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Upcoming Social Events

Annual Reunion - Friday 11 November 2011
113 FD BTY 150th Anniversary Function -
Sat 12 November 2011
St Barbara's Day Church Service - Sun 4 Dec, 2011
Regiment Cocktail Party - March 2012 (Date TBA)
Anzac Lunch - Sun 15 April 2012
ANZAC Day - Wed 25 April 2012
Reserve Forces Day – Sun 1 July 2012

New Committee 2010/2011 (Elected 27 July 2011)

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Hon Auditor: W.J.Neill

The President's Report

Greetings to All.

It has been a great privilege to have served as your President over the last 12 months, a year where I have had the pleasure of representing the Association at several events. Foremost of these of course is to lead the members on ANZAC Day and Reserve Forces Day. A great honour.

They say the older you get the quicker the time goes, and this is so true of the year just gone. A year where your committee has been very active in presenting new ideas. I recall working with Past President Bob Corbett in 1994 when we introduced our Association tie. Well this year we introduced an Association polo shirt. These have been very popular.

Your committee is always conscious of the fact that we must encourage membership from serving members of the regiment. To this end a Powerpoint presentation has been produced as a P.R. exercise to be presented to the Regiment, hopefully in the near future.

This year marks the 25th Anniversary of our Association, and being a foundation member, it is a great honour to be celebrating this occasion as your President. Your committee is making a special effort to ensure that this year's reunion is to be one to remember.

Interaction between the Regiment and the Association remains at a very high level and we are kept informed of events as they occur.

The Association continues to perform with a high membership of 230 former & serving soldiers. It would be very pleasing if a lot more of the members could be involved with our regular activities ie ANZAC Day, RFD parade, our reunion and our newly introduced ANZAC Sunday luncheon. I ask all members to endeavour to be active in these events and renew old acquaintances.

To close my report, I thank your committee for their involvement in all our meetings, and for their valuable input in all our discussions, which have been for the advancement of Association members. A special mention to John Balfour for his continued support over the entire 25 years as your Secretary.



Members and their guests at the Anzac Luncheon.

Kind regards to all and hope to see you at the reunion.

Kevin (Barney) Flanagan JP
President

The CO's Corner

The last twelve months have been a particularly busy time for the Regiment. The tempo of regimental activity remains high and for the next twelve months it shows no signs of slowing. So what does this mean and what have the soldiers of the Regiment achieved? In the first six months of 2011 the Regiment undertook a number of significant tasks. There were the usual two ceremonial activities of the Salute on Australia Day and also the Salute for the Queen (our Captain General) on the June long weekend. Small but very traditional and unique ceremonial activities which can only be undertaken by the units of the Royal Regiment.

In March this year, with the support of 23rd Field Regiment, we conducted what was effectively a 2nd Division Artillery Courses camp which culminated in a live fire activity which qualified over 90 soldiers from the various regiments and independent batteries of the 2nd Division with over 30 personnel involved as instructors and support staff. Much of the success of that training was due to the efforts of the then Operations Officer, Major Rhyl Opie.

It is important to note too that the Regiment, in addition to its core responsibility of artillery training, provided close to 700 days of support to the other units of the Army. 130 personnel participated in those tasks and given the current strength of the Regiment this was a significant contribution over and above what is required by the Army. It represents an additional one week of training for every member of

the Regiment. As the Commanding Officer I am exceptionally blessed to have such dedicated and professional soldiers and officers under my command. The efforts in the training regime instituted within the Regiment last year have also paid dividends this year. The Regiment has successfully deployed personnel to a number of various operations being undertaken by the 2nd Division. This includes deployments to Timor Leste and the Solomon Islands and also on domestic security operations and support to the disaster relief efforts over the Christmas period. Some of these deployments have been at short notice and it is testament to the levels of training achieved by those personnel who deployed that they could do so successfully within a short period of time.

To the future; as many of you will be aware the Army is embarking on a fundamental restructure to create a “total force” which integrates the Regular and Reserve forces in a way which has never been achieved before. The name of the plan to implement the “total force” is called Plan Beersheeba”. It is a positive step for the Army as a whole and whilst there will be an impact on the Regiment in the short term, in the longer term it will provide positive capability outcomes for the RAA in the Reserve. I have briefed the Association Committee on Plan Beersheeba and will keep them up to date with developments.

