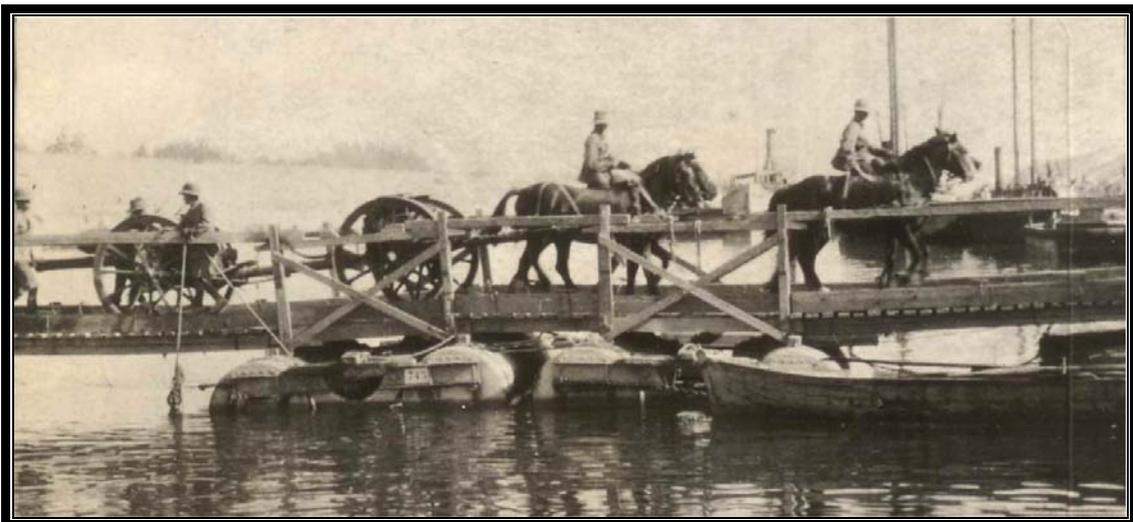




Anzac Day First Anniversary Fourth Australian Division - Sarapeum, Egypt, April 25th 1916

25-4-16 Anzac Day. Church service this morning very impressive Band played. General Cox & staff present. Buglers sounded Last post. 4th Div Sports this afternoon it would have been very good only for a hot strong wind blowing down canal which spoilt all the fun Boats which the Boys made. Bands played all sorts of tunes. H R Highness The Prince of Wales was present on a beautiful motor boat. ML 37 just like a Destroyer, with big staff. Our Sgt are to have a feed up to night.

From: Compton diary, 18 March 1916 – 14 February 1917 /A. R. Compton



Australian 18 Pounder crossing the pontoon bridge, Suez Canal, Sarapeum, Egypt, April 1916

LEST WE FORGET



ROYAL AUSTRALIAN ARTILLERY ASSOCIATION WA (INC)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Fellow Gunners,

Gunners' Day 2011 was a successful service with good weather.

We started at 11 am with the support of the Army Band Perth and followed the traditional format with light refreshments in the church hall. BRIG Stephen Cain was the Reviewing Officer. This was his last official function as Commander 13 BDE and we wish him well for the future. By 1pm the formalities were completed and those that wished retired to the Rose & Crown for further refreshment.

The AGM was held on 11 March 2012 at 9:30 am at Hobbs Artillery Park.

The existing committee have renominated;

President: Bob Farrelly

Vice President: Peter Mahoney

Secretary and Treasurer: John Blylevens

Committee: Ken Hepworth

Committee: Wendy Mahoney

Committee: John O'Brien

Committee: Scott Sullivan

Committee: Andrew Dunjey

Hon Auditor: Hugh Zimmerman.

I would like to thank the Committee for all their efforts during the past year.

ANZAC Day 2012 is the next big event on our calendar.

