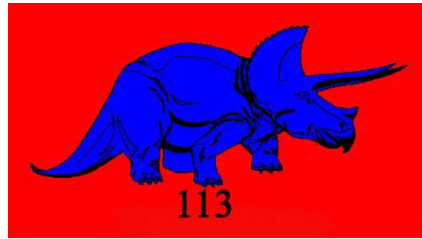


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Commanding Officer

To all members of 7 Fd Regt

Congratulations on your efforts in making this another successful year. There was certainly no doubt that over the last 12 months we have faced a number of challenges including the movement of a number of our support staff to Brigade, the change over of key staff and the general affects of the ongoing high tempo within the ADF. These have all helped to make 2008 a difficult year which in turn has required many of us to be more flexible in our approach and to provide higher levels of commitment to the Regiment. I can truthfully say that the spirit and dedication from all of you has again allowed us to meet these challenges. To this end, full credit goes to members of the unit and I applaud you for the work and dedication you provided.

Despite these challenges we have shown our success in a number of ways. In particular our achievements have included:

- The provision of gunners to operations in the Solomon Is, Reserve Rifle Company Butterworth rotation, border protection activities and Operation Testament
- Support and manning of JOST and offensive fire support for the 8 BDE CATA
- The conduct of a unit run Advanced Gunners Course and lead on the provision of BDE RRF courses in early 08
- The provision of RRF and HRR capability to 2 DIV
- Ongoing success in the delivery of LFX activities thus ensuring our core skills are maintained and exercised; and
- Being amongst the lead units of the BDE in the achievement of all external test and audit measures of our performance

Despite our success and the various challenges we faced, our targets for the coming year will not be reduced. Meeting Reserve Response Force (RRF) and High Readiness Reserve (HRR) targets will be the greatest goals imposed on us and the Reserves in general. On the RRF front, the good news is that a large number of the unit are now RRF qualified. The bad news is that many of you, that are RRF trained, have not formally joined the RRF. By now you would have received presentations on the RRF, the commitments required and the benefits of joining. I encourage you all to review these and assess your ability to join. I am sure most of you will see that the benefits to you will generally outweigh the commitments required and so I commend you to join the RRF.

Similarly, you would also have received information on the HRR. Again I ask you to review this and assess your ability to join. You will be aware that HRR vacancies are very limited and specific to certain roles. None the less, should you be interested in joining then please let your BSM know. In this way we will assess what vacancies exist and where necessary determine what courses you may still need to complete to become eligible for HRR specific vacancies.

Notwithstanding these, our biggest challenge for 2009/2010 will be the conversion to mortars. The presentations already made to you should make clear the ADF's need for a mortar capability and the role 2 DIV RAA units have been given to deliver this. While we are still waiting for final approvals and details of the change, in particular a timetable of change, the time when we will be losing our 105mm guns is coming closer to hand. I am sure you will handle this challenge as you have faced all the others, with professionalism and enthusiasm. With your help, I am sure this transition will be smooth and will again bring credit to the way 7 Fd Regt does business.

On the social front, you should be aware that our first social get together in 2009 will be the unit Birthday celebrations. In 2009 we will be moving from a North Fort setting and will instead hold the celebrations at Fort Scratchley in Newcastle. As is usual this will be in the form of a cocktail party. 113 BTY will be taking the lead here and I am sure that it will be an excellent event. I am certainly looking forward to seeing you there. While initial details have been worked out, I ask that you continue to stay tuned and we will ensure more information is passed on early in the coming year.

On a sadder note, a number of members of the unit will be leaving 7 Fd Regt at the year's end. For example, PTE Donnelly will pursue her civilian career with 12 months in the UK, WO Ryan will be leaving the ARA, WO Hawkett and WO Clemence will be posted on and MAJ Dunand takes up a role at HQ 8 BDE. I wish all members leaving the unit the best in their futures but I rest assured that PTE Donnelly will rejoin us after her return while WO Ryan wishes to do work with 113 BTY as an ARES member. In addition, we have a number of new members joining the unit next year. In particular, we will have 2 new SMIGS, a new OPSWO, a recruiting SGT and a 2IC. With these changes I am comfortable that members are leaving their roles in good shape and the members who replace them will be equally successful in their new roles.

In conclusion, I can say that despite 2008 being as hectic as it has been, we can be assured that we have achieved much and have set the ground work to achieve our aims for 2009. There is no doubt that our challenges next year will be no less than what we have experienced in 2008. To this end I wish to thank each and every member of the Regiment for your efforts this year but also in anticipation for the support you will give in the coming year.

Ubique

Max Shaday
Lieutenant Colonel
Commanding Officer

Operations Officer

Major Antoni Furman, RAA



2008 has been a challenging year for the 7th Field Regiment. The high operational tempo within Army and the ongoing implementation of the Hardened Networked Army have placed many training and operational demands on the unit. As the RSM has pointed out, the ‘gunners have stood up and got on with the job’ – and I couldn’t have said it any better.

The Regiment has had to shoulder a variety of tasks this year from deploying members on operations, getting members qualified for rank and trade, conducting major activities interstate within a combined arms setting, as well as meeting unit obligations for the Reserve Response Force and the High Readiness Reserve. All of this has been achieved in the context of significant size and structural change within the Regiment under Project FOCUS and the need to adapt to reduced organic support assets. We have successfully overcome all obstacles to achieve our operational and training obligations in 2008 and are making significant progress towards producing optimal outcomes in 2009. This comes down to the hard work and commitment of all serving members within the Regiment and I am continually impressed with work and attitude of the men and women of the Regiment. I look forward to seeing this carry on into 2009.

