

## **PERSONAL BIOGRAPHY**

### **Major Trevor Watson, Royal Regiment of Australian Artillery**

Major Watson entered the Royal Military College, Duntroon in 2003 and upon graduation in 2004 was posted to the 'A' Field Battery, 4th Field Regiment. During his time at the 'A' Field Battery, Major Watson fulfilled numerous junior command positions including Section Commander, Gun Position Officer, and Forward Observer.



On promotion to Captain in 2008, Major Watson was posted to 1st Regiment as a Forward Observer in 105th Battery developing key technical skills in preparation for the Regimental Officer Gunnery Course which he completed in 2008 and received student of merit. In 2010, Major Watson was posted to the Royal Military College – Duntroon and was employed as the Package Master Field Training - 3rd class, prior to being selected as Officer in Command of Gallipoli Company. Major Watson was also provided the opportunity during this posting to complete the United States Marine Corps – Expeditionary Warfare School Distance Education Program based in Quantico graduating with distinction.

In 2011, Major Watson was selected to attend the Royal School of Artillery Instructor in Gunnery Course in Larkhill, United Kingdom. This course provided Major Watson with additional instructional training and prepared him for employment at the School of Artillery upon return to Australia in 2012.

In 2012, Major Watson was employed as an Instructor in Gunnery within the Command cell of Joint Fires Wing at the School of Artillery. He was responsible for the conduct of the Regimental Officers Basic Course and the Regimental Officers Gunnery Course which he updated to account for the introduction of new equipment. He also used the targeting training provided by the Royal School of Artillery to develop a targeting and simulation package.

Operationally, Major Watson deployed on Operation Astute to Timor-Leste in 2006. He was employed as a Platoon commander as part of 'G' Company, Battle Group Faithful. This deployment, gave Major Watson valuable experience as a junior commander, including operating with other organisations such as the Australian Federal Police. In 2009 he deployed on Operation Herrick as the Australian Contingent Commander. This included pre-deployment training with 40th Regiment, Royal Artillery in Northern Ireland. Whilst deployed Major Watson was employed as the Joint Fires Cell Commander in Musa Qalah for the majority of the period however also fulfilled the Battery Commander position and Forward Observer role in Patrol Base Woqab. Major Watson participated in both Combat Team and Battle Group operations contributing to the Joint Fires and Effects planning and execution.

In 2014, Major Watson promoted and was appointed as Battery Commander 105th Battery, 1st Regiment, Royal Australian Artillery. Major Watson wishes to pursue Regimental Command after gaining strategic experience in either AHQ or MSC as a MA or Staff Officer.

Major Watson and his partner Renee are currently recognised as Member with Dependent – Unaccompanied. Renee is completing her Law Degree at the Australian National University whilst working part time as an Executive Level 1 at the National Health and Medical Research Centre. In his spare time Major Watson trains and competes in Brazilian Jui Jitsu.