



ARTILLERY UAS OPERATORS GET THEIR BREVET



Australian Army soldier Gunner Wright, the youngest serving member of the 20th Regiment RAA is presented with the first artillery brevet by Brigadier Damian Hill at the 20th Regiment, Royal Australian Artillery brevet presentation ceremony at Gallipoli Barracks, Brisbane.

A Parade in Brisbane this week saw the historic presentation of the first aviators' brevet to soldiers and officers of the 20th Regiment, Royal Australian Artillery, who have qualified as operators of category 3 and higher uncrewed aerial systems.

The lineage of the brevet dates back to World War I where the principal roles of the air crew were as an air observation post (AOP) and reconnaissance behind the trenches.

Commander 16th Aviation Brigade Brigadier Dean Thompson said the awarding of the brevet was significant.

"It is an important moment in the history of the Regiment, Brigade, the Royal Australian Artillery and more broadly the Australian Army," Brigadier Thompson said.

"We add to the rich history of the Regiment; a history of which you can be justly proud."

Central to the Brevet is a seven-fused flaming grenade, representing the ancestry of the Royal Australian Artillery Corps and was last worn as wings by Artillery Corps AOP pilots in Vietnam.

The grenade is surrounded by a wattle wreath representing the spirit of the Australian people and is surmounted by the Sovereign's crown.

Since being re-raised to the order of battle on 9 October 2005 20th Regiment, Royal Australian Artillery, has been on operations in Iraq, Afghanistan, East Timor, Papua-New Guinea, and here at home in Australia – flying more than 66,000 hours, of which 55,000 have been operational.

Brigadier Thompson said the brevet was recognition of skill and proficiency in trade.

"Today you are being recognised for your hard work, sacrifices and the ongoing commitment which goes with your qualification and trade – and mastery of your weapon system and the capability you bring to the Joint Land Combat System," Brigadier Thompson said.

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RAAHS BUSY BEES FOR 2023

Last Saturday of each month

LEIGHTON BATTERY OPEN DAYS

Sunday 10am-3pm

Adults \$10.00 Children \$4.00



RAAA- President's Report

June 2023

Fellow Gunners,

Well it is the quiet winter months for the Association with a limited number of issues to report on.

Anzac Day 2023

The day started with early rain which looked ominous for the day but fortunately cleared. We were privileged to enjoy the company of members of 3 BTY who marched with the Association and swelled our ranks. The RSL again failed to provide cadets as flag bearers, but with members of the BTY in our ranks we were able to manage. Our patron, BRIG Gerry Warner led the Association in the march.

Quite a number of members went back to Hobbs Artillery Park for drinks and camaraderie afterwards. A successful and enjoyable day.

Gunner's Day 2023

Gunner's Day will be held on Sunday 5th of November. The format and route will be the same as last year. Given the success of 56 ACU providing a catafalque party we have again requested their services. Save the date!

Feast of Saint Barbara 2023

The 2023 Feast of St Barbara will be held on Friday 1 December. It will again be open to all ranks and partners. The dinner will return to Hobbs Artillery Park this year. We are finalising the menu and costs with the caterer and will send the invitation out separately in the near future. We are seeking to keep the cost down and anticipate a similar cost to last year. Save the date!

Ubique

Bob Farrelly
LTCOL
President

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN ARTILLERY HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESIDENT'S REPORT HEADING INTO WINTER 2023

Dear Members,

March 11th saw the 35th Annual General Meeting held at the Alf Adams Hall, Mosman Park. All agenda items were dealt with by the members present. (No Notices of Motion were received). I was especially pleased to present Long-Service badges to several members. Special mention was also given to Committee member Stan Davies with the award of the engraved acrylic plaque- RAAHS's highest recognition- for his extra input of technical skills, (and the hours associated with them) plus his role as acting secretary for the Society at Irwin Barracks. I was honoured on March 12th to lay a wreath on behalf of the Society at the dedication of the memorial statue to the 10th Light Horse Regiment. This event took place at Stirling Square, Guildford. The sculpture depicts a Light Horseman leading his mount from the Helena River at the Guildford Depot- where the regiment was raised. (St. Matthew's Church nearby is the Garrison Church for both the Artillery and the 10th Light Horse.) In late 1914 the nearby Remount Depot was also home to the Artillery, the Service Corps and the 13th Field Engineers. Today a polo club operates where the re-mount depot once was.

