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Regt Christmas Function - Sat 5 Dec, 2009

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Regiment Cocktail Party - March 2010 – date TBA

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Reserve Forces Day – Sun 4 Jul, 2010

New Committee 2009/2010

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Vice

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K.Cochran

CAPT S.Flower

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R. McLean

B. Starke

R.C.M.Toplis

Regimental

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Patron: LT. COL R.N. Hawkins

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The President's Report

Members of the Association

G' Day

As another year draws to a close and I look back over my second year as President I would like to make you aware of some notable events the association has been involved in.

On the admin side of the fence it has been reasonably quiet, with only the completion of the incorporation of the association being noteworthy. Thanks to Jim Nash for his work on this project.

However on the social scene it has been quite different all starting with the annual reunion that was held at Hornsby RSL on the 7th November 08, with 42 members and guests in attendance. The night was a great success with our guest speaker Tom Hayller the Editor of "In the Line of Fire" giving us an insight into his book.

The Association presented the most improved Soldier 7th FD REGT 2008 award to LCPL Michael Rennie from CSS (HQ) Battery, with the runners up being BDR James Lunan 28 FD Bty and BDR Kurt Greenwood 113 FD Bty. We also presented Max Falconer, Laurie Hindmarsh & Kevin Flanagan with their Honorary Life Memberships.

Of the members that attended we had many who travelled a great distance to be with us, some from as far away as Queensland and Victoria and I thank them for their efforts and hope to see them again this year.

The Association was invited to the Regimental Dinner at Dee Why RSL on the 6 December 08. Three of our members were able to attend and we were treated to a great evening.

The Association was also invited to the Regimental Cocktail party at Fort Scratchly at Newcastle on 10th March 09. Only a few members were in attendance on the night but being able to share this great venue and the Band with the members of the Regiment was pleasing.

On 9th of May the Memorial Paver the association placed at North Fort for Capt Frank Ientile was dedicated. The dedication was conducted by the Regimental Chaplain and in attendance was Frank's

family, the CO and several former Officers who served with Frank together with some Committee members.



"The family of the late CAPTAIN Frank IENTILE at the dedication of the memorial paver at North Fort, 9 May 09"

The Regiment held a Formal Dining in night at Dee Why depot on Saturday 23rd May for the official opening of the new combined Officers and Sergeants Mess. Eight members of the Association were there to see the new mess and witness some new innovations in ration utilization. After dinner there was the usual mess games held. Were we that rough?

Anzac Day 09 saw a good attendance of 31 Members marching proudly behind our banner party of Cadets from 201 RCU. To the members that marched thank you, if you don't, who will? After the march all the Gunners caught up at the Menzies Hotel.

The RFD Parade on 5th July 09 saw the banner party consisting of Gary Fry & John Beeton plus our Standard bearer Jack Gwilym out in front again. It was great to see Harry Taylor back in his rightful place as ASM. The parade took on a different format

this year being held in the Domain which saw us standing in the sun, which unfortunately was a bit much for some.



"RFD Parade, Sydney Domain 5 July 2009"

During the year we have unfortunately had 3 departed members as you will see further on in Yandoo. However we have also lost two former Comrades;

SSGT Laurie Cohen - Jan 09

BDR James (Squizzy) Taylor - June 09

LEST WE FORGET

We had 6 new members join this year. Welcome and we are glad to have your Comradeship. This brings our total membership to a sum of 228 with approximately 125 of those members being either Honorary Life Members or Life Subscribers.

The Army is still working through the Regiment changing from 105s to 81mm mortars and at the annual general meeting the CO reported that this would take place next year with the association being able to attend the final field firing of the guns towards the latter part of the year.

Our Patron Kevin (Barney) Flanagan has done a great job as patron this past year and I wish him all the best this year in his new but not unfamiliar role as your President.

I decided this year not to stand for the position as I was finding it difficult to travel to Sydney for all the functions that the Association needed to be represented at. After two enjoyable years as President I thank you the members for your support and a special thanks to the committee for their efforts and hard work. Many hands make light work. I now look forward to the annual reunion this year back in the ranks.

