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Annual Reunion - Friday 12 November 2010
Regt Christmas Function - Sat 4 December 2010
St Barbara's Day Church Service - Sun 5 Dec, 2010
Regiment Cocktail Party - March 2010 (Date TBA)
Anzac Lunch - Sun 17 April 2011
ANZAC Day - Mon 25 April 2011
Reserve Forces Day – Sun 3 July 2011

New Committee 2010/2011

President: K.E.Flanagan
Vice Presidents: S.Fulcher and J.Nash
Secretary: WO1 J.G. Balfour
Treasurer: D.B.McVay
Committee: WO1 K.S.Aiston
K.Cochran
CAPT S.Flower
T.J.Gwilym
A.McCallum
R. McLean
B. Starke
R.C.M.Toplis
Regimental Rep: CAPT S.Flower
Patron: LT. COL N. Hawkins (Ret'd)
Hon Solicitor: LTCOL G.Barter
Hon Auditor: W.J.Neill

The President's Report

Members of the Association

Well, another year has quickly gone, but when we look back, we see progress. The achievements throughout the year have been because of the dedicated work of your committee.

I commenced my term of office last year with the first major activity being the Annual Reunion in November (09), and a very successful night it was. Again, we had some new faces from old times in attendance, and many old experiences were revisited.

Earlier this year, we had the pleasure of welcoming LTCOL Grant Palmer, the new CO, and WO1 David McGarry, the new RSM. Some committee members were in attendance at a lunch with the CO, where forthcoming events of both the Association and Regiment were discussed. The most pleasing result was the full support of the CO towards the Association, particularly the Anzac March. Our numbers could swell to a record number.

The Association now has it's own polo shirt. They have been very well received & are available from John at a very reasonable price.

A new event which commenced this year is the Anzac Luncheon, being held on a Sunday prior to Anzac Day. At the Inaugural luncheon, there were 14 ex-gunners present, and hopefully with greater PR work, we will increase this number next year.



Members and their guests at the Anzac Luncheon.

Unfortunately, throughout the year we recorded the passing of several of our esteemed members & former colleagues, the particulars of which will be found elsewhere in YANDOO. (We Will Remember Them).

We presented Bill Neill, our Honorary Auditor, with **Honorary Life Membership** at the Reunion in November 09. Bill has been auditing our financial affairs at no cost since inception – WELL DONE.



Honorary Life Membership presentation to Bill Neill by the President Barney Flanagan

We were also pleased to be able to present Brian Heckenberg with **Honorary Life membership** recently, albeit in Concord Hospital – See photo below. Hopefully Brian will be back at home recovering from serious surgery by the time you read this.



It was also great to see the recent presentation to JB for his 45 years of service since walking in to Willoughby Depot early 1965.



John Balfour being presented by COMD 2nd Division, MAJGEN Craig Williams, with the framed Pennant, from the Royal Regiment of Australian Artillery.

In closing my report, on behalf of all members, I would like to thank your committee, particularly John, because without their assistance and willingness to achieve, the Association could falter.

Best wishes to all and hope to see you at the Reunion

**Kevin (Barney) Flanagan JP
President**

The CO's Corner

As the Commanding Officer of what I believe to be the most proficient Regiment in the 2nd Division I am immensely proud of the efforts of all ranks in the Unit. The pride I have for the soldiers comes from a number of sources.

The dedication that the members of the Regiment display towards soldiering is one of these sources. On a number of occasions this year I have asked them to change what they are doing a number of times and at times at very short notice to support operations within Australia and overseas. Despite the difficulties these changes entailed they have fulfilled the requirements and exceeded expectations.

As many of you are aware the Regiment was to convert to the 81mm Mortar as its offensive support platform. The soldiers of the Regiment were keen to take up this challenge and ready to commence conversion training. At H - one week we were "Ready Mortar FirePlan". However as all good gunners know rarely does the manoeuvre plan stay fixed. Due to a shortage of mortar ammunition worldwide a decision was made to retain the 105mm capability within 7 and 23 Field Regiments until more mortar ammunition

becomes available. In one week the Regiment was able to cancel all mortar related activities and plan and conduct 105mm Gun related training. This was challenging to say the least but again the soldiers faced the disappointment, pulled up their socks and carried on in the finest of gunner traditions.

The final proof of this dedication was displayed in September when the Regiment conducted a courses camp culminating in a live fire activity with 23 Field Regiment. Over twenty soldiers upgraded their qualifications and all Command appointments on the exercise were held by 7 Field Regiment personnel. As a result of this the Regiment is on target to deploy six guns to the field in November where we will be providing offensive support training to the junior leaders of the other units of 8th Brigade.