In April your Committee permitted the use of the tunnels complex by Curtin University's School of Earth and Planetary Sciences. The students employed the spaces above and below ground as a living classroom. The Society is pleased to be able to link with the community in this fashion. The staff also promoted the Tunnels complex to the student population back at the Curtin campus. We will continue to offer our site to Curtin.

The month of May saw several community groups explore Leighton Battery. This is re-assuring as it displays the increasing confidence that the public has in a return to pre Covid conditions. The Society V/P continues to work productively behind the scenes applying for grants that will be used to develop the 5.25" interior. Our site is a unique one that does not readily fit certain grant applications.

Refurbishment of the Hobb's Drill Hall floor has meant our display guns have had to be temporarily stored in the Gun Bays leading off the parade ground. Our Society 'seniors' supervised the shifts!

Prior to ANZAC DAY I had the pleasure to address members of the Sea View Golf Club on the topics of 'Fortress Fremantle' and the site history of the U.S. 197th CA/AA Regiment. That New Hampshire based Regiment deployed two of its 3" H.A.A. guns on the links at the then Cottesloe Golf Club, from March to July 1942. The club made the young artillerymen honorary members during their stay. The men responded by supplying the club with the "Battery D" golf trophy- which has been played for annually from 1942.

In early May I took advantage of a one hour radio interview from 89.7 FM which allowed me to cover a range of themes related to Fortress Fremantle and the role Leighton Battery played in it. The station occupies ground at Edith Cowan's Joondalup campus.

The RAAHS welcomes member Caroline Lehman as an extra cashier at Leighton Battery. Caroline also has guide experiences from years past.

The 5.25" project continues to evolve. Member Jim Archibald has been putting in long hours of electrical work in the gun floor.

Kind regards to you all,

David Carter.
President RAAHS



Head of Regiment Order of the Day
By Brigadier DJ Hill, AM
OPERATION SOLACE



This Order of the Day commemorates the 30th anniversary of OPERATION SOLACE and acknowledges the service of those 107th Field Battery members who deployed. At the time, Somalia was the largest operation undertaken by the ADF since the Vietnam War, into one of the world's dangerous conflict zones. The Gunners performed their work with admirable professionalism, risking their own safety to support a civilian population in desperate need.

The 1st Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment Battalion Group (1 RAR Bn Gp) was warned for operations in Somalia on 16 December 1992 as part of a United Nations-sanctioned, United States-led multinational force, under Operation RESTORE HOPE. The Australian participation to this mission was named Operation SOLACE. The Battery Commander's Party and three Forward Observer Parties of 107th Field Battery RAA formed part of the 1 RAR Bn Gp.

The Bn Gp's mission was to provide a secure environment for the distribution of humanitarian aid in the Humanitarian Relief Sector of Baidoa. Operations commenced on 19 January 1993, and ceased on 21 May 1993. Significantly, this undertaking was the first deployment of an Australian Battalion Group on warlike operations since Vietnam.

To achieve its mission, the 1 RAR Bn Gp had to liaise with local stakeholders, including a significant number of relief organisations, Non-Government Organisations (NGO), tribal elders, and other groups providing support to the overall relief effort. The 107th Battery Command and Liaison Group's proven ability to provide communication, liaison, and advice was the ideal force element to undertake this task.

Consequently, the Gunners formed the Civil Military Operations Team (CMOT), and quickly established strong links with the NGOs, tribal elders, and other stakeholders to coordinate the relief effort. Other tasks included liaison with the Australian contingent's superior UN mission headquarters, representing the UN mission contingent at stakeholder meetings, and managing access to the Baidoa Airfield. The Battery also led the design and coordination of the local NGO weapon policy, established a bank for the NGOs to safeguard their money, and coordinated the re-establishment of the Baidoa Court, Prison, Judicial systems, and the Police Force, with the aim of maintaining law and order.

