

132 DIVISIONAL LOCATING BATTERY RAA.

UNIT HISTORY

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FORWARD.

Initial thoughts to have this written by General, His honour Judge Vickery who as a commander of the 3rd Division and an Artillery man to boot was able to appreciate the roll and the responsibilities of the Division Locating Battery under his command.

Second thoughts were to ask Brigadier Rossi to write the forward as he was one of the units stalwart supporters especially under his time as the CRA 3 Div Artillery. Brig Rossi also has a strong sense of the historical, and was instrumental in various battery numbers being maintained thru different Artillery units of the 3rd Division as a result of the many changes and reorganisations that occurred in the division.

Third thought to ask Maj Ross Peterkin who for the last two months, was commander of the battery during disbandonment, and having served as both the BK and Survey Troop comd was aware also of the units history.

Fourth would be to ask someone from outside of the parochial area of the 3rd Division to write a forward that would adequately describe the units roll but also allow the links to our sister Batteries of Locating to be correctly addressed.

Fifth. Col Farley who was the Col Arty at the time 132Bty merged to 2/15 Fd Rgt and spoke of the long unbroken period of continous 32 years service the battery performed without loss of historical lineage in the Division, and possibly the whole Australian Army.

NOTE: *There was no forward apart from my own text on the copies presented to 2/15 Fd Regt and the School at Manly on my retirement in 1990.*

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PART 1

132 Divisional Locating Battery RAA

1955 - 1972

Although a unit called the 3 Div Loc Bty was shown on the order of battle in 1951 this particular unit was not raised at that time. [Authority 11/16/1 LE]

On the 6th January 1956 RO's Part two, numbers 1 to 23 were promulgated for the first time in the name of 132 Div Loc Bty and the unit commenced with Major J.A.R.K. Strong MBE being posted as the Battery Commander from DCBO at HQ RAA [3Div] with effect from 21 November 1955. At the same time from the HQ RAA 3 Div CB Staff Troop and posted with effect from 1 January 1956 came the following soldiers;

Sgt JC Evans
 Sgt AA Fletcher
 Bdr PJ Cassidy
 Bdr IJ Chenhall
 Bdr GRC Clarke
 Bdr ORD Giles
 Bdr McGown
 Bdr Rufley

Bdr Safstrom
 Bdr Marston
 LBdr A Hemingway
 Gnr Ball
 Gnr Box
 Gnr WB Costello
 Gnr DH Dryden
 Gnr LR Johnson
 Gnr McFarlane
 Gnr Mulhauser
 Gnr WJ Murphy
 Gnr Watson
 Gnr EP Robinson

Lt Russell Jackson was posted from 2 Field Regiment as the second officer, and he then remained until his untimely death in 1960. The BC, was Major J.A.R.K. (Joe) Strong MBE and he had been an officer of the AIF during the war serving in 1943 as BC of 49 Bty, 13 Field Regiment which was originally raised in South Australia then sent to Papua New Guinea, and later posted to Fixed Defences, Darwin. He also served as an instructor at School of Artillery for some time.

On 30 July 1956 the first march in of 36 soldiers from 14 National Service Training battalion arrived, followed by another 17 on the 14 November 1956. During the year the first promotions were;

LBdr Hemingway A to T/Bdr,
 Gnr Robinson EP to T/Bdr
 Bdr Cassidy PJ to T/Sgt and
 T/Bdr Marston to Bdr

The original housing for the unit was in four iron clad huts on the western side of the Batman avenue parade ground and at the time of writing this [1985] the name of the unit can still be seen set in the concrete step on the front doorway of the HQ Battery Orderly room of 2/15 Field Regiment. *[In 1996 the complete Drill hall and complex was removed for the preparations of the freeway under the Yarra river.]*

The 2\15 Fd Regt also moved to Chapel street depot and was later amalgamated with 10 Mdm regt to form 2/10 Mdm Regt.

The Locating Battery was to stay at Batman ave for nearly eight years until it moved to the depot at Landcox street, East Brighton in 1963.

When the unit was raised the only regular army staff was Capt HL Stewart, and the BSM WO2 Des Carmody. When asked about any other staff at that time WO2 Carmody remembered having to do instructional lessons on parades, apply discipline to errant soldiers under National service obligations and to be responsible for all unit administration and documentation. It was not until 1957 when the HAA & LAA Regiments were disbanded that the first Quarter Master was posted and he was SSgt Keith Kirk who came from 143 AA FC Bty. [around July 1957]

Des Carmody also remembered that during the 1956 Olympics, that the Russian basket ball team held their training in the large drill hall area, but that no one was allowed to talk to them at all. Also during the opening ceremony a number of soldiers were required for attendant duties while the Olympic flame was carried into the MCG by Ron Clark.

1957

After just over twelve months as Battery Commander, Major Strong was transferred to 2 Field Regiment and promoted to Lt Col.

His replacement was Major Alan Mason MBE who transferred from 10 Field Regiment [Landcox st ?] East Brighton. At the same time the unit gained three newly promoted officers from the ranks they were:

Sgts, Cassidy, Marston and McGown who were promoted to Lt Probationary with effect from 21 Dec 1956.

The unit gained a further 32 men on 16 April when they marched out of 14 NS Trg Bn, and another 16 from 40 HAA on the 9 and 10 July 1957 when these units were disbanding. Later in the year the battery also received national servicemen from 20 NS Bn.

From 15 Light Regiment at Dandenong came WO2 Jock McKerron.

With the reorganisation of the army at this time Victorian Artillery units were severely reduced. There had been seven Regiments and two AGRA group HQ up till then.

The HAA Regiments (8 & 40) along with 15 Light Regiment were disbanded but a new unit called 15 Field Regt was raised from 15 Light Regt, and kept most of those members who chose to stay on and to train on the 25 Pdr gun, not as they had been originally armed with the 4.2 inch mortar {towed}

Some controversy still exists over whether the 4.2 " mortar is an Artillery piece or an Infantry weapon because of its smooth bore and being a "muzzle loading" and high angle trajectory type of weapon! The Locating battery was using a 4.2 mortar around 1957 to train Listening post, sound rangers and radar operators, and it is believed that WO2 McKerron trained the mortar crews when he was posted to 132 Bty as the BSM. The unit received two mortars from 15 Light Regiment [late of Dandenong] at that time along with a generous ammunition allocation.

These weapons were kept until 1961-62 when the unit used a very worn 3 inch mortar. training LP and radar operators. The battery again operated a 4.2inch mortar as a radar operator training facility when the unit was operating the AN/KPQ1 radar in 1972-74.

Exercise KINGLAKE was run by HQRAA and held in March when the BC Maj Mason attended along with Capt HL Stewart and Lt M Jones representing the battery. The exercise covered a number of problems that were applicable to gunnery and two assessment problems

for the Locating branch. The problems required the student to act as BC and then as the Survey Troop commander to carry out a recce and then to deploy the respective elements under their control. For the exercise the unit had to provide two bearing pickets for two independent regiments as well as the internal requirements of the battery. At this time the Sound Ranging Troop was able to provide its own survey but the Radar Troop was untrained and poorly equipped.

In July T/WO2 Stan Hunter transferred from 2 Field Regiment and Capt JH Campbell from 10 Mdm Regt and at the end of the year Sgt Alan Hemmingway was promoted to WO2. Further drafts of National service trainees joined the unit and included Gunners Rex Gercovich, who later became the radar troop TSM, and Keith Zibell who became the second survey troop TSM following T/Sgt Rex McKay who transferred from FTD to the CMF and was posted to the Survey Tp on 11 Oct 57 as the first survey tp TSM until his discharge on the 13 Jan 1967.

The BC made strong representations to obtain the 3Mk7 radars from the now disbanded HAA regiments in an attempt to boost the radar capabilities of the battery. The Battery received a change to its establishment in July when an increment was authorised to raise an extra battery within the present structure, but not with a numerical number. This was known as the Phantom Battery and also carried another Major as the senior officer of the increment.

The authority for this was 11/521/[TE] S Comd S20/101/113.

Prior to this change the main postings being held were;

BC Maj Mason
 BK Capt J Campbell Capt HL Stewart
 BSM WO2 D Roberts
 Lt Jones M
 " Koppandy J
 " Marston WHG
 " Cassidy PJ
 " Jackson R

The battery was organised for deployment of two composite troops, each consisting of one Sound ranging section and one Radar section. Survey was carried out by troops on an internal as required basis.

1958

Around this time members of the unit were busy modifying the 3Mk7 radar sets for use in the mortar locating role by the addition of a second set of Range/Azimuth /Elevation dials, a delay timer of 7 secs and a case hardened bearing shaft to take the wear of the continual sector sweeps of the radar parabaloid mount.

This modification was to cost only a few pounds {pre decimal in those days} and the modification was taken up by the army to modify all of these types of radar sets for mortar locating.

The battery went to camp with 7th Ordinance Field Park and a detachment of 3 Div Provost with a small detachment from the RAEME for the maintenance of the radar. This camp was at Scrub Hill from 17 to 31 May and from the 1/58 camp orders the following details are provided;

The unit moved to Puckapunyal in two phases, by road and by train with the BK Capt Campbell commanding the road convoy of 16 personnel with

- 1 x 2 1/2 ton GMC [BQMS]
- 4 x 6 ton Mack Radar tractor with radar
- 4 x 2 1/2 ton GMC
- 1 x 6 ton Mack tractor
- 1 x 7 cwt Lt utility

The train party was commanded by Capt JE Lee from 105 Inf Wksp and Lt OB Green was in charge of the battery contingent from Spencer st to Dysart siding.

The unit located mortars by sound and radar tracking to an accuracy of 50 feet. The radars picked up 4.2 mortars and, the 25 Pdr guns when observed from a flank. The camp report says that the units main weakness was in administration in the field.

At this time the unit had two ARA Warrant officers, one was the BSM WO2 Dave Roberts and the other was WO2 Vic Charles who was a radar AIG and had transferred when the HAA units folded. He remained with the battery for some years and was eventually posted as the BSM ARA from 1960 until 1963.

Under the 11/521/2TE establishment for two batteries the officer manning at 1st March 1958 was;

BATTERY No 1

Battery Commander	Maj Mason MBE
BK ARA	Capt Stewart HL
Bty Offr	Lt Green OB
A Tp Comd	Capt Campbell JH
A Centre sect Comd [SRg]	Lt Cassidy PJ
B Right Sect Comd [Radar]	Lt James GH
B Tp Comd	Lt Triggs B
A Right Sect Comd [SRg]	Lt Marston WH
B Left Sect Comd [Rad]	Lt Irving JH

BATTERY No 2

BC
Bty Offr	Lt Ruffley RW
A Tp Comd	Lt Jones MJ
SRg Sect Comd	Sgt Robinson EP
Radar Sect Comd	Lt Kraal I
B Tp Comd	Lt Jackson RA
SRg Tp Comd	Lt Treddinick WR

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The battery lost WO2 McKerrin and gained WO2 Kennealy JW on 15 July as they swapped places from HQRAA. Capt JE Barry was transferred from 2 Fd on 24Sept and promoted to T/Maj on 10 Dec and then transferred back to 2 Fd on 28 Jan 59 although this happened, it appears that he did not actually parade with the battery or take an active command even though there was a posting still unfilled in the phantom unit.

The posting for the second Major was not filled until 1959 when Capt Sealey RJ marched in from 10 Mdm regiment and was promoted to major in the second increment along with Major Mason.

1959

When Capt RJ Sealey was posted from 10 Mdm and allotted for duty battery commander [increment] he was then then promoted to Major on 20 Feb and he assumed command of the battery increment.

It appeared that the two batteries would never deploy separately but only as an integral unit and the annual camp this year was held at Site 1 Scrub Hill from 16 May to 29 May with 10

officers and 115 other ranks attending, which included 3 ARA radar mechanics to maintain the 3Mk7 radars to peak efficiency.

The aim of this camp was:

1. To practice all ranks in the deployment of the Sound Ranging and the Radar sections by day and by night.
2. To locate mortars.
3. Determine and examine the problems of observing 25 pdr shells at high angles and obtain locations by radar.
4. To follow and track a balloon and derive meteorological data for the sound Ranging section.

Unit postings at this time were:

Bty HQ BC Maj A Mason MBE
 BC(2) Maj RJ Seeley

BK ARA Capt PC Wood

BK Capt JH Campbell

Bty Offr Lt WH Marston

S Rg Sect Lt EP Robinson

Radar Sect A Lt JW Irving

Radar Sect B Lt GB Triggs

Mortar Sect Bty Offr

On detachment from 15 Field regiment was Lt OB Green who with Major Sealey and Lt Jones were available to carry out other duties as required.

The post camp training report showed that a number of excellent locations were obtained from the Scrub Hill area that appeared to be the best ever to that stage and yet the positions around Mt Puckapunyal foot hills were not so good. The performance of the radar was not very

satisfactory and the intention was then to build a training target simulator for use back in the depot.

It is interesting to note that the CRA's annual training report on operational readiness listed the following times ,

HQ RAA	12 weeks
2 Fd Regt	12 weeks
15 Fd Regt	12 weeks
132 Bty	14 weeks

The variation for this battery was due to the highly technical standard required by the radar operators and not sufficient trained personnel for the Sound Ranging Troop.

The battery also had a shortage at the time of trained NCO's and was also experiencing difficulty in accommodating the large volume of stores required by a Locating Battery at the Batman Avenue depot and enquiries were to be made into these problems.

On Sept [18/20] the unit conducted a bivouac at Fort Pearce on the Pt Nepean training area of the Portsea OCS. The aim of the weekend was to exercise all ranks in the deployment of a composite troop and to practise locating drills while involved in camouflage and local defence in close country areas. The unit's mortar section provided live firing for locating and target data acquisition. This weekend was followed by exercise LORAN again at Fort Nepean on 30 Oct/1 Nov with Maj Sealey acting as director with WO2 Vic Charles as the AI in charge of the radar detachment.

This exercise was to train selected operators in the drill of the 3Mk7 radar and to practise personnel in map reading and radio operator procedures.

1960

The year started off on a sad note with the death of Capt Russell Jackson in a light aircraft crash onto Mount Dandenong on 30 January. His wife later presented a memorial plaque to the unit to be competed for by all sections of the battery.

The Pentropic Division was the main theme of reorganisation in February of this year. The battery did not really feel any effect until changes to its establishment occurred on 21st June. The units organisation was altered to 11/222/L [TEP] and the file S Comd s20/101/113 refers to this. In this new establishment the battery had lost the Sound ranging troop but gained the Artillery Counter Bombardment Office ACBO which had been originally at HQ RAA. The survey sections were not altered but the radar troop now comprised five sections of one radar set each. A new artillery group came into existence called the Combat Support Group which was to include the following units:

Medium and LAA Regiments, SSGW -Lacrosse Bty with nuclear capacity, SSGW - Hawk Bty which replaced the HAA regiment and the Combat Support Group Locating Battery. This battery had its own survey troop, radar troop and sound ranging for gun locating and was no longer tasked for the mortar locating roll.

The battery held its annual field exercise at Puckapunyal from 23 April to 8 May at the old perennial site of Scrub Hill.

The officer postings for this camp were as follows:

BC	Maj Mason	
BK ARA	Capt Wood	
BKL	Capt Campbell	
Bty Offr	Lt Marston	
A Tp Comd	Capt Body	
A SRg Sect	Lt Robinson	Lt Noy
A Radar sect	Lt James	Lt Irving
B Troop Comd	Lt Green	
B Radar sect	Lt Triggs	Lt Ruffley
Mortar Sect	Bty Offr	

The 24 May 1960 was a date that recorded the cessation of National Service obligation to many soldiers and the battery discharged those remaining personnel who did not wish to continue their service in the CMF after this time. A number of men elected to leave the unit under the authority of AHQ A323-21-760 DPA4A of 18 Mar 1960.

As of the 4 July the following officers and senior NCO's comprised the battery strength.

Maj Mason, Maj Sealey, Capt Campbell JH, Capt Body DN, Capt Reynolds RH, Capt Green OB, Lt Jones MJ, Marsden WH, Treddinick WR, Robinson EP, Ruffley RW, James GH, Noy MB.

