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END OF AN ERA IN W.A.



Last live fire of M2A2 105mm Howitzer





Notice Board

Mark these dates in your calendars

Annual Gunners Day

Sunday 1st November 2009

Form Up at St Matthews Church, Guildford
1400 hrs for 1430 step off

Wreath Laying is followed by Church Service
Then at the Rose & Crown for afternoon tea

RAAHS BUSY BEES for 2009

31st Jan	28 th Feb	28 th Mar	18 th Apr
30 th May	27 th Jun	25 th Jul	29 th Aug
26 th Sep	31st Oct	28 th Nov	No Dec

LEIGHTON BATTERY OPEN DAYS

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

FRONT COVER

BC & BSM of 7 Field Battery, 3 Field Regiment RAA with M2A2 105mm Howitzer 28 June 2009

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From the Editor's Desk comes this article.....

THE BULLARING GUN

Just after ANZAC Day 2009, I received an email from Gary Martin, a Local Government Consultant who regularly sends me images of the memorial Guns scattered around Western Australia that he sees on his travels for work.

He had been at Kondinin earlier in the week and mentioned in passing to the Shire CEO that he took photos of guns and after he saw one come up on Gary's PC screen, and he mentioned there was one at Bullaring, 28 km south west of Corrigin. Gary just presumed it would be another 25 Pounder but got a huge surprise when he saw this gun.



It was very unusual. He had a look for any identifying marks that might indicate nationality but found nothing, so he asked me to help.

Do you have any suggestions?

If you don't got to **page 12** and read on further

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Fellow Gunners

June was a particularly significant month for the Gunner fraternity with the last firing of field artillery in Western Australia. Our thanks to the officers and gunners of 7 Field Battery, 3 Field Regiment on the spectacular live fire display at Lancelin on Sunday 28 June 2009 to mark this event. Under extreme weather conditions the Battery continues to provide a professionalism and esprit de corps that maintains the gunner traditions.

The turnout of over 100 Association members and families was even more remarkable given the severe weather conditions. It was a pleasure to meet the new generation of gunners as well as share memories with those who no longer serve. I think all had an enjoyable day.

Whilst the LFX was the signal for the end of an era for many ex and older gunners, the transition to mortars offers a more certain future for the Reserve and one which is more relevant to today's Army and should provide greater opportunities for gunners in the future.

The Association is appreciative of the continued opportunities that the Battery has provided for our members to interact with serving gunners and the guns themselves.

On July 4 the Battery Birthday Dinner was held at Hobbs Artillery Park. The evening was a huge success. The Association was able to present the Award for the most outstanding GNR which this year went to LBDR S. Fowler for his outstanding service and contribution to 7 Fd Bty. During his short time in the Battery, LBDR Fowler has displayed a level of enthusiasm and professionalism that is expected in a soldier of much higher rank and experience. Congratulations to LBDR Fowler.

I would like to take this opportunity to promote the Artillery WA website (<http://www.artillerywa.org.au/>). Thanks to the efforts of John O'Brien you can not only get information on the RAAA, RAAHS and the Leighton tunnels, but now also back issues of newsletters. I would encourage you to bookmark the site on your computer. In an effort to improve efficiency and reduce costs, I would encourage you to receive the newsletters electronically where you have the facility to do so. If you would like to receive the newsletter electronically only please advise us. If you choose this option you will receive an e-mail with a link each time we release an issue. We will still mail out a hardcopy if you choose.

Our next event will be Gunners Day, which will be held on Sunday, 1st November at 2:30 pm at St Mathew's Church, Stirling Square, Guildford. We will form up at 2:00 pm. The format will be the march to the memorial and memorial service and then the church service. Different to past years, we will then retire to the Rose & Crown for afternoon tea (or a cold and well earned beer for those who choose). I look forward to seeing you on Gunner's Day.