As the Regiment continues to move forward it is important to recognise our accomplishments in 2008 and build on them into the future.

1. Contribution to operational capabilities with members deployed on:
 - a. OP ANODE
 - b. OP RESOLUTE
 - c. OP TESTAMENT
2. Contribution to major activities:
 - a. Rifle Company Butterworth (RCB)
 - b. Conduct Reserve Response Force Course
3. Collective training:
 - a. 3 x artillery live fire exercises (Singleton)
 - b. 1 x Combined Arms Training Activity (SE Queensland)
4. Individual training:
 - a. Qualifying members in rank and trade
 - b. Unit run and support to trade courses – Advanced Gunner, SCCC, various drivers courses
5. AIRN compliance:
 - a. Achieving and maintaining unit compliance of 70% or higher for the second half of 2008
6. Ceremonial tasks:
 - a. Australia Day salute
 - b. Queens Birthday salute
 - c. ARTC services spectacular

Some of the behind the scenes work that you haven’t seen, but will provide the Regiment with a solid base for further development in 2009:

1. Establishment of an all-rank trade database. This is the first time the Regiment has had a transparent and systematic link between PMKEYS and competency log-books in order to enable planning and improve trade training and progression for every member of the Regiment.

2. Complete revision of the Regimental mess structure. To streamline the governance requirements and enable a more effective system to revive the clubs and the social aspects of life within the Regiment in 2009.
3. First time governance compliance achievement in fields like occupational health and safety, a demonstration of the unit's aim to continue to provide optimal outputs and commitment to safety in achieving training outcomes.
4. Structural and systems transition under Project FOCUS. Continually adapting to meet efficiency requirements.

Looking forward to 2009 what can the Regiment expect?

1. Commitment to operations. The unit will continue to focus on raising, training and sustaining individual and collective capabilities to support ADF operations.
2. Commitment to training. In early 2009 the unit will focus on getting members qualified for rank and trade through a courses period in May, and reinforcing this training by exercising the gun-line in the field. The Regiment came close to putting four guns in the field on the last LFX for 2009. I am positive that this, and more, can be accomplished in 2009. It is also my intention to give sub-units the flexibility and opportunity to conduct sub-unit activities with the aim of enabling the batteries to eventually train and operate independently.
3. Commitment to RRF and HRR. Unit goal for 2008 is to fully round-out our RRF and HRR capabilities of 11 personnel for RRF and two JOST parties for HRR. RRF and HRR present excellent opportunities for ARes members of the unit with significant benefits associated with either form of service. I strongly encourage all members to considered service in the RRF or HRR in 2009.
4. Commitment to members. Myself, the RSM and the full-time staff are very aware of issues effecting member administration and pay. We have been very focused on trying to resolve these issues in 2008 under difficult conditions and believe that we may now have appropriate measures in place through the BOSC to achieve best results. 2009 will see better service and outcomes. Please inform your chain of command if you experience any issues with pay or administration so that we can resolve it ASAP.
5. Mortar transition. We are still awaiting guidance for the mortar transition and can expect that the Regiment may commence a transition to new weapon systems from mid to late 2009. This is an exciting new opportunity to cross-train and build on a new capability within the 2nd Division.
6. Recruiting. A focused push to conduct major recruiting activities in 2009 with greater community involvement and high profile activities.

2008 has been a year marked by change and the ability to adapt and overcome the challenges presented. The unit is postured well to hit the ground running in 2009.

As always I am continually impressed by the efforts of the Regiment's officers and soldiers and your commitment in rising to meet these challenges. I wish you all the very best for the Christmas and holiday season and look forward to a bigger and better 2009.

Regimental Sergeant Major

Warrant Officer Class One B.L. Armstrong

I can't believe how fast the year has gone, 2008 has provided many challenges for the Regiment and 2009 seems to be heading the same way. Firstly, I would like to thank all members of the Regiment for their support this year and to members leaving on posting, all the best in the future.

2008 has seen the introduction of new operating procedures across all areas of the unit as a result of the restructure at the end of 2007. As always the gunners have stood up and got on with the job and I can say as your RSM I am justly proud of the commitment to service I have seen this year.

Highlights for me this year have been many. I will not forget, in a hurry, the unit's adventure training activity at Lithgow in April. Floating down a freezing cold creek, listening to banjo music in the distance was certainly a highlight-not!

In May, it was an honour for me to represent the Regiment as your RSM at the Coral Commemoration in Canberra. During the Commemoration 102nd Field Battery was presented the Honour Title (CORAL) as recognition of the Battery's performance at the Battle of Coral in May 1968. This was a significant event for the RAA.

The Regiments performance during the 8 Bde CATA was also a highlight. In order for the Regiment to be represented, a great deal of time and effort from the Ops and Admin Staff was required. To their credit they made it work and I would like to thank them on behalf of the soldiers that attended.

The Advanced Gunners Course was a great success and the seeing the Regiment pull together during the RSM's Challenge was to me something special. I was very impressed at the spirit that exists within the unit and I will take on board SGT Porter's comment that it was too easy and promise to take it up a notch next year.

This year we have continued to grow our manning. We have currently a manning cap of 132 of which we have 100 positions filled by regular parading soldiers and officers. Our strength has grown 8% in the last 6 months of the year, however poor attendance on some activities continues to be an issue.

In 2008 the Regiment had 9 members deployed on operations, 92 members of the unit were nominated for courses with 56 completing the course. During 2008, 7 members of the Regiment were promoted across most ranks. The new year will hopefully see some of our JNCO's becoming qualified and subsequently promoted to sergeant, a personal goal on mine.

