the response to such visits. As with the then Education Department school inspection system, so one learned as to what the particular fad or interest was of the inspecting officer. One made sure that that was what he saw or heard.

Stewart McDonald liked to come amongst us like a wolf among lambs. It was important that every officer had his notebook with the list of his soldiers and the names of their wives or sweethearts. The soldiers also needed to know as to whom we were theoretically fighting (the Phantasians in 1967?). Finally, he would wish to see something that was noteworthy. With the 5.5" guns this was to be deployment of the ordnance by connecting the trail of the gun to the front towing eye of the Mack tractor and pushing the gun forward into its deployed position.



The routine of the camp was the normal one of a week in lines to train for deployment and then a week in the field for firing and movement. On a battery bivouac in the first week, I was to see our battery flag flying over another battery's hide. I instructed that it was to be recovered. It was.

At the end of a night occupation, I found the battery position to be very quiet. There was no sign of a battery picket. I asked for the BSM, only to be told that he had gone to bed. I asked for him to be woken up and brought to me. "Is that wise?" suggested an experienced captain! As Bob Millett

approached through the gloom, I could hear him muttering, "I hope this isn't someone's idea of a joke." I explained the requirement for a battery picket and without further ado, the BSM arranged it and retired once again. From then on, the battery always had its picket, and no one took away the flag, the firing mechanisms or anything else that might have been coveted. Fortunately we did not have any asses or oxen on establishment!

All officers who "take over from someone else" have to have a specialty by which others will remember him. I decided on "early morning gun drill" for officers and NCOs. In the early hours of the morning, long before "sparrow tweet," I was as reluctant to get up as were my officers. But we did. A member of the ARA Cadre drilled us. If he had to get up early too, then so be it. Somehow he always had the gun and tractor in position. I was very conversant with the 25 pr gun but not with the 5.5". But I was now to discover just how heavy and ungainly the "5.5" was. The act of splitting the trail required half a dozen brawny men. I could never describe myself as that. The devices for digging in the trail required two to lift them. I would wonder whether I was doing the right thing to my own back, let alone the backs of my colleagues. But then if we expected our gunners to do this under our goading, then let us be aware of just how much effort is involved. But the 'piece de resistance' was when we were shown how to dismount and remount in the back of a Mack tractor. Our cadre man made it appear to be an effortless roll of his body. Whereas I thought it was a major physical effort to which my body had never been accustomed!

There were the two gun batteries in camp, 37 (Geelong) and 39 (Colac). MAJ Ian MacAulay and CAPT David Carr were in the latter unit. In 37, CAPT Doug Knight was BK and LIEUT Laurie Haby was GPO. CAPT Graeme Marshall acted as second-in-command when necessary and CAPT Peter O'Loughlin was a troop commander. LIEUT Reg Wheller was also in 37 Bty. He was now the postal officer at Derrinalum, which gives a further indication of the distances that officers were prepared to travel.

When I think of the contemporary way in which Anzac Day is observed, my mind goes back to that camp and the ad hoc ceremony that the regiment held in the field as the 25th April was within the fortnight of the camp. What we did was appropriate, but there was no reading of the Anzac Requiem, a guest speaker or either the Last Post or the Rouse. The two batteries lined up facing each other, not all that unlike the battle scenes of yesteryear when the privilege of firing the first volley was decided by the opposing captains in a wave of dignified courtesy. The inter battery rivalry was such that we might have had to restrain the chaps back from attacking each other!

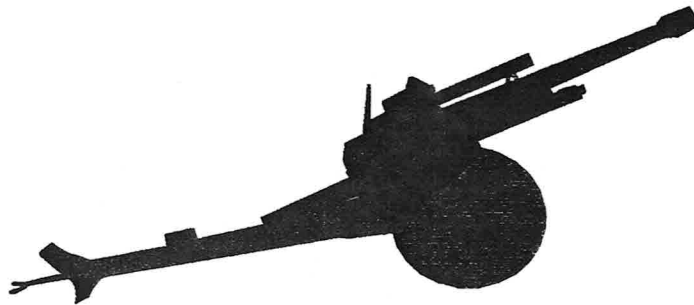


Captains Graham Marshall, Doug Knight and Peter O'Loughlin

Batteries now consisted of six guns, but I think we only had detachments to deploy four. It took me some time to get used to the slow and ponderous deployment of medium guns in comparison with the "elan and dash" of the field guns. There were also the days of the "pistol" gun – yet another variation on the deployment theme. By the end of the second week, which was principally a fire and movement one, my battery was responding to calls for fire with considerable professionalism

