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New Committee 2014/2015 (Elected 30 July 2014)

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The President's Report

2014 was another busy year for the Association. The ANZAC Day lunch, Reserve Forces Day and ANZAC Day itself were all attended by members with socialisation, representation and remembrance respectively.

In my piece this year however, rather than reporting on the past, I wish to focus on events in the future. As you are all aware, 2015 marks the centenary of the ANZAC landings at Gallipoli. As said by Air Chief Marshal Angus Houston, AC, AFC (Ret'd):
"The Anzac Centenary will be one of the most significant commemorations to take place in our lifetimes."

This is a sentiment which I am sure you would all agree with. As some of you may be aware (and about which you can read inside) the Association will have a replica historical banner to march behind at the ANZAC day march in 2015. In the current political climate, it is more important than ever to show our respect for those who served and our support for those still serving. I strongly encourage all members of the Association to get involved in the ANZAC Day march in 2015. We will be taking an Association commemorative photo with the new banner at the march so please do not miss this once in a lifetime event.

The formation from which we trace our lineage, the 7th Field Artillery Brigade, 3rd Division, AIF was formed in 1916, which means that 2016 will be the centenary of the Regiment in its many forms. The committee has already started looking at several options to celebrate this milestone and we would greatly appreciate any suggestions and feedback from members.

I am pleased to be able to report another successful year for the Association, and I hope to see you all at the annual reunion to swap stories, catch up with old mates and to hear about the current state and activities of 7 Light Battery RAA.

Thanks once again for allowing me to serve as your President.

Ubique

Steve Flower



Gunner Dinner – Aug 2014



Members and guests at the 2014 Anzac Luncheon.

7 Light Battery Key Postings 2014

CO 2/17 RNSWR	LTCOL James McGann *
BC	CAPT Steve Flower
IG	LT Dustin Gold#
BK	CAPT Marcus Jones
BSM	WO2 Andrew Cartwright
SMIG	WO2 Phil Pollard *
25 Tp Comd	CAPT II-Kwon Jeong
28 Tp Comd	Lt Dustin Gold
113 Tp Comd	CAPT Andrew Wallin
Tech Standards SGT	SGT Justin Atchison

* ARA

Reserve fulltime service

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Neville (Nobby) Clark who was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) on Australia Day 2014, 47 years after being awarded the Military Cross in Vietnam.

Neville recently retired as the Headmaster of Mentone Grammar School in Melbourne.

He volunteered for full time service in 1965 and then deployed to South Vietnam in 1967 as a Forward Observer with 4 FD Regt in support of 7 RAR.

LT Clark directed artillery fire to within 50 metres of the 7 RAR Diggers during a close range contact with the 274 Viet Cong Regt. The Battery fired over 800 rounds in one hour causing heavy casualties.

THEIR HISTORY, OUR HERITAGE

Soon after the Anzac Day march of 1975 some of the surviving members of 3rd Division Artillery AIF handed their association banner to ARA staff at the Warrane Road Willoughby depot.

It was fitting that their proud symbol came to rest at the place that was the home of 7 Field Regiment RAA, our regiment, whose genesis lay with 3rd Division's 7th Australian Field Artillery Brigade.

For the next thirty nine years there was no direct reference to 3rd Division artillery units at any Anzac Day march. That will change next year.

A few months ago our Association took up the task of recreating a close approximation of the banner that was part of so many Anzac days for so many years – the banner proudly carried by men long since gone in body but not in spirit. As did its predecessor, the new banner honours the courage and dedication to the cause of liberty of all those who served with 3rd Division Artillery units during the Great War of 1914 – 1918.

The Banner will have pride of place at the head of the Association's contingent at next year's Anzac Day March and will have particular significance the following year, which marks the centenary of the raising of the division and its move to the battlefields of northern France and Belgium.

Form up behind it every Anzac Day, march behind it with pride and in memory of those men whose very footsteps we follow through the streets of Sydney each April 25th.

James Nash

FROM THE CO's DESK

As Commanding Officer of 2nd/17th Battalion, RNSWR, I am pleased to be commanding 7 Light Battery, RAA.

The future of the ADF is combined arms. No longer will the Reserve be training as individual Corps conducting their own specific training. This combined arms capability is very clearly demonstrated in the integration of 7 Light Battery within the Battalion. From my perspective as CO, I believe that all members of the Battalion, both gunners and infantry, have embraced this concept and it is very pleasing to see the soldiers working together in supporting the road to war for Battlegroup Waratah (BG W).

