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CV90 MKIV IFV from BAE Systems , Source Youtube.com

Three main industry partners are preparing to display their different vehicles to compete for the approximately \$10-15 billion project to replace the ageing M113 APCs, with an Infantry Fighting Vehicle (IFV) and APC. The main competitors are BAE Systems with the CV90 MkIV, Hanwha Defence Systems with the AS21 Redback and Rheinmetall with the KF41.

The CV90 MkIV was born out of a research and development programme which incorporated feedback from the seven nations that currently use the CV90 platform. With upgrades to the drivetrain, the CV90 MkIV now has a new engine with up to 1,000 horsepower and a more powerful X300 heavy-duty transmission, while providing users with an additional two tonnes of payload without compromising the vehicle's agility.

The new CV90 MkIV was presented at Eurosatory 2018 fitted with a two-man turret armed an automatic cannon from 35 to 500mm, one 7.62mm coaxial machine, one 40mm automatic grenade launcher and two anti-tank guided missile launchers mounted on the right side of the turret. The rear part of the CV90 MkIV can accommodate 8 infantrymen who can leave an enter the vehicle through a large hydraulically operated ramp located at the rear of the hull.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Welcome to a slightly different version of Armour that has come about as a result of the need to reduce the Association's printing costs. I hope that you will still find it an enjoyable and informative publication.

RAACA NSW Executive Committee - 2019

At the poorly attended 2018 AGM, the current Committee was returned with one shuffle of the chairs as Rob Lording has taken over from Andrew Hine as Secretary.

Andrew has been a superb back-stop to me since I became President, with an encyclopaedic understanding of constitutions and correct procedures. I often wondered who ran the meetings ... It is, however, very good that he will stay on the Committee.

Cambrai Dinner 2018

The dinner was again held at the Royal Automobile Club, Sydney, between the anniversaries of the Charge at Beersheba and the Battle of Cambrai, a fitting way to celebrate two events of such significance to the Corps. We were honoured to have the Head of Corps, Brigadier Chris Mills AM, as our Guest of Honour and Guest Speaker, and to have the Patron in attendance.

A good night well attended with some of the bolder partying late.

John Haynes AM Foundation

Please join me in congratulating John on his promotion to Member of the Order of Australia in the Australia Day 2019 Honours List. A thoroughly deserved award recognising his work as Chairman and driving force behind the fund raising, design, build and installation of the National Boer War Memorial in Canberra. The sub-text should be that this also recognises his significant contribution to veterans' affairs over decades.

The RAACA NSW AGM confirmed that funds have been quarantined for the John Haynes Foundation and in action that flowed from that decision, Bill Cross, Bob Ferrari, Mike Butler and I have been appointed as Trustees, with Bill as the Chairman. The next step is to draft a charter and the rules that will govern awards under the Foundation. Watch out Andrew Hine as I know your expertise in these matters!

The first event directly related to the Foundation occurred on Tuesday 5th March at Lancer Barracks, Parramatta, when John on behalf of the Foundation presented to 1/15 RNSWL the half size bronze of one of the Memorial's horseman. The face of the horsemen was modelled on John's uncle, a veteran of the Boer War. This personal donation by John is a fitting start to the Foundation's life.



ANZAC Day - 2019

Later in this newsletter you will find the details for the 2019 Sydney ANZAC Day Parade. My thanks to Mike Butler for his coordinating role between the Association and RSL NSW. Again, the tradition will continue of all RAAC units and organisations who march in Sydney, marching together.

I would be remiss not to congratulate Tony Larnach-Jones and John Howell on the award of the Medal of the Order of Australia for their work on the Boer War Memorial. And to thank George B for another issue of Armour. BZ to all!

Yours aye,

Rob



The South Korean company Hanwha Defence Systems AS21 Redback is proposing an evolved variant of the in-service K21, built on the basic platform of the K21. The K21 infantry fighting vehicle is described by Hanwha as the infantry fighting vehicle (IFV) that introduced the concept of "transport for infantry troops with combat capability". K21 features 20% lighter weight and 50% lower price competitiveness than other countries. The K21 IFV has achieved a high localisation rate and is expanding the line-up into 105mm turret loaded medium tanks and medium recovery vehicle. It is the top-of-the-line armoured fighting vehicle in service with the Republic of Korea Armed Forces.

