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A Toast to the Guns

**By them we live,
For them we would die.
Whatever the mission,
We'll give it a try.**

**We'll serve them with Honour
For they are the ones;
That makes us Artillerymen,
So here's to the Guns:
TO THE GUNS!!**



Notice Board

Mark these dates in your calendars

RAA Association (Inc)

RAAHS of WA (Inc)

AGM's

March 2007 (Mail out to members in January)

Warning Order – ANZAC DAY -

RAAHS BUSY BEES 2007

27 th Jan	24 th Feb	31 st Mar	28 th Apr
26 th May	30 th Jun	28 th Jul	25 th Aug
29 th Sep	27 th Oct	24 th Nov	15 th Dec

LEIGHTON BATTERY OPEN DAYS

The Leighton Battery Heritage Site is open on a regular basis on the first Sunday of every month from 10 AM to 3:30 PM with tours of the tunnels every half hour.

COVER

Gunners Day Wreaths at the Memorial – Quote as recited by Capt. Coales at the St. Barbara's Dinner prior to the Regimental Toast.

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Subs to your Association or Society are now due – RAAA of WA (Inc) - \$ 15 RAAHS - \$ 25

We now have a Direct Debit facility – Please find the details in the relevant sections -

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ROYAL AUSTRALIAN ARTILLERY ASSOCIATION WA (INC)

PRESIDENT'S AGM MESSAGE

The 78th Consecutive Gunners Day Parade was held on 5th November at Guildford and on this occasion the incoming Brigade Commander 13th Brigade, Col Paul White was the Reviewing Officer.

In addition the Colonel Commandant, Richard Lawler, the Padre Major Howard McCallum and the President were on the Reviewing Stand for the March Past.

On this occasion among our Distinguished Guests were Hon. John Day, MLA, Mayor Councillor Greggorini and Councillor Allan of the City of Swan, representatives of the RSL – State and Eastern Region. Also representatives of the 2/7 and 3 Field Regiments and the British Ex Serviceman's Association.

Cadets from the 56th and 59th Australian Cadet Units were out in strength forming not only Flag contingent but also taking part in the March.

The 7 Field Battery Gunners lead by Battery Commander Major Andrew Dunjey accompanied by the Australian Army Band with the important element of ex Gunners completed the Marchers and then onto the Wreath Laying Ceremony.

To each and everyone taking part thank you.

The Padre conducted this service and then moved to St. Matthews Church for the Church Service. We owe thanks to Bill Johnston and the Cadets who presented the Colours and Flags in the Church. Once again the support by 7 Field Battery to this important event is appreciated by all.

Wishing, on behalf of the members of the Committee, Merry Christmas and all the Best for 2007.

Ubique

Bruce G. Campbell
President



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The RAA Association of WA (Inc) still have Ten (10) Artillery embroidered badges, as above. The cost of the Badges is \$10 and anyone requiring one should put an order to the Association using the form in the last page of this newsletter. The badges are 55mm wide by 40mm high. (Please post request to Secretary for both items)



At the St. Barbara's Dinner on 1st Dec 06, the Colonel Commandant Brig. Richard Lawler presented BC 7 Field Battery with the "COLONEL DON RAE, AM PERPETUAL HONOUR BOARD" which records the winners of the RAA Association's "Outstanding Soldier Award", past present and future.

Brig. Lawler has passed on the baton of Colonel Commandant to Colonel Bill Ritchie who takes over the post as of January 2007



Close up shots of the Board



Everywhere Where Right and Glory Lead

Hardened & Networked Army & Plan STAN: an Artillery View

By Lieutenant Colonel Sean Ryan, Acting Director Force – Structure

In recent times, the Australian Army has been very successful on many operations such as the Australian led INTERFET operation and as part of other coalition operations such as those the Global War On Terror in Afghanistan, Operation Iraqi Freedom and the Solomon Islands. During these operations the Army has learned many valuable operational lessons. These lessons include the fact that the modern battlefield has become more complex and lethal, and that high operational tempo is likely to be the norm for the foreseeable future. However, if the Army is to maintain its operational success, it must adapt and respond to the changing demands of the battlefield and a state of high operational tempo.