There will be a Dawn Service at Hobbs Artillery Park, followed by a Gunfire Breakfast. You are requested to be at Hobbs Artillery Park by 5.30 am. This event was well attended last year, and I encourage all members to make the effort to attend this year. Our Colonel Commandant, BRIG Gerry Warner has agreed to lead the march in the city. Details for ANZAC Day appear in more detail in this newsletter. I look forward to seeing you there. Additionally 7 FD BTY are welcoming all members of the Gunner fraternity to share a drink and catch up with friends after the service at Hobbs Artillery Park. Details of the form up place in St George's Terrace will appear in 'The West Australian'. I look forward to seeing you there.

The Association and 7 Fd Bty will be holding a Corps Dinner for serving and past Gunners and their partners/guests. The Dinner will be held on Saturday 7th July 2012 at Hobbs Artillery Park, Irwin Barracks, Karrakatta.

Project 2013 is the next big thing. It is a RAAHS project supported by the Association which aims to raise \$ 500,000 for further development of the Leighton Battery site. See articles in this edition for more detail.

BRIG Stephen Coggin was appointed as the Commander 13 BDE from 1 January. We look forward to working with him and wish him every success.

Ubique

Bob Farrelly

LTCOL

President, RAA Association



RAAA of WA AGM 13 March 2012



ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATIVE MARCH PROTOCOLS

- All marchers should conform to forming up and marching 4 abreast
- Veterans should march directly behind their unit banner, accompanied by one carer if needed. That carer should be of an age where they directly assist the veteran.
- Veterans having difficulty completing the march are encouraged to use the transport provided, but must remain in the vehicle until the march is complete.
- If a veteran must fall out of the march, he/she should be directed to a Marshall for assistance. Unit associations should continue so as not to disrupt the movement of the march.
- NOK should march behind the veterans and be old enough to march the full distance without assistance. Please note baby prams are not permitted.
- NOK representation should be restricted to 1 per veteran. Attire should be neat and tidy out of respect to the fallen (torn denim, sporting attire, dirty joggers etc are not appreciated).
- Carrying pictures of relatives is not supported.
- NOK are to wear medals on the right breast (left breast is reserved for the original owners).
- Media services have been advised not to conduct interviews "on the move" during the march.
- Veterans are requested not to join or leave the march other than at the Assembly or Dispersal points.

We would be grateful if you adopted these guidelines and by doing so you will not only your fallen comrades and forebears, but you will also help maintain the ANZAC tradition we are all so proud of.

Source: RSL

HAILS AND FAREWELLS

Posting cycles for Regular Army Staff come and go and for three Members of 7 Field Battery Staff, December 2011 was the time for their departure. At the end year Christmas BBQ we farewelled MAJ Cliff Coggins, WO2 Gary Hogg and BDR Ricky Mallett.

Cliff was promoted Major in December and is posted to Ranges and Training Area Management based at Leeuwin Barracks (no doubt he will drop in to the Annexe for morning tea occasionally!). Gary hitched up his recently acquired Power Boat and headed up the WA coast for Darwin where he serves with 8/12 Medium Regiment. Ricky headed east to Puckapunyal to rejoin 53 BTY at the School of Artillery.

Presentations were made to Cliff, Gary and Ricky in recognition of their exceptional assistance to the Society throughout their posting at 7 Field Battery. We wish them well in their new appointments.

In January 2012 we welcomed CAPT James Tarpley who has replaced MAJ Cliff Coggins as Instructor Gunnery (IG) and WO2 David Nutini who replaces WO2 Gary Hogg as Sergeant Major Instructor Gunnery

(SMIG). We wish them both well in their appointments and look forward to a close working relationship. BDR Ricky Mallett is not being replaced.

Captain James Peter Thomas Tarpley

Born in Plymouth, England, on April 16th 1985. Emigrated in 1996 and attended school in Western Australia, until being accepted to RMC-Duntroon in 2004.

Graduated from Duntroon in 2006 into the Royal Regiment of Australian Artillery and posted to 16th Air Defence Regiment.

