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9th Regiment, Royal Australian Artillery

Letter from the Head of Regiment, Brigadier Craig Furini AM, CSC. 21 June 2018

I am honoured to advise that the Chief of Army, Lieutenant General AJ Campbell DSC, AM has approved the raising of a new Artillery Regimental Headquarters to command the 2nd/10th, 3rd, 5th/11th, 6th/13th, 7th and 23rd Light Batteries. The Regiment will be formally raised on 15 January 2018 under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Lachlan Searle. Regimental Headquarters will be based at the Kogarah Multi-User Depot in Sydney.

Based on advice from the Regimental Committee, the Chief of Army has agreed the Regiment be titled 9th Regiment, Royal Australian Artillery (9 Regt RAA). 9 Regt RAA has a distinguished history; one of which the new Regiment will be proud. Raised at Victoria Barracks, Paddington on 1st July 1903, it is the third oldest Australian Reserve Field Artillery unit. In 1914, as 4th Australian Artillery Brigade, it provided almost every one of its officers and a substantial cadre of non-commissioned officers and men to 1 Field Artillery Brigade and 1st Divisional Ammunition Column of the AIF. It was the senior Field Artillery Regiment, Royal Australian Artillery Brigade of 2nd Division Artillery from 1921, and between 1939 and 1941 it carried out the home training for the Sydney University Regiment Field Battery, of which Sir Roden Cutler VC was a member. At the end of 1940 it was reorganised as 9 Field Regiment for the defence of Australia.

This is an exciting development for the RAA. The establishment of this new Regimental Headquarters will enable greater technical competence, ensure all ranks within the 2nd Division are better supported with joint fires advice and capability, and enhance the career paths of Reserve Gunners. Importantly, the Reserve Gunner identity is a fundamental part of the RAA, so strengthening the Reserve by raising 9 Regt will help ensure the Gunner tradition and character are preserved.

Brigadier Craig Furini AM CSC



**CO 9 REGT Lachlan Searle on parade
at Victoria Barracks**

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WELFARE FUND OFFICER

John Blylevens is the Association's Welfare Officer. Anybody that needs to discuss any welfare funding can contact John via email info@artillerywa.org.au or telephone 043 869 5711. Access to funds can be made by applying in writing using the Welfare Fund Application Form which is available on request from the Treasurer. The Association reminds members that access to the Fund to help Gunners financially at a time of need is strictly confidential and all applications are treated as such.

For those who need it - a reminder - subs are due on the First of January each year.

RAAHS BUSY BEES FOR 2018

28 April 26 May 30 June 28 July 25 August
29 September 27 October 24 November
29 December

LEIGHTON BATTERY OPEN DAYS

Leighton Battery Heritage Site is open on a regular basis every Sunday of every month from 10 AM to 3 PM with tours of the tunnels commencing every half hour.

THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN ARTILLERY ASSOCIATION
OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA
PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Fellow Gunners

Our last activity was Anzac day. We had good weather and for once, a band in close proximity. What a difference it makes being able to be in step rather than dancing down the Terrace! Apart from some confusion where the Artillery was to form up, all went well. The new format with the service after the march being held in the Concert Hall seemed to work well. Spectators and marchers alike paid their respects to the men and women of past and present conflicts, and ensured their service and sacrifice will never be forgotten. Following the march a smaller number than usual returned to Hobbs Artillery Park to enjoy the camaraderie and a bevy or three. I would encourage you to stay connected. There is a special bond between Gunners and nothing better than catching up with mates and sharing "Warries" and finding out what they are up to today.

The next event on the calendar is the **Battery Birthday/ Corps Dinner** which 3 BTY is holding for serving and past Gunners, their partners and guests. It will be held on **Saturday 7 July 2014 at Hobbs Artillery Park**. The Association will again have a presentation for the best gunner.

Given our numbers are thinning and the pipeline of Gunners has reduced, the Committee had decided to **open the Feast of St Barbara up to all ranks**. Put a place holder in your diaries for **Friday 7 December**.

It is with some sadness I advise the passing of CAPT Steve Caple following a long battle with Alzheimer's. Steve and I joined the Battery on the same day in January 1980. We were both SECOs together and I recall our first live fire when travelling in the back of a gun tractor where an unnamed Gun SGT led us to believe it was standard practice to have a few drinks on the way to Lancelin. Needless to say when the BC, MAJ Ron Cutten, found out we were corrected and made Duty Officers for some months, much to the pleasure of the other officers. Steve was an excellent officer and was the GPO when the BTY went to Townsville to work with 4 FD REGT. Vale CAPT Steve Caple.

