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Locators gathered in Brisbane for the ANZAC Day 2011 march. This picture is of the group taken on the steps of the Brisbane GPO Elizabeth Street. Older veterans are mainly positioned in the front row with younger veterans in the rear on the higher steps.



The Eyes and Ears of the Battlefield

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131 Locators: Bob Billiards

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Greetings

The closure of the North Fort Museum, mentioned in my last report is now a fait accompli and it is expected that the site will have been handed over to SHFT by the end of the financial year.

On a positive note, we understand that preliminary funding has been approved for the construction of a joint Armour/Artillery Museum at Puckapunyal.

We look forward to further progress reports on this important venture.

Members will recall that at the last AGM a proposal from the CO, 20 STA Regiment was presented to members, dealing with the long term future of the Locating Artillery Association Inc. and its relationship with the Regiment.

Nothing concrete has emerged from that proposal, other than a response from the Association agreeing in principle that the existing organisation and especially its Committee, is ageing and cannot continue indefinitely.

The current Committee sees merit in the idea that some form of amalgamation take place in order to migrate the executive function of the Association to the South East Queensland area, where its sole source of new membership resides (ie in the Regiment).

Later in this issue, members will find notice of a motion to expand the Executive Committee. Such expansion would allow this migration to take place in a gradual and controlled manner, if approved.

The Committee has given approval for a delegation of the present Executive to travel to Brisbane to meet the CO and interested parties to formulate a proposal for the consideration of Association members.

Implicit in this process will be the consideration of a change of name for the Association since the present name will lose relevance over time and is already out of date in the minds of our future recruiting base (The Regiment).

Looking forward to catching up with you all at the AGM, and later in the year at Coffs Harbour (booking forms enclosed).

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Allan Harrison
(President)

ANZAC DAY - BRISBANE



Locators marching down George St Brisbane April 2011 with past and present CO's and RSM's behind the banner



Present and past RSM's of 20 STA Regiment. WO1 Richard Andersen (left) and Ex WO1 Joe Fabri (right) with Phil Sheedy and John Bristow in the background.



Old and Bold. L to R Ron Boaler, Pete Ravelje, David Dodds, John Bristow and Phil Sheedy



From L to R are Sean Voss, Damien Carroll, Danny McGinley and Joe Fabri.

Many thanks to Terry Erbs and Joe Fabri for the Brisbane photos.

NORTHERN NSW BRANCH - ANZAC DAY

The photo below was supplied by Dave Auld from the Northern NSW Branch. Dave (carrying the flag) advises that the gentleman to his rear is a WW11 veteran named Peter Stevenson who served with 2/1st Survey Regt in the Middle East and 2/7th Survey Regt in New Guinea.

Dave also tells us that the "watering hole" behind him was his local during his misspent youth.



BRISBANE 131 REUNION AND ANZAC DAY

The following report and photos of the 131 Reunion in Brisbane were gratefully provided by Ron Boaler.

The 40th Anniversary of the return of "The Funny Little Lot" was a great success due to the efforts

of Blair Sheppard who did all the organising. Saturday saw the first arrivals meet up at the Kedron Wavell RSL. It was 25 years since we last got together in ???? Sunday saw us gather at Steve Hall's Kookaburra Cafe in Paddington for lunch and catching up with the rest who arrived in Brisbane that morning. Only 2 could not make it, John Lucas and Pete Sali. They were sorely missed but we are looking at getting together in 3 to 5 years and maybe doing a cruise. It is all in the melting pot.

The next item of business was the Dawn Service at 20 STA lines at Enoggera Barracks. Our combined thanks go to CO Lt Col Nathan Loynes, RSM and Asst RSM who made us so welcome. Arriving at the Barracks at 4am there were cars backed up for over a kilometer in all directions trying to get in. The guards had to see photo ID, but what a quick look at a licence does is beyond me. Don't terrorists have drivers' licences? Walking in it started to rain lightly but never to mind as the far sighted team at 20 STA had set everything up in the hangar. Over 200 soldiers and family were there and a cenotaph of sandbags with a rifle with its bayonet embedded and a slouch hat propped on it seemed more appropriate than a slab of concrete.

A moving ceremony followed the Catafalque Party and later a laying of wreaths. Breakfast was served in the Menz Club. Then by train to the city to march in the parade. 131 / 20 STA was the largest Arty contingent. While many of the gunners headed for the Irish Club, the reunion group made for the Theodore Club which we pretty well had to ourselves.