The Regiment has had a busy year, it faces some changes and challenges over the next few years but the dedication and professionalism of the members of the Regiment bodes well for the future. It is a great privilege to command such a regiment. Part of the reason why the Regiment is so great though is because of the fine tradition of service established in 1916 when the Regiment was first raised and which the Association provides the medium for those traditions to endure. May the next twelve months be as successful as the last.

Ubique

Grant Palmer
Lieutenant Colonel
Commanding Officer

7 Field Regiment Key Postings 2011

CO	LTCOL G.Palmer
OPSO	MAJ D.Czerkies
XO	MAJ D.See
ADJT	CAPT B.Sprague *
PADRE	CHAP R.Esterby
RMO	CAPT W.Bestic

RSM	WO1 D.McGarry *
WO COORD	WO2 T.Mackay*
OPS WO	WO2 D.McCarthy*
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	CAPT I.Armstrong
BSM 113	WO2 C.Porter
SMIG 113	WO2 L.Nolan *

* ARA

Reserve Forces Day 2011



Reserve Forces Day Parade, 2011



Reserve Forces Day Parade, 2011

New Members

The Association welcomes the following new members;

(GNR) Angus DROVER

(BDR) Howard KNOWLES

(BDR) Jon MOORE

(LBDR) Dennis SMITH

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

Items for Sale from the Association

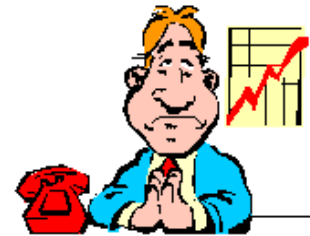
Association Badge \$10

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.

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 2011

SILVER ANNIVERSARY – 25 YEARS

The Annual Reunion is to be held at Chatswood RSL on **Friday, 11th November**. Cost for dinner, wines & port is only \$35 (subsidised)

Our special Guests will be LTCOL Rick MAIN,
(WO1) Peter MUIR & (SGT) Harry TAYLOR

Annual Reunion Dinner 12 Nov 2010

For your information, the following attended the Annual Reunion in November 2010 at Chatswood RSL:

Bill AMOR, John ASHLEY, John BALFOUR, John BEETON & Antoinetta, Paul BROAD, David BUZACOTT, John CASHMORE, Kathy COCHRAN, Douglas COPPARD & Louise, John FAIRLESS, Kevin FLANAGAN, Steve FLOWER, Sharon FULCHER, Jack GWILYM, Neil HAWKINS, Ian HAYLEN, Ian HOEY, Laurie HINDMARSH, David LEEK, Paul McDONOUGH, Don McVAY, Bob MORGAN, David MOYSEY, James NASH, Bob OWENS, Peter PEDERSEN, Max SHADAY, Pat SENGOS, Richard SHUNWAH, Grahame SMITH, Kevin SULLIVAN, John STANFORD, Danny TOPLIS, Peter TREBILCO, Peter TRUELOVE, Tim WHITFIELD, Trevor WILLIAMS, Simon WORBOYS. WO1 Paddy McGARRY & Nora, SGT James BELL.



Annual Reunion: Danny Toplis, Ian Hoey & Bob Morgan



Annual Reunion: Richard Shun Wah, Simon Worboys and WO2 Pat Sengos



Annual Reunion: Sharon Fulcher, John Cashmore, Kathy Cochran & Peter Pedersen.