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Drawing of the future South Korean AS21 Redback from the Company Hanwha (Picture source Defence Technology The South Korean company Hanwha Defense Systems AS21 Redback is proposing an evolved variant of the in-service K21, built on the basic platform of the K21. The K21 infantry fighting vehicle is described by Hanwha as the infantry fighting vehicle (IFV) that introduced the concept of "transport for infantry troops with combat capability". K21 features 20% lighter weight and 50% lower price competitiveness than other countries. The K21 IFV has achieved a high localisation rate and is expanding the line-up into 105mm turret loaded medium tanks and medium recovery vehicle. It is the top-of-the-line armored fighting vehicle in service with the Republic of Korea Armed Forces.

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Rheinmetall's KF41 Lynx unveiled at Eurosatory 2018 (Picture source: Army Recognition)

Rheinmetall KF41 Lynx is also a tracked, highly protected IFV designed to meet the requirements of LAND 400 Phase 3. It was officially unveiled at Eurosatory 2018. The Lynx, described as highly survivable, adaptable to diverse environments, extremely agile, hard-hitting, and with huge payload reserves, is a next-generation combat vehicle designed to confront the challenges of the future battlefield like no other.

Ben Hudson, global head of Rheinmetall's Vehicle Systems Division said, "With the Lynx KF41, the Rheinmetall team has developed a truly innovative next-generation combat vehicle. The breadth of capabilities that a Lynx IFV provides soldiers results in a veritable Swiss Army knife that has unprecedented utility across the full spectrum of conflict. Its modular, adaptable survivability systems allow the vehicle to evolve through life, the high level of mobility will provide battlefield commanders great tactical flexibility in combat, and the diverse effects that the Lance 2.0 turret can generate allow the crew to deal effectively with a wide variety of battlefield situations".



Gary Stewart, Rheinmetall Defence Australia managing director, said, "Rheinmetall has developed this vehicle so it is positioned at an ideal level of maturity when Australia needs it to enter service in 2026 – and it will have a growth path to extend these capabilities through its 40-year life." The Lynx KF41 has been designed to meet the following operational needs from inception: combined arms capabilities at the platoon level so that commanders can adapt while in contact; combined arms fighting systems to conduct operations across the spectrum of conflict; high mobility to enable tactical flexibility in contact; adaptable vehicle systems that can be upgraded or modified in theatre; and survivability that forces the enemy to operate above the detection threshold. The Lynx KF41 can transport 12 people (three crew, up to nine troops), has a maximum road speed of 70km/h, a range of more than 500 km, with an armament consisting of the Lance 2.0 30-35mm autocannon, a 7.62mm coaxial machine gun and a variety of additional close in weapons systems.

Technical Notes & News

Editor: The following has been extracted from the futureadf.blogspot.com/p/future-adf-core-army-equipment.html as possible vehicles for the RAAC. The article is entitled; Big Ticket Items and Structure for an Idealised Future Australian Defence Force. (Version 2.0), ADF Army Vehicles (Armour, Artillery and Support)

Army equipment comprises current and future vehicle acquisitions for 1st (Frontline), 2nd (Reserve) and 3rd (Irregular) Divisions of the Australian Army. Only core warfighting equipment is covered. All vehicles must incorporate high magnification day/night optical sighting equipment with IR capability. Armoured vehicles must be equipped with Active Protection Systems, ERA for the heavier platforms, and guns of 105mm-120mm will have missile firing capability. Note: The retention of heavy armour is seen as necessary to provide additional firepower where required. Increased numbers of artillery and mortar equipped vehicles are seen as an essential requirement. All new equipment types must be tested over a period of at least 18-24 months in select units before being accepted or rejected.



120+) Leopard 2A7 or K2 Black Panthers with 55 calibre gun.



400+) Lynx KF-41s in support of Main Battle Tanks with twin ATGW pods for use in anti-tank, anti-IFV, and infantry carrier roles. Additional numbers of KF-41s with 105mm/120mm turrets should be considered as (indirect and direct) fire support and anti-armour platforms. Anti-air variants should also be developed.

Frontline Equipment:



350+) Boxer CRVs to act as the leading rapid reaction force vehicle, functioning as Armoured Scout-IFVs (fitted with twin ATGW launchers), 105mm/120mm turret Fire Support/Anti-Tank, 120mm Mortar, AAA, Command, plus Evac roles.



150) Jaguar EBRC 6x6 reconnaissance vehicles will be introduced when they become available. More than forty should be equipped with a 105mm gun. The current ASLAVs will be refurbished with upgraded optical sights and placed in storage



(1000) Bushmaster PMVs - to be kept in their current role, with some being part of a rapid reaction force equipped with 12.7mm gun/40mm grenade remote weapon stations, and ATGW variants. This rapid reaction force element, of more than 350 vehicles, should eventually be replaced with the Textron TAPV. A number of these vehicles should also act as battlefield UAV support platforms.



