



## Van Arty Association and RUSI Van Members News Sept 19, 2017

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**Wednesday Lunches -** We serve a great 5 course buffet meal for only \$20. Hope to see you all there. Attendance has been down recently. Most of our regular attendees, who are retired, are slowly fading away and the next generation seems, by and large, to be too busy to attend. Guests are always welcome and we encourage members to bring their significant others. Dress - Jacket and tie, equivalent for Ladies

Renovations in the Officers Mess have started and are expected to take all summer (if not longer). During renovations, lunches will be held in the WO & Sgts Mess.

**Upcoming events – Mark your calendars** See attached posters for details.

- Sept 20      Van Arty Association Afternoon meeting
- Sept 27      NOABC Lunch Speaker - Commander Arthur Hastings RCN (retd)  
Men, Women and Sexuality at Sea "The Beginning"
- Oct 14      Octoberfest - 6 Fd Sqn Museum
- Oct 20-22    Yorke Island Field Trip
- Oct 21      RNSA Trafalgar Dinner

## **World War 2 - 1942**

*John Thompson Strategic analyst - quotes from his book "Spirit Over Steel"*

**Sept 20<sup>th</sup>:** The town of Terek in the Caucasus is captured by the Germans.

**Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>:** British troops capture the capital of Madagascar. Rommel goes home on sick-leave, handing over control of Panzerarmee Afrika to General Stumme. General Blamey leads Australian-US forces in new offensive in New Guinea. The Soviets try a local counter-offensive in Stalingrad.

**Sept 24<sup>th</sup>:** General Halder is sacked by Hitler for his lack of National Socialist zeal in worrying about 6<sup>th</sup> Army's flanks, and appoints Zeitzler as the new OKH Chief of Staff. The grossly outclassed liberty ship Stephen Hopkins (with a single 4" gun) defends itself on the German Commerce raider Stier (with a main armament of six 150mm guns). Both vessels sink. Aboard most ships, merchant mariners and the Armed Guard that some of them carry are not naval personnel but non-uniformed military auxiliaries without the status and prestige that servicemen receive. However, their ships are targets and many of them die from enemy action. Their work is unglamorous, seldom praised, and vital. Most of the 58 men aboard Stephen Hopkins die – some of them as valiantly as the doughtiest soldier or most intrepid airmen – and the 15 survivors also had to endure 31 days in a lifeboat.

**Sept 25<sup>th</sup>:** Two Japanese destroyers and a heavy cruiser are damaged in night runs to Guadalcanal. The US Government announces the building of 488 Cargo ships in the last year.

## **The War Diary of C31 L/Sgt Charles D Phelan, A Battery, RCHA 1939 - 1945**

*Edited by BGen (ret'd) Robert P (Bob) Beaudry CD*

### **Chapter 26. From Valguarnera to Adrano**

**18 Jul 1943.** A Bty moved into a gun position and reported ready at 0500 hrs. We fired our first round at 0809 hrs, and all day there were terrific Div Arty concentrations on the immediate objective – Valguarnera. We had our first casualty through enemy action when Bert Good was wounded by a rifle shot while with the FOO. We moved to another position late that night.

**19 Jul** We were heavily shelled by medium guns. We were ordered to evacuate the position at full speed. The Bty Comd, Major Baird, greatly impressed everyone with his coolness as he stood in the open, directing the move, completely ignoring the shellfire. As Y left the field, Lt Fisher joined the Major. We hit the road and pulled off into a field a couple of miles farther. We smoked several cigarettes in quick succession. Everyone was pretty well on edge, but soon settled down. That shelling, our first, was some experience! We occupied a new position, and established the CP in a railway tunnel, partly occupied by refugees, donkeys, goats, chickens, and dozens of kids. We got word that L/Bdr LE Millard had been killed. We went out on a recce at 2130 hrs, passing through Valguarnera. There were still several large fires burning in the town. There were hundreds of vehicles and tanks on the road, and it took us three hours to go six miles. We set up the CP in a ditch, dug in a little, and slept for an hour.

**20 Jul** The guns arrived at 0600. We fired throughout the morning, moved to a new position three miles farther on, and fired steadily all night.

**21 Jul** Capt "Ikey" Buchanan was acting as a FOO when he spotted a group of Jerry tanks. He passed down the orders and "Trunk" Hunter's gun got "20 rounds gunfire." They knocked out one tank, and when the Medium Regt joined in the tanks were scattered.

