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The Battles of Coral/Balmoral in South Vietnam, 1968

## Vietnam Veterans Day – 18<sup>th</sup> August, 2018



Plus, Long Tan Day is Remembered...



**Governor-General Peter Cosgrove** acknowledged that each year, the contingent wanes.

In his speech, Sir Cosgrove reminded the assembled military personnel it was their duty to carry out their duties "regardless of the weather, season or terrain".

"Please remember that," he joked as rain poured from above.

The Governor-General talked about the spirit of "service before self" which Vietnam veterans embodied, and crucial role they had played in establishing that spirit as an Australian value.

He noted that he and his fellow veterans were showing the effects of age and each year there were fewer of their Vietnam colleagues at events such as this memorial. He said it was important, now more than ever, that returned servicemen and women reached out to support each other.

It was a message echoed by almost all of the speakers at the memorial, including ACT Vietnam Veterans Federation president Ian Thompson, acknowledging the significant trauma veterans withstood and the affects,

both mental and physical, that war had on those exposed to it.

"We must acknowledge the undeniable fact that our younger brothers and sisters continue to do it tough," Mr Thompson said.

"We must extend the hand of mateship further."

## Long Tan remembered -



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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The original Long Tan cross and plaque erected on 18 August 1969 by 6RAR/NZ (ANZAC) on the site of 11 Platoon's last stand in the Long Tan rubber plantation. The cross was removed for use as a memorial to a Catholic priest, Nguyen Van Chinh, and was later recovered by the Dong Nai Museum in Bien Hoa city, Vietnam, where this photograph was taken in 1996.

On the third anniversary of the battle, however, the Australians returned in strength. In 1969, 6RAR was on its second tour to Vietnam. Renamed 6RAR/NZ (ANZAC) with the integration of a New Zealand rifle company, the battalion had conducted a spectacularly successful shakedown operation, codenamed Lavarack, in the north of the province in June. The following month, the unit suffered heavy casualties from enemy-laid mines during pacification operations around the populous south-east of Phuoc Tuy during Operation Mundingburra.

Shortly after Operation Mundingburra, 6RAR/NZ conducted an unconventional operation. On 17 August, A and D Companies launched an airmobile assault into the Long Tan rubber plantation, then searched and secured the area. Soldiers found it was still littered with rusty weapons, clothing and equipment discarded in the battle. Then they settled into night defensive positions under the wet season rain.

On the following morning, infantry and assault pioneers cleared rubber trees from the site of 11 Platoon's last stand of 18 August 1966. They then erected a three-metre-high, white concrete cross, which had been constructed by the battalion's pioneer platoon and flown in suspended underneath an RAAF Iroquois helicopter. A brass plaque on the cross bore the simple inscription:

**"IN MEMORY OF THOSE  
MEMBERS OF D COY AND  
3 TP 1 APC SQN WHO GAVE  
THEIR LIVES NEAR THIS  
SPOT DURING THE BATTLE  
OF LONG TAN ON 18TH  
AUGUST 1966  
ERECTED BY 6RAR/NZ  
(ANZAC) BN 18 AUG 69.**



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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Platoons secured a defensive perimeter while the remainder of the battalion moved in by armoured personnel carriers and formed a hollow square around the clearing. Ten soldiers who had served during the battalion's first tour and fought at Long Tan in 1966 (nine from 6RAR and one from 3 Troop, 1 APC Squadron) flanked the cross in an honour guard while pipers played a lament and a chaplain led the dedication ceremony.

In 1987, following the very successful **Welcome Home Parade** for Vietnam Veterans in Sydney, Prime Minister Bob Hawke announced that **Long Tan Day would be known as Vietnam Veterans Day**. Since then, it has been commemorated every year as the day on which the service of all those men and women who served in Vietnam is remembered.

**As a footnote:** From the two major Confrontations (Battles) that occurred with the Australian Military in South Vietnam, there were 43 personnel Killed In Action (KIA) – these being Long Tan with 18 and 25 at Coral/Balmoral. These figures represent 25% of the total Killed In Action for the whole of the Vietnam War. As another side note 83% of the Australian Military Killed in Action in South Vietnam were National Servicemen.

**The following is extracted from the Australian War Memorial –**

**Australian casualties in the Vietnam War, 1962–72** (Last updated: 05/03/2017)

These statistics were sourced from the appendix of "On the offensive: the Australian Army in the Vietnam War 1967–1968". For details of the total number of Australians who died during the Vietnam War, 1962- 1975, please refer to [Deaths as a result of service with Australian units](#).

Statistics: Total Australian service casualties in the Vietnam War, 1962–72

Service	Died	Wounded/injured/ill	Total
Army	478	3,025	3,505
RAN	8	48	56
RAAF	14	56	70
TOTAL	500	3,129	3,629

Note: The total of 500 deaths comprises 426 battle casualties and 74 non-battle casualties.

**Australian Army casualties in the Vietnam War, 1962-1972 Battle casualties**

	Australian Regular Army	National servicemen	Citizen's Military Forces	Total
Killed in action	172	143	1	316
Killed accidentally	15	10	0	25
Died of wounds	40	28	0	68
Died of injury/illness	0	3	0	3
Missing presumed dead	0	1	0	1
Drowned	1	0	0	1
Wounded in action	1,140	880	6	2,026
Wounded accidentally	92	87	1	180
Injured/ill in battle	79	63	0	142

**Totals by category:**

**414 killed in battle, 2,348 wounded in battle Non-battle casualties**

	Australian Regular Army	National Servicemen	Citizen's Military Forces	Total
Killed/died	49	15	0	64
Injured/ill	426	249	2	677

**Australian Army casualties in Vietnam by year, 1962–72**

BC = Battle casualty

NBC = Non-battle casualty Deaths

Year	BC	NBC	Total
1962	0	0	0
1963	0	1	1
1964	1	0	1
1965	11	5	16
1966	56	7	63
1967	70	11	81
1968	102	5	107
1969	95	9	104
1970	54	11	65
1971	28	12	40
1972	0	0	0
Total	417	61	478

**Wounded/injured/ill**

Year	BC	NBC	Total
1962	0	2	2
1963	0	1	1
1964	8	1	9
1965	83	17	100
1966	226	62	288
1967	276	131	407
1968	529	170	699
1969	648	145	793
1970	422	69	491
1971	166	60	226
1972	4	5	9
Total	2,362	663	3,025

Source: Ian McNeil and Ashley Ekins, On the offensive: the Australian Army in the Vietnam War 1967–1968, Allen & Unwin, Crows Nest, NSW, 2003, appendix F, "Statistics"

**Peter Dealy - The Goulburn Valley Vietnam Veterans Association** had 2 Services in the Goulburn Murray Valley. Early start 9.00am at Cobram for the blokes along the Murray River between Yarrawonga and Tocumwal and then at Shepparton at 11.00am for those in the GV area. Both venues had a very good turnout. The Cobram Service is a short one, but still gives the Vets, families and general public the chance to show their remembrance thoughts. Had a Coral Balmoral Vet as Guest speaker at Shepparton. A National Serviceman, Brian McInnery was a member of the Mortar Platoon that was attacked early in the assault on Coral. He was wounded but survived and telling his story took a lot of "guts". Just got the service in as the rain started 5 minutes later. Over 50

persons came back for camaraderie afterwards at the Shepparton RSL, including the local Parliamentarians and Mayor, all of whom mixed with those in attendance, which was very well received. Generally, very pleased with the numbers that participated at the Service, along with the local press and TV coverage. 131 Vets in attendance were Kevin Heenan Ron Mason (our Treasurer) and myself.

The sales of Vietnam memorabilia throughout our area in the week preceding VV Day was very good with the general public continuing to show their sympathetic feelings towards those that served in Vietnam. It is very heart warming. Also, the local ABC radio station did a 15-minute interview with Guest Speaker Brian and myself on the Friday morning breakfast program, another example of the esteem in which Vietnam Vets are held.

I hope all other services went as well as ours.

All the best, Cheers

Peter Dealy, President, Goulburn Valley VVA

### **Allen Morley - Perth Vietnam Veterans Remembrance Day**

The celebration of Vietnam Veterans Day on August 18<sup>th</sup> was held at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Kings Park, Perth on a warm, sunny morning. Representing 131 were Barry Guzder and Allen Morley. The guest of honour was Kim Beazley AC, Governor of Western Australia. There was a good turnout with more than 100 in attendance. It is somewhat ironic that the event was sponsored by Lotteries WA, considering that the Nashos' birthdates were drawn from a Melbourne lottery arrangement.

The order of ceremony included a poem – *Soldier* - read by Peggy Graham, widow of Capt Graham Belleville AATV, addresses from two senior high school students who had participated in the 2018 Premier Anzac Students Tour, wreath laying, the Ode read in full and a prayer or two from Chaplain Paul Quicke.

Following the proceedings Barry and Allen, together with two of the former's RAASC veterans retired to The Vic Hotel in the shadows of the Subiaco Oval for lunch and refreshments.