As previously advised, the AGM endorsed a new Constitution to comply with the "Associations Incorporation Act". We are in the process of being registered. Our objects and purpose do not change. As the position of Secretary and Treasurer must be held by different people, we are still looking for someone to take on one of these appointments. If you are interested in taking up either the Secretary or Treasurer position or joining as a Committee member, please contact me or John Blylevens.

I look forward to catching up with you at one of our events.

UBIQUE

Bob Farrelly LTCOL

President,

RAA Association

THE AIMING POST

Royal Australian Artillery Historical Society

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Members,

Welcome to your latest edition of Aiming Post. I do hope you will find the content of interest.

The A.G.M. was held on March 10th. All management Committee positions were filled. The main Agenda item was the adoption of the Department of Consumer Affairs revision to community groups Constitutions. The members present agreed with the Committee that we adopt the model, it will result in minimal changes to our operations. I was delighted to present Long Service badges to those present and I send my congratulations to those unable to attend. We were delighted to see members Ronnie Roach and Bob Eggleston present.

The Tunnels have continued to attract solid numbers this year. To enhance the experience we are installing a flat screen television which will roll through a spectacular super slow motion view of a 155mm muzzle discharging its rifled projectile. I thank member Phil Rowson for that initiative. (The concept of having to impart projectile spin is something of a mystery to most of the public.)

Late March saw the visit to Irwin Barracks, and a morning tea put on by us, of the newly created 9 Regiment's C.O. Lt. Col. Searle and his R.S.M. The 9th connects all the Light Batteries under one banner. Those present were impressed with our visitors. Both had done active duty in Afghanistan.

March also saw the presentation to long time member Harvey Everett, of the Society's highest recognition award for services provided to the R.A.A.H.S. Harvey has been unstinting in his skills application for many projects-large and small. Harvey, the Committee and Membership congratulate you!

In early April Guides hosted a combined tunnel tour/bbq for a large party made up of the combined Mess personnel from Irwin Barracks and their family members. This was another successful evening that was enjoyed by all!

Mid month saw the Society again represented at the annual unit C.O.'s and Association President's information evening concerning the activities of 13 Brigade. Brig. Moore said that 13 BDE and 11 BDE form 3 COMBAT BDE. Ten percent of an army battlegroup is to be of Reservists. The new military helmet will cost \$3,000. The new Steyr rifle is range accurate out to 600 metres. To equip a combat soldier costs \$9-12,000. The W.A.U.R. is under 8BDE command. Army wants a net gain of 3,000 Reservists over the next 3-5 years.

From July on, the Society welcomes back experienced guide Robert Mitchell as an added Cashier.

The busy bee members have been active still! New large format photos in the tunnels replace the original small ones. A new mannequin will add interest to the first aid space. Progressive re-painting of the exterior continues. Electronic repairs have had to be made to the audio system- which has been doing its duty faithfully for 14 years! An expensive fix- but necessary.

Curator Don Rae and I sat down with the T.O.M.P. CEO and his team in early May to get things moving re the 5.25" project. They have invited the Society to make a presentation to Council. That occurred on May 8th. The C.E.O. was made aware of the necessary work the Society has done towards this matter and Don and I left reasonably happy with how the Council will now approach LotteryWest with an application for funding on behalf of the Society.

Don't believe the "false news" that I have given up on the Demons!

David Carter

(Continued from Page 1) On Saturday the 14th of April 2018 the Chief of Army, LTGEN Campbell was the reviewing officer as the 9th Regiment of the Royal Australian Artillery paraded at Victoria Barracks Paddington, Sydney NSW to commemorate the re-establishment of 9th Regiment within the 2nd Division.



BDR Mansfield, CAPT Fowler, LTGEN Campbell, CAPT Pearce, GNR Seigwart, GNR Mangini & GNR Bell

Eight members of the 3rd Battery were on parade to represent the subunit, formerly 7 Field Battery, 3rd Field Regiment. This parade formalised the establishment of the 9th Regiment after several years of planning by the 2nd Division to bring the reserve elements back under the command of the Royal Australian Artillery. This will allow for greater coordination of training, development of the Army Reserve Artillery capability and increasing employment of the reserve elements in support of Army's and Defences mission.

