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# Editors Comment

Well it is that time again and as usual the regular contributors to the Liaison Letter have responded to the call for contributions whilst the majority have been distracted by more pressing matters. I thank and applaud those who have found the time to contribute and restate that the Liaison Letter can only be as worthwhile and useful as the support it receives from you the Gunner Community.

The significance of the RAA Liaison Letter as a record of the evolution of the Regiment cannot and should not be underestimated. To highlight this I would like to quote from a former Director of Artillery and recently retired Brigadier John Cox who stated:

'My experience with David Horner and the writing of his book on the History of Australian Artillery was that the LL proved to be a valuable source. LL is a good central forum to record all changes to the RAA, importantly the reasons for change should also be captured. You should try to encourage as much information as is possible on changes and associated arguments. Some future historian will be grateful!!'

I will leave it at that!!!!

It is requested that associations and other organisations that do not already include me on their distribution list for their newsletters / magazines please consider doing so in the future. This is a very good means for me maintaining visibility of what is happening in the wider Gunner Community .

The next edition of the Liaison Letter will be published in late October 2004. Whilst a minute will be circulated closer to the time seeking submissions I would ask people, especially units to plan on making a contribution, including an annual unit report, to meet a dead line of approximately Friday 8th October 2004.



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# Regimental Aspects

## **On Infantry and the Supporting Arm**

'I had formed the theory that the true role of the infantry was not to expend itself upon heroic physical effort, nor to wither away under merciless machine-gun fire, nor to impale itself on hostile bayonets, nor to tear itself to pieces in hostile entanglements... but, on the contrary to advance under the maximum possible protection of the maximum possible array of mechanical resources, in the form of guns, machine-guns, tanks, mortars and aeroplanes; to advance with as little impediment as possible; to be relieved as far as possible of the obligation to fight their way forward; to march, resolutely, regardless of the din and tumult of battle, to the appointed goal, and there to hold and defend the territory gained; and to gather in the form of prisoners, guns and stores, the fruits of victory.'

John Monash - A Biography by Alan Geoffrey Serle, page 386  
published in 1982 by the Melbourne University Press

## **On Discipline**

'...the Australian Army is a proof that individualism is the best and not the worst foundation upon which to build collective discipline.'

John Monash - A Biography by Alan Geoffrey Serle, page 393  
published 1982 by the Melbourne University Press



# Head of Regiment

*Colonel S. T. Goltz*

The Gunners in Australia are moving into a period of transformation as most major systems are commencing capability upgrades or replacement. Our organisation is undergoing intense scrutiny as we as an Army look to hardening our combat capability and survivability. This will result in more mobile, better-protected and more highly capable delivery systems as part of an extended target acquisition capability supported by an open architecture command and control system.

The process of modernisation and renewal is not limited to platform replacements as we search for cost-effective sensor to shooter links and agile command and control systems. This search will be complemented by initiatives in the areas of surveillance and target acquisition, tactical uninhabited aerial vehicles, C4I, combat net radios and vehicle fleet improvements. The aspiration is for digital linking and lean structures to support medium weight armoured operations as well as the wider spectrum of operations.

This year will see the definition of Land 17 for guns and ammunition staffed through the higher Defence committees, Land 58 for the Life of Type extension for the weapon locating radar go to tender and finally the new ballistic kernel to replace the current heart of the gunnery computer go to contract. The behind the scenes activity to this equipment is the analysis of the training regime and our trade structures.

This unglamorous aspect of the capability cycle is the most demanding and will need to be right if our soldiers are to fight and win. Thus the message is we need to concentrate on getting the right people into the doctrine and training area and helping them to produce what is needed. We cannot afford to leave them without our support and intellectual capital if we want to succeed in the vision mentioned above.

I look forward to meeting as many current and ex-serving members of the Royal Australian Artillery in 2004.

*Good Shooting*

# Regimental Master Gunner

*Warrant Officer Class One P. A. Matthysen*

As a result of the Royal Australian Artillery Employment Category Standing Orders Part Two recently being signed off, the Regimental Master Gunner title has been appointed to the Master Gunner Land Command Artillery. The appointment change has merit; the senior other ranks of the Regiment naturally is inextricably linked to the Commander Land Command Artillery, being the Head of Regiment, and therefore being co-located is both rational and pragmatic. I would like to acknowledge the efforts of the more recent Regimental Master Gunners for their contributions and input to the Regiment over the years and I have no doubt about their future successes.

The immediate future within the Royal Australian Artillery leads us to interesting times. Offensive Support is the collective and coordinated employment of aircraft, land and sea based indirect fire systems for land operations; some things will never change. However, with the advent of Hardening The Army and LAND 17, the future of the Royal Australian Artillery will be determined by the announcement of the new gun systems, commensurate mobility as well as the subsequent unit structure; no doubt digital technology will also change dramatically the way we do business.

Notwithstanding, the world remains in many ways similar to the unstable climate of recent times, ensuring our nation and region can never be guaranteed absolute peace; the need to deploy as part of a larger force remains constant. From a Regimental Master Gunner point of view, with good leadership and high motivation, we must foster the skills, initiative and resourcefulness of the soldiers, train them hard and develop their ability. Above all, we must make all training physically demanding as well as mentally challenging; only then will the best results be produced. By not doing this, the Regiment will lose good soldiers to other fields. Worse, by not doing this, we will not be ready to meet the next major operational commitment.

No doubt the training schedule the unit's have planned for 2004 will be as busy as ever. The trade of Gunnery demands a great deal of training and time away from our families. It is important to ensure that we continue to develop both individually and collectively but we need to keep in mind the value and significance our families provide us by the support they offer. By remaining cognisant of them, I'm sure a fine balance can be achieved on both fronts.

Currently the Royal Australian Artillery has a small number of personnel deployed on various operations and I like to wish those personnel all the best.

In 1918, Lieutenant General Sir John Monash was quoted as saying '...personally, I have always found it pays well to consider closely the psychology not only of the enemy but also of my own troops to study the factors which affect his reactions and how to employ those factors to our advantage, and also to study the methods of keeping up the morale and the fighting spirit of our own soldiers. Indeed, it is psychology all along the line.'

As a commander, he wanted to understand the complexity and diversity of human nature; he wanted to be able to anticipate the impact of events on morale, cohesion and performance of his command and opposing forces. While most of us are not psychologists, his philosophy is one that would assist the non-commissioned officer in the development of his men. Just a thought...

*Good Soldiering*

# Personnel Aspects

## **Relationship Between Officers and Men**

'From almost the earliest days of war violence was done to a deep-rooted tradition of the British Army, which discouraged any promotion from the ranks, and stringently forbade, in cases where it was given, promotion in the same unit... The Australian Imperial Force changed all that.'

John Monash - A Biography by Alan Geoffrey Serle, page 393  
published 1982 by the Melbourne University Press

## **On the Narrow Specialisation of British Permanent Officers**

'In the regular Army one knows all about one or two Applied Arts very thoroughly - horsemastership, or gunnery, or musketry, or chemical warfare, or military law, or military engineering, and very little about anything else. It was indeed characteristic of the Senior Army Officer of the best type that he could talk well and informatively of his particular arm of service, and of polo, or fox hunting, and of traditions of the Army, but that was dilettante, if not entirely uninterested, in every other subject of science, art or philosophy.'

John Monash - A Biography by Alan Geoffrey Serle, page 380  
published 1982 by the Melbourne University Press



# Vale

## Major General Timothy Frederick Cape CB, CBE, DSO

*Provided by Major General John S. Whitelaw*

Timothy Frederick Cape, the son of Charles Scarvell Cape solicitor of Sydney, and Maude Want Cape was born at Vaucluse on the 5th August 1915. He was the youngest of three children.

He became a well-known figure during his long service in the Australian Army, in his subsequent role as a business consultant, and through his association with many organisations and clubs. He was a very pleasant, gregarious and agreeable character who easily made friends and readily contributed to discussion.

Tim's interest in the Army stemmed from his father, a member of the volunteer movement in New South Wales, who had served in the war in South Africa where he was awarded the Distinguished Service Order. At Cranbrook School, Tim was an enthusiastic member of the cadet corps. His headmaster, Iven Mackay (later Lieutenant General Sir Iven, a highly respected AIF leader in World War 2) encouraged him to apply for entry to the Royal Military College.

Together with ten other Australians and four New Zealand cadets, Tim marched in to Royal Military College on 1st March 1934. Of this small class, twelve graduated on 14th December 1937. Tim was commissioned in the Australian Staff Corps and allotted to Artillery.

His first gunner posting was Regimental duty with 1st Heavy Brigade at Georges Heights, Sydney, where he gained experience with 6-inch coast-defence guns and the newly installed 9.2 inch battery on North Head. With another officer he was posted to the Port Moresby Defences, specifically 13th Heavy Battery, in March 1939. They faced the task of installing two 6-inch guns on Paga Hill for the defence of the port and manning them on a limited basis. With the formation of Headquarters 8th Military District in Port Moresby, Tim served for a short while as a staff officer before returning to Australia in March 1941.

Tim was hoping to be allotted to an AIF unit for active service in the Middle East, but this was not to be. Instead he was given the challenge of establishing the Anti-Tank Wing of the School of Artillery at Puckapunyal, Victoria. This he tackled with enthusiasm and drive in the face of extremely limited expertise, doctrine, guns, ammunition and equipment. Quite some time later, his outstanding service at the Anti-Tank Wing and his earlier activities in New Guinea were recognised when he became a Member of the Order of the British Empire.

Tim's desire for an AIF appointment was granted when he was posted as Brigade Major 23rd Infantry Brigade on 5th February 1942 and told to report to Darwin without delay. His appointment was to Headquarters Sparrow Force in Timor. He arrived on the island a few days before the Japanese landed, evaded capture, and linked with the 2nd/2nd Independent Company, which was operating in Portuguese Timor. He then endured the hardships and adventures of guerrilla warfare until he was recalled to Australia in August. Later he was Mentioned In Despatches for exceptional services in the field.

By October 1942, Tim was back in Port Moresby at Headquarters New Guinea Force as a Lieutenant Colonel where he gained a notable reputation, in the face of enormous difficulties, for putting the arrangements for offensive air support and air supply in that theatre on a sound basis.

Thereafter, attendance at the Staff School and a posting to Land Headquarters was followed by a further stint in the air support business for the final campaigns involving Australian forces in Borneo. In recognition of his contributions in the field of air support he was made a Companion of the Distinguished Service Order and awarded the US Bronze Star.

The cessation of hostilities saw Tim posted to the Occupation Force in Japan as the senior operations staff officer. Two years at Army Headquarters followed, and then his talents in joint operations were put to good use when he became an instructor at the United Kingdom School of Combined Operations



from November 1949 and then attended the Staff College, Camberley. Before returning to Australia at the end of 1953 he attended the United Kingdom Joint Services Staff College.

Back in Australia he was promoted to Colonel as Commandant of the Officer Cadet School, an appointment which he averred as the most rewarding of his career. Promoted to Brigadier he was, for a short while, Commandant of the Australian Staff College before assuming duty as Deputy Master General of the Ordnance in April 1957.

Tim wrapped up his already extensive military education by attending the Imperial Defence College, London 1960 course. On return, he was Chief of Staff Northern Command throughout 1961, and married Elizabeth Rabett the daughter of Colonel R. L. R. Rabett on 31st August 1961. They had been friends since schooldays and on occasions he remarked with regret that he had not asked much earlier!

Short stints in Melbourne at Army Headquarters and as Commander Central Command preceded promotion to Major General in February 1965 as General Officer Commanding Northern Command. Three years later he took up his final appointment as Master General of the Ordnance. He retired in August 1972 as a Companion of the Order of the Bath, awarded in 1972 and Commander of the Order of the British Empire in 1966.

In retirement he became a consultant in the provision of defence equipment. This involved frequent overseas visits and allowed him to keep in contact with relatives and many friends in the United Kingdom, Canada and United States of America. His desire to travel seemed unquenchable.

His circle of friendship was wide. He was a member of many clubs, societies and associations, amongst which were the Royal United Services Institution, the National Council of the Red Cross, the Royal Australian Artillery Historical Society, and the Royal Australian Artillery Association ACT. He was particularly proud of his Gunner connections. He died on 20th December 2003, survived by his only child Lizette, her husband Stephen Amorsen and grandchildren Ingrid, Greta and Elsa. Our sympathy goes out to them.

*Ubique*

## **Major General John (Jock) McNeill AO, OBE, ED**

*Extracted from 'The Big Gun' Volume 9 Issue 4  
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Jock McNeill rose from the rank of a world war two gunner to the rank of major general and Inspector General of the Australian Army Reserve during his 38 years of distinguished service.

Jock was also an employee of Australian Cement Limited for 47 years, beginning as an industrial chemist in 1938 and retiring as executive manager, special projects, in 1986.

Born in Colac in 1921, Jock enlisted in the 2nd AIF in 1940 as a Gunner in 2nd/2nd Heavy Anti-Aircraft Regiment. He served with various units in Egypt, Palestine, Syria and Lebanon as well as New Guinea and Borneo. He was a sergeant when discharged in 1945. In 1948, he enlisted as a gunner in the citizens military forces and was soon promoted sergeant before being commissioned in 1949.

In 1960, the now lieutenant colonel commanded 2nd Field Regiment Royal Australian Artillery in Melbourne and from 1961 to 1965 was the commanding officer of 8th Medium Regiment Royal Australian Artillery in Geelong.

Promoted to major general in 1973, Jock commanded 3rd Division in Victoria from 1973 to 1976, was Inspector General in 1977 and retired in 1978. In recognition of his military service he was awarded an Efficiency Decoration in 1965, an OBE in 1965 and AO in 1977.

When the 10th Medium Regiment Royal Australian Artillery Association Incorporated was formed, Major General McNeill was the obvious choice of Patron, to which he agreed without hesitation. Jock attended

many of our functions when his health enabled him to and was our special guest at the 2002 formal dinner, ill health prevented him from attending in 2003.

His funeral took place at Wesley Uniting church with full military honours, approximately 20 members of the association attended the funeral and formed an honour guard as his coffin left the church on the gun carriage for Highton Cemetery.

## Richard Morgan (Dick) Rothero

*Provided by Colonel Arthur Burke  
Colonel Commandant - Northern Region*

Tragically, Richard Morgan (Dick) Rothero passed away suddenly on Friday evening 16th January 2004 at his home in the north Brisbane suburb of Kallangur. The brothers, Dave and Dick Rothero were household names around the Royal Regiment in the 1960s and 1970s. The details for the following valediction have been provided by Dick's close friends Warren Cottee and Paddy Durnford.

Dick was born on the 12th June 1937. Enlisting in the Army in his 21st year in 1958 he was posted to 1st Field Regiment after basic training. Dick moved to Brisbane to join the new 4th Field Regiment at Wacol, he then served with 103rd Field Battery in Malaya (1961-1963). Again, but as a sergeant this time, Dick saw active service with 103rd Field Battery in South Vietnam (1966-1967). Thereafter he served with 123rd Training Battery at Holsworthy, the Tropical Trials Unit at Innisfail, 1st Field Regiment at Wacol and finally as a staff sergeant at 23rd Field Regiment in Sydney. Dick elected discharge in this rank after completing 20 years in 1978. He and wife Judy settled in Newcastle where Dick secured employment with the Newcastle Gas Company till he retired. They purchased a home in Kallangur Brisbane in November 2003.

Dick was looked upon as a father figure during his posting to 1st Field Regiment in the 1970s. The younger Numbers One would look up to him not only for advice but also to give shortcuts (not usually approved by the School of Artillery) that only experienced gun sergeants could give. Warren Cottee can recall Dick saying, 'Jesus BSM, why do I have to do the detachment commanders test? After all these years as a No 1, I should be exempt.'

Dick was a member of Sergeants' Messes for many years. On leaving the Mess following a couple or three drinks after work, normal farewells would include 'See you tomorrow Dick', 'Have a good night Dick', and the inevitable 'See ya Dick', to which he gave the standard reply, 'No you won't!'

Dick was a soldiers' man, rarely angry, and could handle almost anything except Palladrine in the morning. He was the quieter of the two brothers and could be described as quiescent.

The Macquarie dictionary defines QUIESCENT as 'being at rest, quiet, or still, inactive or motionless' - old mates will vividly recall Dick squatting, a rolled cigarette in the corner of his mouth, a bush hat over one eye and a brew in hand - Richard Morgan Rothero with his bloody 30 inch waist! God we hated the way that man could dress - because of his height and build he could wear rags and get stick orderly. Nine out of ten times you could bet they were someone else's clothes anyway!

Vale Richard Morgan Rothero - St George Rugby League Club has lost a great supporter, Dave has lost his brother Gunner, and the Royal Regiment of Australian Artillery has lost another of its characters that were the backbone of the Regiment in the 1960s and 1970s.

## Ben Blakeney OAM

*Provided by Colonel Arthur Burke  
Colonel Commandant - Northern Region*

The following is an amalgam of several messages from Colonel Alan Hutchinson, Major General Paul Stevens AO, our Representative Colonel Commandant, an article from the 'Canberra Times' on 1st January 2004 forwarded by Jim Ponting and a little bit of research.

Lavanda G. Blakeney was born at Dulwich Hill, Sydney on 9th March 1937, the son of Aborigines John and Ethel and one of twelve children. However, had I headed this message under his born name, many of you would have 'bished' it before reading. Widely and affectionately known throughout the Regiment as 'Black Ben', this Gunner endeared himself to many with his forthright manner and rough diamond appeal.

Ben served with the 101st Field Battery in Malaya (1959-1961) then returned to the fledgling 4th Field Regiment at Wacol. He then spent time in Air Defence before seeking discharge after eight years' of service.

His acting career began in 1966 as an extra drinking at the bar in the film 'They're a Weird Mob'. Ben's brother Eddie also recalls his appearing in the television series 'Homicide' and 'Skippy' and as a tracker in the 1970 film 'Ned Kelly' with Mick Jagger. But the climax of his acting career was undoubtedly the portrayal of the spirit of the famous Aborigine, Bennelong atop the Sydney Opera House at its opening in 1973. On his website, [www.wollondilly.com/bennelong.htm](http://www.wollondilly.com/bennelong.htm), Ben wrote of 'the day the nation looked up to me when I said, 'I am Bennelong!'. Eddie reports that Ben said afterwards he 'met the Queen in his headdress and was invited for cups of tea and cucumber sandwiches or whatever'.

Ben was the first Aborigine to join the Commonwealth Police in 1977 and was selected for the Cyprus peacekeeping force in 1979, the year in which the Australian Federal Police was formed. He wrote of receiving a 'medal of honor for bravery in the line of duty' and served with this force until 1984.

Ben then made boomerangs from his home in Queanbeyan and was much in demand from schools to demonstrate the art of boomerang throwing. He was also reportedly quite active in supporting Aboriginal causes and affairs. Ben's webmaster writes, 'Ben is a modest man. The first he knew of his nomination [for the OAM] was, when making boomerangs, a neighbour said 'Have you seen the paper? You've been awarded the Order of Australia Medal'. Ben replied, 'Gosh' and kept making his boomerangs but was eventually drawn into speculation and acknowledged it was probably because of his service to the community as a whole.