Allen Morley



**Ernie Newbold** - A report on the Vietnam Veterans Day service organised by Granville Vietnam Veterans, Peacemakers and Peacekeepers Assn. This year commemorating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the battles at FSPBs Coral and Balmoral. The guest speaker was Wing Commander Paul Martin Hughes JP, who spoke well with great knowledge of the events at Coral and Balmoral. Following a great lunch, we were entertained by "The Williams Brothers" (two sons and a grandson of entertainer Warren Williams) Six locators were in attendance, **George Lane, Ged Carrol, Merv Nairn, Jim Fitzgerald Nick Proskurin & Ernest Newbold.**

**Peter Piore** - This photo shows all Vietnam Veterans present at the Woonona Bulli RSL Sub-Branch Vietnam Veterans' Day 2018. With us is the Edna Wheatley the Widow of Kevin Arthur 'Dasher' Wheatley WO2 Australian Army Training Team Vietnam, Killed in Action 13 November 1965. Awarded - Victoria Cross among many others.

A very emotional day. Regards, *Peter Piore*



**Peter Rawlings** 4<sup>th</sup> Field Regt RAA Vet who we shared lines with in Arty Tac in 1967 sent the following memory that is very relevant to the 18<sup>th</sup> August, 1966 – "Dicko, I was mates with **Gordon Sharp** (Platoon commander 11 platoon, killed at Long Tan) at Channel 7 in Sydney before we were both in the first call up. We were stage hands from 1963, Gordon had become a cameraman and I was a floor manager by the time conscription arrived and we had had the best time working in television.

In those days, the channel had two orchestras, a full chorus and a dance line, lots of pretty girls around (Gordon was no slouch with the ladies). We also played Rugby League together in a Sunday morning comp called the Journalists Cup against the other TV stations and teams from the newspapers. Gordon was a very good centre. I fractured a

bone in my leg in a game just before the medical and was deferred for 6 months whilst Gordon went in and completed OTU Scheyville despite breaking both his wrists in a fall.

Channel 7 was a devastated place when Gordon died. I luckily returned from Vietnam and enjoyed a great career as a Director and Producer.

When the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Long Tan was approaching, we learned that the Last Post Ceremony at the War Memorial in Canberra was to be dedicated to Gordon's memory so I organized a group from those days to attend and lay a wreath in his memory. We caught up with some of his old comrades at a dinner in the evening and learned that he had been highly respected by his men despite his relatively young age. He died trying to observe the fall of round in order to adjust the fire to protect his men. A photo of Gordon was displayed in the 7 Studios until the company moved but he is still remembered as great bloke. He will be him and the loss of a fine man and 17 of his comrades I will be thinking of on the day.

Best to all the Locaters

Peter Rawling (4<sup>th</sup> Field RAA) in lines with Dicko and others '67 '68."

### Warwick "Brookey" Brooker - Long Tan

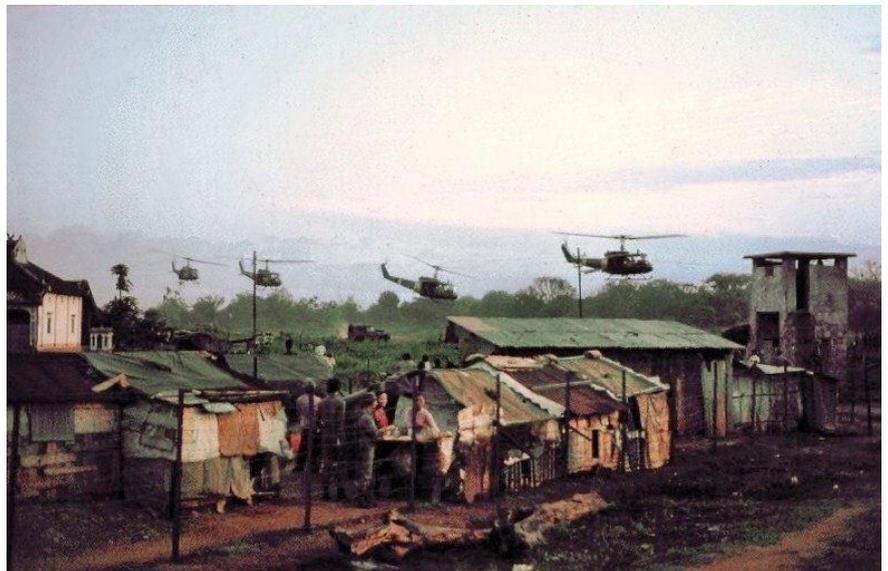
Last month Ed was doing one of his regular wanders and came across a website in which "Brookey" has an article on Long Tan, so I contacted him for some more details. Plus, I have included the photo showing a flight of choppers taking off. Click on the following link it's a really interesting story.

Anyway, here's Brookey's response -

"Wow, I'd forgotten all about that! It was to do with the planned production of a "Red Dunes" film. I joined an interested group. I'll have to see what happened about the film. Feel free to publish that

stuff: <http://battleoflongtan.ning.com/profile/WarwickBrooker>. It's not my own website and I'm surprised it's still there. I probably shouldn't be surprised, as once something goes on the web, it's out there – somewhere – forever!

The choppers rising above the ARVN compound were doing one of those rapid insertions in which we participated at times. The first time I viewed the AWM feature that portrays a 'hot insertion', my mind drifted right back to Vietnam and my heart pounded so forcefully that I had a sore chest for three days afterwards. I mentioned it to the AWM attendant at the time and she said they'd been afraid that might happen to some veterans. Soon after that, they turned the chopper sounds down a little. I've watched it several times since and am now conditioned to it!



With best wishes, Brookey"

**Ernie Newbold** – "A point of interest regarding the "Long Tan Cross" when we visited Seymour for the Detachment 131 Paver Dedication we found that the replica Long Tan Cross at Seymour was made by the same man who made the original cross in 1969. See attached pictures. Regards, Ernie."





### A Curiosity - ADF – a conversation with Ayliffe – Aug 2018 leads to the following....

In an email conversation held with **Keith Ayliffe** who was mentioning a recent a presentation he and **Terry Erbs** gave to about 90 current serving Members of 131 Bty re: Coral and Association Membership.

Anyway, my mind wandered off, as it has a tendency to do onto post-Vietnam veterans, the RSL and children and awareness of what is happening today and of the future.

So, here goes...

Today the ADF is technologically sophisticated but relatively small. Although the ADF's 58,206 full-time active-duty personnel and 21,694 active reservists make it the largest military in Oceania, it is smaller than most Asian military forces. Nonetheless, the ADF is supported by a significant budget by worldwide standards and is able to deploy forces in multiple locations outside Australia. (ADF sourced)

I guess the relevance of the size of the ADF depends on world or local activities. For example, if a World War breaks out, I gather, there would be a significant increase in the ADF with volunteers, or perhaps, God forbid, if there was a semi-regional "crisis" and the Australian Government re-introduced Conscriptio this would also swell the ranks of the ADF.

Another factor re: today is the population of Australia passed the 25,000,000 mark only just on the 8<sup>th</sup> August – and not by natural birth resources. What sort of voluntary response would the ADF get in time of crisis?

Anyway, a couple of months back I put out a "Questionnaire" to just the committee blokes seeking family and extended family knowledge of the members being involved in the SVN conflict. This was based on what, if anything, do families know about Vets "war time" experiences/involvement.

My background to all of this was my father being rejected on medical grounds from voluntary service in the second World War – I do know he was depressed and affected, because there was a "white feather" activity for supposed service evaders at the time. He did serve in the home defence arena in the Artillery. As I have no children I have nieces and nephews who were and are aware of my involvement, though at the time they were young. However, because of my remoteness of living and not getting involved with a whole lot of things till later on did they get to see any participation. Though a group of them attended the service at Enoggera in 2016 and it made me very proud.

**T**his leads me on to today and begs the question that do young people, not ones who have serving family members, know anything or are even aware that Australia has "defence" activity in various parts of the world today?

For example -

The Government has deployed Australian Defence Force personnel to operations overseas and within Australia to protect Australia and its national interests. ADF members are actively protecting Australia's borders and offshore maritime interests.

#### Operational numbers

Numbers of Defence personnel on operation			
Operation	Location	Personnel	Government Mandate
Accordion	Middle East Region	500	Ongoing

Numbers of Defence personnel on operation			
Operation	Location	Personnel	Government Mandate
Aslan	Sudan	25	Reviewed Annually
Manitou	Middle East Region	240	Ongoing
Mazurka	Egypt	27	Ongoing
Okra	Middle East Region and Iraq	600	Ongoing
Paladin	Israel/Lebanon	12	Reviewed Annually
Resolute	Australian Maritime Interests	600	Ongoing
Highroad	Afghanistan	300	Ongoing
Augury – Philippines	Philippines	100	Reviewed Annually

**Total = 2,404 Personnel**

**Note:** Afghanistan - **41 Australian soldiers** have been killed and 261 wounded (including two sailors and one airman), the majority since October 2007.

I believe we owe it, not only our current “family”, but to the current serving group and the populous at large to be aware of not only the dim distant past, but of the current and future generations. It is us who should be proud of the event that happened on 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 1987.