(1100) Hawkei LPMVs for scouting & light utility, upgraded with engine compartment protection against 7.62mm rounds, and featuring weapons options available to the VBL or L-ATV.

Unmanned Ground Vehicles:

Wheeled and tracked unmanned ground vehicles will be acquired for use primarily in mine detection and to aid in clearing entrenched (fixed) enemy positions or in urban combat.



(100+) Wheeled Autonomous Robotic Vehicles - to be used as convoy lead vehicles in the anti-mine role and as gun platforms using 12.7mm weapons and ATGW.



(50+) Uran-9 tracked UGVs - will be trailer mounted for transport and equipped with a 30-40mm gun and ATGW.



Poland is forming the 18th Armoured Division which is to be based near the Belarus Ukrainian border.

Courtesy of General Jaroslaw Gromadzinski's (18th Mechanized Division, The Iron Division)

Reserve Force and Waterborne Vehicles:

Reserve Army units (2nd Division) are to be strengthened considerably from their present state using upgraded existing equipment. A dedicated amphibious commando force, well armed, will be established to add a level of flexibility in low threat regional operations. Additionally, a mobile irregular defence force element (3rd Division) is to be established using modified technical vehicles led by regular army Hawkei PMVs.



(550+) M113AS4 Multi-role APCs - retained as infantry carriers with an increased number configured in the fire-support mortar role. To be replaced with the CV90.



(5000+) Hilux Technical Vehicles - will be fitted with armoured windscreens and ballistic protection inserts around the cab and engine to protect against 7.62mm rounds. They will be armed with 12.7mm guns and ATGWs with (standard) high magnification sights, plus some vehicles will carry 81mm mortars.



(80) Arisgator M113s - fielding 12.7mm guns, 40mm grenade launchers, with mortar and ATGW variants.



(60) Terrex 2 - armed with the same weapons as the Arisgators but with a 105mm gun variant.

Photo courtesy of Bob English (3 Cav)



Griffin III 'Concept Tank' is GDLS' Fresh View of the Next Generation Combat Vehicle

General Dynamics Land Systems unveiled today the latest configuration of its Griffin armored fighting vehicle addressing the U.S. Army's latest requirements for combat maneuverability and firepower as reflected in the services' 'Next Generation Combat Vehicle' (NGCV), a versatile family of vehicles that, if matured, could replace the current fleet of Bradley and AMPV. The Griffin III was unveiled today at the annual meeting of the Association of U.S. Army (AUSA) in Washington DC.

GDLS' Griffin III displays concepts designed for the next generation of warfighting in complex urban and restrictive terrain. Based on the lightweight chassis used for the previous vehicle proposed for the Mobile Gun System (MGS) Griffin III displayed several new elements, including the 50mm automatic cannon from Northrop Grumman (ATK), and the Israeli Iron Fist Light, Decoupled (IF-LD) active protection system from IMI, a system already being integrated on the US Army BAE Systems' M-2 Bradley for testing. Other unique capabilities include LMAMS (represented by AeroVironment Switchblade) and a matrix-shaped providing multi-spectral protection.

The modular design and open architecture enable the user to configure the vehicle different squad carrying and crew seating configurations. Implementing scalable protection, chassis and turret configuration with different weapons and mission systems, the Griffin III is optimized to perform in multi-domain operations.



Photo: GDLS

The modular design and open architecture enable the user to configure the vehicle different squad carrying and crew seating configurations. One of those weapons is the 50mm automatic cannon, that can elevate up to 85 degrees, to best engage drones and targets in built-up areas.

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Message Board

Rob Shoebridge

18 Jan 2019, 15:51

Happy New Year to those I have not yet touched base with. The below and the attached letter maybe of interest. Of other interest is that John Haynes, as part of the operation of the John Haynes' Foundation, will be presenting his light horseman statue to 1/15th at their annual Church Parade at Parramatta on Sun 3 March 2019. More to follow.

It has also been agreed that Bill Cross will be Chairman of the Foundation with Bob Ferrari, Mike Butler and I as committee members.

Look forward to seeing you at the first ExCo meeting in February, at a date to be notified idc by Rob L.