I hope to see you all at the reunion in November but if you can't make it, have a great Christmas and a Happy New Year

UBIQUE

David Leek

P.S. to the outgoing President, a report by new president, Barney Flanagan, J.P.

I am still not sure how it happened, but I am your new President for the next twelve months.

First and foremost, I would like to congratulate Past President Dave for a job well done. I will endeavour to continue his good work. With the very capable and supportive Committee you have elected, I have no doubt that we will succeed.

I see from our membership list that there are many ex-members that I have not seen for years. It would be great to see as many of you at our reunion in November and talk about old times. I am sure that some of the stories we could tell would be very interesting to the younger members.

Hope to see you there.

Barney Flanagan JP
President

The CO's Corner

It is with some sadness that I make my final report as CO. As 2009 closes so does my tenure with 7 Fd Regt. It certainly has been a hectic 3 year term but I can report that despite our many challenges, the unit continues to meet its targets and grow as an offensive support unit. In particular we continue to provide:

- Soldiers for Ops, particularly in the Solomon Is and on border security tasks
- Joint Fire Team (JFT) capability to 2nd Division's High Readiness Reserve (HRR)
- Reserve Response Force (RRF) capability for security Operations
- Support to ADF activities such as Talisman Sabre and Special Forces training

There is little doubt that we have achieved these through the dedication of 7 Fd Regt soldiers whose actions have allowed us to succeed in these areas. Full credit goes to all members of 7 Fd Regt and I applaud them for their efforts.

While I have noted my departure this year I must also note a number of key staff postings that will also change at the year's end. These are:

- Major Antonio Furman – Operations Officer;
- Warrant Officer Class One Brett Armstrong – Regimental Sergeant Major;
- Warrant Officer Class Two Paul Johnston – SMIG 28 Bty
- Warrant Officer Class Two Graham Greisharber – SMIG 113 Bty
- Captain Greg Prosper – unit Chaplin

All have given a sterling service and their departure will be sorely missed.

Even a casual review of these names shows that we will be losing a number of senior people. Nonetheless staff continuity is assured by the retention of our 2 current BCs, Majors Greg Applewhite and Sam Nicholson, our XO, Major James Weaver, our Adjutant CAPT Il-kwon Jeong and our OPS WO who assumes the position of SMIG 28 Bty in 2010.

In addition, the new CO, LTCOL Grant Palmer and the RSM, WO1 'Paddy' McGarry represent a wealth of experience who together with the existing OCs will have no problems in leading the unit during this time of change.

Despite some of the challenges we faced, our targets remain unchanged. Our BDE Commander, BRIG Bridie, has made clear that support for ADF Operations, meeting Reserve Response Force (RRF) and High Readiness Reserve (HRR) targets remain the greatest goals imposed on us and the Reserves in general. I can state with some pride that 7 Fd Regt continues to show the way in all these areas. For instance, since my last update we have had or have eight unit members in the Solomon Is, two in border defence operations, one at Rifle Company Butterworth and four engaged in the Victorian Bushfire Assist activities including our LT Andrew Wallin who acted as commander for the 8 Bde contingent.

We have been no less successful in providing High Readiness Reserve capability for the BDE. Our requirements have been to provide 2 HRR JFT/Forward Observer teams and we have the requisite numbers signed, or have indicated they will sign to meet these. In addition, we have a number who are in the process of signing to meet JFT requirements for 5 BDE and drivers meeting BDE rather than unit targets. Well and truly we are more than meeting our goals here. Indeed as of a month ago 7 Fd had more people under HRR JFT roles than any other RAA reserve unit in Australia. The story is similar for RRF. We are more than 50% over the targets and there are still others in the unit who have indicated their interest in joining RRF. Having said this I must emphasise that the commitment our soldiers have given in joining the RRF and the HRR are not to be underestimated. By entering these schemes our soldiers accept the call to be trained to the highest levels and provide a commitment to serve on short notice. There is little doubt that 7 Fd gunners note this and deliberately seek to meet this call.