Ben Blakeney never forgot his Gunner beginnings and was a regular attendee at Royal Australian Artillery Association functions in the ACT. His rough diamond appeal demanded attention and his rather dry sense of humour was always there to illustrate a point with a good yarn.

Vale 'Black Ben' Blakeney - aborigine, gunner, actor and one of the characters of the Royal Regiment of Australian Artillery.

## Ray Thomas Harper

*Provided by Colonel Arthur Burke  
Colonel Commandant - Northern Region*

It is my sad duty to inform you of the passing of one of the Olds & Bolds of the Royal Regiment of Australian Artillery. Ray Harper passed away in the early hours of Sunday morning 7th December 2003. He had been seriously ill for some time and has now found blessed escape from pain and suffering.

Raymond Thomas Harper was born on 29th December 1929. His service included Transport Sergeant with 105th Field Battery (Independent) Vietnam (1965-1966), Staff Sergeant Transport Supervisor with 107th Field Battery in Malaysia (1967-1969), and Regimental Transport Supervisor 4th Field Regiment Vietnam (1970-1971). He was awarded the Long Service & Good Conduct Medal and sought discharge on 28th January 1976.

Ray is best remembered as the transport sergeant of the 105th during their first tour of South Vietnam (1965-1966). He was a quiet bloke by nature, but had the happy knack of getting his job done well without any fuss. Ken Buhmann shared a tent with him and admired his 'solid citizen' attitude. Morrie Fletcher recalls how he and Ray used to alternate taking the morning 'pill' parades in the Bien Hoa base camp.

Vale Raymond Thomas Harper - one of the true old professional soldiers who always got the job done well and without any fuss. His name liveth for evermore.

# Profiles – New Unit

## Commanding Officers and Regimental Sergeant Majors

### **LIEUTENANT COLONEL SCOTT E. CLINGAN**

#### **Commanding Officer 1st Field Regiment**

Lieutenant Colonel Scott Clingan took command of the 1st Field Regiment, Royal Australian Artillery in November 2003.

He is a graduate of the Australian Defence Force Academy (1986), the Royal Military College Duntroon (1987), and the Australian Command and Staff College (2001). He is an artillery officer who comes from a Regimental background including service in all of the Australian regular army artillery gun regiments and as an instructor at the Australian School of Artillery. Lieutenant Colonel Clingan has also been attached as an instructor at the United Kingdom School of Artillery (1993) and posted as an instructor at the United States Field Artillery School (1997-1998).

Lieutenant Colonel Clingan's non corps experience includes working as an Operations Captain on Headquarters 6th Brigade (1995-1996) and most recently, from 2002 - 2003, when he was the Army Recruiting Liaison Officer in Army Headquarters, Canberra.

Lieutenant Colonel Clingan has served on operations as the Battery Commander with the 2nd Battalion Royal Australian Regiment Group as part of the INTERFET Force in East Timor (1999-2000). For this service he was awarded the Australian Active Service Medal (East Timor) and the INTERFET Medal. He has also been awarded the United States Army Meritorious Service Medal and the United States Navy Achievement Medal for his service as an instructor in the United States.

Scott is married to Lynda, and has two children, Darcy four years old and Jasmine three years old. He is a keen sportsman who enjoys rugby, hockey and jogging (as opposed to running).

### **LIEUTENANT COLONEL GREGORY C. BILTON CSC**

#### **Commanding Officer 4th Field Regiment**

Lieutenant Colonel Greg Bilton graduated with a Bachelor of Arts (Military) to the Royal Australian Artillery from the Royal Military College Duntroon on 9th December 1986. As a Lieutenant he held Regimental appointments in 4th Field Regiment from January 1987 to December 1989 before being promoted and posted to 1st Field Regiment as a Forward Observer. In July 1990 he was posted to the Royal School of Artillery in the United Kingdom for 12 months to complete the Long Gunnery Staff Course after which he was employed as an Instructor Gunnery with the Royal Artillery Gunnery Training Establishment in Hohne-Belsen in Germany.

On return to Australia at the beginning of 1992 Lieutenant Colonel Bilton was posted as an instructor to the School of Artillery in Manly NSW. In his second year at the School of Artillery he worked in Development Wing writing doctrine before being posted to the Multinational Force and Observers in November 1993. On return to Australia in July 1994 he served in A Field Battery before being posted to Brisbane as the Adjutant of 1st Field Regiment.

Lieutenant Colonel Bilton commanded 104th Field Battery, 1st Field Regiment from January 1996 to December 1997. In July 1998 he was posted to the United States to attend Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth in Kansas. On return to Australia was posted to the Directorate of Officer Career Management into one of Staff Officer Grade Two appointments in Post Group. He was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel on 15th January 2001 and posted to the Directorate of Force Structure Army in Army Headquarters. On 19th January 2004 he commenced his current appointment as Commanding Officer of 4th Field Regiment.

Lieutenant Colonel Greg Bilton is married to Rachael and they have two children, Alexander six years old and Nicholas three years old. Rachael is a registered nurse. He is completing the last subject of a Masters of Business Administration and he has attained a Masters of Military Art and Science from Fort Leavenworth. He enjoys most sports and continues to play both soccer and cricket. He is a member of the ACT Brumbies Rugby Union Club.

## **LIEUTENANT COLONEL DOMINIC J. TEAKLE**

### **Commanding Officer 23rd Field Regiment**

Lieutenant Colonel Dominc Teakle graduated from the Royal Military College Duntroon in December 1986 and was allocated to the Royal Regiment of Australian Artillery. He has completed a range of Regimental appointments in 4th Field Regiment as Section Commander, Gun Position Officer and Battery Captain (1987-1988 and 1992) and 16th Air Defence Regiment as Adjutant (1994-1995). He was promoted to Major in January 1996 and culminated his Regimental experience as Battery Commander of 105th Field Battery and Operations Officer 1st Field Regiment in 1997 and 1998.

His non-Regimental appointments have included a range of appointments and training institutions and higher defence headquarters. He served in instructional appointments at the Royal Military College and the Australian Defence Force Academy in 1989 and 1990 followed by a posting to Headquarters Australian Defence Force as the aide-de-camp to Chief of the Defence Force in 1991. Lieutenant Colonel Teakle was posted to UNTSO in 1996 where he served as a United Nations Military Observer, Team Leader and Operations Officer in Lebanon during Israel's last incursion into Lebanese territory during Operation 'Grapes of Wrath'.

He attended Command and Staff College, Queenscliff in 1999 as the Senior Student and was awarded the Strategic Studies Prize. Upon graduation he was appointed as Military Adviser to the Deputy Chief of Army and was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel in October 2000. He then served as the Staff Officer Grade One Preparedness and Mobilisation on Army Headquarters until December 2001 when he took one years Long Service Leave before discharge from the Regular Army after twenty years service in February 2003. During his time in Army Headquarters he was awarded a Chief of Army's Commendation.

In civilian life Lieutenant Colonel Teakle is an Event Manager with Australian Capital Tourism. He holds an Arts Degree and a Master of Defence and Strategic Studies Degree. He is married to Kate, lives in Canberra and has two teenage daughters.



## **WARRANT OFFICER CLASS ONE BARRY C. KYRWOOD**

### **Regimental Sergeant Major 1st Field Regiment**

Warrant Officer Class One Barry Kyrwood was born in Perth on 25th April 1956, and after 5 years as a pantograph engraver, sign writer, and industrial spray painter enlisted into the Regular Army in 1977.

He has held a range of positions both in Training Command and Land Command. His gunner to bombardier positions have included gunner, signaller, driver, operator command post, command post bombardier and forward observer assistant. Sergeant positions have included Battery Commanders Assistant in 108th Field Battery, Sergeant Instructor in Military Training Wing at the Royal Military College Duntroon, Sergeant Instructor in Regimental Training Wing at the School of Artillery North Head, Command Post Sergeant in 108th Field Battery. Warrant Officer positions have included Sergeant Major Cadets North Queensland at the Army Personnel Agency Townsville, Battery Guide 107th Field Battery and Battery Sergeant Major of 107th Field Battery.

Warrant Officer Class One Kyrwood was appointed as the Regimental Sergeant Major of the 2nd/10th Field Regiment in 2001 and held that position until December 2003. He has had various operational and non-operational overseas experiences. Operational experience includes Rifle Company Butterworth in 1981, Operation Vista (Malaysia and Cambodia) in 1997 and Operation Plumbob (Solomon Islands) in 2000. Non-operational experiences through various overseas exchanges including England, New Guinea, New Zealand and Hawaii.

His honours and awards include the Australian Service Medal (South East Asia Clasp), Defence Force Service Medal, and Land Commander's Commendation for services to the 2nd/10th Field Regiment as the Regimental Sergeant Major. He was appointed the Regimental Sergeant Major of 1st Field Regiment in January 2004.

Warrant Officer Class One Kyrwood is married to his wife of 18 years, Vivienne. They have two children, Jarod aged 13, and Breanna aged nine. His interests include running, and hockey.

## **WARRANT OFFICER CLASS ONE MICHAEL I. JOHNSON**

### **Regimental Sergeant Major 2nd/10th Field Regiment**

Warrant Officer Class One Michael Johnson was born in Adelaide on 8th June 1965 and enlisted into the Regular Army in 1984. He has held a range of positions both in Training Command and Land Command. His gunner to bombardier positions have included gunner and signaller. Sergeant and warrant officer positions have included Detachment Commander A Field Battery, Sergeant Instructor in Military Training Wing and Drill Wing at the Royal Military College Duntroon, Command Post Sergeant in 101st Field Battery, Sergeant Major Instructor Gunnery 14th Field Battery at 11th Field Regiment, Battery Guide 104th Field Battery, Sergeant Major Instructor Gunnery at the School of Artillery, Battery Sergeant Major of 103th Medium Battery and the Senior Sergeant Major Instructor Gunnery of Fire Support Wing at the School of Artillery.

Warrant Officer Class One Johnson has had one operational deployment to East Timor as a Operations Duty Officer in Headquarters Sector West. His awards include the Australian Active Service Medal, UN Medal, and the Defence Force Service Medal.

He has held the appointment of Regimental Sergeant Major of the 2nd/10th Field Regiment since January 2004.

Warrant Officer Class One Johnson is single and his interests include rugby, motor sport, and the Royal Australian Artillery.

## **WARRANT OFFICER CLASS ONE ROBERT J. THOMPSON**

### **Regimental Sergeant Major 4th Field Regiment**

Warrant Officer Class One Bob Thompson enlisted into the Australian Regular Army in July 1981 and after completing recruit and initial employment training commenced his career with 8th/12th Medium Regiment, serving in 103rd Medium Battery as a gun number. During the period he was posted to 8th/12th Medium Regiment from December 1981 to December 1989 he was promoted through the ranks to sergeant.

In January 1990 he was posted to 4th Field Regiment serving in 108th Field Battery as a Gun Sergeant for six months then as the Command Post Operator Sergeant. In January 1992 he was posted to 1st Field Regiment, serving in 101st Field Battery. During this tenure of service he was employed as the Battery Commander's Assistant within the Joint Offensive Support Coordination Centre. In December 1994 he was posted to 11th Field Regiment, as the Sergeant Major Instructor Gunnery of 14th Field Battery, Ipswich where he was subsequently promoted to warrant officer class two.

In January 1997 he was posted to Gunnery Wing at the School of Artillery at North Head Manly where he spent 12 months as a Sergeant Major Instructor Gunnery instructing on artillery trade courses for officers and non-commissioned officers. In December 1997, he was appointed as the Battery Sergeant Major of 108th Field Battery 4th Field Regiment. In 1999 the Battery was restructured into a rifle company and on 20th September 1999, the Battery deployed on active service on Operation WARDEN and Operation STABILISE in East Timor. He returned to Australia with the Battery in January 2000 and remained the Battery Sergeant Major until late December.

In January 2001 he was posted as an instructor at the Warrant Officer Section of Command, Staff and Operations Wing at Headquarters Regional Training Centres. On 23rd November 2001 he was promoted to Warrant Officer Class One and took up the appointment as the Regimental Sergeant Major of 7th Field Regiment on 14th January 2002. On 19th January 2004 he commenced his current appointment as the Regimental Sergeant Major of 4th Field Regiment.

Warrant Officer Class One Thompson is married to Julie and together they have two sons, Kurt aged six years and Dane aged three years. His interests include rugby league, rugby union and all forms of motor racing.

## **WARRANT OFFICER CLASS ONE IAN GARDINER**

### **Regimental Sergeant Major 8th/12th Medium Regiment**

Warrant Officer Class One Ian Gardiner enlisted in the Australian Regular Army on 24th June 1980. On completion of recruit and initial employment training he was posted to 1st Field Regiment as a gun number. He served with the 101st Field Battery from 1980 to 1988. During his time in 1st Field Regiment he was cross-trained as a signaller, driver and operator command post and was subsequently promoted from gunner through to sergeant in the same battery.

In January 1989 Warrant Officer Class One Gardiner was posted to the School of Artillery as a Sergeant Instructor in Regimental Training Wing where he remained until December 1990, before being posted back to 1st Field Regiment as the Operator Command Post Sergeant in 104th Field Battery.

He was promoted on 26th July 1991 and this was coupled with a posting to the Royal School of Artillery (United Kingdom) where he attended the Gunnery Careers Course. On the completion of the 12-month course he was posted to the Royal Artillery Gunnery Team East in Germany as an instructor.

On return to Australia at the end of 1992 he was posted to the School of Artillery as a Sergeant Major Instructor Gunnery in Gunnery Wing. In January 1995 he again returned to 1st Field Regiment as Battery



Guide 104th Field Battery before stepping up as Battery Sergeant Major 104th Field Battery and subsequently Headquarters Battery.

Warrant Officer Class One Gardiner was then posted to Army Promotion Training Centre as an instructor, dealing with promotion courses for sergeant and above. In December 2000, he was promoted to warrant officer class one and was posted to the Proof & Experimental Establishment at Port Wakefield as the Master Gunner.

In February 2001 he discharged, only to re-enlist three weeks later. The terms of re-enlistment required him to accept a posting to the Combat Arms Training Centre as a warrant officer class two. He remained in the Artillery Trade and Policy Cell until the end of 2002. He was then posted on promotion to warrant officer class one to the Army Recruit Training Centre as the Wing Sergeant Major Recruit Training Wing. He was appointed Regimental Sergeant Major 8th/12th Medium Regiment on the 19th January 2004.

His honours and awards include the Turpie Prize for the Most Outstanding Non-commissioned Officer in the Royal Australian Artillery in 1996, a Land Commanders Commendation for Performance of Duty as a Battery Sergeant Major in 1998 and a Training Commanders Commendation for Reforms in Royal Australian Artillery Trade Policy in 2002. He also has been awarded the Defence Force Service Medal with Clasp.

## **WARRANT OFFICER CLASS ONE MARK R. CLAYTON**

### **Regimental Sergeant Major 16th Air Defence Regiment**

Warrant Officer Class One Mark R. Clayton marched-out of the 1st Recruit Training Battalion, Kapooka in 1984 and was allocated to the Royal Australian Artillery as a missile number in air defence. On completion of his Initial Employment Training at the School of Artillery in Manly, he was posted to 16th Air Defence Regiment in Woodside South Australia.

He was promoted to bombardier in 1986 within 110th Air Defence Battery (Rapier). As a bombardier in 1989 he was posted to the 3rd Army Recruiting Unit where he worked from Ballarat Victoria. On promotion to sergeant at the end of 1990 he returned to 16th Air Defence Regiment for the next three years as a Rapier Detachment Commander. During this period he took part in Exercise Long Look in 1992, where he was attached to 16th Regiment, Royal Artillery located at Dortmund in Germany.

A posting to the Army Command and Staff College (Queenscliff) in 1994 lead on to a posting to the MFO, Sinai, Egypt in 1996-1997. He was welcomed back to reality with a posting to the 1st Recruit Training Battalion as the Platoon Sergeant of 12th Platoon Bravo Company for the next 18 months. On promotion to warrant officer class two in 1999 he was posted back to 16th Air Defence Regiment as a Troop Sergeant Major for two years at the end of which he was posted to Army Recruit Training Centre as the Company Sergeant Major of Charlie Company.

Warrant Officer Class One Clayton returned to 16th Air Defence Regiment as the Battery Sergeant Major of 111th Battery (RBS-70) in 2002 - 2003. During this time the Battery had two operational deployments and two overseas exercises. He assumed to appointment of Regimental Sergeant Major 16th Air Defence Regiment in January 2004.

He is married to Jo and they have a 23 month old daughter, Maddison. He is a keen golfer and enjoys Aussie Rules football.

## **WARRANT OFFICER CLASS ONE DANNY M. MCGINLEY**

### **Battery Sergeant Major 131st Surveillance & Target Acquisition Battery**

Warrant Officer Class One Danny McGinley was born on 8th September 1964 and following a variety of jobs enlisted into the Regular Army in 1982. He has held a range of appointments in Land Command and Training Command. These have included training warrant officer, company sergeant major and sergeant major instructor gunnery (surveillance and target acquisition).

His training appointments have included Sergeant Instructor Military Skills Wing Army Logistic Training Centre, Company Sergeant Major and Training Warrant Officer at the Army Recruit Training Centre. He has also performed the role of Sergeant Major Instructor Gunnery within the Surveillance and Target Acquisition Wing at the School of Artillery and as the Troop Sergeant Major of the 1st Weapon Locating Troop 131st Surveillance and Target Acquisition Battery.

Warrant Officer Class One McGinley was appointed the Battery Sergeant Major 131st Surveillance and Target Acquisition Battery in 2004. His honours and awards include the Australian Active Service Medal (East Timor Clasp), Defence Force Service Medal and United Nations General Service Medal (East Timor).

He is married to his wife of 11 years, Linda. They have two children Luke aged nine years and Elise aged eight years. His interests include touch football, reading and fishing.

## **WARRANT OFFICER CLASS ONE RENE VAN OPPEN**

### **Regimental Sergeant Major School of Artillery**

Warrant Officer Class One Rene Van Oppen enlisted in the Army Reserve in 1976 into the Western Australian University Regiment and also served with 16th Battalion Royal Western Australian Regiment where he attained the rank of corporal prior to his enlistment into the Australian Regular Army in 1980.

After recruit and initial employment training he was posted to 1st Field Regiment as a gun number. He was then posted to 131st Divisional Locating Battery where he was employed until 1989 in the following trades, operator sound ranging, surveillance operator, meteorologist, artillery intelligence operator, mortarman and radar operator.

He was then posted to the 1st Recruit Training Battalion and employed as a platoon sergeant in various roles and companies. In 1991 he returned to the 131st Divisional Locating Battery, which later became 1st Reconnaissance Intelligence Surveillance and Target Acquisition Regiment.