As I said earlier, 2009 will continue to provide challenges. The introduction of the new messing arrangements will have a significant impact on the unit. There needs to be a concerted effort across the Regiment to provide a fully functioning unit funds. This will allow the Regiment to foster our identity on the Northern Beaches as well as the Central Coast through merchandise, whilst providing the structure to enhance our unit and sub unit gatherings.

In closing, I would like to wish you, your partners and families a very happy and safe Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

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113th FIELD BATTERY

2008 Summary

Captain Greg Applewhite

As Christmas draws closer so ends another busy year for the Novercasterian Gunners. 2008 has been a very eventful and productive year involving many and various tasks. Apart from our normal day to day business of being artilleryman, we assisted with the papal visit and had two members deployed overseas, GNR Dawson on OP Deluge and BDR Strategos on Op Anode.

Our main corps business continues to improve our skills in gunnery, and I believe we are headed in the right direction. The Live Fire exercises we have attended this year have enabled us to see improvement in our gunner skills. Through the year we have had great support from members posted to us from other corps. My gratitude goes to all the transporters, the Q people, medics, and of course the clerks. Thank you, without your undaunted support the battery could not operate. So 'Well Done' everyone.

This has been my first year as a Battery Commander and the support and professionalism I have received from all members of the battery has been exceptional. As an ex ARA member accustomed to working with a fully manned battery it has been a real eye opener and a challenge. I am amazed at the commitment of the regularly parading members of 113 Bty, not only training as soldiers but also ensuring that our stores are all serviceable and accounted for. Every activity we do is completed in a safe and professional manner. We have all taken on more tasks with less personnel and still managed to do the job well.

2008 was also a good year for career advancement with promotions to LT Wallin, BDR Strategos and LBDR Vippond, so my congratulations to those members.

We are farewelling our SMIG, WO2 Ryan, who is leaving the ARA to try life in Old Civie Street (OCS). So Ryano good luck mate enjoy a real job and hopefully we may see you parading with the battery next year.

In closing, once again thank you everyone and my congratulations and appreciation for a job well done in 2008. Remember stay AIRN compliant and consider the benefits that can be gained by being a member of the RRF and HRR.

I wish everyone a safe and Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year as we look forward to the new challenges of 2009.

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Ubique.

28 Field Battery

The year that Manly won the Grand Final 40 points to nothing. What an interesting year it has been.

Overall, my thoughts are that the battery still manages to impress me with what it has achieved and continues to achieve. Recent years have brought much change to the Regiment and the Army and I am pleased to say that 28 Bty has been able to adapt and cope well with that change. Almost to the point where change has become the norm and we manage to keep our footing as we continue along. Not without the odd stumble here and there but always making progress.

Much of this credit goes to many individuals within the Bty. Not anyone in particular but all the individuals who are the core of the Bty and continue to put in the effort when needed. Support to local community support for salutes, commemoration ceremonies, charity appeals and recruiting.

We have also had manning challenges during the year with reduced ARA personnel and the loss of our local admin and logistics support people through various reorganisations in the Bde and ADF. The biggest impact this had on the Bty was the closure of the depot during the week and ongoing contact for the members and contractors to perform maintenance tasks. With the posting in of our new SMIG, WO2 Paul Johnston, the depot will be open for business again from the start of the new year.

Training has had its ups and downs but we have still managed to get significant numbers of people away on individual corps and non-corps courses, in-house training, a wide variety of corporate governance training and of course the Combined Arms Training Activity (CATA) conducted in Queensland during October this year. Meeting that challenges that were presented, right from the get go with travel, ammunition restrictions and sand flies. All those members that had the opportunity to attend the CATA both enjoyed the exercise and impressed everyone, including the Div Comd with what they achieved and their enthusiasm.

Well done to the team.

Members of the Bty have also provided support to Operations with Gunners deployed to the Solomon Islands and Malaysia. Rather than being the exception, this is becoming a common occurrence and to the point where those members going on deployment have requested extensions or nominated for another deployment.

This provides a great opportunity for training and experience for those members who are in a position to take on these challenges and commitments.

We also welcome the Pymble Detachment into the fold. Whilst this is nothing all that new, it is worth saying that we have made significant efforts to involve them on a more regular basis and feel part of the Bty rather than an isolated detachment. Hand in hand with that goes the many new faces we see in the Bty thanks to the efforts of our Bty, Regt and Bde recruiting staff. The job rests with us all to mentor and develop these new

soldiers to be core members of the Bty with the same dedication and enthusiasm shared by the rest of us.

By way of closing of my thoughts for the year, there is the conversion of the Regt from 105mm guns to 81mm mortars. We have been told this is and will be happening, there is little in the way of detail at this stage and much work is being done at various levels within Army to move this along. It is up to each of you in the Bty whether this will be an easy or difficult change to make. Adjusting attitudes and remaining open to the change will be essential. During the process keep an open and critical mind to ensure you understand what is happening and can contribute where you see things could be done better or differently and use your chain of command to communicate these observations to make the process a success for all.

Thanks for your effort and dedication this year and in the past. I will be moving on at the end of this year and will no doubt hope to see you all when the opportunity arises.

Good shooting and continued success.

A. Dunand

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The Q- Store saga of 2008. You've just been BOSC'd

Well what a year 2008 turned out to be. With the introduction of the BOSC system seeing the stripping from the manning of most of the ARA personnel it was going to be a full on work year. WO2 Pete Hume marched in from a short break from the guns and with the help of a 7 Fd Regt stalwart, PTE Darrin Warminger, managed to figure out how to get the Q, transport and EME requirements of the unit sorted. With SSGT Don Kennedy, PTE's Darren Boulter and Shane Lindsay rounding out the team in their part-time capacities, it has been a difficult but not impossible task. As with any change there will be difficulties but having come through the annual audit season relatively unscathed the Q team has shown that a good work ethic combined with a sense of humour helps.