Annual Reunion: Bob Owens, Grahame Smith & Jim Nash

Most Improved Soldier Award 2010



Presentation of Most Improved Soldier 2010 Award to GNR Matthew Barker (113 Fd Bty)



Commanding Officer, LTCOL Grant Palmer (centre) with CAPT Steve Flower (L) & WO1 John Balfour (R) with PTE Colin Yeung (HQ Bty) & BDR Peter Fridolfsson (28 Fd Bty) receiving the Runners-up awards for Most Improved Soldier 2010

Anzac Day 2011



PLAN BEERSHEBA

(LTCOL G.Palmer)

In the last few years the Army has undergone a significant review of the way it prepares for and conducts operations. This review was driven by the requirement for the Army to be better able to adapt to differing operational requirements, budgets, better ways of preparing for and conducting operations, and ensuring appropriate capabilities were in place to take the Army into the middle decades of the 21st Century. The result of this staff work conducted across Army has led to the development of an operating concept called “Total Force”. The underpinning principle driving the “Total Force” concept is that all formations within the Army must be able to contribute to realistic capability outputs in a way that is cost effective, efficient and sustainable. This means that the Reserve has been considered in a way which ensures that they are providing what the Army requires of them, in a way that means they are deployable to meet any operational requirement the Government directs Army to send on operations. To achieve this goal the Army is to restructure its three Regular brigades so they are similar in equipment and organisation. To support this two Reserve brigades are to be directly linked to a Regular brigade. The Reserve brigades are to operate to the same readiness and training cycle as the Regular brigade and be able to provide a battalion with supporting arms and services for operations with the Regular brigade if it is required for operations. This is a significant leap in capability requirements for the Reserve and will be challenging to implement. The implementation of this will see the 5th and 8th Brigades linked to the 7th Brigade

The challenge facing the Army with this is to ensure that the Reserve components of this “Total Force” are equipped appropriately with the necessary technology to allow them to fight and survive on the 21st Century battlefield. As such a structural reorganisation is required. Unfortunately for 7th Field Regiment (and 2nd/10th and 23rd Field Regiments) this means the disestablishment of the Regimental structures and the creation of an independent mortar battery. This mortar battery will be a Royal Australian Artillery sub unit and it will still wear the white lanyard and be linked back to 7th Field Regiment.

Whilst this may appear to be on face value a retrograde step, it is not. The technology that characterises our current gun system, the L119 is not capable without significant upgrades to be deployable. The system is not digital and cannot integrate with the

new systems being introduced into the regular units of the Army or those of our Allies. Current projects underway within Army will provide mortar systems capable of this digital integration and these will eventually find their way into the 2nd Division RAA units. Unlike the present circumstances where Reserve RAA units are not deployable, and therefore not good use of the taxpayers dollar, the move to mortars will provide a deployable capability to the Gunners of the 2nd Division within a clearly articulated Army Campaign Plan.

Importantly under this plan there is to be no reductions in the number of Reserve Gunners. The Regimental lineage will remain in place and Regimental Associations are to be involved in the maintenance of this history and lineage. The pressure will be on Reserve Soldiers to produce capability that is deployable and ready at the standards required of the Regular units of the RAA. Something the soldiers of 7th Field Regiment have never shied away from since 1916.



MAJ Bruce ROBERTS RFD – 17 February 2011 - Aged 67

Bruce commenced his Army reserve training with Number 15 Course OCTU at Bardia Barracks Ingleburn on 6th February 1971.

Towards the end of the course Bruce was interviewed as to which Corps he would like to serve. Bruce stated that his 1st and 2nd choices were Artillery and Artillery. When told by the interviewing officer that it may not be possible to agree to his request, Bruce commented that if that were the case he would then consider resigning his Commission.

On 11th February 1973 Bruce graduated as a 2nd Lieutenant posted to 7th Field Regiment.

Bruce performed “Regimental Duties” which included Section Commander, Gun Position Officer and Forward Observer.

After Bruce and Bronwyn moved into their home at Engadine, Bruce was posted to the 23rd Field Regiment (referred to as 2/3 Field Regiment) which had its headquarters and sub-units in the Southern areas of Sydney to reduce Bruce’s travelling time to parades. Regimental appointments held in 2/3 included Gun Position Officer, Forward Observer, and Survey Officer.

As part of his Army career development, in July 1982 Bruce attended the Junior Course of the Reserve Command and Staff College located at Ingleburn for training to prepare him for promotion to Captain. He

was promoted Captain on 31st March 1983 & appointed as Battery Captain of 11 Field Battery.