WO2 Hunter SKM, Hemingway A, Kennealy JW, SSgt Knuckey B, and the Sgts Breeze JH, MacDonald A, Dix B, Ball CH, McKay R, Murphey WA, Isherwood R, and Higgins.

This showed the strength being as 13 Offr + 12 WO/Sgt + 48 ORs 73 all up ranks. Shortly after this Lt's Trigg and Noy were transferred out to 2 Fd regiment and HQ RAA respectively, and the new BK came from 2 Fd to replace Capt Campbell when he was seconded to HQ 3 Inf Div, and he was Capt MR Van-Assche.

Two other Capts were posted from 2 Fd regt and HQ RAA as Artillery Counter Bombardment Officers [ACBO] and they were Capts Joyce EB and Thompson MR.

Also on the 19 July the BC Major Mason marched out to HQ 3 Inf Division and Major Sealey took over command as officer commanding.

Other officers were being posted at the same time and they were Capt Reynolds to HQ 3 Inf Div, and into the unit came Capt Pearse from HQ RAA, and Capt D Batten and WN Fletcher from 10 Mdm regiment.

Lt Gilmore came from Melbourne University Regiment and stayed for a year until he was posted to 36 Coy RAASC. Capt Strudwicke transferred from 18 LAA regiment in Eastern command at the end of July and the postings stayed this way for the next twelve months.

The CRA 3 DIV held an indoor exercise at Batman ave depot on the 8/9 October called "THE WAY AHEAD" which discussed five main problems based around the current organisation of the Pentropic Division. TE-P. There were twelve syndicates and the following officers attended from the battery:

Maj Sealey, Capt's Body, Green, Fletcher, Strudwick, Batten, Thompson, and VanAssche. Lt's Marston, Irving, Robinson, James and Ruffley.

1961

Lt Dredge Bty Offr WEF 2 Nov 61 on transfer from 10 Mdm Regiment which was at that time based at the Frankston and Brighton depots.

No other details are known of the units training activity at this time except from reference to the dates of camp which appeared rather early in the year from 10 Feb - 3 Mar.

1962

Annual camp was held early in the year at Puckapunyal from 16 Feb to 2 Mar with the following SNCO's in attendance: *Details from the unit Sgts Mess books of the time.*

Sgt's Breeze

Isherwood
 Dix
 Gercovitch
 Hornblower
 Hutchins
 MacDonald
 Williams DJ
 Williams JJ
 McKay
 Sampson
 SSgt Knuckey

Again due to lack of records not much has been found of the units activity for this year however the names of Sergeants in camp were taken from the minutes of the Sgts mess AGM held at that time.

WO2 Hunter transferred out to 2 Movement Control Trg Group on 18 April but he returned on 5 September, and then took over as the BSM until his discharge on 20 April 1964.

The unit was still organised on the Pentropic Tropical establishment at this time.

11/222/3TEP
 11/222/2TEP superceded
 11/222/1TEP S Rg and ACBO s20/101/113
 MBI 30 of 27 Apr 62 refers

On the 1st July Lt Cassidy to R of O and on 15 August Lt Hutchins was posted back to the unit with Capt Doug Batten returning as the BK on 24 August.

On 26 July Lt McEwan was promoted to Capt and posted as ACBO and the BC Major Sealey handed over command to Major Bolitho.

1963

Annual camp was held at Scrub Hill with 10 Medium regiment from 23 Mar to 5 April and Sgt JH Breeze acted as BSM.

23 Jan PROM to Capt. D Murphy on march in from 2Fd,

24 Jan PROM to WO2. Breeze, Dix, McDonald

22 Feb PROM to Capt. Lt Ruffley

19 Feb Capt WN Fletcher det to 7Fd Regt until 23Oct

18 Feb Capt OB Green to 2Fd

1 Mar Capt Thompson to CSTU

7 May Lt James PROM Capt

16 May Lt Killender from 2 Fd and PROM Capt

Capt Batten to CSTU 30Jun

Capt Ruffley attended the 1/62 Officers Deployment course [Fd] at the School of Artillery from 27 Aug to 7 Sept.

A new Survey scheme of Mt Skene to produce a range for possible live firing the next year This appears to not have been taken up.?

The ACBO [Artillery Counter Bombardment Office] was brought back within the Bty from HQ RAA

Capt Niel McEwan of Survey [ex S Rg] used a 4.2 mortar to good effect, presumably in annual camp.

26 Jun PROM to Bdr Kieth Zibell, later to be the longest posted TSM in the Survey tp

5July Lt Hutchins to 2Fd

19July Sgt Walsh DISCH

21 Oct Lt Kerr to RRL 132DLB

At some time towards the end of 1963 the Battery moved to the Landcox street, Brighton Training depot which was currently the home of 2 RVR. As there no official date shown on any records held at CARO, and the ROs of the day do not have the address of the depot on them, it is not possible to find the exact date that the Battery moved to Landcox st.

Although the exact date of the units move to Brighton is not recorded in Routine Orders or Locstats at CARO it would appear that the Battery shared the depot with elements of Support and Admin company of 2RVR, and were as at 30 Sept 64.

This information from an 3 Div OTS application form and shows Q Bty 2Fd Regt as still at Frankston.

By a process of elimination I can guess that the move occurred between 2 Sept 63 and Feb 64 and the Battery shared the Drill Hall with 2RVR for a short period before they moved out to be the country battalion and were based at the Ballarat Ranger Barracks Drill Hall.

The move to Landcox st was significant as there had been an Artillery presence there since the CMF reorganisation in 1948 with 22 Fd Regt(SP) being raised there followed by 10 Fd who later became 10 Mdm Regt. (Check also elements of 2 & 4 Mdm may have had claim to the depot after 22Fd before being amalgamated into 10Mdm)

Significantly the Australian army did not raise any other SP regiments at all and based the equipment upon the 25 pdr mounted on an Yeramba tank with a special shield where the turret was removed.

1964

Annual camp was held at Jamieson this year and was a Divisional operation with live firing and specialist training at Puckapunyal in week one. In the preceding six months the survey troop had conducted extensive precamp data recording and collection exercises. BHQ and the Survey troop spent the full fourteen days at the CRB camp on the Jamieson road with a full section of surveyers from 131 bty.

The exercise was called LOWDOWN and was an anti insurgent ex with infantry battalions moving from "nockwood" across country to Mt Skene with support moving along a reconstructed track. Due to the terrain the radar sets were left behind at Puckapunyal and all personell were deployed as LP under command of the AIO's which were alloted to all infantry battalions and only permitted one light vechicle, the other soldiers having to move in on foot.

The surveyers operated in a mobile role by bringing a scheme forward as fast as required. The later days of the exercise were over shadowed by an outbreak of bush fires in the area which the battery had to fight until further support was received from the Divisional Maintenance Area.

Battery postings at this time were:

BC	Maj IG White
BK ARA	Capt RB Donalson
BK	CaptJE Killender
BSM ARA	WO2 N McManus
BSM	WO2 SKM Hunter [till20Apr] B Dix
Sigs	WO2 J Breeze
Bty Offr
Radar Tp	Capt GH James [not in camp]
	Lt R Dredge
TSM	WO2 A MacDonald
Svy Tp	Capt McEwan
	Lt B Campton [131 Bty]
TSM	WO2 R McKay
AIO's	Capt's Murphy, Fletcher, Ruffley

17 Sept Capt Ruffley was posted to the Reserve of Officers.

18 Sept Lt Kerr removed from RRL 132DLB

20 Oct 2/Lt JM Skinner appt to RAA Fd brh

14 Nov Capt IL Smith appt to RAA [Fd Brch]

A new year and a new change to the organisation of the battery as it was taken over to a Tropical Warfare establishment.

The Artillery Counter Bombardment Office now became known as the Task Force Artillery Intelligence Office TFAIO and there were to be three within the Division.

Also Q Bty of 2 Fd Regt moved in with the 132 Battery to share the depot after the departure of 2RVR to Ballarat and Warnambool.

Annual camp this year saw the battery go to Holdsworthy NSW with 131 Bty which at this time was still an intergrated ARA/CMF unit and also 130 Gun Loc Bty [CMF] were in attendance

Elements of HQRAA 1 Division provided upper level control staff of the DCBO, 130 Corp loc provided the sound ranging base and 131/132 provided man power for two radar detachments, two LP's and one survey section. The radars in use were the newly aquired AN/KPQ1 of 131 Bty and 3Mk7 of 132 Bty which were brought up by road convoy from Melbourne while the remainder of the battery travelled by train to Sydney. The first week of the camp was spent in familiarisation of the equipment and the field siting of equipments. Unfortunately the 3Mk7 radar of this bty had not been modified for the mortar locating roll and thus a unit from the School of Artillery and one from 131 was loaned for the duration of the camp.

The DCBO [now known as DAIO] provided a five day live firing exercise that had 25pdr, 105mm Howitzer, 4.2 inch and 3 inch mortar simulating enemy weapons. This exercise was a continuous firing one and showed up a number of weaknesses in the various units participating. With weapons firing at any time and all information from SRg base, LP's, radars and other non corp sources the speed and density of the radio traffic nearly swamped the Battery's capacity to handle it all at once.

While 131 Bty using only the AN/KPQ1 gave an "A" accuracy location report nearly every time, the 3Mk7 radars were very lucky to get any where near the same accuracy, although they were able to track the mortar bombs during the flight. The BC of 131 battery Major Pat Gowans summed up the exercise by grading the 132 AIO operators as at the same level as his own from 131 Bty.

The training received from this camp showed the obvious advantages of having the unit exercise with other locating units in the future, something that has happened since that time.

Postings for the exercise:

BC	Maj PTF Gowans [131]	Maj IG White	[132]
BK	Capt IL Smith [132]		

CB1	Capt J Townley [131]	CB2	Capt M Murphy [132]
	Capt W Fletcher [132]		Capt JE Killender [132]
	Lt Putnam HQRAA 3Div		Lt F Mullins HQRAA 3Div

Radar Tp Comd
 Capt G James [132]

Sect comd Lt RDredge [132] TSM Sgt R Gercovitch[132]

Survey Tp Comd
 Capt [131]

Sect comd Capt N McEwan [132]
 " " Lt B Campton [131] TSM *.May have been WO2 McKay (132) or Bdr/Sgt Zibell (132)..*

A unit TEWT was held on the 2/4 April to coach unit officers and to instruct officers from other units in the employment of the locating devices available in the Division. This was known as NOT NERY and was held in the Yarra Glen area.

A new ARA BK was appointed in August and he was Capt Barry Campton who had been a survey section commander in the combined camp at Holdsworthy earlier in the year.

1966

In February the unit lost WO2 Brian Dix to the OCTU at McWhae ave when he was posted there as the RQMS.

The first bivouac of the year was held at the well known Langwarrin training area out side of Frankston on 11/13 March and was a battery exercise in patrolling and tracking with an active enemy attempting to draw the fire of the defenders in a night defensive occupation. A loudhailer was used along with pyrotechnics and blank ammunition to simulate a number of assaults and feint attacks on the battery position.

Annual camp was to have been held again with 131 Battery, and 130 Gun Loc Battery at Holdsworthy, but due to the Australian Army commitment in South Vietnam 131 Bty was unable to participate and shortly afterwards 133 Div Loc Bty was raised from the CMF component of 131 Bty, and they were then only regular army troops. As a result 132 Bty went to Puckapnyal with 2 Fd regiment from 16 to 30 May and deployed ;

1 x AIO Section
 2 x LP's
 2 x 3Mk7 Radars
 1 x Survey section

The radars were again successful as far as locations were concerned and the battery personnel tended to adapt to the "rough" conditions as a result of the previous years exercise in Holdsworthy while the men of 2 Fd regiment had a harder time in adjusting in the first week due to the conditions and an obvious shortage of trained manpower. The first week was spent as usual in independant troop training followed by the second week with live firing and movement exercising conducted by 2 Fd Regt. The battery also fired its own 3" mortar as part of the radar and LP operator training. Camp postings.

BC	Maj IG White	
BK	Capt IL Smith	Capt B Campton ARA
BSM	WO2 A Maconald	WO2 M Almond ARA
Sig WO	WO2 JH Breeze	

AIO	Capt J Killender
	Capt KG Hobson

Survey Tp Comd	Capt N McEwan
TSM	WO2 R McKay

Radar Tp Comd	Lt P Cooper
Sect Comd	Lt JV Phillips
TSM	Sgt RH Gercovich

Attached for the duration of the camp were two RAEME soldiers from 1 Medium and 2 Base Workshops for maintaining the radar equipments.

A movie film, possibly on 8mm was made during the camp of the battery during its training but the location of and by whom it was made is not known at this time of writing. What an interesting show if the film could only be located could be screened. Shortly after camp the units last radar set was taken out of service and declared to be beyond economical repair by 3 Base Workshops. This meant a heavy blow to the battery as the radar troop was disbanded and personnel alloted to other troops. The Troop was however raised two years later [1968] when we again received two more 3Mk7 radars but with the proviso that the army system would not

be responsible for any maintenance or repair as this had to be all done from the units own manpower and resources.

A battery exercise was held at Yarra Glen on 17/18 June and the members attending can only remember the cold and miserable days weather that flooded everything and caused a great discomfort to everyone.

The ARA BK departed in June and was replaced by Capt John Davidson. Also Lt Perc Cooper was promoted to Capt on 23 June and posted ACBO.

In September 2/4 the unit held a training exercise at Puckapunyal and on 18/20 November a combined driving and survey exercise was held at Kilcunda near Wonthaggi.

The unit stayed on the property owned by the family of Lt J.V. Phillips who was now posted as the Battery officer. On the Sunday morning while on a driving exercise one of the Mk3 trucks slid off the road on a corner and caused the passengers in the rear to be badly shaken up and some equipment was thrown over the tail gate as the truck side swiped a telegraph pole and ran to a stop in a paddock. All troops involved were taken to the hospital at Wonthaggi for a check up and after about three hours allowed to return to duty with the remainder of the battery. A very lucky escape for those soldiers concerned that there was no more than a few bruises and scratches.

On 6 October Sgt Rex Gercovich received his Warrant and was promoted to WO2.

A variation to unit establishment occurred on 1 December when Capt Derek Snowball was posted from HQ RAEME as the first OC of 132 Div Loc Bty Workshops. At this time he had no staff, stores or accommodation and had to recruit members from other RAEME units.

He also addressed members of the Battery to see if there were any interested in a corps transfer to form the new workshop detachment. Two members of the Bty were interviewed in relation to transferring, they were WO2 J H Breeze and LBdr CM Cook. WO2 Breeze eventually transferred over and was posted as the ASM of the workshops.

1967

Camp this year was held at Scrub Hill and the unit was co-located with 15 Fd Regiment. Just prior to camp Capt Snowball had recruited two soldiers from 15 Fd regiments LAD to start the Loc Bty Wksp and they were Cpl Laurie Nicholls and LCpl Doug Dupuy posted as storeman and fitter & turner respectively.

These soldiers were later joined by Cfn Barker from 105 Fd Wksps making 1 Offr and 4 OR's in the unit workshop at this time. As Capt Snowball was not able to attend the camp the staff were parading with the Bty but working in the 15 Fd LAD workshops.

The training in camp was the same as for the previous year with the second week being used to live fire and locating the position of the weapons by sound, flash and smoke along with crater and fragmentation analysis. During this camp the 7th Battalion RAR was preparing mortar fire controllers [MFC] prior to its embarkation to South Vietnam and they had their mortars mounted in 113 APC's and were able to provide the unit with a considerable amount of training for the LP's.

Camp postings

BC	Maj IG White	OC Wksp	Capt D Snowball [in absentia]
BK ARA	Capt J Davidson	ASM	
BSM ARA	WO2 M Almond		
BSM	WO2 A MacDonald		
Sig WO	WO2 H Breeze		

Radar Tp Comd	Capt P Cooper
TSM	WO2 RH Gercovich.
	Sgts P Mahoney, P Commons

Survey Tp.	
Comd	Capt GH James
TSM	Sgt K Zibell

Bty Offr	Lt JV Phillips
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At the conclusion of camp the unit held a depot maintenace weekend and on the Saturday night Gnr Grahme Killingsworth was fatally injured in an automobile accident in Caulfield.