The highlight of the year has been the CATA with the Q store being the only Regt element to be over manned (that rammer is looking good, RSM), with the QM / WO Co-ord / TPT supervisor breaking Mack trucks and the rest of the team showing the CSST how to set up with a sense of urgency. The Q team was even able to supplement the CP with PTE Boulter spending more than the expected one night on the gunline. Apparently the wishful looks soon changed to sorrow on day two when the expectant PTE Boulter was told to stay and help the CP.

On a lighter note SSGT Kennedy maintained his photography skills and even managed to con the Div Comd into a quick pic with the crew. It was funny to see the commanders entourage giving the timeout signal for Don to hurry up. No doubt a lot of the pictures in this journal can be credited to Don.



The end of the year will see the final farewell for Darrin Warminger who is leaving us for a posting to Brissvegas. Darrin will be sorely missed as he has proven to be an asset to the unit. Darrin, best wishes for the posting from all the Loggies.

Next year promises to be busy as usual with Corporal Zinghini being posted in from 4 Fd Regt to replace Darrin and the WO Co-ord disappearing off on long service leave (partially funded by Sydney University) for a short while.

From all the Q Store crew, have a great Christmas break and best wishes for the New Year.

The RAP on TV

By the RMO

Most of the Medics in the 7th Fd Rgt Regimental Aid Post (RAP) joined up as medics because they were always big M.A.S.H fans. But the questions I'm asked all the time are 'Do you watch House?' and 'Is that what being a doctor is really like?' There are several answers that can be given to that question but to be completely honest, the RAP in 2008 has been more like an episode of Scrubs than any other show that springs to mind.

PTE 'J.D.' Yeung is the new kid on the block. Fresh out of Medic-school he is here to help – although at times he can't help being distracted. Whilst in the TV show JD's attention turns constantly to those without a Y chromosome, 'J.D.' Yeung is more philosophical and between treating patients he can usually be found reading.

PTE 'Turk' Kong is also fresh faced and ready to rumble. His acute desire to cut open is matched by his surgical precision. He will only ever be seen wearing green and although not yet in common use, he will answer to 'chocolate bear'. Try it.

LCPL 'Cox' Rennie is the Alpha male of the RAP. Faultless judgment, fit as a fiddle but more sensitive than Perry Cox M.D. He has not yet resorted to calling his interns by girls names or giving nipple cripples – medics look out in 2009. 'Most Improved Soldier' of 2008, 'Cox' Rennie has taken a step up.

CAPT 'Kelso' Collins has been greatly helped by those performing well in the RAP. As the newest member of the unit, learning Styer and Hootchie skills have been a useful addition to his medical resume. Perhaps trying a little too hard to fit in he was on one occasion caught wearing his hat backwards – a trick best saved for baseball hats, not slouch hats.

The 7th Fd Rgt RAP has also been greatly assisted this year by 2/17 RNSWR's CPL 'Carla' Macgill, CAPT 'Elliot' Holdaway and COL Patterson. Without these 'extras' the RAP would not have been as well oiled a machine.

Our aim as an RAP is to serve the unit by providing high quality health care. Hopefully we are as friendly and endearing as your favorite characters on Scrubs. 2008 has been a year of growth for us all and we hope 2009 gives us many more opportunities to use our skills to help you and the unit.

RMO
28 Nov 08

Chaplain G.E. Prosper

This year has provided many opportunities for Chaplaincy in our Regiment, from upfront Field Services and Ceremonial Occasions to casual phone conversations and catch up chats walking around on a Tuesday night. I've been involved in a couple of weddings, supported some people during times of grief and loss, and assisted in the management of some members during the CATA.

Making progress in the Character Guidance lessons has been a valuable step forward and I anticipate getting around to the Batteries next year and completing these modules. Thanks to the BSM's for scheduling me in.

As a minister I often encounter people who are uncomfortable being in my presence, you get used to it after a while. On the golf course I've noticed that after playing partners realise I'm a Baptist Minister they usually have a couple of double bogies, sometimes a few in a row! But when I tell them I also work as an Army Chaplain they quickly regain their composure and don't feel so guilty about swearing during the game. I think they understand that Chaplains are 'real' people and certainly not Holy Joes who look down on others.

It has been a real honour for me to work along side you this year and provide some level of spiritual and emotional support. I pray that you will be kept safe over the Christmas period and your families blessed by God in every way.

I'd like to echo the RSM's words and say *'thanks to all members of the Regiment for their support this year and to members leaving on posting, all the best in the future'*.

God Bless You

The Padre

Quick Hands of the A.I.F

After reading Les Carlyon's 'The Great War' I was impressed by the way the diggers of the 1st A.I.F went about their souvenir collecting, appropriately named 'ratting'. List of desirables being Watches, Shoulder Straps, Binoculars and Luger pistols.

These actions by the Diggers helped create the wonderful collections that are now on display in the Australian War Memorial, various museums or held as 'family heirlooms' of descendant families.

A few quotes from the book highlights the 'professional' way the diggers handled the Hun.

"What a harvest for our boys! Talk about 'ratting' ... as each Hun advanced with his hands above his head several of our lads would dive at him, and, before the astonished Hun knew what was happening, hands were in every pocket, and he was fleeced of everything but his name and his clothes."

"A new reinforcement was working like a cat on a hot tin roof, pulling cigars out of a Hun's pocket. In a ferocious manner I asked him if he was not aware of that order of the day that all loot had to be handed over to an officer to be sent back to headquarters. He meekly handed them over. I smoked cigars all day, and the rest of the platoon tormented the life out of the youngster for falling for the joke."

