

Thanks to the LSTAA, 132 Bty, 20 Regt, RAA has preserved memorabilia from an important moment in 20 Regt's history. Last year, 132 Bty commenced flying operations with the RQ-7B Shadow 200 Tactical Unmanned Aerial System in Oakey, QLD. Although 132 Bty was operating in Restricted Military Airspace, for the first time, the Regt was flying over civilian land. This milestone represents a significant step in 20 Regt's growth in "drone operations". The propeller framed in the photo is from the first air vehicle flown over civilian land. What is more important about this little piece of history is the fact that this exercise in Oakey was a very important stepping stone to 132 Bty's success last year. Within a few months of the Oakey exercise, 132 Bty was deployed to Far North QLD as part of OP Resolute and border protection operations. 132 Bty's participation in OP Resolute was very successful and clearly demonstrated that 20 Regt is ready for such operations in civilian airspace.

The LSTAA is pleased to have played a small part in preserving this piece of 20 Regt's history.

