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R.A.A. ASSOCIATION OF TASMANIA INC.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

All R.A.A.A. of Tasmania Inc. members are urged to attend our A.G.M. as per notice and get involved. We can only remain strong, and keep firing, if we work together as a crew. Bring along a Gunner friend. There's still a lot out there who haven't been recruited yet – and we would value their company. This will be a Day - Evening affair with a bit of essential Business - and then a deal of Pleasure.

Royal Australian Artillery Association of Tasmania Inc

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*Saturday 3rd December 2005, 1.30pm,
Paterson Barracks, 2 St. John Street, LAUNCESTON*

BEREAVEMENTS

It is my sad duty to pass on the following information.

Firstly, regarding our Hon. Sec. Norm Andrews' mother, Thelma, who passed away peacefully at 1756hrs on 23rd of August 2005 at the Launceston General Hospital.

Details from the Family Funeral Notice

ANDREWS (*nee Andrews*) -**Thelma Muriel Margaret**, departed this life to be with her Lord, surrounded by loving family at the LGH in her 87th year, 23rd August 2005. Wife of James (Jim) Andrews for over 61 years. Mother of Norman, Mother-in-law of Lorraine, devoted Gran to Pamela, Bruce, Helen and Rosemary. Eldest child of William and Muriel Andrews (*nee Dakin*, both dec). Sister to George (POW WWII dec), Alan and sister-in-law to Beverly, Leonard and sister-in-law to Melva. Loved aunt to all her nephews, nieces and great-nieces.

The family sincerely thank the caring medical, nursing and support staff who looked after Thelma for their kindness: Dr. Peter Davies, Community Nurse Daniel Terry, Tas Amb crews, LGH DEM (A&E), Wards 3R and 6D.

Now resting free from pain. Rest In Peace. Treasured Memories.

An Anglican funeral service was conducted at the CT Finney Centre, Nunamina Ave, Kings Meadows on Friday 26th August, 2005 at 10am. Relatives and friends were respectfully invited to attend. Garden flowers or in lieu, donations towards patient care for Ward 6D at the Launceston General Hospital were preferred.

Jeremiah 31.3 - "Yea, I have loved Thee with an everlasting love".

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PETTERWOOD (*nee McKenzie*) – **Ailsa Pearl**. Loved wife of Graeme. Mother of Susan, Paul and Lee. Respected Mother-in-law of Graeme Popowski and Jamie Harper. Grand-mother of Rebecca, Ricky, Tegan, Brayden and Jak. Loved sister and sister-in-law of Rodney and Linda McKenzie and adored Aunt of Ashlea and Marcus. Sister-in-law of Geoff and Pat Petterwood and aunt and great aunt to all her nieces and nephews. Daughter and Daughter- in law of the late Kenneth and Pearl McKenzie and Ernie and Mary Petterwood. Loved sister of Fred (all dec)

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank Col. Mark Cameron RFD, Retd. (Colonel Commandant, Tasmania Region R.R.A.A.) who passed on the condolences of the Royal Regiment of Australian Artillery as well as his own kind words of support. Special thanks to Norman Andrews - considering his own family situation at that time - and those many Association members who offered their individual condolences by phone, mail and email and those who were able to attend the service at the Carr Villa Park Crematorium Chapel in Launceston on August 18th. 2005. I would be remiss if I did not mention those special gunner mates who contacted me personally and passed on their sympathy and their respect for a wonderful lady." Graeme Petterwood (Editor)

Email dated September 22nd from Hon.Sec. Norman Andrews.

GROOM – Dorice. Loved wife of Bruce.

I have just received a phone call from Bruce Groom in Melbourne telling me that Dorice passed away last night in hospital after a very long illness.

Bruce did not say what the funeral arrangements are for Dorice.

Dorice Groom was the daughter of LTCOL R S (Dickie) Gee DSO VD she donated \$250.00 along with the same amount from the Artillery Historical Trust of Tasmania Northern Br which was invested with the L'ton RSL for a wreath each ANZAC DAY with a card reading :-

**Royal Australian Artillery Association of
Tasmania Inc.**

formally the Artillery Historical Trust of Tasmania, Northern Branch
and Launceston Artillery Old Comrades Association.