Captain Goerge James, the Survey Troop commander, made available a trophy plaque to be awarded to the outstanding surveyer annually.

The first presentation was made by Gnr Killinsworths parents on a parade in June when other trophys and awards were made to members of the unit and to the best troop. The other awards were presented by the CRA Lt Col Peter Turner.

During the year four members of the unit were presented with long service awards:

Capt DF Snowball	Efficiency Decoration
Capt JE Killender	" "
WO2 JH Breeze	Efficiency Medal

1968

The Radar troop was again reactivated and started training again although there were no radars in the unit at this time. The troop was to attend a radar operators course at the School of Artillery on 10 to 23 March and they used both the 3Mk7 and the new AN/KPQ1 radars. The rest of the battery went into camp at Puckapunyal on 20 April till 3 May and were under administrative control of 10 Medium regiment.

For the first time the RAA, 3 Div conducted a centralised recruit training camp at Puckapunyal from 2 to 15 March and all RAA recruits attended. In accordance with training policy laid down at that time the BC Major Furze visited 1 ATF Nui Dat, in South Vietnam from 16 Feb to 3rd March and his report was received by the members of the battery with intense interest on his return.

The Survey Troop conducted field training in the Reedy Creek Steiglitz area in preparation for their 10 days survey assistance to 6 Fd regiment [Tasmania] in the Stoney Head range in November.

Towards the end of the year two unmodified 3Mk7 radars arrived in the unit and after some serious cannibalisation, one unit was put into operation by Christmas time. The modifications to convert it to a mortar locating role was done within the units own workshop by WO2 Breeze who had modified the earlier sets, and with assistance from the BSM WO2 Frank Perry and WO2 Rex Gercovich and WO2 "Jock" MacDonald this set was soon in action.

The modification required that a second set of "Angle of sight/Range/Bearing dials" were fitted to the set along with a seven second timer device. This dial set was easily converted from the other radar which was now used for the spare parts.

The radar was eventually finished and ready for camp in 1969.

During the year Sgt Col Swindells was awarded the Efficiency medal for twelve years service.

On 7 December Gunner Wayne Bricker from the AIO was killed in a car accident while on his way home from the parade.

1969

This was an important year for the battery as it was the first Divisional Artillery camp to be held for ten years and the role of the Divisional Locating Battery was to be assessed.

The battery less ten men from the radar troop, who attended the 2/69 Radar operators course at the School of Artillery from 27 Apr to 9 May, deployed at Puckapunyal under the control of HQ RAA. The first week was spent in training individual soldiers to be DP2 level and culminate in exercise STABLE DOOR in the final week with all Divisional Artillery units participating in support of 4 Task Force in a phantom battle scenario.

During this camp there was again a centralised recruit camp 1/69 at Site 6 and the unit sent a number of recruits with Sgt Peter Commons as an instructor. The Survey troop provided a full section and produced a surveyed Theatre grid, and the radar and TFAIO deployed one radar and two LP's and continued a effective source of CB information. The unit also manned their own 3" mortar. The radar was locating most of these bombs and on his visit to the detachment, the Commander 3 Div, Maj Gen MacDonald MC ED was shown the radars operation and successfully tried his hand at mortar locating.

The CRA conducted a TEWT for all Arty units called LOOKING SOUTH on 4/5 October at Batman avenue. This was to assist officers and ncos in the transition from a Divisional camp to the planned Task Force camp for 1970. In this exercise the Battery was to provide a DAIO as would normally be set up in the FSCC and to produce all intelligence CB information.

During the year the unit was writing its SOP's which were to be used in training in all future exercises and annual camps.

Officer and Snco training was incorporated on another parade night [Thurs] and the theme of training covered mine warfare to aircraft emplaning and deplaning drills.

The units housed in the Landcox st Depot at this time were

132 Div Loc Bty
 132 Loc Bty Wksp
 Q Bty, 2 Fd Regt
 17 Flt Air Cadets

1970

On a parade held at the beginning of the year [12 Feb] the BC Maj Furze presented the Efficiency Decoration to Lt JV Phillips and the Efficiency Medal to WO2 H Gercovich. These awards were for twelve years service in the CMF.

The highlight of the years training was the annual camp when the unit was to support four separate camps as follows;

1. 21 Feb - 6 Mar. Tasmania in the Buckland area to survey a new artillery firing range.
2. 28 Feb - 13 Mar. Puckapunyal to provide Arty Int and radar support to the 4 TF exercise.
3. 11 Apr - 10 May. Puckapunyal to provide another AIO for the X TF camp under admin command of 15 Fd Regt.
4. 29 Apr - 10 May. Survey troop support in the Lancelin Ranges of West Australia.

The unit also sent six recruits with Sgt Garry Sanderson to the centralised recruit course at Puckapunyal from the 9 to 22 May.

With the high responsibility to provide the new range in Buckland Tasmania with accurate survey control points the survey troop had the help of WO2 Kevin Salter from the School of Artillery and he brought down a Precision Indicator Meridian [PIM] which was currently being evaluated for use in the artillery survey system. Attached to support this special project were Lt John Silver, the RSO of 6 Fd regiment and Sgt Brian Oates, as the medical assistant from 10 Medium regiment

There was also a BHQ signals element consisting of Sgt C Cook and Bdr A Sebastian who provided battery command and Admin links along with forward communications to the survey pairs, and workshop elements under command of Capt D Snowball. A detachment of RA Sigs from the 124 Sig Sqn provided links back to Hobart over 50 miles away.

Members of the advance party took all stores and vehicles across in the AUSTRALIAN TRADER while the main body of 36 persons flew over by civilian aircraft. The return to the mainland was via RAAF C130 Hercules aircraft. During the exercise the Survey troop was able to insert "pairs" on features by UH1D helicopter piloted by Lt MF Targent DFC from 9 Sqn RAAF.

During the training year the unit held four weekend exercises but the most memorable was exercise SWAN WELL which was organised as a continuously mobile deployment in the Otway Ranges on the WE 20/21 June. The battery had 15 LWB landrovers each with a crew of four under an NCO, with full vehicle CES and stores with all soldiers carrying their full webbing and personal weapons. The exercise combined map reading, tyre changing, ambush drills and a cross country compass march on foot. The Saturday evening meal was a BBQ amid the screams of grenade simulators that seemed to come out of no where well into the early hours of the morning. Those who attended will always remember the well known Sergeant who

provided the catering element for the exercise who could not set his alarm clock correctly in the “foggy” night and as a result was seen to stagger out to commence cooking his eggs at 0300 hours. As the rest of the troops did not arise until 0600 there was some confusion until the problem was solved.

WIGHTS FOLLY was a mortar locating exercise with the last operational 3Mk7 being taken to Puckapunyal on 12/13 Sept and the mortar platoon of 5RVR were only too willing to fire off the units annual allocation of mortar bombs to assist the LP and radar operators. Due to its age [originally built in 1942] the radar was not operational due to breakdown in the electrical wiring of internal cables but the LP's were able to achieve a very high standard of MORTREPS reporting and the signallers were kept very busy during firing serials. The weekend finished with a social interchange with the 5RVR soldiers around their campfire.

Unit postings for 1970.

BC	Maj A Furze	
BK	BK ARA Capt BJ Winsor
BOffr	Lt JV Phillips	
BSM	WO2 A MacDonald	BSM ARA WO2 FJ Perry
Sig WO	Sgt CM Cook	
Svy Tp Comd	Capt DI Perry	
Sect Comd	Lt G Mennie.	
	Lt D Beattie	
TSM	Sgt K Zibell	Sgts MS Hopkins, BJ Aitken
TFAIO	Capt PS Cooper	Sgt R Miller
	Lt F Mullins	Sgt P Baines
	Lt M Buckridge	Sgt C Swindells
Radar Tp Comd	Lt Sutherland	
Sect Comd	Lt B Wight	Sgt P Mahoney
TSM	WO2 R Gercovich	
OC Workshops	Capt D Snowball	
ASM	WO2 RW Hunter	WO2 J Breeze

In July Sgt Peter Mahoney took his discharge from the Radar troop and was replaced on promotion by SSgt Craig Cook. The vacancy in BHQ signals was made up by the promotion of Bdr Peter Turner who was posted as signals Sgt.

1971

Annual camp was to assist 13Fd regt in survey tasks and provide AIO and mortar locating facilities for the 9 TF camp at Cultana in South Australia. The unit sent both its radars by a road advance party and the main body by hired buses, a total of 71 people attended under the administrative command of Capt Doug Perry as the BC was moved away from Melbourne in his civilian job just prior to camp.

After the camp the unit conducted an NCO promotion course running from May till the following August and 20 students nominated to sit for the coaching of subjects A, B, C with the

Chief Instructor being Capt Mike Buckridge.

Unit range practice was held at Puckapunyal on 28/30 May.

Postings held for the Year.

BC Maj AM Stephens
 BK Capt J Martin ARA
 BSM WO2 A MacDonald WO2 DS Perry ARA
 BO
 Sig Sgt PW Turner

Svy Tp Comd Capt M Buckridge
 TSM SSGT K Zibell. Sgt B Aitken, Sgt Mike Hopkins

Radar Tp Comd Capt JV Phillips
 TSM WO2 Rex Gurkcovitch
 Sect Guide SSgt Craig Cook

AIO Lt K Bradley
 SSgt Phil Baines

	Offr	WO	SSgt	Sgt	OR
Strength	13	3	4	18	135
Posted	8	3	2	6	40

The unit was well under its established strength at this time.

Around mid year SSgt Phil Baines was promoted WO2 and became the BSM while WO2 "Jock" MacDonald became the battery Trg WO. This position was to oversee all training programs and for recruit and NCO course preparations.

1972

Frenzied activity around the radar troop saw the arrival of the first AN/KPQ1 radar arriving and the BSM ARA WO2 Don Perry conducting training conversion for all operators prior to operating the equipment. The 3/4 Mar saw the first operation of the radar tracking 81mm

mortars being fired for an OCS shoot, although a computer error had the HB being located nearly 2000M away from where they really were.

The survey troop provided a check on all known BP's prior to use in annual camp and the AIO deployed two LP's to assist the radar to obtain "look in squares."

At this time the radar did not have its own special flat platform vehicles and so had to be carefully loaded onto a truck for deployment.

A special CMF course was arranged for radar operators at the school and the unit sent six members from 29Mar to 10 Apr.

Lt JV Phillips and Lt B Meehan.

WO2 A MacDonald and SSgt C Cook.

Gnr's RW Osborne and R Frystak.

The main instructor on this course was WO2 Frank Perry who had previously been attached as BSM ARA.

The remainder of the radar troop attended the unit camp at Puckapunyal 8/21 Apr and they obtained their first accurate MORTLOC on the new equipment..

Postings were.

BSM WO2 P Baines

Sig Sgt Sgt PW Turner

Svy Tp Comd 2Lt I Cameron

TSM SSgt K Zibell Sgt B Aitken,

Sgt MS Hopkins

Radar Tp Comd Lt JV Phillips

Sect Comd 2Lt WB Meehan

TSM WO2 R Gercovich SSgt C Cook

TFAIO Lt FA Mullins

Capt P N Cooper

Workshops WO1 RW Hunter

WO2 J Breeze

6 Offrs 11 WO/Sgt 32 ORs WEF 28 Apr & 8 Offr 12 WO/Sgt 30 OR WEF 1 Sept 72

PART 2

1973 - 1987

1973

A second AN/KPQ1 radar arrived along with the special vehicles and trailers required to mount the radar upon for road travel. This now allowed the troop to correctly deploy one half radar section directly in a tactical manner and the other unit was "ferried" into position after the first unit had been deployed.

The battery organised an infantry minor tactics weekend at Langwarrin, near Frankston on 13/15 April as a lead up to "Crackers Persuader" which was to be held in camp with 3 Medium Regiment. This unit was to comprise both 8 and 10 Medium Regiments and 131 Div Loc Bty at the Holdsworthy range and the Tianjarra training area.

At Langwarrin the unit placed two patrols in the field and practised patrolling and tracking along with harbour drills and night defensive training.

Camp emplaning found both 10 Medium and 132 Bty at Laverton awaiting the Hercules C130 to fly them up to Richmond base in NSW for ex CRACKERS PERSUADER on 4 May. The camp consisted of LP's with soundranging and mortar locating radars providing all target data acquisition for the medium guns to fire on a counter battery fire. The unit took 6 officers and 26 other ranks to camp and they amalgamated into the various sub sections of 131 battery for the exercise and served along side of the regular army members of each of those sections.

Due to the very low numbers of soldiers in the battery at the camp, and there was only five new recruits undergoing their basic training at 2 RTB Puckapunyal the battery organised and set up a public recruiting display at the Landcox street depot to allow the public and interested people enquire about enlistment and to show the wide range of equipment that was currently in use by the soldiers in their various training positions. It was noted that well over 100 people came through the displays to view the unit.

The battery training took on a change in July away from the technical troop and section training to provide all members of the unit with a continuous course of signals and driver training as it was seen that the unit must have sufficiently qualified soldiers to drive or communicate before they could provide the other skills required of the battery. This training continued through until October and a weekend Navex in the Noojee area which also involved map reading and had 16 soldiers in four vehicles with a separate control point and Q staff to administer from a base camp in the Booralite area.

Just who were the two Warrant officers that came to a halt facing each other in a lane way down between the forrest ?

A small arms shoot was held at Puckapunyal in October and the battery mustered 30 soldiers at this time.

Exercise PEA BOX 16/18 Nov again at Langwarrin called upon the unit to provide two patrols to practice infantry minor tactics and ambush drills with an active enemy provided by the ARA cadre staff to continually harrass and attack the two independant patrols. Valuable training was gained by patrol members as the training area was quite wet and provided many obstacles for the patrols to negotiate without being sighted or even ambushed by the waiting enemy.

Unit posted positions for the year;

BC Maj GH Bindley
 BK Capt M Richards ARA
 BQMS Sgt C Swindells SSgt F Kohlman ARA
 BO Lt F Mullins
 BSM WO2 P Baines WO2 DS Perry ARA

AIO Lt B Meehan
 2Lt C Peterson

Radar Tp Comd Lt JV Phillips
 Sect Comds Lt P Wertheimer
 Lt RC Poole
 TSM WO2 RH Gercovich SSgt C Cook

Survey Troop Comd Capt J Henry
 Sect Comd 2Lt I Cameron Sgt B Aitken
 2Lt M Murray Sgt M Hopkins
 TSM SSgt K Zibell

OC Workshop Lt C Marks
 ASM WO2 JH Breeze

The average number in the battery for the year was 7 officers and 23 other ranks against the posted numbers of 13 officers and 214 other ranks. As can be seen this was an all time low in the manning strength of the battery.

1974

Again the numbers were very low and the Artillery Intelligence section was disbanded and members transferred to the radar troop in an attempt to have sufficient numbers available to maintain the troop as operational. Annual camp was planned as a mobile exercise with the first week with a battery deployment in the Yarram area of East Gippsland and the second week with the Divisional Artillery units at Puckapunyal and the battery to be under command

of 10 Medium Regiment but due to defence department cut backs in spending the battery moved directly to Murphys Well with 10 medium on 2 Mar.

The Survey troop deployed and immediately provided assistance to the three regiments of 10 Mdm, 2 and 15 Fd. The radar troop however experienced constant problems with the AN/KPQ1 radar and without the ARA mechanic posted to the unit it was left to WO2 Robbie Hill [CMF] from 3 Base Workshops and an ARA Craftsman detached from Greytown to clear the faults that kept occurring in the equipment.

The battery maintained a 4.2" mortar crew under SSgt Frank Kohlman {ARA BQMS} and it even occurred at times that Captains and Lieutenants were seen under command on the mortar in support for the radar operator training program that was being maintained. Old lags of the battery will remember the evening when the radar was pulled down into many small parts with a siezed drive motor some where up near the Greytown fence when the BC gave new orders to redeploy back to the southern area of the range. It is well to note that when the radar was brought into action again the detachment had not lost a single nut and bolt and the new motor was correctly installed and soon after a number of Alpha accurate locations were reported.

