



POW 'coat of arms'
Changi album 2
Des Bettany



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Recovered artwork – cartoon
Des Bettany



G U N F I R E

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Newsletter

Royal Australian
Artillery
Association (NSW)
Inc

New Guinea Force

13 Fd Regt
14 Fd Regt (guns dismantled and man handled forward Kokoda Trail)
2/6 Fd Regt in later part of the year.
Bty 2/1 ATk Regt and a Tp ATk guns
1st Mountain Bty
2/6 Arty Svy Bty
Moresby Fixed Defences
23, 32 HAA Btys

2/7, 234, 156 LAA Btys
Composite AA Defences (US Army)

Milne Bay Force

9 Bty 2/5 Fd Regt followed by the remainder of the regiment
4 Bty 101 ANTI-Tank Regt
33 AA Bty and det 23 HAA Bty
2/6 HAA Bty
2/9 LAA Bty less 1 Tp
Anti Aircraft Tp (US)

Gunner Units involved in Defence of Australia 1942

Darwin

2/14 Fd Regt
11 Fd Regt
14 ATk Bty 4 ATk regt
'M' ATk Bty 111 ATk regt
2/1 LAA Regt
2, 14, 22, 23 HAA Btys
225 233 LAA Btys
102 AA Bn (US)
Darwin Fixed Defences

Newcastle

Fort Scratchley – returned fire on a Japanese submarine forcing it to break off shelling Newcastle.

AIF Divisions in training in Australia

Australian Line of Communication

Left: 3.7in AA Bty firing at night



Artworks from Malaya...

Des Bettany's Changi POW
artwork can now be viewed at



www.changipowart.com

Seventy years has passed since the surrender of Singapore to the invading Japanese forces on 15 Feb 1942. From out of the misery, starvation, exploitation and brutality that resulted in so much loss of life a series of artworks that helped one gunner survive the ordeal has now come to light in a family collection. The Bettany family have established a website on which their father's artwork is displayed to commemorate Des Bettany's life in his adopted country, Australia. Go to the website address shown above or through the link on our site at: http://www.artillerynsw.asn.au/333_100_Gunner_Index.htm
My thanks to the Bettany family for being able to reproduce some of the artworks and I recommend the site to our readers. *Editor Gunfire*