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Dear RAA Association/Organisation

Firstly may I wish everyone the compliments of the season and a very happy new year. I am ticking off one of my outstanding issues from last year by writing to all RAA Associations and Organisations regarding the Obituary Resource on the RAAHC web site www.artilleryhistory.org .

In case you are not aware, we have published obituaries for many gunners and are keen to add many more, or enhance existing ones on the resource. I therefore seek your assistance in getting the word out to your members. Often we can research information about deceased members military side of life but the best way of getting interesting information about their lives is from family or friends. We see various lists of old gunners in magazines and publications but very little in most cases about the individual.

I ask that you canvas your members for any information about their old mates or acquaintances that we can convert to a suitable obituary for the individual. A photo, past or present is always a welcome addition. It can be in any format, either email, word document or just some notes on a page. We will edit and use what we can. An alternative is a contact who we can approach for further information about an individual.

Many organisations do similar things with life histories of individuals and this information is indeed very valuable for producing suitable obituaries and for future generations. There was a research program via the Australian War Memorial at one stage which orally recorded the life and times of veterans. Such a resource would be a valuable addition for all our departed comrades.

Thank you in advance for your assistance. Any information could be forwarded to me via the link on the website www.artilleryhistory.org or to pjbruce8@bigpond.net.au or mailed to PO Box 293, Lake Cathie, 2445.

Yours sincerely

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