In addition to the issues of a complex battlefield and operational tempo, the Army needed to respond to the requirements of the Defence 2000 White Paper, which are reiterated in the 2003 and 2005 Defence Updates, which states that the land forces are to have sufficient firepower, protection and mobility to provide clear advantage in any likely operations in defence of Australia or its interests. Furthermore these requirements identified the need for the Army to be able to sustain a brigade size group on operations, like INTERFET, while retaining the ability to deploy a battalion size group for other short term contingencies, such as that which was mounted for the Solomon Islands.

In response to the Government direction in the Defence White Paper and the Strategic Updates 2003 and 2005, and the lessons learned on recent operations, the Army undertook a research project into how Army should be postured for the challenges of the new millennium. This research resulted in the Hardened and Networked Army initiative. On 15th December 2005 the Government approved this initiative.

In addition to the Government's announcement in December 2005, the Government announced it would expand the Army by two battalions. This announcement, made on 24 August 2006, is in response to the pressing security situation in the region (East Timor and Solomon Islands) and a strategic need to have greater operational depth and concurrency within the Australian Defence Force's land force. The detail of this expansion will be developed over the coming months under what the Chief of Army calls 'Plan STAN.'

The Hardened and Networked Army and Plan STAN are aimed at providing the Army depth through an 'Army of Twos' and the capacity to generate a wider range of sustainable options for operational contingencies. This 'Army of Twos' is a stepping stone to an 'Army of Threes', which is the Australian Army's objective force aspiration.

Both plans are based on the enduring need to conduct 'close combat' on the modern battlefield. To conduct 'close combat' the Army will use the tried and true philosophy of the combined arms teams, whereby infantry, armour, artillery, aviation, engineers and combat support and combat services support work together to support and protect each other to achieve the assigned mission.

The Chief of Army aims to deliver these initiatives along four lines of operation. Those lines of operation are:

- the effective introduction and employment of new capabilities being delivered in the Defence Capability Plan,
- the re-organisation of unit force structures to provide a better networked and lethal forces,
- the modification of training and doctrine to provide better prepared and more adaptable soldiers, and
- finally a significant change in the Army Reserve in order to a more cohesive one Army.

Both initiatives will have a range of major and minor effects on the Royal Australian Artillery. Those effects are:

- The Army will raise two additional Battlegroup joint Offensive Support Coordination Centres to support the new battalions. These Battlegroup joint Offensive Support Coordination Centres will give the RAA a total of two Brigade Joint Offensive Support Coordination Centres, eight Battlegroup joint Offensive Support Coordination Centres and 24 joint Offensive Support Teams.
- 101st Medium Battery will relocate from Darwin to Brisbane in 2011 to join 1st Field Regiment. The battery is moving to conform to the HNA field artillery support arrangements, which is based on each regular field regiment having two firing batteries. There will be three regular field regiments. These regiments will be based in Darwin, Brisbane and Townsville.
- 'A' Field Battery will relocate from Sydney to Adelaide in 2011. The battery will join 8th/12th Medium Regiment upon transfer to Adelaide. As a result of this move, 8th/12th Medium Regiment will operate from two different locations. 'A' Field Battery, along with other Army units, will establish a relationship with the 7th Battalion, the Royal Australian Regiment, to form a new Mechanised Infantry Battle Group. The battery will be based in new purpose built barracks that are being constructed in the Edinburgh Defence Precinct.
- To support these field battery moves the Royal Australian Artillery will be expected to introduce at least two self propelled 155mm batteries and no more than four towed 155mm batteries into the three regular field regiments. The two self propelled batteries will be based in 8th/ 2th Medium Regiment. The new guns will be acquired under project Land 17 - the Artillery Replacement Project.
- 16th Air Defence Regiment will grow progressively over the next ten years. The HNA initiative recognises the value of this important capability by organising the Regiment into two firing batteries to

meet the normal ground based air defence functions and having the flexibility to task organise the regiment into six firing troops. One troop to support each of the six battle groups identified in first and second brigade rotations outlined in the 2000 Defence White Paper.