I mention these things because one of the key components to soldiering is passion. Passion for soldiering is built around tradition and heritage. The heritage of this Regiment is a proud one. In my office at RHQ sits a brief history of the Regiment. Some of the battles listed in history are some of the Australian Army's finest moments and memories of these are kept alive by organisations such as the Regimental associations. I could not get the soldiers of the Regiment to achieve what they do without being able to take pride in the colour patch of the 3rd Division Artillery which the 7th Field Regiment Association keeps alive. So to the members of the Association I thank you for the support you provide to the Regiment. It is greatly appreciated by myself and the soldiers of the Regiment even if not often expressed.

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Grant Palmer
Lieutenant Colonel
Commanding Officer

7 Field Regiment Key Postings 2010

CO	LTCOL G.Palmer
OPSO	MAJ R.Opie *
XO	MAJ D.See
ADJT	CAPT I.Jeong *
PADRE	CHAP R.Esterby
RMO	CAPT S.Collins
RSM	WO1 D.McGarry *
WO COORD	WO2 P.Hume*
OPS WO	WO1 A.Harriden*
BC 28	MAJ G.Applewhite
BK 28	CAPT M.Jones

BSM 28 WO2 P.Sengos
 SMIG 28 WO2 M.Troy *
 BC 113 MAJ S.Nicholson
 BK 113 WO1 P.Linsley
 BSM 113 WO2 C.Porter
 SMIG 113 WO2 T.Organ *

* ARA

Reserve Forces Day 2010



Reserve Forces Day Parade, 2010



New Members

The Association welcomes the following new members;

(CPL) Steven BALFOUR

(SSGT) Gordon BLINKHORNE

(CPL) Peter COLLINS

(SGT) Richard GROUSE

(SGT) Ted HAWLEY

(WO1) Bruce JOHNSON

(SGT) David KIMBERLEY

(WO1) David McGARRY

(GNR) Les McGLINN

(BDR) Neville NEWTON

(LTCOL) Grant PALMER

(LBDR) Peter PEDERSEN

(MAJ) Peter TREBILCO, OAM,ED

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

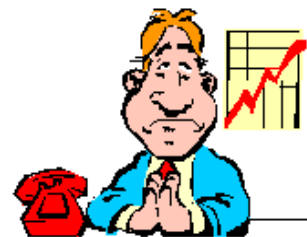
Items for Sale from the Association

- Association Badge \$10
- Association Tie \$25 + \$5 postage
- Polo Shirt (Red/Blue) \$30 + \$7 postage

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

These will also be available to purchase at the reunion.

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

Association Website Update

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

<http://www.7fd-regt-raa-association.com/>

Please also see this new Website:

<http://australianartilleryassociation.com>

Annual Reunion 2010

The Annual Reunion is to be held at Chatswood RSL on **Friday, 12th November**. Cost for dinner, wines & port will be: **\$52**

Our special guest this year is **SGT James BELL** with a presentation on his recent service in Afghanistan

Annual Reunion Dinner 13 Nov 2009

For your information, the following attended the Annual Reunion in November 2009 at Hornsby RSL:

John ASHLEY, John BALFOUR, Steven BALFOUR, Michael BARNETT, John BAYNIE, John BEETON & Antoinetta, Chris BOWEN, John CASHMORE, Kathy COCHRAN, Peter COLLINS, John FAIRLESS, Kevin FLANAGAN, Steve FLOWER, Jack GWILYM, Neil HAWKINS, Ian HOEY, Laurie HINDMARSH, Bruce JOHNSTON, Bill KNIGHT, Andrew McCALLUM & Jenny, Russ McLEAN, David McCLELLAND, Paul McDONOUGH, Don McVAY, Bob MOYSEY, James NASH, Bill NEILL & Nevine, Bob OWENS, Phil POWER, Rusty RUSSELL, Pat SENGOS, Kevin SULLIVAN, Danny TOPLIS, Peter TREBILCO, Trevor WILLIAMS.

Kevin BROWNING, LTCOL Max SHADAY, WO2 Mike TROY, PTE Dallas JEWELL, SGT Aaron SCOTT, LBDR Michael HAMMANG.



