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AGM RAACA WA & BBQ

SUNDAY 12 PM
 MARCH 23RD
 Cambrai House



PRESIDENT BARRY CARSON

Welcome to the first edition of our Commentary Newsletter for 2025. Your committee met in January to confirm the activity schedule based on your feedback from the draft sent out late last year.

The January coffee morning held at the Joondalup Lakes Shopping Centre was well attended and will be followed in February at the Dome, Deepwater Point.

The activity schedule at page 2 indicates upcoming events which are also advised in detail by email beforehand. The next is the Wedge Island Shack week—I look forward to catching up with some of you there.

Our Secretary Ian has also sent out advice in regard to the upcoming Annual General Meeting in March. Included is a nomination form for all positions on the committee as they are yearly appointments. Please consider if you can find the time to support our membership.

Each year our Association sponsors an award “Soldier of the Year” at the 10th Light Horse Regiment and this was presented at the unit end of year function.

Thank you to those who have responded to the 2025 membership invoices sent out in January. Welcome to our new member Sharon Williams and Christina Esschert.

Thank you to those who have donated this year your support helps to ensure maintenance and upkeep of Cambrai House is kept at a high standard.

Finally if you wish to visit our Library at the house please advise one of our committee members

Yours in Armour

Barry Carson

Mont	Date	Day	Function	Mont	Date	Day	Function
Jan	14	Tue	COMMITTEE MEETING	Jul	6	SUN	BLACK HAT LUNCH
	30	THU	BLACK HAT COFFEE		8	TUE	COMMITTEE MEETING
					31	THU	BLACK HAT COFFEE
Feb	11	TUE	COMMITTEE MEETING	Aug	12	TUE	COMMITTEE MEETING
	19	WED	WEDGE WEEK 19-23 IN-				
			<i>***participants can do</i>				
	27	THU	BLACK HAT COFFEE		28	THU	THROSSELL VC (Hill 60)
Mar	11	TUE	COMMITTEE MEETING	Sep	9	TUE	COMMITTEE MEETING
	23	SUN	AGM				
	27	THU	BLACK HAT COFFEE		25	THU	BLACK HAT COFFEE
Apr	8	TUE	COMMITTEE MEETING	Oct	14	THU	COMMITTEE MEETING
	20	SUN	OLD BOYS PARADE				
	24	THU	STATE WAR MEMORIAL		30	THU	BLACK HAT COFFEE
	25	FRI	ANZAC MARCH AND	Nov	11	TUE	COMMITTEE MEETING
May	13	TUE	COMMITTEE MEETING		23	SUN	CAMBRAI
	29	THU	BLACK HAT COFFEE	Dec	9	TUE	COMMITTEE MEETING
Jun	10	TUE	COMMITTEE MEETING		14	SUN	CHRISTMAS BBQ
	26	THU	BLACK HAT COFFEE				

NOMINATION FOR COMMITTEE

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN ARMoured CORPS ASSOCIATION INC WA 2025 Financial members of the Association are eligible to nominate for the committee. Nominations for the committee are to be lodged by post, email or hand to The Secretary, RAACA WA, 8 Saintly Turn Byford WA 6122. Email iangoodall@optusnet.com.au by close of business 28 FEB 2024

Committee Positions: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Committee (4)

Name:

.Position:.....

Secunder to the nomination: (Must be current financial member)

Name:

VEHICLES OF THE 10TH LIGHT HORSE REGIMENT PART 1

Some of the early vehicles of the Regiment. Part 2 next edition. If you have a photo of crew and vehicle (operational setting preferred) along with when and where please send to editor jadanne14@gmail.com



This vehicle was in use in the Regiment during the 1950's, Length: 221" Width: 80" Weight: 12,400 pounds Height: 78" Engine: Hercules JXD 6-cyl Horsepower: 110hp @ 3000rpm Transmission: 4 forward, 1 reverse (constant mesh and sliding) Electrical system: 12-volt Brakes: Hydraulic, 4-wheeled drum Fuel type: gas Fording Depth: 28" Fuel capacity: 30 gallons Range: 250 miles Top Speed: 55mph Turning Radius: 28.5 feet Tires: 9.00 x 16 NDT (non-directional tread_ Configurations: M3A1E1 - diesel engine M3A1E2 - armoured roof M3A1E3 - 37mm gun on pedestal M3A1 Command Car - armoured