During this camp the Divisional Artillery had a visitors and family day display. A fire power demonstration was provided at Spectators hill and the Locating battery set up an AN/KPQ1 radar, survey theodolites and distance measuring Tellurometers in a static display. After the display the members of the battery entertained their own family and friends in a barbeque back at Murphys Well.

Key unit postings.

BC	Maj G Bindley	
BK	Capt JV Phillips	Capt M Richards
BO	
BSM	WO2 P Baines	WO2 DS Perry

Survey Tp Comd Capt JF Henry
 Sect Comd Lt Mick Hyde
 TSM SSgt K Zibell

Radar Tp Comd Lt P Wertheimer
 TSM WO2 A MacDonald SSgt C Cook

AIO Lt C Peterson recruiting

Although he was shown posted to the AIO Lt Peterson served as the units recruiting officer as the section had been amalgamated into the radar troop. At this time the TSM of radar was vacant as WO2 Rex Gercovich had retired after 17 years service within the battery. There were now 6 officers and 17 other ranks posted against the units effective strength at this time.

An NCO promotion course was run for Sgt and Bdr in subjects A & C in Sept and the October weekend of 4/6 saw all Sgts and above attending the 3 Div/4TF combined TEWT at Puckapunyal.

The TEWT covered the role of the Artillery, Armour and Infantry in the advance and the withdrawal. A number of syndicates of students of various corps were left to puzzle over the tactical problems that weekend.

The BC transferred to 15 Fd in November and was replaced by Major Allinson coming from 10 Mdm Regt.

As a result of the Millar enquiry of 1973 the CRA announced that the two Field regiments within 3 Division would amalgamate to become 2/15 Field and 10 Mdm would now be reduced in size but retain two batteries of guns, and that 132 Loc battery would also operate on a reduced establishment but had to raise its ceiling up to 52 persons by June 1975. see annex part 9

The unit also changed over the ARA BK in December as Capt Mick Richards was replaced by Capt Jeff Evans.

In his Annual Training report for the year ended the BC noted the following points:

- 1 That the use of a 3 hr parade was found to be unsuitable as compared to the 2 hour method.
- 2 Lack of suitably qualified radar mechanics continues to be a problem and a change to the cadre establishment may be allowed to overcome the problem.
- 3 That Arty Int was still not able to be provided as an operational section at this time.

The BC also noted that six members of the radar troop had completed a 14 days camp at the School of Artillery.

The 132 Bty Training Directive for 1974/1975 stated that the unit is to maintain the technical and tactical skills of survey and radar and to also implement any structural changes within RAA

3 Div and that the phases for war will be studied and applied in the following sequence.

1974/75 Advance & Withdrawal
 1975/76 Attack
 1976/77 Defence

The Battery training was to implement this as well as the basic skills of soldiering which had tended to be forgotten and unpracticed in an attempt to practice other technical skills.

1975

Starting off the year with an active recruiting campaign by Lt Christian Peterson organising a pamphlet drop and door knock with large displays being placed in all the local shopping centres in the area.

A special safety officers course was run at Batman avenue on 15/16 March by HQ RAA to qualify personell in all firing units with enough safety officers for the forthcoming camp. The battery nominated WO2s Maconald, Baines and SSgt Cook to attend as the battery still needed to fire the 4.2 mortar for field training and all passed succesfully.

Annual camp was held with 131 Bty at Holdsworthy from 5 - 18 April and the unit moved by road convoy with a total of 5 offr, and 17 other ranks with 3 ARA cadre staff. During the first week the survey section conducted individual troop training on equipment and certain tasks with 131 Bty in the Holdsworthy range area while the radar section participated in refresher training with 131 members in the close training area. The second week saw the whole battery exercising with live firing of 131 Btys 4.2" mortar and a tactical survey scheme being applied.

A small scale tactical mortar locating exercise was held on 14-16 Apr with 300 rounds of mortar ammunition being fired while the radar was subjected to very heavy rains and the need to redeploy through the night. On the second evening the effect of the hand fired radar "chaff" flares was demonstrated to show how the position of lost parties may be found by the radar. The location of the radar CP eventually became a "mud pit" prior to the detachment moving out of action, and the section was literally knee deep in mud the next morning after overnight rain. A pity the sig log book did not record the "stand down" as the detachment stayed at post all night.

During this camp the members of the battery were able to visit the School of Artillery and were instructed on a number of equipments that included the 5.5" and 105mm guns, Electronic Velocity Analyser, Redeye and FACE.

After camp on the 2 June the commander of 3 Div paid a visit to the Brighton depot and inspected the unit during training. The strength of the unit was currently 6 Offr and 48 ORs a far improvement on the start of the year. This included twelve newly qualified recruits who had attended the 3/75 3Div recruit course at Puckapunyal from 12-25 May.

On the weekend of 25/27 July the unit held EXERCISE FIRST STAND at the West Head Naval gunnery range near Flinders to practice new members in mortar locating skills on the radar and to train surveyers in use of the Tellurometers, Theodolite and taping equipments. The weekend was a great succes and the Navy provided all messing facilities and a BBQ on the Saturday night. The AN/KPQ1 radar was operating at peak efficiency and the operators were able to locate all of the 150 mortar rounds that were fired without a single error or any technical faults being detected in the equipment.

Despite this very succesful weekend the Radar troop was doomed as the Army had decided to withdraw the Radars from 132 Bty and centralise them with 131 and 133 Bty in NSW which were closer to the technical support backup of Hawker De Havilland.

This major loss of the batteries locating radar equipment was the start of another reorganisation which gave the unit on a new establishment of 7 officers, 14 SNCOs and 80 other ranks, a total of 101 all ranks. The new role allocated to the battery was to produce Survey and

Meteorological data to the Artillery units within the Southern Australian continent from Perth across to Albury. Refer to Annexe 9F

In August the Battery saw the raising of the new Light Meteorological section. The section commander was Lt Mark Edwards and the TSM was WO2 Craig Cook. Lt Edwards recently marched in from 15 Fd Regt at Dandenong, and along with Cpl Steve Soos from the 3rd Provost Company these soldiers formed the nucleus of the Met section along with those members of the radar troop on that troops disbandment. At this time the unit had 56 all ranks in the battery.

The ARA BK Capt Jeff Evans left in August to take up a posting to The Locating Course at the School of Artillery Larkhill U.K which was a significant loss to the Battery as he had been involved in the original trials of raising the Met section in 131 Bty. His replacement , temporarily was Capt Peter Robinson on detachment from 2 Field Regiment.

During this year the whole of the CMF was experiencing major reorganisations due to the recommendations stemming from the Millar Committee of Enquiry into the CMF which was presented in April 1974, and it was to have long reaching effects into the roll of RAA 3 Division. Two possibilities were available to the Army Office, they were to form a Composite Regiment with a RHQ, a HQ Bty, a Fd Bty, a Mdm Bty and a Locating troop or if recruiting and retention were to increase, then to combine 2 and 15 Field Regiments into one and reduce 10 Medium Regiment to a battery and the Locating Battery with a reduced establishment. [-]

see Annexe 9H

The CRA Brigadier Kieth Rossi, in a note to all soldiers, of RAA 3 Div, in a note dated 14 Nov 74, had discussed these possibilities and encouraged all ranks to work together in whatever format was to evolve in the new year. As it turned out 2 and 15 Field Regiment did combine but 10 Medium stayed with 37 and 39 Mdm Btys, with 132 Bty remaining intact but on a new and slightly reduced establishment. HQRAA Third Division also was disbanded at this time.

A small arms weekend at Puckapunyal allowed soldiers to fire the SLR and the L4A4 [Bren Gun] on 17/19 Oct with a night time fire power demonstration on the range around Mt Puckapunyal.

The unit bivouaced on the classification range overnight and held a BBQ tea before firing all weapons in the night time demonstration shoot with tracer and ball ammunition. An inspection the next morning showed to all concerned the effectiveness of an infantry platoons small arms fire. All soldiers were able to shoot and qualify for their annual small arms qualification.

A new recruit to the battery in November as a result of the new recruiting campaign was Barry Jones from the Bureau of Meteorology who had been a Sgt with the Infantry in NSW and had been out for some time. Due to his civilian qualifications as a meteorological observer at the Met Bureaus training school in Melbourne, he was reenlisted and promoted to Sgt within the Met section.

A further consequence of the Millar enquiry was the closure of the WRAAC Company and to post the soldiers into other units. The following were taken on strength WEF from 30 Oct.

Ptes Priest SK, Walker HJ, Priestley RG

Late in the year Lt Kath MacLeod was posted in as the Battery Officer [Admin] and shared the job with 2Lt Kelly who was responsible for training. Lt McLeod took her last parade with the battery on 9 Aug 1976. Lt Kelly took over responsibility of the Battery officers position.

Posting held at conclusion of the year were:

BC	Maj GR Allinson	
BK	Capt JV Phillips	Capt P Robinson ARA
BSM	WO2 P Baines	WO2 L Dyer ARA
Bty Offr	Lt K Macleod - Admin	
" "	2Lt AJ Kelly - Training	
BQMS	SSgt CJ Swindells	Sgt D Hansen ARA

Survey Tp Comd	Lt M Hyde
TSM	SSgt K Zibell
	Sgt Mike Hopkins

Radar Tp	Lt P Wertheimer	Posted only
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TFAIO	Capt JC Edwards	
	Lt C Peterson	Recruiting officer

Met Sect Comd	Lt M Edwards
TSM	WO2 C Cook
	Sgt B Jones

OC Wksps	Lt AE Davies
ASM	WO2 J Breeze
attached	WO2 R Hill
	SSgt RV Miller [ex ARA from School of Arty]

1976

An early weekend parade for the Met section was a visit to the Bureau of Meteorology Training school at Bowes ave Essendon on the 6/8 Feb to introduce observers to the technicalities of Meteorology and Radiosondes. As the section had not received any stores or training pamphlets this weekend was of great interest to all those who attended. The rest of the battery again went to the West Head gunnery range at Flinders and this was followed up with a stores preparation weekend on 12/14 March prior to loading onto LCH's for the forthcoming camp in Tasmania.

A Divisional Artillery camp was to be held at Stoney Head from 27 March with 2/15 Fd, 6 Fd and 10 Mdm Regiment and a small detachment from 131 Bty Met troop. The met troop provided a PMH-F1 radiosonde receiver which was the first chance that met observers had to use in this camp.

All mainland troops departed from Laverton in C130 Hercules.

The second week saw all units move to Buckland by road convoys and the Commander FF Artillery conducted his assessment of all firing units while the Locating Battery was able to exercise as an independant Battery for the first time within a Divisionally structured camp. The total attendance at this camp from the battery was 6Offr and 45 other ranks which included the WRAAC from 3 WRAAC Company.

The first weekend after annual camp was a met support to 2/15 Field Regiment with the section only able to provide ballistic wind data due to not having their own radiosonde receiver. This was followed by exercise HIGH FREEZE 13/15 August in an attempt to train personnel to live and work in the field and to continue to perform their normal tasks. It started as a road convoy movement to the Bull Plain Spur in the Great Dividing Range where the Battery stayed at a Forrest Commission campsite and commenced to train at section level. Although warm in tents at night some soldiers left their boots un covered during the night and awoke to find them frozen stiff in the morning and they had to thaw out before being able to be worn. This turned out to be a good training exercise.

REGARDEZ was a show and tell activity planned at Puckapunyal for all units in the Division on 1Sept and allowed displays to be set up and all soldier could move around an inspect and handle equipments of each unit to allow a widening of the knowledge of each unit in the Division.

The year concluded with another recruiting drive which attracted a number of new recruits which gave the Battery a total of 11 Officers and 74 ORs [Cadre had 1+4] in October.

2Lt Margaret Poppleton was posted in as Battery Officer to replace Lt MacLeod.
1977

A weekend in Febuary was allotted for a special introductory course on the HP25 and HP25C calculators was run by the unit for all users in 2/15 Fd and 10 Mdm Regiment as well as Survey and Met troops. Lt Craig Holmes ran this course and some twenty students attended. These calculators were to stay in service in the Locating Battery until 1985 when replaced by the HP41CV.

Camp followed shortly after on 19 March at Puckapunyal with 5 officers and 32 ORs attending. Both met and survey deployed independantly from the regiment but provided survey data and ballistic met messages in the second week. A new sergeant transferred into the unit from RA Survey Corps just prior to camp and he was Sgt Grahme Beasley, and he was able to help Sgt Dave Troedel due to the absence of the TSM, SSgt Zibell who was unable to get to camp due to work committments. Unfortunately he was to resign from the reserves later in the year 5 Sept .

The Met section had now gained its own PMH-F1 Radiosonde receiver now and was able to produce full flight ballistic messages for the gun batteries on request every four hours. It was announced on the last night of camp that Maj Allinson would take command of 2/15 Field Regiment and his replacement as BC would be Maj Douge Perry. Lt Col Allinson was presented with his "overlarge " boards by the newly promoted CDA Brig JE Barry at the battery BBQ. Maj Perry took over on the 2 May.

Unit Postings for camp were;

BC	Maj G Allinson	
BK	Capt J Henry	Capt AW Ayerbe
BSM	WO2 P Baines	WO2 PA Suckling
Bty Offr	2Lt AJ Kelly	
BQMS	SSgt CJ Swindells	SSgt P Goss

Svy Tp Comd	Capt JV Phillips
Sect Comd	Lt CS Holmes
	Lt DA Young
TSM	SSgt K Zibell
	Sgt MS Hopkins
	Sgt D Troedel

Met Sect Comd	Lt ME Edwards
TSM	WO2 CM Cook
	Sgt BA Jones

TSS ASM	WO2 JH Breeze
	Sgt RG Fauvel

attached	WO2 R Hill
	SSgt RV Miller

Also held as the unit recruiting officer was Lt CR Peterson and WO2 A MacDonald as the Trg WO

On 9-10 July the met section conducted training in First Aid with the assistance of staff from 6 Field Ambulance, and carried out trade testing for seven students, who all obtained a pass.

August and September saw the unit conducting a series of training exercises for EXELBADBACK to be held in the Salt Water Creek area in Gisborne training area. This was an infantry minor tactics patrol in the defence and attacking phases.

It included a night harbour and the placing of defensive warning trip flares which warned the Platoon of the approach of attacking forces. Does any one remember how to put out a burning flare at night without water available in quantities ?

The Battery lost the services of Capt John Henry in July when he was promoted to major and he was replaced as BK by Capt Rob Gaw.

The twenty first birthday of the Battery was celebrated on the parade night nearest to the 21 November and six BCs and many ex members were available to enjoy an evenings celebration, and cake cutting by ther BC, Maj Doug Perry, Gnr P Casson as the youngest battery member and LtCol Alan Mason, as the second Bc of the unit assisting. All members present signed a large 21st key that now resides in the Gunners Institute at the depot. Since disbandonment this key has been entrusted to the gunners mess at Batman ave. This evening was also a farewell to WO2 Peter Suckling and a welcome to his replacement WO2 Arthur Penn.

A request to support 2/15 Fd again at Puckapunyal on 18/20 Nov for the OCS co operation shoot saw the Survey troop using a Kiowa Helicopter for simultaneous observation.

St Barbaras day on 3 Dec found all units of 3 DivFF Gp Arty at the Batman avenue depot to celebrate the feast of St Barbara with a parade followed by a family barbeque for all members and their families.

1978

The new year started off with a number of promotions being made on the first parade of Mon 20 Feb,

Bdr Steve Soos to Sgt	[Met]
Cpl Robyn Wilson to Sgt	[BHQ cook]
Pte Wight to Cpl	[BHQ cook]
LBdr Mike Butler to Bdr	[Svy]
Gnr Ian Hughes to LBdr	[Met]
Pte Bronwyn Morrish to LCpl	[Svy]

Unit SOPs were completed on the weekend 4/5 March in preparation for camp and the Survey section held an exercise in simultaneous observation at the Langwarrin training reserve.

