

*91st Annual Gunner Dinner
Celebrating Four eras of
Gunner Support 1918-2018*



*This year with special emphasis
on the 50th Anniversary
of the Battle of CORAL SVN 1968*



'D' Gun 102 Fd Bty 13 May 1968

Proceedings

Pre-Dinner Drinks

Guests

Major General Tim Ford AO (Retd)

Colonel Don Tait OAM (Retd)

Move to Dinner

March in the RAA Association Standard

Grace

Mr Vic Rae RFD

Dinner

Short Break

Toasts

Loyal Toast

Mr Vice

Captain James Stamell

7 Bty 9 Regt RAA

Message of Loyalty

Major General Ford AO

Toast to the Regiment

Lieutenant Colonel Alain Dunand

Toast to the Partners

Mr Phil Easton

After Dinner Speakers

COLONEL Don Tait OAM

Response

Lieutenant Colonel Schon G. Condon RFD

March out the RAA Association Standard

Tea & Coffee

1943

*75th Anniversary
of the Battles that
stabilised and
turned the tide
in Papua New
Guinea.*

Re-organisation of units and
equipment by:

- downsizing by adopting jungle warfare equipment scales.
- Formation of:
 - 1st and 2nd Mountain Batteries equipped with 3.7 in and 75mm Howitzers.
 - Composite AA Regts
 - Tank Attack Btys.
- the deployment of the short 25 pdr.

At Salamaua, two, 155mm guns were 'borrowed' from 'M'; Hvy Bty and deployed by 56 Bty, 2/6 Fd Regt to suppress Japanese HAA units that were hindering allied aircraft support operations.

7 Div deployed across the northern ranges while 9 Div, 3 Div and US amphibious units worked up the coast.

The Naval Bombardment Group was formed to better utilise naval resources in support of land operations.

In November the last Japanese air raid launched on Australia. It targeted Batchelor Airfield NT.

Gunners of 1st Mountain Bty, lay down a Barrage at Tambu with the 3.7in QF Mountain Gun on 22 July 1943.

Dinner Menu 2018

Entree

Deep-fried King Prawn Cutlets
or

Vegetarian Spring Rolls

Mains

**Pan Fried Scotch Fillet with Stuffed Field Mushroom
and Tomato Jus**
or

**Atlantic Salmon on Leek and Potato Gratin with
Roast Capsicum Butter**

Presentations

Major General Ford AO
*will present the RAA Association (NSW)
Soldier of the Year Awards for 2018*

Desserts

Apple and Cinnamon Crumble
served with Double Cream
or

**Chocolate, whipped cream, Vanilla and Rich Egg
Yolk Custard Bavaois served with Fresh Fruit**

Coffee/Tea



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*4.5 in QF
howitzers of
102nd Howitzer
Battery, in
action in a
wheat field.
8 Aug 1918*

Contemporary Gunners 2018



102 CORAL Bty

*Today, CORAL Battery is one of the three
gun batteries of 8/12 Regiment, RAA.
The current equipment is the M777
Lightweight Towed Howitzer.*



*Inaugural Parade for a new unit
raised and headquartered in NSW.
9th Regiment, RAA commands all
the Army Reserve Batteries in
Australia and its gunners will
bring new capability to the 2nd
Division.*

Dining President

LTCOL Schon G Condon RFD
President RAA Association (NSW)

Dining Vice-President

Captain James Stamell
IG 7 Bty 9 Regt RAA

Standard Bearer

BDR Tristram Johnson
7 Bty 9 Regt RAA

Music

4/3 Bn RNSWR Band
Lieutenant-Commander
Ross Griffiths RFD
bringing atmosphere and
ceremony to the Dinner.

Acknowledgements

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CO 4/3 Bn RNSWR
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through Clubs Grants NSW

The Annual Gunner Dinner has been hosted since 1921 by the RAA Association NSW. The committee thanks retired and serving gunners for their ongoing support to this tradition that commemorates the contribution of artillery generally and its contribution to the success of the Battle of Amiens, 8 Aug 1918.