Ubique

Bob Farrelly
LTCOL
President



7 Field Battery RAA News



BATTERY BIRTHDAY DINNER

The 4th of July was the date for the Battery's 61st Birthday with approx 70 personnel attending, the night beginning in the Officers mess with pre-dinner drinks. The night progressed with 4 wonderful courses being cooked by the very talented catering staff. An enjoyable evening was had by all who attended and a variety of awards were presented during the evening.



EXERCISE SOUTHERN CROSS

'Is it or isn't it' – the last M2A2 shoot for the Australian Army!

We watched with anticipation the local weather forecast after the knowledge that all ferry services have been cancelled to Rottnest Island, which hasn't happened for 13 years. The weather: 5m seas, 2m swell, winds up to 160km/h and heavy rains. The date is the 26th of June, 2009 and the gunners of 7 Field Battery are preparing to move up to our most revered live firing range 2 hrs drive north of Perth: Lancelin Training Area, the site for what will possibly be our last live fire of the guns before converting to 81mm mortars.

Of a strength of around 67, the unit manages to muster 60 personnel (you just didn't want to miss this one), 3 fully manned guns, a CP, JOST and our most important support from catering, medical, and TST elements from 13 CSSB and range sentries from across the BDE. The vehicles have all been prepared and allocated, 26 in all. Visitors include COMD13 BDE, Brig Cain, RSM 13 BDE, WO1 Kelly, CO/CI School of Artillery, LtCol Wood, RSM School of Artillery, WO1 Franklin and for the purpose of the shoot, nearly 100 visitors of past members, friends and families of the unit members.

The exercise kicks off with a direct shoot up near the 'coke can' in which all detachments practice their skills and a detachment from the CP fire off both HE and WP. Deployment orders and it's off to the dreaded, tick infested, Bull Frog Well, where the unit settles in for the afternoon and late into the night conducting the full range of missions. Deployment orders again around 2200h and the unit is off to the final position for the exercise. All while this is going on, the wind is howling, the rain is coming over us in waves and occasionally the sun tries to poke through the black clouds. The members of the JOST, out in the elements and on the

hill, are having a hell of a job getting the rounds on the targets due to the wind and poor visibility of the impact area.

Morning breaks and there is a flurry of activity, guest being met in Perth and loaded onto buses, ammunition trucks being unloaded to allow for the transport of the guests into the range, and the gun line practicing fire plans to put on a show for our guests. Our guests, who vary in age from young children to frail elderly, were, unless past members, in for the shock of their lives as the vehicles slowly navigate the cap rock tracks and sand dunes of our beloved Lancelin. Once at the position, the mandatory safety brief was given to all and then the guns let rip. To those who have never experienced the thunder of the guns, it was to be an eye-opening experience.

The time had come, at 10:59 WST, GNR Siira, the youngest member of the Battery at only 18, was given the order from the Gun Position Officer (GPO), LT Fowler via the No.1 of Alpha gun, SGT McMahon, to fire, and that, as they say, was that! The last round had been fired from the Battery that received the M2A2 in 1976, and from a gun that had been in service with the Australian Army since 1959. One of the serving guns (Echo) of 7 Field Battery now resides at the Australian War Museum in Canberra which was Delta gun during the battle of Coral in Vietnam. The original BC, then MAJ Bird, and the present BC, MAJ Mathers, were in location to witness this historic event. That gun that had seen service in Vietnam, and in the presence of a member who had been the GPO of one of those Batteries all those years ago. It was, despite the bitter weather, a bitter sweet moment in the history of 7 Field Battery, for the past and present members of the unit, and for the M2A2 105mm Light Towed Howitzer.

Story by WO2 Stephen Morrow 7 Field Battery, 3 Field Regiment RAA



Peter Rowles with 'souvenir'?