Camp was held at Puckapunyal from 8-21 April with a base at Site 1 and the battery operating from the range area independantly from 10 Medium Regiment with survey and meteorological data being supplied only as requested.

The first week was used to complete training and testing of the members currently on a driving and signals course. The drivers were using the RACT safe driver training area to provide sufficient hour hours of experience before being tested.

As a result the Battery had a number of newly qualified drivers available for the second week of the camp.

The survey troop conducted a four day exercise in the Big Desert area while the second week was tasked to provide assistance to the P&EE Graytown for surveyed gun positions as well as to 10 Mdm Regiment. The met section deployed at Murphys Well and produced continous met messages for 72 hours for use by the Regiment and also to test the capabilities of the members of the section to produce continous data over this period.

The camp also found a new transport supervisor in the Battery and SSgt Dave Conlan had marched in from 2/15 Field for the camp but decided to stay on permanently afterwards.

The general joining instruction showed that there were a total of 6 Officers and 48 other ranks attending which include the Cadre staff.

Postings for camp were;

BC	Maj DI Perry	
BK	Capt R Gaw	Capt G Tommassi
BO	2Lt J Davis	
BSM	WO2 P Baines	WO2 AJ Penn
BQMS	SSgt C Swindells	WO2 P Runting

Trg WO2 A MacDonald
Tpt SSgt D Conlan

Survey Tp Comd Lt Holmes
TSM SSgt K Zibell
Sgt D Troedell

Met Sect Comd Lt D Young
TSM WO2 C Cook
Sgt S Soos

OC Wksps{Acting} WO2 J Breeze
 WO2 R Hill Attached
 Sgt R Fauvel

Capt Jamieson not avail [Survey]

Sgt Steve Soos attended an ARA course of eight weeks at Sydney for Subject 2 and qualified as a Met observer.

The unit hosted the RAA Association in the Gunners Institute on 28 July and many old acquaintances were again renewed on this evening. The next day, Sat 29th a detachment of junior NCOs provided a metand survey display at Puckapunyal for the RAATEWT.

The August weekend saw the met section again deploying at Langwarrin under very bad weather conditions which tested their skills in observing through very poor conditions.

The annual range practice was held at the Merritt Rifle Range Williamstown 15/17 Sept and was an application shoot for the best marksman. While the majority qualified on the SLR shooting only one person qualified to shoot the marksmans course and that was Cfn Law of the TSS. As a consequence he was the receiver of the newly instigated Unit Best Shot trophy.

The following Monday parade saw the replacement of Lt Dave Young by Lt Dave Osborne as the Met section commander and the Gunners Institute also farewelled Bdr Jack Davidson on his promotion to Sgt and posting to the School of Artillery.

The November OCS shoot support weekend was cancelled due to a widespread petrol shortage in Melbourne on th 17/19 November and the unit conducted a CPX within the depot even though there was very heavy rain falling.

A farewell parade was held on 27 November for WO2 "Jock" MacDonald on his retirement from the Army Reserve. Originally transferring into the Battery from 143 AA Fire Command Bty when Anti Aircraft Artillery was disbanded in 1957 he had held the postings of Sig WO, Radar TSM, Trg WO[CMF] and BSM. This same parade was also used to farewell the Training officer Capt Greg Tomassi who was about to change corps to Ordnance on his departure from the Battery.

To conclude the years activity the Battery took part in the St Barbaras day parade held at the Batman Avenue depot on Sunday 3 Dec. The parade was reviewed by the Colonel Artillery, Colonel G Farley and the Col Comd Maj Gen, His Honour Judge Vickery CBE.MC.ED The 10th Medium Regiment was not available on this parade due to its presentation of the Freedom of the City of Colac that weekend. At the conclusion of the formal parade and presentation of awards by the RAA Association the soldiers and families participated in a very well organised social afternoon.

1979.

The first parade of the new year was on 15 January when the unit met the newly posted chief clerk Sgt Greg Waddington who had come from CARO and Capt N Bamford from 131 Div Loc Bty posted as the training officer.

A proud moment for one of the units longest serving members was on the announcement of the Australia day awards when WO2 Jim Breeze was awarded the Order Of Australia Medal OAM. This award was in recognition for his long service to the Locating Artillery in 132 Bty and his involvement for technical work in the modification of the older 3Mk7 anti aircraft radars for the mortar locating role.

The weekend of 16/18 February found the battery moving to Puckapunyal for a map reading exercise by the Survey Troop in the state forrest and the Met Section deploying in the range control area to practice met message production. This exercise was in preparation for the annual field exercise to be held at Puckapunyal from 3-16 March. 131 Battery supplied four nco's to assist the sections in the correctness of their training throughout the 14 day camp. Involved in the exercise at Puckapunyal were 10 Medium and 2/15 Field regiments. During a church parade held by the Colonel Artillery, Col G Farley he passed on his congratulations to WO2 Breeze in relation to his award of the OAM.

7-8 April saw the unit with a number of students attending an Artillery TEWT at the army School of Health at Healesville

27-29 April The battery conducted technical training and the Sat evening had a BBQ organised for the troops attending.

18-20 May was a weekend that saw the Met section going to Langwarrin and the Survey troop went to Puckapunyal.

UNIT POSTINGS HELD MAY 1979

BC	Maj DI Perry	
BK	Capt R Gaw	Capt N Bamford
BO	Lt J Davis WRAAC	
BSM	WO2 P Baines	WO2 A Penn
BQMS	SSgt C Swindells	WO2 P Runting
Svy Tp Comd	Capt Jameson	
Recruiting	Lt C Peterson	
Svy TSM	S/Sgt K Zibell	Sgt D Troedel
Met Comd	Lt D Osborne	
Met TSM	WO2 C Cook	Sgts T Hopkins, Sgt S Soos
TSS Comd	
TSS ASM	WO2 J Breeze	
EME att	WO2 R Hill	
Tpt Spr	S/Sgt D Conlan	

Specialists equipment used by the unit at this time was

Tellurometers
GAK's
Radiosonde PMH-F1

Major Doug Perry attended his last parade on the 25 June and formally handed over to Maj Jim Killender

20-22 July found the survey troop conducting a survey scheme across the Port Phillip Heads from the OCS Portsea and to the old garrison fort at Queenscliff. This exercise was a lead up to provide an accurate survey scheme for the placement of a radio antenna at the army receiving station at Diggers Rest. Again an example that an ARES unit can provide a standard of training equal to the ARA and also another case where this battery has provided support on request to the regular army.

An MIT course was run at the Brighton depot over two weekends for all senior nco's and officers on 13/14 Oct and 3/4 Nov. This was run by 3 Trg Grp and involved all instructors in giving a lesson and then viewing a TV replay and making assesment critique of their own instruction along with assesment by the controlling staff. As a result the unit was able to claim a very high standard of instructional ability in its offr/nco's.

The ARA BQMS WO2 Paul Runting was farewelled on the 15 Oct as he was being posted to RMC Duntroon. The unit had lost a very keen and dedicated soldier who had ably assisted the battery on many occasions in the area of stores and Q issues.

A two day range practice was held at OCS Portsea on 27/28 October where the soldiers fired the SLR and also the M26 hand grenade was thrown. Those present on that weekend will not forget the very realistic demonstration provided by S/Sgt Troedel in the event of a live grenade being dropped in the throwing bay.

Culmination of the units training occured on the weekend of the 16-18 Nov at Puckapunyal when a navigation exercise called "FINAL FLING" was carried out with a number of eight man teams who were required to start from a given grid reference and under direction of the patrol leader [DS] to make some ten patrolling bounds during the first day. Each patrol carried hard rations and water along with individual weapons and a section ANPRC-77 radio set. The temperatures on this exercise were quite warm and there were no casualties as a result of the demanding exercise.

The gunners mess ran the annual battery Christmas function in the form of a dinner dance on Friday 30 Nov and a very succesful evening was enjoyed by everyone who attended.

The annual St Barbaras day parade was held at the Point Cook RAAF base on the 2nd December when 250 members of the 3rd Division Field Force Artillery gathered to observe the

feast of St Barbara with Major General NA Vickery as the Reviewing officer of the parade. Gunner Michael Bellamy received a book prize from the RAA Association for outstanding service.

The end of the year also brought a change in postings within the unit, the BK Capt Rob Gaw was leaving on promotion to become a BC with 10 Medium Regt and Lt Dave Osborne on promotion to Capt being posted to OCTU. The new BK was Capt Ross Peterkin and also Lt Brian Reddish who was being posted in as the Met section commander, although due to work commitments he only paraded for one night with the battery before relinquishing this position.

Awards for the year were given on the final parade and Gnr John Nelson was selected as the best recruit of the year and the outstanding surveyor was Gnr Peter Whitelaw. The unit best shot was awarded to WO2 Craig Cook for the highest aggregate score in the annual small arms range practice. The Russell Jackson shield was presented to BHQ/TSS as a combined award by the BC for being the best and most efficient troop for the year.

1980

The first parade saw WO2 Al Davies as the replacement BQMS for Paul Runting and the BK Capt R Peterkin becoming the Survey troop commander while Capt Robin Smith was now posted in as the new BK. He took 6 mths leave and did not return to the unit after this. As a result Capt Peterkin acted as the BK for camp which was held at EILDON from 1 to 15 March and for some time after that. Lt Dave Baker became acting Tp comd from Sect comd.

The new Met section commmander posted in was 2/Lt Tom Gradwell who replaced Lt Reddish, but unfortunately he was not able to serve and this posting was filled by the TSM WO2 C Cook from the start of the AFX at Eildon. There were 4 officers and 45 other ranks attending this exercise which had a tactical senario involving the Musorian forces attacking in the central Victorian area the unit initially deployed in the Eildon trg area and then in the second week moved back to Puckapunyal for the live firing part of the exercise. On the mid weekend of camp the unit conducted a small arms practice on the classification range and all members fired the SMG-F1 and the 9mm pistol.

As 10 Medium regiment was in camp at this time the officers and sergeants mess members were invited by the respective messes to attend the Medium regts formal dining night. The second week was spent in providing spt to the regiment in the live firing phase on the range while all sections were required to maintain high standards of camouflage and concealment.

There was 7 Officers and 45 other ranks in camp for the exercise and the main posting held were;

BC	Maj Killender	
BK	Capt Peterkin	Capt Bamford
BO	Lt J Davis	
BSM	WO2 Baines	WO2 Penn
BQMS	SSgt Swindells	WO2 Davies
Tpt Spr	SSgt Conlan	

Svy Tp Comd	Lt D Baker
TSM	SSgt K Zibell
	Sgt D Troedell

Met Sect Comd	WO2 C Cook
	TSM Sgt T Hopkins
	Sgt S Soos

TSS Comd	WO2 J Breeze
	WO2 R Hill

In late March Sgt Robyn Wilson [WRAAC cook] left the unit to travel overseas and Sgt Steve Soos [Met sect] left to join 3 Dental unit, as this was more closely related to his civilian area of work.

To offset this Lt Alan Garside marched in to take charge of the TSS [RAEME] as there was currently no officer posted.

The HQ 3 Div FF CP Artillery mobile exercise was to be held at ANGLESEA on 18 -20 April and the Locating battery was represented by 5 officers and 19 other ranks who provided survey and meteorology messages for the duration of the weekend. This TEWT was only for control staffs and CP's so there were no guns being deployed on this activity. The area selected for the Met section to deploy was in very sandy hills astride a track that was in continual use by beach buggies and motor cyclists, while the surveyers were required to operate in recently burnt forest areas that caused many soldiers to wonder if they would ever have clean greens again.

Shortly after this the annual stock take was conducted with a small team of senior members of the battery.

June found the farewelling to the ARA Trg officer in Capt N Bamford and the return to the unit of Lt Dave Young to be posted as survey section commander. In November WO2 Rod Fulton came from 2/15 Field Regiment to be the new BSM due to the retirement of WO2 Phil Baines.

The weekend of 28 June saw Lt Garside and five soldiers competing in a small arms competition at Williamstown rifle range.

The annual Artillery ball was held on 8 August and the battery mustered up four tables of enthusiastic members and friends who enjoyed the night to the end.

15-17 Aug saw the 3 Div CPX held at WATSONIA barracks and the unit deployed a CP and the appropriate staff although it is rumoured that the exercise finished early due to slight tactical error of judgement by some one in the exercise control staff.

The end of the month was the start of a course of signals training run by the Battery Officer Lt Judith Davis and twelve of the units posted operators were involved and the course continued on 12-14 Sept when the unit deployed into the MULLUNDUNG state forest and the Met section conducted training at the Bureau of Meteorology training school at BROADMEADOWS.

September 19-21 was the time for the CDA TEWT which was held at BRAEMAR college at WOODEND and four members attended this TEWT, which had syndicates working out a number of Artillery planning problems for the Division in the logistical support to the attack. A formal dinner was arranged as a combined officer and sergeants function on the Saturday night. The TEWT commenced with the firing of a blank round of 105mm and the exercise also concluded with the same bang.

The unit again conducted Navigation exercise at Puckapunyal on the 24-26 Oct while 2/15 Fd were in the range area. On the Sunday the battery moved to the area of 23 Fd bty and observed the gun position during a fire mission and then moved to the Regimental OP to observe how a gun is controlled to fire on a target in an indirect shoot. The final shoot of the day was an eight gun salute as a memorial gesture to the memory of Lt Colin Robbie who had recently passed away. There was forty members on the hill who stood to attention during the shoot and the silence on the position after the last round allowed all to ponder on the significance of the comradeship and the camaraderie of all gunners of the artillery.

The replacement Training officer arrived at the unit on 3 November and he was Capt Glen Ackers to replace Capt Bamford.

Another promotion in the unit was Cpl Maureen Mardel, who had recently returned from OCTU, and she was promoted to Sgt [clerk in the orderly room] Sat 15 Nov saw a massive night organised for the battery Christmas party in the form of an old time music hall with sing along, dancing and of course drinking. Over 100 soldiers and their friends attended and the last remaining were sent home at 3 am after a very succesful night. The units regimental funds was certainly the better off after this night.

December was again time to say farewell to people as we farewelled the chief clerk Sgt Waddington to CARO and saw the return of Sgt Kevin Murphy from 8/12 Mdm regt. At the St Barbaras day parade held at Batman ave Sgt Mardel was awarded a book prize by the RAA Association as the outstanding NCO of the unit.

1981

The beginning of the year found the unit gearing up for an early AFX with the battery moving into the SUNSET COUNTRY in NW Victoria to exercise the unit surveyers in functional survey control and to be assessed by the BC from 131 Bty [Maj Busbie and staff]. Survey tasks covered airborne fixation and survey over long distances as a lead up to AFE 82 to be held in Queensland.

The met section moved independantly by road to Holdsworthy NSW to intergrate and train with the 131 Bty met section in their task of providing met support to the School of Artillery exercise in the Singleton range area.

Training in camp was followed with a number of weekend training activities both in depot at Puckapunyal and a requirement to man a week long recruiting drive in the city square and in a nearby banking chamber.

A BC's parade was held on 29 June as a handover to the incoming Major John Morkham and the presentation of the National medal to WO2 Craig Cook and the BSM WO2 Rod Fulton was presented with his Royal Warrant. Two promotions to soldiers of the Survey Troop were made this parade also and they were:

Sgt Dave Troedel to S/Sgt.
LBdr Whitelaw to Bdr.

The weekend of 10/12 July is remembered as a very cold miserable time when the battery moved to the COBAW forrest during a snow storm and then attempted to conduct technical training. The met section had frozen hands as they attempted to carry out survey taping exercises in the driving sleet and snow so the weekend took on an appearance of a survival field exercise.

The BSM WO2 Phil Baines attended his final parade before discharge on 28July after serving 16 years and 6 days since enlisting in the Battery shortly after its move to Brighton.

In a report on the Army Reserve by Colonel WM Vincent at the Fourth AGM of the RAA Association of Victoria dated 16 July he disclosed the current status of the RAA units and intentions for the future.