## . Insights and Recollections...

**The series will continue on the receipt of more Insights and Recollections, so if you would care to contribute, please send your Insights and Recollections –**

**Paul Dickson at - [131eyesandears@gmail.com](mailto:131eyesandears@gmail.com)**

**Grahame Dignam** forwarded the following article. It’s a really interesting read. It’s about and written by - Prof Glyn Harper QSM, PhD, MA (Hons), Dip Tchng, BA. Professor RAE - War Studies  
He is a Professor of War Studies at Massey University in Palmerston North, New Zealand and was the Director of the Centre for Defence and Security Studies for eight years.

### “Children’s book faces shame and pain of Vietnam War”

War historian Professor Glyn Harper has written a number of well-loved children’s books about the Anzacs and First and Second World War themes. His new children’s book is on the Vietnam War of the 1960s - a conflict less venerated or discussed.

Professor Harper says his latest book, My Grandfather’s War (illustrated by Jenny Cooper and published by Exisle Publishing) is a revamped version of his earlier book on the topic that came out in 2007. The new, colourfully illustrated edition has been released in the United States, Canada, Britain, Australia and New Zealand and has been receiving rave reviews.

The young girl in the story is curious to find out more about her grandfather’s war-injured leg and his air of sadness and reserve - symptoms of post-traumatic stress. Without delving into the political and military complexities, the story simply reveals the impact of the war on the grandfather who eventually shows her his Vietnam War Service medal. He tells her his sadness is from remembering friends hurt or killed and at being shunned at home for going to Vietnam. The grandfather also touches on harm and suffering from "chemicals" (Agent Orange) used in the war and which he says made soldiers and their families sick.

Professor Harper says he felt apprehensive writing about the controversial war involving United States, Australian and New Zealand troops in Vietnam because of sensitivities among returning soldiers about how they were treated after the war. He consulted with two friends who had served in Vietnam and they gave the go-ahead.

"The soldiers felt mistreated when they returned - there are raw nerves. I had to approach it very carefully," he says. Writing a book suited to young readers meant he had to consider the "tricky issue" of Agent Orange, a powerful herbicide used by the United States military to eliminate forest and crop cover for North Vietnamese and Viet Cong troops.

"I had to include it but say it in a gentle way and hint at the problems [such as birth defects] it caused."

Sensitive not sanitised view of war for young readers

While it was important to include the hard, brutal truths about war, he was aware of not dwelling on this too much as he did not want to turn readers off learning about military history.

This is Professor Harper’s 13th children’s book and the sixth in collaboration with illustrator Jenny Cooper. He says her powerful images tell much of the story, conveying documentary-like, backdrop scenes of the battlefields and anti-Vietnam War protest marches.

The Vietnam War was the longest military conflict for all of the countries involved, spanning 1955 to 1975. In it, 37 New Zealand soldiers died, and 187 were wounded.

In his historical notes at the end of the book, Professor Harper says soldiers from the United States, Australia and New Zealand "had been fighting a war that became very unpopular. Upon their return, many Vietnam veterans felt that the government and the public of their countries were ashamed of them.

"Many veterans also experienced physical and psychological problems as a result of their service in Vietnam, for which they received little or no help."

My Grandfather's War will be launched at College Street Normal School in Palmerston North on July 6.

The book's release coincides with the 50th anniversary this year of the war's longest siege, the Battle of Khe Sanh, which started with around 20,000 North Vietnamese soldiers against 6,000 US marines and South Vietnamese Army soldiers.'

## . 1970 – “Lost Locators Project” ...

**Ed – The “Pet Project”** trying to **Locate Lost Locators** continues. Out of the **1971 Project** last month a few blokes were Located – mostly thanks to **Kevin Browning**.

Now I've picked 1970 as another era (I'm working my way backwards) as it covers latter activities in the Detachment.

There are about **52** Lost Locators from 1970 according to the list below. As there were about 134 of you serving there that's about 39% that are NOT Located – wow! Again, as it will always be, they are a mix of Regs and Nashos. I'm still desperately clutching at straws, especially after some 50 years.

Here's the mix in the table below – the blokes with coloured background names are knowns, it's the **white backgrounds** we're looking for. I've continued scouring Death/Funeral notices and other online search engines, but of course blokes didn't continue to live in the same city that they were recruited from, let alone a suburb. Searching White Pages is a pain too.

I would really appreciate your help somehow or other? Paul

## Responses

**Brian Campbell** – “Just a quick note Missing locator **John Pollock** was the president/pension officer at Newcastle Vietnam Vets. Regards Brian Campbell”

## Locate a locator –

NAME	Regt. No.	DOB	IN SVN	OUT SVN	COMMENTS
CHRIS CHAPPLE	5716208	1948	20 01 1970	13 08 1970	
RICHARD CHAPLIN	2791166	1948	20 01 1970	13 08 1970	
JOHN BROWNE	218367	1949	27 08 1969	13 08 1970	
GARY NAVAS	2793162	1949	30 05 1970	26 05 1971	
PETER PIORO	2790931	1948	27 11 1969	04 05 1970	
DAVID REILLY	3794901	1948	24 03 1970	13 08 1970	
BRIAN JOHNSON	4720991	1949	29 05 1970	05 05 1971	AACC
" "			14 05 1970	27 05 1970	1st Armoured Regt.
ROGER HOLMES	3795910	1948	22 07 1970	25 02 1971	
EDWARD COOPER	44231	1950	26 08 1969	21 01 1970	
LESLIE SAURINE	2791863	1947	24 03 1970	17 12 1970	
PETER SZABO	38752	1947	26 03 1969	25 03 1970	
MICHAEL BARLOW	2792252	1949	19 08 1970	11 03 1971	4 Fd Regt.
DAVID NEGUS	3794728	1947	24 02 1970	13 08 1970	
ROBIN TORRISI	1735572	1948	20 08 1970	12 03 1971	
PETER MACKIE	2184557	1949	20 08 1970	08 02 1971	
OLAF ASMANIS	3796272	1947	27 11 1969	05 11 1970	
GEORGE CLARK	2412252	1947	{20 01 1969	21 01 1970	
" "			{09 01 1967	27 09 1967	1 ARU/131
STEPHEN HALL	4720327	1948	27 11 1969	13 08 1970	
ERIC WILLIAMS	1735449	1948	13 02 1970	04 02 1971	
GRAHAME SMITH	2792939	1947	30 05 1970	26 05 1971	
DENNIS MALLOY	3795057	1948	22 07 1969	16 07 1970	
ANTHONY SHELDRAKE	5716358	1948	04 11 1969	13 08 1970	
KEVIN HEENAN	3794777	1948	27 11 1969	13 08 1970	
MARCUS ROBINSON	2791229	1948	20 01 1970	13 08 1970	
LUIGI LANERA	3795443	1947	25 11 1969	12 11 1970	RAEME
ADRIAN SPENCER	3794631	1948	28 10 1969	13 08 1970	
TERENCE McMANIS	44277	1950	30 05 1970	09 10 1970	