"A German officer captured at Broodseinde in 1917 said; your men are funny, they rob while they fight"

"With as acute sense of what was important in this war, the three rankers began 'ratting' some 20 Germans for watches. An Australian officer objected, the three said that if they didn't take the watches, others would. The Officer conceded the point. 'What about one for me?' he said. Take your pick, sir,' a man said, offering clasped hands full of watches"

The most famous 'Rat' is Private John (Barney) Hines. The following article is from the AWM website.

Private John (Barney) Hines (1873–1958)

A Liverpool Irishman, Hines was drifting around Australia working at different jobs before he joined the AIF in 1915. He was heavily tattooed and gave his age as 28, but was in fact much older.

Hines served with the 45th Battalion, No 2296. An effective soldier in battle, he was a troublesome one out of it. He was often absent without leave, and also faced charges for drunkenness, and for forging entries in his pay-book. He saw most of his action in Flanders, where he was wounded. Hines was eventually discharged on medical grounds before the war ended.

A photograph of Hines taken near Ypres, wearing a German cap and surrounded by souvenirs taken from the enemy, was published in late 1917. It was simply titled, "Wild Eyes, the souvenir king". The photograph was widely circulated during the war, and it achieved fresh fame when exhibited and re-published more than a decade later. Old soldiers felt that it represented the larrikin side of the archetypal digger.

Hines became the subject of many tall tales and true. One popular but doubtful story was that the Kaiser had been enraged by the publication of the photograph that seemed to show a barbaric Australian gloating over his battle trophies.

After the war Barney Hines lived as an unmarried loner in a bag humpy beyond Sydney. From time to time, the photograph would be published and he would come briefly to the public's attention. The post-war years and the Depression were hard on him, although he received occasional support from ex-service groups.

He spent the rest of his days in Mount Druitt and died in Concord Repatriation Hospital on 2nd January 1958, age 84.



Private Barney Hines, with his trophies from the fighting at Polygon Wood, Belgium



Barney Hines featured on the cover of the returned soldiers' journal, *Reveille*, in December 1933



John Hines Road in Minchinbury, NSW recalls the lovable larrikin. (Australian War Memorial)

Article compiled by BSM 28 for the 2008 Yandoo. Newsletter of the 7 FD Regt RAA Association

HORSE DRAWN DETACHMENT

In 1973 under the direction of LTCOL H.A.F. Benson, D.F.C., a horse drawn detachment was formed, which made its first appearance on Her Majesty's the Queen Mother's birthday, 4th August 1973.

The detachment comprises a six horse team drawing a 15 pounder gun and limber. Three of the horses are ridden. Two members ride on the limber and two members ride on the gun. The detachment commanders and second-in-command ride independently.

The gun, a Breach Loaded (BL) 15 pounder No. 1007 made in 1899/1900 was obtained from 12 Field Regiment R.A.A. at Coral Lines, Ingleburn.

A second gun was obtained from the Australian War Memorial Storehouse at Duntroon Military College, Canberra. This gun was cannibalised to restore the first gun.

The war memorial also loaned an axle and wheels for a limber, harness and saddles.

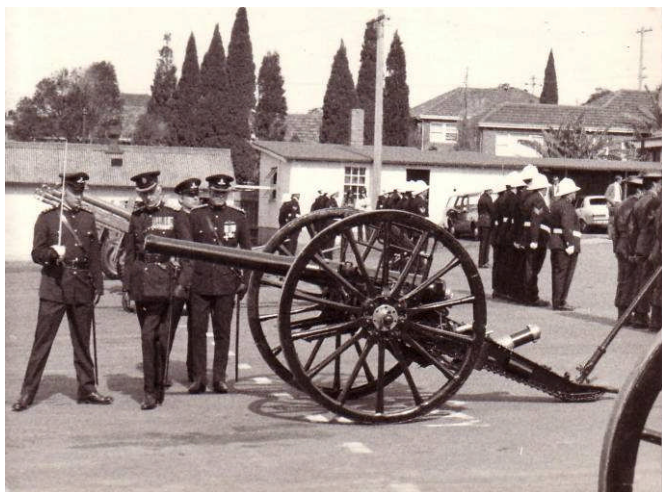
The saddles were General Sir John Monash's and also the saddle presented to Major C.F. Cox on the day of his departure for South Africa on the 16th March 1901, by the staff of the Railways Department, Sydney, N.S.W.

The equipment was restored to its present condition by the R.A.E.M.E. detachment attached to 7 Field Regiment.

The uniform worn comprises black boots, black leggings, baratheia blue officer type trousers and coat, tan bandolier, white gloves and white pith helmet with a brass spike and gold chain chin strap. On occasions a tan Sam Browne belt is worn.

LTCOL Benson was assisted in the formation of the detachment by CAPT J.C. Rappell and the second-in-command SGT H. Taylor, A.M.

It is a point of interest that a 15 pounder gun similar to the gun used by the detachment was fired at reveille each morning at "The Warren", Marrickville by 7th Field Artillery Brigade while in training in 1916. Also this type of gun was used in the Boer War.



Too Many Gin and Tonics

'A officer should be comely, spratly and above all else, confident in his own dress and bearing.

He should, where possible, eat a small piece of meat each morning with molasses and beans.

He should air himself gracefully and when under fire and never place himself in a position of difficulty when being shot at. He should eat his meals comfortably and ahead of his soldiers, for it is he whom is more important tactically on the battlefield and therefore he should be well nourished.