Yours aye,

Rob

Begin forwarded message:

From: Regimental Secretary HHQ RTR <regtlsec@royaltankregiment.org>

Subject: RAC 80

Date: 18 January 2019 at 02:52:42 AEDT

Message from Colonel Commandant RTR – Brigadier Gavin Thompson

RAC 80

First, I would like to wish you all a very prosperous and healthy 2019. You may not be aware that this year marks the 80th anniversary of the Royal Armoured Corp's formation. I believe that this is an anniversary worthy of commemoration. While I do not propose a fully committed Regimental effort like Cambrai 100 or like that which may support Arras 80, I would encourage willing volunteers to read the attached letter. It is self-explanatory and gives you insight into HQ RAC's intent and proposals in order that you can decide if and how you might be able to support the anniversary.

This is an HQ RAC effort supported by the Regiments. After reading the letter. I leave it with you to reply direct to HQ RAC but it would help us if your responses were copied into Dean in HHQs.

Fear Naught

Brigadier Gavin Thompson

Colonel Commandant

Royal Tank Regiment

Dean Hutton

Capt (Retd) DC Hutton

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From: "Noel Mc Laughlin" <noelmclaughlin47@bigpond.com>

Subject: WEARING UCG (CORAL-BALMORAL) BY SERVING B SQN 3/4 CAV REGT MEMBERS

Date: 8 February 2019 at 09:15:51 AEDT

Gentlemen,

I have just finished speaking with the Corps RSM WO1 Derek Simpson, who informed me he received a Minute this morning from the Chief of Army signed on 23/12/18, authorising the wearing by members of B Sqn 3/4 Cav Regt of the UCG for Coral-Balmoral (less Federation Star) on their uniforms in perpetuity. That means every member posted to B Sqn 3/4 Cav Regt will be entitled to wear that award for the duration of their posting.

Great news and a great result.

Regards,

Noel Noel Mc Laughlin

Chairman

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A MESSAGE FROM COLONEL RAC TO ALL EX MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL ARMOURED CORPS

Please excuse me approaching you out of the blue, but my aim is to reach out to as many of you as possible who have been in the Royal Armoured Corps over the years. If I could, I would write to individuals tailoring my words according to their interests, but for lack of that knowledge I have had to adopt this 'one size fits all' approach.

There are two things I would like to make you aware of. Although your regiment will naturally have been the primary focus of your loyalty throughout, the RAC, as the parent organization of all our regiments, has been intimately involved in shaping, serving and protecting our regiments and promoting them in the corridors of Whitehall and the open plan offices of Andover, though receiving little credit for it. This is primarily because our regiments are so strong and their identities so assured that there has been little consideration needed of the Corps we all belong to. But the situation is changing fast and the predominance of our regiments in the Army is being challenged.

2019 will mark the 80th anniversary of the RAC's foundation. In April 1939 the looming Second World War forced the Army to group - somewhat loosely - the battalions of the Royal Tank Corps and the regiments of the line cavalry to form the RAC. Since that time the RAC and the regiments of the Household Cavalry have worked more and more closely as we have faced common challenges - especially financial pressures - but in particular, to shape the rest of the Army's understanding of us. Amalgamations and pressures from other parts of the Army forced us to rethink the way we do business. By putting the RAC first and speaking as one, we are better at presenting coherent arguments to explain and justify our roles and capabilities in a way we did not need to before. Being only 10 regular and four yeomanry regiments and less than 5% of the Army, we are much more effective working in unison and having a common approach to all that we do.

So for the first time the RAC is working as one organization and hunting as a pack. As mentioned above, next year marks the 80th anniversary of the RAC and we are going to mark it by trumpeting ourselves wherever and whenever possible. The first goal of this note is to alert you to some of the things we plan on doing, to establish contact so that we can invite you to whatever you may wish to attend and to seek help where it might be available. The actual date of our anniversary is 4th April; on that day we plan to have a parade at Bovington open to the public with a small historic drive-past, as well as a demonstration of our current capabilities. But we intend to do much more throughout the year. For example, we will be holding a series of gatherings for serving and retired RAC members, ranging from open days around the country to a drinks party in London and all ranks event in Dorset; we plan to place 80 armoured vehicles in prominent locations ranging from surplus Challenger 2s permanently outside headquarters and military establishments, to current equipment in iconic sites, such as at the foot of the Angel of the North and on Horse Guards; we will be producing a souvenir journal of some description and we will be marking the entire year with bumper stickers, articles submitted to papers and magazines and with whatever advertising we can achieve as well as press coverage on the day.

My ambition is to involve as many serving and ex-RAC as we can in this activity, and it is my intention to keep you informed of what is going on so you can choose when, where and how you might wish to be involved. Our plans are ambitious and we may not achieve everything, but in order to make these aspirations a reality, I might need some assistance and some recipients of this note may be in a position to help (in kind and time rather than cash). I am therefore seeking your blessing to approach you if it appears you might have some special skills that may be of value to us, or could offer a service that will be mutually beneficial for us to call upon rather than look elsewhere.

