

All that have served in the 106th Field Battery have done so with the Turtle and the motto "**Slow But Sure**" as our principal elements on our Battery Plaque. The Plaque was, in total, designed by two people, Mr John Godfrey and Mr Ted Krzywokulski with the initial concept being thought up by Captain Uhlman. The full story as told by Mr John Godfrey is shown below.

The Turtle was Capt Uhlman's idea (so that was the intention) - he simply wanted a battery sign for on the road, outside the Q Store as per the attached photo. I told him about the directive I got back in Australia (as per below).

"Slow but Sure" came from Live Fire Mission at Tin Can Bay, Queensland, because 106 was slow but accurate when up against 108.

I repainted the gun and truck plaques, about the same time whilst we were at Wacol and a couple of F.O. Officers, could have been Williams? asked me to come up with a "Turtle Design". I didn't do anything about it until they put me in the Q Store in Vietnam, doing laundry boy/rock painter/sign writer duties - must have been half way through our tour.

Captain Uhlman after a pissy night in the Officer's Mess worded up the same F.O. Officer's to get something done about the turtle - I know this because Uhlman warned they would be looking me up. They came over from the battalion one day having decided back in Australia that 106/108 was a hare and turtle story. I convinced them at the time that they needed some latin to pounce it up a bit and they provided me with the latin translation.

Having a bit of an idea of what they wanted Ted Krzywokulski (the little surveyor in the command post) and I spent quite a bit of time together designing the final turtle. Ted and I had some common interest insomuch as I was working in the Textile Design business before call up and he was a Graphic Designer with a big advertising agency in Melbourne. Ted and I collaborately designed the turtle - the beast pushing forward with bomb under arm and from Ted's final pencil scribbles I added the colours which incidentally had nothing to do with green, for jungles of Vietnam, or yellow for the sands of Egypt. I added the latin script, painted some signs, did the Q Store Plaque and the rest you know.