Despite these targets, we have not slowed our commitment to meet our traditional RAA role within the BDE. Training for the year commenced with obligatory induction and mandatory training, various conferences and the annual RAA Safety course. Thereafter we continued with the job of providing offensive fire support to units of the BDE. This calendar year we have planned a number of LFXs, have shown what we can do by providing offensive fire support for the Special Forces training and

participated in Talisman Sabre. The latter is particularly noteworthy. This year all our HHR members not on operations attended Talisman Sabre, a joint ADF and American exercise in Queensland. Under the leadership of CAPT Steve Flower our HRR provided JFT services and laid the groundwork for future support by showing off the professionalism and knowledge of 7 Fd members to their ARA counterparts. I applaud all of our HRR members for their efforts here

On the social front, I can advise that unit members continue to attend both the Sydney and Newcastle Gunner Dinners, supported ANZAC Day and recent Legacy activities. In addition, the Regiment supported various ceremonial responsibilities such as the Australia Day and Queen's Birthday salutes. It should also be noted that the Regiment celebrated its 93rd anniversary with a March birthday cocktail party at Fort Scratchly in Newcastle. The highlights for this very enjoyable night included a guided tour of the fort system and the cutting of the birthday cake. When the year closes, the Regiment will hold its usual annual all ranks dinner where we will have an opportunity to recognise the achievements of our members and farewell those leaving the unit.

Having said this I need to say that 2010 holds even more challenges not least being the start of our transition to mortars. Directives from higher have confirmed that 28 Bty will give up their guns and convert to mortars from April 2010. Our 113 Bty will retain its guns in the meantime but will transition to mortars from April 2011. I have stated previously that this transition is a new opportunity for the RAA. It allows RAA units to fill a niche capability and will see us filling a genuine gap within ADF formations. As with the HRR and RRF I am sure our gunners will take the challenge and overachieve as they have always succeeded in doing.

Despite all that has happened this year, we can rest assured that we have completed much and have set up the ground work to achieve our aims for 2010. There is also no doubt that our challenges for next year will be great but our experiences of the past shows we will have no trouble in meeting them. To this end I wish to thank all members of the unit and the Association for their support but also say this in anticipation for the support we will receive in the coming year.

Ubique
Max Shaday

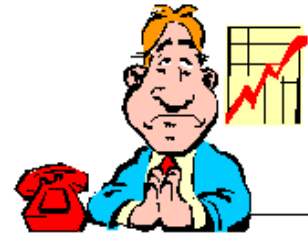
Lieutenant Colonel, Commanding Officer

Annual Reunion 2009

The Annual Reunion is to be held at Hornsby RSL on **Friday, 13th November**. Costs for dinner and drinks will be: **\$60**

Our special guest this year is **Kevin Browning**, Chairman, The Royal Australian Artillery Historical Company, NORTHFORT

Internet Banking



Payments for the **Reunion and Membership fees** can be made to:

BSB No 062 – 272 Account No 1001 3543

Don't forget to include your name



Last Post

DECEASED – LAST POST 2009

Graham Barry HALL – 17 January 2009
Aged 77

Barry enlisted 16 Feb 1965 into the Officer Training Corps Eastern Command. He graduated from the Officer Cadet Training Unit (OCTU) on 10 July 1966 as a Lieutenant and was allocated to 23 Field Regiment RAA.

He was promoted to Captain on 9 January 1970 and transferred to 9 LAA Regiment RAA on 2 April 1971 as BC 6 BTY.

Barry was promoted Temporary Major in March 1974 and detached to HQ RAA 2 Div for 12 months.

In May 1975 he was posted to Battery Commander, 113 Field Battery with his Unit then becoming 7 Field Regiment in October 1976.

He retired on 30 November 1976.

**Reginald William GABRIEL – 22 June 2009
Aged 70**

Reg enlisted on 15 June 1956 and served in the following Units;

1st Naval Bombardment Regiment RAA, 128 Amphibious Observation Battery RAA and 2 Division Headquarters.

He took his discharge, as a Gunner, on 9 February 1963.