9 Regt RAA has its RHQ based at the Kogarah Multi-user Depot (MUD) in Sydney and now commands the following sub-units:

2nd/10th Battery (formerly part of the 5th/6th Battalion, The Royal Victoria Regiment the based in St Kilda in Melbourne)

3rd Battery (formerly part of the 11th/28th Battalion, The Royal Western Australia Regiment based at Irwin Barracks in Perth)

5th/11th Battery (formerly part of the 25/49th Battalion, The Royal Queensland Regiment based at Gallipoli Barracks in Brisbane and across south eastern Queensland)

6th/13th Battery (formerly part of the 10th/27th Battalion, The Royal South Australian Regiment based at Keswick Barracks in Adelaide and Glenorchy in Hobart)

7th Battery (formerly part of the 2nd/17th Battalion, The Royal New South Wales Regiment based at Dee Why and Adamstown in Sydney)

23rd Battery (formerly part of the 4th/3rd Battalion, The Royal New South Wales Regiment based at Kogarah in Sydney)

Each subunit includes an 81mm Mortar Line and Artillery Forward Observers. Under the command of the 9th Regiment in the future the Batteries will be digitally enabled and include an Unmanned Aerial System capability. This will ultimately enhance the support they currently offer to manoeuvre arms commanders and increase compatibility with the wider RAA.

9 Regt RAA takes its lineage from the 9th Australian Field Artillery (AFA) Brigade (part of the 3rd Australian Division in the First World War) and 2/9th Field Regiment RAA (part of the 8th Australian Division in the Second World War). Each of the above Batteries also take their own lineage from predecessor Regiments and Batteries stretching back to back to before Federation in 1901.



3 BTY posing for the BTY photo with the CO 9 REGT, LTCOL Lachlan Searle and the 9 REGT RSM Reg Grundell

In March our esteemed member Mr Harvey Everett received the RAAHS's Highest Award for his untiring efforts and the application of his metal working skills.

Harvey joined the Society in 1994, and with Kevin Hamilton (and others) was soon heavily involved in war trophy gun restoration projects, and also 25 PDR rebuilds.



President David Carter presenting the trophy to Harvey at the regular gathering of the Wednesday Stalwarts during morning tea on 28 March 2018.

WHEN I WAS A CHILD

Ever since I was a child, I've had a fear of someone under my bed at night. So I went to see a shrink and told him: "I've got problems. Every time I go to bed I think there is somebody under it. I'm scared. I think I'm going crazy."

"Put yourself in my hands for one year. Come talk to me three times a week and we should be able to get rid of those fears."

"How much do you charge?"

"Eighty dollars per visit", replied the doctor.

"I'll sleep on it" I said.

Six months later the doctor met me on the street. "Why didn't you come to see me about those fears

you are having?" He asked.

"Well, 80 bucks a visit, three times a week for a year, is \$12,480.00. A bartender cured me for \$10.00"

"I was so happy to have saved all that money that I went and bought me a new pickup truck." "Is that so?" with a bit of an attitude, he said, "And how, may I ask, did a bartender cure you?"

"He told me to cut the legs off the bed. Ain't nobody under their now."

"It is always better to get a second opinion."

BEREAVEMENT

Robert Keith Glyde 19.12.1929 – 16.06.2018

It is with great sadness to advise that Foundation Member Robert Keith Glyde passed away on Saturday, 16th June 2018 as the result of a long and debilitating illness.

Bob will be remembered for his long and devoted contribution to the Society's success in many aspects of its operations: first as Librarian and Research Officer; as an original Tour Guide at Leighton Battery Heritage Site and, as author of the renowned treatise on Coast and Anti-Aircraft Defence in Western Australia.

Bob enlisted in the Citizen Military Force in 1948 and served in 3rd Field Regiment RAA for a number of years. He was commissioned in 1952.

Bob is survived by his wife Helen, also a Society member and past Secretary and Treasurer, and his sons Keith and Ian.

In 2016 Bob and Helen received the prestigious Society Plaque for their outstanding contribution to the Society.

Bob will be missed but not forgotten.