- The 20th Surveillance and Target Acquisition Regiment will grow rapidly over the next five years to accept the Army's new Tactical Unmanned Aerial Vehicle capability. The regiment will amalgamate the functions of the Tactical Unmanned Aerial Vehicle with the Weapon Locating Radar and other recently acquired surveillance equipment. As a result of this amalgamation the Regiment will provide a vastly enhanced target acquisition capability for the Army. The Regiment will be organised into 131st Weapon Locating Battery and 132nd Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Battery to provide multi-disciplined, task organisable surveillance and target acquisition batteries for deployment with each brigade rotation outlined in the 2000 Defence White Paper.
- Royal Australian Artillery training and doctrine will progressively change to make best use of the Network Centric Warfare concepts and systems. These new systems will improve the Royal Australian Artillery situational awareness and speed of response. An important part in under going this change will be the capacity to grasp new training paradigms and simulation.
- The Army Reserve will be re-focused to provide approximately 2,800 High Readiness Reservists to support the Army's front line deployable units. Royal Australian Artillery units will be expected to provide or generate approximately 150 High

Readiness Reservists for the five regular regiments and the Ground Liaison Group. To achieve this outcome the Army Reserve will be allocated positions and tasks within Army's operational units to improve their relevance. There will be three categories of service within the Hardened Networked Army Reserve:

- The High Readiness Reserve will provide immediate reinforcement to first and second rotation regular forces.
 - The Active Reserve will provide domestic security capabilities, round out and third rotation forces if required, as well as provide strategic depth.
 - The Standby Reserve will provide a pool of individuals who possess critical skills that may be called upon in times of emergency.
- Training for Reservists will be refined to match the time that they have available to the new tasks that they are being given. Reserve remuneration package to accommodate this service has been reviewed by Defence and endorsed by the Government. The submission covers incentives for High Readiness Reservists, improved conditions of service for all Reservists, and complements the Reserve initiatives within Hardened and Networked Army.

Hardened and Networked Army and the Expanded Army is a ten year plan, starting in 2006 and 2007. These initiatives represent a significant boost to the Army and are recognition of the increasingly important role the Army is playing in serving the Nation.

These initiatives will posture the Army to meet the challenges of the 21st Century strategic environment. For further information visit the Hardened and Networked Army website at www.defence.gov.au/army/hna/ for further information.

HARDENED AND NETWORKED ARMY AND PLAN STAN IN A SNAPSHOT

Hardened and Networked Army is the result of three years of analysis and experimentation. It is based on the combined arms philosophy and that 'close combat' will be fundamental to operations for the next twenty years.

The tenets for Hardened and Networked Army are firepower, mobility, survivability and communications. It is designed on the basis of an Army of 'Twos' (One capability deployed and one capability at home reconstituting and training). Hardened and Networked Army is a ten year plan:

- An extra 1485 soldiers
- An additional 123 Australian Public Servants.
- Improved communication networks to ensure the rapid transfer of information across the Army
- Re-focus of the Army Reserve

The Expanded Army, under Plan STAN, is the Army's response to the Government's announcement on the enhanced Land Force. This will provide the Australian Defence Force with greater operational depth and concurrency in these uncertain times. Plan STAN builds upon the analysis and tenets of the Hardened and Networked Army to provide a much improved Army. The major features of Plan STAN are: .

- Additional 2600 soldiers.
- Raising of the 7th Battalion, the Royal Australian Regiment, as the second mechanized battalion in the Hardened and Networked Army by splitting 5th/7th Battalion, the Royal Australian Regiment .