Special presentation to Pat Sengos for administration of the Association Website



Annual Reunion: Jack Gwilym and Ken Broadhead

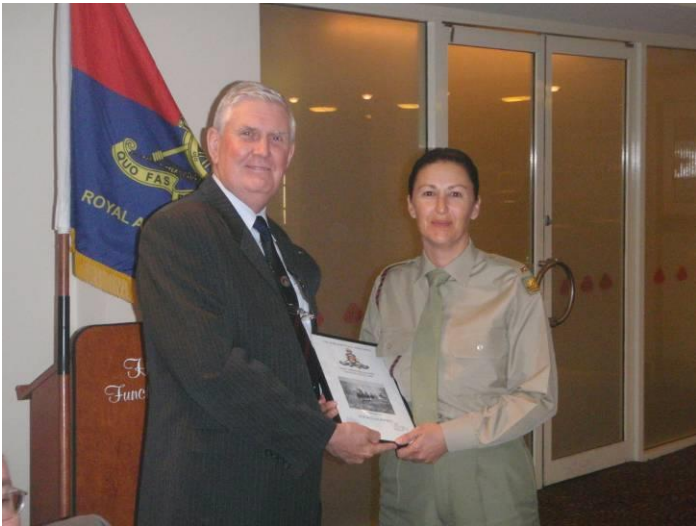


Annual Reunion: Peter Trebilco and John Baynie



Annual Reunion: Kevin Sullivan, Bill Knight, John Ashley and Paul McDonough.

Most Improved Soldier Award 2009



Presentation of Most Improved Soldier 2009 Award to PTE Dallas Jewell by the Patron LTCOL Neil Hawkins.

Anzac Day 2010



Desmond Michael GIFFNEY – 20 March 2010 – Aged 83

Des enlisted on 10 July 1951 in 7 Field Regiment RAA and was posted to Q Battery.

He was promoted to Bombardier on 12 December 1951 and then to Sergeant on 14 October 1952.

On 4 June 1954 he was commissioned as a Lieutenant and transferred to P Battery. On 22 January 1959 he was promoted to Captain.

On 1 July 1969, Des was detached to 131 Divisional Locating Battery RAA and was later transferred to the Battery on 12 July.

Des transferred to the Reserve Citizen Military Forces on 9 June 1966.

Patrick SEWELL – 4 January 2010 – aged 74

Pat was not a member of the Association but was well known to many members & was President of the Pittwater RSL Club at the time of his death.

DECEASED MEMBERS

For your information, following is a list of “Departed” Members since formation of the Association. If you believe we are missing any names, please notify the Editor.

John ANDREW	1995
Michael ARLINGTON	1992
Mike BANHAM	2000
Robert BAYLES	1990
Alec BURKE	2008
Herbert BRADLEY	2003
John BRADLEY	1988
Kevin BRYANT	2005
Maxwell CARMENT	2007
Vincent CARRICK	1987
Gordon CARROLL	1999
Glen COOTE	2008
John CROWE	2000
William DAVIDSON	2002
Roy DAWSON	1999
David EWAN	2006
Graham ELSLEY	2008

Jack FAIRLEY	2004
Henry FISCHER	1992
James FORSYTH	1999
Reginald GABRIEL	2009
Desmond GIFFNEY	2010
Gregory GILL	2004
Ian GAMBLE	1991
G (Barry) HALL	2009
Arthur HAMMOND	2001
Gerard HAMMOND	1990
A.G. (Tom) HANSON	1999
R.(Mac) HENRY	1990
Robert HILL	2002
Richard HOGGE	2007
Frederick HOPKINSON	2004
Ian HICKS	1992
Russell HUGHES	2003
John HUNGERFORD	1994
Robert HOWE	2005
Ken JAMES	1993
Allan JEFFRE\$SON	2002
Ken JORGENSON	2006
Wilfred KENTWELL	1993
Doug KIELY	1996
S.G. (Bill) LANE	2000
Keith LEEK	1994
Hugh LEWIS-HUGHES	1994
C.R. (Dick) LORD	2003
E.J. (Snow) MATHEWS	1998
Frederick MCALISTER	1992
Glenn MILHAM	2007
Frederick MITCHELL	1998
Ronald MOONEY	2009
Dean NELSON	2006
John NELSON	2005
Eric NICHOLLS	1995
Alan PRYOR	1993
Oswald ROSEVEAR	1996
Owen SAVILLE	1999
Dennis SHORTUS	1991
Glyn STARK	2001
James TAYLOR	2009
Reginald THOMPSON	1993
Raoul TOPHAM	1990
Robert TURNER	1990
John WALKER	2004
Graeme WAGSTAFF	2004
Cecil WHITE	1999
Reginald WILKINS	1989

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

LEST WE FORGET

HISTORICAL SECTION

Photos of Annual Camp 1950 at Singleton with LTCOL Chapman , CO, (seated centre) plus Field Firing, supplied by Ted Hawley (Gun Layer).



Night firing of 7 Field Regiment, Holsworthy Range, 1958. Photos supplied by Ray Bateman.