Brisbane March forming up 131 with 20 STA Lt Col Nathan Loynes in front. Terry Erbs & Ron Boaler to his right



**Gunfire Breakfast 20 STA
131 40th reunion members Pop Jaenke, Graham Greenland, Al & Jane Gough, Chris Brazier, Glenda Voss & Steve Voss**



Lunching at the "Funny Little Lot's" reunion at Steve Hall's Kookaburra Café in Paddington, Brisbane were Graham Jennion, Mick Davis and Rob Torrisi



**Back Row L to R : Graham Smith, Pop Jaenke, Graham Greenland, Mick Davis, Ted Jux Blair Sheppard, Steve Voss, Steve Hall, Eric Williams, Rob Torrisi, Joe Kochka, Barry Collins,
Front Row: Al Gough, Chris Brazier, Graeme Jennion & Ron Boaler**



Pesing for photos as we had 40 years ago. We had not changed a bit.
 At Back: Ted Jux Blair Sheppard, Graeme Jennion,
 Chris Brazier, Mick Davis and Al Gough
 Ron Boaler in front



Rob Torrisi arranging photo as per one taken Christmas Day 1970
 L to R : Mick Davis Steve Voss, Graham Greenland, Al Gough



MELBOURNE ANZAC DAY

The following photos and narrative was gratefully provided by John Dellaca.

Melbourne Anzac Day 2011, although numbers were down a little, we were bolstered by a

travelling group of 131 members (1968-69 Vietnam) from Sydney, hosted by Russell Jackson from Geelong. Fine weather and a large crowd made it a very enjoyable Anzac Day.





TOWNSVILLE ANZAC DAY REPORT

The following ANZAC Day report was gratefully received from Peter Pioro in Townsville:

I am sorry that I have not been able to get to Sydney and catch up thus far.

There is hope. I am selling my motor home due to health reasons and we will travel in a less stressful manner. So hopefully I will be able to catch up at North Fort and ANZAC Day in time to come.

This year Townsville had one 131 Div Loc Bty representative that being myself.

As a Welfare Officer and Coordinator with TPI I went to the Dawn Service at Townsville General Hospital run by the Veterans Liaison Officer. Cooked the Gunfire B'Fast with my wife then on to the RSL and TPI bus to the march, which I did in the bus.

Cheers for now.
Regards
Peter Pioro

SYDNEY ANZAC DAY

Numbers were severely down in Sydney this year due to two factors, the rain and the early departure from the start line, because of the rain. Numerous Locators reported in from buses and trains en route to find that the post WW2 detachments had stepped off about an hour earlier than normal.

Nevertheless spirits were high and the ANZAC Day Gods smiled on us as we had a dry march unlike those before and after us. We joined the boys from the 131 Locators Assn.

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Inc. for lunch at City Tatts and had a great time while watching the latter elements of the march (getting wet) on the big screen. Many thanks to Vic Danko and Paul Dickson for organising the lunch.



Preparations at the Start line in Sydney

NORTHERN NSW BRANCH COMMITTEE

The following photo is of the Northern NSW Branch Committee enjoying a meal after a committee meeting they recently held in Armidale.

Pictured from L to R are Dave Auld, Geoff Carthew, David Gow, Jane Gow, and Lois Doyle.



ANNUAL GUNNER DINNER (SYDNEY) 2011

The 84th Annual Gunner Dinner will be held at Parramatta RSL Club on Saturday 6th August. The dinner has been dedicated to the memory of Sir Roden Cutler VC.

The Guest of Honour will be the Patron of the RAA Association (NSW), the Governor of NSW Professor Marie Bashir AC CVO, accompanied by Sir Nicholas Shehadie and Lady Joan Cutler.

Cost: \$60 PP

Dress:

Gentlemen: Mess Kit White, Uniform, Black Tie or Lounge Suit with miniatures and Neck Decorations.

Ladies: After 5

Payment is to be made by cheque to the RAA Association (NSW) Inc. and mailed to Don Tait at 21 Ampitheatre Cct Baulkham Hills NSW 2153 with a list of the names of people attending.

Bookings for tables of 8 should be sent in the same envelope and those groups are asked to enter the auditorium as a group to facilitate seating. There will be no seating plan.

There will be substantial (cash) lucky door prizes. Enquiries may be addressed to Don Tait on 0419 287 292.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

A reminder that the 2011 AGM will take place at Paddington RSL Club on Sunday 10th July 2011.

Notices of motion to be considered at the AGM should reach the Secretary, 63 Highland Drive, Bowral NSW 2576, not later than 26th June 2011.