Bob Farrelly & Pert Mahoney

(This is a new segment where contributions from other previous TO's and characters from the Corps/Unit can keep members informed about themselves)

SEND SITREP

I left 7 Fd Bty around October 2006, a few months earlier than originally planned to deploy with Overwatch Battle Group (West) Two. During the deployment I was employed as a JOST Commander, attached to the Cavalry Combat Team that was responsible for the Al Muthana Province. Upon returning home I became acting BC 103 Mdm Bty while the BC was in Iraq and didn't assume the role of Adjutant until March 2008. At the end of my tenure of Adjutant, I was promoted to Major and remained in 8/12 Mdm Regt as the Operations Officer. I will complete 2009 as the OPSO and then become BC 103 for 2010.

8/12 Mdm Regt is currently experiencing the prelude to the wave of change expected over the coming years. The new Battle Management System known as Advanced Field Artillery Tactical Data System (AFATDS) has arrived and members are being trained. Similarly the digital display at the gun and electronic fuse setter, known as Portable Excalibur Fire Control System (PEFCS) is in the process of being rolled out. The digitisation will revolutionise our procedures and see equipment such as GPOs check maps and the tennoy fade into obsolescence. Within five years 8/12 Mdm Regt will receive Self Propelled artillery as part of Project Land 17 which is designed to modernise the RAA. There are two contenders remaining, the PZH2000 and the K9 Thunder. Either option will translate into a massive boost in capability. The Regt is also on the cusp of receiving a new precision, GPS guided round known as Excalibur. Current plans are that personnel from the Regt will fire Excalibur in November this year, again another big gain in what the RAA can offer to Army.

8/12 Mdm Regt is in the remediation period of the Divisional rotation plan and focusing on conventional war fighting in a mid intensity environment. The Bde is currently working at Combat Team level and will culminate at Battle Group level in June 2010 before transitioning to lead up training for the deployment of a force to Afghanistan in the second half of 2010. 8/12 Mdm Regt will deploy around 70 personnel with this push.

I fondly look back on my time at 7 Fd Bty and often marvel at how well my time as Training Officer set me up to deal with the many facets of being an OPSO. I often hear how the Bty and the RAAHS is going and wish all members of both organisations all the very best.

Ubique

Simon Hunter
MAJ
OPSO
8/12 MDM REGT

LINGO CHANGES WITH THE TIMES

RECENT changes to operational terminology now better reflect the Army's capability in coordinating and executing joint fires-and effects such as mortars, artillery, rockets and naval gunfire on the modern complex battlefield.

The terminology changes are designed to simplify wider understanding of the array of systems, procedures and techniques that have entered the offensive support battlefield operating system during the past few years.

RAA Head of Corps Brig Wayne Goodman said the terminology changes embraced the knowledge and experience that corps members had brought back to Australia following coalition operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"The old Joint Offensive Support Coordination Centre has been renamed the Joint Fires and Effects Coordination Cell (JFECC) to better reflect its role in supporting joint land manoeuvre at the combat team, battlegroup, brigade, division or joint-task-force level," Brig Goodman said. The JFECC is now principally concerned with the synchronisation and coordination of all effects, kinetic and non-kinetic, in support of the joint land force.

A forward observer now commands a six-man joint fires team (JFT) instead of the previous joint offensive support team (JOST). The JFT consists of a command element within the supported company headquarters and two splinter teams that can be allocated to the company's platoons. The JFT has the ability to coordinate

the delivery of mortars, artillery, rockets, naval gunfire, close combat attack aviation and close air support for the company. An infantry battalion's organic mortar-fire controller party is incorporated as a part of the JFT, allowing extra expertise and experience to be distributed among the JFT. A JFT is designed to enable combat teams to have timely access to accurate and well coordinated joint fires-and-effects to shape or defeat the enemy."

Brig Goodman said every JFT would ideally have at least one joint terminal attack controller (JTAC). "All JFT splinter-team commanders would also be qualified as a joint-fires observer enabling them to coordinate close air support, with a JTAC supervising the terminal control," Brig Goodman said.

"Most importantly, the new structure allows a JFT to better support a combat team in complex environments and improves access to joint fires and effects for those in the battle."