**Ronald Rupert MOONEY, ED – 28 August 2009
Aged 93**

Ron was commissioned as a Lieutenant in 9th Field Artillery Brigade RAA (Militia) on 29 September 1938, transferring to 2/1st Field regiment AIF on 13 October 1939.

He was promoted Temporary Captain 10 August 1941 and then to Captain 20 November 1941.

From 10 January 1940 to 24 September 1942, he was an Instructor RAA Training Regiment AIF (Middle East).

On 25 September 1942 he transferred to 16th Australian Field Regiment (AIF) and was promoted to Major on 24 October 1942.

He was transferred to 2/8th Field Regiment (Jungle Division) AIF on 14 September 1944 then to 2/9th Field Regiment (Jungle Division) AIF on 23 March 1945 and was placed on the Reserve of Officers on 15 August 1945.

On 1 May 1948 he joined 7 Field Regiment RAA as Second in Command and then on 10 September 1951 went on the Reserve of Officers again.

Returning from the Reserve of Officers on 6 May 1955, he was attached to 130 Counter Bombardment Staff Troop RAA.

On 6 December 1955 he was promoted to Temporary Lieutenant Colonel as SORA1 130 Counter Bombardment Staff Troop RAA and his promotion to LTCOL was confirmed 6 December 1956.

We Shall Remember Them - Lest We Forget

Association Website Update

Don't forget to periodically look at our website at:

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7 Field Regiment Key Postings 2009

CO	LTCOL M.Shaday
OPSO	MAJ A.Furman *
XO	MAJ J.Weaver
ADJT	CAPT I.Jeong *
PADRE	CAPT G.Prosper
RMO	CAPT S.Collins
RSM	WO1 B.Armstrong *
WO COORD	WO2 P.Hume*
OPS WO	WO2 M.Troy*
BC 28	MAJ G.Applewhite
BK 28	CAPT S.Flower
BSM 28	WO2 P.Sengos
SMIG 28	WO2 P.Johnston *
BC 113	MAJ S.Nicholson
BK 113	CAPT G.Nicholls
BSM 113	SGT C.Porter
SMIG 113	WO2 G.Greisharber *

* ARA

New Members

The Association welcomes the following new members;

(GNR) John BEETON

(LCPL) Jenny CREEK

(LBDR) Michael CROWE

(SGT) Tom DONOHUE

(SGT) Stanley KNIGHT

(GNR) Gregory MOUNTJOY

We hope to see you all at the Annual Reunion in November

Items for Sale from the Association

Association Badge	\$10
Association Tie	\$25 + \$5 postage

Order now – send payment to PO Box 206
FRENCHS FOREST 2086

These will also be available to purchase at the reunion.

**Coming soon – Association Pocket Patch – watch
this space**

Annual Reunion Dinner 9 Nov 2008

For your information, the following attended the
Annual Reunion in November 2008 at Hornsby RSL:

Karen AISTON, John BALFOUR, John BAYNIE,
David BUZZACOTT, Kathy COCHRAN, Peter
FAIRFIELD, John FAIRLESS, Max FALCONER,
Kevin FLANAGAN, Steve FLOWER, Sharon
FULCHER, Phillip HAWKE, Ian HAYLEN,
Brian HECKENBERG, Merel NISBET,
Rod HEYS, Laurie HINDMARSH, Bill KNIGHT,
David LEEK, Andrew McCALLUM, Russ McLEAN,
Don McVAY, Greg MOUNTJOY, James NASH,
Grant NICHOLLS, Rusty RUSSELL, Maurie
SAINSBURY, Pat SENGOS, John STANFORD, Bill
STARKE, Kevin SULLIVAN, Lawrence TAYLOR,
Danny TOPLIS, Trevor WILLIAMS, Ken WILLIS.
Tom HAYLLER, LTCOL Max SHADAY,
MAJ Alain DUNAND, WO1 Brett ARMSTRONG,
BDR James LUNAN, LCPL Michael RENNIE.