Nominations for the four positions on the Executive Committee (President, Vice President, Secretary/Public Officer and Treasurer) should also reach the Secretary by the same date. A nomination form is enclosed. **Please note the order in which the form is completed:**

Section 1 is completed by the member PROPOSING a member for election.

Section 2 is completed by the member SECONDING the nomination.

Section 3 is completed by the member being proposed for election, ACCEPTING the nomination.

All three must be financial members of the Association.

The following motion is to be considered at the meeting:

That Rule 15 (2) of the Association Rules be amended to read:

"The Office Bearers of the Association are to be

- (a) The President
- (b) The Senior Vice President
- (c) The Junior Vice President
- (d) The Treasurer
- (e) The Assistant Treasurer
- (f) The Secretary
- (g) The Assistant Secretary"

NATIONAL SERVICEMEN'S REUNION TOWNSVILLE AND NEWSLETTER

An email was received from Neil Weekes informing the Locating Association of the existence of a National Servicemen's Newsletter and Reunion.

The Newsletter has been posted on the Association website and can be accessed at www.locatingartillery.org

Details of the reunion are contained in the Newsletter on the web site.

"The Reunion is for all NASHOs, from those conscripted during World War 2, those conscripted during 1951 - 1959, and those who were conscripted during 1965 - 1972. You do not have to have served overseas. It would be great to have fellows from each conscription era attend this Reunion.

Cheers Neil Weekes"



NOMINATION FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE POSITION

1. PROPOSER TO COMPLETE

I hereby propose
(Please print)

..... for the position of
(Please print)

..... on the Committee of the
(Please print)
Locating Artillery Association (Inc).

.....
(Signature & date)

2. SECONDER TO COMPLETE

Isecond the above nomination.
(Please print)

.....
(Signature & date)

3. NOMINEE TO COMPLETE

I accept the above nomination.
(Please print)

.....
(Signature & date)

Locating Artillery Association Inc.

Northern NSW Branch

REUNION 2011 BOOKING FORM

COFFS HARBOUR EX-SERVICES CLUB

Mark boxes with number attending

Friday 30 th Sept.	Meet & Greet	\$12.50	<input type="checkbox"/>
Saturday 1 st Oct.	Bowls (Pay on Day)		<input type="checkbox"/>
BBQ Lunch	\$12.50		<input type="checkbox"/>
Dinner	\$25.00		<input type="checkbox"/>
Sunday 2 nd	*Breakfast at Club	Pay on Day	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bus trip to Urunga	\$15.00		<input type="checkbox"/>
Golf or croquet	Pay on Day		<input type="checkbox"/>
Lunch	Pay on Day		<input type="checkbox"/>
Coffs harbour	Dinner Farewell	\$25.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Band Cover Charge	\$20.00		<input type="checkbox"/>
Total	<u>\$110.00 (for each person)</u>		

If claiming a Financial Member's subsidy, deduct \$20 from the total

Payment by : **cheque/ money order** made out to Locating Artillery Association

Direct Deposit. Westpac Coffs Harbour BSB 032-576 Account 203325

If paying by Direct Deposit, use your name as the reference and **please** still send in the Registration Form.

Name:.....

Address:.....

Telephone:.....

Email:.....

Please return form before 1st September 2011 to Post Office Box 2433 Coffs Harbour 2450

Paying by direct deposit? Yes/no (circle one)

Claiming Financial Member's subsidy? Yes/no (circle one)



ACCOMMODATION

When booking your accommodation please quote Locating Artillery Assoc.

Bentleigh Motor Inn 6652 2566 stay@bentleighmotorinn.com.au
94-96 Grafton Street
Coffs Harbour
Rooms Double from \$90.00
Single \$80.00

Chelsea Motor Inn 6652 2977 chelseamotorinn@hotmail.net.au
106 Grafton Street
Coffs Harbour

Formule 1 66509101 F5852-GM@accor.com.au
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Coffs Harbour
Rooms From \$79.00

Town Lodge Motor Inn 66521288 bobsshop@bigpond.net.au
110 Grafton Street
Coffs Harbour
Rooms: Double queen \$80
Twin queen& single \$90
Queen & 2 single \$110
Queen & 3 single \$115

Harbour City Holiday Park 66521694 Fax 66513632 info@harbourpark.com.au
123 Pacific Highway
Coffs Harbour
Site \$32 2 person per night
Cabin Basic \$80
Standard \$92
Deluxe \$105
All cabins have double + 2 or 3 bunks

