Rabett, Reginald Lee Rex.
ASC 1898-1902
Anzac
Landed near beginning of campaign. Awarded CMG and MID.
Evacuated Jaundice 20/10/15

REGINALD LEE REX RABETT, C.M.G., V.D.
(Britten period)
Born Sydney, 23 May 1887. After leaving school Rex Rabett became a keen officer in the militia artillery of the New South Wales forces. Upon the outbreak of the Great War he was chosen to command the 2nd Battery, which he organized and helped to raise. He had a distinguished career, serving at Cape Helles, at Anzac, at the Suez Canal, and in France, where he commanded the 12th Army Brigade, Australian Field Artillery. For his services he was made C.M.G. in 1915. He was in charge of the artillery in the Noreuil Valley during the critical German attack at Lagnicourt in April 1917, when the Germans almost reached his guns, and several batteries fired point blank at the attacking lines.

On his return to Australia he commanded the 2nd Division's artillery (1921-6) and the 9th Infantry Brigade (1926-31), retiring with the rank of brigadier. He was a member of the firm of Raine and Horne, estate agents, of Sydney, until he retired in 1953, and has always been a staunch supporter of the School.

ASC School History
The field officer of the day, Major Reginald Lee Rabett, 12th Australian Field Artillery Brigade, doing his rounds on a donkey at Mena Camp. During the early days at the camp, in December 1914, the horses had not yet become sufficiently hardened after their sea voyage to warrant daily use.
### 12TH ARMY BRIGADE AUS. F.A.

#### 19TH FIELD ARTILLERY

**LIEUT-COL.**

- **Regimental No.:** Major
- **Rank:**
- **Name:** R.L.B.

**Terms of Service:**
- **End of war and Service:** 4 months after
- **Date of appointment to present rank:** 12.3.16
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**Extended:** Re-engaged **Qualification:**

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COLONEL RABETT.

The writer of “A Woman's Letter,” from London, under date of August 24, says:
During last week the King came up to London to receive the American soldiers who
marched past his Majesty at Buckingham Palace. They were very heartily received in
their passage through London. When that was over, the King invested many military
and other recipients with their honours. Amongst those honoured was Lieut. Col. Rex
Rabett, of the Australian Field Artillery. A very, smart young officer, whose parents
live in Sydney, and who will no doubt feel they themselves have been honoured in
having a son of whom everyone speaks so well. Colonel Rabett is a most popular
officer, and has gained this distinction at the early age of 30 years. He has been with
his brigade ever since the Australians joined our forces; he saw the whole of the
Gallipoli campaign, had a charger shot under him, and has, since he went to France,
suffered from being the victim of a gas attack. But he is as cheery as ever, the sort of
man who brings sunshine with him wherever he goes. His little son, known as Tony, is just 12 months old, a jolly, bright little fellow.

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| 12th ARMY Brigade, Australian Field Artillery. (late 4th Australian Division). | Lt.-Col., RABETT, C.H.G. | Marked devotion to duty and able service as Brigade and Group Commander during period in FRANCE from July 1st 1916 to February 1917 (when this Brigade was created an Army Brigade and detached from 4th Australian Divisional Artillery), and specially during operations against the HINDENBURG LINE (BULlecourt) in months of April and May 1917. |

Certified true copy.

| Captain, Staff Captain, 4th Australian Divisional Artillery. |

Rabett, middle first low, seated.

Bailleul, France. June 1917. Group photograph of officers of the 12th Field Artillery, AIF, taken just before the battle of Messines

Order of St. Michael & St George 8/11/15
Recently, a luncheon was held at The Imperial Services Club; to celebrate the 44th anniversary, of the formation of the 44th Battery, Militia Artillery. Six of the original officers were at this luncheon. They were: Major C. Rosenthal (now Major General Sir Charles Rosenthal), Captain G. H. M. King (now Lieut-Colonel), Lieut. T. K. Swallow (now Major), 2nd Lt. R. L. R. Rabett (now Brigadier).

Grannie's Column SMH 8/12/52 P.1

RETIRES

Brigadier R. L. R. Rabett, managing director of Raine and Home Ltd., estate agents, has retired after 42 years association with the firm. He has been a director since 1928 and for the last 20 years was the company's principal auctioneer.

He served in the militia from 1908 to 1931 and was awarded the C.M.G. with the first A.I.F. at Gallipoli.

Brigadier Rabett has played a prominent part in rowing, hockey, golf, and fencing.

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Gunners' Patron Saint

Sir, - To-day is the Festival of Saint Barbara, the Patron Saint of gunners in all parts of the British Commonwealth and also of the Gunnery Department of the British and Dominions navies.

Recognition of Saint Barbara by gunners in Australia has been somewhat tardy, but is now growing. Cables have been dispatched from Australian Army H.Q. to her Majesty the Queen (who is Captain-General of the Royal Regiment, and Colonel-in-Chief of the R.A.A.), and to the War Office and also to the R.A. Head quarters Mess at Woolwich, conveying greetings for Saint Barbara's day.

There is a proposal to erect a worthy Chapel at North Head Barracks, dedicated to Saint Barbara. These barracks are occupied by the School of Artillery.

R.L.A. RABETT,

Died 1966: Bathurstian

Listing on memorial Double Bay Park, Sydney