*Annual Reunion 2008
Hornsby RSL*

Anzac Day 2009



Members List 2009

AISTON	Karen	🇺🇸
AMOR	William	🇺🇸
ARMSTRONG	Brett	🇺🇸
ATTARD	Andrew	🇺🇸
BAGSTER	Mark	
BALDWIN	Murray	🇺🇸
BARNETT	Michael	🇺🇸
BARROW	Gilbert	
BASTOCK	Fred	
BATEMAN	Ray	🇺🇸
BAYNIE	John	🇺🇸
BEETON	John	🇺🇸
BIBBY	Vic	
BLOW	David	🇺🇸
BORROWMAN	Gregory	🇺🇸
BOWEN	Chris	
BRADLEY	Leo	

BRENNAN	Raymond	🇺🇸
BREWER	Charles	🇺🇸
BRINCAT	Alex	
BROAD	Paul	🇺🇸
BROADHEAD	Ken	🇺🇸
BROWN	Jeffrey	🇺🇸
BURKE	Alec	🇺🇸
BURKE	Leo	
BUZACOTT	David	
CARLSSON	Jim	
CARRODUS	Michael	🇺🇸
CARSTENS	John	
CASHMORE	John	🇺🇸
CHAD	Allan	
CHASEBERRY	Joseph	🇺🇸
CHASELING	Brian	
CHETWYND	Rodney	🇺🇸
CHRISTIE	Carl	
CLARK	David	🇺🇸
CLARK	Neville	
CLIFF	Kevin	🇺🇸
CLIFTON	Alfred	🇺🇸
COCHRAN	Kathryn	🇺🇸
COCHRANE	John	
COLE	Mick	
COLLINS	Don	
CONDON	Schon	🇺🇸
COPPARD	Doug	
CREEK	Jenny	🇺🇸
CROWE	Michael	🇺🇸
CROZIER	Kel	🇺🇸
CUNNEEN	Stephen	🇺🇸
DONNELLY	Suzanne	🇺🇸
DONOHUE	Tom	🇺🇸
DOWN	Patrick	🇺🇸
DWYER	Peter	🇺🇸
EAGLETON	Harold	🇺🇸
EDWARDS	Hugh	
ELDERTON	Frederick	
ELSLEY	Graham	
FAIRFIELD	Peter	🇺🇸
FAIRLESS	John	🇺🇸
FELSTEAD	Edward	
FENDER	Shane	🇺🇸
FENTON	Stuart	
FINCH	Lachlan	🇺🇸
FITZPATRICK	Roy	
FLANAGAN	Kevin	🇺🇸
FLIPPENCE	Addie	🇺🇸
FLOWER	Stephen	🇺🇸

FOX	Harry	
FRANCIS	Clayton	🍎
FRAZER	Ian	🍎
FRIDOLFSSON	Peter	🍎
FRY	Gary	🍎
FULCHER	Sharon	🍎
GATES	Graham	
GIFFNEY	Desmond	
GILKINSON	Lance	
GILLESPIE	Rod	🍎
GLADEN	Noel	
GRESLEY	Wal	🍎
GWILYM	Jack	🍎
HAMER	Colin	
HANSFORD	Jes	🍎
HARGREAVES	Thomas	
HARRISON	Allan	🍎
HARROWER	David	
HAVARD	Richard	
HAWTHORNE	Laurie	🍎
HAWKINS	Neil	🍎
HAWKE	Phillip	
HAYLEN	Ian	
HECKENBERG	Brian	
HEMSLEY	Mark	
HEYS	Rodney	
HOBSON	Stuart	
HOEY	Ian	🍎
HOGAN	Chris	🍎
HORSELL	Drew	🍎
HUNGERFORD	Bruce	
IRELAND	John	
IZARD	Michael	
JACKSON	Neville	🍎
JAMES	Ian	🍎
JARMAN	David	🍎
JEFFRESON	Edward	
JEFFRESON	Norman	
JOHNSTON	Warwick	🍎
JONES	Marcus	🍎
JONES	Michael	🍎
JONES	Ronald	
KARIKS	Andi	🍎
KEEFE	John	🍎
KEEN	Ken	
KIRKWOOD	John	🍎
KNIGHT	Stanley	🍎
KNIGHT	William	
KOHLHAGEN	Ross	🍎
KOHLHAGEN	Paul	🍎