While combined arms is the future of the ADF, the future of the Reserve is in providing a combat ready Battlegroup to their supported ARA Brigade. As many of you will know, 8 and 5 Brigades are together forming BG W to be the third manoeuvre unit of 7 Brigade. The road to war build up training has been highly intensive and I will be asking more of all BG W participants in the build up to our major certification exercise next year.

So far this year, 7 Light Battery has been involved in a number of exercises. Ex POLYGON WOOD held in May this year was an opportunity for the Battery to practice the provision of fire support to BG W, which included PMV and engineer squadrons, a logistic company and two infantry combat teams. The JFECC (the BC's party for the older readers) was able to integrate well into the BG HQ and provided offensive support expertise in of the planning and delivery phases of the activity. The JFT's (FO parties) were also able to tactically integrate within the combat teams and provided sound advice, liaison and communications to the supported arms commanders. The skills, speed of response and accuracy of the mortars was a credit to the commanders and gunners of the mortar line.

As a crucial element of 2nd/17th RNSWR, the gunners have had the opportunity to qualify in many weapon systems that traditionally were only used by infantry. Many of the 7 Light Battery soldiers are now qualified in the MAG 58 machine gun, 9mm pistol, 66mm SRAAW, the 84mm Carl Gustav and grenades. The Battery has had several opportunities to undertake small arms practices throughout the year. The Battery also organised a range practice for the Battalion in August. I am happy to report that in both range activities held this year, the top F88 shot in the Battalion was a gunner!

The Battery conducted the Australia Day and Queens Birthday Salutes this year and once again brought credit on the Corps for the high standard with which they were conducted. On 16 and 18 November two more salutes will be conducted in Sydney for visiting foreign dignitaries. I suggest that you watch the news around those dates to see the Battery in action.

Morale in the Battery is strong and the mortars are now well and truly embraced at all levels. I am pleased with standards that have been achieved and credit must be given to the junior gunners especially for the hard work they have put in to ensure they are providing a meaningful capability.

Finally, I wish all gunners past and present, all the best for 2015.

LTCOL James McGann
CO
2nd/17th RNSWR



Anzac Day 2014



Reserve Forces Day 2014

BATTLEFIELD TOUR 2014 – THE TURKEY LEG

Earlier this year a group of 7 Fd Old and Bolds made up of Kevin (Sully) Sullivan, Pat (Filthy) Sengos, John (Cashey) Cashmore, together with a friend of Cashey's Rod Kelly, and me Trevor (TC) Williams embarked on a battlefield tour that took in Thailand, Singapore, Gallipoli and the Western Front.

During the eight days we were on Gallipoli we covered in detail not only the usual places of interest but also many that few visitors see. Along the way I provided a running commentary of "what happened here". This article features just a few of our adventures.

I joined the guys in Istanbul after they had taken in the Burma Railway, Bridge on the River Kwai and the then Island Fortress of Singapore. A trip to Gallipoli is not complete without taking in the sites of this ancient city. Two hectic days saw us take in all that the old part of Istanbul has to offer, in addition to a five kilometre walk along the famous "land walls" (beautifully preserved and restored) which the Turks stormed in 1453 when they conquered Constantinople as it was then called. A visit to the Panorama 1453 History Museum which boasts a stunning almost real life 2 and 3D, 360 degree depiction of that famous siege. A visit to the Florence Nightingale museum which is housed in the 1825 built 300 room barracks of the 1st Turkish Army (one has to negotiate their way past armed sentries behind sandbagged positions to get in).

Then it was onto Gallipoli where we were to spend eight days on the peninsular basing ourselves at Eceabat staying at the Crowed House Hotel. A five hour drive from Istanbul saw us checking in to our digs and off to the new \$80 million Gaba Tepe Simulation Centre, this impressive building has replaced the old museum on the site. The Centre houses a number of galleries equipped with visual, light and sound displays that tell the story of the battle. Sadly the overall presentation left us disappointed as it smacked of modern day amateurism. However a long staircase that divides the building in two takes one onto the roof where a magnificent view of the right flank of the battlefield opens up. This was the same position that the Turkish FO's directed fire from their guns deployed in the Olive Grove; the home of "Beachey Bill" that among other targets rained shrapnel down on the Anzacs as they swam in the Aegean.