**22 Jul** We pounded Leonforte with intense fire. We were machine-gunned by some of our own planes after some fool ahead of us opened up on them with a Bren. The planes circled the position twice, raking us with gunfire. The first time I dived for a Bren, but didn't get it into

action soon enough. On the second run, I got a bead on a plane and followed it until it was in range. I was just ready to fire when I spotted the RAF rondels, and I held my fire. The planes shot up a Bofors gun behind us and set fire to the field, but we had no casualties. We occupied a position by moonlight two miles east of Leonforte.

**23 Jul** There was major street-fighting in Leonforte, but our infantry were reported to be in full control of the city late in the day. We fired many DF and HF tasks during the night.

**24 Jul** We shelled north and NE of Leonforte, and fired a few shells into Agira. We had a great deal of work to do in the CP as we worked out fire plans for the night and the next day.

**25 Jul** The recce party took off early in the morning, travelling up dusty mountainous roads with hairpin turns. A great number of ambulances and Red Cross jeeps were coming back laden with casualties. The area we were allotted just SE of Nissoria was being shelled by 88s and heavy mortars, even as we looked it over. We were under direct observation from high ground directly ahead of us. Finally, we picked out half decent troop positions. About then, Jerry began to drop shells on both our flanks. When he had us bracketed he dropped a hell of a lot of HE into the area. We dug in at a great clip! One heavy mortar bomb landed about 10 yards from the truck and I thought we were done for. I was really scared! The guns arrived late in the afternoon and we began to throw out a few shells of our own, mostly to the east. Our OP was only 35 yards if front of the guns and we could observe our own fire from the gun position. Our range was about 2500 yards.

**26 Jul** The objective today is Agira. We got the data for a big barrage to be laid down between Nissoria and Agira. Opening range will be 2600 yards. At 2000 hrs the infantry attacked under cover of our heavy barrage. From our position, we could clearly hear the explosions of the shells and the machine gun fire. The infantry had a field day! For nearly two hours the attack went on, completely covered by the barrage. Many reports came in about the 1 Div Arty support, such as: "Barrage caused 30 % casualties to the enemy and completely demoralized the rest"..."PPCLI suffered only one casualty" ... "Attack completely successful". Ross Munro, in a news dispatch said the Jerries now call us the "Red Patch Devils", and say: "We see the red patch devils coming and we fire our mortars hard, but the red patches keep on coming. They are devils".

**27-28 Jul** The recce party left in the afternoon for a new position near Agira. On the way up the roads were littered with burnt-out Jerry vehicles and tanks and guns. The guns came up early the next morning. We fired a few shots during the day, and a few fire tasks in support of patrols. A few enemy mortar shells landed on the position but did no damage.

**29 – 30 Jul** The recce party could not get through Agira due to heavy mortar firing and the rubble that blocked the streets, and we had to find a position a little to the SE of the town. We fired on quite a few targets on both days. A memo from Brig Matthews, CRA 1 Cdn Div, complimented us for the "concentrations and barrages prior to the capture of Algira".

**31 Jul** We moved about a mile further ahead and engaged a number of targets in support of the rapidly advancing infantry.

**1 – 2 Aug** Fairly quiet. We fired a few Mike Tgts. The enemy are at extreme range.

**3 Aug** Recce'd a new position south of Regalbuto. Quiet all day. Cenuripe captured without the expected big battle. CP set up in a donkey shed.

**4 Aug** Another quiet day. Recce went forward in late afternoon. We passed through badly battered Regalbuto, which is deserted except for troops. Many houses are demolished. A report dated 3 Aug reports Montgomery as saying of the Canadians: "I would call them veteran soldiers of the 8<sup>th</sup> Army. They have had the hardest work of any Division. They have been our left wing, and their performance has been simply wonderful." The ground conditions are certainly bad. Canadians have organized mule trains to carry supplies to positions in the mountains. We have three mule trains in A Bty, used by the FOOs.

**5 Aug** The guns came up at 0700 and immediately went into action. Due east of us we can see Mount Etna. The recce left in the afternoon, but we were blocked by a heavily mined stretch upon which the RCEs were working. We watched a smoke screen which had been laid down to cover an attack by the Loyal Edmonton Regt, then returned to the gun position. Some time later we occupied a position west of Adrano. We were shelled by 9.2 guns, but no damage was done.