After a short stint at 16 AD I took up a position as a Section Commander at 'A' Field Battery (Para), quickly earned my wings and subsequently shot the battery as Gun Position Officer the following year. From 'A' Field Battery (Para) I was posted back to Duntroon as an instructor responsible for the ADFA cadets, SSO's and ARes Officer Cadets' training.

12 months instructing at Duntroon was followed by a move to Darwin to take up position as Golf 12 Sunray, a Joint Fires Team Commander within 103rd Medium Battery, 8th/12th Medium Regiment.

Shortly thereafter the JFT's and JFECC force concentrated with 5RAR and other elements to form Battle Group Tiger - Mentoring Task Force 2.

I deployed with Combat Team Bravo as the JFT Commander into the Mirabad Valley, Uruzgan Province, Afghanistan. During which time 115th Observation Post Battery was re-raised, the first time since it was disbanded shortly after WWI.

After a 10 month deployment, BG Tiger returned to Australia.

I saw out the 2011 year back at 8/12 Regt and have subsequently taken up my current position as the Instructor-in-Gunnery/Executive Officer of 7 Field Battery, 3 Field Regiment.



Warrant Officer Class Two David Nutini

Born in Perth, Western Australia on 11 December 1968 and attended Christian Brothers College, Leederville until enlisting into the ARA in April 1987.

After completing Basic Training at Kapooka and Initial Employment Training at the School of Artillery, Manly I was posted to 'A' Field Battery as a Gun Number.

In 1998 I was posted to The Parachute Training School (PTS), Nowra, NSW as the first RAA OR instructor.

After four years at PTS I returned to 'A' Field Battery and deployed to East Timor as part of UNMISSET in 2002. On return from East Timor I took up the position as Operator Command Post Sergeant and then the Battery Guide.

In 2005 I returned to PTS as the Warrant Officer Freefall and Wing Sergeant Major.

In 2009 I was posted to the 105th Medium Battery, 1st Field Regiment as the Battery Sergeant Major.

During 2010 I deployed with the 6th Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, Battle Group as a Mentor for the 4th Kandak Artillery Battery.

On return from Afghanistan I was posted to 'A' Battery, which had been restructured under command of the 1st Regiment RAA, and assisted with the task of training the battery members as a 155mm gun battery utilising the newly acquired 155mm M777A2 Howitzer.

I am married and live in Craigie with my wife and three children. I enjoy sports parachuting, fishing, off road adventures and boutique lager tasting.

I have now taken up the position as the Sergeant Major Instructor Gunnery of the 7th Field Battery, 3rd Field Regiment.



SOME WORDS OF WISDOM.

As some of you may be aware, on the 31st of December, 2011, I was given my marching orders from the ADF after 25 years of service due to a few niggling medical issues – basically not being able to be deployed, the Army decided I was no longer useful to them. Although I left kicking and screaming and a counter battery attack was launched by 7 Field with the BC, Major John Blylevens leading the charge supported by 11/28 RWAR, we were unsuccessful in changing their minds.

I must admit, from that first day walking (or should I say marching) into the Gun Park at HAP, to the last “No. 1 Empty” at the WASO 1812, I have felt part of a team, part of something bigger, part of something that only someone in it can really understand. I still remember that first day being yelled at by the then BSM, Paul Aitken – totally unjustified of course! Being a Gunner (although I was a LCPL when I transferred), a No.7, No.1 (the ultimate), CP SGT, BG, OPS SGT, URLO and BSM, has enabled me to become part of a fantastic family, one that will stay in my heart and memories forever.