My second wish, but more important in the long term, is to do for the RAC what most regiments already do well for themselves, and that is to harness the power of the network of fellow RAC officers and men in whatever capacity. Most regiments already have a very good network which helps people of their cap badge and this will compliment, not undermine it. There is already a loose network of RAC officers who dine together regularly, but it is pretty informal, and many employed in Defence Industry keep in touch, as do training providers, so linking all these groups together will result in a very powerful body.

I would like to try and build on that sense of belonging and link everyone together so they can help others from the RAC, as well as those from their own regiments, in whatever capacity is needed at the time and to help the RAC as well. And in return, for example, I should be helping those technically trained officers working in defence industries with up to date briefings as they go about their business meeting the needs of the RAC in future. And it really should not be difficult to get all those from the RAC with common interests - be it bee-keeping or book-binding, golf or The Gulf - to link up and make the most of the potential an RAC network would have.

To that end, if you are interested/prepared to be more involved in the RAC, may I ask that you reply - with no commitment - to the linked email address below.

Thank you.

HQ RAC Requested Information	Response
Email address (if different from above)	
I am content for you to retain and use the information contained here as you feel fit (GDPR compliant)	Yes/No
Predominant Regiment	
Home County	
Years of service	
Post-military field of employment	
I am content for HQ RAC to contact me for advice or assistance when my field of experience may be useful	Yes/No
I am content for HQ RAC to *share my details with fellow RAC Officers to enable them to contact me for advice or assistance when my field of experience may be useful	Yes/No
Areas where I might be able to help	
Any other comments	

*All details will be held in accordance with current Data Protection and will not be shared with a third party or used outside of HQ RAC.

Thank you. Please reply when completed by clicking on the link below.

alumni@royalarmouredcorps.org.uk

The Canberra Boer War Memorial – The beginning 1999

By George Baczocha

During the late 1990s I became involved with the 6th Light Horse mounted troop which was part of the Australian Light Horse Association, under that banner we were involved in a number of very successful recruitment marches and ANZAC parades throughout the central and western districts of NSW plus the Sydney metropolitan area. Support from horsemen in NSW was excellent and we always could rely on a troop of horses (ie 32 riders), this to a large extent was due to the fact that the core membership was made up of ex-servicemen and that the troop leader, Sgt Frank Morgan was himself a WW2 serviceman who's military career began as a trooper in the 6th Light Horse Regiment, Trundle troop.

The executive committee of the 6th Light Horse at the time, was very entrepreneurial and always on the lookout for new projects. As it was coming up to the 100th anniversary of the Boer War and a number of our members had relatives who had served in that war, a proposal was put forward to commemorate this event.

A steering committee was formed with Ray Atkinson as the Chairman, myself as Secretary/ Treasurer, Events Planner Warren Beasley and Bob Pankhurst and Andy Clarke as committee members. The group was fortunate enough to have found support for this venture from Peter Alexander the then President of AVADSC.

The members who had relatives who served during those years served with the Imperial Bushmen's Contingent, thus it was decided to use this unit as the basis for the upcoming commemoration.

Given that most people's time was limited, the exercise was kept to a 5 day camp which would include a training component.



With Peter Alexander's help, the committee was able to receive financial support from DVA as part of "Their Service Our Heritage" program. In the 1890s, the Regiment received most of its financial support from a number of local businesses so the committee decided to follow the same approach. Of the original sponsors still in existence only John Fairfax was prepared to provide support, however together with DVA funding it allowed the us to proceed with the formation of the Imperial Bushmen's Contingent.

Prior to the Boer War, Australia consisted of six colonial states but during the Boer War, Federation of the states took place and the colonial militias integrated into an Australian Army. Thus this period can be considered the birth of the Australian Army. With that in mind and the fact that I had served as a trooper in an armoured regiment, the Armoured Centre was approached. While they could not provide financial support, LTCOL Salmon (CO of Armoured Centre at the time) agreed to provide help in the way of materials and manpower.

The Imperial Bushmen's Contingent was structured as follows; the Executive, Atkinson, Beasley and myself; an Operations Group consisting of LTCOL Mike Annetts (CO), WO1 Greg Hooper (RSM), WO2 Bill Baxter (SSM A Sqn), SGT Andy Clarke (SSM B Sqn). The final on strength count was 270 horsemen from all the states and territories including representatives from other Commonwealth Countries. The UK, NZ, Canada and South Africa responded. However, South Africa would only agree if we marched with their present day flag rather than the one used at the time.