"The present strength of our units is:

2/15 Fd - 390
10 Mdm - 250
132 Div Loc Bty - 60

Together with approximately 100 Gunners serving OUT OF CORPS" we number about 800 [about 12% of the Victorian Army which was currently 6500]
Our plans for the expansion of RAA 3 DIV in phases include the following:

- a. 2/15 Fd to raise a third gun Bty;
- b. Reraise HQ RAA 3 DIV at Batman ave;
- c. Raise a third Bty at 10 Mdm;
 - d. Split 2/15Fd into two by two Battery Regiments;
- e. Look at raising an Air Defence Battery;

These are quite ambitious plans. There are and will be some problems with major equipment, particularly guns and radars and we may have to look at other depots than those we presently occupy. Non the less I am optomistic that the Victorian Gunner will succeed"

It is interesting to see now how much was achieved from these plans over the ensuing years.

Lt Alison Littler was posted to the unit as the Battery officer on the 14 Sept replacing Lt Judith Davis on her promotion to Captain and Lt A Buchanek posted as Met Tp comd on the 26 Oct brought the officer complement up to 6 offr.

At the St Barbaras day parade at Batman ave Bdr Peter Whitelaw was awarded a prize as the outstanding OR of the battery.

The units best shot was presented to Cpl Garry Lovitt from the TSS and the improved recruit was Pte Julian Zarth and the best surveyer LBdr Brand. As the unit had deployed separately for AFE it was decided that there could be no presentation for the best troop as it was not possible to assess all sections under the same conditions.

The average parade state for the later six months of the year had been 4 Offr + 41 ORs with a small peak towards Dec.

Starting off the new year the unit was invited by the council of the City of Brighton to provide a guard for the annual flag raising ceremony on an Australia day parade. The guard commander was Lt Alan Garside and the guard NCO was WO2 C Cook with twenty other ranks present. After the short service the unit and the Mayoral party returned to the depot for further celebrations of a more informal nature. Photographs of the guard are shown in the unit scrap book.

The DRA Colonel Townley paid a visit to the Battery on a Monday parade 15 March and while there he presented the units Recruiting Officer Lt Peter Wertheimer with his National Medal.

This year appeared to start off like all others but a major problem arose concerning the running and location of the annual field exercise which suffered as a result of the "on again off again" syndrome. It was originally to be a Divisional locating exercise with 131 Bty in Queensland but was cancelled due to financial cutbacks from Canberra. Later on the exercise was reinstated but not until an alternative program had been planned and the process of arranging stores and the site was to be the 8/13 Victorian Mounted Rifles drill hall at Wangaratta with training for basic ECN trades being conducted within the depot with the met section conducting trade testing at the Met Bureau training facilities at Broadmeadows for two days.

This would also have been the first camp in many years that soldiers would have operated from a formal base area and been required to mount and unmount formal piquets.

By mid March the exercise known as DigIn 82 had been reinstated for the 17 Apr - 1 May and was to be held at Camp Kerr in the WBTA of Queensland with all elements of Australian locating artillery present, a detachment of the RNZA locating troop. In all 360 soldiers were involved in the camp which included locating and other support troops and elements. This unit provided an RMO, LtCol Ball and the Padre, Capt Dennis Hill from the Salvation army.

The following units were participating in DIG IN 82.

- 131 Loc Bty
- 132 Loc Bty
- 133 Loc Bty
- 105 Fd Bty, 1 Fd Regt
- 8/9 RAR Mortar Plt
- One LOH from 1 Avn Regt
- 1 Loc Tp RNZA

The two main phases of the exercise involved individual training and a tactical locating activity {both of five days} the areas covered were,

Mortar locating radar drills
 Sound ranging loc drills
 Artillery intelligence
 Surveyor drills & procedures
 Meteorologist drills & procedures
 Electronic velocity analyser drills
 Driver trg for ECN109
 Signals trg
 Deployment and orders TEWT for offr and SNCO
 Tactical deployment of the TSS Wksp

A series of four presentations were given on the future of locating equipments in both the RAA and the RNZA and covered the following,

Combat surveillance;
 Position and Azimuth determining Systems [PADS]
 AN/TPQ 36 Mortar locating radar

During the locating phase the age and condition of the AN/KPQ 1 radars showed up and an accuracy of 1 in every 10 mortars could be located but the New Zealand detachment with the British CYMBELINE radar showed the capabilities of this radar equipment apart from some early generator failures at the beginning of the exercise.

From the observations of this particular AFE the recommendations made were to continue a biannual locating exercise to allow more integration and practical application of all skills learnt and to allow a functionally manned locating battery to deploy all its elements and exercise staffs up to the Divisional AIO. Realism and support was obtained by using 105 Fd Bty of 1 Fd Regt and the mortar platoon from 8/9RAR and in future exercises these units could also be from selected ARES units within any state. Further consideration was to use another training area that gave a larger scope for the notional artillery units to move and fire within for the locating training and some thoughts were on the use of the Shoalwater Bay Trg area or as a second choice the Puckapunyal range.

On the last night all soldiers participated in a seafood BBQ of Moreton Bay crabs and king prawns the likes of which had to be seen to be believed. It was suitably washed down with that well known XXXX beer. There was enough food left over to provide the keen ones with breakfast the next morning.

At the end of the camp a number of changes occurred in postings, Lt Alan Garside RAEME was postwd to Chapel st and was replaced by Lt Hayman, Lt Alan Buchanek of the met section was promoted Captain WEF 7 Jun and posted as Svy Tp Comd until Capt Ross Peterkin marched out to RCSC and then he became BK until 29 Nov when he too, was posted out to HQ 4TF.

The battery continued to parade at weekends and even had a navigation weekend planned in the snow of Gippsland but this was cancelled at the last minute and trade testing carried out on a number of soldiers.

23-24 Oct found the unit again taking up weapons for the annual range practice to be held at Merrit range at Williamstown.

Apart from the need to have soldiers qualified at an application shoot the unit was to select a team to represent the battery in the 3 Div FF Gp small arms competition on 20/21 Nov.

Twenty six people attended and the unit lived on the range for the weekend and the Q element provided meals and facilities in the kitchen and mess room which forms part of the building.

On the Saturday evening members were invited into the Victorian Rifle Club rooms and able to partake of liquid refreshments after an evening lecture by Cpl Caldwell, the units medical orderley.

The top score of the week end was shot by Gnr Max Zapedowski.

The BSM also arranged a week night parade of weapon training for every one and the battery was instructed in the L4A4 [Bren gun] and the GPMG M60, this night was voted a most interesting evening by those present.

Captain Gerry Butcher marched in to the unit on 29 November and was posted as BK, replacing Capt Buchanek on his posting to HQ 4TF staff.

The St Barbaras day parade was held at the new depot at Frankston belonging to 2/15 Fd Regt on 5 Dec and it was combined with the official opening of the new complex which is shared with the Baxter Technical School.

The Battery paraded under command of the BK Capt Gerry Butcher as Major Morkham was hosting the parade as the Master of ceremony.

1983

Again the years training commenced with a promotion, and the 14 Febuary was the time for Peter Whitelaw to be promoted to Sgt in the Survey Troop and the next weekend was a tactical

exercise at Puckapunyal where both Met and Survey had to participate in a silent occupation onto the anti tank range on the Friday evening.

Apart from technical training the sections practised the requirements of camouflage and concealment with movement by day restricted as much as possible.

Lt Allison Littler was the posted as the Survey Troop commander from this time until her departure from the unit later in the year. Although Lt Peter Simmons had been posted as the Met section commander he was not able to parade due to his work needs and thus the section did not see him again.

A rebuilt PMH-F1 Radiosonde Receiver was returned from EDE on the 7 March in time to allow the Met observers to check it out after a major rebuild of this equipment that had sadly taken about three years to process all six units of the Australian Army. Although it had been gone along time the returned unit was certainly in very good condition and performed well and gave the best signals and traces that operators had seen for some time.

The AFX was held at Puckapunyal again from 9-23 April and was with 10 Medium Regiment in ashared base admin area at Site 1.

The BC laid down his training requirements in an instruction dated 16 March and detailed all the sections to train and practice the basic skills of vehicle movement/halts, cam, night occupations daily routines, patrols and local defence. This policy was to be carried on through out the whole exercise time into the second week while providing met and survey support as laid down in the daily orders briefings.

On the 9 day of the camp a small arms practice was held at the classification range although a unit shoot off for the best shot was not contested.

Night navigation training formed a very large and important phase to the remainder of the exercise in conjunction with the technical support of all sections. A family day visitation was arranged on the 13 day and a demonstration of fire power by a Med Bty showed the effect of an adjustment of three rounds on a target with a one round fire for effect. A most impressive sight to see. A mobile map reading [Navex] took the whole battery out of the range area to the south and around the Heathcote, Willaura area.

An engagement of two unit members was celebrated on the 25 Jun when Sgts Peter Whitelaw and Bronwyn Morrish held a party in the Sergeants mess to celebrate the occasion. Both had been originally enlisted in the Survey tp, but Browyn was currently posted as the Tpt Spvr and Peter was survey Sgt.

Lt Jeff Coles was posted into the Battery on 25 July and posted as the Svy Sect Comd when Lt Allison Littler marched out on promotion to Capt on the 15 August to take up position at the Military Secretary Cell.

Major John Morkham handed over command to Maj Bernie Pearson before the end of the year on 7 November. The annual break up function for the year was again run by the Gunners Institute in the form of a Country and Western night on the Saturday before the final parade of the 28 November. On this night the unit farewelled two ARA members in the BQMS WO2

John Suthers and the BSM WO2 Terry Wilson. Unit Padre Capt John Hills from the Salvation Army also announced that he was joining the regular army to continue his ministry.

Senior posting at the 19 Sept 83

BC	Maj J Morkham	
BK	Capt G Butcher	Capt J Carmichael
BSM	WO2 F Fahey	WO2 T Wilson
Tpt Spvr	Sgt B Morrish	
BQMS	SSgt C Swindells	Recruiting Capt P Wertheimer

Svy Tp Comd Lt J Cole
 Sect Lt D Young
 TSM Sgt P Whitelaw

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 TSM WO2 C Cook
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Wkhsp Comd Lt M Hayman
 ASM WO2 J Breeze

1984

On 23 Jan Lt Chris Jackson paraded with the Battery for the first time from RCSC and assumed the duties of BK although Capt Butcher was still posted until after camp in May. Lt Jackson attended camp as BK and shared tasks with the BK of 133 Bty, Capt Fairless during

the combined Locating Battery exercise. Again promotion at the commencement of the year saw Bdr Garry Hunter gaining his third stripe to be posted into a Survey Troop vacancy.

A new authorising establishment had been issued in 1981 which was 1103-02-01 dated 31Dec81 and allowed the raising of a Calibration section and the rank of the BSM was raised to WO1 the same as in 131 Bty. Separate recruiting and training cells with 2 Offr + 7 other ranks was allowed over and above the normal section postings. A number of jobs within the new manning now allowed for WRAAC soldiers to hold positions within the unit.

Again a combined exercise with 131, 132 and 133 Locating Batteries and 1 Loc Tp RNZA at Puckapunyal in Site 6 from 25Mar to 7 April, however the New Zealand Loc Tp was not able to participate again and so the three batteries combined to man a composite ARA/CMF Locating Battery of 226 all ranks. Each officer and SNCO either alternated or shared their normal posted duty with the counterpart from 133 Bty and only where there was no one to do that job did a 131 Bty person take the posting with the exception of the Orderly Room that was still run by an ARA clerk and Bdr Dave Clancey [132 Bty] assisting.

Individual training was carried out in the first week by 131 Bty personell and covered all areas of locating equipment in the following areas:

- a. Survey
- b. Radar
- c. Meteorology
- d. Sound Ranging
- e. Signals
- f. Driving
- g. Electronic Velocity Analyser
- h. Workshops
- i. Office Training

A series of technical appreciations of all sections of locating was arranged for Officers and SNCO and a number of map and ground TEWTs occurred within syndicates.

Phase two consisted of a collective field exercise with all sections deployed and providing locating information to an exercise control staff who also coordinated the weapon support of the exercise in the form of one 5.5" gun from 10 Med Regt, a mortar detachment from 3 RAR and 105mm How from 2/15 Fd Regt who came into the Puckapunyal range after a mobile AFX which was to culminate in a live firing week on the range. A further source of explosive devices was from the Bangs Party provided for LPs and Sound Ranging sections by Sgt Kim McGrath [131 Bty]. During camp WO2 Fred Fahey received his WO1 badges from the BC Maj Pearson, making him the first and only Warrant Officer Class 1 BSM in 132 Div Loc Bty.

A demonstration of the RASIT IR surveylance equipment was given to the unit and showed quite clearly that even at night it is possible to observe the battle field as if it was daytime.

A one day Range shoot was organised for Sunday 27 May at the Merrett Rifle Range Williamstown with only 31 soldiers parading on the day to compete for their application practice shoot.

Due to the poor shooting from all members of the Battery it was decided that the "best shot" award should not be made for this year.

The Battery conducted Technical Training in the Puckapunyal Range area on the 10/12 August to allow the Svy Tp to verify as many existing BPs as are accaccible and to further train surveyers in completing survey schemes. The Met section was to track balloons only by optical means as the Radiosonde receiver had been sent back to 131 Bty who required it for the running of a new course for observers while one of theirs was being repaired at EDE Broadmeadows.

The Feast of St Barbara, the patron saint of gunners was observed by all Artillery units of 3 Division with a parade at Batman ave on Sunday 2 Dec. The function took the form of a family day and musical open air concert presented by the 3 DIV RAA Band and members currently serving and those past gunners were entertained and catered for by a Spit Roast of beef and turkey. Twenty five music stand banners were presented to the band along with a sash and Drum Majors staff all paid for from funds raised from the RAA Association and 3DIV RAA soldiers.

RAA Association prizes were presented to recipients and the day concluded with the flag lowering ceremony and a lone piper paid the lament at 1700 hrs.

1985

Policy and training directives were discussed at the Training conference for senior staff on 30 Jan with training to recommence on the following week and the first weekend deployment down to Aireys Inlet on the 7/9 Feb.

Although listed as Puckapunyal the weekend was changed to allow the Survey Tp to carry out training in very close bushland that did not readily allow long range line of sight legs for the individual schemes. Tellurometer drills were also practiced.

The City of Brighton held its annual festival on 22 Feb and the Battery took this opportunity to produce a recruiting stand and small equipment display for interested people.

In March the RAA Association held a visit to Fort Queenscliff and a number of the Battery members attended with families for this occasion and participated in the barbeque and the boat trip out to the Popes Eyes fortified ring in Port Phillip Bay.

24 March. Promotion to WO2 of SSgt C Swindells. [BQMS]

A Battery night deployment exercise to the South Gippsland area found all elements participating in EX LOCH on 4/6 April and the night deployment was accompanied with a consistent drizzle of rain through out the occupation and well into the next morning. Survey and Met maintained tactical positions while setting up their individual CPs with the Survey sect producing a number of registration points, while Met had three major radiosonde flights after experiencing a minor problem with the sonde chart recorder. In the evening as the cloud cover disappeared the Met section conducted night tracking and afterwards used the Pilot Balloon theodolites to observe the famous HALLEYS COMET in the late evening. The following morning both sections were required to move and redeploy to an alternative position and come into action. Considering that the Met section only had a total of 6 and the Survey Tp had 10 the whole exercise was completed within the time allowed and both sections able to continue their allotted tasks which showed that the skills were still being maintained within the battery even though the actual numbers were not very high. The weekend had been arranged by the Survey Tp commander Lt John Traill and was conducted on a private farm property at Loch on the South Gippsland highway.

A visit by the BC and BSM of 131 Bty in April was to allow preliminary planning of training and exercise functions for the AFX "DIG IN" to be held in Queensland in May.

The Bty was requested by the CDA FF Comd to provide both Met and Survey assistance to 8/12 Mdm Regt at Puckapunyal during the period from 18 - 27 April. The Bty was able to send the Svy Tp on the WE 18/20 and the Met Sect on 25/27 and although restricted by lack of available soldiers both groups carried out their allotted tasks to the satisfaction of the CO of 8/12 Regt.

In a build up of training for the AFX the unit conducted an AIO weekend in the depot for all Officers and senior NCOs to allow a brush up in operation of the Intelligence office.

