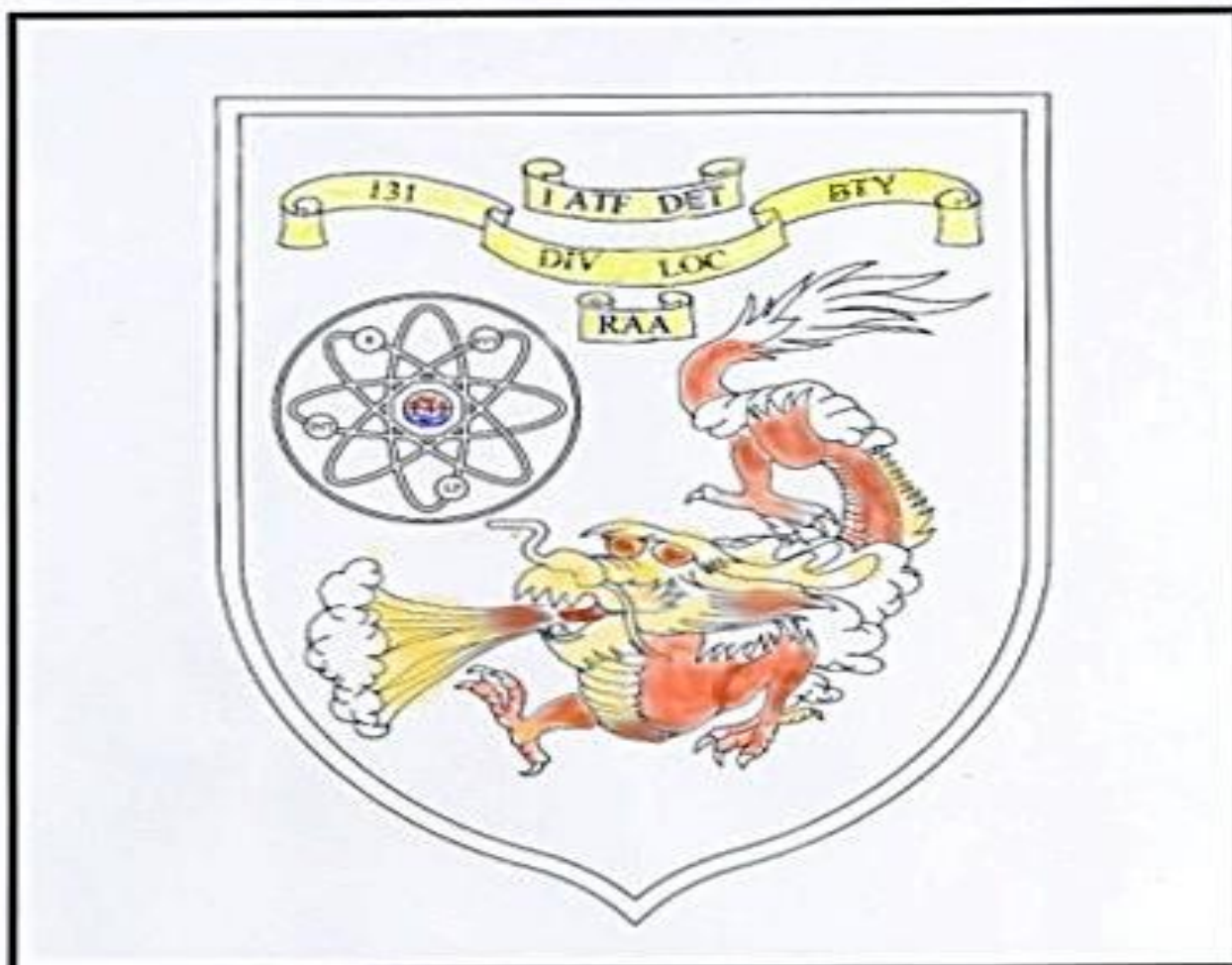




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We're celebrating quite a bit this month, so for a start we thought we'd change our front page banner to an original, totally unique **Nick Proskurin** design with colour enhancement by **Grahame Dignam**, which encapsulates all facets of the Battery. Then they added a bit of splash of red and blue, with the white wording for our lanyard. It matches "our different image, because we're different"!

So let's get on with the rest...