Base camp was set up at the Canberra showgrounds and reflected as much as practical an army camp of the 1900s. To that effect Standing Orders were developed together with a mounted training program. The two mounted squadrons were formed according to the organisation tables for Commonwealth Forces of the early 1900s ie 4 troops to a sqn, each troop consisting of 32 mounted horsemen, including one officer and a troop Sgt.

A typical day consisted of;
Reveille 0630
Mess Parade 0730
Boots & Saddles 0800
Parade and inspection 0830
Training 0845
Lunch 1230
Training
Evening meal 1830
First post 2145
Last post 2200



Day 1 Allocation of troopers to troops, general administration and equipment checks.

Day 2 Regimental training to be taken by the RSM.

Day 3 A parade at the show grounds followed by skill at arms demonstration for the afternoon. The day closed with a regimental march past.

Day 4 March to parliament house from the showgrounds and a parade at Parliament House taken by the PM John Howard.

Day 5 March to the War Memorial and parade on site.

Day 6 debrief, clean up and dispersal.

Show Grounds Parade and Skill at Arms Events

The skill at arms, based on an actual 1890s event program, consisted of; tent pegging with lance, Effigy heads with sword, pistol over a jumps and ring and peg events with lance, followed by a demonstration of mounted drill up to troop level. Static displays of horse drawn vehicles and military equipment were also provided.

To end the day a mounted charge over trenches was enacted. Volunteers were selected to man the trenches. I don't think that they will consider volunteering ever again.

The evening consisted of dinner sponsored by Fairfax at Parliament House.



March and parade at parliament house

At the last minute we were advised that the Defence Minister at the time, Bruce Scott indicated he would like to ride in the parade. A horse and uniform (with difficulty) was provided and the Defence Minister lead the regiment to Parliament House.

Boots and saddles was at 0830 and we departed the showgrounds at 0900 for a march via Northbourne avenue to Parliament House. The march was uneventful but awe inspiring, as it is not often that you would see nearly a kilometre of horseflesh trotting down Northbourne avenue.

All went well until Lake Burley Griffin bridge was reached as a number of horses took objection to the joining gaps in the road. The Federal police came to the rescue by obtaining a length of carpeting and covering the gaps.



The IBC formed up in front of Parliament House and were reviewed by the Prime Minister. All went well until the band struck up a march and the RSM's horse, who had dozed off during the wait, woke with a fright and decide to test the RSM riding skills.

March and parade at war memorial

Departed for War Memorial at 0900 with a march past down Anzac Avenue and a review at the War Memorial. The camp proved a success and all who attend had some wonderful memories and experiences for future years. Canberra probably had not seen so many horses on its streets since federation.

One of the comments most voiced was that there was no memorial in Canberra for the Boer War even though it marked the



birth of the Australian Army. Discussions took place with interested parties regarding the possibility of erecting a Boer War Memorial in Canberra but did not get past the good idea stage until 2004 when Colonel John Haynes approached myself and Ray Atkinson to take it on as a new project under the RAACA umbrella.

A committee was formed and planning began. After a slow start and a number of committee changes the group was reformed as the Boer War Memorial Committee and planning and fund raising began in earnest. Very little support came from government organisations in the early days as we were informed the public would not be interested as most of those

involved had passed on many years ago. How wrong they were; right from the start descendants of those who took part in the war responded from all over Australia. The response and support from the general public was overwhelming. The final design ended up being a realistic representation of a section of mounted troopers making contact with the enemy while out on patrol

Address at gifting of bronze to Lancer Museum 05MAR19



Ladies and Gentlemen.

The Boer War Memorial in Anzac Parade Canberra is a section of four mounted troopers on patrol patrolling during a War. Each one of the four statues is a COPY of a sculpture by Louis Lauman, and therefore do not bear his signature.

It is my great pleasure to gift to the Museum this bronze of the sculpture of the front trooper, the Scout, which does bear the signature of renown sculptor Louis Lauman because it is the original not a copy.

The name of this mounted trooper is Michael Stuart Haynes, named after my uncle who served in the Boer War; and the horse's name is Tobie.

You now have in the museum an illustration of the enduring relationship between our first Australian troopers who fought in South Africa on unarmoured personnel carriers and the troopers of today, like you, who go to war on armoured personnel carriers.

Thank you.