Whilst several tasks were uncharacteristic for the 107th Battery members, they were quick to identify and implement ways and means to achieve positive outcomes. Their efforts contributed significantly to the 1 RAR Bn Gp success on the deployment.

107th Field Battery Nominal Roll

MAJ RH Stanhope	BDR PB Manoel	GNR WL Byrne
CAPT SA Bagnall	LBDR SG Gittoes	GNR JM Frankcombe
CAPT M Carrodus	LBDR JJ Lafferty	GNR PD Henry
CAPT JC Hill	LBDR DJ Matthews	GNR PT Malone
CAPT DW Reid	LBDR CG Peet	GNR MB Peters
SGT DB Callaghan	LBDR CP Riggs	GNR SW Swan
BDR ER Connor	LBDR TP Whitwam	GNR MA Voormuelen
BDR DS Free	GNR AS Butler	

OUR EDITOR HAS PASSED THE QUILL (BATON)



After 13 years sitting in the chair our Editor Bob Arnold has decided to take “long service leave” and was extremely pleased to hand over the baton to Patrick (Pat) Bell. Pat assisted in the production of Edition 1/2023 and this quarterly edition is entirely his!

Bob is a retired Regular Army Lieutenant Colonel who served in the Royal Australian Ordnance Corps following his enlistment in 1947. He served in Japan as part of British Commonwealth Occupation Force and was commissioned in 1957. Staff and Command appointments followed and in 1968 he commanded the Advanced Ordnance Depot, Vung Tau, South Vietnam. Bobs service was Mentioned In Dispatches (MID) and later was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal (MSM).

Bob joined the Society in 2010, offering to assist as Librarian and as Editor of our Newsletter, bringing with him skills acquired from years of voluntary service to Highgate Sub-Branch of the RSL and the Self - Funded Retirees Association. In 2018 Bob’s contribution as a volunteer was recognized in the Award of The Medal of The Order of Australia (OAM).

We thank Bob for his professional editorial assistance and we are most pleased that he will continue to act as our Librarian.

Pat joined the Society in 2012 as a serving member of 7 Field Battery RAA and has actively supported us in the ongoing maintenance of Leighton Battery Heritage Site. Pat is a professional Surveyor and operates his own company. Currently he works at the Regis Resources Duketon South Operation, 80km North of Laverton.

Pat has served in the Active Army Reserve since 1987 and is currently posted to Headquarters 13th Brigade in the Joint Effects and Fusion Cell (JEFC) as an Intelligence Surveillance Target Acquisition and Reconnaissance (ISTAR) Planner. As a RAA NCO, Pat is qualified in Gunnery and Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS). Pat has been involved in various Domestic Operations with 13BDE including Operation Gold (2000 Olympic Games) and Operation Testament (Pope’s Visit to Australia).

When made aware of the impending editorial vacancy Pat responded by offering his IT skills to assist – an offer that could not be ignored!!

We look forward to many years association with Pat sitting on the Editor’s high stool!

THE TRIVIA PAGE

Water Displacement #40: The product began from a search for a rust preventative solvent and degreaser to protect missile parts. WD-40 was created in 1953 by three technicians at the San Diego Rocket Chemical Company. Its name comes from the project that was to find a "water displacement" compound. They were successful with the fortieth formulation, thus WD-40. The Corvair Company bought it in bulk to protect their atlas missile parts. Ken East (one of the original founders) says there is nothing in WD-40 that would hurt you.

'A SHOT OF WHISKEY' - In the old west a .45 cartridge for a six-gun cost 12 cents, so did a glass of whiskey. If a cowhand was low on cash, he would often give the bartender a cartridge in exchange for a drink. This became known as a "shot" of whiskey.

RIFF RAFF - The Mississippi River was the main way of travelling from north to south. Riverboats carried passengers and freight but they were expensive so most people used rafts. Everything had the right of way over rafts which were considered cheap. The steering oar on the rafts was called a "riff" and this transposed into riff-raff, meaning low class.

COBWEB - The Old English word for "spider" was "cob".

SHIP STATE ROOMS - Travelling by steamboat was considered the height of comfort. Passenger cabins on the boats were not numbered. Instead they were named after states. To this day cabins on ships are called staterooms.