In 1995 he was posted on promotion to the School of Artillery as a sergeant major instructor gunnery for the surveillance and target acquisition trades.

He was again posted to the Army Recruit Training Centre in 1999 and employed initially as the Company Sergeant Major of Charlie Company until November 1999 when he took up the position of Wing Sergeant Major for Recruit Training Wing till the end of 2000.

In 2001 he was posted to the Regional Training Centre (South Queensland) Canungra Detachment as an instructor for sergeant courses. In 2002 he was promoted to warrant officer class one and took up the appointment as the Battery Sergeant Major for 131st Divisional Locating Battery. He is currently serving as the Regimental Sergeant Major of the School of Artillery at Puckapunyal.

He has had numerous mess appointments and is currently President of the Mess Committee of the Royal Australian Artillery Regimental Sergeants Mess at Bridges Barracks.

His interests range from contributing to books on military history to touch football, scuba diving and abseiling and is a single member with one daughter, Taylor who is eight years old.

# Honours and Awards

## Australia Day 2004

### **Officer (AO) In The Military Division**

Major General Timothy Roger FORD, AM, (Retired), NSW. For distinguished service to the Australian Defence Force as the Chief of Staff of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organisation, and later as Military Adviser, Department of Peacekeeping Operations at the United Nations in New York.

### **Member (AM) In The Military Division**

Colonel Gerard Paul FOGARTY, ACT. For exceptional service and leadership as Commander of the Australian Contingent during operational service in East Timor.

### **Commendation For Distinguished Service**

Brigadier Vincent Hardy WILLIAMS, CSC, Britain. For distinguished service in leadership and planning as the Commander Sector West during operational service in East Timor.

### **Conspicuous Service Cross (CSC)**

Lieutenant Colonel Gregory Charles BILTON, NSW. For outstanding achievement in management and planning as Staff Officer Grade One - Personal Liability, and Staff Officer Grade One - Force Structure Review, Army Headquarters.

### **Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM))**

Lieutenant Colonel Peter Campbell GATES, Victoria. For outstanding achievement in capability development as the Staff Officer Grade One Offensive Support, and Staff Officer Grade One Concepts at the Land Warfare Development Centre.

# Senior Full-Time Officer List

<i>W/Rank</i>	<i>Surname</i>	<i>First Names</i>	<i>Appointment</i>	<i>Date of Assumption</i>
<i>Major General Rank</i>				
MAJGEN	Roberts	Francis Xavier	DCA	28 JUN 02
<i>Brigadier Rank</i>				
BRIG	Crane	Michael Peter	DG PACIFIC, SIP DIV	13 JAN 03
BRIG	Paramor	Michael Frank	COFS, HQ TC-A	19 JAN 04
BRIG	Power	Brian Ashley	COMD 1 BDE	06 DEC 02
BRIG	Retter	Paul Bernard	DCOMD, UNMISSET PKF DGLD	25 APR 03 23 MAY 04
BRIG	Williams	Vincent Hardy	HADS London	19 JAN 04
<i>Colonel Rank</i>				
COL	Black	Jonathan Paul Chambers	COL OPS, TC-A	19 JAN 04
COL	Colley	Francis Gerard	POOL POSN,AHQ FOR DUTY WITH SIP DIV	2 FEB 04
COL	Fogarty	Gerard Paul	DPERS OPS-A, AHQ STUDENT, USAWC, LTS	20 JAN 03 1 JUN 04
COL	Goltz	Stephen Terrence	CLCA, LHQ	20 JAN 03
COL	Hall	Brian Matthew Lindsay	DA Wellington	20 JAN 03

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<i>Colonel Rank</i>				
COL	Lynch	Ian Austin	J7, HQ AST	JAN 03
COL	Logan	Jeremy Donald James	COL PLANS, SO HQ (LOC Canberra)	28 JAN 03
COL	McCullagh	Terence John	POOL POSN, AHQ FOR DUTY AS FORCE DISPOSITION STUDY, PROJ OFFR	19 JAN 04
COL	Parrott	Ross Antony	COL TRG, LHQ	20 JAN 03
COL	Phelps	Michael Leo	DIR GBAD SPO, LSD	16 SEP 02
COL	Smith	John Peter	DD & SG, LWDC	19 JAN 04
COL	Stanhope	Richard Hugh	COMDT CTC	19 JAN 04
COL	Symon	Paul Bruce	STUDENT, ADC CDSS, LTS	19 JAN 04
COL	Winter	Philip Douglas	DPE&A	19 JAN 04

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LTCOL	Amor	Shane Peter	SO1 OF CONCEPTS	CONCEPTS	AHQ	LTCOL1999
LTCOL	Andersen	Christian William	SO1 (PERSOPS)	DPERSOPS-A	AHQ	LTCOL2002
LTCOL	Ashton	Dean Jamie Rowan	SO1 FS (P)	FS(PLANS)	AHQ	LTCOL2003
LTCOL	Bagnall	Stuart Andrew	SO1 (OS)	OS & GBAD	LWDC	LTCOL2002
LTCOL	Bailey	Brian James	SO1 (TRG)	TRG OPS	LHQ	LTCOL2002
LTCOL	Bilton	Gregory Charles	CO	CO TAC	4 FD REGT	LTCOL2000
LTCOL	Clingan	Scott Edward	CO	CO	1 FD REGT	LTCOL2001
LTCOL	Coghlan	David Peter	CO	RHQ TAC	16 AD REGT	LTCOL1997
LTCOL	Connery	David Keith	SO1 (POSTINGS)	POSTING GP	DOCM-A	LTCOL2000
LTCOL	Finney	Graeme William	SO1 (IE)	DEV	AHQ	LTCOL2002
LTCOL	Garside	David Lindsay	SO1 (CAPABILITIES)	CAPY RES	AHQ	LTCOL2001
LTCOL	Gates	Peter Campbell	CO/CI	Sch. Arty	CATC	LTCOL2000
LTCOL	Gee	Cameron Daniel	SO1 (ARTY)	LC ARTY	LHQ	LTCOL2003
LTCOL	Gibson	Robert Grant	SO1 (STRAT)	STRAT HR	AHQ	LTCOL2000
LTCOL	Goodman	Wayne Leonard	ARGENT	COMAST LO	OPP	LTCOL1998
LTCOL	Hill	Jonathan Charles	PROJ MNGR	LSD	STPP	LTCOL1999
LTCOL	Hodson	Russell Frederick	CO	HQ	1 GL GP	LTCOL2000
LTCOL	Hume	Steven John	PROT OFFR	HQJTF	OPP	LTCOL2002
LTCOL	Jones	Warwick Neil	VMP-AUST 1	RES LIAISE	LWSC	LTCOL1998
LTCOL	Kingsford	Michael James	CO/LAND WE	WS	DIO	LTCOL2002
LTCOL	Lawes	Inger Steven	SO1 (CONCEPTS)	CONCEPTS	LWDC	LTCOL2003
LTCOL	Manton	Robert Murray	INSTR	US6	ASARMY O/S	LTCOL1996
LTCOL	McKay	Paul Denis	SO1 (INFO)	INFO MNGT	HQ TC-A	LTCOL2003
LTCOL	McLachlan	Paul David	CO	CO TAC	8/12 MDM	LTCOL1999
LTCOL	Overstead	Peter Louis	DDAAC	DF CADETS	VCDF	LTCOL1988

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LTCOL	Palmer	Jeremy Paul	COFS	HQ	ARTC	LTCOL2002
LTCOL	Pickford	Timothy David	SO1	LOD	DSTO	LTCOL1998
LTCOL	Plant	Andrew Alfred	CO/SO1 (LAND)	LAND PLANS	ADFWC	LTCOL2002
LTCOL	Potter	Gary Gordon	SO1 (OPS)	P&E	JALO	LTCOL2000
LTCOL	Roach	Simon	AASSR	LONDON	ASARMY O/S	LTCOL1999
LTCOL	Roach	Duncan Andrew	PD JP117	SESSPO	LCCSB	LTCOL2002
LTCOL	Saddington	Stephen Michael	PM	AAD SPO	LCCSB	LTCOL2003
LTCOL	Shanahan	Rodger Damian	J13	OPS SECT	HQ AST	LTCOL2001
LTCOL	Swinsburg	Philip Robert	SO1 (OS)	JEX & TGT	DJFHQ	LTCOL2001
MAJ	Ahern	Michael Rodney	OC & PROOF	P&EE Pt W/a	JALO	MAJ2003
MAJ	Bermingham	David James	SO2 (OPS)	OPS CELL	HQ 11 BDE	MAJ1995
MAJ	Carter	Gavin James	SO2 (OPS)	HQ	CATC	MAJ1997
MAJ	Colmer	Ashley Craig	SO2 PAC	PAC	DOCM-A	MAJ2001
MAJ	Combes	Andrew James	STUD ACSC	ACSC	LTS	MAJ2001
MAJ	Cooke	Jason Leonard Maxwell	SO2 (COMMS)	BCOG MELB	BCSPO	MAJ1999
MAJ	Cossart	Ian Keith	SO2 (OFF SPT)	ARTY OPS	DJFHQ	MAJ2003
MAJ	Crawford	Robert James	STUD ACSC	ACSC	LTS	MAJ1998
MAJ	Crijns	Paul Wayne	BC	HQ BTY	8/12 MDM	MAJ2004
MAJ	Grove	David John	OC	JOSCC	4 RAR CDO	MAJ2002
MAJ	Deasy	Mark Patrick	SO2 (GBAD)	OS & GBAD	LWDC	MAJ2002
MAJ	Dobbs	Peter Ernest	RCO	Range Mngt	CSI - SQ	MAJ1999
MAJ	Dougall	John Angus	ASOPS	TacJP129	DMO	MAJ2002
MAJ	Dover	Peter Kevin	OPSO	OPS CELL	CTC	MAJ2000
MAJ	Down	Gary Martin	SO2 (GBAD)	LC ARTY	LHQ	MAJ1998
MAJ	Fehlberg	Adam Paul	OPS OFFR	BDE JOSCC	4 FD REGT	MAJ2004
MAJ	Finnerty	Matthew John	OC	D COY HQ	51 FNQR	MAJ2004
MAJ	Floyd	Nicholas Henry Bernard	SO2 (IE)	FORCEPROJ	AHQ	MAJ1999
MAJ	Folkard	Gregory Mark	SO2 (OPS)	JOSS	CSI NQ	MAJ1988
MAJ	Fry	John Victor	SOAD	LAND COMBA	CAPSYS	CAPT1999
MAJ	Furini	Craig Dennis	SO2	UK 8/22	ASARMY O/S	MAJ2000
MAJ	Garrad	Andrew Warren	STUD S&WC	S&WC MALA	LTS	MAJ1998

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MAJ	Gibbings	Timothy John	SO2 (IOPS)	J3 BR	DJFHQ	MAJ1991
MAJ	Grace	Simon Michael	SO2 (ELEC)	ELEPROJ	LCCSB	MAJ2002
MAJ	Griggs	Timothy David	CA (ARTY/MP)	CAG	DOCM-A	MAJ2000
MAJ	Gustafson	Peter	NLM GBADR	SESSPO	LANDSYSTEM	MAJ1988
MAJ	Haebich	Andrew Mark	STUD ACSC	ACSC	LTS	MAJ2002
MAJ	Hamsey	Russell Wayne	SI	SURVL & TA	CATC	MAJ2002
MAJ	Harding	Shaun Edward	MIN PROJ M	LWSLMD	LANDSYSTEM	MAJ1999
MAJ	Harris	Ronald Vaughan	RANGE CONT	CSI-PUCKA	CSI-SV	MAJ1993
MAJ	Harvey	Robert Andrew Marshall	BC	HQ BTY	1 FD REGT	MAJ2003
MAJ	Hawke	Brian Nolan	BC	BN JOSCC	A FD BTY	MAJ2001
MAJ	Hawkins	Robert Simon	OPS OFFR	OPS CELL	16 AD REGT	CAPT1999
MAJ	Hosking	David	DOC PROJ M	PROJ MNGT	LWDC	MAJ1999
MAJ	Jenkins	Stephen Andrew	BC	103 MDM	8/12 MDM	MAJ2004
MAJ	Johns	Graeme Maxwell	DCOMDT	HQ	RTC (WA)	MAJ1989
MAJ	Jones	Matthew David	SO2 (OPS-B)	JOR	LHQ	MAJ1999
MAJ	Kelly	David John	BC	BN JOSCC	4 FD REGT	MAJ2004
MAJ	Kennedy	Michael Robert Carver	STUD ACSC	ACSC	LTS	MAJ2002
MAJ	Kenny	Stuart Nicholas	STUD S&WC	O/S SCHOOL	LTS	MAJ2001
MAJ	Kirkby	Jason John	SO2 (OFF SPT)	LAND	DJFHQ	MAJ2001
MAJ	Kocka	Joseph Robert	XO	SPT STAFF	HQ RTC	MAJ1996
MAJ	Kostadinovic	Aleksandar	SO2 (BUS M)	BUS MGT	COFS	MAJ1999
MAJ	Langford	Andrew Richard	SO2 (OFF SPT)	OS & GBAD	LWDC	MAJ2004
MAJ	Leichsenring	Michael	MSN CON AE	2SQN PROJ O	2SQN	MAJ1993
MAJ	Light	Gary Maurice	SO2 (SIM)	US25	ASARMY O/S	MAJ1998
MAJ	Loynes	Nathan James	BC	POOL POSNS	131 STABTY	MAJ2001
MAJ	Lun	Patrick Mark	OPS OFFR	BDE JOSCC	4 FD REGT	MAJ2003
MAJ	Mallett	Douglas William	SOCBT(HVY)	LAND COMBA	CAPSYS	MAJ2004
MAJ	Mallett	Stuart James	INSTR	SENIOR CSE	ACATC	CAPT1999
MAJ	Mangin	Kane Antony	PM LAMS	LSD	STPP	MAJ2002
MAJ	Marshall	Glen Lewis	STUD ACSC	ACSC	LTS	MAJ2002
MAJ	Maw	Peter Ronald	SO2 (LAND)	SVL SECT	HQNORCOM	MAJ1993
MAJ	McDonagh	Richard Stuart	SOCBT(LT)	LAND COMBA	CAPSYS	MAJ1995



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MAJ	McIntosh	Stuart Andrew	INSTR	CBT COMD	CATC	MAJ2000
MAJ	McIntyre	Anthony Paul	SO2 POST 5	CAG	DOCM-A	MAJ2000
MAJ	McLean	John Brendan	SI	CBT COMD	CATC	MAJ2001
MAJ	McPhee	Glenn Edward	SO2 (OFF SPT)	OFF SPT	LHQ	MAJ2004
MAJ	Meekan	Geoffrey Noel	J35	DA&SE	CSI - SQ	MAJ2000
MAJ	Middleton	Malcolm Welsh	INSTR	OFFR TRG	HQ RTC	MAJ2003
MAJ	Monks	Peter David	BC	105 BTY	1 FD REGT	MAJ2002
MAJ	Narramore	Denis Raymond	QM (ADVISOR)	OP SPT	LHQ	MAJ2001
MAJ	Ng	Arnaud Sil Phi	SO2 (OFF SPT)	OFF SPT	LHQ	MAJ2004
MAJ	Nichols	Terry Mark	SO2 (CD-MI)	CAP DEV	HQ TC-A	MAJ1997
MAJ	Overheu	Richard William	MA TO DCA	DCA STAFF	AHQ	MAJ1999
MAJ	Palmer	Grant Norman	TRG DEV OFFR	TRAINING	ADFWC	MAJ1998
MAJ	Pearce	Dean Stephen	SO2	US44	ASARMY O/S	MAJ2001
MAJ	Pearse	Tony Stuart	SO2 (OPS)	P&E	JALO	MAJ2002
MAJ	Plummer	Marc Jeffrey	JP117 PM	SESSPO	LCCSB	MAJ2000
MAJ	Pratt	Rory Edward	INSTR	OFFR TRG	HQ RTC	MAJ2002
MAJ	Quaglia	Simon Maxwell Peter	2IC	SCH ARTY	CATC	MAJ2000
MAJ	Randall	Paul Edward	STUD ATSOC	ATSOC	LTS	MAJ2000
MAJ	Richards	Paul Stephen	SO2 (JOINT)	JOINT TRG	HQ TC-A	MAJ1999
MAJ	Ross	Jason Damian	SO2 (DOCTRINE)	DOC CELL	LWDC	MAJ2004
MAJ	Ryan	Sean Thomas	SQFS	LAND COMBA	CAPSYS	MAJ2000
MAJ	Seabrook	Kelvin Stuart	BC	HQ BTY	7 FD REGT	MAJ1997
MAJ	Shearman	Robert John	SI	GBAD WG	CATC	MAJ2004
MAJ	Smith	Warren James	SI	FS WG	CATC	MAJ2001
MAJ	Stephens	David Barrington	BC	HQ BTY	23 FD REGT	MAJ2004
MAJ	Straume	Andrew Elmar Richard	GLO	13 SECT	1 GL GP	MAJ1998
MAJ	Summersby	Steven Andrew	SO TO DGFL	DGFLW	AHQ	MAJ2000
MAJ	Sweeney	Neil Thomas	BC	101 MDM	8/12 MDM	MAJ2001
MAJ	Taylor	Mathew James	STUD ATSOC	ATSOC	LTS	MAJ2002
MAJ	Thomas	Griffith Charles	OBS/TRAINE	OT TM	CTC	MAJ2001
MAJ	Thwaites	Anthony Alan	SO2 (CONCEPTS)	G8 COMD	LHQ	MAJ1987
MAJ	Tucker	Daniel William	LO	US11	ASARMY O/S	MAJ2003