On my parting, I asked the BC if I could share some of my wisdom (some may reject this claim) with those who are still soldiering on at the Battery – he agreed! In a packed lecture room (with air-conditioning I might add – see what you get when the grunts move in!), I fired my last power point:

- **Have fun and be inventive when training.**
- **Put your hand up for as many courses as you can.**
 - Use the ESP scheme to shut up the boss
 - Get your employer on Executive Stretch
- **Commit to all activities.**
 - Even if it means upsetting your missus
- **Keep copies of all course reports.**
- **Fill in AC563's for all injuries no matter how minor.**
- **Don't just turn up and collect your pay.**
 - Add value to the unit
 - Be professional (I just chucked this one in doing up this page)
- **Get to know your co-workers and cement friendships.**
- **Actively recruit to make your training more interesting by having weight in numbers.**
- **Never call anyone higher in rank than you by anything other than their rank.**



The message behind what I was talking about was this; the wider Army community (a.k.a. 'the Regs') seem to have a very low opinion of the Reserve, justified in some areas but definitely not in others. By doing these things you can help to break this barrier or at least keep the ignorant minority to just that. The other reason for doing these things was to instil respect: respect from others and self-respect.

So there you have it. We will all eventually experience the 'no man's land' between being part of a wonderful unit and not. It's what we do when we are in the unit that matters and I hope that others will see my time as being useful, because I surely did. See you on ANZAC Day for a beer.

Ubique

Stephen Morrow

HELP US TO KEEP YOU UP TO DATE

The RAA Association and RAAHS is keen to build up a data base of member's email addresses in order to send out occasional important information relating to GUNNER activities, for example the final live fire of the M2A2 by 7 FD BTY, Battery Birthday Dinner and the latest ArtilleryWA Newsletter which is now on-line.

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THE AIMING POST

The Royal Australian Artillery Historical Society Of Western Australia (Inc)

Retiring Presidents Report given to the Annual General Meeting on 11 March 2012

Welcome to all members and guests

This is a special occasion as I am retiring as the President after a period of ten years since it is believed the Society requires a change.

Over the period we have increased our financial position and continued with the Buckland Hill Tunnel improvements.

There are two items, which still require attention, and these require a major policy change, namely

- (1) As to how the artefacts memorabilia in the Bessell Browne Room of Hobbs Artillery Park can be open to the Public Currently, and for reasons fully understood the restrictions on Public Access prevents this.
- (2) As to the Artillery Pieces in this Hall a similar situation also applies

The aim of this Society remains to present to the Public the above, as by doing so, we may influence persons to take an interest in the Artillery.

There are a number of alternatives available; however, the financial constraints restrict these.

Perhaps a solution could be:

- (1) Concentrate our efforts on the Tunnels
- (2) Open discussions with the Army Museum to ascertain what, if any, of the items at Karrakatta may be of interest to them
 - i. To have these items on Public display
 - ii. To maintain the History of Gunnery which has been assembled over many years under the watchful eye of the Curator Don Rae.

Any items disposed of or sent to the Eastern States will be lost for all time to our Society and the people of Western Australia

Now for the more interesting part it is pleasing to advise on this occasion the Committee has decided to present awards to the following long-term members, namely:

Mr & Mrs Bob Glyde
Malcolm Highoom
Alan Raynor
Kevin Hamilton

For their services in helping to make the Society what it is today.

Then, in addition Membership Badges

(A) Ten years to
Don Boneham
John Sanders

(B) Fifteen Years to
Basil Twine

(C) Twenty Years to
Mrs A Bird
Mr G Frey

Your support is appreciated and may it long continue.

The Society now has accumulated funds of \$94363.55 which, no doubt, will be put to good use by the Incoming Committee.

To Major John Blylevens and members of the 7 Field Battery, many thanks for your continued support and co-operation.

To the incoming President David Carter all the best and your support over the past ten years is appreciated.

To the members of the Committee thank you for putting up with me.

To our Curator without the drive and enthusiasm the Society would not have come into being or continued for the past twenty one years.

We all owe you our gratitude for the dedication and determination.

In conclusion it has been an interesting and one might say eventual term and it is desired to wish David Carter and the incoming Committee all the best for 2012.