His hair should be well groomed and is possible he should adorn a moustache or similar facial adornment. When speaking to his soldiers he should appear unnerved and aloof and give direction without in any way involving himself personally in the execution of arduous or un-officer like duties.

He should smoke thin pantellas except in the company of ladies where he should take only a small gin mixed with lemon tea.

He should be an ardent and erudite gentleman and woo ladies both in the formal environment and in the bedroom where he should excel himself beyond the ordinary soldier with his virulent love making prowess.

These I say to you are the qualities of an officer that set him apart from the lay person and the common soldier'

LTGEN Hebert Worthington
Commander In Chief
5th Royal Indian Mountain Division
Bombay
12th December 1907

Artillery Quotes

"Artillerymen believe the world consist of two types of people; other Artillerymen and targets."

- Unknown

CANNON, n. An instrument employed in the rectification of national boundaries.

- Ambrose Bierce

Guns will make us powerful, butter will only make us fat.

Hermann Goering

The first shot is for the Devil, the second for God, and only the third for the King."

Napoleon Bonaparte

"Where a goat can go, a man can go, where a man can go, he can drag a gun"

- COL William Phillips 1777

Renown awaits the commander who first restores artillery to its prime importance on the battlefield.

Winston Churchill

The harder the fighting and the longer the war, the more the infantry, and in fact all the arms, lean on the gunners.

Field Marshal Montgomery

In many situations that seemed desperate, the artillery has been a most vital factor.

Gen Douglas MacArthur

7 FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE/REGIMENT ORDNANCE

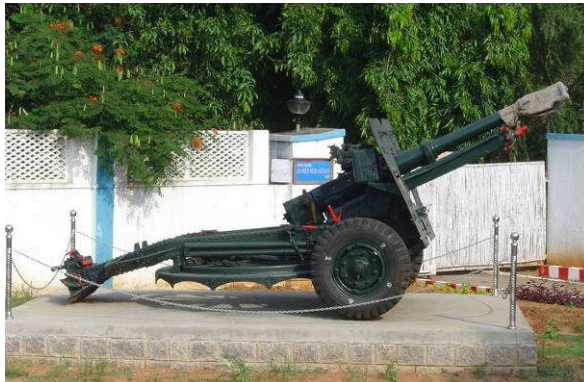
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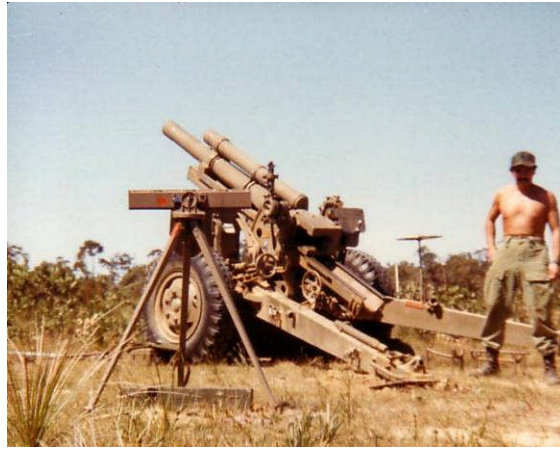
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105mm L5 Pack Howitzer 1965-1966 & 2 Mar 1973-1976



105mm M2A2 Howitzer 1976 – Sep 1992



105mm L119 Howitzer (Hamel) Sept 1992 –2019



130 mm Laser (Grunt Buster) 2019 -



Regt Dinner Forestville Dec 2007



SSGT Kennedy 30 yr Presentation by CO



CPL Fear Farewell



Diggers, Still Standing



SMIG 28 Farewell



113 Snakes



Where's the Port....



How much did Dion get for the bet ???



St Barbara's Day Church Service Dec 2007

Hornsby Bowling Day Farewells Dec 07 Cocktail Function Mar 2008



CPL Fear thinking about a cold Schooner



MAJ Ellison (OPSO) doing some presso's



Customary Group Mug shot



Where's my balls ????



7 FD Assoc Paver Dedication



The Regiment, 92 years old



North Head Penguins...



Amazing, no one has a beer !!

Photos From the Past



1960 25 Pdr Gun Race Willoughby



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25 Pdr



303 Shoot



2003 Building Dee Why Memorial



2003 Queens Bday Salute Nth Head



2001 Chopper Lift

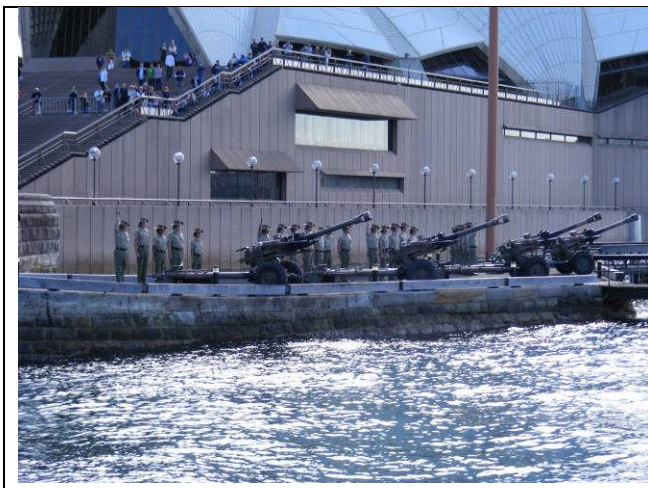


2004 FAC

Australia Day Salute 2008



Queens Birthday Salute 2008



LFX Mar 2008 Singo



Promotion of GNR Leigh



"Shot Over"



Coming out of Action



Regt Parade



Coming into Action



Charge Bag Burn



CP Hard at work.....