Cavalry to the Rescue—Townsville Floods



Townsville photos courtesy of Bill Keyboard Knight's and Barry Turnbull's face book post



3 Cav Above photos are courtesy of Michael Martin's facebook post



Courtesy of Michael Martins Facebook post

Lost Souls

If anyone knows the where-abouts of the following members would they please contact the RAACA Office

If nothing is heard within three (3) months regarding these listings the names will be removed from the RAACA membership list.

Members Name	Last Address
Mr NC Benchley	4461 Oxley Hwy BENDERMEER NSW 2355
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Mr R Rod Ward	19 / 89-91 Ishmael Road EARLVILLE QLD 4870
Mr W Wayne Van Tenac	40 Red Shirt Gully Road PANTON HILLS VIC 3759

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Some interesting statistics of veterrans by electorate can be found at:

http://www.dva.gov.au/sites/default/files/files/publications/datastatistical/fedprofile/Electorates_Mar2016.pdf

Lest we Forget
We regret to advise the passing of the following members

Mr	GM		Yabsley	2/4 AR
CAPT	FJ	Frank	Beattie OAM	1AR, A 3/4 Cav, B 2 Cav, A 3 Cav, Q111ACI, Armd Cn
Mr	D	Donald	Morris	1/15 Royal NSW Lancers
Mr.	HG	Hector	Howlett	1 AR (AIF)
Mr	R	Reg (Cecil)	Skinner	2/9 Aust Armd Regt Gp

Vale

Brigadier Peter Badman.

Lieutenant of the Royal Victorian Order (LVO)

Passed away peacefully at Estia Health, Dalmeny 10th February 2019., aged 82

Dearly loved husband of Mary, loving father of Michael, Margaret, Robert and their families. Loved Grandpa of Thomas, Lucy, Zachary, Zoe, Tobias, Oscar and Arthur. Affectionate brother of David.

The funeral was held at the Chapel of Broulee Memorial Gardens Crematorium, with a service commencing at 1.00pm on FRIDAY the 22nd of February 2019.

Peter will be remembered militarily for his skill, his drive, his humanity and the Herculean efforts he put in to create a new tank squadron for war. It was larger than ever imagined, from new tanks, new soldiers and in terrain never considered by the designers and theoretical tacticians. Afterwards, militarily he was stymied by Canberra more than the jungle or the enemy we faced there.

Source: 1AR, SMH



SV circa 1966
 Photo: Bob English



Vale

Hector Howlett

Hector Howlett served in the Regiment during World War 2 in New Guinea and Borneo rising to the rank of sergeant. He was an active member of the Regimental Association until recent years. Another of our links with the World War 2 Regiment has passed on.

A Celebration of his Life was held in the South Chapel of Woronora Memorial Park, Linden Street, Sutherland on Friday 27 July 2018.

John Howells
Hon Secretary
Royal New South Wales Lancers Association

Vale

Don Morris

Don served in the Regiment as a tank crewman in the 1960s. Of recent date Don was a Museum volunteer, devoting his Sundays to manning the gate and guiding patrons through the Museum. Don's ashes were scattered at Lancer Barracks Saturday 18 August 2018.

John Howells
Hon Secretary
Royal New South Wales Lancers Association

Vale

Kevin Mahony

I have been advised of the death of a former Member of the Regiment. Kevin Mahony was vice president of Bass Hill RSL sub-branch when he died. He served with 1/15 RNSWL from his posting to the Regiment on 10 May 1971 until his transfer to the inactive list (could have resigned) on 11 May 1972 as a Lieutenant.

Kevin's funeral was held on Thursday 22 November 2018 at Mother of Mercy Chapel Catholic Crematorium Rookwood.

Advice was received from Gary Roser Hon Secretary Bass Hill RSL sub-Branch

sincerely,
John Howells
Hon Secretary
Royal New South Wales Lancers Association

“STAND DOWN” by Denis Walker -2008

Night time in a war zone is shattered with a crash.
Night skies in a war zone are lit up with a flash.
Watch the tree line tensely, sends shivers up my back.
Movement in the long grass must drive the bastards back.
So close I hear their voices gibbering in the night,
I've trained for this, I'm not alone, I've mates on left and right.
And then they rise, en masse they come; we're fighting for our lives.
This night will be a long one, will I see the dawn's sunrise,
When will I hear the words, 'stand down'?

I've handed in my weapon, I've handed back my greens,
I've swapped my boots for sneakers; I'm fitted out in jeans,
I've changed all the things I can, you see me doing well,
But deep inside I'm still switched on to shape and sound and smell.
My mind is playing funny tricks I'm not sure what is real,
So, I close ranks in upon myself, camouflage the way I feel.
I don't choose to act the way I do or be the way I am,
It's just my way of coping, with the results of Vietnam.
When will I hear the words, 'stand down'?