The next morning however, ghosts of distant past (almost) prevented us from accessing the battlefield from Gaba Tepe. On arrival we found the road blocked and hundreds of cyclists milling around. Seeking out a group of Jandarma (Turkish para military police) they agreed to let us drive through and apologised for the inconvenience. The Anzac battlefield is a designated peace park, open to all at any time, apart from the Anzac Day dawn service. However some cycling organisation had decided the beach road was a good place to conduct speed trials. Following a logical sequence, we started at Brighton Beach, taking in Hell Spit (Beach Cemetery), Anzac Cove and Point (Ari Burnu cemetery) where the boys picked up the obligatory flat stone off the beach for a memento; Sully going one step further and filling a small bottle with Aegean sea water and a small bag of beach sand (he had twelve relatives serve on Gallipoli four of whom remain). Ignoring the stream of cyclists we continued on to North Beach and the Commemorative site

It was to the right of the road hidden amongst the scrub and rarely if ever seen by visitors was the remains of a section of “the Great Sap”, dug by the Engineers early in the campaign; three metres wide, three metres deep, “wide enough for two loaded mules to pass” it stretched from the base of Plugge’s Plateau to Outpost 3. But before I could show them, the ghosts of distant past appeared in the form of a fast moving vehicle with lights flashing and full of angry Turks screamed to a halt besides us. Not to be outdone a couple of our party retaliated in kind. Clearly they didn’t want us there; they were obviously some of the organisers of the cycling extravaganza and wanted us gone. After a heated discussion none of which I’m sure either of us understood, we decided a tactical withdrawal (as in 1915!) the best option.

We regrouped at Hill 60 or as the Turks know it, Boma Tepe after the terrible “bombing” contests that went on between the adversaries in August 1915. Today the cemetery lies just below the crest, but in the thick bush surrounding it lay the remains of the labyrinth of trenches that changed hands many times. It was here that Cashey and Rod stumbled on the remains of a fallen warrior; a hip bone and femur had worked its way to the surface. Following the protocols of today we left them as we found them. These weren’t the only remains we found; a few days later following the route taken by Monash and his 4th Brigade uncles (18th Battalion) took place in the charge through “the gap in the hedge” and while I was able to locate it on my last trip, I could not find it this time due to the thickening undergrowth.

On the Sunday we prudently (or so we thought), decided to spend the day touring the British / French sector at Cape Helles thinking that the Anzac area would be overrun with Turkish tourists. Unfortunately I had forgotten about the Canakkale Martyr’s Memorial at Helles, alongside Chunuk Bair this is one of the most revered sites in Turkey. As a result we spent the day dodging a never ending stream of buses carrying thousands of Turks. However apart from the Martyr’s memorial they had little interest in our itinerary and once off the beaten track we were on our own. A visit to the French cemetery seemed appropriate as it is isolated and seldom visited; certainly not by the French. It stands on a knoll overlooking Morto Bay. Surrounded by a high stone wall it gives one the impression they are entering a fort, inside the graves are laid out symmetrically leading up to a tall obelisk / ossuary surrounded by four other smaller ones, all bearing bones of the fallen. The whole place has an eerie presence; perhaps it’s the headstones set amongst a grassless stoney landscape that gives one this feeling. Each is marked by a cross made of two black “star pickets” with a small metal plate attached.

Then it was onto V Beach dominated by the ruin castle of Seddulbahir its stone cannon balls from ancient times still to be seen in the shallows along the shore (drop shorts!). What happened here and at W Beach (now called Lancashire Landing) on that fateful morning one can only imagine. The two cemeteries nearby are testament to the casualties inflicted by the few Turkish defenders. At Lancashire Beach by evening of the 25th six Victoria Cross’ were awarded (such was the nature of the fighting, that they were elected by the survivors and became known as “the six VC’s before breakfast”). The remains of the jetties built by the engineers still visible in the water as is the remains of a road built around the rocky cliffs to Gully Beach.

Of course all this exploring worked up a thirst and at the end of each day we staggered back to our digs and then off to the “pub”, or at least that’s what the signs often say outside the cafes selling the local Efes Pilsen amber brew. Little did we know that soon after we left Turkey the government introduced a law banning the advertising of “branded” beer, but I guess the word “pub” was still okay?



Lunch at Krithia, Cape Helles

The next day we attempted to access the Anzac beach area once more, only to find even more cyclists and even more apologetic Jandarma. Undaunted we decided to head for the Second Ridge and Lone Pine. It was here that three of Sully's relatives are commemorated; two of them are listed on the wall that contains the names of all those with no known grave. Here we stopped to place a poppy (blue tacked) besides their names, before moving to the grave site of his third relative. Pte Hilton Price 2nd Battalion was killed at Lone Pine on the 29th August and now rests about a hundred metres from where he fell. Sully had brought with him a little piece of Australia in the form of a small bag of earth and gum leaves from Sydney where Hilton had grown up. We placed a poppy on his headstone and planted an Australian flag. The Last Post was played (the wonders of Smart Phones), followed by the Ode and a moments reflection. Rod would do the same for his great uncle Lt. James Kelly (8 Battalion) in France the week following our Turkey leg. James had survived Gallipoli only to die in France and now lies there in Heath Cemetery.