- Retaining 3rd Battalion, the Royal Australian Regiment as a light infantry battalion.
- Moving 3rd Battalion, the Royal Australian Regiment, to Townsville.
- Raising of the 8th/9th Battalion, the Royal Australian Regiment in South East Queensland

- Raising additional command and control, protected lift, combat engineering, communication, and combat service support elements.
- Increasing training capacity to accommodate the expanded Army.
- Raising additional Navy, Air Force, strategic communications and Special Forces elements

News Flash

WELFARE OFFICER

John Walsh has generously donated his services to be 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 93836544, Wednesday mornings.



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Note:

An invoice mail out will be done in late January 2007 to try to bring everyone up to date with their fees which you can pay before or at the AGM in March.

If you rather use the Direct Debit option above make sure that your name is included so we know where the money is coming from.

This option is also available to RAAHS members; look for the numbers further on this newsletter.

Gunners Day 2006

On Sunday 5th November 2006, Gunners celebrated the 78th Gunners Day Parade and Church Service at St. Matthews Garrison Church, Guildford.

Although the ranks amongst past Gunners are thinning out, the day was enjoyed by all who attended.

The incoming Brigade Commander Colonel Paul White (now Brigadier White) was the reviewing Officer, and Padre Howard McCallum conducted the services.



The Flag Party

Reviewing Officer – Colonel Paul White



Vice President RAA Association, Peter Rowles leading the Past Gunners contingent



7 Field Battery with the Battery Commander, Major Andrew Dunjey leading.

The following was sent to a magazine by a Darrell and Grace Mountstephen from Bunbury.

They received it from a friend of theirs in South Australia. Their comment at the time was that they did not know its origin but considered it worthy of comment. I found it in a magazine I was reading several years ago it is worth printing it again.

Ron Jager

Our Flag

*Our flag bears the stars that blaze at night
in our southern skies of blue,
And that little old flag in the corner,
That's part of our heritage too.
It's for the English, the Scots and the Irish
who were sent to the ends of the earth.
The rogues and the schemers, the doers and dreamers
who gave modern Australia birth.
And you who are seeking to change it,
You don't seem to understand.
It's the flag of our law and our language,
not the flag of a faraway land.
There are plenty of people who'll tell you
that when Europe was plunged into night,
That little old flag in the corner was their
symbol of freedom and light.
It doesn't mean we owe allegiance
to a forgotten imperial dream.*

*We've the stars to show where we're going
and the old flag to show where we've been.*



Everywhere Where Right and Glory Lead

Letter to the Editor

Our Member Aidan McLean sent a letter stating that over the year's He has found very few who really know the background of our Battle Honours, motto and other things Artillery so he has kindly sent in some information for all members to read. – Thanks Aidan – Ed.

The Battle Honour 'UBIQUE'

Battle Honours seek to record occasions when a unit has distinguished itself in war. Commemorations of such notable exploits of a unit's past help create and maintain a pride within itself.

The first Battle Honour, or Honorary Distinction as it was correctly called, was awarded in the British Army to the 18th Royal Irish Regiment by King William III for its service at the siege of Namur in 1695. Thereafter the custom of granting Battle Honours became more common. All the regiments which took part in the defence of Gibraltar (during the Great Siege of 1779-83) were allowed to bear the title "GIBRALTAR". This included a number of batteries from the Royal Artillery. The Gunners were also awarded the Battle Honour WATERLOO.

In 1833, the Gunners were granted two mottos, "UBIQUE" and "QUO FAS ET GLORIA DUCUNT". It was stated that "UBIQUE" (Everywhere) was also to be granted as a Battle Honour and was to substitute for "all other terms of distinction for the whole Regiment". This was the end of all other Battle Honours in the Royal Artillery.

A committee was assembled in 1882, under Major General Sir Archibald Allison, to review all the past history of the British Army and to regularise the holding and the granting of Battle Honours, less the Royal Artillery who had already been given the single Battle Honour UBIQUE.

The Honour is unique to the Gunners. It simply means that wherever there is a battle the Gunners are there, serving and supporting.