Annual Field Exercise for the unit started on 17 May with the Battery travelling to Amberley from Laverton by Hercules C130 transport, then by bus to Camp Kerr in the Wide Bay Trg area.

The first week consisted of individual and section training in the camp area with the exception of the Met Tp 131 Bty which was supporting an exercise in the Shoal Water Bay area. Two members from 132 Bty were attached to the tp for this time while the others integrated into the composite unit made up of 131, 132 and 133 batteries. A course of instruction was given to five members of 132 Bty on the Radar Chromograph EVA equipment as the new establishment had authorised the unit to raise an EVA detachment at Melbourne. It

is unfortunate to know that the equipment was delivered to the depot early in 1987 at the same time that the instruction to disband was issued.

The second phase of the camp again was a realistic deployment of all elements of the Locating Battery with two AN/KPQ1 radars being used for the very last time as the AN/TPQ36 was about to be issued to 131 Bty. The radars were each crewed by 131 and 133 respectively as there own detachments. Those members attending the EVA course were allotted back to respective sections for the final phase activity as EVA was not required.

Training after camp continued with occasional periods involving non technical technical training such as the Artillery Quiz organised by the training WO and an inter mess game of cricket where the Offr/Sgts combined beat the Gunners.

A small arms range practice was held at Puckapunyal on 28/29 June and the unit conducted instruction and TOETS for the SLR and the F1 SMG on the Saturday in the depot. Meals were catered for by Bdr Stevens and the battery stayed in the depot over night while a series of training films on Locating Artillery, and the effect of mustard gas contamination on the body during WW2 trials. A video tape was shown also on the DIBBS report and the effect it would have on the ARES.

An early start the next day [5AM] saw the unit move to Puckapunyal to complete the "transitional "SMR shoot in the morning and then moving out to Mount Kappe to conduct a sneaker course with the SMG on the MMR. The unit had the distinction of being the last unit to use the Kappe facility as a new MMR has been set up at Puckapunyal in the Range West area . Twenty five members were present and shot both weapons ranges under an idealic set of conditions as the weather was fine and hot for the day. On return to the depot the weapons were cleaned and returned to the armoury before a drink at the conclusion of a succesful days shooting.

Competition for the best shot was very actively competed for and the results at the end of the day were ;

1st	WO2 Cook
2nd	WO2 Breeze
= 3	Maj Buckridge
= 3	WO2 Straume
4	Sgt Casson

The 7 July saw Lt Steve Venn posted to the unit as the Svy Tp officer

Mon 14 July 86 Was the Battery dining in night.

The aim of this night was to introduce all ranks of the unit to the organisation, preparation and procedures of a formal dining night. Held in the offr and sgts mess complex the catering was assisted by staff from 2/15 Fd regiment and controlled by Sgt Goerge Beale.

Apart from the training function the evening was used to dine out two officers from the unit. Lt John Traill, Svy tp comd to RCSC and Lt Alan Lyall TSS to 3 EME Services. Replacements for these officers were

Lt Steve Venn, and Lt Alan Leach.

Lt Leach had been attached to the battery for camp in Queensland. Presentations were made by the offrs mess, and the TSS made a small presentation by Cpl "Killer" Kowalski to Lt Lyall. Lt Lyall presented a silver framed glass horderves dish to the officers mess.

Major Buckridge spoke about the goals for the unit in the next twelve months and the need to recruit and retain personell if the unit is to remain on the order of battle.

He thanked the members of the unit for their work over the past and then thanked the ARA cadre staff for the support and assistance that they had given to him personally and the unit in general.

He then went on to present the following awards to members of the unit;

Defence Force Medal Bdr Gordon Saddler. Cadre transport NCO.

Reserve Force Medal to WO2 Jim Breeze. OAM TST

" to Bdr "Stevo" Stevens. BHQ

2nd clasp to RFM to WO1 Fred Fahey. BHQ

Various awards were made by the BC at this time for best troop and individual soldier awards. In concluding his address the BC mentioned that the BSM WO1 Fahey would be leaving the unit shortly after four years service and he thanked him for his duty to the battery in that time. The BSM responded and heartily endorsed the BC comments about the need to recruit and retain, to this speech he received a rousing applause.

Thanks was also passed to Sgt Goerge Beale and his staff from 2/15 Fd regt for the meal and its presentation. A quartet from the RAA band was present to provide background music during the evening under control of Sgt Judy Leder.

The nominal roll of the Battery at 1 July was 7 Offrs, 11 WO/Sgts and 24 rank and file.

The Battery again had a large group attending at the Artillery Ball with four tables and a very enjoyable night was had by all who attended.

The WE 16/17 August and the unit was running another Artillery Intelligence training activity but this time for all ranks. A number of the newly enlisted recruits attended this weekend for their first introduction to the subject.

Monday 18 August was the last parade with the unit for WO1 Fahey as his posting to OR Trg Wing at Puckapunyal was finalised, although only a small number paraded this night he was invited into the gunners mess for a drink.

Under the control of Lt Venn the battery commenced training a team for the small arms combat teams which was held on Sat 11 Oct. Those in the team were Sgt P Casson, Bdr Burton, and Gunners Perrin,

Pte M Mason, the unit pay clerk was promoted Cpl.

18-19 Oct The Battery had set up a recruiting drive, but it was badly affected by incorrect advertisements being placed in the press by the army PR staff although supplied correct information by the unit. To counter this the unit organised a quick leaflet drop around the major shopping areas of Brighton. There was however a very poor public attendance to a well set up display of weapons, AIO, Svy, Met and signals eqpt on display.

RAA happy hour hosted in the Sgts mess on 21 Nov, also the Btys 31 st birthday. The 7th Dec was St Barbaras day at the depot.

The Locating Battery was responsible for the organization and running of the St Barbaras day activity and apart from the times when the inclement weather caused people to scatter for cover a very succesful afternoon was arranged. Although we did not win the tug of war competition soldiers of the battery were very noticable in the receiving of prizes and awards from the CDA Colonel DI Perry on behalf of the RAA Association.

A display of the new 155mm gun was set up by members from 10 Medium regiment on the grass at the front of the depot and attracted a lot of attention from the young as well as the old gunners present.

1987

132 DIVISIONAL LOCATING BATTERY RAA

In 1987 a government white paper known as the Nunn-Sanderson report discussed the disbandonment of a number of army reserve units that were understrength or required a level of staffing for only a low level of tangible return. It is unfortunate that after 32 years the 132 Battery was not able to maintain its malt level of staffing and in accordance with the paper the unit was to be wound up by September 1987. The same fate was to happen to the sister 133Bty in Sydney, thus leaving only the regular army locating battery [131] in Ennogerra.

Prior to the AFX a special driver training exercise was held to allow trainee drivers extra experience to the units non continous drivers course in preparation for testing for their B8 [Unimog] licence test. The exercise called TRUCKING ON was held on 29/29Feb and involved six trainees and three instructors in a convoy driving to Warrnambool via Geelong and return to Melbourne through Port Fairy and Ballarat. All students gained sufficient driving experience to allow them to complete the prescribed training for the ECN109 at Wacol during the annual camp.

The conduct of the units last Small Arms Practice on the 16/17 May included for the first time the Indoor Moving Target Battle Simulation System [IMTBSS] or known as the cine range which fired a sub calibre but gives the realism of live firing as a cinematograph projector actually produces a live and moving image onto a screen of white paper which stops when the sound of the rifle firing is detected. A further touch to realism is given by the "enemy" soldier actually appear to be firing back at the shooter. Other weapons fired were the F1 SMG, SLR and the GPMG.

A new sneaker range was in use for the MMR practice but due to the travel between ranges not all members were able to complete the full practice.

The annual field exercise that had been planned from the year before was still to run, but in a slightly modified format as not all the locating trades were to be maintained after the closing down of the battery. Under the control of 131Bty a special course of training was organised at Wacol, Queensland for a driver training and a survey course along with a special Artillery Intelligence course for selected personell.

With the closing of the unit the surveyers were to transfer to 2/15 Field Regt to raise the regimental survey troop and the AIO cell would continue as a section of the regiment. Other soldiers posted as drivers, sigs, medics, cooks and RAEME would be available to fill these positions in the regiment or if they desired could transfer to other units out of the RAA. Three promotions occurred early in the year of Sgt TD Hopkins to WO2 [Met] on the 4 May, Sgt M Butler to S/Sgt {Sig Spr} on the 22 June and L/Bdr Brand to Bdr [Svy] on 22 June 87.

On the 29 June the Battery held its annual dining night dinner in the sgts mess for the final time. These evenings were originally introduced as a means of instructing the OR of the battery in the traditions and protocols of a formal dining night as maintained in the Sgts and officers messes of the army.

The BK Capt PW Wertheimer acted as the dining president and the BC Maj Buckridge along with his replacement Maj Ross Peterkin were present as official guests. There were 46 members of the battery present on this occasion out of a total of 70ffrs, 10 WO/Sgts and 36 rank and file.

Presentations were made to Maj Buckridge and best wishes for his promotion and new command of 2/15 Field Regt and to Lt Mike Womack who was posted to RCSC to sit for examination for captain, and he was presented with a radio sonde transmitter to remind him of his posting in the battery as the Met troop commander.

As a result of the units small arms competition Bdr John [Bottles] Burton was presented with the trophy for 1987 and the BSM 's trophy for the outstanding gunner of the unit went to Pte Phillips. This year the SNAFU award went to L/Bdr Lance Coultish for his daring attempt to lose a landrover and passengers on the Heathcote rd while moving from the classification range to the sneaker range. A distance of just a few kilometres.

A welcome to 2/15 Field Regiment parade was organised for the members of the battery on Tuesday 22 Sept and 150 soldiers formed as a Regiment and paraded past the CDA Colonel M Vincent at Batman avenue before partaking of a well presented supper and meeting with other members of the Regiment.

In his address to the parade Col Vincent pointed out the fact that the Divisional Locating Battery had in fact been the longest single Artillery unit of the 3 Div with 32 years continuous service without any restructuring or amalgamations to establishment. The unique roll of the battery had been seen in all states, and the assistance given to many organisations other than firing units will be a permanent reminder of the units existence. The Battery's BPs may be found on many range areas.

From the 23 September 1987 all soldiers were posted to the 2/15 Field Regiment thus leaving the BC Major Ross Peterken and the component staff to close the books and return all stores before the 132 Divisional Locating Battery was officially removed from the Order of Battle of the Australian Army.

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Section 3

Annual Camp Dates and Locations

PART 4

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By C.M.Cook.

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1985	No unit camp held.	
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Cpl M.G Mason		Gnr R.G Schampers
* Bdr G.E Saddler		Pte J.L Scheck
Bdr J.B Stephens		Gnr I. Smith
Bdr P.G Trewin		Pte G.M Walker
		Gnr D.C Watson
		Pte S.E Wertheimer
		Pte A. West
		Gnr L.W.G West

* ARA Component staff

This list represents the members serving with the battery in June and up until removal from the Order of Battle in Sept 87.

PART 9

NOMINAL ROLL OF 132 DIV LOC BTY RAA

Listing all persons to have enlisted within the unit or to have transferred into the unit subsequently.

All details have been collected from the Nominal Roll book AAB 108 and Routine Orders. The regimental details of the other names of the first 22 soldiers are listed in the opening part of this history

REGT NO	NAME	KNOWN RANK
3166551	Jones MJ	Lt
3166552	Coppandy J	Lt
3166553	Braham RF	
3166554	Ball CE	Sgt
3166555	Marston WHC	Lt
3166556	Glossop AEL	
3166557	Honey DJ	
3166558	Gibbs RD	
3166559	Butterworth PA	
3166560	Garraway LM	
3166561	Fricker RP	
3166562	Smith HG	
3166563	Newman GV	
3166564	Gercovitch RM	
3166565	Walker R	
3166566	Duncan DJ	
3166567	Shortt RJ	

3166568	Davies	DSR	
3166569	Ackland	BAH	
3166670	Howes	GR	
3166671	Green	OB	Capt
3166572	Cassidy	PJ	Lt
3166573	Triggs	G	Lt
3166574	Higgins	MC	Sgt
3166575	Weekes	JW	
3166576	Oakley	JN	
3166577	Breeze	JH	WO2
3166578	Williams	DJ	Sgt
3166579	McKay	RW	WO2
3166580	Dix	BW	WO2
3166581	Tait	CR	
3166582	Hunter	SKM	WO2
3166583	Reeves	RS	
3166584	Evans	TJ	
3166585	Hornblower	KA	Sgt
3166586	Goodwin	CR	
3166587	Gillick	DR	
3166588	Blandy	PW	Bdr/2Lt
3166589	Bird	FG	
3166590	Smith	TMG	
3166591	Mayne	IR	
3166592	Sterling	RD	
3166593	MacDonald	AW	WO2
3166594	Hall	RM	
3166595	Noonan	PW	
3166596	Johnson	NJM	
3166597	Linney	MW	
3166598	Neil	LM	
3166599	Neil	MJS	
3166600	Martin	BJ	
3166601	Clough	IE	
3166602	Hemingway	A	T/WO2
3166603	Sampson	GA	Sgt
3166604	Williamson	AL	
3166605	Knuckey	BG	S/Sgt
3166606	Hutchins	BF	Lt/Capt
3166607	Holt	JG	
3166608	Tredinnick	WR	Lt
3166609	Irvine	JW	Capt
3166610	Noy	MB	Lt
3166611	Robinson	EP	
3166612	Reardon	JB	
3166613	Murphy	WA	Sgt

3166614	Tait	KG	
3166615	Zibell	KM	SSgt
3166616	Gercovich	RH	WO2
3166617	Reeves	RG	
3166618	Smith	HG	
3166619	Dupe	RJ	
3166620	Hosken	BG	
3166621	Walsh	KF	Sgt
3166622	O'Neill	RJ	
3166623	Bird	B	
3166624	Crosby	RJ	
3166625	McGann	JL	
3166626	Bayles	IW	
3166627	Gordon	INJ	
3166628	Ikkerts	I	
3166629	Young	RW	
3166630	Kemp	PH	
3166631	Mace	GM	
3166632	Smith	CC	
3166633	Broadley	MA	
3166634	Nickels	RC	
3166635	Brooks	LC	
3166636	Nelson	MP	
3166637	Browitt	RJ	
3166638	Cruickshank	J	
3166639	Williams	JJ	Sgt
3166640	Pritchard	PR	
3166641	Lenmar	KJS	
3166642	Whittaker	AW	
3166643	Laird	ID	
3166644	Mackintosh	AD	
3166645	Herrinrton	EG	
3166646	Ioviero	M	
3166647	Crancy	P	
3166648	Boycon	GD	
3166649	Selim	WA	
3166650	Graham	R	
3166651	George	BR	
3166652	Kenneddy	BG	
3166653	Insall	JW	
3166654	Knuckey	TJ	
3166655	Llewellyn	PJ	
3166656	McDougall	NT	
3166657	Shelly	WF	
3166658	Brown	KJ	
3166659	Herbert	JW	

3166660	Clarke	JV	
3166661	Cotter	AJ	
3166662	Commons	PT	Sgt
3166663	Mahoney	PL	Sgt
3166664	Stewart	EA	
3166665	Woods	BK	
3166666	Rowlands	JG	
3166667	Mainon	P	
3166668	French	PD	
3166669	Smith	P	
3166670	Wall	DL	Bdr
3166671	Harvey	ND	
3166672	Mountain	LR	
3166673	Ryall	KM	
3166674	Peak	BS	
3166675	Scott	GL	
3166676	Isaac	MJ	
3166677	Stevenson	BC	
3166678	Croy	BR	
3166679	Cleyne	AGJ	
3166680	Williams	GF	
3166681	Cleyne	EMJ	
3166682	VanDriel	MH	
3166683	Vander Linden	J	
3166684	Probyn	KD	
3166685	Forbes	HR	
3166686	Comber	R	
3166687	Jenkins	GC	
3166688	Kerseboom	R	
3166689	Palmer	CM	
3166690	Shore	JC	
3166691	Stanborough	JR	
3166692	Roth	R	
3166693	Haas	SD	
3166694	Newnham	GW	
3166695	Wearne	DW	
3166696	Monish	RM	Bdr
3166697	Davies	PA	
3166698	Stonehouse	LG	
3166699	Berry	IJ	
3166700	Brown	GG	
3166701	Macaulay	IM	
3166702	Collins	GJ	
3166703	Sinclair	CS	LBdr
3166704	Cawson	JA	
3166705	Gold	IS	