SHOWBOAT - These were floating theatres built on a barge that was pushed by a steamboat. These played small towns along the Mississippi River. Unlike the boat shown in the movie "Showboat", these did not have an engine. They were gaudy and attention grabbing which is why we say someone who is being the life of the party is "showboating".

BARGE IN - Heavy freight was moved along the Mississippi in large barges pushed by steamboats. These were hard to control and would sometimes swing into piers or other boats. People would say they "barged in".

HOGWASH - Steamboats carried both people and animals. Since pigs smelled so bad they would be washed before being put on board. The mud and other filth that was washed off were considered useless "hog wash".

CURFEW - The word "curfew" comes from the French phrase "couvre-feu", which means "cover the fire". It was used to describe the time of blowing out all lamps and candles. It was later adopted into Middle English as "curfeu" which later became the modern "curfew". In the early American colonies homes had no real fireplaces so a fire was built in the centre of the room. In order to make sure a fire did not get out of control during the night it was required that, by an agreed upon time, all fires would be covered with a clay pot called-a "curfew".

HOT OFF THE PRESS - As the paper goes through the rotary printing press friction causes it to heat up. Therefore, if you grab the paper right off the press, it's hot. The expression means to get immediate information.

Defending WA – The WA Militia in the Great War

When we think of the Australian Army during the Great War, we invariably think of the exploits of the Australian Imperial Force (AIF) at Gallipoli, in Palestine and in France. However, there was also the Australian Naval & Military Expeditionary Force (AN&MEF) which captured German New Guinea, the Permanent Military Force (PMF) which included the Royal Aust Garrison Artillery (RAGA) which manned the coast guns. As we approach the 105th anniversary of the end of the Great War we usually forget the Citizens Military Force (CMF) or militia units that stood by at home to defend Australia.

In 1912 the Kitchener Reforms of the Australian Army were introduced which would by 1920 lead to a part time conscript militia with 23 infantry brigade (94 battalions), 8 light horse brigades (26 regiments) and supporting units, including 14 field artillery brigades. The previous volunteer militia units were converted to form the first of these and each year all 18-year-old men would graduate from the compulsory senior cadets to boost the militia numbers. As each unit reached its war establishment it would divide to form a new unit and by 1920 when the first 'universal trainee' reached 26 and transferred to the reserves all units would be at full strength.

In WA the units were to be *21st Inf Bde (84th Inf, 85th Inf, 86th Inf)* and *22nd Inf Bde (87th Inf, 88th Inf, 89th Inf)*, supported by *13th AFA Bde (37th Bty, 38th Bty, 39th Bty)*. By mid-1914 only *HQ 22nd Inf Bde (84th Inf, 86th Inf, 88th Inf)*, *37th Bty AFA* and *38th Bty AFA* had been raised. The permanent gunners of *No 11 Coy RAGA* and *No 12 Coy RAGA* manned the coast guns at Fremantle and Albany respectively and on mobilization they would be reinforced by the militia *11th Coy AGA* and *12th Coy AGA*.

With the outbreak of war, a partial mobilization was ordered on 5 August 1914, so *11th Coy AGA* mobilized, moving to Fremantle and along with *No 11 Coy RAGA* manned the two 6" guns at *Fort Arthurs Head* and two 6" guns at *Fort Forrest*. *35th Fort Coy AE* mobilized to man the two searchlights at North Fremantle. *86th Inf* moved to Fremantle Park along with AAMC and AASC detachments (HQ at the bowling club) with a total strength of 700. From here they sent detachments to guard the depots at Guildford, the cable station at Cottesloe, the wireless station at Applecross and government offices in Perth. At Albany *No 12 Coy RAGA* were joined by *12th Coy AGA* to man the two 6" guns at *Princess Royal Fortress* and *A Coy 88th Inf* moved down from Perth to defend the battery and the port. A detachment from *88th Inf* moved to Rottnest Island to guard German internees, and another left for Esperance to guard the wireless station. The other units prepared for mobilization but were not initially required.