**One of Sully's four uncles lost at Gallipoli
(the only one with a known grave)**

Chunuk Bair is where all Turks are generally expected to visit; at its apex stands an enormous statue of Mustafa Kemal, Ataturk, father of modern Turkey. On a quiet day dozens of free buses arrive full of them to pay their respects. The road to the site is blocked by barriers and often manned by Jandarma. It is also the

site of the New Zealand Memorial where the fourth of Sully's relatives is commemorated on the wall along with those Kiwis' who also have no known grave. In August 1915 the plan was to take Chunuk Bair from the rear, the attempt was a costly failure. We decided to replicate the attempt (well sort off) by driving up to Hill 971 through a maze of fire trails that wound their way up the northern side of the Sari Bair range from Kocadere. Hill 971 is the highest point on the battlefield, it was never really fortified by the Turks and if Monash and his 4th Brigade been successful perhaps the battles outcome may have been different; probably not. For us, standing on the rickety platform at its peak a magnificent view of the Gallipoli battlefield stretched in every direction. The only problem was we were almost out of fuel. Going back the way we had come was not an option so we decided to free wheel downhill through Chunuk Bair. This took us over Hill Q and Baby Q (where the Gurkas' were blown off the feature by friendly naval fire), past the New Zealand Monument (eyes right here), and up to the barriers blocking the road (fortunately the Jandarma hadn't arrived yet) where Sully hopped out quickly pulling them aside and we rolled through much to the surprise of the hordes of Turkish tourists – mission accomplished.

The New Zealand Trail as it's known today, was the route the NZ's took on the night of the 6th August in their attempt to storm Chunuk Bair. Some years back the NZ government sponsored the marking of the route including the building of stairways and marker posts. It has now fallen into disrepair and the bush is slowly taking it back over. The route itself gives a magnificent view of the left flank from Suvla to Anzac Point at the same time dominated by the Sari Bair range to the East and the Aegean Sea to the West. I thought it would be a good "stroll" not too strenuous for the "old and bolds", about three kilometres downhill. Pat decided he would be our driver and offered to pick us up at Outpost Cemetery 2 down at North Beach – piece of cake! The track starts below Chunuk Bair near The Farm Cemetery and as I had walked it often in the past, knew where it started – wrong. I missed it and took them on a two kilometre bush bash in the wrong direction in effect traversing the area where in 1919 Charles Bean found the remains of hundreds of British soldiers killed in the Turkish bayonet charge early on the morning of the 10th August. It wasn't until Cashey who was just behind me and fending off the branches I was pushing aside, quietly asked, "TC do you know where we are?" I looked to my left and through the trees a good two kilometres away I could see Table Top the feature we were supposed to be walking over at that point.

Needless to say a hasty back track was required to find the right track head and all the while the sun was sinking below the horizon. Sometime later trudging across Table Top on our way to Old Outpost 3 with the sun gone and the moon out, I thought it appropriate to remind the guys that the New Zealanders did it in the dark.....All I can say is that the beer tasted particularly good that night and it was my shout....

Sadly all good things come to an end, Pat, Cashey and Rod headed back to Istanbul for their flight to Paris to continue their Battlefield Tour leaving Sully and I to continue on for a few days more before we too headed home. A great trip with great mates had come to an end.

Trevor (TC) Williams
Yarra Valley
August 2014

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.

Membership Fees

Annual \$10 – Life (over 55) \$100

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 2014

The Annual Reunion is to be held at Chatswood RSL on **Friday, 21st November**. Cost for dinner, wines & port is only \$50

Our guests will be

MAJ Rod WHITE AM, RFD (Ret'd) – RSL NSW

LTCOL James McGann – CO 2/17 RNSWR

The One Way Adventure

Whilst creating the Association website, one of my projects was to create a unique spreadsheet from the Commonwealth War Graves Commission (GWGC) database containing all the members of 7 F.A.B who died on active service in WW I.

After some correspondence with the GWGC, I received the spreadsheet, which is located on the Association's website. I was surprised to see one unfortunate member, 22353 SGT Patrick Joseph Brosnan who was buried not with his mates in France, Belgium or the UK, but in Colombo Sri Lanka formerly Ceylon.

My curiosity got the better of me and I started researching the Australian War Memorial and then obtaining a copy of his service record from the Australian National Archives website. This culminated with a visit to the member's grave during my recent trip to Sri Lanka in October 2013.