."Happy Belated 56th Birthday - 131 Div Loc Bty!"

We turned 56 last month - 10 June, 2010

"131 Divisional Locating Battery celebrates its birthday today (10/06/2010). It was first established in 1954. It was raised in 1952 as 31 Battery and then re-designated as 131st Locating Battery in 1954."

Ed – thanks to the **Australian Artillery Association** for their calendar reminder.

...then there's this to celebrate...

Ernie Newbold in reply to a question about the dates that the Detachment served in SVN came back with this...

"G'day guys,

The advance party of Det.131 Div Loc Bty RAA departed Sydney N.S.W. aboard H.M.A.S. Sydney on 22nd April 1966; two days after the fourth intake of National Servicemen had commenced their military training.

The remainder of the advance party departed from Richmond R.A.A.F. base on the 4th May 1966.

The Detachment formation remained in SVN until May 1971 and was disbanded 39 years ago on the 31st July 1971 (hey that is this month, possibly worth a mention in the July Es & Es).

Therefore the dates for the Detachment are April 1966 to July 1971 although the Advance party may not have arrived "in country" until May 1966 and a few personnel were still "in country" for a short while after 31st July 1971.

The above details are taken from "Tracks of the Dragon" written by Keith Ayliffe and John Posener.

Regards, Ernie."

In fact the first Detachment warnings for overseas service went something like this according to Maj Gowans PFT, RAA in the Routine Orders of 09 March, 1966 –

TFAIO – Cpt Townley JH, Sgts **Finlay WJ** and Perry FJ, Bdr **Doyle D**, LBdr Minns RA (Late), Gnrs Ewart M, Pearce RW, **Campbell BDW**, Checkley TW (Late), Hastings NS, LBdr **Hayes TJ**, Bdr Thompson AJ, Gnr Dean RK, LBdr Price BD, Gnrs **Carroll GJ**, Martin DC, White RB, **Gow RD**, Bury DR

Radar – Lt Opie ALD, LBdr Clausen RC, Sgts Simmons DV, Lennon PM, Bdr Campbell AJ (Late), LBdrs **Crowther WD**, Buckley MRE, Gnrs Frost LD, Jones PW (Late), Parn H, McDonnell ME, Buss P, LBdr Lempa H (Late), Gnrs Thornton KA (Late), Chase EG, **Nairn MG**, **Mason RF**, **Lane G**, Gallop LJ, Sawyer LR

Survey – Lt Sadler PS (Late), Sgt Hislop GL, Bdrs Holloway KM, Bullen NR, LBdrs Board IK, Doehermann KH (Late), Gnrs Vourvouhakis A, Brownjohn JJ, **McManus DP**, Weekes TJ, Worral GW, O'Mara WI, LBdr Sellwood JF, Gnrs **Roberts JL**, Tanner RS, Westerway TB, **Moreau VA**, Cahill LJ, Whittle KA, Armshaw CA (Late), **Killworth BE**, **Earwicker B**, **Lock GW**, McGregor JD, Fitzgerald JJ, Pte Hawley BJ, LBdr Uren BTK

BHQ – Bdr Robertson PK, Gnrs Elzinga LS, Garbett R

131 Div Loc Bty Wksp – Sgts Field EA, Foster MF, Cpl Luscombe GW, Cfn's McIlroy TI, Mitchell GT

Hey 16 of these Blokes belong to our group!

...so what next...

"Happy 39th Disbandment Day - Det 131 Div Loc Bty!"

For the 31st July, 2010

Then the discussion continued with **Ed** quoting **Bert Blink** who categorically stated "the last intake of NST was #30 on 29/09/72 and conscription finished on 05/12/72." **Ed** continues - All well and good - however, the Det was out of SVN in July '71, so maybe our last lot of Nashos was in late 1970? So this prompted some more questions to which **Ernie** replied...

"G'day Paul,

The percentage of ARA soldiers seems to have increased slightly during the 1969 period, however there were still a lot more NS soldiers to come. In fact the very last man to be sent to the Detachment was a National Serviceman from Tasmania, Allan Robotham, who arrived in Vietnam on 25th May 1971, and his RTA date was the 18th November 1971. It appears that when the Detachment was disbanded at the end of July, 1971 some of the remaining guys were transferred to 12 Field Regiment for the remainder of their tour.