To allow these other units to use their allocated training periods manning the defences *86th Inf* was relieved on 23 September by *88th Inf* and demobilized. Including the men already on duty at Geraldton and Albany *88th Inf* had 550 men on operations. On 21 October *84th Inf* arrived from Kalgoorlie and relieved all the *88th Inf* men who then demobilized. From early December ad-hoc units were formed from un-employed militia volunteers and they relieved *84th Inf* which returned to Kalgoorlie and demobilised.

While the German *East Asia Squadron* remained at sea the coastal cities remained at threat but when the last of the squadron was eliminated near the Falkland Islands in December 1914 the threat was lifted. Some militia gunners transferred to the RAGA units before *11th Coy AGA*, *12th Coy AGA* and *35th Fort Coy AE* demobilized in January 1915. The RAGA and AGA gunners were not allowed to enlist in the AIF until the formation of the AIF siege batteries and when RAGA gunners signed up, individual AGA gunners could volunteer to join the RAGA to replace them, then they were allowed to join the AIF. The suspected presence of German raiders caused another mobilization for *11th Coy AGA*, *12th Coy AGA* and *35th Frt Coy* from 23 February 1916 for two months before they reverted to home training. When the German raider *Wolf* was thought to be near Australia in April 1918 *11th AGA*, *12th Coy AGA* and *35th Frt Coy* were called out for two weeks.

The 1914/15 militia training program called for eight days of home training (or equivalent half days or evenings) with a 17-day camp for the specialist units like artillery and engineers. The two batteries held a combined camp at Rockingham from 4 to 24 April but this was hampered by the lack of guns as most had been sent overseas with the AIF units.

The intake of the 1897 quota of 'universal trainees' in July 1915 partly allowed the units to replace the men who had joined the AIF but the training of the rush of AIF recruits after the Gallipoli landings diverted all resources and militia training was suspended from September. Training was resumed from July 1916, but with no home training and *37th Bty* had a camp at Guildford from 4 September with *38th Bty* to train from 5 October.

However, on 29 September the Government issued the War Service Proclamation. This required all single men between 21 and 35 to register, be medically examined and if fit to join the Army for Home Service. Under the Defence Act they still could not be sent overseas but it was hoped that the Conscription Referendum would pass, and they could join the AIF. This again took all training camps and instructors, so militia training was suspended. The Referendum failed so they were all discharged by the end of November.

In July 1917 *HQ 13th AFA Brigade* was raised at Perth with an establishment of 2 Officers and 7 Other Ranks to control the two batteries. The training program for 1917/18 limited home training and *13th AFA Bde* held their camp at Guildford from 15 to 22 October 1917. Recognizing the lack of training in previous years the 1918/19 training program restored some home training and proposed a 24-day camp. From 1 October 1918 the militia units were renamed to mirror the titles of the AIF units, but *13th AFA Bde* was unchanged, although *37th Bty* was renamed *8th Battery AFA*. The last wartime camp for *13th AFA Bde* was at Guildford from 11 November but after the Armistice the camp was cut short, finishing on 4 December 1918.

Article written by Graham McKenzie-Smith

My Pals At Home

I'm tearing off my Colours,
And throwing my webbing away,
And I'm going through to Cairo,
To draw my bloomin' pay.
I'm sick of chewing biscuits,
And eating bread and jam,
And trying to find out,
Where the hell I am,
And out here in the desert,
Fighting all alone.
Especially when I think of Aussie,
And my pals at home;
They're not bad chaps either,
When on the rabbit track,
But there, there ain't no danger,
Cause the rabbits don't shoot back.
They shine before the barmaids.
They brag across the Bar,
But the corners of the street,
Are where they always are.
A Billiard Cue is their rifle,
The Bar a fighting zone,
But there ain't no bullets flying
For my pals that stayed at home.
So I will pick up my old Lee Enfield
And buckle my pack around,
And if I stop a bullet,
I'll die without a moan,
For those alone I did it,
My pals that stayed at home.

The Hawkei

Whether you are a serving or non-serving member, you may have heard about the Hawkei or may even noticed the odd one around the Barracks. This is a short explanation about this Australian designed and built vehicle. It is a popular vehicle with sales going to Poland and Japan. The Ukraine Government has also included the Hawkei in their preferred list of equipment. At present the 10LH Regiment have a number of Hawkeis for their Reconnaissance operations.