**6 Aug** We moved to a position seven miles from Adrano from which we could see our own shells landing on a hill about a mile ahead. The RAF also did some very intense bombing. The first EFI (Expeditionary Forces Institute, a branch of NAAFI) arrived. Each man was able to buy 70 cigarettes, plus a share of chocolates, soap, razor blades, toothpaste, etc., and one pint of beer. Everyone was happy. We also got our first mail since leaving Scotland. An American bomber that had been hit by flak crashed on the Regt'l CP of 2 Fd Regt RCA, killing seven and injuring 22 others, most of them badly burnt.

**7 Aug** Nothing doing all day, except for two CB tasks in the evening. Bdr "Scooter" Soutter was evacuated with malaria.

**8 Aug** Adrano has fallen. This was the final objective of 1 Cdn Div. The Germans are withdrawing, and as the Div's publication the Red Patch put it: "Adrano was a dramatic climax to the Canadians' 200-mile drive from the coast". Spit and polish has begun. We spent the day cleaning the guns and vehicles and repacking. The recce party was warned to look over a rest area tomorrow. The rumors say it will be near Syracuse. This looks like the end of the Sicilian campaign for us.

## Chapter 27. Sicilian Rest Camp

**9 Aug 1943.** The recce party moved off at 0600 hrs, passing through Regalbuto, to which a few civilians are starting to return. It must be heartbreaking to return to your home town, and to find it smashed to rubble. We travelled along a good road which had been built cross country by the RCE. During the advance, it got us over ground which the Jerries had thought to be impassable for vehicles. Then we travelled in a southerly direction over what must be one of Sicily's finest roads, hard-topped and almost wide enough for two trucks to pass. The route was lined with fruit sellers of all ages, offering oranges, melons, and grapes. Everything is priced at

“Uno shilling” or more. They accept only the official BMA money – no Italian money for them!

A short distance from the scruffy town of Scordia we stopped for a rest. The group of civilians succeeded in wangling a couple of cigarettes, a few cans of sardines, and some hardtack from us. A boy gave me a holy card of “Patron Antonio” after he spotted the crucifix around my neck. We cooked our supper and fed two young boys and their father. The way they ate it must have been their first meal in days. We settled in for the night.

**10 Aug** We moved to the Bty area and cleared a road for the vehicles. We were in the centre of a large olive orchard, and found ourselves a nice shady spot. We came across an Italian who had been to New York and we asked him for his views on the war. He was fed up! As he said: “Da war last four years already. Tings begin to give out – da shoes, da clothes, all finish – everything go for the Army”. We assured him things would get better from now on.

**11 Aug** No sign of the Regiment yet. The owner of a nearby well is very friendly and promptly tells us the Italian words for everything we do or touch. We tell him the English words and he’s learning fast – I don’t know about us.

**12 Aug** The Regiment arrived and everyone started setting up tarps and nets. The area looks like a gypsy camp. We received another EFI ration, which was good, as I was out of smokes.

**13 Aug** Spit, polish, and bull began with a vengeance! Reveille at 0530, breakfast at 0600, and PT at 0700 hrs! The Sigs and the Ack started on a course. We were handed the usual line of bull about keeping up on the work and improving speed and accuracy. Stew for lunch at the troop kitchens, with Frank Phelan as the cook. After dinner was a siesta until 1530 hrs, because of the heat. Then back on the course, with stew again for supper at 1900 hrs. This was our schedule for the next few days. We wore long pants and bush shirts with sleeves rolled down – apparently the mosquitoes attack only in rest areas, as we usually wore only shorts in action. According to the news, British troops are advancing on Randozza.

**14 Aug** A Div Sports Meet was announced for the near future. What a war this is turning out to be! A large number of planes are passing overhead. Apparently, they are still blitzing the evacuating Jerries. The first ordinary mail, letters and parcels, arrived. Boy, what a treat!

**15 Aug** Sunday. Church parades for all ranks. The RCs went to 2 LAA a few miles away. No other parades today, and most of us spent the day re-reading and answering yesterday’s mail. In the evening, we watched an eclipse. The BBC reports steady progress in Sicily, with the Yanks 20 miles from Messina. Berlin Radio played up the bombing of Rome a few nights ago, stressing the damage the RAF did to churches and homes. Berlin Radio also broadcasts a regular programme of nostalgic songs, featuring “Midge”, or AXIS Sally, who speaks in an intimate low voice to the Allied troops. She refers to the “girl you left behind”, asking if she waiting for you, etc. It turns into a very humorous programme when dissected by our gang.