Have you had a look at the names on the 1969 arrivals list yet as among them is an Alistair McLean and a Gregory Peck. I wonder how their NCO's treated them at roll call? Regards, Ernie."

Ed – Ernie is hard to argue with and would be great at Pub Quiz Night or dial a friend on “Who wants to be a Something or other”!

... then Ernie sent another timely reminder...

“G'day again,

Another July event to remember: It was on the 22nd of July in 1967 that the very first edition of the Eyes and Ears was printed, that's 43 years ago this month.

Regards, Ernie.”

...So...

.“Happy 43rd Birthday - Eyes & Ears!”

The first edition was published in Nui Dat, South Vietnam, on **22nd July, 1967.**

Ed – all of this is starting to make me feel very old all of a sudden!

...then there's more...

.“Happy Birth Notice - 131 Locators Association Inc.!”

The **131 Locators Association Inc.**...Is in motion, as at **8th July, 2010** and the Interim Committee looks like this:

President: Paul Dickson, **Vice President:** Allen Morley, **Treasurer/Secretary:** Grahame Dignam, **Public Officer:** Victor Danko **Projects/Research:** Ernie Newbold **Webmaster:** Robert Billiards, **Committee Members:** Ian Amos, George Lane, and Nick Proskurin

We've got a small spread of eras from '65 and into '69, but somehow got lumbered with 2 Radar blokes in doing so. They're all Sydney based, except for one recalcitrant, but with today's technology - laptops with Skype, speaker-phones, cameras etc it'll work – well, they can always cut me off anyway!

In the future, when we get through the interim stage we will call for nominations Australia wide to form the first official committee.

I'd also like to acknowledge and thank John "Kanga" McFadden for his work with Allen Morley on another project, which they've completed (almost), so you can't escape yet Kanga!

Wish us well; we're all still friends at the moment!

...Now back to the business for the month...

The Bass Straight Bridge speculation has surfaced again, with words such as “straight” and “surfaced” being quite architecturally poignant. It is felt that it will ease traffic for weekend AFL matches and possibly make a longer main straight for the Melbourne AGP with a very large loop and round-a-bout for any Phillip Island events as well. Funding will be sought from a Chinese consortium that is considered experts in going north-south, as per their writing, rather than across east to west. The tender submitted by NSW for expertise in funding, toll collection and tunnelling was rejected because the project is to be big enough to take more than one vehicle a day and not to have it go belly-up. There could be a problem with the Tasmanian end as they want the bridge not to reach landfall until Hobart as it could ruin someone's lavender farm.

Heard and seen...

. Dave Crowther picks up the story and continues on with the Alpha Radar saga which **Steve Boutlis** commented on in June's E&E's...

“Paul, I was radar Bdr to Sgt Don Simmons on Alpha Radar on initial deployment to the Dat in '66. Our sec.com was a “very green” one and against all advice from the “baggies” we were sited on the perimeter in front of 103 Bty. Not only were we stuck with all clearing patrols and more than our fair share of t.a.o.r. patrols but when the monsoons came, being down hill, the obvious flooded radar Cmd post came not once but twice. Need I say more without facing further disciplinary action?

Kind regards Dave Crowther.”

Ed – how's the hearing after being stuck in front of the 103 Dave?

. Kevin Browning sent in an email in response to **Ernie Newbold's** mentioning Airmail envelopes form SVN – I sent out an email earlier asking for letters etc to be sent in for archiving – you know all of that anyway.

However, Kevin sent in another email, which I've emasculated into a few of parts as they contain three stories that I think are great...