By Maj Adam Worsley

SOURCE: Army August 20, 2009

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.

Please send an email to john.bylevens@defence.gov.au if you would like to be included and when you change you email address, so we can keep up to date.



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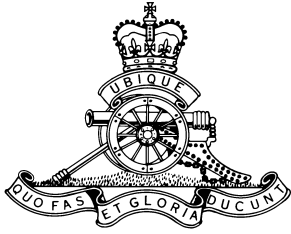
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THE AIMING POST

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

President's Report:

The Leighton Tunnel Complex has now been operating since the 5th July every Sunday and the visitor numbers has confirmed the decision taken by your Society.

On Sunday 13th - 7 Field Battery were also 'on site' conducting a recruiting drive and this gave added interest to the visitors with the display of the 105 and associated vehicles.

The Society is continuing with the forward planning for the enhancement of the Leighton Site which we believe will assist in maintaining the visitor public interest.

As matters progress we will advise.

In conclusion the Tunnel Guides deserve our thanks for their contribution to the new programme of being open every Sunday.

Yours sincerely

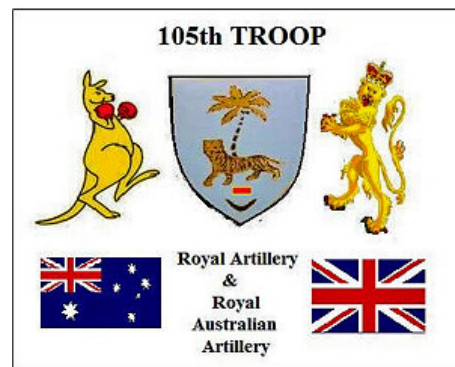
Bruce G. Campbell OAM
President

OPERATION SLIPPER

Operation Slipper is the Australian Defence Force operation which contributes to the international coalition against terrorism in Afghanistan. The operation commenced in 2001 and is ongoing.

Our forces contribute to the efforts of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) aimed at preventing Afghanistan again becoming a safe haven for international terrorists, and the United States -led International Coalition Against Terrorism (ICAT) efforts in the broader Middle East.

105th Battery is currently (April 2009) providing 15 gun end soldiers which have deployed as part of the United Kingdom's Task Force Helmand under a bilateral arrangement to further enhance the training and experience of the Australian Army's offensive capability. A separate observation group is also deployed.



These gunners spent six months in the UK on workup training with 20th Regiment RA and then deployed to Afghanistan for an operational tour of six months. They are part of an integrated 105th Troop RA/RAA of three 105-mm L118 Light Guns.

TIGERS IN AFGHANISTAN



On 9 April 2009 at approximately 0730Z hours (Greenwich Mean Time), 105th Troop RA/RAA fired its first operational rounds in Afghanistan.

It was recorded that, in response to CFF callsign C25 receiving small arms and RPGs into their compound. The target was neutralised. (It is believed that CFF means Coalition Friendly Forces.)

There's not much news available at the moment, apart from all 15 members of the troop had deployed by the end of March and will be returning to Australia in October 2009, following a period of 'decompression' in Cyprus. This tour of duty will earn the troop three medals—Australian Active Service Medal bar Afghanistan, Afghanistan Medal and the International Security Assistance Force medal.

Nevertheless, as reported by WO2 Paul Boswell, the battery guide of 107th Field Battery who was attached to 29th Commando Regiment RA, the Aussie gunners are:

- carrying out daily fire missions for weeks on end,
- direct firing at mounted Taliban attacking their fire support bases,
- stepping into vacancies created by British KIA (29 Cdo has lost 5 KIA as at 1.3.09, and
- dodging the British RA trying to convince them to transfer, they're clearly held in high regard.

THE TALIBAN FEAR THE DRAGON

A 105-mm Light Gun is being used by British Gunners in Afghanistan to such devastating effect against the Taliban that they have dubbed it the '**Dragon**'.

