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PROGRAMME

OPEN DAY

HOLSWORTHY

17th June 1967

"LEST WE FORGET"



Major P.J. Badcoe, Royal Australian Infantry
Battery Commander 107 Field Battery June-October 1965.
Killed as he advanced at the head of his South Vietnamese
troops in April 1967.

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THE EMBLEM

The "Black Sheep" or "Rampant Ram" is the emblem of 107th Field Battery.

107 Battery was raised at Holsworthy as a field battery in 1965 from "resources" not considered essential to other sub-units in the area. As a means of development and self preservation, equipment was solicited and members were "recruited" to the battery from many sources. Because of this slow and piecemeal build-up, members felt that 107 Battery should have some distinctive trait. Many suggestions were forthcoming, some useable, many not so usable.

Captain P.J. Badcoe, later promoted to Major, made the decision to name 107 Battery the "Black Sheep" Battery and to have an appropriate sub-unit sign produced.

As 107 Battery gradually improved in proficiency and numbers, a more aggressive sheep than the one depicted on the original sign became an obvious requirement for the battery emblem. This led to the present Battery Commander, Major G. Barnard, directing that the ram be made rampant.

The "Black Rampant Ram" emblem has now been submitted for approval as the official emblem of 107th Field Battery. If approved it will be prominently featured in the Battery flag whilst the Battery is serving in Malaysia during the next two years.

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107th FIELD BATTERY - ROYAL AUSTRALIAN ARTILLERY

OPEN DAY

HOLSWORTHY

17th JUNE 1967

The aim of the Open Day is to complete the 107th Field Battery Inter Section Competition for 1967.

107th Field Battery is organised on the basis of two sections of equal strength. The sections are known as Left Section and Right Section. Today's programme caters for all members of the battery to participate in at least one competition event.

GUESTS

Colonel D.H. Crompton, OBE, Director Royal Artillery, is our Guest of Honour.

Colonel L.S. Hopton, Commander Liverpool Area and officers commanding Artillery units in the Holsworthy area are official guests.

Members of 107th Howitzer Battery, 1st AIF, their families and relatives and friends of members of the battery complete our guest list.

BAND

1st Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment Band, by courtesy of Lieutenant Colonel K.P. Outridge, will play a variety of music throughout the programme under the direction of Bandmaster Sergeant J.H. Hawkins.

THE "BLACK SHEEP" CUP

The "Black Sheep" Cup is to be presented today to the section of 107th Field Battery with the highest total of points earned in competition against the other section during 1967. The events still to be decided are included in the programme for today. Total points scored by each section to date are:

Right Section - $52\frac{1}{2}$

Left Section - $37\frac{1}{2}$

The trophy was originally won in competition by 107th Howitzer Battery during the period 1916-18. This trophy, now renamed the "Black Sheep" Cup, has been kindly donated by members of the 107 Battery 1st AIF Association for annual competition between the Left and Right Sections of 107th Field Battery.

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
1330	107th Field Battery Mounted Parade. Musical Drive.
1415	Inter Section Competition Events - Tug-O-War Small Arms Relay Director Proficiency Race Radio Operators Race Landrover Wheel Changing Race Manhandling the Guns
1500	Equipment Display.
1515	Inter Section Rugby and Australian Rules Matches (each of two 15 minute halves).
1600	Afternoon Tea.
1615	Presentation of Trophies.
<u>Commentator</u>	- Capt G.D. Phegan, RAA

107 BATTERY - BRIEF HISTORY

107 Battery was first raised in Sydney in 1915 as 28 Battery and was redesignated as 107th Howitzer Battery at Larkhill, England in 1916.

25 Battery, 26 Battery, 27 Battery and 107 Battery formed the 3rd Division Artillery 1st AIF and were engaged in active service in France from 1916 until the First World War ended in 1918.

The major campaigns in which 107th Howitzer Battery fought during this period was Armentieres, Ploegsteert Woods, Messines, Ypres and The Somme.

107 Battery occupied a training depot at Willoughby, NSW when it returned to Australia at the end of the war. The battery continued training as a militia unit in this depot until it was disbanded during the depression days of the early 1930s.

107 Battery was officially raised again as a Field Battery of 1st Field Regiment at Holsworthy in 1965. 107th Field Battery has participated in many training exercises in Australia since 1965 and is to relieve A Field Battery in Malaysia during September 1967.

107 Battery was first commanded in action in 1916 by Major George Holbrook Patterson. Later in that year, Major Leslie Marfell succeeded Major Patterson as Battery Commander and remained in command until the battery returned to Australia in 1918.

The Sam Browne belt and sword worn by Major Marfell has been presented to the present Battery Commander of 107th Field Battery by a member of the 107 Battery Association. The belt and sword will be handed on to succeeding Battery Commanders.



107th Howitzer Battery, 1st AIF
"In a good position during the advance." - 1918.



107th Field Battery move in by helicopter - April 1967.