VALE -- CAPT STEVE CAPLE



I regret to inform you that CAPT Steve Caple passed away on 13th February 2018, following a long battle with Alzheimer's disease. Steve was only 67 years of age. Steve was commissioned into 7 Field Battery RAA in 1979 and served in the usual appointments of a junior officer. He is remembered as a cheerful, enthusiastic and determined officer. Gabby D'Uva remembers Steve as a knowledgeable committed officer who helped him immensely with positive mentorship. I attended Steve's funeral at Fremantle Cemetery with Ross Knapp and a number of Steve's Officer's Cadet Unit Colleagues. The theme of the service was:

"My song has ended but the melody lingers on – remember the good times"

"Sadly Missed but not forgotten"

Once a Gunner always a Gunner

Peter Mahoney

UBIQUE

CO 9 REGT RAA VISITS 3 BTY

The visit of 9 REGT RAA inaugural CO LTCOL Lachlan Searle and RSM WO1 Reg Grundell with the RAAHS-WA and RAA A WA Committees and some members, at the Karrakatta Annex IRWIN BARRACKS Wed 28 March 2018.

3 BTY IG CAPT Prue Ashton and SMIG WO2 Joe Millington also attended representing BC Jackson Thompson.

Association members were encouraged by information of strategies to reinvigorate the ARES BTYs who now come under command of 9 REGT as well as opportunities for ARES Gunners to be trained to some of the Gun Number positions on the M777 therefore allowing and encouraging interaction between full time and part time gunnery.



Email received 2 April 2018

John,

Thank you very much for the photograph.

Could you please pass on my sincere thanks to your members for the wonderful hospitality that was afforded the RSM and I during our visit to WA. We were both extremely impressed with the fantastic work you do to maintain the history and traditions of the RAA in Western Australia. You should all be very proud of your important contribution to the Gunner family.

We look forward to our next visit to WA.

Respectfully,

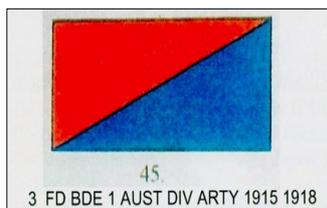
Lachlan Searle

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8 Battery has the longest continuous history of any other unit in WA; it can trace its antecedents back to 19th July, 1870. In WWI 8 Battery became the only complete WA artillery unit to deploy at Gallipoli and the Western Front as part of 3 Field Artillery Brigade, 1 Australian Division. Many WA artillerymen served post WW2, in one or more of 7, 8, 9 and 103 batteries as part of 3 Field Regiment RAA.

The following is the next issue of a History, written by Ron Cullen, which is being published in Artillery WA.

Initially after enlistment, the gunners of 8 Battery were to encamp to the Claremont Show ground for training. This location was changed to Helena Vale (Greenmount) at a location called Blackboy Hill. Bessell-Browne had been offered command of 3 Brigade but he preferred to remain as BC 8 Battery.

On the 17th August, 1914 the gunners of 8 Battery marched into Blackboy Hill. The next day the gunners began training on their new 18 pounders. Standing gun drill and movement exercises formed the bulk of their training. 8 Battery managed to conduct a shoot of 100 rounds on an improvised range (perhaps near Rockingham?) before embarkation, the only battery of the 3 Brigade to do so. This state of preparedness is in stark contrast to the lack of preparedness in troops, weapons and training prior to WW2.

The 3 Brigade Batteries were equipped with horse drawn Quick Firing (QF) 18 pounder guns, carriages, limbers and ammunition wagons. The 18 pounder had a flat trajectory to 2000 yards, but was capable of the new but still controversial indirect fire role, with a range of 6500 yards. The buffer recuperator consisted of heavy duty coiled springs which softened the recoil on firing and ran the piece (barrel) back ready to fire again as the compressed coil springs expanded to their natural shape. After Gallipoli at the Western Front, these worn springs caused major difficulties for gunners.

The limbers carried the first line ammunition requirements of the gun. The ammunition column was the backup logistic system to keep ammunition up to the gun line wherever it was deployed. The only ammunition available was the shrapnel round and the common round. As stated earlier the Brigade Ammunition Column (BAC) was drawn from all states.

Part 2: Gallipoli Campaign

8 Battery Embarkation

Major A Bessell-Browne and his 8 Battery boarded the HMAS "Medic" at Fremantle on the night of 29th/30th October 1914 with 18 pounders and their horses to rendezvous with the Albany convoy at sea which sailed on 1st November.