The Staghound Armoured Car was of American origin. It was armed with a 37mm gun and was powered by two GMC Chevrolet 6 cylinder petrol fueled motors mounted side by side, each engine drove its own automatic transmission, from there it went to 'drop boxes' and then to a transfer box. Each engine could be taken offline via a selector lever allowing the vehicle to be driven on only one engine. The accelerator was hydraulic and the steering was manual but with electric power boost. The brakes were power boosted by twin hydrovacs and the turret had a power traverse. The vehicle weighed 12 tons it could reach speeds of 55 mph and had a crew of five. The vehicle was in use in the Regiment from 1949 until approx 1961, along with other equipment such as radios WS No19, WS No 62 and PRC 10



The Ferret Scout Car was of British origin and was armed with a .30 cal Browning machine gun, a six cylinder Rolls Royce petrol motor, weighed 3.75 tons, could reach speeds of 60 mph and had a crew of two. The Ferret Scout Car was first used in the Regiment around 1958 and there were two models the MK1 which had no turret, the MK2 which came along later fitted with a turret.

GATHERING OF INFORMATION FOR 10TH LIGHT HORSE NOMINAL ROLL
FROM THE BOER WAR TO PRESENT

As most know I have been working on gathering information for a nominal roll for some years now, below is page one so people can see what has been done so far, there are 240 pages so far.

Gathering of information for Nominal Roll 10th Light Horse Regiment BOER WAR ON						
Surname	Other names/initials/nick names	Service Number	Rank	Squadron/s	Troop/s	Period served/source of information/awards/medals
ABBOTT	HAROLD IVOR DAVID	982	PTE			EMBARKATION LIST, 5 TH REINFORCEMENTS EMBARKED FROM FREMANTLE 26APR1915 ON BOARD HMAT A20 HORORATA
ABBOTT	PERCY PHIPPS		LT COL	AIF		AUG 1915 TO OCT 1915 CO 1915
ABERNETHY	M C		CPL	A SQN	1 ST TROOP TAMBELLUP	BOAN SHIELD 1923-24
ABRAHAMS	DAVID R (AKA DAVE/ARAB)	534880	CPL	HQ SQN A SQN	TRANSPORT ADMIN TROOP	NOMINAL ROLE XLH REGT. 1949 ON BOAN SHIELD 1982-83 (NATIONAL SERVICE MEMBER) LIST POSTED ON A SQN FACE BOOK PAGE
ACKERS	B AKA BUTCH		WO2	ARA Cadre		NOMINAL ROLE XLH REGT. 1949 ON
ADAMS	JAMES JOHN	1056	PTE			EMBARKATION LIST, 6 TH REINFORCEMENTS EMBARKED FROM FREMANTLE 25JUN1915 ON BOARD HMAT A63 KARCOOLA FOLLOWING FROM VIRTUAL WAR MEMORIAL AUSTRALIA ADAMS, James John World War 1 Service 26 Apr 1915: Involvement Private, SN 1056, 10th Light Horse Regiment
ADAMS	PAUL S	5102406	LCPL	A SQN	3 TROOP	1996
ADAMS	R					NOMINAL ROLE XLH REGT. 1949 ON
ADAMS	ROBERT JOHN	3410	TPR	AIF		ROLL OF HONOUR, DIED OF ILLNESS (PNEUMONIA) 24APR1919 EMBARKATION LIST, 29 TH REINFORCEMENTS EMBARKED FROM FREMANTLE 30JUN1917 ON BOARD HMAT A17 PORT LINCOLN
ADAMS	R W					10 TH LIGHT HORSE MEMORIAL, KINGS PARK
ADAMS	S					MERREDIN TROOP 25TH LIGHT HORSE (MG) REGIMENT - 1939
ADAMS	THOMAS GEORGE	2927	SGT	AIF		EMBARKATION LIST, 21 ST REINFORCEMENTS EMBARKED FROM FREMANTLE 28AUG1916 ON BOARD RMS MOOLTAN
ADAMSON	JOHN		SGT	LAD		LAD LIST 2018 10TH LIGHT HORSE SERGEANTS MESS CANDELABRA
ADAMSON	JOHN WATSON	3289	PTE	AIF		EMBARKATION LIST, 27 TH REINFORCEMENTS EMBARKED FROM FREMANTLE 22MAY1917 ON BOARD HMAT A15 PORT SYDNEY, FREMANTLE
ADLAM	WILLIAM EDWARD	703	PTE	AIF		EMBARKATION LIST, 2 ND REINFORCEMENTS EMBARKED FROM FREMANTLE 19FEB1915 ON BOARD HMAT A50 ITONUS
AHEARN	ARTHUR	1078	PTE			EMBARKATION LIST, 7 TH REINFORCEMENTS EMBARKED FROM FREMANTLE 30JUN1915 ON BOARD HMAT A61 KANOWNA
AHERN	WILLIAM E. (BILL)			LAD		LAD LIST 2018
AHRENS	GUS	3441	PTE	AIF		EMBARKATION LIST, 29 TH REINFORCEMENTS EMBARKED FROM FREMANTLE 30JUN1917 ON BOARD HMAT A17 PORT LINCOLN