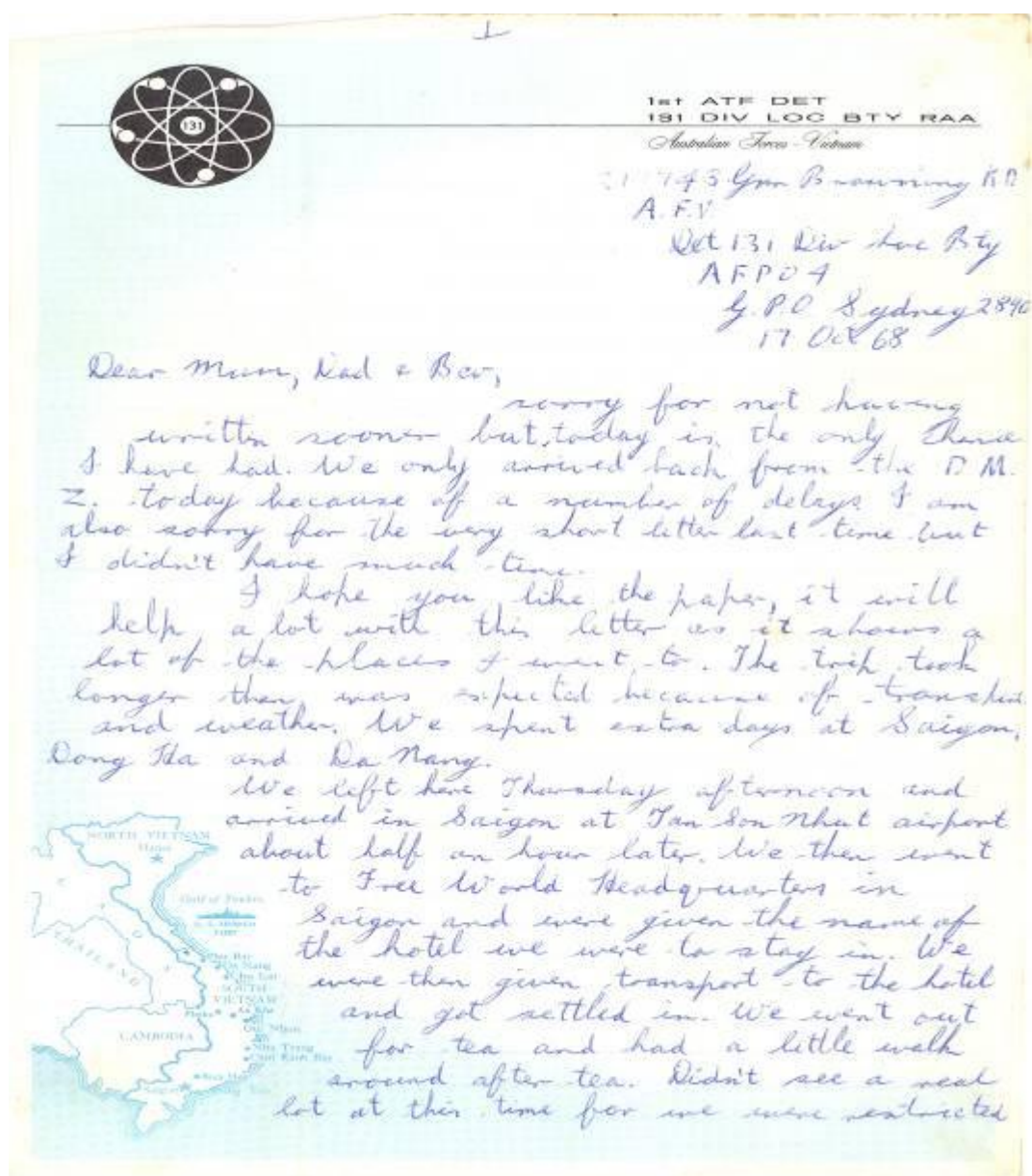
"Paul.
Happy for you to use the material as you wish. I am fortunate that my Mother kept all the letters I sent her and I have them in my possession. I did not keep a diary so they will be very useful when I put info together on my time in Survey/Sound Ranging. The letter gives our mail address in Country and the envelop is a reminder that postage was free.
...now for the envelope...



...now the letter, with the '131 Atom Symbol', the "letterhead address", and the "map", but the way it was written really got me because you can hear Kevin just glibly explaining a day's work and **NOT** trying to say what he had done may be even a little **BIT** dangerous!!

"Hey Mum and Dad, Today I went for a ride in a helicopter..."

...Ed - the contents are just so good to read...



... then Kevin adds...

i) "The page I sent you is one of several giving a brief on a trip four of us did to the DMZ to view the US Sound Ranging equipment. Our OC Capt **Phil Perrin**, WO2 **Jeff Jebb**, LBdr **Brian Smythe** and Gnr Kev Browning were the fortunate four."