3166706	Baines	PA	WO2
3166707	Skinner	JM	
3166708	Bateson	RV	
3166709	Bedford	H	
3166710	Cooper	LJ	
3166711	Reddington	L	
3166712	Kuhnast	M	
3166713	Yule	TP	
3166714	Featherstone	JJ	
3166715	Martin	GW	
3166716	not issued		
3166717	Cobban	DJ	
3166718	Miller	RL	Sgt
3166719	Leeming	BG	
3166720	Griffin	DP	
3166721	Beattie	DMB	Lt
3166722	Sullivan	JG	
3166723	Holmes	AR	
3166724	McLeod	MH	
3166725	Ogden	AJ	Lt
3166726	Aitken	BJ	Sgt
3166727	Robinson	DJ	
3166728	Grey	MN	Bdr
3166729	Killingsworth	G	
3166730	Mennie	GJ	Lt/Capt
3166731	Klein	VH	
3166732	Sherlock	A	
3166733	Graham	KJ	
3166734	Lalor	DP	
3166735	Wright	WA	
3166736	MacGregor	DG	
3166737	VanDriel	HMM	
3166738	Pease	RW	
3166739	Browne	GE	
3166740	Savage	PR	Bdr
3166741	Longmore	RJ	Bdr
3166742	Hudson	PJ	
3166743	Blandy	JK	Bdr
3166744	Green	E	
3166745	Hamilton	RW	
3166746	not issued		
3166747	McKaskill	TP	
3166748	Foster	HJ	
3166749	Paul	MR	
3166750	Marks	KL	
3166751	Talbot	BW	LCpl

3166752	Doyle	TJ	Bdr
3166753	Nekvapil	IR	Bdr
3166754	Hobart	RF	
3166755	Bowman	R	
3166756	Lough	HE	
3166757	Smart	JJ	
3166758	Scott	GR	
3166759	Dean	BJ	
3166760	Addison	RS	
3166761	Scott	BE	
3166762	Szefky	KJ	Bdr
3166763	Talbot	RB	
3166764	Koster	DB	
3166765	Seddon	ML	
3166766	Ball	JC	
3166767	Capuano	JH	
3166768	Cox	PW	Sgt
3166769	Richards	NJ	
3166770	Bourke	SG	
3166771	Maroszek	R	
3166772	Cornall	PL	
3166773	Conabere	RP	LBdr
3166774	Stitt	IW	
3166775	Winther	KG	
3166776	Burgess	JM	
3166777	Millis	LB	
3166778	Smart	LG	
3166779	Hopkins	MS	Sgt
3166780	Sindrey	PJ	Cpl
3166781	cancelled		
3166782	Barwick	AJ	
3166783	Kutner	E	
3166784	Sebastian	AJ	Bdr
3166785	Boyd	JL	Bdr
3166786	Schuett	MO	
3166787	Dunkley	HT	Bdr
3166788	Kelly	NF	
3166789	Gordon	GJ	
3166790	Graham	RK	
3166791	Sanderson	GC	Sgt
3166792	Stonehouse	KJ	
3166793	Bakes	RO	
3166794	Geddes	GW	
3166795	Cameron	ID	Lt

3166796	Bellamy	CE	
3166797	Winter	DC	
3166798	Turner	PF	Sgt
3166799	Nirens	A	
3166800	McNiece		
3166801	McAliece	GL	
3166802	Major	WJ	Bdr
3166803	Williams	L	
3166804	Raisbeck	LD	
3166805	Jaffe	PS	
3166806	Clarke	RN	
3166807	Norman	GP	
3166808	Livens	FJ	
3166809	Stirland	WA	
3166810	Morris	PJ	Bdr
3166811	Rowe	CA	
3166812	Crocombe	RJ	
3166813	Fletcher	DF	
3166814	McDonough	P	
3166815	Reid	JD	
3166816	Field	RK	
3166817	Meeve	DA	
3166818	Meehan	WB	Lt
3166819	Davies	KR	
3166820	Martin	SG	
3166821	Stavely	R	Bdr
3166822	Ardley	JAR	
3166823	McCluskey	IG	Cpl
3166824	Earle	IR	
3166825	Buswell	RH	Bdr
3166826	Williams	GL	
3166827	Peck	DS	
3166828	Farkas	ILF	
3166829	Dowling	JH	
3166830	Heron	PR	
3166831	Meallin	LD	
3166832	Kirkwood	RD	
3166833	MacFarlane	G	
3166834	Wyle	JD	
3166835	Paige	RT	
3166836	OKelly	PL	
3166837	Betts	JL	
3166838	Hines	J	
3166839	Bowman	I	
3166840	Turner	DC	
3166841	MacFarlane	BG	

3166842	Oliver	JB	
3166843	Davey	GTD	
3166844	Sanders	DG	
3166845	Callow	NM	
3166846	Soord	R	
3166847	Whetton	HN	
3166848	Higginbotham	JI	
3166849	Stevenson	GM	
3166850	Hunter	JD	
3166851	Birkensleigh	J	
3166852	Peterson	PEE	
3166853	Barker	GF	
3166854	Hume	B	Cpl
3166855	Murray	TJ	
3166856	Arnett	GG	
3166857	Nirens	JG	
3166858	Ritter		
3166859	Smith	G	
3166860	Whetton	NJ	
3166861	Clarke	BG	
3166862	Finster	GK	
3166863	Smith	TC	
3166864	Mason	CJ	Bdr
3166865	McTaggart	BJ	
3166866	McTaggart	RG	
3166867	Hopkins	TJ	WO2
3166868	Rodriquez	WP	
3166869	McIntyre	RJ	
3166870	Heyman	FM	
3166871	Llewellyn	SD	
3166872	Forcina	C	
3166873	Bardsley	RW	LBdr
3166874	LaFontain	GR	
3166875	Ashton	PR	
3166876	Harrison	EJ	
3166877	Teichell	RJ	
3166878	Schmidt	F	
3166879	Levy	AJ	
3166880	Parsons	LG	
3166881	Paulse	BK	
3166882	Paterson	GI	LBdr
3166883	Briggs	CD	
3166884	Canny	PJ	
3166885	MacPherson	SA	
3166886	Stone	P	
3166887	Hindmarsh	RL	

3166888	Hannon	MJ	LBdr
3166889	Detar		
3166890	MacPherson	BA	
3166891	Sabransky	IJ	
3166892	Lauder	BC	
3166893	Butler	MJ	S/Sgt
3166894	Garry	DP	
3166895	Clarke	GD	
3166896	Struth	JA	
3166897	Verity	GD	
3166898	Hallahan	S	
3166899	Whelan	MJ	
3166900	Hallahan	AV	
3166901	Goodwin	PA	
3166902	Smith	RD	
3166903	Grenville	RD	
3166904	Pichler	M	
3166905	Mullins	J	
3166906	Verlin	KG	Bdr
3166907	Randall	SJ	
3166908	Pagram	PE	
3166909	Kelly	LJ	
3166910	Wright-Goodwin	M	
3166911	McQuie	AH	Cpl
3166912	Rose	PC	
3166913	Kerford	JW	
3166914	Crawford	PR	
3166915	Towart	DN	
3166916	Balaam	C	
3166917	Stubbings	M	
3166918	Osborne	J	
3166919	Meridith	R	
3166920	Rose	P	
3166921	Finn	R	
3166922	Halligan	J	
F3166923	Morrish	B	Sgt
3166924	Bengtson	R	
3166925	Jollife		
3166926	Baladi	J	
3166927	VanDer Feen	PJ	
3166928	Beatton		
3166929	Bozajian	GW	
F3166930	Falls	KA	
F3166931	Edwards	R	
3166932	Hughes	IJ	LBdr
3166933	Killen	PR	

3166934	Pearson	JR	
3166935	Rowley	GB	
3166936	McDonald	BR	
3166937	Hynes	GR	
3166938	Adams	SK	
F3166939	Mardel	M	Sgt
3166940	Bradford	RA	
3166941	Mather	L	
3166942	Riordan	KG	
3166943	Barber	G	
3166944	White	M	
3166945	Lanko	SJ	
3166946	Stroud	WG	
3166947	Bellamy	MB	
F3166948	Andrew	FBD	
3166949	Goulo	L	
3166950	Coquet	GJ	
3166951	Ayre	TS	
3166952	Law	BW	
3166953	Caldwell	KG	LCpl
F3166954	Adkins	RJ	
3166955	Trewyn	PG	Bdr
3166956	VanSchalm	TG	
3166957	Casson	PA	Sgt
3166958	Mouritz	DM	
3166959	Whitelaw	PA	Sgt
3166960	Owens	JJ	
3166961	Darrigan	RG	
F3166962	Ferguson	L	
3166963	Bradford	P	
3166964	Bligh	GJ	
3166965	Shields	SP	
3166966	Lovett	RA	Cpl
3166967	McCarthy	GP	
3166968	Kircher	GF	Bdr
3166969	Burton	JL	Bdr
3166970	Dale	JA	
F3166971	Hamilton	TK	
F3166972	Smith	RT	
3166973	Nelson	JGN	
F3166974	Peterson	CJ	
3166975	Ross	SJ	
3166976	O'Dwyer	SA	
3166977	Saunders	MA	
F3166978	Miller	JG	
3166979	Sharrah	GA	

3166980	Bamford	NH	
3166981	Zapedowski	MW	
3166982	Palmer	JG	
3166983	Brand	RS	Bdr
F3166984	Wood	CR	
3166985	Eccles-Smith	MBES	
3166986	Birkett	NG	
3166987	Lowcock	TN	
F3166988	Popper	T	
F3166989	Gonsalves	FA	
F3166990	Bruce	PAM	
3166991	Spokes	RL	
F3166992	Chapman	JM	
F3166993	Conroy-Welby	GL	
3166994	Woolley	GH	
3166995	Rodrigues	K	
3166996	Dobson	A	
F3166997	Fisk	LB	
F3166998	Casserley	SE	
F3166999	McDonald	HJ	
F3167000	Zarth	JA	
3167001	Gardner	K	
F3167002	Borkowski	D	
3167003	Gawthrop	JW	
3167004	Morris	MJ	
F3167005	Ganz	KS	
3167006	Davis	RA	
3167007	Leigh	ST	
F3167008	Murphy	VM	
F3167009	Mattson	JD	
F3167010	Smith	J	
F3167011	Stewart	SM	
F3167012	Moore	SM	
F3167013	Sington	G	
F3167014	Osborne	HM	
F3167015	Blanshard	KA	
3167016	Serpell	CA	
3167017	Williams	PH	
F3167018	Humphry	SG	
F3167019	Jackson	CA	
3167020	Chellini	RW	
3167021	Coles	MC	
3167022	Brett	A	
F3167023	Smith	CA	
3167024	Vignola	MJ	
3167025	Padghorn	A	

3167026	Pepper	LG
3167027	Saunders	RD
3167028	Thorn	MA
3167029	Koya	AM
3167030	Anderson	CW
3167031	Zabaneth	J
3167032	Parr	SG
3167033	Torley	MD
3167034	Moore	DP
F3167035	DeGeode	M
3167036	Cooper	PH
3167037	Mountjoy	DT
3167038	Barnes	AM
3167039	King	WA
3167040	Dark	JFK
3167041	Dubois	JCR
3167042	Fenwick	LM
3167043	Baldwin	PJ
3167044	McFarlane	G
F3167045	Heyward	WI
3167046	Turner	CR
3167047	Spencer	JF
3167048	Herrerd	RJ
3167049	Dimattina	MA
3167050	Perrin	A
3167051	Inserra	VJ
3167052	Durdle	PM
3167053	Lon Ho Kee	LE
3167054	Mortimer	BA
3167055	Bain	
3167056	Steer	L
3167057	Payton	
3167058	Middleditch	TS
3167059	Bayeh	K

Records show that the original block of numbers for issue were from 3166551 to 3167450.
No other numbers known of at time of compilation of this list.

The following list while not yet complete represents the names of soldiers who did not enlist directly into the Battery but transferred from other units.

This is by no means complete as all records are not available.

35226	Mullins	FA	Lt
36409	Troedel	DJ	Sgt
39136	Wight	WS	Lt
39498	Kelly	DL	Gnr
67114	Game	RJ	Bdr
414804	Garwoli	W	Capt
520182	Hampel	MS	Gnr
118480	Nyaguj	R	Gnr
175005	Buckridge	MR	Maj
219744	Stelmach	G	Gnr
235167	Bindley	GH	Maj
251589	Frystack	R	Gnr
257042	Poole	RC	Lt
281357	Ruffles	PA	Gnr
2189432	Foster	BT	Lt
313876	Hyde	MH	Lt
314782	Smith	LL	Rec

351821	James	GHH	Capt
352348	White	IG	Maj
352366	Kilender	JE	Maj
352409	McEwan	N	Capt
352704	Bradley	KF	Lt
352744	Thomas	GW	LBdr
352841	Padgham	IR	Bdr
352853	Evens	RC	Gnr
352880	Sutherland	JG	Lt
352936	Trainor	G	Bdr
352972	Brown	CE	Gnr
352993	Bricker	WJ	Gnr
353074	Corrigan	MA	Gnr
353172	Mackenzie	PT	Gnr
353175	Osborne	RW	LBdr
353176	Gregson	KC	
355539	Trebilcock	CF	Capt
355593	Phillips	JV	Capt
355616	Furze	AS	Maj
355675	Perry	DI	Maj
355723	Wishart	EGK	Lt
355747	Wertheimer	PW	Capt
356326	Schoen	J	Bdr
356430	Klabbers	MA	LBdr
356552	Vanderpol	JF	Gnr
358986	Read	JG	Cfn
363995	Stephens	AM	Maj
365403	Cross	KG	
368324	Swindells	CJ	WO2
368514	Newell	LB	Bdr
368584	Liston	BJ	Bdr
386746	Lovatt	TR	Gnr
386971	DeKroon	FM1	Gnr
386972	DeKroon	FM2	Gnr
3103379	Snowball	DF	Capt
3103425	Hunter	RW	WO1
3103720	Jacobs	BF	LCpl
3104061	Drew	CG	Cfn
3104063	Hulme	PK	Cfn
3104096	McLean	SP	Cfn
3104097	Fowler	JR	LCpl

3104158	Barrett	DJ	Cfn	
3104179	Jones	GC	Cfn	
3104186	Aldons	RL	LCpl	
3104244	Davies	AE	Capt	
3112840	Smith	JV	Bdr	
3114048	Santos	CR	Sgt	
3129728	Suss	MD	LBdr	Enl MUR
3129760	Cook	CM	WO2	“ “
3129772	Still	C	Bdr	“ “
3129889	Henry	JH	Capt	“ “
3130221	Murray	W	2Lt	
3134291	Johnson	BT	Gnr	
3134765	Chalmers	FN		
3147609	Allinson	GR	Maj	
3147707	Cooper	PN	Capt	
3147709	Hobson	KG	Capt	
3148459	Nicholls	LC	SSgt	
3167839	Bowden	GA		
3170181	Rolfe	WL	Gnr	
3170744	Rooney	JV	Gnr	
3171022	Phillips	LC	Gnr	
3171030	Costelloe	GJ	Gnr	
3171224	Fulton	RP	WO2	
3171646	Blair	MD	Gnr	
3174005	Lloyd	CS	Cpl	
3174737	Dupuy	DR	LCpl	
3174893	Griffiths	GV	LBdr	
3174902	Newman	JN	LBdr	
3175242	Gilholme	IC	Gnr	
3177492	Novak	AJ	Gnr	
3177524	Round	FG	LBdr	
3177544	Twohig	PJ	Bdr	

3179853	Cole	IO	
3790478	Peterson	CR	Lt
3797445	Marks	CJ	Lt

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