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MAJ	Vagg	Richard Anthony	BC	BN JOSCC	4 FD REGT	MAJ2004
MAJ	Vercoc	Todd Walter	TRG DEV OFFR)	TRG DEV	LWDC	MAJ1987
MAJ	Wardrop	Colin Victor	SO2 (CORPS	RAA HOC	CATC	MAJ1994
MAJ	Watson	Mark Adrian John	SO (VEH/GE)	DTRIALS	DSTO HQ	MAJ2002
MAJ	Watson	Richard Henry	BC	110 AD BTY	16 AD REGT	MAJ2004
MAJ	Webb	Jeremy John Charles	SO2 (GBAD)	OS & GBAD	LWDC	MAJ1997
MAJ	Webbe	Michael John Pascoe	BC	111 AD BTY	16 AD REGT	MAJ2002
MAJ	Weller	Charles Peter Howard	BC	BN JOSCC	4 FD REGT	MAJ2002
MAJ	West	Christopher Robert Lawson	STUD ATSOC	ATSOC	LTS	MAJ2000
MAJ	Wilton	David Howard Ross	STUD ACSC	ACSC	LTS	MAJ2000
MAJ	Wood	Brandon Ashley	STUD ACSC	ACSC	LTS	MAJ2002
CAPT	Anderson	Matthew Leslie	ADC VCDF	VCDF EXEC	VCDF	CAPT2000
CAPT	Ardley	Brian Matthew	CIVIL AFFA	INT EXPL	HQNORCOM	CAPT1993
CAPT	Ashton	Jeffrey Donald	INSTR	TGT ENGAGE	CATC	CAPT2000
CAPT	Berry	Nicholas Gerard	INSTR	SYN 6	RMC-D	CAPT2001
CAPT	Bertocchi	Piero Eros	FO	JOST 3	8/12 MDM	CAPT2003
CAPT	Bibby	Matthew John	FO	JOST 3	1 FD REGT	CAPT2004
CAPT	Bolton	Nicholas Kieth	FO	OT SPEC	CTC	CAPT1999
CAPT	Bolton	Joshua Lincoln	FO	JOST	4 RAR CDO	CAPT2004
CAPT	Burg	Lachlan D'arcy William	SO3 OPS	HQJTF	OPP	CAPT2000
CAPT	Callaghan	Andrew Michael	TP COMD	WPN LOC 1	131 STABTY	CAPT2002
CAPT	Cassar	Grant Charles	ADJT	RCP	4 FD REGT	CAPT2000
CAPT	Cheeseman	Alex	FO	JOST 2	4 FD REGT	CAPT2004
CAPT	Clarke	Cameron John	CP OFFR	BTY CP	16 AD REGT	CAPT2004
CAPT	Collins	Justin Mathew	CIVIL AFFA	CMC CELL	HQ 3 BDE	CAPT2001
CAPT	Corr	Ian	BTY CAPT	BTY RECON	8/12 MDM	CAPT2003
CAPT	Crawford	Leigh Scott	COMD WKPR	J2 INT BR	HQ AST	CAPT2000
CAPT	Cross	Michael William	SO3 (SPT)	OPS CELL	CATC	CAPT2001
CAPT	Dudycz	George Michael	SO2 PERS	DDE(A)	PP	CAPT2000
CAPT	Dunbar	Adam Arthur Hardy	ASST OPS OFFR	BDE JOSCC	4 FD REGT	CAPT2003
CAPT	Duncan	Paul Barry Matthew	BTY COMD	53 BTY	CATC	CAPT2000

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CAPT	Edwards	David Mark	INSTR	SYN 9	RMC-D	CAPT1999
CAPT	Ellson	David Arthur Leonard	SO2 (TRG PLANS)	TRG PLANS	HQ TC-A	CAPT1999
CAPT	Fisher	Neil Gavin	PLANS OFFR	PLANS BR	HQ RTC	CAPT2002
CAPT	Fletcher	Scott Jason	INSTR	FD ARTY TM	CATC	CAPT2001
CAPT	Foxall	Nicholas James	BTY CAPT	RECON	4 FD REGT	CAPT2001
CAPT	Francis	William James	INSTR	TGT ENGAGE	CATC	CAPT2001
CAPT	Furman	Antoni Gregory	FO	JOST 3	48 FD BTY	CAPT2002
CAPT	Galvin	Bede Thomas	2IC	II CLASS	RMC-D	CAPT2000
CAPT	Glatz	Steven Edward	SO3 (PERS)	PERS WG	HQ RMC-A	CAPT2003
CAPT	Gordon	Dean Maxwell	FO	JOST 2	4 FD REGT	CAPT2004
CAPT	Grant	Peter Charles	BTY CAPT/G	BTY GBADCC	16 AD REGT	CAPT2002
CAPT	Greenwood	Scott Gordon	OPS OFFR	OPS CELL	HQ 9 BDE	CAPT2000
CAPT	Griffiths	David Boyce	INSTR	SENIOR CSE	CATC	CAPT2001
CAPT	Hain	Karl David	SO3 (PERS)	INVOLUNTAR	SCMA	CAPT2001
CAPT	Hamilton	Christian Lee	INSTR	RECON EMPL	CATC	CAPT2002
CAPT	Hartas	Michael Roger	ADJT	RCP	7 FD BTY	CAPT2002
CAPT	Hickey	Phillip John	ADJT	RCP	1 FD REGT	CAPT2004
CAPT	Hill	Damian John	SO3 (OPS)	LAND	DJFHQ	CAPT2000
CAPT	Howell	Andrew Scott	FO	JOST	4 RAR CDO	CAPT2001
CAPT	Hunter	Mathew James	SO3 (PERS)	PERS SECT	SINAI	CAPT2000
CAPT	Hunter	Simon John	FO	JOST 4	4 FD REGT	CAPT2003
CAPT	Jackson	Edward Morley	SO3 (OPS S)	OPS	HQ TC-A	CAPT2001
CAPT	Johnson	Daryl Robert	SO3 (COORD)	COORD SECT	HQ TC-A	CAPT2002
CAPT	Jones	David Evan	FO	JOST 2	4 FD REGT	CAPT2003
CAPT	Jung	Brian Heinz	SO3 (DOCTRINE)	DOC CELL	LWDC	CAPT2000
CAPT	Kellaway	Brendan	LAND 19 PM	SR AD&R GP	LCCSB	CAPT2001
CAPT	Kelly	Joseph Bede	FO	JOST 1	8/12 MDM	CAPT2001
CAPT	Keogh	Andrew Michael	ADJT	RCP	7 FD REGT	CAPT2000
CAPT	Kerr	James Forsyth	SUBJ MASTER	P MASTER 1	RMC-D	CAPT2000
CAPT	Lang	Roderick Lindsay	TP COMD	CIS CELL	131 STABTY	CAPT2002
CAPT	Lee	Mark John	ADJT	RCP	23 FD REGT	CAPT2001
CAPT	Lo Schiavo	John Phillip	SO2 (PERS)	JPERS CELL	DJFHQ	CAPT1996
CAPT	Lopsik	Timothy John	INSTR	US36	ASARMY O/S	CAPT1999

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CAPT	Lyons	Darryl James	QM	SPT TP	131 STABTY	CAPT2003
CAPT	Manoel	Paul Bernard	FO	BDE JOST 1	4 FD REGT	CAPT2003
CAPT	McFarlane	Angus Hugh	TP COMD	RBS-70 SAM	16 AD REGT	CAPT2003
CAPT	Meakin	Peter John	ADJT	RCP	2/10 FD RE	CAPT2002
CAPT	Moore	Ronald Peter	FO	JOST 2	8/12 MDM	CAPT2002
CAPT	Mott	Steven George Thomas	ADJT	REGT CP	8/12 MDM	CAPT2000
CAPT	Mouthaan	Richard Alexander	SO3 (PERS)	JPERS	DJFHQ	CAPT2001
CAPT	Opie	Rhyl Evan	BTY CAPT	RECON	4 FD REGT	CAPT2002
CAPT	Parker	Peter Kenneth	BTY CAPT	RECON	4 FD REGT	CAPT2003
CAPT	Patterson	Daimien Joshua	SO3 (S/S)	ARTY OPS	DJFHQ	CAPT2002
CAPT	Payne	Alwyn Joseph	OPS OFFR	OPS CELL	HQ 7 BDE	CAPT2002
CAPT	Poy	Nathan Joseph	UN OBSERVER	UNTSO ME	OPP	CAPT1999
CAPT	Ryan	David Andrew	FO	BDE JOST 2	4 FD REGT	CAPT2004
CAPT	Searle	Lachlan Fletcher	INSTR (GUNNERY)	PERS POL	LHQ	CAPT2001
CAPT	Shillabeer	Corey Jason	OPS OFFR	OPS CELL	HQ 1 BDE	CAPT2003
CAPT	Silver	Steven James	BTY CAPT	RECON	1 FD REGT	CAPT2003
CAPT	Simmonds	Alastair Guy Gardner	SO3 (RESEARCH)	DATA BASE	LWDC	CAPT2000
CAPT	Simson	Richard Shannon	TP COMD	A SAM TP	16 AD REGT	CAPT2003
CAPT	Slattery	Micheal James	ARegP	BDE JOSCC	2/10 FD RE	CAPT2000
CAPT	Spencer	Cameron Murray	FAC (GND)	FACDU	1 GL GP	CAPT2002
CAPT	Spencer	Jolyon Millard	FO	JOST 3	4 FD REGT	CAPT2003
CAPT	Talbot	Christopher Kevin	SO3 (PERS/LOG)	PERS/LOG	RTC (TAS)	CAPT2002
CAPT	Taylor	Alexander Edward Lisle	LGW OPS1	LSD STPP	DMO STPP	LT2004
CAPT	Tierney	Robert Matthew	OPS OFFR	OPERATIONS	131 STABTY	CAPT2001
CAPT	Turnbull	Daryl John	TRG DEV OFFR	ARTY TRG	CATC	CAPT2002
CAPT	Turner	Robin Paul	FO	JOST	4 RAR CDO	CAPT2003
CAPT	Underwood	Russell Keith	SO3 (DOCTRINE)	DOC CELL	LWDC	CAPT2001
CAPT	Wakeling	Timothy Craig	OPS OFFR	BDE JOSCC	8/12 MDM	CAPT2003
CAPT	Weinert	Adam	ADJT	REGT CP	16 AD REGT	CAPT2000
CAPT	Wendt	Arlen Henry	BTY CAPT	BTY RECON	8/12 MDM	CAPT1999
CAPT	West	Julian James	FO	JOST 3	16 FD BTY	CAPT2001
CAPT	White	Bernard Velarde	2IC	I CLASS	RMC-D	CAPT2000

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CAPT	White	Andrew Barry	FO	JOST 1	4 FD REGT	CAPT2004
CAPT	Wilson	Nicholas	INSTR	SYN 2	RMC-D	CAPT2002
CAPT	Winter	Paul David	ADJT	PERS/LOG	CATC	CAPT2001
CAPT	Worsley	Adam James	SO3 CM	PERS OPS	SCMA	CAPT1999
CAPT	Wright	Ashley	FO	JOST 4	4 FD REGT	CAPT2004
CAPT	Wynen	Brenton Dale	FO	JOST 2	8/12 MDM	CAPT2003
LT	Allan	Peter Andrew	TP COMD	GUNLINE	8/12 MDM	LT2002
LT	Anderson	Duncan	SVY OFFR	AMS SECT	4 FD REGT	LT2002
LT	Archer	Bradley James	TP COMD	GUNLINE TP	4 FD REGT	LT2004
LT	Bailey	Neil Kimberley	AADJT	PERS SECT	16 AD REGT	LT2004
LT	Barrow	Ryan Ronald	GPO	CP 1	4 FD REGT	LT2002
LT	Bridge	Andrew	GPO	CP 1	4 FD REGT	LT2002
LT	Bryden	Stuart Thomas	ARTY CON	ARMY CON	16 AD REGT	LT2003
LT	Bucci	Adrian Charles	TP COMD	GUNLINE TP	4 FD REGT	LT2003
LT	Cairnes	Daniel Leigh	GPO	CP 1	8/12 MDM	LT2002
LT	Carew	David Alan	FO	JOST 2	8/12 MDM	LT2001
LT	Chapman	Michael John	FO	JOST 3	8/12 MDM	LT2001
LT	Clancy	Benjamin James	TP COMD	GUNLINE TP	4 FD REGT	LT2003
LT	Coles	Martin Lloyd	IO	CO	1 FD REGT	LT2001
LT	Cooper	Wade Graham	TP COMD	GUN LINE	1 FD REGT	LT2002
LT	Counsell	David Elliott	TP COMD	GUNLINE TP	4 FD REGT	LT2003
LT	Daws	Paul	GPO	CP 1	8/12 MDM	LT2002
LT	Dullroy	Ben Fredrick	GPO	CP 1	1 FD REGT	LT2002
LT	Fisk	Shaun Michael	FO	JOST 1	8/12 MDM	LT2002
LT	Freeman	Derek Charles	SECT COMD	SURVL TP	131 STABTY	LT2001
LT	Georgeson	Luke James	ARTY CON	MISL TP HQ	16 AD REGT	LT2003
LT	Gray	Benjamin Collin	ARegP	ARMYSTUDTS	CATC	LT2003
LT	Griffin	Lachlan David	GPO	CP 1	CATC	LT2001
LT	Harper	Jonathan Wayne	ARTY CON	TP GBADCC	16 AD REGT	LT2002
LT	Harvey	William Luke	FO	JOST 3	4 FD REGT	LT2002
LT	Hompas	Simon Alexander	FIRE SPT OFFR	BN JOSCC	4 FD REGT	LT2002
LT	James	Stuart Rodney	DUTY OPS OFFR	RCP	4 FD REGT	LT2001

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LT	Jeong	Il-Kwon	SECT COMD	GUN SECT	CATC	LT2003
LT	Jones	Mathew	CP OFFR	TP CP	16 AD REGT	LT2002
LT	King	Christopher James	CP OFFR	TP CP	16 AD REGT	LT2003
LT	Klomp	David Michael	FO	JOST 3	4 FD REGT	LT2002
LT	Lehmann	Scott Laurence	SECT COMD	RDR SECT 1	131 STABTY	LT2002
LT	Lindsay	Raymond Donald	OPSO	OPS CELL	FED GUARD	LT2002
LT	McGregor	Travis Ethan	FO	JOSCC	4 RAR CDO	LT2001
LT	Nebauer	Simon Robert	TP COMD	GUN SECT	8/12 MDM	LT2004
LT	Newman	Peter John	PL COMD	11 PL	ARTC	LT2001
LT	Ronayne	Johnathon	TP COMD	GUN SECT	8/12 MDM	LT2003
LT	Ryan	Robert John	GPO	CP 1	4 FD REGT	LT2003
LT	Schieb	Jeremy Allen	IO	BDE JOSCC	4 FD REGT	LT2002
LT	Shanasy	Eugene O'day	ASST GPO	GUN SECT	CATC	LT2002
LT	Silverstone	David	SIGS OFFR	REGT CP	8/12 MDM	LT2003
LT	Slinger	Charles Christian	PL COMD	13 PL	ARTC	LT2001
LT	Smith	Hugh Ian	ARTY CON	TP GBADCC	16 AD REGT	LT2003
LT	Squire	Michael Charles	CP OFFR	TP CP	16 AD REGT	LT2004
LT	Stack	Paul Andrew	FO	JOST 1	4 FD REGT	LT2001
LT	Suttor	Andrew John	AADJT	ADMIN TP	8/12 MDM	LT2002
LT	Taylor	Justin Craig	GBADLO	AADLO	16 AD REGT	LT2001
LT	Webby	Ross Anthony	ARegP	ARMYSTUDTS	CATC	LT2003
LT	Wheatley	Joseph Rayner	DUTY OPS O	RCP	4 FD REGT	LT2003

# Full-Time Warrant Officer and SNCO List

## RSM Postings

WO1 Callaghan, Darren Blain	P&EE Pt W	WO2 Briers, Philip Jeffrey	CATC
WO1 Clayton, Mark Reginald	16 AD	WO2 Byrne, Thomas Alan	4 FD
WO1 Degenaro, William John	ADF CER	WO2 Cannon, Paul Henry John	COSS
WO1 Dunne, Ronald Desmond	NOD	WO2 Carter, David Charles	ARTC
WO1 Franklin, Brett Anthony	CATC	WO2 Carthew, Peter Allan	2/10 FD
WO1 Gardiner, Ian	8/12 MDM	WO2 Charles, Anthony John	4 FD
WO1 Gowling, Martin Hamilton	CATC	WO2 Chilcott, Gene Trevor	4 FD
WO1 Hansen, Jeffrey Stephen	AHQ	WO2 Clifford, Craig Keiran	23 FD
WO1 Johnson, Michael Ian	2/10 FD	WO2 Coggins, Clifford Arthur	CATC
WO1 Jones, David Avery	RTC (SA)	WO2 Crawford, Stephen John	AHU
WO1 Kelly, Darryl John	HQ 2 DIV	WO2 Crout, Clint Anthony	LWDC
WO1 Kilgour, Ian	RTC (NQ)	WO2 Davies, Gregory John	8/12 MDM
WO1 Kyrwood, Barry Colin	1 FD	WO2 Deeble, Darren John	RTC (NQ)
WO1 Matthysen, Philip Arthur	LHQ	WO2 Devlin, Kieran Michael	8/12 MDM
WO1 McGinley, Daniel Mark	131 STA	WO2 Dix, Anthony Keith	16 AD
WO1 Metcalf, Gregory David	7 FD	WO2 Driscoll, Scott Robert	1 FD
WO1 Nolan, Terrence Michael	P&EE-G	WO2 Evans, Geoffrey Dallas	HQ AAC
WO1 Parker, Wayne Lee	HQ 8 BDE	WO2 Fabri, Joseph	131 STA
WO1 Potter, Glynn Mervyn	16 AD	WO2 Flavel, Christopher William	CSI - SQ
WO1 Singh, Bobby Dharendra	23 FD	WO2 Fox, Brendan John	16 AD
WO1 Tauletta, Maurice	RTC (SQ)	WO2 Franklin, Andrew Eric	16 AD
WO1 Thompson, Robert James	4 FD	WO2 Goold, Andrew Garth	16 AD
WO1 Van Oppen, Rene	CATC	WO2 Graham, Shaun	16 FD BTY
WO1 Washford, Paul Thomas	SCMA	WO2 Grundell, David Ramon	2/10 FD
WO1 Watego, Colin Francies John	CATC	WO2 Hall, Keith Clayton	7 FD

## WO2 Postings

WO2 Allibon-Burns, Gordon John	8/12 MDM	WO2 Holstein, Paul Geoffrey	HQ RMC-A
WO2 Andersen, Richard Enghave	CATC	WO2 Hooker, Howard James	LWDC
WO2 Armstrong, Brett Laurence	4 FD	WO2 Hortle, Anthony Maxwell	CATC
WO2 Armstrong, Ian David	7 FD	WO2 Johnston, Mark Anthony	RTC (NQ)
WO2 Armstrong, Peter Joseph	P&EE Pt W	WO2 Kelly, Michael	1 FD
WO2 Aspden, Troy Douglas	CATC	WO2 Kennedy, Peter Theo	CSI NQ
WO2 Biering, Bernd	1 FD	WO2 Kennedy, Tony Lionel	RMC-D
WO2 Black, Steven John	RTC (NSW)	WO2 Kristan, David Francis	CATC
WO2 Blaxland, Michael Ronald	CSI SWS	WO2 Larter, David Edwin	CSI - SQ
WO2 Bowman, Leslie Jon	CATC	WO2 Leech, Shaun Graham	P&EE Pt W
WO2 Boyce, Grant Leigh	CATC	WO2 Lehr, David Ross	4 FD
WO2 Boyd, Steven Lee	CTC		