<b>GRAEME JENNION</b>	3796241	1947	24 03 1970	04 03 1971	
<b>ALBERT JACKA</b>	39856	1950	16 12 1969	11 03 1971	AACC
<b>DONALD PERRY WO2</b>	38675	1936	15 04 1970	19 11 1970	
<b>NORBERT KROLL</b>	218285	1948	27 11 1969	05 11 1970	
<b>PETER BENNETT</b>	3794060	1948	26 08 1969	04 06 1970	
<b>RODOLFO MARSANI</b>	3796861	1948	20 08 1970	20 08 1970	131
" "			20 08 1970	05 05 1971	4 Fd Regt.
<b>DES McGIUGGAN Sgt.</b>	214722	1944	20 01 1970	21 01 1971	
<b>GREGORY LUCAS</b>	1735725	1949	20 08 1970	20 08 1970	131
" "			20 08 1970	29 10 1970	4 Fd Regt.
<b>WARREN JAENKE</b>	1735584	1946	20 02 1970	11 02 1971	
<b>GREGORY PECK</b>	2790401	1948	04 11 1969	04 06 1970	
<b>ROBERT HARGREAVES</b>	2790343	1948	04 11 1969	04 06 1970	
<b>ERIC WINN</b>	219656	1951	30 05 1970	07 08 1970	131
" "			07 08 1970	05 05 1971	4 Fd Regt.
<b>IAN MORRIS Capt.</b>	243062	1941	10 03 1970	09 07 1970	RAEME
" "			09 07 1970	11 03 1971	106 Fd Wkshp
<b>HILTON HOLLOWAY</b>	1736606	1949	16 12 1970	03 05 1971	131
" "			03 05 1971	26 10 1971	12 Fd Regt.
<b>KEVIN MAKER</b>	2251507	1949	26 08 1969	13 08 1970	
<b>LEON DJATSCHENKO</b>	312532	1949	26 08 1969	13 08 1970	
<b>TERRENCE MYERS</b>	217798	1950	08 05 1969	30 04 1970	
<b>BARRY DYSON</b>	3795956	1947	03 06 1970	04 03 1971	
<b>JEFFREY BASSFORD</b>	2792419	1949	29 04 1970	14 04 1971	
<b>MARK SZYPULSKI</b>	313270	1951	19 08 1970	17 03 1971	4 & 12 Fd Regt.
" "			18 03 1971	29 07 1971	131
<b>KEVIN BANKS</b>	3794366	1948	27 11 1969	04 06 1970	
<b>GARY LOVELL</b>	218160	1950	08 05 1969	30 04 1970	
<b>IAN McMILLAN</b>	215117	1945	15 07 1970	09 09 1970	
<b>DENNIS FORSTER</b>	39992	1949	30 04 1969	16 04 1970	
<b>PAUL ANGELL</b>	2790740	1948	23 09 1969	04 06 1970	
<b>KENNETH SANDERSON</b>	3794846	1948	23 09 1969	13 08 1970	
<b>LAURENCE MION</b>	3795762	1948	01 04 1970	03 12 1970	
<b>PETER COLMAN</b>	2791655	1948	22 12 1969	17 12 1970	
<b>PETER RAVELJE</b>	3794461	1947	16 12 1969	04 06 1970	
<b>STUART TELFORD</b>	2791930	1948	20 01 1970	03 12 1970	
<b>SIMON WILLIS</b>	3797687	1948	02 12 1970	29 07 1971	
<b>ANDREW CSIVINCSIK</b>	2790320	1947	02 12 1969	04 06 1970	
<b>CHARLES O'NEILL</b>	1735063	1946	15 04 1970	17 12 1970	
<b>ROGER PRYKE</b>	312827	1951	30 05 1970	26 05 1971	
<b>GEOFFREY SULLIVAN</b>	3798292	1949	02 12 1970	03 05 1971	131
" "			03 05 1971	20 10 1971	12 Fd Regt.
<b>VITO CICCOLELLA</b>	2791669	1947	16 12 1969	17 12 1970	
<b>EDWARD WEBB</b>	29964	1941	27 01 1970	21 01 1971	
<b>PAUL BUTCHER</b>	3411454	1946	01 04 1969	25 03 1970	
<b>BARRY COLLINS</b>	2793213	1948	20 08 1970	20 08 1970	131
" "			20 08 1970	07 03 1971	4 Fd Regt.
" "			08 03 1971	09 06 1971	12 Fd Regt.
<b>PETER O'DONNELL Sgt.</b>	213115	1941	24 03 1970	05 11 1970	
<b>BRUCE FOWLER</b>	2795238	1949	16 12 1970	29 07 1971	
<b>PETER JOSCELYNE</b>	2792023	1945	03 06 1970	17 12 1970	
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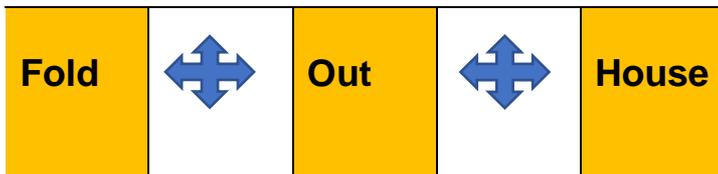
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. **Jim Dickson** sent in the following link which is an interesting read with an interpretation of the background “mechanics” – Politicians v’s Defence Forces - that lead Australia down the path to further involvement in South Vietnam – it really is worth downloading for the insights revealed - <http://sdsc.bellschool.anu.edu.au/sites/default/files/publications/attachments/2016-03/sdsc-horner.pdf>



. **After a bit of break, we’re back with a continuing story in the series with regards to Locators’ “Passions”**

This series commenced a while back now with extracting “Passions” under the guise of “Grey Nomads” and has developed into “things” that somewhat consume us outside families etc and God forbid work! It’s just so good to discover other sides, be that “outsides” or “insides” of blokes who we begin to get to know through this sort of process. Now we’re going to have another look at what continues to consume **Terry and Judy Bruce** with their property at “The Oaks” ...



**or more precisely - “Fold out Caravan”**

“The unit is registered as a caravan for road use, but once on site ‘unfolds’ to a small but very **liveable house**. Currently, Craig and his family (2 adults and 4 kids) are occupying our house (the ‘big house’) whilst Judith and I live in the smaller one - for what we estimate to be a period 12 to 18 months whilst Craig builds his new home in the nearby village of The Oaks.

The small house (the so-called 'Stationmaster's Residence') has 3 bedrooms, bathroom/laundry, kitchen plus a lounge/dining room and is coupled to power, water and drainage. The theory is that at the end of the period of usage the small house will be sold, folded back up and moved to another site. The design and engineering that has gone in to designing and creating the unit is quite incredible.

**It folds out to this!**



We also have computer and telephones connected and operational. (The telephones being the normal Telstra system plus we're about to install a local system between the main house, railway carriage and small house using some ex - NSW railway telephones which feature hand cranked magneto 'winder' type handles). We've purchased and installed the small amount of furniture (mainly wardrobes, etc.) we needed over and above that which we bought from the main house - any excess (larger) furniture from the main house is stored in a new container that we've purchased for the purpose and placed further down the property.

Interesting there, too, we've placed the new container adjacent to the existing container (6 metres away) and parallel and my brother (Paul) Came down from Queensland late last year and built a steel truss roof between the two - handy for storing Jeeps, grandchildren's ATV's and bikes, tractors, farm equipment, hay, etc. out of the weather without impinging upon the utilisation of the existing shedding.

Thus far (about two months) the new arrangements are proving to be eminently satisfactory, we are very comfortable in the small residence whilst Craig and his family have adapted well to living in the 'big house'.



**...in a later email, Terry adds...** "As you'd be aware, NSW is now apparently 100% in drought and the prospect of any decent rain in the near to medium/long term future is not good. From our standpoint, there is no pasture to feed the cattle so we are still buying-in hay, if it can be sourced. We usually buy it in 8' x 4' x 3' bales or round bales, all of varying quality. Fortunately, we now only have a couple of cattle on the place and they have become like pets to the grandchildren, who participate in their feeding and maintenance, so I'm not keen to sell them (the cattle that is). In regards to this "Passion" article is that we've now been living in the 'small house' for longer than we were when we first drafted the article - it's now something like eight months.

So, generally we are living the good life, spending plenty of time with our grandchildren. Judy is still very actively involved in the 'Vinnies' shop in The Oaks village, I'm still involved in the Rural Fire Brigade (Bush Fire Brigade) at The Oaks - although still currently in a 'non-operational' role only (Brigade President) due to my right-knee problem which is continuing to be somewhat troublesome despite the spinal and knee operations that I underwent to try to correct the problem. However, I remain hopeful of returning to 'operational' duties, including resuming my role a 'crew leader/deputy captain' in time for the upcoming summer months which are showing all the signs of being a 'bad season', as they say. Although things can change - hopefully the season will not be as bad as predicted."

**...Ed - I couldn't resist adding another part of Terry's email as it relates to another great "Passion" of his - "TRAINS" - read on...** "I'm not sure if I have previously mentioned that Judy and I are currently looking at the feasibility of a trip to Canada in the new year - the train travel being the main attraction ('The Canadian' and the 'Rocky Mountaineer' among others). Of course, we'd hope to see some wildlife and take in the scenery in general. We are also looking at a train trip in Alaska with either a boat or aircraft trip to get there from Canada. Regards, Terry"

**Ed - It has to be "The Oaks Village Wonderland"!**

**. Here's the next in the "Unknown" series...**

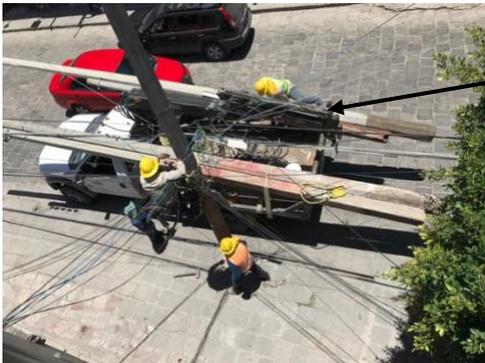
I'm not sure where this photo originated from – the notice on the frame states "4 Platoon, A Coy 2RTB, 1 Intake 1967"



**Whose photo is it and who are these blokes in the group photo?**



**. Oddities – Ed** – It shouldn't come as a complete surprise that I do live in a land far away and some of the practices are somewhat marginally different to the ones completed in the "motherly-protected" areas in which you call home. Our house is in the "Centro" jurisdiction, but not the "Centro Historico" area – we're on the other side of the road, but do have some UNESCO World Heritage guidelines to adhere to, unless a few pesos may alter some things. However, I digress, the Council is extending the Centro Historico programme of removing overhead wiring. The change to underground was amazingly seamless, but it left the poles standing. Anyway, out of the blue (it was a very pleasant sunny winters' day) a truck arrives with several blokes (amazingly with helmets) and commence removing the bloody great concrete pole outside our place with no barriers/barricades for traffic of pedestrians. They'd obviously done several before because the whole thing went off without a hitch!



Luckily, we hadn't planned on going out at that exact moment!  
This is looking off our balcony



That's our place



Only the wires to be removed – possibly manana!

# From the Advocate's Desk...



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**Ed** – I dropped Peter an email which contained a couple of “scenarios” seeking some possible solutions and here's what Peter has responded with... Peter,

## **Scenario 1:**

Veteran A – I am a 73-year-old, married veteran, with a DVA Gold Card, DVA pension, both my wife and I are in reasonable health. We own our own home and a car, have some savings and a small personal pension.

## RESPONSE:

### Retirement Village.

. One type you have to hand over a sum of money to secure your home. (That is, you sell your home). This could be \$300,000.00 upwards. This money is invested and comes back to you or your family/estate. You agree at the start on a % they will keep of the "CAPITAL GAIN" not of the principal. (The amount you paid to get in).