The Royal Regiment of Australian Artillery was granted the Battle Honour, by His Majesty King George VI, in January 1950 (it is not a Battle Honour for the engineers). This included 6 Field Regiment Royal Australian Artillery CMF who were granted approval and from then on wore a replica badge to that of the famous parent corps, the Royal Artillery, and bears the same two mottos - "UBIQUE" (Everywhere) which takes the place of individual battle honours of an infantry regiment, and "QUO FAS ET GLORIA DUCUNT". Unlike the infantry regiments of the line, the Artillery has no regimental colours - its colours are the guns themselves. Nor does the Artillery have battle honours - its battle honour is the one word EVERYWHERE. Battle honours are not to be confused with "Honour Titles" which are borne by a number of batteries in the Royal Artillery - an example is 171 (The Broken Wheel) Battery RA.

There is a provision made in the RAA Standing Orders for batteries to be granted Honour Titles. The main rule applying for the granting of these titles is "Place names should be limited to occasions of historic interest, and even then be awarded only in outstanding cases where the susceptibilities of other batteries are not likely to be hurt".

Mottos of the Regiment

The Royal Regiment of Australian Artillery was granted the two mottos of The Royal Regiment of Artillery in 1950 by His Majesty King George VI: "UBIQUE" (Everywhere) and "QUO FAS ET GLORIA DUCUNT" (Where Right and Glory Lead).

The original motto of the NSW Artillery was "SEMPER FIDELIS" (Always Faithful). There is a line of thought that the motto in fact was "SEMPER PARATUS" (Always Ready) but this appears to be incorrect, even though 'A' Field Battery has adopted the latter.

After Federation the motto was changed to "CONSENSU STABILES". There seems to be three opinions as to the translation: Strong in Agreement, Firm and Ready and, the most accepted, Firm and Steadfast.

The Gunner motto used by Tasmanian Garrison Artillery was "PRO ARIS ET FOCIS" (For Fields and Hearths).

Our Heritage

The Royal Regiment of Australian Artillery (RAA) is very closely linked to the (British) Royal Regiment of Artillery (RA) .

The history of the Royal Regiment of Artillery is the history of the British Army. Our motto is "Ubique" and on land, sea and air the Gunners have taken part in virtually every campaign and battle involving the Army since Crecy in 1346.

In peacetime, guns were kept in Castles and were looked after by Master Gunners, skilled in their manufacture and so most knowledgeable in their use. In wartime, men were recruited and trained into a Trayne of Artillery, until on the 26th May 1716 the first two Companies of Artillery were formed by Royal Warrant at Woolwich. The Crimea, the Indian Mutiny, the Boer War, the two World Wars, the Falklands and the Gulf War were all fought by Gunners.

We have produced Ten Field Marshals and the Victoria Cross has been won by Sixty-two members of the Regiment. It is a history of which we are very proud and a story worthy of the telling.

The guns of the Royal Australian Artillery are the Regiment's Colours, in the same way as the flags and guidons of Infantry Regiments are theirs, leading them into battle. The Colours represent pride in the Regiment, so the guns are protected and retained at all costs. If the situation demands that they are left behind they must be disabled or destroyed. The gun depicted on the cap badge is a 9pdr Rifled Muzzle Loader of about 1871, and the rammer used to ram the charge into the muzzle is also seen, to the left of the carriage wheel. Ubique, surmounting the gun, means "Everywhere", and the Motto Quo Fas et Gloria Ducunt, "Where right and glory lead"

Saint Barbara

St. Barbara is the Patron Saint of The Royal Regiment of Artillery. Due to the manner of her death, St. Barbara is also traditionally the patron of armourers, gunsmiths, artillerymen, miners and anyone else who worked with cannon and explosives. She is invoked against thunder and lightning and all accidents arising from explosions of gunpowder.