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WO2	Mayfield, Christopher Walton	23 FD
WO2	McConnell, Jeffrey John Samuel	CATC
WO2	McDade, Alexander John	DFSU
WO2	McGarry, David Thomas	8/12 MDM
WO2	McIntyre, Brenden Robert	8/12 MDM
WO2	McRae, Dion Nigel	7 FD BTY
WO2	Meester, Peter Anthony	CATC
WO2	Mitchell, Gordon John	CSI - SQ
WO2	Moore, Christopher John	4 FD
WO2	Morland, Rodney John	CorpHQ-LSD
WO2	Morse, Stephen John	CATC
WO2	Murcott, Steven Thomas	RTC (SA)
WO2	Nutini, David	4 FD
WO2	O'Connell, George Daniel	23 FD
WO2	Ogden, David George	131 STA
WO2	O'Leary, Kym Michael	48 FD BTY
WO2	Parkinson, Michael James	131 STA
WO2	Phillips, Mark Gregory	HQ AAC
WO2	Pine, Westley	RTC (SA)
WO2	Pollard, Daniel Hugh	1 FD
WO2	Rayment, David Thomas	4 FD
WO2	Reddy, Michael	CATC
WO2	Richards, Clayton Anthony	CATC
WO2	Ritchie, Lawrence Vincent	ADFA
WO2	Robertson, Philip Murray	8/12 MDM
WO2	Ryan, Glenn Michael	7 FD
WO2	Saville, Dale Bruce	1 FD
WO2	Scheidl, Markus	CATC
WO2	Simic, Peter Michael	ADFA
WO2	Sinclair, Dean Joseph	1 FD
WO2	Skelton, Raymond Noel	131 STA
WO2	Smith, Colin George	CATC
WO2	Smith, Matthew Troy	RTC (NQ)
WO2	Sullivan, Matthew James	RSA - LARKHILL
WO2	Sutcliffe, Gary Matthew	ARTC
WO2	Temete, Philip Arthur	2/10 FD
WO2	Theiss, Dennis Herbert	23 FD
WO2	Torney, Ronald James	16 AD
WO2	Triffett, Craig Stephen	CATC
WO2	Voss, Sean John	CATC
WO2	Warren, David Ian	2/10 FD
WO2	Westcott, John David	LWDC
WO2	Westcott, Peter Adrian	131 STA
WO2	Whetton, Christopher	LHQ
WO2	Whish, Trevor John	CATC
WO2	Whitwam, Terrence Patrick	CATC
WO2	Williams, Kevin John	DJFHQ

WO2	Wilson, Michael Howard	RTC (SA)
WO2	Yanner, Colin John	CATC

**SGT Postings**

SGT	Allen, Kym David	CSI-NT/K
SGT	Baker, Stuart James	RMC-D
SGT	Baxter, Peter John	CATC
SGT	Bennett, David Andrew	4 FD
SGT	Bertram, Neil David	131 STA
SGT	Birse, Dean Neville	8/12 MDM
SGT	Bock, Gregory John	4 FD
SGT	Boswell, Paul Robert	4 FD
SGT	Brackin, Stephen Thomas	CATC
SGT	Broughton, Maurice	CATC
SGT	Brown, Jason Andrew	RMC-D
SGT	Brown, Stuart Arthur Frank	1 FD
SGT	Burgess, Christopher Robin	16 AD
SGT	Burrows, Malcolm James	16 AD
SGT	Buxton, Shaun William	4 FD
SGT	Byrne, Wayne Leslie	CATC
SGT	Chapman, Paul John	RMC-D
SGT	Clearihan, Jamie Paul	8/12 MDM
SGT	Clemence, Paul Robert	8/12 MDM
SGT	Cochrane, Ronald	8/12 MDM
SGT	Cole, Nathan	CATC
SGT	Conway, David Allan	7 FD
SGT	Couzens, David Ian	16 AD
SGT	Cresta, Frank	1 FD
SGT	Crump, Andrew George	4 FD
SGT	Dawson, Matthew Roger	4 FD
SGT	Dewar, Michael Scott	ARTC
SGT	Dimond, Gavin William	FED GUARD
SGT	Dolan, Kevin	4 FD
SGT	Duffy, Gordon Alexander	8/12 MDM
SGT	Dunkley, Aaron John	RTC (VIC)
SGT	Egart, Peter John	CATC
SGT	English, Peter Graham	CATC
SGT	Flitton, Andrew Scott	CATC
SGT	Fogg, Jamie Andrew	4 FD
SGT	Forrest, Gregory Alan James	CATC
SGT	Foster, Rodney	ARTC
SGT	Free, Darrin Scott	CATC
SGT	Glover, Rodney Stephen	RTC (SQ)
SGT	Grieshaber, Graham Douglas	8/12 MDM
SGT	Harrison, Royden James	16 AD
SGT	Hawkett, Dion Jay	ARTC
SGT	Hay, Reece Thomas Barry	131 STA
SGT	Heinrich, Michael Peter	8/12 MDM



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SGT Henneberry, Mark Frederick	8/12 MDM	SGT Rynkiewicz, Glen	CATC
SGT Hodson, Bernard Roy	4 FD	SGT Sackley, Andrew Edward	CATC
SGT Hogg, Gary David	4 FD	SGT Saint, Gerard Vincent Joseph	1 FD
SGT Holmes, Peter Scott	8/12 MDM	SGT Salter, Troy Alan	ARTC
SGT Humphrey, Miles Matthew	CATC	SGT Schuman, Stephen James	RTC (NT)
SGT Jarvis, Jason Graeme	16 AD	SGT Scott, Aaron Foy	CATC
SGT Johnson, Carl	CSI NQ	SGT Sharp, Colin John	16 AD
SGT Johnston, Kyle David	16 AD	SGT Skewes, Jason Gary	131 STA
SGT Johnston, Michael Anthony	P&EE-G	SGT Smit, Donald	4 FD
SGT Johnston, Paul Vernon	4 FD	SGT Spiridonov, Brendan Jamie	4 FD
SGT Keith, Wayne	1 FD	SGT Sund, Keith Stevenson	1 FD
SGT Kelly, Michael Joseph	CATC	SGT Swan, Shane William	RMC-D
SGT Kipa, Matthew Mana	8/12 MDM	SGT Sylvester, Paul John George	ARTC
SGT Le Guern, Adam Eric	16 AD	SGT Thomas, Brett Ronald	CATC
SGT Legg, Owen William Elliot	DFR - SYD	SGT Thompson, Simon Peter	4 RAR CDO
SGT Lindsay, Damien Paul	4 FD	SGT Troy, Michael John	CATC
SGT Major, Brent Charles	131 STA	SGT Vicars, Philip John	CATC
SGT Mason, Derek James	CATC	SGT Wallace, Andrew Flynn	CATC
SGT McKay, Shane Matthew	4 FD	SGT Wallace, Geoffrey Neil	4 FD
SGT McMillan, Paul Andrew	8/12 MDM	SGT Williamson, Paul Anthony	8/12 MDM
SGT Millington, Joseph Ronald	4 FD	SGT Witt, Kelly Robert	CATC
SGT Mlikota, Mark Vincent	16 AD	SGT Wooldrage, Glen Reid	ARTC
SGT Mlikota, Stephen	RTC (SQ)	SGT Worcester, David Edward	16 AD
SGT Morris, Wayne Terrance	CATC		
SGT Morrison, Donald Angus	8/12 MDM		
SGT Morrow, Stephen Edward	7 FD BTY		
SGT Mount, Michael Leslie	4 FD		
SGT Murphy, Graham David	131 STA		
SGT Nipperess, Mark Geoffory	4 FD		
SGT O'Donnell, Colin Patrick	16 AD		
SGT O'Donnell, Michael John	4 FD		
SGT Organ, Toby	CATC		
SGT Orwin, Gary Norman	16 AD		
SGT Parkes, James Terrence	CATC		
SGT Payne, Sean Gregory	ARTC		
SGT Pearce, Jason Patrick	8/12 MDM		
SGT Pepper, Timothy James	16 AD		
SGT Perry, Jonathon Lonsdale	DFR - BRIS		
SGT Porter, John Anthony	1 FD		
SGT Powell, David William	4 FD		
SGT Pratt, Rowan Matthew	16 AD		
SGT Quinn, James Anthony	CTC		
SGT Rappard, Steven Hendrik	4 FD		
SGT Richardson, Mark	4 FD		
SGT Roberts, James Michael	ADFA		
SGT Robertson, Struan Campbell	RMC-D		
SGT Rodgers, Daren Lee	PTS		
SGT Ross, Darren Malcolm	4 FD		



# Articles

## **On the Nature of the Australian Soldier**

'The democratic institutions under which he was reared, the advanced system of education by which he was trained-teaching him to think of himself and to apply what he had been taught to practical ends-the instinct for sport and adventure which is his national heritage, his pride in his young country, and the opportunity which came to him of creating a great tradition, were all factors which made him what he was...

In him there was a curious blend of a capacity for independent judgement with a readiness to submit to self-effacement in a common cause. He had a personal dignity all his own. He had the political sense highly developed, and was always a keen critic of the way in which his battalion or battery was 'run', and of the policies which guided his destinies from day to day.

His intellectual gifts and his 'handiness' made him an apt pupil. It was always a delight to see the avidity with which he mastered the technique of the weapons which were placed in his hands...

He was always mentally alert to adopt new ideas and often to invent them. His adaptability spared him much hardship. He knew how to make himself comfortable. To light a fire and cook his food was a natural instinct. A sheet of corrugated iron, a batten or two, and a few strands of wire were enough to enable him to fabricate a home in which he could live at ease.

Psychologically he was easy to lead but difficult to drive. His imagination was readily fired. War was to him a game, and he played for his side with enthusiasm. His bravery was founded upon his sense of duty to his unit, comradeship to his fellows, emulation to uphold his traditions, and a combative spirit to avenge his hardships and sufferings upon the enemy.'

John Monash - A Biography by Alan Geoffrey Serle, page 391  
published 1982 by the Melbourne University Press



# National Museum

*Provided by Major Mike Laurence  
Museum Manager (Civilian for Officer Commanding)*

Welcome from the spiritual home of the Royal Australian Artillery for over 60 years, and now the last piece of Royal Australian Artillery occupied land on Sydney Harbour. All Gunners must be aware of the environmental heritage our past members have left the people of Australia. The green headlands that you see looking down towards the harbour bridge must be remembered as their legacy.

It is 23 years since the small group of ex-gunners started the Royal Australian Artillery Historical Collection in the old locating depot at Manly. It is 15 years since their collection was amalgamated with the School's at North Head. In the 1990 Liaison Letter, the then Director, Colonel Bob McEvoy noted that the National Museum was opened by Sir Roden Cutler before a crowd of more than 1,000 at North Fort, with an Royal Australian Artillery Band 65 strong. The Director noted that the attendance of all Colonels Commandant emphasized the national character of the Museum and thanked all Commanding Officers for their whole hearted support in providing work parties for the Museum.

It is now seven years since the School of Artillery moved to Puckapunyal and left us as the last Gunners at North Head. Soon a generation of officers and soldiers of the Regiment will have served the Royal Australian Artillery without a posting at North Head. So I will take this opportunity to review the operation and history of the Museum for newer members of the Regiment, who certainly weren't about at the time of foundation.

When the school left we lost the benefit of the Museum being run by the Royal Australian Artillery, management was handed over to the Army History Unit which had its beginnings on the Western Front in 1916 and remains on the Order of Battle and currently serves wherever the Army serves.

The mission of Army History Unit is to preserve, promote and protect the Army's Heritage and carries out the following roles:

- battlefield collection;
- oral history;
- research and development of army history publications for defence, including grants;
- management of Chief of Army's annual history conference;
- management and administration of the army museum network (approx. 58 museum's and unit collections australia wide); and
- Army History Unit runs courses for museum career development in conjunction with the Australian War Memorial and Deakin University.

At North Fort the Army History Unit provides the following Royal Australian Artillery Museum staff - Museum Manager, a major (ARes); Museum Curator, a warrant officer class two (ARA); Assistant Curator, a warrant officer class two (ARes); and a Museum Assistant, a Bombadier (ARes). Our role is to manage the museum and our volunteer support, implement Defence policy, supervise projects and liaise with external civilian and Defence Agencies; manage and supervise probation and parole service clientele.

To ensure the Museum has a credible future, strong succession plans will be up to senior gunners and those in Soldier Career Management Agency and Army Personnel Agencies. The Regiment must ensure that capable gunner candidates are identified early, selected and trained to be able to continue the Regiments role within the Army History Unit family. It must be remembered that the Museum is in reality a commercial business within a very competitive environment. At present the National Museum and the Engineers are the only museum's operated totally by their own Corps members.

The Museum staff are supported and assisted in our role by a number of volunteer organizations. Our major supporter is the Royal Australian Artillery Historical Company Inc. who provide us with marketing,

fund raising, volunteer recruitment, technical advice and assistance, as well as tour guides. The Royal Australian Artillery Association of NSW provides funds, advice, assistance and volunteers. The Locating Artillery Association maintain their own display, supply volunteers, assistance and advice on display development. In all, the volunteer groups provide approximately 80 volunteers, the majority from the historical company.

We receive good support from the regular and reserve regiments/batterys, who send work parties to support crucial development plans and display implementation. We have found that due to our limited technical supervisory capability, small groups of 6 to 10 soldiers are more practical to handle. We also appreciate this is less of a burden on units.

What has happened at the Museum since the grand opening by Sir Roden Cutler, in 1990?

#### **1990 - 1994**

This period saw the completion of the initial displays and refurbishment of the tunnels, including Stage One of lighting and the erection of the two diesel engines with the support of RACT and the Navy. Construction of the two main display hangers was completed. The picnic area and function park were designed and finished. Bofors Gun emplacement excavated. Walking tracks completed and our Land Care and Environmental Action Plan commenced (this became the basis for the Memorial Walk). The probation and parole scheme was implemented and support was given to the quest to win the Olympic Bid for Sydney 2000. The museum provided search lights at Circular Quay to floodlight the abseiling teams as part of the Ceremonies.

In addition to the above, displays were installed in Artillery Hall, the two small lysaght hangars and the Fire Support Base Coral Diorama were built.

Much of this early development was done by a variety of agencies and personnel both Army and historical company volunteers, several of whom need mention; Roy Harvey, Arthur Kennedy, Phil Steen, Eric Knowles, Major Kev and Mrs Pat Lakey, Sergeant Brian Stewart, Bombardier Brian Dean and Brigadier John Cox.

#### **1995 - 1996**

The construction of the Defence of Sydney Monument for the Australia Remembers Committee completed by Museum Staff and School of Artillery personnel. Support to the Australia Remembers Ceremonies in Canberra and Sydney. This activity included the supply of working search lights and 40mm bofors guns. The upgrading of the sandbag retaining walls along number one and number two gun emplacements. The removal of the three asbestos ridden storage sheds and the purchase of shipping containers for temporary storage (still in use). Upgrading of the roadways with bitumen to number two gun emplacement.

#### **1997 - 1998**

The acquisition of the former locating wing married quarters to be used as Headquarters Building and North Fort Café. The refurbishment of the Café including the outside deck, assisted by 16th Air Defence Regiment. Complete repainting of the core museum buildings. Design and commencement of the Memorial Walk with the support of 1st Field Regiment. Repainting of the camouflage paint for No. 2 gun emplacement by Friends of North Fort. Reorganisation and refurbishment of the library by Captain Linda Graham with the support of the LEAP program and the State Library of NSW. Further construction and refurbishment in the tunnels by the Royal Australian Artillery Association and 16th Air Defence Regiment. Manufacture of a replica 9.2 inch munition by Griffith Engineering. A complete upgrade of the tunnel engine room, completed by 7th Field Regiment.

Assistance to National Parks and Wildlife Services for the refurbishment of the Bradleys Head 68 Pdr Battery with support from 30th Terminal Regiment, RACT. Assisting National Parks and Wildfire Service with the refurbishment of Fort Denison in conjunction with the Navy.

#### **1999 - 2000**

Installation of the sound and television systems into the tunnels. Cataloguing of the Port Wakefield Collection. The continued cataloguing of the museums collection and improvements to museum technology using EMU and IMAGIC computer systems. Assistance and involvement with the Sydney

Harbour Federation Trust, including museum staff on committees, both consultative and direct. Provision of services to the Trust for interpretation of harbour sites as well as the provision of military history and representation on the Trusts military history committee.

### **2000 - Present**

Complete repaint and refurbishment of Artillery Hall and Museum Headquarter buildings with support from CSIG. Upgrade and repaint of the display hangers with the support of Headquarter Training Command and the Probation and Parole Service. The continued development of the memorial walk with support from 131st Surveillance and Target Acquisition Battery, 4th Field Regiment including A Field Battery, and 16th Air Defence Regiment. Construction of a new registry and clothing repository including controlled air environments. Repaint of the camouflage areas of the Number Two Gun Emplacement Area by 113th Field Battery 7th Field Regiment. Collection and refurbishment of the Port Wakefield collection. This collection is probably one of the most valuable in Australia and would have been lost without the support of the Gunner community. Installation of controlled air environments to the library and registry with scientific monitoring of the environments within the museum buildings by Headquarters Army History Unit and Dr Neville Mickie. Installation of security systems by Headquarters Army History Unit including automatic doors to artillery hall. The Artillery Hall displays and those in the large lysaght hangers were all redeveloped. The displays in the small lysaght hangers were removed and these hangars were fitted out as workshops. Thanks to a large donation by Austral Brass Foundry (Trevor Boyle), 3 phase power was linked from the mains to all the machinery in both the metal and woodworking workshops. I know I have left many people out. Today's museum has been built by literally hundreds of volunteers and any omissions are solely my fault.

These items above show some but not all of changes at North Fort. Concurrently, better and larger, and more professional displays have been installed including the History of Colonial Defence to suit current High School Students, thanks to a major donation by Huntley Investments; Gunners in Action 1915 to present day; My Vietnam Exhibition and Images of Peace - photos and sketches from Somalia to Timor.

### **What is Currently Happening at The Museum?**

We are very busy. A quick look at some of the projects underway shows the extent of our activities. The Memorial Walk continues to expand with all the pavers in place and work currently on memorial's two and three under the care of Mr Terry Waters. The Bofors Restoration Team have now restored two working bofors under the leadership of Mr Laurie Manning, Bombardier Ross Kohlhagen and his team are finishing the Anti-Tank Display. Don Tait and Dave Carlson and team are upgrading our M2A2 and doing other good works in the gun park. Wolfe Stiller and Laurie Read are working on the German guns, Minenwerfer and Krupp 5.9. They are also working on our very rare twin 6pdr. Kev Browning is continuing on the restoration of the anti-aircraft guns, 3.7 inch and 6 inch 26CWT. The 12 pdr bronze howitzer is getting great attention from Bill Knight and Damien Allen after being recast by Trevor Boyle. All of these activities have had support from the Probation and Parole service.

Our behind the scenes hard slog continues on cataloging and upgrading of AHMS and library systems, clothing and uniform restoration, including confirmation of provenance etc. The hard work being done by John Saltwell, Danny Toppless, Roy Clausen and Arthur Kennedy. 73rd Anti-Aircraft Search light Battery Team under Don Roberts with support from the Navy is refurbishing our search lights to active duty and will soon be training new detachments as our current detachment is all over 80.

Our volunteers, particularly the RAAHC continue to slog at marketing, advertising, selling pavers, currently going at 25 per week. The Company raises funds, provides tour guides and assists us with enquiries for research and other matters. Without our volunteers we would not be able to operate.