The property is owned by the provider who look after maintenance etc. You do not own the property just USE it. It could be a free-standing home. You are responsible for your own cooking, and the usual household things. You live in a community environment where a variety of things are provided, such as games rooms pools etc.

. The other is an Over 50's

You own your home, (after selling your original home) pay rent for the land your house stands on. You could be able to claim rent assistance.

These properties are governed by "Residential Land Lease Act"

You would need to sell to move to aged care.

In general, there are no entry fees nor exit i.e. they do not get a % of the capital gain.

These do not provide assisted living.

### Assisted Living.

This is termed "Aged Care" and is only able to be accessed if you pass the ACAT assessment.

. DVA assistance. No real assistance is provided.

## **Scenario 2:**

Veteran B – I am a 73-year-old, married veteran, with a DVA Gold Card, DVA pension, both my wife and I are in reasonable health. We live in a rented property, own a car, have limited savings with no other income.

## RESPONSE:

In this situation, you would not be able to get into any of the facilities that require payment up front. Remain as is or seek government housing if finances dictate this.

DVA - You could seek rent assistance.

## **Scenario 3:**

Veteran C – I am a 73-year-old, married veteran, with a DVA Gold Card – TPI standard, DVA pension, my health isn't great, but my wife is reasonable health. We live in a rented property, own a car, have limited savings with no other income

**RESPONSE:**

This scenario is as Number 2

**AGED CARE FACILITY.**

To access these there are two criteria.

1. Aged Care Assessment Team ACAT or Aged Care Assessment Service (VIC)

The assessment will determine your eligibility to access and if you are High Care or Low Care. If one is assessed and enters Aged Care the partner who is OKAY cannot go into Aged Care.

If both are deemed to aged care access then both can enter. (Not always in the same room)

2. These facilities also seek for an upfront payment to get in (even after ACAT)

- One also could be on a waiting list.

- The Aged Care Act of 1997 included "Consideration Of Veteran Community & Ex-Service Community. Does not give you any preference to move ahead of others.

Special Needs - requires aged care to consider the veteran.

Meaning of people with special needs also includes among others "People who are Financially or Socially Disadvantaged".

- This means you do not need to have \$400,000 or so to get in. They must provide you with a place.

DVA- For those on health cards Gold or White (Accepted disabilities) their treatment continues in Aged Care including medical providers etc.

Transport to specialists, hospital, XRAYs etc is also provided by DVA

**FACTSHEETS**

DVA has these documents to cover a variety of matters.

Factsheet HSV05 - Moving into Residential Care

Factsheet IS82 - Aged Care and Finances

**Peter Piore** – sent in the following of him receiving some just rewards -

**Certificate of Appreciation for Australian Volunteer  
Australian Government Volunteer Award 2018**

Presented by: Hon Sharon Bird, Member for Cunningham (NSW)

It is important for our member's older brigade and especially the younger to get behind the Advocate process which provides those seeking to claim with DVA a chance of success. Volunteers work ethic is different to that of paid employees. Australia enjoys a DVA system that is a little bent, slightly broken and generally floundering BUT we have the GOLD & White Cards (especially) GOLD. Other countries such as USA and UK fall short by a mile. I help British Veterans and on visiting USA have heard from their Veterans the difficulties they have just to make ends meet with their pensions. So our system needs fixing but it is still far in front of others.

Regards, *Peter Piore*



This photo (at left) shows myself with the award I received and my wife **Ann**. She has the same credentials as I do and is also President of the Women's Auxiliary. This is now changing to AUXILARY to facilitate the number of females in the services but husbands, partners not. Also allows males to join and help raise funds.

**Bob Billiards** sent in some lame excuse why he couldn't load this month's *Eyes & Ears* onto the web and the baton had to be passed to **Bert Blink**. Luckily, we have Bert handy – thanks Bert. **Ed**.



Typical Bob, he's out in the middle of nowhere hauling that "Goggo-thing" behind him into South Australia! No doubt we'll get to see and read more later – hopefully. Travel safely the "Billiards Crew".

Ed – I got this photo off his Facebook thingo.



**Barry Guzder** – ‘Paul, thanks to you and ALL committee members, who over the years have helped to keep us in touch throughout this wide brown land. Happy Anniversary. Barry Guzder 5714500”

**Stuart Sporn** – “My birthday is same as Vickery. 22/8/1945”

**Ed** couldn't resist responding – “You had different fathers obviously?” – to which Stuart responded – “Yep. Different milkmen!”



**Mail Out**



I started this in September, 2017 and have decided to continue running down the alphabet of names and sending some emails to blokes in general to say g'day and just to generally keep in touch. A lot of the blokes I've never met, so it's just to keep some connection alive. Plus, it's good to keep in touch, even sporadically, it may help to avoid any unpleasant unforeseen surprises.



**Mail In** - Here are the responses...

**Ken Osborne** – “Dear Paul, I have been meaning to respond to your email from a month ago but have got tied up doing other things. The secretary of our local branch of the RSL resigned in June as I am the assistant I have been filling in reluctantly. I did it for twenty years and was more than happy to stand aside but shit happens. I do, however, appreciate the newsletter and I noted that one of the radar mechs who served with me at Woomera namely **Garry Luscombe** got a mention just a while back. I have not seen Garry since about 1967, so it is nice to know he is alive and kicking. I believe he married the daughter of a Locator so he is not straying too far from the fold. I noted your comment in your email about playing golf in NZ. One of my fellow Legatees and her husband and a group of like-minded people went on a two-week trip to NZ the husbands played golf and the girls went shopping. I cannot remember where they played but on one course I think the sea and surrounds consumed a lot of balls. It would appear that if you did not hit the green or the fairway with extreme accuracy you waved goodbye to the ball and of course the weather for some of the days was atrocious but they thoroughly enjoyed themselves. I have not had a game for a couple of years now, I became a fair-weather golfer and on the days, I was free it was either blowing a gale or bucketing down rain so I remained at home and did other things. There are however still not enough hours in the day to do everything I want too or what my wife wants me to do, so keep at it keep well, regards Ken Osborne.”

**George Clarke** – “Hello Paul, nice to hear from you again. Nothing much happening in my life, at the moment, but at least I am experiencing reasonable health at the moment.

One of my younger sisters passed away in February, which really shocked me, and I have had a difficult time getting over it, especially when it happened so soon after the passing of my father. But we all go eventually eh! All the best to you and your better half Paul and take good care. Best wishes, George Clark.”

**Barry Campton** – “Hello Paul. I could be wrong but “Big Al” passed away in 2016. Check with Dave Doyle at the RSL Club in Coffs Harbour as he was a great help to Alan when he was crook. He lived in the caravan park at Coffs Harbour for a number of years. Always on top of things and always ready for a chat. My wife and I used to visit him when we were in the area. He was the "Mayor of Nui Dat hill" in the SAS area and ran the LP very efficiently. I didn't have any problems as he seemed to be able to sort it out before it became a problem.

Life goes on in Canberra and unlike the climate you have the -9c is quite invigorating but definitely brass monkey weather. Always look forward to Eyes and Ears to catch up with those blokes that I can still remember!

All the best and keep up the good work. Regards, Barry Campton”

**Ed responded** – “Barry, good to hear from you and get an update on things "Campton" and "Canberra". My brother lives in Canberra and I get his "frozen" messages and "teeth chattering" conversations regularly.

As regards to Alan Thomson - thanks for correction - bugged if I know why that wasn't updated. He is on our Locator Honour Roll - he passed away on 7th October 2015. Keep in touch. Paul.”

**Keith Ayliffe** – “G'day Paul, thank you for your catch-up email.

I have been relatively busy since our last contact. still doing work for others, ensuring the Coral vets received their UCG which has gone smoothly not a ruffle with cooperation from others we have now obtained the citation for a number of our ill members. and most of RAEME have been fixed and the best part I am hearing no screams. a couple of widows I still have to contact.

I am still in a fight with the Defence force about the Legacy of the UCG for the current unit they are very slow to act on this I feel. I have been joined in my quest by Terry Erbs and Russ Hamsey so now I have a group to which I can run my ideas. Should I hear more I will contact you.

I have also been assisting in the coming reunion in October.

Myself and Terry gave a presentation to 131 Bty at the RSL, about 90 members. Discussed Coral and the reason they should be in the Association and what it does for them.

I have an LSTAA meeting to attend in a couple of weeks I would imagine the agenda will be mainly the reunion in October.

I must pass on I am pleased with the assistance I have received during the UCG run up to Canberra and since it has been most helpful. Best regards Keith”

**Harry Lynas** – “G'day Paul, sorry for the delay - but I have an excuse old timers (Alzheimer's). Anyway, here goes, nothing much happening now had a back op late last year which tends to slow you down.

Been busy researching Queenslanders who served at Fort Lytton and went upwards in Rank to General and found that there were 10 made General during WW1, out of them we had the first officer picked to go Staff College in the UK, three who made CGS and three who served right through to WW2. We created a PowerPoint presentation and put it on a Touchscreen Kiosk, all in all about 122 months' research and now after the movie of course comes the book.