...now ii)...

ii) "A story you may wish to put in the next edition concerns newspapers. All in the 1966-68 tours will recall that newspapers from Australia were about six weeks old by the time they arrived. In 1969 my Mother was speaking with a chap who worked at the Redfern Mail Exchange in Sydney and obviously I was mentioned. He obtained my address and each day dropped the morning and evening Sydney newspapers in the mail. Suddenly we were receiving newspapers that were two days old.

One day **Ivan Mills**, our survey sergeant walked into our lines and picked up a paper off our table and started looking at it. Suddenly he realised how recent it was and said he would take it back to the Sergeants' Mess. Well the Nasho's, being the well disciplined soldiers pointed out a few facts in a diplomatic fashion and it then happened the papers could be removed once the unwashed had finished with them.

When I RTA'd the chap asked if he could have the details of another soldier to send the papers to. Upon my return to Viet 18 months later I then asked if he could direct them to me. I then received the papers into the Sergeants Mess but he also continued to post them to the Survey Section."

...and there's a third...

iii) "One day in '71 one of the papers contained an article about the base being mortared and the BSM HQ Bty saw it and immediately wrote home to tell his wife everything was fine. He said it saved them a great deal of unnecessary anxiety. Must admit someone mustn't have woken me if we were mortared.
Regards Kevin"

Ed – I could read that sort of thing all day – thanks Kevin, these will be on our website for not only US to enjoy for a long time – fellas, there must be heaps more out there?

In fact this has set me off on a new tangent, this time inspired by Kevin Bowning's email and attachments above. Earlier this year I visited the AWM in Canberra and there was an exhibition of letters from servicemen/women to home and vice versa and it was so heart warming to read the stories they detailed. So, after all that pre-amble, I'll get to the gist of this request before you celebrate another birthday!

I would like to get copies (just extracts would do) of letters sent by you guys while serving wherever eg. recruit training (that'd be bloody hilarious with first impressions of army life etc), Holsworthy, SVN etc - censor them if necessary - and I would like to share them with all of you.

Reading Kevin's nonchalant way of expressing himself bought back some great memories.

However, I'm not as fortunate as my letters and audio tapes have disappeared over time, so I can't add to the memories. I really look forward to hearing from you – hey, even antidotes and the like will be good too. Thanks **Ed**.

. **Robert Sealey** sent the following in after a visit to 132 UAV Bty...



Robert (on left) is with Alistair (Jock) McDonald (my BSM in '60) and Brigadier Doug Perry at the rear – both I and Alistair were WO2's of Radar Tp. They would have both been WO's in 1955-65.

. **Bob Billiards** sent the following in which is a link to some of our 1/83rd mates which **Ed** thinks is worth a long look at...
"Don't the yanks do it well?"

Even brought a tear to my eye, but as Johnny Cash put it, when you turn 60 you tend to cry more often.

1/83rd Website link... http://83rd_artillery.home.comcast.net/

Bob"

. **Ernie Newbold** sent in the following photo taken on a recent trip – there's a few more to come in later issues...



.The Brookey & K07 saga still has legs...

Bruce Irvine got back to us as quick as a flash with...

"Hi Paul, Another great edition as usual - well done.

I can report that I have been in touch with Warwick Brooker and he is safe for the moment.

He is however extremely worried that Judas Gillardtine might find him so he could use our support at this time.

He told me he has withdrawn to the back bench and is safely hidden under some camouflage netting - I think I noticed an unusual clump of material in the background when watching Question Time on Thursday afternoon.

I am very concerned for him and hope he can make it through the enemy lines to Maitland as he plans for the AGM of the LAA so we can guard him and give him some respite from his current predicament.

Bruce Irvine"

...then **Brookey**, once off sedation comes back with...

"Dicko,

I saw Judas Gillardtine on TV and she was crapping on about: 'I haven't seen my old buddy Kevin since he fled Parliament House, but I'll leave the loser in the Lodge until the Australian public confirms my high and unique posting at the election. Oh shit, Dicko, just as well I have a waterproof keyboard: my doppelganger has been deposed by the vilest of insurrectionists!

Irvy, get ready to buy me a few beers at Maitland, old mate. Mate, you're still with me, aren't you mate? I'm in the slough of despond, mate. (Redoak Organic Pale Ale will be OK, mate.)