Barbara (later St Barbara) lived in the 4th century and was brought up as a heathen. A tyrannical father, Dioscorus, had kept her jealously secluded in a lonely tower which he had built for that

Here, in her forced solitude, she gave herself to prayer and study, and contrived to receive instruction and Baptism in secret by a Christian priest.

Barbara resisted her father's wish that she marry. Then on one occasion, during her father's absence, Barbara had three windows inserted into a bathhouse her father was constructing. Her purpose was thereby to honour the Trinity.

Dioscorus was enraged by her action and by her conversion. So he himself denounced her before the civil tribunal. She was horribly tortured, and at last was beheaded. Her own father, merciless to the last, acted as her executioner. God, however, speedily punished her persecutors. While her soul was being borne by angels to Paradise, a flash of lightning struck Dioscorus, and he was hurried before the judgment seat of God.

The Artillery Tie

The Regimental Tie is a zigzag red line on a blue background. The line represents the lightning which, according to legend, killed Dioscorus in retribution for beheading his daughter Barbara for refusing to marry a heathen suitor. Before her death she turned to Christianity and was later canonized. In the early ages St Barbara was frequently invoked to grant safety during thunderstorms and on the advent of artillery, became the Patron Saint of Gunners



Gunners Day 2006

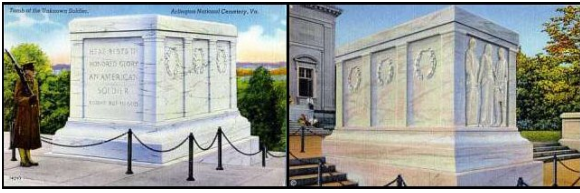


Gunners at attention during the Wreath lying ceremony



The RAA Association banner draped over the altar at St. Matthews

Tomb of the Unknown Soldier – USA –



1. How many steps does the guard take during his walk across the tomb of the Unknowns and why?

21 steps. It alludes to the twenty-one gun salute, which is the highest honour given any military or foreign dignitary.



2. How long does he hesitate after his about face to begin his return walk and why?

21 seconds for the same reason as answer number 1



3. Why are his gloves wet?

His gloves are moistened to prevent his losing his grip on the rifle.



4. Does he carry his rifle on the same shoulder all the time and if not, why not?

He carries the rifle on the shoulder away from the tomb. After his march across the path, he executes an about face and moves the rifle to the outside shoulder.



5. How often are the guards changed?

Guards are changed every thirty minutes, twenty-four hours a day, 365 days a year.



6. What are the physical traits of the guard limited to?

For a person to apply for guard duty at the tomb he must be between 5' 10" and 6' 2" tall and his waist size cannot exceed 30." Other requirements of the Guard: They must commit 2 years of life to guard the tomb, live in a barracks under the tomb, and cannot drink any alcohol on or off duty for the rest of their lives. They cannot swear in public for the rest of their lives and cannot disgrace the uniform {fighting} or the tomb in any way. After two years, the guard is given a wreath pin that is worn on their lapel signifying they served as guard of the tomb. There are only 400 presently worn. The guard must obey these rules for the rest of their lives or give up the wreath pin.

The shoes are specially made with very thick soles to keep the heat and cold from their feet. There are metal heel plates that extend to the top of the shoe in order to make the loud click as they come to a halt. There are no wrinkles, folds or lint on the uniform. Guards dress for duty in front of a full-length mirror.

The first six months of duty a guard cannot talk to anyone, nor watch TV. All off duty time is spent studying the 175 notable people laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery. A guard must memorize who they are and where they are interred. Among the notables are: President Taft, Joe E. Lewis {the boxer} and Medal of Honour winner Audie Murphy, {the

most decorated soldier of WWII} of Hollywood fame.

Every guard spends five hours a day getting his uniforms ready for guard duty.




ETERNAL REST GRANT THEM O LORD, AND

LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM.