The Hawkei is an Australian light four-wheel-drive protected mobility vehicle. Originally designed in 2010 to meet an Australian Defence Force (ADF) requirement for a light armoured patrol vehicle to replace its Land Rover Perentie variants. The Hawkei is a highly mobile, highly protected, 7-tonne vehicle, with inbuilt systems to allow it to be used as a fighting platform. It has been developed with Vehicle Electronic Architecture to be mission system ready. It is intended to undertake a range of mission profiles, including troop movement, command and control, electronic warfare, liaison, surveillance and reconnaissance. The contractors involved in its development include: Thales Australia, Boeing Australia, Plasan (Israel) and PAC Group.

In October 2015, Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull and Minister for Defence Marise Payne announced the purchase of 1,100 Hawkei vehicles and trailers at a cost of \$1.3 billion with the Hawkei to be manufactured at Thales's Bendigo facility. The purchase included 635 4-door variants, 465 2-door variants and 1058 trailers designed by Schutt Industries and manufactured by Thales at their Eagle Farm facility.

The 4-door variant is able to be configured using a mission-kit for three roles: Command, Liaison and Reconnaissance. Outwardly it is a dual cab with a crew of four to six, and is able to be configured with various equipment options including force protection radar, surveillance and communications systems.

The 2-door variant is a single-extended cab with a flat-bed cargo area measuring; L: 2,000 mm (79 in) x W: 2,400 mm (94 in). The vehicle has a crew of 2–3 and has a kerb weight of 6,800 kg (14,991 lb) with a rated cargo load of 3,000 kg (6,614 lb). The load bed is designed to accommodate four 1000mm x 1200mm (40" x 48") NATO standard military pallets or a single Tricon (one-third ISO 20 ft) container.

BEREAVEMENTS



J. F. X. WALSH – 30th MAY 2023



Sadly, we must record the passing of yet another of our long serving Members. John joined the Society on 22nd September 2004 at the invitation of his friend, our late President Bruce Campbell.

He served as Treasurer for several years and was instrumental with Bruce in negotiating the Lease Agreement between the Society and Town of Mosman Park in July 2007. Bruce and John had a long connection through the Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club where John was a member for 56 years – his service to the Club was recognized by the granting of Life Membership.

He sailed as navigator for Bruce in several Sydney – Hobart Yacht Races and was Chairperson/Organizer of the Louis Vuitton Cup in 1966/67 that decided the challenger to compete against the Royal Perth Yacht Club for the America's Cup.

John is survived by his wife Dianna, daughters Fiona and Melissa and son Simon. John will be missed by all with whom he came in contact.

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VERONICA A ROACH 10.11. 1924 – 04 07. 2023



It is with great sadness that we advise the passing of our oldest serving Member Ronnie Roach who passed away on Tuesday, 4th July 2023 in her 99th year.

Veronica Harrison was born on 10th November 1924 and spent her formative years living with her family in the Soldier Land Settlement Scheme at Northcliffe. In the year she turned 18 Ronnie, along with thousands of like minded patriotic young women, enlisted in the Australian Women's Army Service. After recruit training she was posted to 5th Heavy Battery and qualified as an Instrument Operator supporting the 3.7" Heavy Anti-Aircraft Guns located adjacent to the Leighton Battery Heritage Site.

When the AWAS was disbanded Ronnie resumed her civilian occupation. She met and married Brian Roach, a WWII Royal Australian Navy Corvette Veteran. They had 3 daughters and a son.

Ronnie joined (and became secretary of) the Heavy A/A Association, one of the WWII Ex Service Organizations that supported the Society when it was formed. On 1st March 1990 Ronnie personally joined the Society. Since that date she actively engaged in all activities of those formative years at Irwin Barracks, and at Leighton Battery Heritage Site, helping the Society in her "humble" way to become what it is today.

Ronnie will be remembered for her delightful scones, jam and cream for morning teas and for being able to "balance the books" on every occasion she was Cashier at Leighton Battery.

A lovely, dedicated and much admired lady, she will be sadly missed by all but never forgotten.

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