Brookey"

Ed – Bruce, you'd better make that an intravenous Redoak Organic Pale Ales (they sound as though they kill a brown dog!)

. Vietnam Veterans Day – Wednesday, August 18

This is an extract from a Granville VVA publication which Grahame Dignam sent in with regards to VV Day...

"Bankstown Sports Club has been selected to hold this years' function, the club has free car parking for Patrons and is only a short walk from Bankstown Railway Station. There is also a bus service from Parramatta, Liverpool & Hurstville.

Entrance to club - 'From the station enter via the Greenfield Parade entrance. By Vehicle enter via the Mona St car park.

Function - 'The day will begin at 0900hrs, bar will be open 0900hrs to 1000hrs & reopen after the 1100 hrs Service.

The Function will be held in the Grand Hall and the Grand Ballroom

The Memorial Service and Guest speaker will begin at 1030hrs.

Buffet lunch from: 1215hrs

Function Cost: \$30.00 per Person

Tickets can be purchased by cheque or credit card or by attending our Granville office, please purchase tickets as early as possible as we are required to have accurate numbers for catering and seating. If you want to purchase your tickets on the day, this will be by prior arrangement with our Granville office.

Contact the VVA office at Granville on 02 9793 000 and mention the Function.

. Boys and their Toys in the '60's & '70's!

. Iain Kennedy –



'Paul, I was famous / infamous for my Mini with Racing stripes and running on Castrol "R" that I had raced prior to Nasho service. That is how John Dellaca got into Minis. Regard Iain K'

. Chris Chapple -

'Mate, I am sorry that with my business I am a bit stretched out with emails so tend to be a bit hard to engage at times. All I remember doing is getting a Holden sedan from somewhere and doing the bare essentials to get it registered and going. I do not recall how I got rid of it, possibly just gifted it to the Holdsworth barracks car park! Chris'

Ed – we're getting a bit light on for Boys and their Toys – if you've got anything that resembled a car, bike or whatever in those days we'd really like to possibly embarrass you too.

. Locating Artillery Assoc...notes taken from their website –

- The next **Committee Meeting** will be at the RAA **National Museum at North Head on 29 August 2010 at 09.00hrs** and Members are cordially invited to attend. More details of scheduled Committee meetings will be available in the next issue of the *Associations* Newsletter LOCREP.
- Work parties at the RAA National Museum are normally held on the last Sunday of each month. All future dates will be confirmed in the Association's Newsletter.
The next work party is on 29 August (with an early Committee meeting at 09.00hrs)
Work parties commence at 1000 hrs sharp in the Locating Hangar and conclude with an *Association-funded* BBQ at 1400 hrs at the North Fort Mess.
- **83rd Annual Gunner Dinner** to be hosted by the **RAA Association (NSW) Inc** on 7 August 2010 at the City of Parramatta Returned Ex-Servicemen's Club, Macquarie Street, Parramatta. All enquiries to **RAA Association (NSW) Inc.**

. Warwick Brooker did his reporting bit from the LAA's dinner and AGM held in Telarah over the weekend of July 17 & 18..."Dear Dicko

As requested, herewith a short report and a few snapshots of a very enjoyable Loc Arty Association event at Maitland. I'm including the Friday night, as some members arrived on Friday 16th to begin the reunion. If you're going to travel hundreds of kilometres to an event, why not make the most of it!

Friday 16 July 2010 - Kanga, Bruce Irvine and I advanced on Maitland from north, west (a strategic move by Bruce) and south respectively, arriving around 4 p.m. Friday. Kevin 'Soul' Maker and family at East Maitland kindly accommodated me for the weekend, while Kanga and Bruce stayed at the Maitland City Motel, as did several other attendees. Having granted Soul an evening's town leave, his wife Gail suggested that we (Kanga, Bruce, Soul and I) assemble at *Shenanigans at the Imperial* in Maitland. We descended on this fine Irish pub at around 5:30 p.m. to find that some well known ex-military personnel -- Wayne, Blue and Kim (who hinted at enlisting again when he grows up) -- had a head start on us. Make that a half-length. In fact, I think they'd bedded down there. Well, Shenanigans got us away to a good start: we drank too much before finally ordering some food just before the evening mealtime ended. I've labelled the included photos to the best of my foggy memory.