Cracker night in my home town, we spill out on the street,
And make our way to the river bank for a pyrotechnic treat.
There's cracks, bangs and popping sounds and gun smoke fills the air.
There's the whizzing of rockets like the bursting of a flare.
There's movement at my elbow, children at my feet,
The crowd around is yelling, and I can feel the heat,
Of a bonfire and crackers and see the sky aglow.
And I come back from a memory of a night time long ago,
When will I hear the words, 'stand down'?

Camping in the country, on a three-day fishing trip.
The night is quiet; they're all asleep, alone outside I sit.
On a hilltop in a war zone, my mates asleep all round,
I'm hunched behind a 60, must defend this piece of ground.
Sleep won't come but faces do, of young men in their splendour
On a jungle track, or a hot contact, and they cause me to remember,
A night spent on picket with the jungle in my face.
My eyes and ears on full alert and the comfort of a mate,
When will I hear the words, 'stand down'?

Wandering through a parkland with a child upon each arm,
Drinking in the goodness, miles away from harm.
Sounds of foreign voices, sounds of running feet,
The park becomes a jungle and I can feel the heat,
Of a day time in a war zone, we're searching likely ground,
For an enemy I cannot see and then I hear the sound,
Of an Asian family gathered in an Aussie city park.
And I come back from a memory of a daytime that was dark,

When will I hear the words, 'stand down'?
Daytime is a nightmare, nights I want to flee,
From sounds and scenes and memories that are crowding in on me.
The days, the weeks, the months, the years all jumble into one,
No matter how I try to walk I find I always run.
Change direction; change my job, no peace can I find.
Perhaps if I run fast enough, I'll leave it all behind.
The pills and booze I often use, bring relief for a while,
But the shadows await my return with their silent knowing smile,
When will I hear the words, 'stand down'?
A chopper flying overhead transports my memories back
To a time, a place, an incident, it happens in a flash.
When this happens, I'm not with you I'm gone taken back
But hold my hand, I will return a little further down the track.
Marriage, kids and family are waiting at the gate.
Sometimes I feel I can't go on; the burden is so great.
That's when the call of 'stand to' comes and darkness closes in,
And I fight that silent enemy afraid that he will win.
When will I hear the words, 'stand down'?
One night upon that battle field of darkness, fear and blame,
A stranger came out of the mist and stood amongst my pain.
He didn't have no weapon, he just stood there, and he gazed.
I lay there, and I trembled and then I was amazed.
Love just poured out from him and entered into me,
And if I could, I would have run, my senses all said flee,
And a battle raged within me; there was parry, lunge and thrust,
Till I was left with no defences, but the empty hand of trust.
As if upon this signal like a star shell bursting above,
I was overflowed with such mercy and such love,
Pain, anger and bitterness which for years inside had chewed,
Flowed gently from my being and I was left renewed.
He held in this warm embrace like a lamb wrapped in warm fleece,
And for the first of years of nights I felt a sense of peace.
I woke to the dawn next morning and the daylight held no fear,
For somewhere in the night I heard the words I'd longed to hear....

“STAND DOWN!”

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Mortar Platoon, 1 RAR, 68/69



Front Row (Left to Right): SGT. J. DANN, SGT. W. KENNEDY, S/SGT. A. ANSET, WO II K. CRAIG, R.S.M. I. MAHER, A.S.M. D. CHAPMAN, S.S.M. B. AGNEW, S/SGT. H. YOUNG, SGT. M. CLARK, SGT. R. FULLER.
Centre Row (Left to Right): SGT. J. OWEN, SGT. A. TAYLOR, SGT. R. SNAPE, SGT. R. RICHARDS, SGT. A. JAGO, SGT. N. CALLIS, SGT. Te HAAR, SGT. W. BURTON, SGT. B. WEBB, SGT. D. HURD, SGT. G. BROWN, SGT. G. HEPPLER, SGT. J. BUTLER.
Rear Row (Left to Right): SGT. R. HARRIS, SGT. B. BRITTON, SGT. R. KENNEDY, SGT. J. MURPHY, SGT. I. SMITH, SGT. D. CAMERON, SGT. A. LAKER, SGT. R. FOWLER, SGT. W. LEE, SGT. P. HANSEN, SGT. B. GOLDRING, SGT. P. REEVES.

Source: Ron Baikie—Tango & Tango Black Berets site.