### **The Future**

Kev Browning is working on the development of the Cutler/Ewen Display. 102nd Battery Association has funded the upgrade of the Coral Diorama for sound and light. This project will probably require approximately \$20,000 and you will read more about it in 'Cannonball'. We are looking at improvements to the shop facility, storage and environmental conditions. We are looking to reconfigure artillery hall to incorporate a dual purpose education room and conference center. The historical company is working on a contract with Work for the Dole to give us generous support in restoration, infrastructure and display

construction. We are successfully working towards combined tours with the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust. We are actively looking for more space to store our valuable items under cover and will need a purpose built museum within the next 5 to 10 years.

To date the Museum has been singularly lucky, throughout the difficult periods of change we have had a driving force ensuring our continuity. Our Curator, Warrant Officer Class Two Steve Crawford is that tower of strength. We all hope he completes his Degree in Museum Studies at Deakin University next year and we wish him well. The Regiment will have to look very carefully to find a replacement for him in 2007. My recommendation is that we start looking now to find a warrant officer who has drive and initiative, a love of our heritage, prepared to take the hard options and negotiate them with senior officials, be they army or civilian and have the natural people skills to encourage all volunteers, helpers and support agencies.

The Royal Australian Artillery National Museums future can only be guaranteed with the support of fellow Gunners, serving and retired. As we look at the legacy left to us by past Gunners, the green headlands of Sydney Harbour, and see the environmental heritage left to the people of Australia, we must look at what we will leave as our heritage in 150 years time. This is our future. Our heritage remains with us - the Gunners.



# New North Fort Walkway Will Commemorate All Who Served

*From 'The RSL News' - Summer Edition  
The Newspaper of the Queensland RSL*

AUSTRALIANS who have participated in conflicts from the Colonial Wars to the present have the opportunity to become 'part' of North Fort - home of the National Artillery Museum.

North Fort, which is located in one of Australia's most spectacular positions at Manly's North Head in Sydney, was operating as part of the School of Artillery's training facilities until 1990.

These days, it is quickly becoming recognised throughout Australia and overseas as one of Sydney's 'must see' attractions. In addition to the National Artillery Museum, the North Fort complex comprises underground tunnels and fortifications, Artillery Hall, the Defence of Sydney monument, restoration park and a Memorial Walk.

The Memorial Walk will consist of five memorials dedicated to Australians who served in the Colonial Wars, World War 1, World War 2, the post 1945 conflicts, Peacekeeping and the Home Front. Each monument will display series of plaques that tell the story of the particular conflict in words, photographs and maps.

Linking the monuments is a pathway and it is that feature which offers the opportunity for permanent commemoration of individuals and associations. For a tax deductible donation of just \$50, names or messages will be engraved into a paver which will form part of the Walk forever.

Donations can be made by anyone and are not restricted to those who served in the RAA. All sections of the ADF are expected to be incorporated in the Walk along with members of Allied forces. The project also provides a unique opportunity for recognition of the sacrifices made by non-service people such as munitions factory workers, members of the Land Army and civil defence volunteers.

A growing number of Australian families are choosing to make donations so that future generations will be able to visit North Fort and see the names of their ancestors proudly recorded as an integral part of the Memorial Walk.

Further information about reserving Memorial Walk pavers, including discounts for group donations, is available from North Fort by phoning (02) 9976 6102 (Tuesday to Friday) or mail North Fort, PO Box 1042, Manly NSW 1655.



*Part of the Memorial Walk at North Fort. The pavers will be inscribed with names and messages.*

**Editor's note:**

See page 79 for more information.



# NSW Gunner Associations' Banners

*Provided by Colonel D.M. Tait  
Colonel Commandant - Eastern Region*

The banners of the Artillery associations are part of Australia's history and heritage. They are a visual display of where units have served and they are carried on every ANZAC Day march with great pride by the members of associations.

In 2000 it was evident in NSW that memberships of the world war two and some post world war two associations were becoming smaller and that it would not be long before the associations would be unable to parade their banners on ANZAC Day. In 2001 a meeting of a number of associations was held at the National Artillery Museum at North Fort, Manly to consider the matter including how the banners could be preserved and stored. The participants agreed that their banners could be given or loaned to the National Artillery Museum to be preserved and stored but could find no solution as to the problem of parading them on ANZAC Days. The matter lapsed and further research was conducted in to viable parade options.

In early January 2004 letters were sent to some 60 associations asking them to attend a Heritage Workshop at the National Artillery Museum on 21st February 2004. The agenda included briefings on the museum by the curator, a Regimental briefing by the Head of Regiment and a briefing by the co-facilitators of the Notable Gunner List. The main aim of the Heritage Workshop was to achieve consensus and develop strategies for the future storage and parading of banners. 36 people attended the workshop.

In opening the Heritage Workshop the Colonel Commandant Eastern Region moved the following motion that was unanimously adopted:

'At an appropriate time determined by an association its banner could be given to the National Artillery Museum to be stored, maintained and preserved and to be marched on future ANZAC Days.'

Subsequently, members of the Joint Venture Group, which is comprised of representatives from the National Artillery Museum, the Royal Australian Artillery Historical Company, the Royal Australian Artillery Association (NSW) Inc and the reserve field regiments, outlined their individual involvement in the banner initiative as follows:

- museum curator explained how the banners could be preserved and maintained and provided some information about costings;
- colonel commandant sought donations from the associations to assist in the cost of preservation and storage and undertook to seek grants from a range of sources;
- president of the RAA Historical Company explained how the funds for the banners would be managed; and
- second-in-command 7th Field Regiment outlined how the two reserve regiments would assist with the parading of the banners on future ANZAC Day marches.

Each association undertook to discuss the motion at its next meeting and to advise on the way ahead for its banner. Written briefings were provided to associations that were not represented at the Workshop together with a request that they formally endorse the banner motion and indicate how the Joint Venture Group could assist with their banners. Responses received to date support the banner initiative.

For these banners not to be on ANZAC Day marches in the future would detract from the spirit of ANZAC and would be a disservice to those thousands of Gunners of all ranks that have given so much in the defence of their great nation. The Joint Venture Group is grateful for the co-operation received thus far and looks forward to meeting the challenges that the banner initiative is likely to pose.

# NADZAB Day Plus 60 Years - The Sequel

*Provided by Colonel Arthur Burke  
Colonel Commandant - Northern Region*

THIS ARTICLE IS A FOLLOW-ON FROM 'JUMPING INTO HISTORY' WHICH WAS PUBLISHED IN THE 'RAA LIAISON LETTER 2003 - SPRING EDITION'.

As the noonday sunlight filtered through gum trees, a large family gathering at Chau Pha Lines, Townsville watched the approach of a Dodge command car towing a small green gun. The vehicle delivered a smartly-dressed young officer and a senior citizen through an honour guard of soldiers dressed in Second World War uniforms. The visitors were introduced as paragonner Keith Begbie and a representative 2nd/4th Field Regiment Captain 'Roos Marsden' resplendent in his namesake's old service dress with Africa Star, service and wound stripes.

'Of the original 31 members of the 2nd/4th Field Regiment who parachuted into Nadzab with two 25-Pounder Shorts on 5th September 1943, only ten have survived this sixtieth anniversary', announced Colonel Commandant and honorary unit historian Arthur Burke to the large gathering of the unit's 'family' - the spouses, partners, children, parents and members of 4th Field Regiment.

'Of the 212 Shorts manufactured during the war, only 20 of them are known to have survived', he continued. 'To commemorate that historic jump, paragonner Keith Begbie has been reunited with a 'baby' 25-Pounder here today.'



Admiring the 25-Pounder Short are (L-R) Colonel Comandant Arthur Burke, Commanding Officer Warwick Jones, WW2 Paragonner Keith Begbie, Battery Commander A Field Battery Brian Hawke, a representative WW2 2nd/4th veteran 'Roos Marsden', veteran Jack Rush, a representative WW2 soldier, veteran Arthur Thompson, a representative WW2 soldier, veteran and 2nd/4th Qld Secretary Mick Heffernan and a representative WW2 soldier

2nd/4th State Secretary Mick Heffernan smiled broadly and drew fellow veterans Arthur Thompson and Jack Rush's attention to the fact that this Short was the result of Arthur Burke's ten-year quest for a tangible reminder of Nadzab Day. The bemedalled old Gunners sat proudly erect as their mate, Keith Begbie described how the 'PT' course for which he had volunteered culminated in a single practice jump and deemed 28 of them qualified for operations. He laughed as he recalled that this was a bonus compared with 'the blokes who replaced the three injured in their one practice jump and who then did the real thing without any rehearsal'.

This 25-Pounder Short (A177) was produced by Ruwolt in 1944 and restored to its former glory by the Bandiana military workshops in 1975. It adorned the Ordnance Centre Museum till replaced by a model in better condition from the foyer of the Defence Centre in St Kilda Road, Melbourne in the mid 1990s. 'A177' remained in obscurity till Arthur Burke tracked it down and arranged through the RAA Historical Company for its new home at 4th Field Regiment. The Short has been spit-polished by unit museum curator Paddy Durnford and now holds pride of place beside the 'desert' 25-Pounder and limber.

That night, Commanding Officer Warwick Jones hosted a private formal dinner in the new Vasey Officers' Mess. The unit's senior officers were joined by president Eldon Bryant and secretary Ken Borgges from the local Royal Australian Artillery Association together with their ladies, Mick and Glad Heffernan, Keith Begbie and Arthur Burke. Sadly, Jack Rush and Arthur Thompson were unable to attend.

Keith was seated in the guest of honour's position on the right of the dining president and next to Major Brian Hawke, the Battery Commander of 'A' Field Battery, the unit's newest subunit which is also the Army's parachute-capable battery. The stewards silently delivered a delightful repast and conversation was lively amongst the White Mess Kits and dinner-suited gentlemen and their finely-dressed ladies.

As the diners rose to toast Her Majesty the Queen and then the Royal Regiment of Australian Artillery, the light from the candelabra reflected off the combat jump star on the parachute wings and glimmered in the tear-brimmed eyes of a very proud old 2nd/4th Field Regiment paragoner. The sixtieth anniversary of Nadzab Day had been well commemorated.



# Gunners Proud History

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On 6th July 2003 7th Field Battery celebrated its 55th birthday. This is the official age of the battery, however, the lineage of the guns in Western Australia is much older.

The Union Troop of the Western Australian Volunteers was formed in the colony on 19th July 1870. By the 1890s the unit was titled 1st (Western Australian) Field Battery, Australian Field Artillery. Several members volunteered for service in the Boer War, serving with the Mounted Infantry, and one of these, Lieutenant Bell, was awarded the Victoria Cross for his actions under fire.

At the outbreak of World War One the battery was retitled 8th Battery of 3rd Field Brigade and departed for Egypt. At this time it was under the command of another Boer War veteran, Major Bessell-Brown, and formed part of the 1st Divisional Artillery under the command of a previous Battery Commander, Colonel Talbot Hobbs. Colonel Hobbs would later command 5th Division at Villers Bretonneux and, on his return to Perth, he would design the Western Australian War Memorial. 8th Battery was among the first to see action at Gallipoli and it was twice placed in the front trenches to fire over open sights into the enemy positions.

The battery was withdrawn on 19th December 1915, reorganised and sent to France where it served with distinction throughout the war. It was a gun from 8th Battery that fired the last artillery round at Gallipoli.

Between the wars there were two militia batteries in Western Australia and in World War Two these combined to form 6th Battery of 2nd/3rd Field Regiment and later 14th Battery of 2nd/7th Field Regiment. Captain Bessell-Browne, whose father commanded the battery at Gallipoli a quarter of a century earlier, commanded 6th Battery. It participated in the ill-fated Greece and Crete campaigns and saw much action, usually in support of fellow West Australians in 2nd/11th Battalion. 14th Battery saw significant action in the Middle East, including the Battle of El Alamein. The Western Australian gunners then served in action throughout the South West Pacific and Indonesia.

In 1948 3rd Field Regiment was re-raised with P and Q Batteries, which were renamed 7th and 8th Batteries in 1965. In 1975 the unit was reduced to its current composition of one field battery designated 7th Field Battery, 3rd Field Regiment. In 2003 the battery consisted of a headquarters element, a command post, four 105mm M2A2 Howitzer detachments and other supporting elements. It was also preparing to raise a detachment in Rockingham, south of Perth, later in the year.

During 2003, the battery concentrated on detachment-level training and preparation for the annual field exercise, Exercise Wewak. Additionally, the battery sent 12 members on overseas deployments this year - five members to Malaysia for Exercise Suman Warrior and another seven with Rifle Company Butterworth.

It was expected that battery members would take part in the Salute celebrating the inauguration of another famous Western Australian, Major General Michael Jeffery (Retd), as the next Governor General.

# Book Review

## Psychology of Military Incompetence

by Norman Dixon

Published by Pimlico in 1994, first publication in 1976.  
ISBN 0-7126-5889-0.

*Reviewed by Captain A.A. Dunbar*

In *On the Psychology of Military Incompetence* former Royal Engineer turned Professor of Psychology Norman Dixon attempts to establish a psychological profile for those responsible for some of the greatest military disasters in history. Dixon does this by first listing his relevant case histories, examples of military ineptitude over a period of some one hundred years. Dixon then uses this information to discuss and explain the social psychology of military organisations and the psychopathology of individual commanders.

In Part One Dixon details his case studies, citing campaigns from the Crimean War to World War II. Dixon first outlines the results of these campaigns and the leadership failures that contributed to these disasters. Most of the examples used are from the history of the British Army, which is understandable given Dixon's background and knowledge rather than being a reflection upon the British.

While reading it is hard not to become depressed by the seemingly negative portrayal of the military ethos resulting from poor leadership. When this occurs it is worthwhile to refer to the first chapter, and Dixon's reminder that those referred to represent the extreme lower end of the spectrum. Part One ends with a note from the author repeating that incompetent senior commanders are outnumbered by their competent brethren, however the tragic results of their failure are much more memorable.

During Part Two Dixon asks what conclusions can be drawn from the previous incidents of military incompetence. Dixon believes that the root causes of poor leadership are more complex than the simple 'bloody idiot' theory. He argues that peacetime armies tend to attract authoritarian,

anti-intellectual, anal-retentive types who are more interested in the trappings and social rewards of military leadership than soldiering itself. These people, like the leaders from the case studies exhibit certain traits that fit a psychological profile presented by Dixon.

Dixon claims that the psychological profile of those that demonstrate military incompetence includes the following factors:

- a serious wastage of human resources and failure to observe the principles of war;
- a fundamental conservatism and clinging to outworn tradition and an inability to profit from past experience, owing in part to a refusal to admit past mistakes;
- a tendency to reject or ignore that which is unpalatable or which conflicts with preconceptions;
- a tendency to underestimate the enemy and overestimate the capabilities of one's own side;
- indecisiveness and a tendency to abdicate from the role of decision-maker;
- an obstinate persistence in a given task despite strong contrary evidence;
- a failure to exploit a situation gained and a tendency to pull punches rather than push home an attack;
- a failure to make adequate reconnaissance;
- a belief in brute force rather than the clever ruse, leading to a predilection for frontal assaults, often against the enemy's strongest point;

- an undue readiness to find scapegoats for military setbacks;
- a suppression or distortion of news from the front, usually rationalised as necessary for morale or security; and
- a belief in mystical forces, such as fate or bad luck.

Dixon then details how many of these traits are a result of the military culture, especially among officers. At this point Dixon tends to become vague, providing more anecdotal than historical evidence. While anecdotal evidence is by nature less compelling it does provide many instances that are all too familiar, especially in relation to the practices of cadet training.

Dixon concludes in Part Three by providing case studies of several leading military leaders, such as Wellington, Allenby and Slim. Dixon then relates these men to his profile. These commanders are then contrasted with those responsible for the case studies that meet Dixon's profile. The examples generally support Dixon's theories but Dixon does give examples of authoritarian commanders that have been effective, such as Montgomery, Kitchener and Haig.

Thankfully the Australian Army receives little mention in Dixon's work, being described as relatively free from the excesses of militarism that the first AIF christened as bullshit. The only mention of Australian military forces is in the fall of Singapore, and Australian leaders were not singled out for analysis.

Overall *On the Psychology of Military Incompetence* successfully presents a profile of identifiable traits that are not desirable in a military leader. This is done by identifying common characteristics of those responsible for the disasters presented in the case studies. Dixon's anecdotal evidence also presents negative character types and leadership styles that many officers will unfortunately recognise. This realisation, while terrible is also strangely enjoyable, almost cathartic.

## Books Available From Your Local Defence Library

*Provided by Major D.T. Brennan  
Editor*

### **Artillery - A History** *by John Norris*

ISBN 07509 2185 4, published in 2000

Sutton Publishing Limited. Hardback, 206 pages.

The book traces the development of artillery through the ages up to the 21st century. It starts with the origins of artillery in the period 1200 - 1400 and concludes at the end of the 20th century with the conflict in the Balkans. Each chapter generally covers a century of development and highlights the significant events / changes of that era. The chapter on 'The Rise of Great Gunners 1700 -1800' is particularly enlightening. Did you know that it was Frederick the Great during the Seven Years War (1756-1763) who created the concept of true horse artillery. He ensured every cannoner and ammunition handler was mounted on horseback ensuring that for the first time in history guns could keep up with the fast moving, hard riding Prussian cavalry.

It is well layed out and both interesting and easy to read. There are 14 pages of good quality black and white photographs and illustrations in the centre of the publication. This edition would be a great assistance / companion to any new student of the history of artillery or some even more experienced gunners who simply would like to enhance their knowledge of the evolution of artillery. The author concludes that 'As Armies enter the 21st century it is unlikely that conventional tubed artillery as we know it will disappear.' I hope the crystal ball used by the author is accurate.

### **The Scheyville Experience 1965-1973 (The Officer Training Unit Scheyville)**

*by Roger Donnelly.*

ISBN 07022 32475, published in 2001

University of Queensland Press. Soft Covered, 200 pages.

In 1964 when the government announced the introduction of a selective Army National Service, inherent in the scheme was the decision that selected national servicemen would be trained as

officers at a new unit to be raised at Scheyville in New South Wales, known as the 'Officer Training Unit' (OTU). OTU commenced operation on 1st April 1965, following a selection board, where approximately 120 men were chosen from each national service intake of between 2200 and 2500, the OTU cadets underwent 22 weeks of rigorous training.

The initial aim of OTU was to train infantry platoon commanders. Later this was modified to train the equivalent of an infantry commander in other arms and services. Those allotted to the Infantry Corps would go straight to their battalion, but those allotted to other arms and services underwent specialist Corps training.