Saturday 17 July 2010 - While Soul and Gail busied themselves with the necessary preparations for the evening dinner - I understand they pretty much organised the whole event -- I joined Kanga and Bruce on a trip to Singleton, where we hoped to identify our old barracks and ensure that the diggers were still suffering as much as we did in 1966. We were hoping to visit the infantry museum at the base, but a civilian security guard at the main gate informed us that the museum had closed six to eight weeks earlier and would not reopen until November 2011, this time outside the main gate to provide better access for visitors. Fortunately, he mentioned that the Corps Shop was open and I asked if I could purchase a couple of coffee mugs sporting the Infantry Corps insignia. He thought that was very probable and let us inside after identifying us and issuing passes. 'Take the third turn on the left when you get to the barracks area.' Unbelievably, three artillery surveyors in Kanga's Holden Jackaroo then spent half an hour deciding which was the third turn on the left! I know for sure that I had counted at least five turns when Kanga and Bruce were still mumbling, 'It could be this one or the one after, or that one up there on the right.' Anyway, we eventually found the Corps Shop, purchased mugs, stubby holders, bush hats and other essentials of ex-military life, talked for an hour with the 'locals' and headed

back to the gate, where a worried security guard gruffly demanded our passes and instructed his offside to advise the hovering chopper to escort the green 4WD back to Singleton and make sure it didn't wander onto the practice range or, worse still, head back towards the main gate. We thought that was very decent of him but totally unnecessary.

Dinner at the Telarah Bowling Club

Evening assembly was at 7:00 for a 7:30 start. Bruce and I began the evening with a lemon lime and bitters, while Kanga and Kenny Long, who had arrived with wife Doreen around 4:30 p.m., hit the road running on the real deal. Soul gave the welcoming address and the evening was underway. Apart from the now familiar LocArty faces that I'm always delighted to see, on this occasion we were excited to meet personalities whom we hadn't set eyes on for many years, or had heard of but never met. Jeff Evans (former 131 BC) and Kevin Browning OAM (former 131 BSM) come to mind immediately. I watched as Kevin's dinner went cold while he happily gave precedence to Kanga's avalanche of questions.

Guests of honour were Major Michael Leigh Van Tilburg, BC 131 STA Battery, and WO2 Raymond 'Red' Skelton, BSM 131 STA Battery, 20th STA Regiment, Enoggera.

The food was good, the beer was flowing fresh, there was wine on the table and spirits were high. All-in-all, it was a great evening. Check the photos.

Sunday 18 July 2010 - The AGM opened at around 10 a.m. and normal AGM procedures were dealt with quickly. Then the topic of the proposed 131 Locating Association was thrown open for general discussion, but not with the aim of adopting any particular position, because it was not an AGM matter. The idea was simply to get the general feeling of members present at the AGM.

During his later presentation on the structure of, and outlook for, 20th STA Regiment, WO2 'Red' Skelton revealed that the CO of the Regiment envisages a 20 STA Association that will encompass all component units of the Regiment, past and present, and provide a banner under which members of these units will be able to march as individuals, units and associations.



Before Red's presentation, Major Michael Van Tilburg made a very interesting PowerPoint presentation on the Battery's capabilities and recent engagements. This was followed by some amazing footage recorded by Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV). I can't provide details of that, as we were all sworn to silence and I don't wish to jeopardise the welfare of those who are presently serving in theatres of war and those of us who readily responded to Michael's unexpected appeal for recruits under the age of 65.

A 20 STA Scan Eagle UAV being launched in Iraq during 2007

Following the presentations and sign-up procedures, we all adjourned for refreshment and a BBQ lunch. We were pleasantly surprised to discover that, rather than queuing at a smoky BBQ, we were seated and served a scrumptious BBQ lunch with all the trimmings, the perfect conclusion to a great event that I reckon was appreciated by all who attended. My heartfelt thanks go to Kevin and Gail Maker and all who contributed to a memorable occasion."