**16 Aug** Courses continue. Many RAF and Yank planes passing overhead. The Americans have entered Messina, while the 8<sup>th</sup> Army is eight miles from the city.

**17 Aug** The Americans reported to be in complete control of Messina.

**18 Aug** PT in morning followed by checking of all technical stores and calibration of directors and compasses. All enemy resistance has ceased. The Sicilian campaign is over.

**19 Aug** Course goes on. We are preparing for a big inspection to be held tomorrow.

**20 Aug** We had a Bty parade at which Maj Mitchell spoke a few words of praise for our work. He said the next assault will take place in the not too distant future. We were then taken by truck to the 3 Fd Regt camp a few miles away. Here the Div Arty was formed up in a huge hollow square. Before the officers had taken post, Gen Montgomery's car drove onto the square. The officers, looking very embarrassed, doubled to their positions, to the great but concealed delight of the gunners on parade. "Monty" stood up on the hood of his car and ordered the parade to gather around him. He told us to sit down and "do what you like". We smoked. He then gave a most interesting talk, punctuated by swishes of his famous horse hair fly whisk. He reviewed the work of the Canadians in WWI, and gave his opinion that we had upheld their glorious traditions. He told us that we had been assigned the most difficult job on the left flank, and that we had done the job "simply magnificently"! He said the artillery had played a most decisive part in the battle. In 39 days, we had finished victoriously against 400,000 Axis troops, and we had taken about 140,000 prisoners. He concluded by hinting that soon we would be striking again. We then gave him three very hearty cheers followed by a tiger, which seemed to delight "Monty" no end.

**21 Aug** The Acks had a large barrage exercise at 0700 hrs, followed by a lecture on Meteors. We should be able to work one by now, considering the hundreds we've done in action! Here in the rest area, we often get the news of the world by having our wireless sets on the air and getting broadcasts from London, Berlin, or Algiers. We also get a few copies of The Red Patch, 8<sup>th</sup> Army News, Tripoli News, and Union Jack News. These are all published by Public Relations Officers of the various Divs and Armies. The news usually includes details and stories of the war action, details of entertainment if any, stories of units in the campaign, and a little Canadian news.

**22 -24 Aug** Usual parades and courses. Rumors and speculations about a move.

**25 Aug** Guns left for waterproofing. Y and H vehicles are to go later. I, of all people, was given a Norton motorbike. I wonder how long it will be before I end up with a broken neck. I spent most of the day riding the bike up and down the road. Lt Parker-Davis evacuated – Tough!

**26 -27 Aug** Kit is more or less packed. Checked equipment and practiced on bike. H and Y left for waterproofing area. I followed on my bike. The vehicles are being checked by REME

**28 -29 Aug** We moved to a concentration area a few kilometers from Catania. We had a good chance to inspect the Italian shore defences. The long series of cement blockhouses and emplacements had been blasted to bits. The guns were old-fashioned and of about 12-inch caliber. Those that hadn't been knocked out had been blown up by their retreating crews. We

moved the next day to the actual waterproofing area. I loaded my motorbike, “Leapin’ Lena”, onto Snuffy Sleeth’s truck, Amm2, and helped him waterproof his truck. There was an enemy air raid that night, mainly over Augusta, and a terrific AA Barrage.

**30 Aug** Our vehicles are leaving the area for Catania as soon as they are waterproofed. I am informed I will be given a stripe. Wonder how long that will last? Charlie Millward got his second yesterday.

## US Army SF Vehicles Could Soon Boast a New Guided-Rocket System

Christopher Woody, Business Insider GEAR & TECH Sept 13, 2017

Special forces vehicles could soon be outfitted with a new guided-rocket system based on the unguided rockets that have been a mainstay on fixed-wing aircraft and helicopters. Arnold Defense, a St Louis-based weapons maker, is working with other defense firms to produce the Fletcher, a weapons system firing 2.75-inch guided rockets that can be mounted on land vehicles and potentially on platforms designed for open-water and close-to-shore operations. The company and its team plan to demonstrate the system during the Defense and Security Equipment International showcase this week in London, and it expects other partners to join the project during its development.