As I gather information particularly the older information, I verify its accuracy by checking National Archives and other sources of information, in doing so I have found differences between the different sources of information and when I find these, I contact the source and advise them of what I have found. Generally, they respond that they have adjusted their records to agree with others.

What I need is Post World War 2 information, this is hard to come by as there appears to be no online records. If members of more recent times could send me their details, I will add them to the roll. My email is iangoodall1@optusnet.com.au

I thank those that have given me their information already and to those that keep sending me information as they find it.

Many thanks, Ian Goodall





The M113AS4 APC, an upgraded version of the M113AS1 used during the Vietnam War, has undergone various improvements in its systems. These enhancements include a new engine, with the Australian M113AS4 equipped with an MTU 6V 199 TE 20 engine, enabling the vehicle to reach speeds of up to 66 km/h. Additionally, the steering controls, drivetrain, electrical systems, and fuel systems have been revamped. The M113AS4 has an impressive travel range of up to 550km.

The M113AS4 Armoured Logistics Vehicle is essentially an M113 APC that has been modified by replacing its passenger compartment with a flat cargo bed. Unlike the approach taken by FMC Corp., which created the M548 by stripping down the M113 to its tracks and drivetrain and adding a new crew compartment and cargo bed covered with a canvas, the Australian program in the early 2000s involved cutting out the rear half of the APC and replacing it with a flatbed for cargo transport. This modified vehicle was then designated as the Armoured Logistic Vehicle (ALV). All upgraded vehicles have been equipped with new T150F tracks and sprockets. However, it's important to note that these modifications have resulted in the loss of the vehicle's amphibious capability, unlike the M548 which kept it.

The Australian AVLs were not upgraded to this standard. Instead, this variant was built using existing M113A1 hulls, extending them with an additional road wheel, increasing the total number from five to six, and fitting the U.S. ACAV protection kit for the gunner instead of the T150F turret. An Armoured Logistics Vehicle should be capable of carrying at least 5 tons of cargo or approximately 20 people.

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP.

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Surname _____ Other Names _____

Home Address _____ Suburb _____ Post Code _____

Date Of Birth ____/____/____ Occupation _____

(If Retired, Pre Retirement)

Details of Military Service including serial number, rank on discharge or current rank, units with whom you served. _____

Name of your wife/partner _____

(Or next of kin if applicable with address and phone number)

Home Phone Number: (____) _____ Business (____) _____

Mobile Phone Number _____ Email Address: _____

Name desired on Name Plate _____

Additional Name Plate is available for Wife/Partner at a cost of \$10.00

Wife/Partners name desired on Name Plate _____

Nominated By: _____

Annual Subscription \$ 40.00 Total \$50.00 (to be enclosed) and covers period 1 January to 31 December.

Joining Fee includes Corps Lapel badge, this badge always remains the property of the RAACA WA and if resigning must be returned.

Remitted \$40 or \$50 if Nameplate required for Partner (please tick one)

I hereby apply to join the Royal Australian Armoured Corps Association WA Inc and in doing so pledge to promote the objectives of the Association, maintain the spirit, comradeship and tradition of the Corps and abide by the Rules and Regulations of the Association in accordance with the Constitution of the Association.