Of the 2700 odd men who commenced the OTU course during its 9 year existence 1871 graduated as probationary second lieutenants (there was an approximate 40% failure rate). Of these graduates some 330 served in South Vietnam and unfortunately 8 made the ultimate sacrifice. Some notable graduates from OTU include:

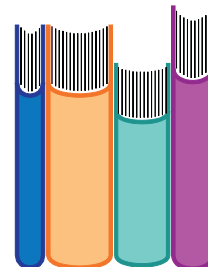
- \* Tim Fisher - former deputy prime minister;
- \* Jeff Kennett - former premier of Victoria;
- \* Gordon Alexander (Forward Observer with D Coy 1 RAR at Coral) -advertising guru;
- \* Gary McKay - military cross winner in South Vietnam and author including the title 'In Good Company'; and
- \* Brian McCarthy - Head of the Australian Federation of Airline Pilots who lead the pilot strike in 1989.

In the section of graduates who have achieved the rank of Brigadier, there is a feature on Brigadier P.R. Kilpatrick our first RAA Head of Regiment and former CO/CI of the School of Artillery. Overall 13 graduates attained the rank of Brigadier and approximately 130 made the rank of Lieutenant Colonel or above. Amongst many other bravery wards such as the MID graduates received nine Military Crosses and six Distinguished Flying Crosses. As the author states in the book this surely is a fine effort from a group who were destined to serve 18 months as second lieutenants and who were told that should they stay in the Army there was little hope of advancing past the rank of major.

When OTU was established there were already two existing Army officer training establishments - Royal Military College, Duntroon and the Officer Cadet School, Portsea. The difference between the

three establishments was described to the Commandant of RMC in 1998-1999, Brigadier Peter Pursey (an OTU graduate), by a warrant officer who stated that 'They went to Scheyville to do a job; others went to Duntroon and Portsea to get a job.'

The author covers the entire gambit of life at OTU from a chapter on 'A Day in the Life of Scheyville', a chapter is devoted to 'Assessment' whilst there is also a well written chapter on the 'Rivalry in the Junior Officer Ranks'. The book is a very good insight into an officer training establish with a very focused charter to prepare young civilian men (most of who only months before would have not even been contemplating service, let alone a career in the Army) for a war which was already under way. There are eight pages of black and white photographs in the centre of the publication. The book is an easy and interesting read and will the stir memories of those who have been involved with any of the past or present officer training establishments and/or the graduates.



# Recollections of a Gunner - Vietnam August 1966

*By Ian G. Darlington  
Battery Commander Headquarters Battery (1966)  
1st Field Regiment, RAA  
Reproduced from the 1st Field Regiment 1998 Journal*

By way of preliminaries, I should explain my appointment in 1st Field Regiment and duties. In January 1966, I was detached from 104th Field Battery (the independent and newly raised medium battery) to 1st Field Regiment to act as Battery Commander Headquarters Battery during an extended Regimental exercise at Tianjarra in southern NSW.

The role of Battery Commander Headquarters Battery previously was to establish and run the Artillery Tactical Headquarters (Arty TAC) on behalf of the Commanding Officer. This Arty TAC being collocated with the Task Force Tactical Operations Centre (TOC).

In March 1966 at the end of the exercise, the Australian Government announced the escalation of the Australian involvement in Vietnam. It was to increase from a Battalion Group to a Task Force Group of two Battalions with supporting troops including an artillery field regiment (1st Field Regiment) of three batteries and a detachment of 131st Divisional Locating Battery. The three field batteries were to be 105th Field Battery and 161st Field Battery (RNZA), both currently in theatre at Binh Hoa, plus 103rd Field Battery from Australia.

On 22nd April 1966 I commanded the Regimental Advance Party consisting of elements of Headquarters Battery and 103rd Field Battery which departed on HMAS SYDNEY. In addition to the troops, we had the vehicles of Headquarters Battery and 103rd Field Battery and the six guns of the battery. The vehicles and equipment of the 131st Divisional Locating Battery detachment were also on board together with personnel commanded by the Task Force Artillery Intelligence Officer (TFAIO) then Captain Jim Townley. The remainder of the Regiment and detachment of 131st Divisional Locating Battery joined the advance party at Vung Tau throughout May 1966.

The Regiment (minus) deployed into Nui Dat with the Task Force in early June 1966 and were joined by 105th and 161st Field Battery RNZA. Within weeks, an American Self propelled 155mm battery, Battery A 2/35 US Artillery, came under operational command. The battery affiliations were 105th Field Battery in direct support to 5 RAR, 161st Field Battery RNZA in direct support 6 RAR, 103rd Field Battery and Battery A 2/35 in general support 1st Australian Task Force (1 ATF). The Artillery TAC HQ was established collocated with 1 ATF TOC.

In addition to my role in the Tac HQ I was designated the Regimental Gunnery Instructor (IG), having recently completed two years as an IG at North Head. My two immediate tasks were to establish a Fire Support Co-ordination Centre (FSCC) consisting of Arty TAC, Artillery Intelligence and Air Warning Control Centre (AWCC). This was a new concept for the RAA, whilst the TFAIO and Arty TAC had worked together there was no warning component. The second task was to ensure that all batteries had adopted the 'new' fire orders procedures and to calibrate the three field batteries. This was a necessary procedure due to the varying degrees of wear in the guns (due to the greater number of rounds fired by 105th and 161st Batteries in the previous ten months). I was fortunate to have Jim Townley with me in the FSCC; we were old friends and Jim was an extraordinarily competent gunner officer. We had duty officers, the Regimental Intelligence Officer, Lieutenant Mike Langley and later 2nd Lieutenant Chuck Heinrick from Battery A 2/35.



Before moving to the events of 17th/18th August 1966 it is necessary to detail some of the preparations which preceded these events that I believe had a profound effect on these events.

The major counter mortar/battery equipment's available to the Task Force were three ANKPQ mortar locating radar's. These equipments were untested in battle conditions and there were initially some spares problems. So as not to rely on these radar's Jim Townley and I decided to produce a counter battery (CB) fire plan specifically directed against 60mm and 82mm mortars.

Initially we sought advice from those units on the perimeter, primarily the infantry battalions as to the distance from the wire that they estimated they could prevent deployment of mortars, the actual figure escapes me but it would have been 1500m to 2000m. This distance together with the maximum range of the 82mm mortars was described around the TF perimeter. This gave an area in the shape of a 'tyre' or 'doughnut' within which the enemy could deploy mortars and possibly not be detected. Jim and I went through this area in detail and earmarked possible mortar base plate positions. The number identified was about 120 and these were given target numbers and grouped into threes, each group then given a nickname.

Each field battery was allocated a target each within these nicknames and this became the CB fire plan - which I believe was nicknamed 'Tin Trunk'. Each field battery had about 40 CB targets, which they were required to keep current for abnormal conditions.

In addition to these preparations Jim had gone to the US intelligence centre at Tan Son Nhut in Saigon and had extracted details of every known incident in Phouc Tuy Province including data dating back to the French occupation.

As another aside, in calibrating the batteries I had used the right angle road bend at Xa Long Tan as a datum and had observed fall of shot from a Sioux helicopter. This was in the first and second week of June 1966.

### **17th/18th August 1966**

Jim Townley was to return to Australia departing 17th August 1966 as he had been selected to attend a Gunnery Staff Course (locating) at Royal School of Artillery Larkhill, United Kingdom. On the evening of 16th August, I accompanied him on his farewell before we returned to our 11 x 11 tent located about 20m from Arty Tac. We were fortunate enough to have Jim's replacement, Captain Barry Campton in the Task Force at that time.

I was on duty at 0200 hours on 17th August. I was moving to the Tac HQ at about 0140 hours when the mortar attack on the base commenced. I was relieving Chuck Heinrick and was greeted by him with 'they're not outgoing, sir', as bombs exploded in the trees nearby.

I was joined in the FSCC by Jim and Barry. The radio nets were chaos; reports of secondaries (bombs exploding) were coming from primarily 103rd and 161st Batteries. Requests for mortreps, particularly bearings to primaries (mortars firing) brought reports from every direction around the perimeter. It was obvious that the radar's couldn't cope. The problem was that the radar needs to track a bomb for 12 seconds to locate the source. Unfortunately they were 'flicking' to other bombs (stronger signals) before the 12 seconds track had been achieved and the results were nonsense. It was clear that the targets of enemy fire were the engineer perimeter, 103rd and 161st Batteries and TF HQ.

There was an enormous sense of frustration at our inability to get people with compasses to give us bearings to primaries. I can recall at one time a figure standing at the entrance to the FSCC tent keeping people out and letting us get on with our work. That was the Task Force Commander, Brigadier O.D. Jackson and for that I will be eternally grateful.

It gradually became apparent that the fire was from the west in the general direction of Long Tan, and the guns were ordered to 'lay' in that direction. After about 14 minutes a reliable bearing came in from 6 RAR, I think, which passed through on one of our CB list targets. I ordered 10 rounds fire for effect (FFE) from the three field batteries followed by about two repeats possibly with some adjustments. At the same time I ordered the 155 battery (US) to fire on a copse of trees at the road bend at Long Tan

(which I used to calibrate the Regiment's guns in June). As a result of these actions the indirect fire artillery battle took 15 to 17 minutes.

The wash up showed that a large number of rounds fell on the 103rd and 161st Battery areas. Many rounds also fell on the engineer perimeter, the troop commander being seriously wounded and losing a leg. The Task Force Headquarters and Field Regiment Quartermaster compound directly behind it also received rounds into their areas.

In respect of a counter-battery target normally it would require at least two and preferably three intersecting bearings to justify engagement. Because of the preparation work done to establish the CB fire plan, primarily by Jim Townley, we fired on the basis of one bearing, a decision justified by the results. These events initiated Operation Smithfield, which led to the D Company 6 RAR heroic action on 18th August 1966. The actions of the gunners verged on heroic; the ability to engage the enemy with rapid accurate CB fire whilst under indirect fire themselves was a testament to their training and courage.

What do I think was the purpose of this indirect fire attack on the Nui Dat base? On the basis of interviews with the enemy commanders it has been postulated and seemingly accepted that the purpose was to draw a force from the base to locate the enemy weapons and to ambush that force!! I have a great deal of difficulty accepting that proposition for the following reasons.

- To achieve that reaction there was no need to fire the hundreds of rounds which were fired and invite counter battery fire. 20-30 rounds fired in less than a minute would have achieved that reaction without jeopardising their indirect fire weapons.
- Why was a two Regiment Division plus D445 Battalion required to ambush an Infantry Company, even possibly in APC's?? To suggest that the TF would have reacted with a force greater than a company is to give the enemy no credit for intelligence regarding our methods of operation. This enemy who was able to deploy this significant force undetected and who had sufficient intelligence to target the weakest part of the TF perimeter (engineers, the TF HQ and two of the major indirect fire power elements of the TF (103rd and 161st Batteries). All TF operations to that time had been infantry company and below (platoon and section).

I believe that this attack was preparatory fire to an assault on the base. Why??

- If they had succeeded with the indirect fire, two of the gun batteries could have been out of the battle. Remember each gun battery had hundreds of rounds of 105mm ammunition in store. It verges on miraculous that none of these stores were hit!
- The indirect fire was targeted on the weakest defended area of the perimeter manned by a handful of sappers. Once through them an assaulting force was into the TF HQ and behind the infantry battalions.
- A night assault or one just before first light would have largely negated friendly air support.

If the aim was to 'lure' infantry out and ambush them, why not fire the indirect fire weapons at the battalions?

In summary I believe that the role of the guns in halting the indirect fire assault on the morning of 17th August 1966 was as crucial to the outcome of the overall battle as was the supporting fire to D Company 6 RAR on 18th August.

### **18th August 1966**

The value of the guns in the D Company battle has at last been well documented particularly as told in the Training Command video 'Long Tan - An Artillery Perspective'.

A few personal observations.

- As with the events of a.m. 17th August, I came on duty five minutes prior to the first contact that is, about 1545 hours.
- The official record of rounds fired could probably be increased by about 30 to 40%.

- I have no recollection of a pause in artillery gun fire to allow for an air attack. Perhaps later in the evening after the relief of D Company some fire missions on possible withdrawal routes may have been paused, but NOT during the battle.
- It probably needs experienced gunners to fully appreciate the professionalism, accuracy and technical ability of the service of the guns during the appalling weather conditions that prevailed on the evening of 18th August.

I believe I speak for all Gunners in saying that any recognition sought by Gunners should not be seen in any way as detracting from the heroic and gallant efforts of D Company 6 RAR. I personally believe that in other circumstances (and particularly if this battle had occurred in later years), the honours and awards for the D Company personnel would have been significantly greater, thereby truly reflecting the place that their feats occupy in Australian military history.

# Associations & Organisations

## **On Australian Soldiers at Gallipoli**

'The men are as docile and patient and obedient and manageable as children yet they are full of the finest spirit of self-devotion. For the most perilous enterprises, whenever volunteers are called for, every man in sight offers instantly, altho' often it means certain death... They are always cheerful, cracking jokes, always laughing and joking and singing... There have been scenes of awful slaughter, with heaps of dead and wounded and ghastly wounds and long lines of stretcher bearers with their gory burdens, but men march cheerily past and take up positions for attack and defence... I am convinced that there are no troops in the world to equal the Australian in cool daring, courage and endurance... our boys capably led, can give the British regulars points and a beating at any part of the game, whether it be in digging a trench, or in a bayonet assault, or in steadiness under fire, or in boiling the billy or in ambulance work, or in cheerfully suffering fatigue and privations, or in marching, or personal bravery.'

John Monash - A Biography by Alan Geoffrey Serle, page 223  
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**Editors Note:**

The currency of this contact list is only as good as the feedback I am proved. Therefore, if you are aware of more current information that that published, could you advise me to enable the timely amendment of records. I would also appreciate the contact details of any other *Gunner* organisation not listed. As an additional means of assisting me in keeping current on what is happening around the *Gunner* community, it is requested that units and associations forward me copies of newsletters etc. This will enhance the passage of information.



# Seeking Regimental Fund Contributions

## Introduction

The RAA Regimental Fund is designed to provide a source of funds that can be utilised for the benefit of all Gunners. One of the most important uses for these funds is to support requests from RAA units and organisations to assist in the ongoing preservation and promotion of the Regimental heritage. Other worthy goals that this funding supports, is not limited to, but includes purchasing:

- Cyphers for presentation to officers, warrant officers and sergeants who retire from full-time service after more than 20 years.
- Paintings depicting the Regiment in its many campaigns and at peace.

The Regimental Committee cannot achieve these very worthy goals without the support of individual members and organisations within the Gunner community. All officers, warrant officers and sergeants are encouraged to make an annual financial contribution to the Regimental Fund either as individuals or as a mess or organisation / association or take up the option of a 'Life Subscription' which then absolves the subscriber from being asked for any further subscriptions. The list of life subscribers is published annually in the Spring Edition of the Liaison Letter.

## Recent Projects

Over the years the Regimental Fund has supported a wide range of requests for financial support, including some of which are ongoing such as insurance and maintenance of the AIF and Mount Schank Trophies. It is worth noting that the sums of money requested from the Fund are generally significant and therefore can only realistically have any chance of being provided if each and everyone of us support the Fund. Recent

projects supported by the Fund include the allocation of:

- \$5500 for a GBAD painting, including preliminary drawings;
- \$2500 to 8th/12th Medium Regiment to assist the Regiment to build a Regimental Memorial to coincide with the Regiments 30th anniversary celebrations;
- \$500 to 131st Surveillance and Target Acquisition Battery to improve the Battery memorial and add a plaque to mark the 50th Anniversary of the unit and its name change from 131st Divisional Locating Battery;
- \$1000 to 1st Field Regiment for its 50th anniversary celebrations;
- \$1000 to 4th Field Regiment for its 40th anniversary celebrations; and
- The on-going Royal Military College Graduation Artillery prize which is approximately \$85 per graduation.

## Suggested Level of Contribution

The suggested rate of contribution is currently deemed as \$120 for a life subscription and the following sliding scale based on rank for an annual subscription:

- LTCOL and above - \$25,
- MAJ and CAPT- \$20,
- LT and WO - \$15, and
- SGT - \$10.

It is understood that some individuals may not be in a position to meet the suggested scale, therefore any contribution will be gratefully appreciated in helping to continue the good work the Fund has provided the Regiment over many years.



**RAA Regimental Fund  
ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION**

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<input type="checkbox"/> Please find enclosed my/our contribution to the RAA Regiment Fund <input type="checkbox"/> A receipt is required		
Please return to: SO2 HOR, School of Artillery, Bridges Barracks, PUCKAPUNYAL VIC 3662		
<p><b><i>Life Subscription of \$120</i></b>  <b>means you will never be asked to subscribe again</b>  <b>and your name will be published annually in the list of Benefactors.</b></p>		

# Speech to the NSW Annual Gunner Dinner 2003

*Delivered by The Honourable Danna Vale MP  
Minister for Veterans' Affairs and  
Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence*

It is a great pleasure for me to once again be invited to attend the annual Gunner dinner. I have spoken many times of the pride Australia takes in the men and women who serve in the defence of our nation. We should rightly take particular pride in the history and service embodied in our oldest Regiment - and I feel honoured to again be part of the tradition that is helping to keep alive that spirit for new generations of gunners.

A great deal has happened since I last had the pleasure of addressing this gathering. Australia has seen more troops leave our shores, serving with distinction in the war on Iraq. This has included members of the Air Defence Regiment, who have been providing missile defence to some of the ships in the Persian Gulf. And while some ADF members are still carrying out crucial roles in Iraq and the Persian Gulf, we have been pleased and relieved to welcome our personnel safely home again. As we dine here tonight, other Australian Defence Force members are carrying out their important new peace mission in the Solomon Islands. They have been sent, with members of the Australian Federal Police, in response to a request from a neighbour that needs our help so that it doesn't fall further into disorder. Not only is it important for us, as a good neighbour, to do that for the well-being of the people of the Solomon Islands, but it's also important we do it for the long-term stability and security of our whole region, which is in Australia's best interests. As with all of our recent operations, we hope to have our Australian Defence Force and Australian Federal Police personnel back safe and sound as soon as possible.

The operations of the past 12 months have further enhanced the reputation of the Australian Defence Force, and this has been reflected by an increasing appreciation at home for those who defend our nation. With this has come an increased expectation from the community that Australia will be there - now and in the future - to meet the needs of our Australian Defence Force members and their families. We recognise that expectation, and the safety and welfare of our serving and former defence force personnel remains an ongoing priority for the Government. Indeed, this priority will be given renewed focus in the coming months as we finalise the new Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Scheme. The new scheme will deliver a repatriation system for the 21st century that will meet all of the rehabilitation and compensation needs of the next generation of veterans.

We are consulting the defence and ex-service communities about the legislation for the new scheme and aim to have it in place by mid-2004. Another important priority is meeting Australia's commitment to honour those who have served in wartime and peace operations. Late last month I visited both Korea and Vietnam to commemorate Australia's service in those two lands. In Korea, I had the privilege of representing Australia at ceremonies to mark the 50th anniversary of the Korean War Armistice. This was the culmination of three years of commemorations and was attended by a large number of veterans from Australia and around the world. In Vietnam, I had the opportunity to visit Long Tan and to see some of the practical work being done in local communities by Australian veterans that is building a spirit of friendship and trust between our two nations. Korea and Vietnam represent very different conflicts for Australia. However, the spirit of remembrance that I found among the veterans of these two wars is no different. They are justly proud of their service to Australia and I will continue to work to ensure their service is acknowledged and remembered.