Padres Church Service

Small Arms Weekend Singo Apr 08



F88 Shoot



113 Diggers



Safety Officers



Callsign Fanta



TOET's



Bring on the Zombies..



F89 Shoot

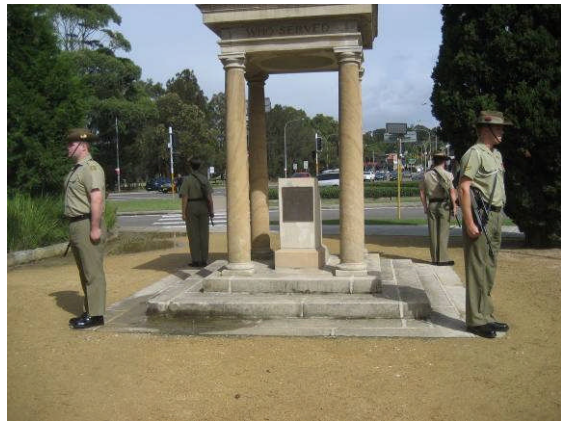


28 Diggers

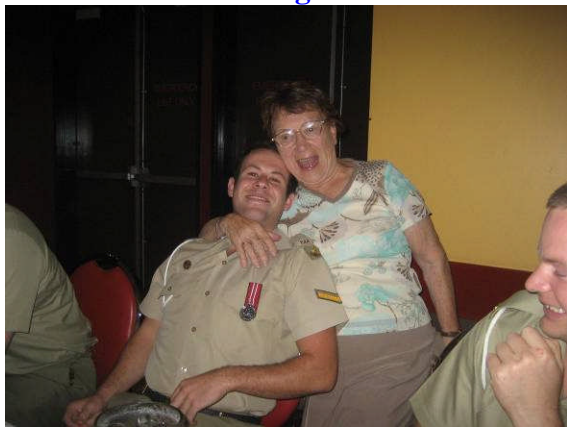
**28 Bty 2008 Ceromonal Catafalques
Monavale 20 Apr and Manly Dam 11 Nov**



A few rough heads



So far so good



Chase doing his best



More beer please



The gunners putting on a good show



More rough heads



Last Scratch



55 mins later

Small Arms /Training Weekend Jul 2008



Grenade Trng



113 Bty



Weapon Cleaning



28 Bty



TOET's



HQ Medics and Q



BDR Lunan Promotion by BC 28



WO 2 Clemance Warrant Presentation by OPSO

BRIGADE CATA (AFX) WIDE BAY QLD Sept –Oct 2008

(View photo's whilst listening to Pink Floyds "Wish You Were Here")



Advance Guns Course



The Brigadier visiting the JOST



CP at Work



The Gun Line



Regiment Group Photo



Gunnery at Work

BRIGADE CATA (AFX) WIDE BAY QLD Sept –Oct 2008



The Regiment taking a rest



Gnr Hammang Promotion



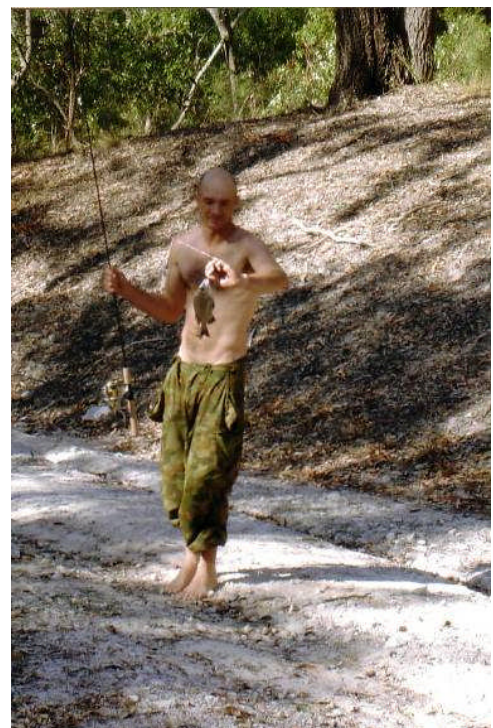
Gunners taking a breather



Night Deployment



What can one say !!!!!



Ports, I thought you liked catching crabs...