Bruce G Campbell OAM

Retiring President

LEIGHTON BATTERY HERITAGE SITE **COMINGS AND GOINGS**

Our tunnels at Leighton echoed to the footsteps of 3620 visitors in 2011. You may be surprised to know that was a record total (to date)

Due to the care shown by the guide group there were no accidents or incidents involving the public throughout the period. A vote of thanks is therefore due to our guides and cashiers, your efforts are appreciated by all.

Throughout the year the site saw many busy-bee activities, both visible and invisible with an example of the latter was enhancement of the ARTIFICER STOEROOM. In what was a comparatively bland space, now resides two extra displays, one on technical equipment used to measure the bore diameters of artillery, and on another is a comprehensive photo display of our WW2 Gunners serving in the islands north of Australia.

Above ground enhancements ranged from the inevitable repainting to continued landscaping requirements.

Late last year the National Servicemen's Association conducted a commemorative service adjacent to the 5.25" gun pit and the plaque now resides in the Command Post to inform visitors.

Enhancement plans for the C.P. are now nearing completion with our original display on entry now needing an update. Also being planned are moves for the 3.7" gun and roofing of the 5.25" pit.

Returning to that impressive visitor figure of 3620 last year, we should be aware that although these generate a sizeable income for our Society, a large proportion of it was offset by the expense of the annual insurance premium and the advertising in both papers. We also supply each visitor with a professional

brochure, again an outlay, but a necessary one. Without advertising, our site is too easy to miss, so the tunnels in all their glory continue to attract impressive visitor numbers.

I believe we give an excellent community service, thanks to our membership who give generously of their time.

By David Carter for Management Committee.

NATIONAL SERVICEMENS' COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE

A Commemorative Service for all National Servicemen who served in the Australian Army between 1951 and 1975 was celebrated at Leighton Battery Heritage Site on Saturday, 26th November 2011. Earlier in the year, similar Services were held by Royal Australian Navy personnel at HMAS Stirling and Royal Australian Air Force personnel at RAAF Base Pearce.

Leighton Battery was selected by the National Servicemens' Committee as it was a venue for training throughout the first NS Scheme.

The event was hosted by LTCOL (Retd) George Howell, Patron of the WA National Servicemens' Association and the Official Unveiling of a Bronze Plaque was performed by BRIG Stephen Cain, Commander of 13 Brigade.

BRIG Cain was "piped" on to the assembly by a Piper from Army Band Perth. Among the official guests were BRIG A G Warner COLCOMDT Western Region and Bruce G Campbell, President RAAHS and Mr. R. Norriss, Mayor Town of Mosman Park.

At the conclusion of the Service guests enjoyed afternoon tea provided by the Association. A number of RAAHS Guides volunteered their services for the benefit of visitors wishing to tour the Tunnels.

The Bronze Plaque has been mounted in the Command Post at Leighton Battery where it can be viewed by all who visit the Heritage Site.



BRIG Cain unveiling the plaque at LBHS



BRIG A G Warner with BRIG Cain

Following is the Address given by BRIG Cain on the occasion:

Between 1951 and 1972 a total of 287,000 young Australian men were called up in two separate schemes for compulsory training in the Navy, Army and Airforce. My father was one of these.

Of these, 212 died on active service in Borneo and Vietnam.

While National Service was a product of the post-world war 2 global dynamic, the men who participated were following in the footsteps of those who had been conscripted for that war.

In the first scheme National Servicemen were, for the most, allowed to choose their service and served in units close to their homes.

They were also given a choice at call up, to volunteer for service anywhere if war occurred. Most Nashos did so.

While the end of the Korean War in 1953 changed the nature of threats in our region and the end of the first scheme in 1959, the subsequent conflicts in Borneo and Vietnam in the 1960's saw a new scheme run from 1965 - 1972.

Today we gather to remember those men who served in the army.