In loving memory of Fallen Comrades of the
9th Battery Australian Field Artillery
and their beloved Commanding Officer
the late Lieutenant Colonel R S “Dickie” Gee, DSO. VD

And to

**All Gunners who have passed on into the big Gun
Park in the sky**

“At the going down of the sun, and in the morning, we will remember them”

“Lest we forget”

I personally will not be able to attend the funeral, but it would be great if somebody could represent the Artillery Corps at the funeral; which I think will be announced in the Melbourne Newspapers.

When time permitted, and she was well enough to receive visitors; I used to visit Dorice when in Melbourne. Her cards and info will be sadly missed by all.

Dorice was among the first to join the new RAA Assoc of Tas and did so on the 20th Feb 2000

Her Army No was TF150360 and she served with the Search light units in Hobart I believe during WW11 and was awarded the General Service and War Medals

UBIQUE

Norman B Andrews OAM

Secretary-Public Officer

RAA Assoc of Tas Inc.

SHRAPNEL GOSSIP

- The **6th Field Gunners** will be holding their Annual General Meeting and 'Get-Together' at **Paterson Barracks** commencing at **12.00 a.m until 4.00p.m.on October 22nd. 2005**. All members are encouraged to attend.
- The following message is self-explanatory and all those Gunners who are interested in attending this function organized by the **123rd Independent Transport Platoon (RAASC)** to celebrate the 53rd Anniversary of their formation are urged to act immediately and register your name with Ira Kilworth or Norm Andrews.

VALUE for MONEY – GET to Know YOU

WARNING ORDER

A group of *past* Citizens Military Forces guys and gals intend holding a

get to know you get together at the

COUNTRY CLUB CASINO

LINKS RESTRAUANT Prospect

on WEDNESDAY 26th October 2005

1130hours for a start at 1200hours 12noon.

- This is a GOLDEN Opportunity to meet other groups of like minded people and enjoy their company.
 - A small fundraising raffle will be held and drawn on the day
 - Half the funds raised (profits) will be donated to the HARRY MURRAY MEMORIAL STATUE at EVANDALE Harry Murray credits his initial Military Training to the Launceston Artillery
 - The other half of funds raised will be donated to the Scott Wing of the North Eastern Soldiers Memorial Hospital at Scottsdale.
 - COST is \$20.00 per person for a luscious smorgasbord luncheon and that includes a fun pack valued at \$10.00



All welcome – bookings essential

More information and bookings to Mr Ira Killworth 6393 6275 or Norm Andrews

Next meeting – Northern Historic Wing.

The next meeting of the R.A.A.A.T. Inc. Northern Historic Wing will be held on 13th October commencing at 2.00 p.m. at St. Basil's Room, Mt. Esk Nursing Home, St. Leonards at the kind invitation of Eric Ryan.

All members are cordially invited, and are requested to bring a plate to share.

SINGAPORE REMBERS WWII

Singapore has issued, through the Singapore Tourist Board, a set of 7 pewter badges or pins, which were presented free during the month of September, to visitors to the WWII sites and Museums now located at or near the places that featured in that country's involvement in the Pacific War.

It is now 60 years since the conflict with Japan officially ceased and, the actual Anniversary of that day - 15th August 1945 - will have already been remembered with varying depths of emotion in Singapore and in many other places by those who have reason to hold a memory of those days.

In September 1945, the Australian P.O.W's being held in Singapore started their homeward journey.

The holder of this card is eligible to collect a FREE pin by showing this card at the reception of the following sites/museums.

			
Singapore Philatelic Museum 23-B Coleman Street	Changi Chapel & Museum 1000, Upper Changi Road North	Reflections at Bukit Chandu 31-k Pepys Road	Labrador Park Labrador Villa Road
			
Fort Siloso, Sentosa	The Legends Fort Canning Park 51, Canning Rise	Changi Chapel & Museum 1000, Upper Changi Road North	

 For more details, log on to:
visitsingapore.com/WWII (24-hr Touristline 1800 736 2000)
Every effort has been made to ensure that the information on this card is accurate at the time of publication. (July 2005)

SINGAPORE COMMEMORATES
The 60th ANNIVERSARY of the End of
World War II
1945 - 2005



The Changi Chapel & Museum tells the stories of prisoners-of-war and civilian internees in Singapore during the Japanese Occupation (1942-1945). One can also leave heartfelt messages in the chapel in remembrance of all who suffered.