LFX Nov 2008 Singo



21 today, Gnr Evo



28 Bty



113 Bty



113 Bty



113 Bty



Safety Brief



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Coming into Action

The Regiment Nov 08





7th Field Regiment - Nominal Roll

Emp No.	Rank	Name	Init	Unit
8257549	LTCOL	Shaday	M.	RHQ
8254739	MAJ	Dunand	A.J.	28
8229167	MAJ	Furman	A.G.	RHQ
8251034	CAPT	Applewhite	G.P.	113
8536798	CAPT	Collins	S.A.	RHQ
8269072	CAPT	Flower	S.J.	28
8230551	CAPT	Jeong	I.	RHQ
8270557	CAPT	Pigneguy	J.G.	RHQ
8530616	CAPT	Prosper	G.E.	RHQ
8230836	CAPT	Sendt	D.A.	113
8442474	LT	Egan	T.J.	RHQ
8244998	LT	Jones	M.J.	28
8486911	LT	Newton	G.A.	28
8218176	LT	Wallin	A.W.	113
8230534	WO1	Armstrong	B.L.	RHQ
8241760	WO2	Clemence	P.R.	RHQ
8227129	WO2	Hawkett	D.J.	28
8237988	WO2	Hume	P.A.	RHQ
8236399	WO2	Johnston	P.V.	28
8230339	WO2	Linsley	P.D.	113
8237693	WO2	Nicholls	G.J.	113
8235207	WO2	Ryan	G.M.	113
8265433	WO2	Sengos	P.	28
8244713	SSGT	Kennedy	D.F.	28
8280540	SGT	Atchinson	J.G.	113
8239514	SGT	Cartwright	A.S.	113
8239101	SGT	Francis	C.J.	RHQ
8244641	SGT	Morgan	F.J.	RHQ
8251071	SGT	Muller	R.J.	113
8215637	SGT	Porter	C.M.	113
8252203	CPL	Balfour	S.J.	RHQ
8213299	BDR	Belson	D.M.	113
8212577	BDR	Brown	J.D.	28
8246161	BDR	Greenwood	K.J.	113
8262159	BDR	Lunan	J.A.	28
8297058	BDR	Nicholson	M.R.	113
8443790	BDR	Strategos	T.A.	113
8268527	BDR	Wagland	R.A.	28
8245289	LBDR	Chase-Berry	J.J.	28
8213084	LBDR	Fender	S.M.	28
8267972	LCPL	Kerr	M.I.	28
8440096	LBDR	Leigh	J.P.	28
8265228	LCPL	Orr	J.W.	113
8440156	LCPL	Rennie	M.L.	RHQ
8490970	LBDR	Vippond	R.I.	113
8235512	PTE (P)	Ashbourne	D.	113
8504409	GNR (P)	Barber	T.S.	28
8546863	PTE REC	Barker	M.J.	113
8517961	PTE	Boulter	D.L.	28

8499768	PTE (P)	Brookes	C.J.	113
8299350	GNR (P)	Brown	D.R.	28
8513360	PTE	Cortis	R.C.	113
8519984	GNR	Cox	M.A.	113
8535168	PTE REC	Crawford	A.R.	113
8256052	PTE	Cseszko	J.A.	28
8506186	GNR (P)	Dawson	C.J.	113
8244193	PTE (P)	Donnelly	S.J.	28
8484852	GNR (P)	Eckert	D.	113
8521595	GNR	Evans	M.C.	28
8490881	GNR (P)	Fletcher	L.J.	113
8512435	PTE TRN	Francis	K.T.	28
8258231	GNR (P)	Fridolfsson	P.K.	28
8545999	PTE REC	Gardner	R.P.	113
8504803	GNR	Grayson	T.C.	113
8257658	GNR (P)	Gralnger	C.T.	113
8495015	GNR (P)	Hammang	M.S.	28
8517080	GNR (P)	Heard	S.	113
8546003	PTE REC	Hedge	D.S.	113
8522154	PTE TRN	Hernandez	J.	28
8499302	GNR (P)	Holgersson	J.L.	28
8544797	PTE REC	Hoyland	M.J.	113
8537086	PTE TRN	Hutchison	S.	28
8217664	PTE (P)	Jeffreys	D.G.	28
8500813	GNR (P)	Joiner	J.M.	28
8537066	PTE REC	Kelly	J.L.	28
8541285	PTE REC	Kennedy	J.	113
8522471	PTE TRN	Kong	W.	RHQ
8546846	PTE REC	Lawson	C.J.	28
8518256	PTE TRN	Lindsay	S.	113
8529183	GNR TRN	Lowe	M.	113
8541287	PTE REC	Maddox	J.B.	113
8541286	PTE REC	Martin	B.C.	113
8523647	GNR	Mead	D.J.	113
8443729	GNR (P)	Membrey	T.F.	113
8546837	PTE REC	Milton	M.J.	113
8546836	PTE REC	Milton	M.R.	113
8441035	GNR (P)	Necovski	A.S.	113
8542424	PTE REC	O'Donnell	I.	28
8511713	GNR (P)	Paterson	R.P.	28
8520837	GNR (P)	Smith	C.L.	113
8546094	PTE REC	Smith	S.C.	28
8508021	GNR (P)	Stewart	R.	113
8530210	PTE TRN	Tiley	K.S.	28
8517121	GNR (P)	Vowell	A.C.	28
8230369	PTE	Warminger	D.F.	RHQ
8526151	GNR	Watson	L.C.	113
8299456	PTE (P)	White	R.L.	113
8532365	PTE TRN	Whitney	A.J.	28
8507693	GNR (P)	Wilson	S.	28
8527598	PTE	Yeung	C.	RHQ



7 Fd Regt 2008 Trg Prg

as at 30 Jul 08

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NEXT BFA DUE:

NEXT MED DUE:

HRR

NEXT WTSS DUE:

NEXT DENTAL DUE:

Date PCNB Updated:

Signature of Soldier

Now for some Humour.....

The Gay Flight Attendant

My flight was being served by an obviously gay flight attendant, who seemed to put everyone in a good mood as he served us food and drinks.

As the plane prepared to descend, he came swishing down the aisle and told us that 'Captain Marvey has asked me to announce that he'll be landing the big scary plane shortly, so lovely people, if you could just put your trays up, that would be super.'

On his trip back up the aisle, he noticed this well-dressed and rather Arabic looking woman hadn't moved a muscle.

'Perhaps you didn't hear me over those big brute engines but I asked you to raise your trazy-poo, so the main man can pitty-pat us on the ground.'

She calmly turned her head and said, 'In my country, I am called a Princess and I take orders from no one.'

To which (I swear) the flight attendant replied, without missing a beat

'Well, sweet-cheeks, in my country I'm called a Queen, so I outrank you. Tray-up, Bitch.'



SMIG 141 Battery



Santa delivering a few 50 cal presents to the bad guys



LOTS-O-GUNS

You think you have enough, until the ZOMBIES come.



PREPAREDNESS

Because those goddammed zombies aren't going to kill themselves.



WHY YES, THE MARINES WERE HERE.

How did you know?