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Arnold is the world’s biggest supplier of rocket launchers, according to Defense News, and it has made more than a million of the 2.75-inch rocket launchers for the US and allied militaries since 1961. “Moving that success into the land environment with our 2.75-inch rocket systems fitted to wheeled and tracked vehicles, as well as in a dismounted role, will provide ground forces with an entirely new capability,” Arnold CEO Jim

Hager said in a release, adding that the company hoped to have the system on sale by the end of 2018. Unguided 2.75-inch rockets have long been used by aircraft, traditionally for suppression. Weapons makers have developed guidance systems, like BAE Systems’ Advanced Precision Kill Weapon, for those



rockets, and Arnold told Defense News that its new system will work with any of the currently available systems. “Fletcher employs an existing suite of guidance modules, motors and warheads which are already used in well-known programs and are readily available to global forces,” the company said a release, adding that the system would have a range of up to 4 miles.

The US military, among others, has been seeking ways to upgrade the weaponry and defenses on land vehicles for some time, largely in response to ongoing threats in Europe. US soldiers from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Cavalry Regiment recently tested two new variants of the Stryker Infantry Carrier: One equipped with a 30-mm cannon and another outfitted with Javelin antitank guided missiles. Though the variants do not make the Stryker into a fighting vehicle, the deputy commanding officer of the 2nd Cavalry Regiment said their development was “directly attributable to Russian aggression.” The new versions of the vehicle are being tested stateside, but the 2nd Cavalry Regiment will field them in Europe next summer. Russia also plans to equip its new Armata tanks with active-protection systems, which are designed to counter anti-tank and anti-armor weapons. The US and its allies have followed suit, and some militaries are looking for upgraded weapons to counter APS.

## **Robot Tank Concept From BAE**

Concept raises questions about computers controlling weapons

Alan Tovey Industry Editor 10 Sept 2017



*How BAE imagines the autonomous tank and its fleet of robots could function*

BAE Systems has revealed plans for an unmanned tank which could raise questions about Britain’s policy on “robot warriors”. The arms

company envisions an autonomous combat vehicle supported by “fleets of smaller autonomous air and ground vehicles” which create a defensive perimeter around the tank. BAE says the system – currently at concept stage and called “Ironclad” – will keep soldiers out of harm’s way, and although they will remain “at the centre of decision making”, the need to react quickly might see control of some weapons handed over to a computer. However, the Ministry of Defence has said that “UK policy is operation of weapons will always be under control as an absolute guarantee of human oversight and authority and accountability ... The UK does not possess fully autonomous weapons and has no intention of developing them”. Mark Lancaster,

minister for the Armed Forces, said: “It’s absolutely right that our weapons are operated by real people capable of making incredibly important decisions; and we are guaranteeing that vital oversight.”

BAE imagines Ironclad will use “friend or foe” tracking systems and protect soldiers within its perimeter from danger using its own weapons, which could include lasers in the future. But the increasing speed of warfare raises questions about how effective weapons can be when controlled by humans. “Today’s active protection systems make decisions which require ultra-fast reactions such as triggering explosive reactive armour,” said John Puddy, technology lead at BAE’s land warfare business. “The pace of development means these reactions need to be faster than ever before.” He said “there will always be a human in the loop when it comes to decisions around use of force”, but added: “No one can be sure what the future will look like, but it’s a relatively short step from technology available today to having a fleet of autonomous vehicles sharing situational awareness and – where appropriate – making certain decisions independently.”

## **Vancouver Artillery Association Yearbook Updates**

The war diary updates from 100 years ago and 78 years ago continue. Check them out at  
<http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/whats-new>

A video clip from Coast Artillery in 1942.

<http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/1942---15th-vcr-coast-bde-rca-af.html>

Mess Invitations from 1954, 1956 and 1957.

<http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/1954.html>

<http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/1956.html>

<http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/1957.html>

Mess constitution in 1950.

<http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/1950---102nd-coast-regt-rca.html>

Mess Dinner Games in 1990. <http://www.vancouvergunners.ca/1990.html>

Keep those stories and pictures coming! Contact Leon Jensen at [LeonJ1@hotmail.com](mailto:LeonJ1@hotmail.com)

## **Who Is It**



**Last Week:** The man in the picture is the ‘famous’ Strome Galloway, who was base commander at Fort Churchill in the early 60s. The photo was taken at a mess event in 1963, where everyone was to dress as their fantasy character. They had a very lively mess life in Ft Churchill, mainly because there was nothing else to do outside of work. One memorial night was their East Coast night, when they had the RCAF fly up over 100 live lobsters.