KOINA	Jeffrey	🍎
LANGFORD-BROWN	Ian	
LAURENCE	Michael	🍎
LEDWICH	Samuel	🍎
LEEK	David	🍎
LEWIS	Brian	
LINCOLN	David	
LONGFELLOW	Virginia	🍎
LOWE	Margo	🍎
MAGYAR	Mick	🍎
MAIN	Rick	🍎
MARTIN	Graham	🍎
MASON-JONES	Nicoll	
McCALLUM	Andrew	🍎
McCARTHY	Noel	
McCLELLAND	David	🍎
McDONOUGH	Paul	🍎
McFAYDEN	Barry	🍎
McGRATH	Peter	🍎
McKECHNIE	David	🍎
MCLEAN	Russ	🍎
MCMAHON	Peter	
MCVAY	Donald	🍎
MEDWAY	Harold	
MENDL	Peter	🍎
MILIC	Karl	
MILLAR	Anthony	🍎
MOORE	Dennis	
MORIXBAUER	Karl	🍎
MORGAN	Robert	
MORRIS	Douglas	🍎
MOUNTJOY	Gregory	
MOYSEY	David	🍎
MOYSEY	Robert	
MUIR	Gayle	🍎
MUIR	Peter	🍎
MUIR	Lawrence	
NASH	James	🍎
NEWBERRY	Malcolm	🍎
NICHOLS	Grant	🍎
NOAKES	Steven	🍎
O'NEILL	Mark	🍎
ORGOVANYI	Cornelius	🍎
OWENS	Robert	🍎
PINNINGTON	Laidley	
POSENER	John	🍎
POWER	Brian	
POWER	Phil	🍎
PRIMROSE	Brian	

QUINTON	Graham	🔴
RICHARDSON	Robert	🔴
ROBERTS	Bruce	🔴
ROBERTS	Paul	
ROBINSON	Richard	🔴
ROGAN	Robert	
ROWE	Warren	🔴
ROWORTH	Douglas	🔴
RULE	Donald	🔴
RUSSELL	Rusty	
RUSSELL	Robert	🔴
RYAN	Noel	🔴
SAINSBURY	Maurie	🔴
SCOTT	Ian	🔴
SEDGMAN	Evan	
SENGOS	Patrick	🔴
SHADAY	Max	🔴
SHANNON	John	🔴
SHUNWAH	Richard	🔴
SLATER	Peter	🔴
SMITH	Colin	
SMITH	Grahame	🔴
SMITH	Peter	🔴
SMITH	Roger	
SOTTER	Vernon	🔴
STANFORD	John	🔴
STARKE	Bill	🔴
STAZIKER	Stuart	🔴
STEDMAN	James	
STONE	Peter	🔴
STRICKLAND	Kent	🔴
SULLIVAN	Kevin	🔴
SUNDERLAND	Ray	🔴
TAYLOR	Harry	
TAYLOR	Lawrence	
THORNTON	Stephen	
TOBIN	Phillip	
TRENTIN	Mark	
TRUELOVE	Peter	🔴
WAGLAND	Ross	🔴
WALLER	Robert	🔴
WATSON	Alex	
WEBB	Ken	🔴
WHEATLEY	Murelia	🔴
WHITFIELD	Timothy	
WILLIAMS	Darcy	
WILLIAMS	Trevor	🔴
WILLIS	Kenneth	
WILSON	John	🔴
WORBOYS	Simon	🔴

WRIGHT	Colin	
YEATES	Chris	
YOUNG	Warwick	🔴

Honorary Life Members

BALFOUR	John	🔴
CORBETT	Robert	🔴
CROWE	John	Deceased
FALCONER	Max	🔴
HINDMARSH	Laurie	
LEWIS-HUGHES	KEN	Deceased
NEILL	William	
TOPLIS	Danny	

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<mailto:jba30607@bigpond.net.au>



Missing Members

Please have a “good” look at the members listing and if you know of anyone who’s name does not appear, please remind them to renew /or apply for membership, they are just a phone call away....



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