Reading the member's service record he had survived 2 odd years of bitter fighting in both the Somme and Flanders and was finally on his way home only to be admitted into a Sri Lankan hospital and died of Pneumonia. One must feel for the member's family as they would have been over joyed when the authorities advised of him sailing home to Australia, but then to be devastated on hearing of the tragic news of his passing.

SGT Brosnan enlisted on 10 Jan 16 at Black Boy Hill Western Australia, and was described as a 41 year old miner, weight 168 lbs, height 5 feet 10 inches, fair complexion, blue eyes, light brown hair and was born in Kerry Ireland.

He was sent overseas as an Artillery reinforcement on 24 Jan 16 for training at Larkhill England, he then was posted to 109th Battery, 23 FD Howitzer Brigade until he transferred to France on 6 Jan 17 and was posted in the field to 27th Battery 7 F.A.B as a Bombardier. After a few months of service he obtained the rank of Sergeant.

SGT Brosnan served in France until the Armistice and was admitted with Pneumonia (reading various medical articles on the internet Spanish Flu was also a contributing factor to many patients) to an English hospital early December 1918 and later discharged, He embarked on the City of York which departed from Liverpool on 14 Jan 19 for his return to Australia, however he again took ill and was dis-embarked at Colombo on 7 Feb 19 and finally succumbed to his illness and died some 3 days later on 10 Feb 19.

SGT Brosnan is buried in the Kanatte General Cemetery Colombo (Roman Catholic) Grave I.3.9.



Lest We Forget

The family was still getting over their tragic loss and was concerned about the whereabouts of their son's personal gear. His service record holds many letters from his family and the Army office regarding the 3 kit bags the member held which contained souvenirs from Ireland & France as well as other personal items. After much investigation the 3 kit bags were deemed lost as they were not signed for when loaded onto a ship departing from Colombo to Australia. Luckily the family did receive his 2 rings and 1 ID disc from Colombo as well as his entitled medals and the family death plaque issued locally in Australia.



27th Battery of Australian Field Artillery, at Bailleul France 24 January 1918

Back row: 31595 Gunner (Gnr) S. J. Moore; 20993 Gnr C. H. W. Owen; 26766 Driver (Dvr) W. Bourne; 29541 Dvr J. Lefroy; 31353 Gnr J. P. Wallace; **22353 Corporal (Cpl) R. J. Brosnan**; 22373 Dvr H. W. Ford; 21959 Dvr J. H. Giles; 21997 Gnr F. W. Johnson; 22424 Gnr A. W. McLeish; 21953 Dvr E. F. Smithwick; 19362 Dvr D. J. Turvey; 29493 Dvr A. J. T. Baker; 30458 Dvr H. Burgess; 22002 Gnr J. H. Mitchell; 22014 Cpl F. L. Stewart; 22382 Dvr R. D. Knight; 22379 Dvr R. W. Healy; 22062 Bombardier (Bdr) F. B. Fisenden; 21951 Bdr A. R. Lord; 22380 Dvr C. W. Hermes; 26903 Dvr L. C. Chittleborough; 22010 Cpl G. M. Griffin; 32296 Gnr D. Kennedy; 22501 Gnr G. E. Bartlett; 22483 Gnr A. T. H. Ronan; 22058 Gnr S. J. Frazer; 22269 Dvr H. J. W. Whitehead MM; 22323 Cpl M. T. Bourke MM; 22975 Dvr H. J. Webster; 29031 Gnr G. W. Alder; 21155 Dvr T. Southgate. Third row: (first three men standing higher up)

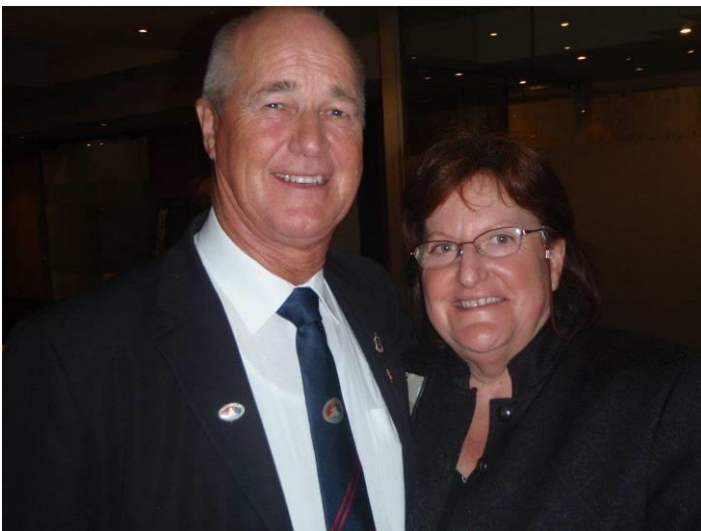
Article submitted by Pat Sengos

27th Anniversary Reunion 15 Nov 2013

For your information, the following attended the Annual Reunion in November 2013 at Chatswood RSL:

Karen AISTON, Bill AMOR, John BALFOUR, Michael BARNETT, John BEETON, David BLOW, Chris BOWEN, Michael CARODUS, John CASHMORE, Joe CHASEBERRY, Kathy COCHRAN, Anthony DICK, Kevin FLANAGAN, Steve FLOWER, Sharon FULCHER, John KEEFE, David LEEK, Brian LEWIS, Andrew McCALLUM, Russell MCLEAN, Don McVAY, David MOYSEY, James NASH, Con ORGOVANYI, Grahame SMITH, Peter PEDERSEN, Bob RICHARDSON, Pat SENGOS, John STANFORD, Peter STONE, Kevin SULLIVAN, Laurie TAYLOR, Danny TOPLIS, Peter TREBILCO, Trevor WILLIAMS, Susan WORSLEY.

**MAJ Stuart SEABROOK
SO2 Joint Fires Cell, HQ 2nd Division**



Michael Carrodus & Susan Worsley



David Leek, Con Orgovanyi & Jeff Brown



MAJ Stuart Seabrook & John Keefe



David Moysey & Grahame Smith



Karen Aiston, Sue Worsley, Sharon Fulcher
& Kathy Cochran



David Buzacott, Brian Lewis & Laurie Taylor



John Cashmore, Tony Dick & Pat Sengos



George Stuart STAZIKER – 29 December 2012 - Aged 74

Stuart was conscripted in January 1958 into 13 National Service Training Battalion & then allocated in April to 23 Field Regiment RAA.

He was promoted to Bombardier in July 1958 & Sgt in March 1959. On 16 April 1959 he was commissioned as a Lt in 23 Fd Regt.

From April 1963 to May 1964 he was attached to 1st Regiment Royal Horse Artillery (Honourable Artillery Company) – British Territorial Army.

In June 1964 he was attached to 25th Medium Regiment Royal Artillery, British Regular Army.

On 11 Dec 1967 he was promoted to Capt in 23 Fd Regt with postings as Battery Captain & Battery Commander of 11 Fd Bty.

In April/May 1971 he was an observer in South Vietnam attached to 12 Fd Regt.

In January 1972 Stuart was promoted Major as Battery Commander 11 Fd Bty. He also had postings as Staff Officer Grade 2 HQ 2nd Division, BC 10 Fd Bty, 23 Fd Regt, Instructor Tactics 3 Command & Staff Training Unit, 21C 23 Fd Regt & OC 133rd Divisional Locating Battery.

On 1 July 1983 he was promoted to LTCOL as CO 7 Fd Regt which he held until 1 July 1986, when he became an instructor (Senior Course) Reserve Command & Staff College until his retirement on 15 Jan 1988.

Stuart was awarded the ED in Aug 1971 and RFD in April 1985.

7 FD Regt Association was formed in 1986 on the suggestion of Stuart. He was Vice President of the Association from 1986 to 1990 and was Patron in 2007.

Jeffrey Allan KOINA RFD, ED – 20 Sep 2013 – Aged 78

Jeff was conscripted into 13th National Service Training Battalion on 7 August 1954 and was allocated to R Battery, 21 Field Regiment RAA.

On 25 July 1956 he was commissioned as a Lieutenant. On the disbandment of 21 Fd Regt on 7 August 1957 he transferred to R Battery 23 Fd Regt.

On 27 June 1960 Jeff was posted to the Reserve of Officers. On 31 May 1965 he joined 113 LAA Bty which on 30 June 1975 became 113 Fd Bty attached to 7 Field Regiment. On 1 October 1976 the Battery became part of 7 Fd Regt.

Jeff took his discharge on 1 July 1984.

**Henry Arthur Francis “Harry” BENSON DFC
30 May 2014 – Aged 83**

Harry graduated from Officer Cadet School, Portsea on 13 Dec 1952 as a 2nd LT to 1 Recruit Training Battalion. Further postings were to 1 FD Regt RAA, Air Operations (Army Component) & 12 National Service Training Battalion.

He was promoted to LT on 13 Dec 1955.

He was promoted Temp Captain on 28 Nov 1957 with postings to 1 Fd Regt & AAS (UK) for Air Operations Training. Promoted Captain on 30 June 1960 with postings UK (Air Operations), 16 Army Light Aircraft Squadron, SORA 3 HQ RAA 1 Div, Brigade Major HQ RAA 1 Div and Australian Staff College.

