



*7th Field Regiment  
Royal Australian Artillery*

*Ladies Dining In Night*

*to farewell*

*The Commanding Officer*

*Lieutenant Colonel A.J. Kariks, RFD*

*and*

*Warrant Officer Class Two  
Fil "Tracker" Ratatagia*

*23rd November 1996*



**Lieutenant Colonel A.J. Kariks, RFD**  
**Commanding Officer**  
**7 Field Regiment**

*Lieutenant Colonel Andi Kariks was called up for National Service on 27 September 1972 and graduated as a Second Lieutenant from the Officer Training Unit, Scheyville NSW on 19 April 1973. He was posted to 12th Field Regiment as a Forward Observer with A Field Battery and on amalgamation of 12th Field Regiment and 8th Medium Regiment in November 1973 was posted as a Section Commander with 131st Divisional Locating Battery.*

*On completion of his National Service Obligation in April 1974, he was posted to 7th Field Regiment and was subsequently promoted to Lieutenant on 19 October 1974. Whilst a Lieutenant at 7th Field Regiment, Lieutenant Colonel Kariks served as a Forward Observer with 28th Field Battery and as the Regimental Survey Officer. On 26 May 1978 he was promoted to Captain and served as a Forward Observer with 113th Field Battery and later in February 1980 he became the Battery Captain of 28th Field Battery.*

*On 1 September 1981 he was posted to 23rd Field Regiment and was promoted to Major serving as the Battery Commander of Headquarter Battery. He also served as Regimental Second in Command from 1983 to 1984 and as Battery Commander 10th Field Battery from 1985 to 1986. During the period March 1979 to March 1983 he also held the appointment of Honorary Aide de Camp to the Governor of NSW serving with two state governors.*

*In January 1987 Lieutenant Colonel Kariks was posted as a student to 2nd Training Group and in January 1988 he was posted to Headquarters 2nd Division Artillery however serving as Staff Officer Grade 2 Plans at Headquarters 2nd Division. He was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel on 22 February 1990 and was appointed Staff Officer Grade 1 Plans (Ops) at Headquarters 2nd Division. He returned to 2 Training Group on 1 January 1992 to serve as an instructor in the senior wing at Reserve Command and Staff College. In December 1993, Lieutenant Colonel Kariks was appointed as Commanding Officer 7 Field Regiment.*

*Lieutenant Colonel Kariks is single and works as a Branch Coordinator for a Metal Trading Firm of Wright and Company.*

*All members of the Royal Regiment would like to extend their best wishes to him for the future.*

*Wines*      *Selected fine wines of the  
Hunter Valley*

*Port*        *Commemorative Port*

*Selected Liquors*



## MENU

*Soup*

*Pumpkin Soup*

*Entrees*

*Prucittio and Melon*  
*or*  
*Avocado Salad*

*Main*

*Chicken Cordon Bleu*  
*or*  
*Rare Roast Beef*

*Desert*

*Marinated Strawberries*  
*in a Chocolate Basket*

*Cheese Platter*  
*Coffee and Mints*





***Warrant Officer Class Two F.N.W. Ratatagia  
Sergeant Major Instructor Gunnery  
113th Field Battery  
7th Field Regiment***

*Warrant Officer Class Two Filimone "Tracker" enlisted in the Australian Regular Army on 21 September 1976. On completion of recruit training Fil was allocated to the Royal Australian Artillery, as a Gun Number. On completion of his Gun Course he was posted to 4th Field Regiment in Townsville. Fil was promoted to Lance Bombardier in June 1980 and Bombardier in June 1981. Fil was posted to the School of Artillery in July of 1982. In January 1985 he was again posted to 4th Field Regiment, where he was promoted to Sergeant in August of that year. In January 1988 he was posted to the Land Warfare Centre, Canungra as an instructor on Battle Wing.*

*In July 1989 Fil was posted to Headquarters 1 Divisional Artillery. It was during this posting that he was recognised for his service by being awarded of the Australia Day Medallion. In December 1990 he was posted to 1st Field Regiment as the Operator Command Post Sergeant of 101st Field Battery. In December 1991 Fil was promoted to Warrant Officer Class Two and posted to 8th/12th Medium Regiment as the Battery Guide 103rd Medium Battery. He was awarded the Defence Force Service Medal in April 1992. In January 1995 Fil was posted to 7th Field Regiment, as the Sergeant Major Instructor in Gunnery of 113th Field Battery.*

*During his career Fil has seen service in New Zealand, in Malaya and with NATO Forces on Exercise Long Look in 1990. In the sporting arena he has represented the North Queensland Area in Rugby. He was a member of the Australian Services Rugby Union team in 1978. Fil occupied the managers position for the ASRU team in 1995. He elected to transfer to the General Reserve on 30 September 1996.*

*Fil intends to complete his studies in Recreation and Tourism on a full time basis in 1997.*

*All members of the Royal Regiment of Australian Artillery would like to wish Fil, his wife Karen and their children Drew and baby Emma all the best for their future endeavours.*