UNIQUELY
Singapore

SINGAPORE COMMEMORATES
The 60th ANNIVERSARY of the End of
World War II
1945 - 2005

60 years since the end of WWII in Asia Pacific, Singapore pays tribute to all those who fought and even sacrificed their lives in the war. This pin is one of a series of seven pins that have been produced to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of The End of WWII

Two of the pewter badges available to visitors to Changi Chapel & Museum September 2005.



Changi Liberation Day 1945



An ex-P.O.W. has been immortalised on an Australian coin.
Although not held in Changi – 44 year old NX29147 Private William Leslie Darcy is shown being welcomed home by his wife and daughter Jaquie - 29th July 1945.

For those with Internet access – Recommended Reading.

Refer: <http://www.singapore-window.org/sw04/040306a1.htm>

Refer: <http://www.diggerhistory.info/pages-battles/ww2/changi/0-changi-cat-index.htm>

GUNNER MEMORIAL PLAQUE - ROYAL PARK 4th June 2005

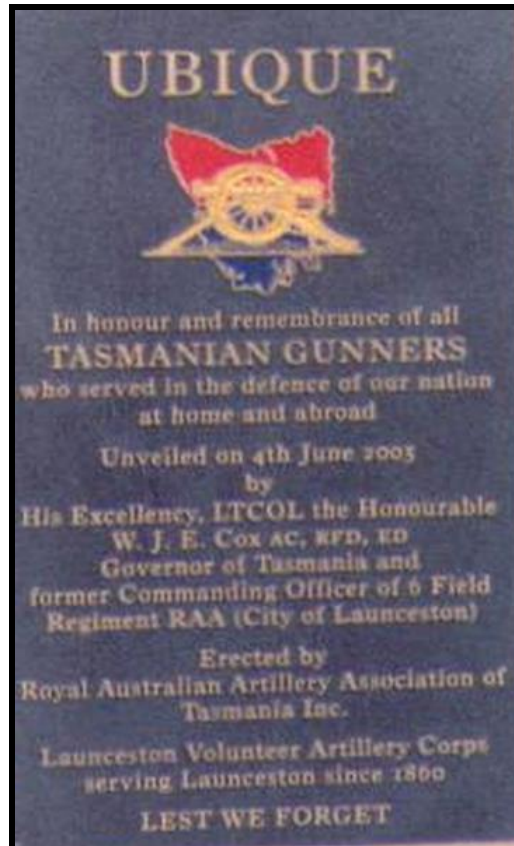
Better late than never are a few extra photos taken at the unveiling of the Gunners Memorial Plaque by **His Excellency LTCOL William J E Cox AC, KStJ, RFD, ED** on 4th.June, 2005 and the social function at the Paterson Barracks Sergeant's Mess afterwards. It is impossible to mention by '*name, rank and serial number*' all those who were present at this auspicious event, but, suffice to say, it was a memorable occasion in which the spirits of those comrades now past were rekindled and reminiscences and experiences of being a Tasmanian GUNNER were relived and shared. Thanks also to Tim Stewart for his photographic contributions.



**Governor's ADC. Fl.Lt. Steve de Haan with Norman Andrews prior to the unveiling.
Maj. Barry Bastick, President R.A.A. of Tasmania officially welcoming the
Governor and all invited guests.**



Lt.Col. Mark Cameron, Sue Napier MHA and Ray Brown enjoying the occasion.



The Tasmanian Gunners' Plaque 2005



The unveiling of the commemorative plaque on 4th June by Governor William Cox assisted by Lt.Col. Mark Cameron and Maj. Barry Bastick



The blessing performed by Rev. D. Edmonds



Lt.Col. Mark Cameron, Governor Wm. Cox and Maj. Barry Bastick (obscured).



Don Cohen and Max Frost enjoy a few thoughts - and later, at Paterson Barracks, Tasmanian Governor William Cox shares a memory with Max Frost. Ray Brown is in the background



**A fine body of men!
Frank Stokes, Gordon Rowlings, Bill Hoyle and Fred Goss**



Eric Ryan and Governor Wm. Cox with Hans Petriak, Ray Brown and Barry Bastick in the background.

The Artillery News.

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