Here's the latest photo of me that you asked for with my niece when she gave me the Aussie Hero Quilt a few weeks back.

Going down to Albury/Wodonga at the end of August to catch up with Terry Wilson and my brother and sister-in-law. Cheers Harry”

**Peter Bruce** – “Hello Paul. Great to hear from you and get your update from Mexico.

It's approaching 10.00pm here on Monday night. I have just finished some Legacy advertising stuff in preparation for Legacy week – the first week in Sept. Also, had a couple of things to do in preparation for a stall at a “Volunteers Expo” in Port Macquarie tomorrow. Getting individuals into volunteer work, including Legacy, is a bit of a battle



everywhere. We also have to be a little bit careful about who we take on as well. It seems the modern soldier is not interested in joining Legacy – not sure why – but it may be seen as an ‘older person’s role’.

I have a few things on my plate at the moment. My wife is away in New York at the moment, baby sitting the newest grandchild. I am juggling between house sitting for friends, fitting a new bathroom in our house and also babysitting grandkids back here. I get to look after twin two-year-old boys a couple of days a week. They are pretty good really but it certainly does drain you.

Weather here has been fantastic of late although we all need rain. Poor old farmers are coping it tough throughout most of NSW. Not sure what the future holds for many of them as stock feed is getting harder and harder to source and the cost is going through the roof. Huge community support being instigated in lots of areas with all sorts of activities to help the farmers.

I think our politicians over here are going the same way as some of yours – all downhill! We look like going to the polls in May next year for Federal election. My view is that the major parties have lost the plot but there is no real alternative. I heard today that a ‘Greens’ party person is going to try and get hold of our electorate over a National’s member. God help us!

I am no closer to getting my next old boys newsletter out at this stage. I have a fair bit of material but just need a few hours to put it all to bed so to speak. Maybe next week??? Our association - 4 Fd Regt (SVN) Old Boys is being mixed up with a Facebook mob called 4 Field Regiment Old Boys. It is causing a couple of issues so I will do an article and a couple of letters to try and clarify the situation.

Quite a few funerals of RAA recently. I am also a bit behind with my obituaries so have to get a bit more proactive in that area as well.

By the way, well done on your last edition of *Eyes and Ears*. Between yours and Arthur Burke’s ‘Tiger Rag’, it makes mine look very second rate. I have often thought about applying for a grant via BEST, but as we are not an incorporated association, it may be a bit awkward.

Anyway mate, that’s about me for now. Well past my bed time! By the way, my last game of golf was on 24 April 2018 and the one before that was 24 April 2017! You can tell I’m not playing much these days. I have lost the enthusiasm for the game. My wife says she may start playing so if she does, I may get back into a bit of social golf. In the meantime, the grandkids are having a great time with my golf balls in the back yard. I’ll be lucky to find any if I do decide to play!

All the best for now. Peter”

**Vic Danko** – “Thanks for your note. Good to hear from you.

I’m OK. Very lucky to have a warm family and people who care for me.

My time is spent largely on Mosman RSL matters. Right now, I have a few “political” matters. Generally, I’m OK with this but I have one fellow whose been giving me problems for the past week or so. On the other side, I’m surprised at just how difficult it is for many senior officers to translate from military to civilian environment.

May and June Katya and I tried to visit Russia and me play golf in Thailand. We stuffed up, Katya making a mistake with her Russian passport being out of date etc so she met friends in Frankfurt and later Copenhagen, then we linked up in Tel Aviv!! Tell you, I was impressed with Israel.

Then caught the golf comp in Hua Hin, Thailand. Tell you, I’m determined to have that bucket list drained ASAP. From time to time I think of Leigh Hemming. We got on OK, wish he’d told me. I’d have gone up to Caloundra.

I had lunch with Warwick last week. Just he and I. It was one of those no holds barred lunches. The best of everything. WH starts his cycle of chemo this week. Its 2 weeks’ chemo, 4 weeks off. He hopes to get it to 8 weeks off by the end of the yr. He and Kate are going to NZ later this yr and next Sept their target will be to have a couple of months in Europe. Amongst the canals and rivers. They’ll be back here next Nov. WH will be 80 yrs!

I’m going to Da Nang on 27 Aug. till 16 Sept. - “Vietnam Masters Golf “. But my golf has been a problem lately. Neck injury (due to poor technique), back etc. Maybe I’ve got 3 or 4 yrs left.

We have 2 dogs who give us all a lot of pleasure. I enjoy the walk in the park.

Tomorrow I’ll be doing a couple of medical checks. I don’t know whether living with a doctor is such a good idea!!

Next, I should plan a west coast / Mexico visit, right? All the best you both.”

**Chris Brignell** – “Thanks all good here marvellous, relaxing – in the sun - hi to all.”

**Nick Armstrong** – “Hello Paul. Just replying to your 'Keeping in touch' email.

Everything going along quietly. I recently had a Colonoscopy following traces of blood on one of my Bowel Cancer Screenings recently. Apparently, they found one large and one small polyp, which were removed successfully. I assume they weren’t found to be cancerous, with the recommendation for my next colonoscopy in three years. They must be confident I will still be alive then, which is good to know!

The trip to UK with my brother-in-law, in May, went well. The Dreamliner non-stop Perth to Heathrow was fine. In was no more arduous than the last UK trip about seven years ago. That was by 747 with a one hour refuel stop in Bangkok.

Driving in UK is as bad as ever. The Motorways and 'A' roads work quite well, but 'B' roads in SW of England keep your mind focused! I think my brother-in-law required therapy after we returned to Australia! He said travelling the 'B' roads in Cornwall was like a Bobsleigh course!

Many of the 'B' roads require both vehicles to brush against the foliage of the 2m+ hedgerows. In a hire car, you start to wonder how many paint scratches will be found when returning to the hire depot? I managed to return the car with no damage, which was a big relief, and no follow up traffic and parking infringements, so all’s well that ends well!

Passing another car is probably less stressful than having an impatient driver practically resting against your rear bumper. I suppose it is unfair to blame all drivers. It is just that you notice the pushy ones. The complex, multiple roundabouts are another interesting feature of the 'A' Roads. Once you know a road, I imagine they work reasonably well, but for stranger, relying on a GPS, it is not unusual to do multiple circuits before hopefully leaving on the correct exit!

I am still active with the local Country Fire Service, although the Brigade has just had the quietest fire season for many years, so active is probably a rather loose use of the term, active. I am also still doing some relief School Bus Driving. I could probably get more work bus driving, but I am getting rather used to the flexibility of retirement. Obtaining, and holding a bus licence seems to be quite difficult, with the local charter company having difficulty hiring drivers.

I don't know whether I will get any harvest driving work this year. The farmer I have worked for in the past, did not reap a crop last year, and this year is looking the same. Crops are starting to finally germinate around here on the Lower Eyre Peninsula, but an hour north, where my daughter farms, very little will be harvested. They are de-stocking their sheep, to hopefully minimize sand drifting next summer.

Well, that's about it for now. Cheers, Nick"

**John Bayford** – “Nice to hear from you Paul. Sounds like you lead an idyllic life in Mexico. Last time I wrote I was planning to view the spider crab gathering however it wasn't to be. They didn't turn up in the numbers they had in previous years and the news feed wasn't reliable. My wife and I along with 5 other couples from Cape Schanck are currently in Port Douglas for the month so we are escaping the worst of the Winter. We all play golf and dine together mostly at each other's accommodation. We have spotted a number of crocodiles on the courses here. I think the effort you put into communicating with our community is a great service so thank you for that. Kind regards, John”

**Notice Board...hey! see what's coming up?**

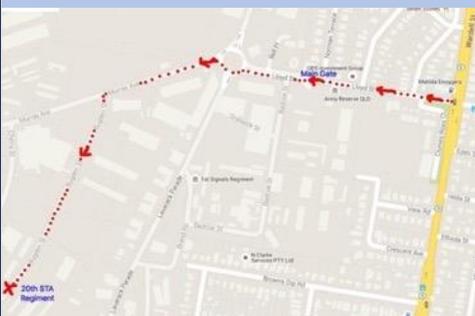


**Locators Reunion Program 12/13/14<sup>th</sup> October 2018**  
**“50<sup>th</sup> Commemoration of the Battle of FSB Coral & Balmoral”**

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> Oct:**

- 9am** – Visitors' tour of training facilities, view latest equipment with opportunity for hands-on drone flying.
- 11am** - AN/KPQ-1 A12 “Long Tan” Radar dedication service conducted by both LSTAA and Regiment's padres & supported by the Army band. Dress – For radar dedication - men jacket & medals
- Noon** – Barbeque lunch provided by the Regiment at James Menz Club. Please pay for own drinks – profits to the Menz Club
- 2pm** – End of Regiment visit, guests to depart base.

The Regiment will facilitate base entry, details will be issued beforehand to those attending the reunion. **If base security status remains unchanged, car and pedestrian entry will be via the main gate [see map].**



**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> Oct:**

**Daytime** - free to tour Brisbane and environs. **Evening** - **Locator's Reunion Dinner at Kedron Wavell RSL, 21 Kittyhawk Dr, Chermside.**

The dinner is to commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of FSB Coral & Balmoral in May 1968 and the Regiments' birthday. Drinks at 6pm, dinner 7pm, cost \$65 per person with free beer or wine until our bar credit is reached. Dress - men jacket & tie with miniatures, ladies after 5pm.