REMEMBER THIS ????????

FEMALES – 7 FD REGT RAA – as at 1 Sep 92

HQ BTY

SGT Milham	Clk
CPL Van Bossum	Dvr
CPL Roan	Cook
CPL Randall	Medic
PTE Charman	Stmn - TST
PTE Connolly	Stmn – TST
PTE Lucas	Clk
PTE Cannon	Clk
PTE Blow	Clk
PTE Roberts	Cook
PTE Hampson	Cook
PTE Neary	Clk
PTE Callaghan	Clk
PTE Williams	Medic

28 FD BTY

CPL Brooker	Clk
CPL Bateman	Clk
LCPL Morcom	Clk
PTE McGrory	Cook
PTE Pearce	Clk

113 FD BTY

SGT Martin	Clk
CPL Allan	Medic
PTE Creek	Clk
PTE Weimer	Clk
PTE Anne	Clk
PTE Dwyer	Cook
PTE Jones	Cook
PTE Van Der Zee	Cook

Total 27

WHERE ARE THEY NOW ???
We are pleased to confirm that four are current Association members.

Members List SEPT 2010

AISTON	Karen	☺
AMOR	William	☺
ARMSTRONG	Brett	☺
ATTARD	Andrew	☺
BAGSTER	Mark	
BALDWIN	Murray	☺
BALFOUR	Steven	☺
BARNETT	Michael	☺
BARROW	Gilbert	
BASTOCK	Fred	
BATEMAN	Ray	☺
BAYNIE	John	☺
BEETON	John	☺
BIBBY	Vic	
BLINKHORNE	Gordon	☺
BLOW	David	☺
BORROWMAN	Gregory	☺
BOWEN	Chris	
BRENNAN	Raymond	☺
BREWER	Charles	☺
BRINCAT	Alex	
BROAD	Paul	☺
BROADHEAD	Ken	☺
BROWN	Jeffrey	☺
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	

COLLINS	Peter	🔴
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	
FAIRFIELD	Peter	🔴
FAIRLESS	John	🔴
FELSTEAD	Edward	
FENDER	Shane	🔴
FENTON	Stuart	
FINCH	Lachlan	🔴
FITZPATRICK	Roy	
FLIPPENCE	Addie	🔴
FLOWER	Stephen	🔴
FOX	Harry	
FRANCIS	Clayton	🔴
FRAZER	Ian	🔴
FRIDOLFSSON	Peter	🔴
FRY	Gary	🔴
FULCHER	Sharon	🔴
GATES	Graham	
GILKINSON	Lance	
GILLESPIE	Rod	🔴
GLADEN	Noel	
GRESLEY	Wal	🔴
GROUSE	Richard	🔴
GWILYM	Jack	🔴
HAMER	Colin	
HANSFORD	Jes	🔴
HARGREAVES	Thomas	
HARRISON	Allan	🔴
HAVARD	Richard	
HAWKINS	Neil	🔴
HAWKE	Phillip	
HAWLEY	Ted	
HAWTHORNE	Laurie	🔴
HAYLEN	Ian	
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	
JOHNSON	Bruce	
JOHNSTON	Warwick	🔴
JONES	Marcus	🔴
JONES	Michael	🔴
JONES	Ronald	
KARIKS	Andi	🔴
KEEFE	John	🔴
KEEN	Ken	
KELLY	Walter	🔴
KIMBERLEY	David	🔴
KIRKWOOD	John	🔴
KNIGHT	Stanley	🔴
KNIGHT	William	
KOHLHAGEN	Ross	🔴
KOHLHAGEN	Paul	🔴
KOINA	Jeffrey	🔴
LANGFORD-BROWN	Ian	
LAURENCE	Michael	🔴
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	🔴
McGARRY	David	🔴
McGLINN	Les	🔴
McGRATH	Peter	🔴
McKECHNIE	David	🔴
McLEAN	Russ	🔴
McMAHON	Peter	
McVAY	Donald	🔴
MEDWAY	Harold	
MEGGATT	Thomas	

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	☹
NEWTON	Neville	☹
NICHOLS	Grant	☹
NOAKES	Steven	☹
OFFICER	David	
O'NEILL	Mark	☹
ORGOVANYI	Cornelius	☹
OWENS	Robert	☹
PALMER	Grant	☹
PEDERSEN	Peter	☹
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	☹
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	
TREBILCO	Peter	
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	☹
FLANAGAN	Kevin	☹
HECKENBERG	Brian	
HINDMARSH	Laurie	
LEWIS-HUGHES	KEN	Deceased
NEILL	William	
TOPLIS	Danny	
	Denotes Email address held	

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