I can tell you I am looking forward to the completion of the next significant project to commemorate our wartime heritage. The Australian War Memorial being built in London will be a magnificent tribute to the Australians who served with such courage and distinction during the two world wars. This will be a truly

Australian memorial, built of Australian granite and with a design that will call to mind our sweeping landscape. The new memorial will have inscribed into its face the names of 47 battle sites - from Gallipoli to New Guinea - to indicate the geographic spread of Australia's service and to reflect the great sacrifice of Australian life which occurred at those locations. These will be inscribed across the names of 24 000 towns, representing the birth places and home towns of the Australians who served during the two world wars. As a result, the memorial will highlight both the towns that sent their sons and daughters to war, and the far-flung fields of battle where so many Australians fell in the service of our nation.

Ladies and Gentlemen, in closing tonight, I would like to say a few words in tribute to one particular member of your association - your Representative Colonel Commandant, Major General Paul Stevens. As you may be aware, later this month Major General Stevens will be stepping down as Repatriation Commissioner. He leaves after six years which have seen some fundamental changes and important initiatives in the repatriation system. The Services member holds a key position within the Repatriation Commission. Nominated by ex-service organisations, the Commissioner should be a direct link between the Government and the veterans we serve. In that regard, no-one could have asked more of Paul Stevens. Since his appointment in 1997, Paul has been tireless in his work on behalf of the veteran community. As a policy-maker he has brought great insight to the work of the Repatriation Commission. There are a number of initiatives which I know Paul is particularly proud of, notably the conduct of the health studies into the Vietnam and Korean War veteran populations. He has also been instrumental in the development of DVA's Mental Health Strategy and the launch of the Alcohol Management Project, both of which will have long-term benefits for the health and well-being of the veteran community. On a personal level I have seen first-hand the level of dedication and compassion he has brought to working with veterans and war widows, whether it be at a consultative forum in Canberra, or remembering the fallen at a war cemetery in another land. Paul is highly regarded by all those he has worked with and met, and I would like to express my appreciation to him.

Ladies and Gentlemen, thank you for your time and thank you once again for inviting me to share this special occasion.

# South Australian Association

*Provided by Major Geoff Laurie, Retd  
President*

## **Gunner Dinner 2003**

Fifty-five people attended this year's Dinner, including two of our 'long-lost' country members, ie. Captain Ken McInerney (Bordertown) and Staff Sergeant Terry McCumisky (Corny Point). It was also very pleasing to see two Bombardiers and a Gunner from 16th Air Defence Regiment amongst us, and hopefully we will see more of their colleagues from both 16th Air Defence Regiment and 48th Field Battery in future years. The number of ladies from 58th Search Light Battery was reduced to three this year, with three of their group who were planning to attend being posted to the sick list during the preceding week, and another being suddenly swamped with family visitors for the weekend.

In the absence of the Colonel Commandant I was pleased to propose the Toast to the Regiment myself, and as the date of the Dinner was (purposely) only two days after the 61st anniversary of the commencement of the Battle of El Alamein, I introduced the Toast with an extract from the official history of that operation; an extract from my speech is attached for your information.

## **Army Museum Keswick Barracks**

Not to be confused with the RAA Association and 48th Field Battery Historical Collection (located in 48th Field Battery Depot), the Army Museum of South Australia (AMOSA) in Keswick Barracks (you pass it as you drive in to the Artillery Depot) is one of South Australia's least well-known tourist attractions. The charter of AMOSA is to collect, preserve and exhibit the military history of SA in particular, and Australia in general with the main emphasis on the army. It is open each Sunday afternoon between 12 noon and 4pm. Group tours can also be arranged at other times by contacting the Museum Curator Lieutenant Colonel Sven Kuusk on 0407 007 582 or 8305.6374 (Wednesdays only.)

AMOSA has an ever-expanding number of exhibits depicting militaria from pre-Federation through to the recent Timor action. Amongst the museum's attractions are a selection from the 'Robert Gray Collection' which comprises nearly 10,000 items of Army badges, buttons and military insignia.

The museum displays many firearms and military accoutrements including uniforms from various theatres of war. The outdoor display includes a Grant tank and a number of other items including an artillery piece captured by 10th Battalion in France during World War I. There are also a number of special theme displays including 'Women in War' and a Tobruk Diorama. The displays are changed periodically and extra items are always welcome. AMOSA's volunteers undertake restoration and conservation work on an ongoing basis.

Past members who have items that they think could be of interest to the Museum, or feel that they can contribute in some way, are encouraged to contact Sven (phone number as above).



## Amiens Gun

Lieutenant Colonel David Brook recently gave an interesting talk at the Naval, Military and Air Force Club Military History Night, the topic being 'The Amiens Gun and Port Wakefield'. To cut a very long story short - the Amiens Gun was captured toward the end of World War I by the 51st Battalion AIF, as a result of which, the gun was eventually shipped to Australia as a 'war trophy' to which we had claim. From the photograph below of the gun (thanks to Colonel Brook); you can imagine that, given its size and bulk, the shipping, unloading, transport and display of the gun was not without some considerable difficulty (most ship's captains refused to consider it). After some years in Sydney the gun was re-located to the Australian War Memorial in Canberra (without dragropes, prepare to advance!).



During the 1940's the Proof and Experimental Establishment at Port Wakefield borrowed the gun's mounting to assist with proofing some 8" naval guns following a barrel re-fit during World War II. Colonel Brook's interest in the gun was sparked during his tenure as OC P&EE Port Wakefield, when he spent some time pondering the original purpose of this immense concrete-lined hole in the ground - his research uncovered the aforementioned proofing activity during the 1940's.

Regrettably, the mounting and carriage were never returned to the War Memorial (sold to Japan for scrap), but the barrel remains there to this day. It serves as a memorial to both the courage of the Diggers of World War I, and to the engineering skills of the German designers and craftsmen who built this enormous gun. The characteristics of the gun, manufactured by Friedrich Krupps in 1904, include: Range - 26,000 yards; Calibre - 283 mm; Weight of shell: - 660 lbs (300 kgs); Weight of bare gun: - 44 tons; Total weight of gun, mounting and platform: - 185 tons approximately.

## Brief Summary of the Early Life of Major D. G. (Gerald) Taylor Ed

In many conversations over the years with Gerald Taylor I have been amazed at the interesting anecdotes from his early life, so, after much coercion, Gerald has finally provided me with a 'snapshot' of his life in uniform - many thanks Gerald, and I look forward to many more years of your anecdotes.

‘When I left Boarding School, which was about forty miles from where I lived, my father suggested that I should join the local Territorial unit to make a new group of friends. The Depot was only a ten-minute walk away so I went off to join up. Unfortunately I did not pass the medical, owing to my eyesight. My father, who was a prominent business man, must have pulled a few strings, for a few days later I was asked to return and duly enlisted on 3rd March 1938, medical category B3.

The unit I joined was 304th Company 27th Battalion London Electrical Engineers, Royal Engineers, Territorial Army. We were searchlights, and I proceeded to learn how to operate the searchlight and sound locators, generators, etc. We went to summer camp for a fortnight in July, and during exercises with the R.A.F., the plan for Air Defence of Great Britain was formulated. During the Munich Crisis, at the end of September we were called out for a fortnight, and after that, Air Defence of Great Britain was continually manned in a skeletal fashion by the Territorial Army, whose fortnight summer camp became a month, spread throughout the year.

I went off to camp in the Chichester area on 13th August 1939. About ten days later we were told War Clouds were coming again and we would have to take up War Stations. Section 1 (equivalent to a troop) went to Fareham to guard the oil refinery. Sections 2 and 4 (I was in 4) went to Gosport, and 3 went to our war area north of London. We were L.A.A. armed with Lewis guns on a tripod! At the end of September we were relieved by the Middlesex Regt. and joined Section 3 as S/L in the Aylesbury and Leighton Buzzard area.

My unit went overseas in late 1940; I was left behind because I was B3, and joined 504 Coy, a conscript unit mainly from Glasgow, which took over the area. After much trouble I was eventually re-graded to A.1, went to Shrivenham in November 1941, was commissioned on 14th May 1942 and posted to 248 HAA Battery in Walthamstow and Hyde Park. In October a new Regiment was formed and I joined 386th Battery 175 HAA Regiment; my gun site was 4.5's on Hackney Marshes. In October we went to Cornwall to guard the airfields from which the airborne troops left for the North African landings.

Eventually, in April 1943, we sailed for Gibraltar, and I was lucky enough to be chosen as one of the four Ack Ack officers on the ship. I eventually left Gibraltar for Italy in January 1945 where I joined the 78 (Duke of Lancaster's Own Yeomanry) Medium Regiment R.A. (a Territorial Army unit from Bolton); we were equipped with 5.5 Medium guns as part of 6 A.G.R.A. We finished the war just north of Trieste on 2nd May. The Regiment was then called on to perform various odd duties. As I was not in cotton (the CO was a cotton broker and the two Battery Commanders had cotton mills; everyone else seemed to be connected with cotton) I was the officer who was sent off to do these things. In February 1946 I was sent back to Venice to take over 44th Field Bakery; it was there that I met the lady who is now my wife.

In October the regular army bakery from G.H.Q. Caserta took over from me and I was posted to No.3 Petroleum Technical Stores Depot where I had various other things to do, such as Acting Adjutant of 13 CRASC, anti-pilferage officer for the Mestre Marshalling Yards, and member of many Courts Martial. After eventually selling the technical stores to the Italian Government, I returned to England in May 1947 and was demobbed on 18th August 1947. This was eight years and five days, the longest summer camp I ever did!

In 1950 I rejoined the Territorial Army, 648th HAA Regiment (Royal Berks) RA at Hackney. In 1954 Air Defence of GB was disbanded and I was lucky enough to be taken on by one of the two Regt's to be formed as part of the Field Force for guarding Beachheads, etc. At the time of leaving the United Kingdom, on 2nd January 1957, I was Battery Commander at Chingford, Essex.

On coming to Adelaide I joined 13th Field Regiment CMF, and completed my active military service in 1967 on reaching retirement age. The (then) Colonel Commandant, Sir James Irwin, asked me to help form a branch of the Royal Australian Artillery Association, and I am still a Committee member. The Association honoured me in 1998 by granting me Life Membership.’

### **Extract from the President's Speech at 2003 Gunner Dinner**

‘The night of 23rd October was clear and illuminated by a brilliant, almost full moon. As soon as it was dark a hurried hot meal was served to the men out in front, start-lines were laid and the routes to the forming-up positions taped. As the leading battalions moved forward, following the tapes, a cool

southerly breeze was blowing. In silence the men who were to go forward waited as the moment came ever closer when the guns would strike the first chord of their harsh overture to battle. The bomber aircraft that were to support the army's assault approached from the east and passed over. A few distant points of light then flickered unimpressively from the desert on the British side; they came from the muzzles of the long-range guns opening up in advance of the shock moment so that their first shells would fall in the same split second as those from the massed field artillery. In an instant, at the stroke of 9.40pm, flashes from hundreds of guns were seen sparkling in a long line across the desert.

Seconds seemed to be drawn out into minutes while flickering gun flashes continued to play silently up and down the line, and only the droning rhythm of the aircraft, then flying above the enemy positions could be heard until the sound wave crashed with a roar of furious hammering from the sharp reports of the guns, pounding at a combined rate of thousands of rounds per minute. For 15 minutes the counter battery bombardment continued unabated. Suddenly the guns were silent, and there was breathless stillness. Above the 8th Army two searchlights pointed long still fingers into the sky. Five minutes passed. At 10.00pm the 2 beams swung inward and intersected, forming a pointed arch. At that instant the British guns opened a barrage of unimaginable intensity, eclipsing their first performance, and to the urgent drumming of the guns the infantry stepped out from their start lines in slow, measured paces at the even rate of 75 yards per minute. The moon shone down. The fight was on (Extract from the Official History - Tobruk and El Alamein)

At 10.00pm last Thursday night, 61 years ago, our predecessors were making a significant contribution to bringing the fight in the middle east to an end, in the same dedicated and professional manner as our gunners are today.

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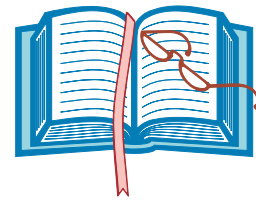
## **A Short History of the 4th Field Artillery**

4TH FIELD REGIMENT  
ROYAL REGIMENT OF AUSTRALIAN ARTILLERY - HISTORICAL GUIDE

Written and published by Arthur Burke, Brisbane, 2003, 40 pages

Paddy Durnford, that erudite curator of 4th Field's Historical Collection is selling copies of this small, professionally produced booklet for \$6 each including postage. The A4-sized two-colour publication is a short history of the 4th Field Artillery from its origin in the 1850s of Victoria to the unit in Townsville today. The 4th has seen active service in two World Wars and the Vietnam conflict and continues to provide soldiers in support of modern operations to places such as East Timor and the Solomons. It is written in an easy reading, flowing style and contains lists of the modern (post 1960) Commanding Officers and Regimental Sergeant Majors as well as notes on the unit colour patch, badge/logos and the historical collection.

Arthur Burke, the honorary historian of 4th Field Regiment published this booklet under a grant from the ANZAC Day Commemoration Committee of Queensland. He then donated the 2000 copies printed to the Historical Collection to raise sorely needed funds for the museum's restoration projects. WHY NOT HELP PRESERVE PART OF OUR GUNNER HERITAGE BY PURCHASING A COPY? SEND \$6 TO PADDY DURNFORD AND YOU WILL RECEIVE A COPY OF THIS HISTORICAL GUIDE BY RETURN POST. HIS ADDRESS IS 4TH FIELD REGIMENT HISTORICAL COLLECTION, CHAU PHA LINES, LAVARACK BARRACKS, TOWNSVILLE QLD 4813.



## ***Queensland Gunner Events***

### **25th April 2004 - Brisbane**

#### **ANZAC Day March**

Post WW2 Gunners form up behind the Casino  
in Elizabeth Street from 1000 h,  
reunion upstairs in the Transcontinental Hotel  
opposite Roma Street Railway Station  
Contact Arthur Burke (07) 3263 6025

### **6th August 2004 - Townsville**

#### **Gunner Dinner**

Contact Ken Borgges (07) 4779 6430

### **22th-24th October 2004 - Canberra**

#### **Reunion - 105th Field Battery**

Contact Wally Conway (07) 3376 3182

## ROYAL AUSTRALIAN ARTILLERY ASSOCIATION (NSW) INC.

The Royal Australian Artillery Association (NSW) Inc. needs your support. The association undertakes a number of activities for Gunners of all ranks, full and part time, currently serving or retired. It's journal Gunfire is published three times a year and aims to keep members up to date with issues in the Gunner world.

The AIMS of the association are:

- ◆ be the peak Gunner organisation in NSW;
- ◆ foster esprit-de-corps, Gunner traditions and comradeship amongst all Gunner ranks;
- ◆ communicate with the Gunner fraternity; and
- ◆ represent and make representations on behalf of Gunners.

A number of strategies have been determined in relation to each of those aims.

So, if you wish to be involved in traditional activities of the Regiment such as the Annual Gunner Dinner, maintain social contact with gunner mates through the Anzac Day reunion or sporting activities or just want to support your corps, join the association now. The cost is only \$25 in the first year which includes an enamel lapel badge and \$15 per annum thereafter.

An application form is on page 76.

## ***New South Wales Gunner Events***

### **Sunday 25th April 2004**

**ANZAC Day Gunner Reunion**  
at Sporters Bar, Menzies Hotel,  
Carrington Street, Sydney  
(behind Wynyard Station)  
Contact Ross Smith (02) 9971 7317

### **Saturday 7th August 2004**

**77th Annual Gunner Dinner**  
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## 50th Anniversary of 'Gunfire' Official Magazine of the NSW Association

Seeking contributions for the 50th anniversary issue of Gunfire

2004 is the penultimate year of publication prior to the 50th anniversary of Gun Fire Vol1 No1. The first issue was published in January, 1955. Current work in progress includes the compilation of all issues of Gunfire into electronic format for re-issue as a CD-ROM that can be read using a computer. CD-ROMs have an archival quality that will enable the collection to be easily kept and used in libraries such as the National Artillery Museum, North Fort; State and National, way beyond the life of the paper original.

The 50th Anniversary Issue will be a chance to reflect and project forward. The assistance of gunners is sought to gather snippets of the last 50 years that preferably have not been published elsewhere for inclusion in the anniversary issue. Photographs and brief accounts will be welcomed. The following are just some suggestions.



- ARA memories of Holsworthy
- The trip from Manly to shoot at Holsworthy
- Saluting troops from years gone by
- GLO - changes and advances
- Observer tours and attachments to other forces
- Mechanisation & computerisation
- CMF / Reserve activities or camps
- Units no longer on ORBAT eg: Amphib Obs
- Peacekeeping
- Crystal balling the future

**Items can be sent by any of the following methods up to 30 October 2004**

Mail to: The Editor Gunfire  
17 Richmond Cres  
CAMPBELLTOWN NSW 2560

Email to: [gunfire@hn.ozemail.com.au](mailto:gunfire@hn.ozemail.com.au)

Telephone contact numbers for Vic Rae, Editor – Home: 02 4625 3918 Mobile: 0417 680 617

# 50th Anniversary of Gunfire Photo Competition

The Committee of the Association invites participation in this competition and invites gunners and their friends and families to enter one or both of the following categories:

- A. Best action photograph of gunners at work**  
(Taken during the period 2003-2004)
- B. Best retrospective artillery photograph**

Two prizes of \$100 and \$75 will be offered to the entrants judged Best and Runner-Up in each category by the Judging Panel.

**Conditions of Entry**

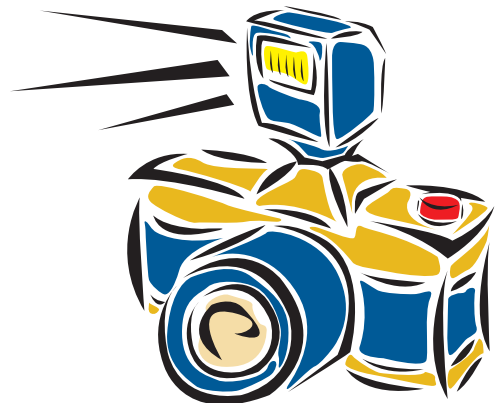
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Forward entries to:

**Gunfire Photo Competition,  
PO Box 576, GPO Sydney, NSW 2001**

**Entries close 30 September 2004**



# ROYAL AUSTRALIAN ARTILLERY ASSOCIATION (NSW) INC.

The Honorary Secretary  
RAA Association (NSW) Inc.  
G.P.O. Box 576  
SYDNEY NSW 2001

Date:

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