More Regimental appointments followed including Gun Position Officer and FO Captain. Attendance at more artillery technical courses followed and in late 1983 he attended the Reserve Officers Advanced Course at the School of Artillery which prepared him for future Artillery Command and Staff appointments. In July 1986 Bruce returned to the RCSC as a student on the Intermediate Course to prepare him for promotion to Major. Bruce was promoted Temporary Major in July 1987 and then substantive Major in 1989 holding the appointments of Battery Commander and subsequently Second in Command (2IC) of 2/3 Field Regiment.

Bruce continued to serve in 2/3 until he retired to the inactive reserve on 1st July 1993.

In his civilian capacity at Qantas, Bruce served for 37 years, and in his military capacity as an officer in the Army Reserve for 22 years and 5 months.

For his service in the Reserve he was awarded the Reserve Forces Decoration (RFD) with one Clasp and the Australian Defence Medal.

HISTORICAL SECTION

HISTORY OF GUNNER BADGE

(Reproduced from an article by D ARTY Sept 1981)

Before Federation, the Colonial & State Artillery Regiments sported their own individual badges, normally fashioned after the familiar ‘grenade’ and bearing appropriate motifs.

Post-Federation saw a fervent nationalism displayed by the military in the adoption of a single badge for the Permanent Australian Artillery and another for the Militia.

The Militia badge was a single ‘grenade’ while the Permanent Artillery included the words “Royal Australian Artillery” on the grenade badge.

It wasn’t until 1930 that the ARA adopted one badge for all units.

Its design was authorised by the Military Board and consisted of the familiar gun badge ensigned by an Imperial Crown and carrying the dual mottos “UBIQUE” (Everywhere) and “CONSENSUS AUSTRALIA STABILIS”.

CONSENSUS STABILIS has been variously translated as “Firm & Steadfast”, “Firm & Ready” and “Strong in Agreement”.

This design was used until 1950 when King George VI approved the adoption of the same motto as the Royal Artillery, “QUO FAS ET GLORIA DUCUNT”.

This distinctive Australian motto ceased to be used except on collar badges worn by soldiers and NCOs and within recent years this badge has also been modified to bear the Regimental Motto.

After the accession of Queen Elizabeth II, the Edwardian Crown replaced the Tudor Crown.

An interesting facet of the current badge is the history associated with the gun, a nine pounder, used as the basis for the design.

The 9-pdr was a most popular gun in its time and was used to great effect at the Battle of Waterloo in 1815. Of the 78 guns employed by the British in this battle, 45 were 9-pdrs and no less than six brave gunners serving them received Honour Titles for their actions.

The Regimental Motto was first adopted in 1824 by the 97th The Earl of Ulsters Regiment which later became the Queens Own Royal West Kent Regiment.

King William IV, in 1833, without regard for the priority of right to its use, conferred this motto upon the entire Royal Artillery with the dual motto “UBIQUE”.

There are three accepted translations of the Regimental Motto, of which “Where Right and Glory Lead” is the most commonly accepted.

The dual motto was granted to the Royal Artillery in lieu of all the honours & distinctions previously worn on any part of the dress or borne with an appointment.

So numerous were the Battle Honours earned by the Royal Artillery since its formation on May 26, 1716, King William IV considered “UBIQUE” an appropriate and distinctive honour with its poetic simplicity and proud translation ascribing recognition as the ultimate in Battle Honours.

Today, the gunner badge is worn proudly by the Royal Artillery & Royal Australian Artillery with variations being worn by many countries throughout the world.

Its design & history is distinctive and most attractive, contributing to the depth of feeling for tradition and esprit de corps in the Royal Regiment of Australian Artillery.

Members List SEPT 2011

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	
CHEWYND	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	🔴
DROVER	Angus	🔴
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	
KNOWLES	Howard	
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	Jon	✉
MOORE	Dennis	
MORIXBAUER	Karl	✉
MORGAN	Robert	
MORRIS	Douglas	✉
MOUNTJOY	Gregory	
MOYSEY	David	✉
MOYSEY	Robert	
MUIR	Gayle	✉
MUIR	Peter	✉
MUIR	Lawrence	
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	Paul	
ROBINSON	Richard	✉
ROGAN	Robert	
ROHU	Sylvester	
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	Dennis	✉
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
NASH	James	✉
NEILL	William	
TOPLIS	Danny	

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