Promoted Major 30 June 1966 as GSO 2 AAS(W), 1 Aviation Regiment, then Commanding Officer 161 Independent Reconnaissance Flight & Chief Flying Instructor, 1 Aviation Regiment.

Promoted LtCol 18 January 1971 as Instructor Australian Staff College. Appointed Commanding Officer 7 Field Regiment RAA from 1 August 1972 to 31 July 1975.

Harry's last posting was to Training Command on 1 August 1975. He was awarded the DFC for service in Vietnam with 1 Aviation Regiment.

Wallace Allan GRESLEY – 19 Dec 2013 – Aged 87

Wal enlisted in the CMF commencing full time service on 11 May 1944 then transferred to the AIF on 10 June 1944.

He served during his AIF service in 13/33 Australian Infantry Battalion, 1 Australian Recruit Training Battalion (Jungle Warfare), 1 Australian Advanced Reception Depot, 17 Advanced Ordnance Depot, 3 Ordnance Vehicle Park, with operational service in Borneo from 15 June 1945 to 5 December 1946.

Wal took discharge on 16 December 1946 from his final posting at 2 Japanese POW Company at Cowra, NSW.

On 1 February 1949, Wal enlisted in 7 Field Regiment RAA and discharged on 7 April 1954 as a Sergeant.

He enlisted again on 25 June 1955 in 1 Commando Company and discharged on 6 June 1956 as a Private.

Rodney John HEYS – 6 July 2014 – Aged 67

Rod enlisted in 26 Field Battery, 7 FD Regt RAA on 5 July 1966 as an alternative to full time National Service.

He discharged, as a Gunner on 22 May 1968.

Leo Arthur BRADLEY – 10 Dec 2013 – Aged 76

Leo was the youngest of four brothers who served in 7 FD Regt. On 10 January 1957 he was called up for National Service in 12 NS Training Battalion and was then transferred to 7 Fd Regt RAA on 17 April 1957 after completing 98 days full time training.

Leo took his discharge as a transport Bombardier on 2 December 1963.

A RIDDLE

Can you answer all seven of the following with the SAME word ??

1. This word has seven letters
2. Preceded God
3. Greater than God
4. More evil than the Devil
5. All poor people have it
6. Wealthy people need it
7. If you eat it, you will eventually die

ANSWER ON NEXT PAGE !!

LEARN CHINESE IN 5 MINUTES

That's not right	Sum Ting Wong
Stupid Man	Dum Fuk
Did you go to the beach	Wai Yu So Tan
It's very dark in here	Wai So Dim
Your body odour is bad	Yu Stin Ki Pu
See me ASAP	Kum Hia
You need a face lift	Chin Tu Fat
Great	Fa Kin Su Pa
This is a tow away zone	No Pah King
Staying out of sight	Lei Ying Lo

WHY TEACHERS DRINK

Answers to questions in an exam for Year 10

Q. Name the four seasons

A. Salt, pepper, mustard & vinegar

Q. What guarantee does a mortgage broker insist on ?

A. If buying a house you must be well endowed

Q. In a democratic society, how important is an election ?

A. Very – sex can only occur when a male has an election

Q. What is contained in the abdominal cavity ?

A. The five bowels – A,E,I,O,U

Q. What does varicose mean ?

A. Nearby

Q. Name a major disease associated with cigarettes

A. Premature death

Q. What is the Fibula ?

A. A small lie

ANSWER TO THE RIDDLE – “NOTHING”

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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	
BIGNOLD	Peter	☞
BLINKHORNE	Gordon	☞
BLOW	David	☞
BORROWMAN	Gregory	☞
BOWEN	Chris	
BRENNAN	Brian	☞
BRENNAN	Raymond	☞
BREWER	Charles	☞
BRINCAT	Alex	
BROAD	Paul	☞
BROADHEAD	Ken	☞
BROWN	Jeffrey	☞
BRUMBY	Stephen	☞
BURKE	Leo	
BUZACOTT	David	
CARLSSON	Jim	
CARRODUS	Michael	☞
CARSTENS	John	
CASHMORE	John	☞
CHAD	Allan	
CHANDLER	Stewart	☞
CHASEBERRY	Joseph	☞
CHETWYND	Rodney	☞
CHRISTIE	Carl	
CLARK	David	☞
CLARK	Neville	
CLIFF	Kevin	☞
CLIFTON	Alfred	☞
COCHRAN	Kathryn	☞
COCHRANE	John	
COLE	Mick	
COLLINS	Don	
COLLINS	Peter	☞
CONDON	Schon	☞

