



The Australian Artillery Calendar
Some Dates of Historical Significance
March 2026: by Anniversary & Day

122	1-Mar	1904	1 March: Australian Regulations and Orders for the Military Forces of the Commonwealth, Provisional Edition, 1904, Part I, establishes the Precedence of Corps, including that the Royal Australian Artillery Regiment (if mounted), and the Batteries of Australian Field Artillery (if allotted to units of the Light Horse) on ceremonial parade with their guns, take the right of the line, and march at the head of the Light Horse Regiments.
24	4-Mar	2002	4 March: A Troop, 16th Air Defence Regiment, completes its deployment aboard HMAS Kanimbla for Operation Slipper in the North Arabian Gulf, 2 December 2001–4 March 2002.
164	8-Mar	1862	8 March: A School of Artillery is established in Argyle Street, Hobart, Tasmania, fitted out partially for a battery and partially as a lecture room.
49	9-Mar	1977	9 March: The Royal Australian Artillery National Memorial is dedicated by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Second, Captain General of The Royal Regiment of Australian Artillery, at the summit of Mount Pleasant, Canberra.
115	10-Mar	1911	10 March: Approval granted by His Majesty King George V for The Royal Australian Artillery and the Permanent Batteries of Field Artillery to be redesignated respectively as The Royal Australian Garrison Artillery and The Royal Australian Field Artillery.
76	10-Mar	1950	10 March: A scarlet lanyard is authorised to be worn by officers, warrant officers, and NCO of the RAA who were required to carry a whistle in the exercise of their command.
18	13-Mar	2008	13 March: A troop of 15 gunners from 8th/12th Medium Regiment, after training for six months in the United Kingdom as part of a bilateral program, deploy with 7th Regiment Royal Horse Artillery in support of United Kingdom Operation Herrick in Helmand province, Afghanistan. RAA batteries on rotation provided similar support until 2011.



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83	26-Mar	1943	26 March: The nomenclature 'anti-tank' is altered to 'tank-attack'.
91	31-Mar	1935	31 March: The alliance of the 110th Field Battery (Howitzer) RAA(M) with the 100th Field Battery RA is approved.

Suggestions for additional Calendar entries for this month are welcome for RAAHC consideration.

A Calendar is being issued monthly month for twelve months (ending August 2026) to gauge reactions. Helpful feedback will be used to manage and develop the 'Calendar'. Readers of histories can share dates of significance with the RAAHC, as they encounter them.

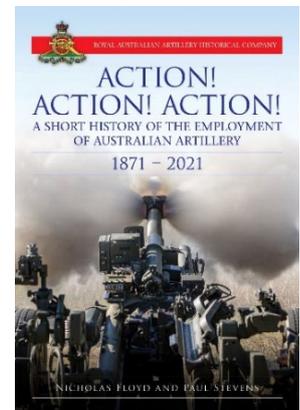
- There are many other dates of importance (battles, operational deployment, origins, introduction of a new operational capability etc) that can be added over time.
- Suggestions will be welcome when supported by evidence.
- The raising dates of many artillery units on the current orbat were not included in the succinct *Action! Action! Action!*
- The challenge is to build sufficient interest to grow the 'Calendar' over several years and find the best methods for its efficient communication and ensure ready availability.
- If you would like to join an Australian Artillery Calendar development team please email me as per below.

Want to know more?

See the Royal Australian Artillery Historical Company publication:

Action! Action! Action! A Short History of the Employment of Australian Artillery, 1871-2021, by Nicholas Floyd & Paul Stevens, Big Sky Publishing 2024.

Available from <https://www.artilleryhistory.org/> or via QR Code for \$23 per copy incl postage. Or available for \$15 if picked up at 45 Cobby St Campbell ACT (near AWM).



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