Towering above the strategic town of Musa Qaleh in north-western Helmand Province is a 40 m tall rocky outcrop, Roshan Tower which provides an excellent vantage point. Establishing a solid gun platform on the top of this outcrop was a feat in itself, but manhandling the dismantled 1800 kg gun up the sheer cliff face under cover of darkness was a real tribute to the gunners of 8th (Alma) Battery, 29th Commando Regiment RA.

Four gunners man this gun - two British and, at the time this article was written, two from 4th Field Regiment RAA who were attached just like our 105th Battery members are currently serving with 40th Regiment RA. A further four members of 8th Battery form a fire support team to direct air strikes, attack helicopters and guided multiple launch rocket systems (GMLRS) accurately and quickly onto targets.

Also present on Roshan Tower are soldiers for the 2nd Battalion Royal Gurkha Rifles with a bristling arsenal of weapons - Javelin heat-seeking missiles, sniper rifles and .50 cal heavy machine guns.

When not firing, the gun is hidden under a camouflage net. Removing the net for a fire mission is described by the Taliban as '*bringing the Dragon from its lair*'. It is achieving first round effectiveness direct firing up to 3km with a range of 17.3km using Abbot Mk2 ammunition, this gun is a great morale boost to the town of Musa Qaleh and the coalition and Afghan Forces operating the area.

(A UK Military Operations news article)

'These 2 articles published with the permission of the CO 1 Fd Regt and Arthur Burke, editor of Tiger Rag, journal of the 105th Battery RAA Association Inc'.

EVERY SEVEN DAYS AT LEIGHTON!

RAAHS members are most likely aware now that our showpiece site at **Leighton Battery Heritage Site** has now been open to the public on a weekly basis since the beginning of July. The total visitor number for July was 432 and for August it was 337. These numbers are a pleasing indication to all concerned that the public react favourably to weekly openings.

Your management committee is tracking these numbers against our increased fixed costs of advertising and power. By the end of December we will be in a position to judge whether the exercise is financially attractive enough to continue or revert back to monthly openings.

The active group of Guides / Cashiers is doing a fine job of education the people of Perth about this unique defence heritage site. Also the busy bee team is continuing to develop the below ground displays and the post war command post presentation.

Any member who would care to join either of the above action groups can contact David Carter 93673539 (after hours)

It is a delight to report that Ray Bird has joined the LBHS roster. Ray enjoys an extraordinary depth of artillery experience to share with visitors. Among the interesting arrivals in July was a lass who had served at Leighton Battery as a member of AWAS at the same time as RAAHS member Ronnie Roach – they shared some wonderful memories; after more than half a century.

Please remind your friends to visit Leighton Battery one Sunday soon and watch for the next issue of ArtilleryWA to read of the Committee's plans for 2010.

John Wash & David Carter

TALBOT HOBBS PRESENTATION AND EXHIBITION NOVEMBER 2009

On **Saturday 7 November** the **Defence Heritage Committee of the National Trust** is organising a special presentation –

‘Talbot Hobbs in Conversation with CEW Bean’.

This is to be held at the Army Museum and will involve two actors to play Hobbs and Bean and the conversation will cover the Western Front 1916-18. This is to be part of a commemorative **Talbot Hobbs exhibition** to be organised by the above committee and held **1st -30th November** at the museum, comprising of objects from the Army Museum and Royal Australian Artillery Historical Society collections covering his military life.



ARMY MUSEUM OF WA PUBLIC LECTURE

The third of the 2009 Public Lectures will be on 15th October with a talk on **Lt-General Sir JJ Talbot Hobbs – Australia's Finest Soldier Architect.**

Speakers will be **Mr Graham Horne** and **Colonel Robert Mitchell (CAF Retd)**, both from the **Defence Heritage Committee of the National Trust** and current volunteers at the Army Museum. Graham also holds the position of Museum Registrar and Deputy Chairman of the Foundation. This presentation will cover Hobbs's military and architectural life. All foundation members and guests are welcome.