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CROWE	Michael	🔴	JACKSON	Neville	🔴
CROZIER	Kel	🔴	JAMES	Ian	🔴
CUNNEEN	Stephen	🔴	JARMAN	David	🔴
DICK	Anthony	🔴	JEFFRESON	Edward	
DONNELLY	Suzanne	🔴	JOHNSON	Bruce	
DONOHUE	Tom	🔴	JOHNSTON	Warwick	🔴
DOWN	Patrick	🔴	JONES	Marcus	🔴
DROVER	Angus	🔴	JONES	Michael	🔴
DWYER	Peter	🔴	JONES	Ronald	
EAGLETON	Harold	🔴	KARIKS	Andi	🔴
EDWARDS	Hugh		KEEFE	John	🔴
EHLER	Louis	🔴	KEEN	Ken	
ELDERTON	Frederick		KELLY	Walter	🔴
FAIRFIELD	Peter	🔴	KIMBERLEY	David	🔴
FAIRLESS	John	🔴	KIRKWOOD	John	🔴
FENDER	Shane	🔴	KNIGHT	Stanley	🔴
FENTON	Stuart		KNIGHT	William	
FINCH	Lachlan	🔴	KNOWLES	Howard	
FITZPATRICK	Roy		KOHLHAGEN	Ross	🔴
FLIPPENCE	Addie	🔴	KOHLHAGEN	Paul	🔴
FLOWER	Stephen	🔴	LANGFORD-BROWN	Ian	
FOX	Harry		LAURENCE	Michael	🔴
FRAZER	Ian	🔴	LAWSON	Callum	🔴
FRIDOLFSSON	Peter	🔴	LEEK	David	🔴
FRY	Gary	🔴	LEWIS	Brian	
FULCHER	Sharon	🔴	LINCOLN	David	
GATES	Graham		LOCKMAN	Gary	🔴
GILKINSON	Lance		LONGFELLOW	Virginia	🔴
GILLESPIE	Rod	🔴	LOWE	Margo	🔴
GLADEN	Noel		MAIN	Rick	🔴
GROUSE	Richard	🔴	MARTIN	Graham	🔴
GWILYM	Jack	🔴	MASON-JONES	Nicoll	
HAMER	Colin		McCALLUM	Andrew	🔴
HANSFORD	Jes	🔴	McCARTHY	Noel	
HARGREAVES	Thomas		McCLELLAND	David	🔴
HARROWER	David		McDONOUGH	Paul	🔴
HARRISON	Allan	🔴	McFAYDEN	Barry	🔴
HAVARD	Richard		McGARRY	David	🔴
HAWKINS	Neil	🔴	McGLINN	Les	🔴
HAWLEY	Ted		McGRATH	Peter	🔴
HAWTHORNE	Laurie	🔴	McKECHNIE	David	🔴
HAYLEN	Ian		McLEAN	Russ	🔴
HEMSLEY	Mark		McMAHON	Peter	
HOBSON	Stuart		McVAY	Donald	🔴
HOEY	Ian	🔴	MEDWAY	Harold	
HOGAN	Chris	🔴	MEGGATT	Thomas	
HORSELL	Drew	🔴	MENDL	Peter	🔴
HUNGERFORD	Bruce		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	
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OFFICER	David	
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ORGOVANYI	Cornelius	☛
OWENS	Robert	☛
PALMER	Grant	☛
PEDERSEN	Peter	☛
PINNINGTON	Laidley	
POSENER	John	☛
POWER	Brian	
POWER	Phil	☛
PRIMROSE	Brian	
QUINTON	Graham	☛
RICHARDSON	Robert	☛
ROBERTS	Paul	
ROGAN	Robert	
ROWE	Warren	☛
ROWORTH	Douglas	☛
RULE	Donald	☛
RUSSELL	Rusty	
RUSSELL	Robert	☛
RYAN	Noel	☛
SAINSBURY	Maurie	☛
SCOTT	Ian	☛
SCHWEBEL	David	☛
SENGOS	Patrick	☛
SHADAY	Max	☛
SHANNON	John	☛
SHUNWAH	Richard	☛
SLATER	Peter	☛
SMITH	Colin	
SMITH	Grahame	☛
SMITH	Peter	☛
SMITH	Roger	
SOTTER	Vernon	☛

STANFORD	John	☛
STARKE	Bill	☛
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STONE	Peter	☛
SULLIVAN	Kevin	☛
SUNDERLAND	Ray	☛
TAYLOR	Harry	
TAYLOR	Lawrence	
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WAGLAND	Ross	☛
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WATSON	Alex	
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YEATES	Chris	
YOUNG	Warwick	☛

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