In 2003 as Hurricane Isabelle was approaching Washington, DC, our US Senate/House took 2 days off with anticipation of the storm. On the ABC evening news, it was reported that because of the dangers from the hurricane, the military members assigned the duty of guarding the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier were given permission to suspend the assignment. They respectfully declined the offer, "No way, Sir!" Soaked to the skin, marching in the pelting rain of a tropical storm, they said that guarding the Tomb was not just an assignment; it was the highest honour that can be afforded to a serviceperson. The tomb has been patrolled continuously, 24/7, since 1930.



Article kindly submitted by Roy Leslie



LAST POST
VALERIE CAVE

Cave (Valerie)
**“Enduring memories of special friendships during your
army reserve service. Rest in peace Val. RAA Assoc WA.”**

Notice as it appeared in the West – 14/11/06



THE AIMING POST

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

President's AGM Report:

This Society continues to enjoy strong support and membership and we look forward to your attendance at the Annual General Meeting in March 2007. In due course notices will be sent out.

At this stage we are unable to give an update on the Restoration Building and its future. However with dedication and determination the Curator Don Rae is endeavouring to obtain a practical outcome to continue to provide this Service.

The Leighton Battery Tunnels exposure to the public is increasing with an increase in attendances. This component of the Societies activities forms an important element in presentation of Coastal Artillery in Western Australia.

In conclusion, on behalf of the Members of the Committee, it is desired to thank our support team of volunteer workers and the Leighton Site guides for their support.

Wishing all Members a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year on behalf of your Committee.

Yours Sincerely

Bruce G. Campbell
President



LAST POST

F. E. G. (FRED) SELF

Our esteemed Foundation Member Fred Self passed away peacefully on 1 November 2006 at Kelmscott River Gardens Nursing Home where he had resided for several years.

Fred was a pre-war member of the Militia 3 Field Brigade AFA who enlisted in the AIF at the outbreak of WW2 joining the 2/3rd Australian Field Regiment RAA as a Gunner. His Regimental Number was WX58. His leadership ability was recognized shortly after enlistment and he was promoted Temporary Sergeant. Fred served in the UK, the Middle East, Greece and Crete (he escaped to Alexandria) and in the New Guinea Campaign. He was discharged as a Warrant Officer Class 2.

Earlier this year Fred made it known that he wished to donate his medals to the Society as he had no surviving family. Through the help of Bill Stacy (President 2/3rd Field Regiment Association – WA) Fred arranged for the medals and a pre WW2 photograph to be presented to the Society on 23rd August 2006. These will be displayed in the Bessell-Browne Room.

Ever a champion of Gunner heritage and protocol, Fred will be sadly missed.

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Gunners Day 2006 – “The Lighter Side”

No...You can't breathalyse me yet, I have not finished drinking!!



Tom Arnautovic, Scott Sullivan, Sgt. Scott Parker and Peter Mahoney



Ex WO1 Ron Jaeger enjoying a pint

Oh no! He told me that last Gunners Day....



Peter Rowles and Ken Hepworth



Well chaps.... is like this, the reason why I have a bigger glass.....
 From L to R- Peter Rowles, Ken Hepworth, Tom Arnautovic, Ron Jaeger and Peter Mahoney

Merry Xmas & a Happy New Year to All.

*****Membership Fees are due Now to your Association*****

Note from the Editor:

If any member from any of the Associations or Society would like to contribute any comments, war stories or book reviews, please send them in to the Editor at the address shown in Page 2.
 All contributions will be greatly appreciated!

Cut and return to the RAA Association

To the RAA Association of WA (Inc) - Postal address on page 2 -

I would like to order an Embroidered Badge / Jacket Pocket Badge (circle choice/s) as advertised in the ArtyWA newsletter.

Please find enclosed the amount of \$_____ being for payment of _____(Qty) Badges

Please find enclosed the amount of \$_____ being for payment of _____(Qty) J P Badges

(Badges are \$10 each. Jacket Pockets are \$25 each.)

Name_____

Member of _____
(Name of Association or Society)

Street Name_____

Suburb:_____ Postcode_____ Phone_____ Email:_____

Please make cheques payable to RAA of WA (Inc)