Cost: \$15 (includes supper)

Time: 7:00 pm

Venue: Army Museum of WA, Artillery Barracks, Burt Street, Fremantle.

Bookings: Ring 9430 2535.

THE BULLARING GUN continued

I couldn't find anything in my resources, or on the internet. Gary asked the Australian War Memorial in Canberra if they could throw any light on the subject, but that came back with these responses.

- *Is one is a corker! You'll love it ... but what's it based on? German 75 or 77?*
- *The wheels and tracks are ex-Australian MG Carrier, while the barrel appears to be German M16Na 77mm.*
- *The rest of it comes from a fitter and turner with a highly developed sense of mechanical imagination. I can see the influence of 25 Pdr and Lloyd carrier etc., the constructor of this piece missed their calling!!!*

In July Gary called back past Bullaring with the intent of checking out the barrel etc. and tried to locate any markings whatsoever to help in identification.

First he checked the bore and noticed the "rifling" so thought OK, that's real, but he then noted the new plaque referring to Alan Bowden and his replica, which was not on the gun the last time. While he was there Alan drove past and stopped for a chat.

"It all started when I was in the National Service many years ago when I used to tow 25 Pounders around for the Artillery. We were marched to the blood bank one day and A & B Company gave 1000 pints of blood. I said to the old Sergeant Major who had seen many of his mates shot to pieces during the war, 'That's a lot of blood.' He replied, 'That's only a drop in the ocean compared to what was shed for this country during the war.'

I started picking up parts to build a gun there and then but didn't get time to build it until two years ago.

- *The barrel is a steel electric light pole off a bridge with the base modified with a piece of tractor axles spline machined out and welded into the barrel.*
- *The chassis is the front half from an old Chev truck.*
- *The bogeys and tracks are from a wrecked Bren Gun carrier.*
- *The shield is half of an old grab bucket, modified to fit.*
- *The elevating gear is from a Massey Tractor planetary driven by an old steering box with the hand wheel from an old post drill, attached.*
- *The ejector is the lever from an old Caterpillar crawler starting engine as is the breach block lever.*
- *The sight and range finder is a bob reel slide from an old hay binder.*
- *The ammo box is an old riveted World War 1 Bullet box.*
- *The recoil box cap is from the top of a steel electric light pole.*
- *All square nuts were used.*

The plaque I had made and mounted on the gun reads 'Lest we forget, for those Bullaring people who paid the supreme sacrifice.'

A busy-bee by the Bullaring Progress Association erected the gun on the 24th April, 2007."



Close up of breech to show details.



Close up of elevating wheel and sight.

He was local who just wanted to do something “Lest we Forget” and so decided to build his own memorial gun. What is more, it is a complete fake – nothing is real except the Bren Gun tracks assembly and he even modified that. The barrel “rifling” is a spline, and he just used bits and pieces from around the place including car and truck parts – but did a very good job. The barrel, breach, controls etc are all just bits and pieces and he did not use a photo or template of any sort – he said he just worked from memory of what he had towed around.

The Bullaring gun he made and donated as it is his local community. However he was then asked to make another one for Leonora, and he charged for that. Gary did not ask how much but he has a paper photo of the Leonora gun, very similar but with wheels. It does not look quite as good as the Bullaring gun but still looks realistic. The shield came from old goldfields water supply pipe.

So, he fooled everyone and it explains why it was so difficult to identify – it is one of only two in the world – could be named the Bullaring Bowden Mk I and II

Obviously a handy man is this Alan Bowden.



Photography and research by Gary Martin and written by John O'Brien, Editor ArtilleryWA August 2009

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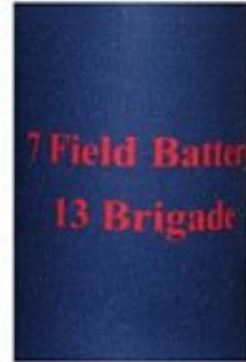
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