When I witnessed the medium guns firing for the first time I was able to appreciate the accuracy that they had. LTCOL Derrick Austin had been promising me this characteristic but doubting Thomas that I was I had to see the rounds on the ground. MAJ Lloyd Baxter had always defined such a round as one that entered the window of the bush toilet and blew out the walls! His other comment was that a 5.5 would go anywhere that a 25-pounder could go but they took off a few more fence palings in doing so!

With the 1967 camp concluded and my own "bleeding" almost a thing of the past, I could settle down to life as a school teacher, an Anglican church goer, senior scout leader and CMF officer.



Time for a reminisc.

This section will be devoted to members who wish to have a reminisc about an event in their military careers, humorous or otherwise. Contributions are to be sent to the editor for inclusion.

The Regiment (2/10) deployed to Cultana for a two week exercise. 22 Bty deployed four guns, whilst 38 Bty deployed three. The guns were taken over to Cultana by low loader. The battery drove over with the detachments travelling in the back of the vehicles. We stopped at the range at Murray Bridge on the way over, arriving at Port Augusta on Sunday and moving to El Alamein late that day. The next two days were spent on the small arms range and completing small arms activities such as vehicle searches etc.

On the Wednesday the Battery moved to the southern end of the range at Cultana. The guns had problems finding the gate to the range, a couple of Battery U turns were taken to find it. The weather was very hot and dry. The range was dry and dusty. The Battery Deployed numerous times during this period.

We returned to El Alamein after three days for a 'make and mend' day. This also included a leisurely fifteen kilometre walk on bitumen in two and a quarter hours from the El Alamein gate to the Port Augusta – Whyalla road and return. Stores checks were conducted, guns and vehicles maintained and tyres repaired and changed. During all this work it started to rain, Queensland style, big drops and lots of it. It did not stop raining until well into the night. A dry (no grog) Regimental BBQ was held that night.

The following day the Regiment deployed to Cultana, 38 Bty deployed before 22 Bty and found much to their dismay that it had rained at Cultana also. Their trucks and guns became bogged very easily in these conditions and were often bogged up to their axles. The (we don't get bogged) 38 Boys with their 'big trucks and guns' soon learnt what winching and recovery was all about. The 22 Boys had a good laugh at 38s misfortune, however one or two trucks from 22 did occasionally get bogged, and the ground was both slippery and soft.

Both Batteries met up later that day for a direct shoot. Which was conducted in the vicinity of Cultana Hill.

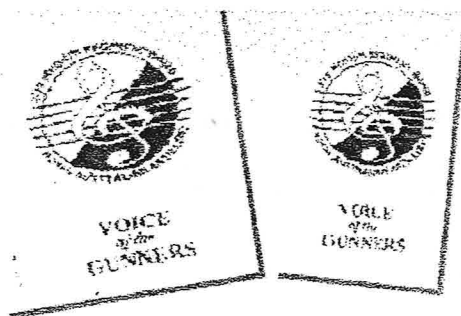
Both Batteries were deployed under Regimental control in this general area for the next two days before ending up in a straight line gun position at the Cultana Landing Ground. Both Batteries side by side.

The Regiment then moved to Proof & Experimental Establishment Port Wakefield for an overnight stop and end of exercise maintenance and stores checks. A few beers were had that night. The following day the Regiment headed towards Melbourne, The convoy was split up into five packets Headquarter Bty, 38 Bty Landrovers, 22 Bty Landrovers, 38 Bty Gun Tractors and finally 22 Bty Gun Tractors (the guns being towed back home). We stopped overnight at 15 Tpt Depot at Horsham. A 'two can' BBQ was held that evening. The following day we returned to our respective depots.



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19 Committee Meeting
27 Gunner Dinner

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18 Committee Meeting

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