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> Oct:**

**Noon** – farewell drinks/lunch at Ship Inn Hotel at South Bank, Stanley St & Sidon Street, South Brisbane QLD 4101. Drinks & meal at own cost – see menu - [http://www.theshippinn.com.au/shipinn\\_restaurant.html](http://www.theshippinn.com.au/shipinn_restaurant.html)



**Accommodation:** Interstate visitors may wish to stay in or near Brisbane CBD, where there is a wide range of accommodation available with good public transport to Enoggera and Chermide venues. The best option for comparing and booking accommodation is to visit [wotif.com](http://www.wotif.com). Alternatively there are several motels/hotels near Enoggera and Chermide, which may suit visitors: - <http://www.essenceapartments.com/>

**Transport:**

<https://www.chermsidecourtmotel.com/>

<http://www.questapartments.com.au/properties/gld/chermside/guest-chermside-on-playfield/overview>

<http://www.brookhotel.com.au/>

For caravanner's the only suitable nearby location is the Newmarket caravan park, 2km SE of Enoggera and 5km NW from Brisbane CBD and with good access to public transport.

<http://www.newmarketgardens.com.au/>.

For all public transport trip planning use - <https://translink.com.au/>

Brisbane airport Domestic & International terminals - trains every 15min to Central Station, Brisbane CBD, a trip of 20min/\$18.50.

Kedron Wavell RSL - 10km north of Brisbane CBD, buses from King George Sq & Roma St Rail Station to Chermide bus station every 10minutes - No 333/330/340 – 25min/\$1.98 concession fare, then an easy 5 minute walk to RSL.

Enoggera - Ferny Grove line train, from Central Station to Enoggera rail station 8km /19 minutes/\$1.98 concession, or No 390 bus - 26 minutes/\$1.98 concession and city taxi fare approx. \$25[note - Taxis have no access to base due to security restrictions].

Activities for visitors:

[visitbrisbane.com.au/information/articles/activities/30-things-to-do-spring?sc\\_lang=en-au](http://visitbrisbane.com.au/information/articles/activities/30-things-to-do-spring?sc_lang=en-au)

Costs and Payment: **A RSVP form will be circulated after Anzac Day, seeking your response before the next committee meeting in late May.** For info, the commemoration dinner cost is \$65 per person, payment preferably by direct transfer to SE Qld LSTAA, Defence Bank BSB 803205 Acc 20400195.

Otherwise by personal or bank cheque posted to SE QLD branch LSTAA, treasurer Sgt Rodney Alchin or secretary Major Colin Sharp c/o 20<sup>th</sup> STA Regiment RAA, Bugden St, Gallipoli Barracks, Enoggera, Qld. 4051. This Anzac Day enjoy the company of mates, support those who are struggling and remember the fallen.

“Lest we forget”

Terry Erbs, President, SE QLD LSTAA.



...and the Invitation to the event follows...

## Invitation to the Locator's Reunion



Brisbane 2018

Full details of the re-union program appear on the LSTAA website [www.locatingartillery.org](http://www.locatingartillery.org) or are enclosed in hard copy if this notice has been sent by post. This form indicates your intentions, day by day,

### Dedication of "Long Tan" Radar A12, 9am Friday 12<sup>th</sup>, October

and associated activities at Gallipoli Barracks, Enoggera.

Yes/No

Names of those people attending.....

Vehicle Registration for base entry.....

50<sup>th</sup> Commemoration dinner for the Battle of Coral & Balmoral, 6pm Saturday 13th Oct. at Kedron Wavell RSL

Yes/No

Names of those people attending..... Farewell lunch/drinks  
noon Sunday 14th Oct. at the Ship Inn South Bank (own cost)

Yes/No

Names of those people attending.....

Payment for Commemoration Dinner of \$65 per person - direct transfer to Defence Bank 803205 20400195 - please include your name as reference or by cheque to Treasurer SGT Rodney Alchin c/o 20th STA Regiment RAA, Bugden St. Enoggera Qld 4051. Please complete details below and cross out whichever does not apply.

- My cheque/money order for \$..... is enclosed with this RSVP form
- I have sent \$..... by direct transfer, RSVP form enclosed

Please attend to this ASAP so that we can begin to assess numbers. A final closing date will be announced later.

Terry Erbs, President SE Qld Branch LSTAA MOB 0403 500 642

[terry.erbs@gmail.com](mailto:terry.erbs@gmail.com)

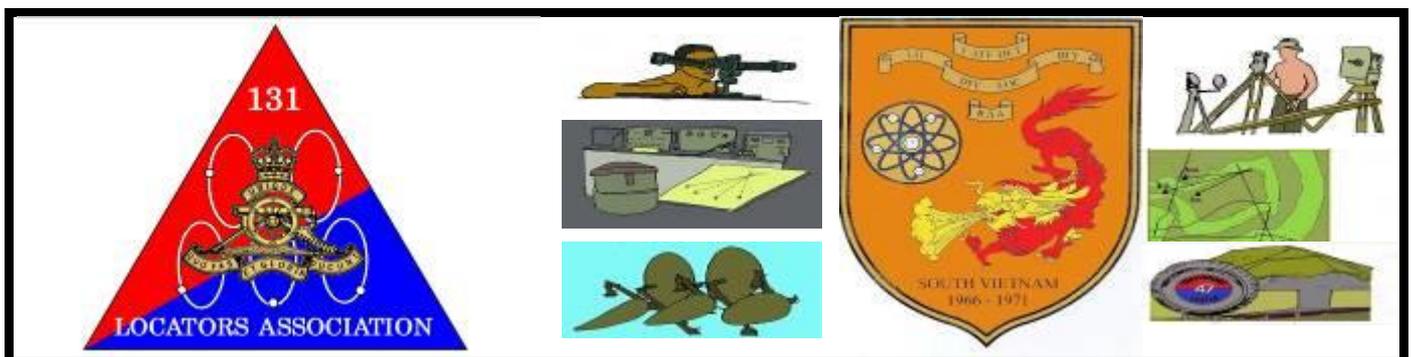


**A** reminder to those of you who are entitled to wear the Unit Citation for Gallantry please submit your applications as notified in last month's *Eyes & Ears* – it can be done via this link -

<http://www.defence.gov.au/Medals/Content/AwardsOnlineForm.asp>

**Anybody who receives a negative result and who are on that list are to contact Keith Ayliffe at this email address - [aylif@westnet.com.au](mailto:aylif@westnet.com.au)**

**DON'T PROSCRASTINATE!!!**



Committee members:

President – Allen Morley, Vice President – Bert Blink, Treasurer/Secretary – Grahame Dignam,  
Webmaster – Bob Billiards, Research Officer – Ernie Newbold, Designs and Development Officer – Nick Proskurin,  
Eyes & Ears Editor – Paul Dickson

General members – Ian Amos, Ged Carroll, George Lane.

Regional Representatives: ACT – Bert Blink, Qld – Terry Erbs, SA - Geoff Blackwell,

Vic – Alan Adams, WA - Barry Guzder

<http://www.131locators.org.au>

## Presidential perambulations

"I am in Perth WA as I type this missive out. Regrettably, my older brother passed away in mid-August at the age of 74, which is not far away from the age of many of our readers, me included.

So, here I am just before the funeral trying to sort out his many papers, receipts, invoices, energy accounts, bank accounts etc etc. It is a minefield. One of the first things I attempted was to change the name on the gas account from my late brother to his wife's name. That only took an hour and a quarter. I am scarred as a result and not too keen to try for other suppliers.

No one knows the password for his computer, nor for his bank account. He gave little away and I have not found passwords written down under the desk blotter.

There was a distant memory that DVA has a fill-in publication for leaving all this information for family and executors.

Something positive from DVA for a change. With a little help and the DVA website all was revealed. My recommendation is that to save hassles for those following you, readers have a look at: <https://www.dva.gov.au/about-dva/publications/health-publications/planning-ahead-kit>.

If only my brother had completed such a document my life as his executor would be manifold simplified.  
Allen"

**Treasurer / Secretary** - A few well chosen words of wisdom from the Sec/Treas – "I have a few bits worth reporting –  
1. Renewals were posted in June, 2018 so if you have responded and/or paid please ask the Treasurer are you financial.

2. We have 44 members who have let memberships lapse by accident or on purpose!!

Email [sectreas131locators@gmail.com](mailto:sectreas131locators@gmail.com) to check.

Grahame"

## . Upcoming Events Calendar –

131 Locators Association Committee Meeting Date: Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2018 at 1100hrs

**Venue:** Canley Heights RSL & Sporting Club, 26 Humphries Rd., Canley Heights Ph (02) 9604 9975 and for directions - <http://www.canleyheightsrsl.com.au/contact-us/>  
You're all welcome

**. Pertinent Points** – extracted from the 131 Locators Association Committee Meeting Date: Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> August, 2017 at 1105hrs...

**Attendees were:** Allen Morley, Bert Blink, Grahame Dignam, Ernest Newbold, Ian Amos, Nick Proskurin, Merv Nairn, George Lane, and Bob Billiards.