Egypt

By 9th December all 1st Australian Divisional Artillery were at Mena camp, 8 km from Cairo. Beginning with battery level training, where desert sand and heat taxed men and horses, the first "shoot" was an independent one. The BC fired 25 rounds, followed by 25 rounds by each battery officer. Eventually 3 Brigade (7, 8, and 9 Batteries) under Lt Colonel Rosenthal fired brigade targets. In one such exercise the Brigade was set about 70 objectives involving towed targets which got closer and closer to the Brigade. This involved considerable switches (changes to line or direction of the barrels) as well as elevation. Generals Birdwood, Maxwell and Guncliffe expressed surprise and offered congratulations at the efficiency displayed. Subsequent night shoots, including the use of aircraft use of illumination to allow adjustments to the fall of shot further increased the Brigade's technical preparedness.

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Lemnos

The 8 Battery War Diary of April, 1915 illustrates their progress towards their first operation.

8th April: Marched out of Mena. War strength (5 officers, 140 men, 126 Horses, 4 guns, 8 wagons, 1 water cart). Arrived at Cairo 8:30 pm. Entrained the battery for Alexandria. Train left at 11:30 pm. Entraining carried out methodically and expeditiously.

9 April: Arrived Alexandria 5:00 am. Embarked men and horses on transport "Karov" by 8:00 am. Guns and wagons held over to allow 2 Brigade to embark. 8 Battery to disembark 1st. 7:30 guns and wagons embarked. 8:30 sailed for an unknown destination. 9 men break ship.

12 April: Arrived Port Mudros, Lemnos Island about 7 am.

16 April: Missing men reported on board having come on by later transport. Received information from Headquarters that the 8 Battery would be the first artillery to land on the Gallipoli Peninsula and that the same would probably take place under fire. All ranks much elated at the honour of being first to land.

18 April: Practised disembarkation by slinging horses and guns into floats, landing on shore and re-embarking. The work being carried out in a very creditable manner and many useful points learnt for future guidance.

25 April: 1:30am left Lemnos for Kapa Tepe (sic).

(AWM4 Subclass 13/70 - 8th Battery, Australian Field Artillery, Australian Imperial Force unit war diaries, 1914-18 War, 1915) p.2

Many false alarms or rumours were circulated before 8 Battery with the Brigade left by ship for an unknown destination on the 8th April 1915. The Island of Lemnos, the base for the Dardanelles campaign, proved to be the destination. At this time many of the senior artillery commanders noted in alarm that they did not have enough ammunition. When shown a map of Anzac Cove the nature of the terrain alarmed and alerted them to the fact that they had no suitable high trajectory guns for the task. Ironically before sailing from Albany the CRA 1 Division, Hobbs, had requested a battery of howitzers and 3 Brigade Commander Lt Colonel Rosenthal had requested the 5 inch howitzer battery he had commanded in Sydney be brought from Australia. Both requests were refused. Once on the ground both these senior officers were forceful enough in their representations to the Divisional Commander- Bridges, that he too eventually requested howitzers. The other Division in the Anzac Corps, commanded by Maj Gen Alexander Godley, had a NZ 4.5 inch howitzer battery. In the Corps Troops was the 7 Indian Mountain Artillery Brigade (21 and 26 Batteries with 12 small 10 pounders and pack mules). Birdwood allocated these two batteries of 7 Indian Mountain Brigade, to 1 Australian Division with instructions to land as soon as possible.

The Genesis of Artillery Challenges at Gallipoli

The seeds of artillery difficulties in the Dardanelles campaign were sewn as early as September 1st 1914, when Winston Churchill, then First Lord of the Admiralty foresaw Turkey's entry into the First World War. (Lieutenant General Robertson, 1937-38, p. 4)

Power to conduct war operations was assumed by The British War Council. The real power was in the hands of the British Prime Minister, Mr Asquith, the Secretary of War, Lord Kitchener and the First Lord of the Admiralty, Winston Churchill.

The signalling of intentions to invade the Dardanelles by a British/French naval force, urged by Kitchener, rather than a combined naval and military force favoured by Churchill, allowed time for the Turks to reorganise and reinforce their positions on the Peninsula.

The naval operations alone could be said to be a blunder from every point of view, technical, tactical and strategical. (Lieutenant General Robertson, 1937-38, p. 4)

SOME INTERESTING COPY FROM YESTERYEAR

Daily News 22 Oct 1937, p.2

Artillery in Camp Tomorrow

For the first time in its history the 3rd Field Brigade, R.A.A. (M.) will proceed to camp tomorrow as a complete unit fully equipped to train as a brigade.