**This Week:** I have been told that our weekly column focuses too much on artillery, and not enough on other arms of the services. Well, this might be related to that fact that most of the photos used come from the Museum of the 15<sup>th</sup> Field Regiment (RCA). The “A” apparently stands for “artillery”. Nonetheless, in the spirit of Unification (and, I can see, many of you are genuflecting upon reading that hallowed word), which to my late father meant acknowledging that there are branches other than that of the gunners (I will not state if there was a pecking order in his mind, but the phrase “Right of the Line” does spring to mind), I will this week show you a photo of something that is not purely artillery.



I say, “not purely”, as there could be a connection. What that is, is for you to tell us. What is this great beast of a thing, resplendent in colourful paint? Can

you name it, and tell us what armament(s) it might have once carried? Also, and this is a tricky one, can you tell us to what army this one belonged. Hints are present in the photo, and we don't mean the attractive lady, mother of one of our long-time museum volunteers, and former member of the regiment (him, not her).

Send your answers to the editor, [bob.mugford@outlook.com](mailto:bob.mugford@outlook.com) or to the author, John Redmond ([johnd.redmond@telus.net](mailto:johnd.redmond@telus.net)), and we'll enter you into our giant draw!

### **From the ‘Punitetary’**

Why can't Atheists solve exponential equations? Because they don't believe in higher powers.

### **Murphy's Other Laws**

You can't get on the same page with someone who has a different book.

### **Quotable Quotes**

It is easy to sit up and take notice, what is difficult is getting up and taking action.  
*Honore de Balzac*

## **Octoberfest -- Saturday 14 October 2017**

The 6 Engineer Squadron Combined Mess is hosting an Octoberfest fund raiser on 14 October from 7 pm to 11 pm. The evening will include beer tasting and beer from Bridge Brewing Co. finger food, cash bar for other beverages and a Silent Auction. All net proceeds to be directed for the benefit of 6th Field Engineer Squadron Museum. Event is being held in the mess (address listed below). Dress code is business casual and guests are encouraged to prearrange transport home with their friends or family members.

Price of tickets includes a flight of beer, samples and food. Tickets are \$20 each must be purchased in advance, by any of these 3 methods:

1. Directly from one of the following members:

James Happer -- Fraser Valley Area [jhapper@shaw.ca](mailto:jhapper@shaw.ca)

Jerry Silva New Westminster Area [jsilva@safety.bc.ca](mailto:jsilva@safety.bc.ca)

Bill White Vancouver Area [waswhite@telus.net](mailto:waswhite@telus.net)

2. Cheque made out to:

6 Field Engineer Squadron Museum

Please mail or deliver your cheque to the following address by 06 October 2017:

6 Field Engineer Squadron Museum

Lt Col. J.P. Fell Armoury

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3. By email fund transfer to [6esOctoberfest2017@gmail.com](mailto:6esOctoberfest2017@gmail.com)

Hope to see you soon.



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## The Vancouver Artillery Association

is working on a book celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of  
**the 15<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Regiment RCA**

Input from current and serving members is needed to ensure that we capture stories from all that have been a part of the unit from its earliest days.

### Would you like to be part of the team?

We're meeting every third Wednesday of the month from lunch until 2200 hours at the Regimental Museum.

Can you spare a couple of hours on 20 September 2017?

For more information email - [LeonJ1@hotmail.com](mailto:LeonJ1@hotmail.com)



## Warning Order Yorke Island Field Days

**October 19-22 2017**

**Thu, 19 Oct – Travel Day – Meet and greet in the evening**

**Fri, 20 Oct – On Island information session**

**Trail assessment**

**Sat, 21 Oct – Camp assessment**

**Fort assessment**

**Sun, 22 Oct – Return home**

*Can't make it for the entire program? RSVP with available days and we'll work out a plan.*

p.s. – always looking for additional sponsors to help defray expenses for those volunteers unable to meet the costs associated with the adventure. (ferry, lodging, meals, etc)

Overall concept still in planning stages and there may be substantial changes to the program depending on numbers of volunteers, weather, etc, etc. Further details to follow!

RSVP – [LeonJ1@hotmail.com](mailto:LeonJ1@hotmail.com)





## **Wednesday Lunches**

**Have you been down to Bessborough Armoury lately?**

**When was the last time you were at the  
15<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Regiment Officers' Mess?**

**Did you know that the Mess continues to offer a fine lunch  
every Wednesday at 12:00?**

**For \$20.00 you get a 5 course meal and the opportunity to reconnect  
with your Gunner friends and other guests.**

**Business attire expected.**

***The Regimental Museum opens at 10:00 every Wednesday.***