**Financial Membership is currently:** 111 plus Associates – 2, plus Affiliates – 8 = Total 121

Plus, Lapsed members 44 and 7 Deceased Members

## Presidents report.

. Revisited the numbers attending the QLD reunion – the VVA day remembrance at Bankstown Sports Club and a "Special event" trip to Omaka in New Zealand.

. Allen advised that he will be in the UK at the time of the Sept meeting and Bert Blink had agreed to chair that meeting.

. The vacant Public Officer position has been filled by Grahame Dignam until the next AGM in November 2018 when the position will again be open for nominations.

## Webmaster Update.

Bob has supplied stats via email to each of the committee members however a glitch has resulted in the only person receiving the information was the SEC/Treas. Bob will review the process and fix the system.

Bob has also made enquiries regarding a wooden tripod suitable for placement in the NVV Museum at Phillip Island but has not received a reply to date.

## 131 NVVM display update

As the proposed update will not come into effect until the new building have been erected the committee have resolved to selectively provide item topics that will be short but informative regarding our units/detachment evolving role in that conflict.

## General Business

. Ern Newbold suggested that the vertical banner should be used at the 2018 Qld reunion Dinner.

. The Photo Album project:

The committee will review the photos that have been taken from the album in possession of 20STA archives to assess what may be used to complete the project

**If you've got more photos that you want added, just send them to: - Paul Dickson – web Photos  
131eyesandears@gmail.com– BUT DON'T FORGET TO ADD TITLES/NAMES ETC.**



**. Birthdays in the Battery...September –**

1	ERIC THOMPSON Sgt	44153	1948	18 02 1968	18 02 1969	
	" "			13 05 1971	04 06 1971	VISIT
2	PHILIP MULGREW	3411756	1948	29 04 1968	07 05 1969	
3	MILLS BUCKLEY	16950	1937	20 05 1966	03 03 1967	† 02.04.07
3	PETER SAINT Bdr	45033	1949	04 11 1970	29 07 1971	
6	JOHN DELLACA	3791355	1945	29 01 1968	28 01 1969	
7	STEVEN BOUTLIS	3787962	1945	02 01 1967	27 09 1967	
7	GARY BESTER	3411737	1948	08 01 1968	03 12 1968	
7	IVAN MILLS S/Sgt	213051	1934	31 01 1969	05 11 1969	
8	WILLIAM EDWARD	2789911	1947	21 02 1969	21 02 1970	
12	BARRY NUGENT	1411039	1945	03 01 1967	12 12 1967	
12	LARRY BRIDGE	2786506	1946	15 03 1968	18 03 1969	
12	PHILIP JOHNS	4719086	1946	16 09 1968	18 03 1969	
12	STEVEN VOSS	1735605	1948	29 04 1970	18 03 1971	
12	KEVIN GEOGHEGAN	219351	1951	16 12 1970	02 06 1971	131
	" "			02 06 1971	23 12 1971	HQ AFV
13	VICTOR CLAXTON	4410991	1948	17 01 1968	23 12 1968	
14	MERV DART	37821	1942	03 01 1967	09 01 1968	† 2001
14	FRANK IPSA	3786657	1945	04 05 1967	12 12 1967	
14	RUSSELL HEWITT	2792435	1948	03 06 1970	04 03 1971	
16	FRANK PEPPER	216683	1948	12 09 1967	17 09 1968	† 27.12.89
16	RONALD DEAN	215527	1944	20 05 1966	29 04 1967	
16	BRIAN BLACK	2786469	1946	27 11 1967	26 11 1968	† 18.01.11
16	ALLEN WHEATLEY	2790305	1947	16 09 1969	04 06 1970	
17	JOHN BLAKE	1731550	1945	04 05 1967	13 12 1967	
17	BARRY GUZDER	5714500	1945	10 06 1967	21 05 1968	
17	MAURICE ARCH	43350	1937	02 01 1967	14 11 1967	
17	ERNEST GALLOWAY	216708	1948	08 01 1968	22 04 1968	
18	BOB WILSON	3791425	1946	27 11 1967	19 11 1968	
18	JIM LAWLER Sgt.	28523	1936	18 12 1967	03 12 1968	
19	ROBERT DAVID GOW	61644	1944	20 05 1966	03 03 1967	
19	HUBERT ANDREWS	2790121	1947	21 02 1969	21 02 1970	
19	WESLEY HINDMARSH	2791313	1947	30 09 1969	13 08 1970	
19	PHILLIP WAPSHOT	3793468	1947	27 11 1969	18 03 1970	
21	GARRY LEPLAW	217182	1948	05 02 1968	11 02 1969	† 06.12.83
22	IAN BUBB	2792358	1948	13 05 1970	11 03 1971	RAEME
23	GREGORY TOMMASI 2Lt.	3791966	1946	10 03 1970	25 08 1970	131
	" "			25 08 1970	11 03 1971	4 Fd Regt.
	GORDON CAMPBELL	16915	1944	11.03.69	11.03.70	† 23.09.13
24	ROBERT BILLIARDS	2785702	1946	12 09 1967	17 09 1968	
24	GEOFFREY CARTHEW	2793339	1949	03 06 1970	09 06 1971	
26	KENNETH McNAMARA	2783740	1945	04 05 1967	12 12 1967	
26	JOHN DAVIES Sgt.	29351	1937	07 10 1966	30 04 1967	† 2004
26	RONALD BOALER	130230	1948	20 02 1970	11 02 1971	
28	LEONARD WALKER	3798942	1949	16 12 1970	30 06 1971	Det 131 † 29.01.07
	" "			30 06 1971	30 10 1971	12 Fd Regt.

\*Above colour background coding explanation – Red – financial Locator, Yellow – located Locator, Black – passed Locator, Blue – honorary Member, White – NOT Located Locator.

**Ed** – 7 blokes not highlighted out of a total of **42** ( including the **9** blokes who have left us) is something like 21% not Located – this isn't a great result! So lets keep the "hunt" going – please.

**. Locator Profiles** – we've received **157** and we've sent out **156**. **Ed** – It's a slow process, but the plan is to continue seeking more – **160** is the next target!

## . Located...

Have a look at the Association's web site - <http://www.131locators.org.au> – you might find some lost mates or get in touch with us and see if we can for you.

**Alasdair Gough** – found us and has taken up a one year Association membership. Actually listed him last month amongst the 70/71's Lost Loactor projetc.

**Tony Turner** – found by **Kev Browning** in Aug'18. Actually listed him last month amongst the 70/71's.

**Laurence "Larry" D'Arcy** – another one found by **Kev Browning**. SVN with us in 1971 – he was with 12 Fd previously in 1968-69 and also 1971 prior coming to us.



131 Locators Association is always on the lookout for new financial members. With the establishment of the web site we continue to be burdened with the ongoing cost of maintenance etc and we need to be able to support this effort equally.

So, if you're a non-financial Associate receiving emails and the *Eyes & Ears* regularly you could bite the bullet and email Grahame [Dignam:sectreas131locators@gmail.com](mailto:Dignam:sectreas131locators@gmail.com) and he could forward you the relevant forms to join - Memberships are available for 1 year or longer deposit a DONATION direct ( add your name) to the associations account at "A/c Name: 131 Locators Association Inc. Bank: Westpac, Kingsgrove NSW BSB No: 032 166 A/c No: 264133"

Hope we hear from you?

Website: <http://www.131locators.org.au>

## . Other related sites...

### Artillery Surveyors 131 Div Loc Bty...



#### ARTILLERY SURVEYORS 131 DIV LOC BTY

"Elements of 131 came wandering in from the bush" (A quote whose origins are lost, yet the sentiments expressed will not be lost on many who served with 131 Div Loc Bty SVN.)

## . Locating, Surveillance & Target Acquisition Association...



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Australian Artillery Association – [www.australianartilleryassociation.com](http://www.australianartilleryassociation.com)



ROYAL AUSTRALIAN ARTILLERY HISTORICAL COMPANY

[www.artilleryhistory.org](http://www.artilleryhistory.org)



Website link - <http://www.vvaa.org.au/>

Website link - <http://www.dva.gov.au/Pages/home.aspx>

## . VETERAN'S AFFAIRS WEBSITE

The Dept of Veteran's Affairs has launched a new mental health initiative to assist veteran's experiencing the affects of mental illness and their families. Providing information and fact sheets about understanding mental illness, links and contact information for accessing support, and online resources for health professionals, this website focuses on helping veterans identify early warning signs of mental illness to effectively manage their mental illness and seek treatment. For more info or to access, please visit [www.at-ease.dva.gov.au](http://www.at-ease.dva.gov.au)

## . 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion 83<sup>rd</sup> Artillery...



Dedicated to the men of the 1st Battalion 83rd Artillery who served in Vietnam from 1966-1971. We left Fort Sill in October 1966 for Vietnam. We originally were at Bear Cat, Nui Dat and Xuan Loc. We later were in many other locations in Vietnam. We also welcome our Australian and New Zealand Allies to whom we owe so much. It is also dedicated to those members of the 1/83rd who did not return. We will never forget their sacrifice. Website: [http: www.1stbn83rdartyvietnam.com](http://www.1stbn83rdartyvietnam.com)



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