This notable advance in the training of local artillery has been made possible by the provision of twelve 3-on lorries for towing the guns. All three batteries (7th, 8th and 103rd) will travel to Rockingham tomorrow morning and return to Perth the following Saturday.

Each lorry has been specially equipped to tow the guns and all gear will be carried on them.



West Australian 23 Oct 1937, p.22

ARTILLERY IN CAMP

Third Field Brigade Training

A notable advance in the training of West Australian artillery has been accomplished this year. For the first time in its history the 3rd Field Brigade R.A.A. (M.) will proceed to annual camp as a complete unit fully equipped to train as a brigade. Previously only one battery at a time could go to camp, thus limiting the training. This advance has been made possible by the provision of 12 three-ton lorries for towing the guns. Each lorry has been fitted with a drawbar attachment and a hook. The gun and a trailer are hooked together and the eye of the trailer fits over the towing book stop the gun detachments, all training stores and equipment are carried in the lorry together with ammunition. In this way or three batteries (7th, 8th and 103rd) will travel to Rockingham on Saturday morning and return to Perth the following Saturday.

The battery staff parties are accommodated in powerful motorcars and the reconnaissance and occupation of positions will be done at high speed, thus saving time—an all important factor in modern warfare.

An extremely important and internal part of a Field Artillery Brigade is the survey party, which is organised into groups. These groups provide all survey information necessary for the gunner accurately to fix the position of the guns and targets. In this way the Artillery can produce extremely

accurate fire on defined areas without preliminary shooting, although the guns of the batteries may be a mile or more apart. The surveyors are also transported in high-speed cars to facilitate the quick performance of their duties.



Daily News 8 Oct 1938 p.12

GUNS GO BY LORRY TO NORTHAM

Before 9 o'clock this morning a brigade of field artillery passed through the city, but there was no clip-clopping of horses' hooves and the rumbling of iron shod-gun wheels which normally form a background to the parade of the guns.

Apart from the hum of powerful motors there was no sound to tell of the transit of 12 guns and limbers along the Terrace.

All the artillery vehicles were carried on the tabletops of a fleet of 12 lorries which were commissioned to take the formidable weapons to Northam, where the annual camp of continuous training was begun today by the 3rd Field Brigade R.A.A.(M).

The men who went to Northam today were from the 7th, 8th, and 103rd (Howitzer) batteries and a detachment of signallers of the 13th Mixed Brigade.

With a gun and a limber packed on each lorry, the convoy of vehicles covered the 60 miles to Northam in under three hours.

Contrasted with the time taken by horse-drawn guns, saving is invaluable, and compares more than favourably with the four hours taken to travel 25 miles to Rockingham last year.

In all 240 members of the brigade will be encamped for a week, during which a "tank" shoot will be carried out for the first time.



**BEHOLD THE TURTLE.....HE ONLY MAKES
PROGRESS WHEN HE STICKS HIS HEAD OUT.**

EX-SERVICE ASSOCIATIONS MEET WITH BRIGADE

Past members of 13th Brigade were welcomed into Irwin Barracks Officers' Mess for the Honorary Colonels' and Associations' Night.

A lighter part of the evening was the awarding of the Federation Star to Major Peter Mahony for more than 40 years' service in the Army Reserve. Peter was a former BC of 7th Field Battery.

Commander 13th Brigade Brigadier Peter Moore presented Peter with the award and briefed the audience on recent changes within the Brigade. He also spoke about some of the opportunities beyond when the 'ready' year concludes in July 2018.

Points discussed included the transfer of the Western Australian University Regiment to 8th Brigade and 3rd Battery's transfer to 9th Regiment, Royal Australian Artillery.

The evening was a good opportunity for all participants to share ideas, strengthen connections and discuss key matters of mutual interest. Those present included four previous brigade commanders."



BRIG Peter Moore & Peter Mahoney



Appreciation of Service

Major Peter John Mahoney

Since 1901, the Australian Army has served our nation at home and abroad, promoting and protecting Australia's interests, deterring and defeating threats, and helping Australians and others in times of need. You are part of that proud story.

I acknowledge the commitment and sacrifice that you, and those who have supported you, have made in serving the Australian Army and the nation. On behalf of the men and women of the Australian Army, I thank you for your service and wish you every success in your future endeavours.

Dated this Twenty Sixth day of February 2018

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Angus J Campbell, AO, DSC
Lieutenant General
Chief of Army