The first scheme saw these men undertake 176 days of continuous training, followed by 5 years' service in the reserves. In Western Australia the 17th battalion had been formed at Swanbourne to train national servicemen. In 1957, post the Korean conflict, this was reduced to 77 days of continuous training and 2 years in the reserve.

The second scheme saw some 63,735 men serve in the army for two years fulltime. This scheme differed with centralised training at Puckapunyal and Kapooka. Most were allotted to the infantry and 150 saw service in Borneo and 15,381 service in Vietnam.

While the end of the Vietnam commitment in 1972 saw the end of national service as well, as we look back on these schemes, when young men of 18 in the first scheme and 20 years of age in the second, were suddenly removed from their homes and families, national service would have been both an exciting and some daunting experience.

The fact that these men still remember with fondness their service, many proudly marching on Anzac Day each year, is a testament to the training and mentoring they received.

Many of their instructors were veterans from the 2nd World War. They had felt the impact of war themselves, but knew the requirement for service and the need for quality training.

As we commemorate this service today, I see the traditions of our nashos continue through the Army Reserve. Values of camaraderie, self-commitment, endurance and mateship, have passed down from generation to generation of Australian soldier.

It gives me great pride to stand here with you today and commemorate your service. May the generations of young Australians that come to this place and read this plaque dwell on your sacrifice and remember those that gave service for their country.....

Lest We Forget.

BRIG Stephen Coggin receives a framed print of

"The Officers of WA Brigade" circa 1908 .

7 FD BTY, the RAAHS-WA and RAA Association of WA pooled their resources recently to present a framed print of the WA BDE circa 1908 to incoming BDE COMD 13 BDE, BRIG Stephen Coggin.

Don Rae a past CO 3 FD REGT, COL COMDT WR and long-time curator of the RAAHS-WA said the print was of great significance to gunners because it featured LTCOL J.T. Hobbs as the WA BDE COMD with his COs and principal officers. The original photo has been in the Society's possession for many years and is one of the "treasures" held in trust for the Gunner Community of WA.

BRIG Coggin said the print was exceptionally clear and would be placed in the BDE HQ building alongside the historical record of the BDE.



From left: Fred Lynch, Don Rae, BRIG Stephen Coggin, Ray Bird, John Blylevens

New RAAHS Committee for 2012/13

| | |
|------------------------|---------------|
| President - | David Carter |
| Vice President - | Vacant |
| Secretary - | Stan Davies |
| Treasurer - | Helen Glyde |
| Assist Sec/Treasurer - | Phil Rowson |
| Committee Person - | Matthew Adams |
| Committee Person - | Basil Twine |
| Committee Person - | Vacant |

Appointments:

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|--------------------------------|------------|
| Curator - | Neil Lodge |
| Special Project Co-Ordinator - | Don Rae |

WELFARE FUND and OFFICER

John Walsh is the contact person as the Association's Welfare Officer. Anybody that needs to discuss any Welfare Funding can contact John via email at info@artillerywa.org.au or jfxwalsh@bigpond.com.au or by phone on 9269 4544, Wednesday mornings.
Access to Funds can be made by applying in writing using the Welfare Fund Form, which is available on request. (From the Treasurer)
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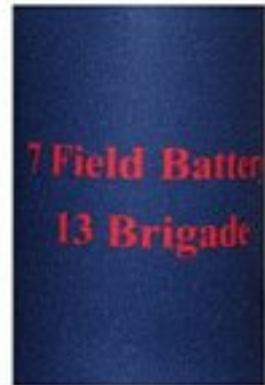
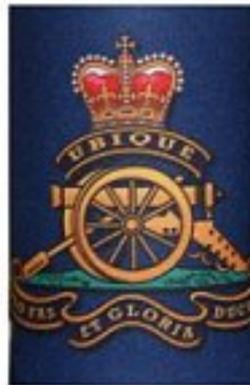
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