Brookey, Bruce & Kanga at Singleton



Bruce, Kanga & Soul



Kevin "Soul" Maker



Kevin Browning & Kanga



Bruce Irvine, Ken and Doreen Long



The "Best" of photo

. Birthdays in the Battery...Crikey, the Battery wet canteen must have made a profit in July with this following lot celebrating...**Stephen Fowler** kicked off on 1st, **George Wearne** beat everyone by arriving on 4th in '37, there was a gap until 10th when Bill Finlay shared it with **Robert Pelham**, then **Neville Atkinson** has the 12th to himself, but on 14th

Edmund Doust gets a mate with **Frederick Kruimink**, then the “Radar Master”, Keith Ayliffe becomes more than a blip on the proverbial screen on the 18th and he wasn't content with one tour, then also joining him on 18th came one of our famous namesakes **Alistair McLean** (did anyone ever think to get an autograph – somebody must have had a copy of the “Guns of Navarone” that they knocked off from the local library in their kit?), Joe Kocka rounds off the 18th as a daily treble, **Maxwell McPherson** arrived on 19th, **Graham Williams** and **William Slade** swapped first names with surnames in '47, **David Dodd** got a glimpse of the outside world on 23rd, the late William Doyle shares 25th with **John Smith** (now that name must have caused a few “Oh yeahs” in his time), **Malcolm Musgrave** claimed the 28th to himself and last but not least **Keith Holloway** snuck in on the 30th.

Ed – amazing there's another **12 blokes (in bold)** that still need to be found before we have to look for another lot next month. Were there really only 460 odd in the Det?

. Locator Profiles – we've received 39 and we've sent out 38... **Ed** - The flow of these seems to be building into a trickle again, so the old theory of where there's life there's hope!

. Found, lost...

. Kevin Browning sent this email in – “Paul, **Kim Hewitt**, surveyor of the 1970 group has contacted me and would like to meet up with old mates. Regards, Kevin.” He makes Locator **#132**

. We're extending our sphere of contacts and over the last couple of weeks we've been lucky enough to be able to welcome family members of a couple of our Late Locators...

- **Lee Leplaw-Deichmann**, daughter of the late **Garry Leplaw** (SVN 1968-69) is now on our email list living in Denmark with her family.
- **Shane Long**, younger brother of the late **Roger Long** (SVN 1967) joins our list as well on a property up in the Maryborough area of Victoria with his wife Kerri.

Thanks to the internet with Lee and the resourcefulness of Jim Hogno with Roger's family.

. Stuart Sporn got us touch with **Lionel Outen** and we received this...

“Hi Paul Thanks for your emails and the copy of Eyes & Ears for May 2010. It was very interesting. Sorry for the delays in replying but things have been fairly busy recently and unfortunately I haven't got around to some things as quickly as I should.

I would certainly be interested in being added to the mailing list for future mailings. It will be good to get back in contact with guys from the battery.

I will look through any records I have and see what information I can provide you with about the Battery as well as items and people that may be of interest.

Cheers, Lionel” **Ed** – Lionel great to hear from you and you're Locator **#134** in our group.

.Vale –

Thankfully this is a nil report for the current month; however the memorial below was aided by some great photos sent in by **Hans Webber** which show not only the late **Geoff Wood**, but some memorable faces of his mates...

“Hi Paul,

I was saddened to learn that Geoff Wood had passed away. I was always hoping to see him at a reunion or Anzac march. Geoff was with alpha radar and these are all the photos I could find of him.

Regards, Hans Weber”

Here's a few of the photos...



Hans and Geoff



Wood, Geoffrey Paul

Gnr 2783898

SVN 1967-68

09.02.45 – 26.04.07

May he rest in peace



Geoff and Nick Proskurin



Geoff in Alpha Radar lines



Fred Walter, Geoff, 'Wirey' Hackett, Joe Clendinen



Tony Dodd, Geoff, Bob Retrot

.History is a funny thing – the following is an extract from July 2009's Eyes and Ears -

“.Website – this project is still a work in progress.” – **Bob is still hard at it 12 months later!**

. Continuing to be Spooky...as was stated last month as a birthday month July is really lean as the Locator Wizard could only turn up Bill Finlay on the 10th. Bill looks as though he was a Reg., born in '44 and served in SVN between 20/05/66 to 01/05/67. Now **Ed** asks again – does anyone know anything about Bill?”

Ed – Bill Finlay receives regular mail from us and the birthday list for July now has about 17 blokes on it!

“. Locator Profiles – we've received 17 and we've sent out 17 so far – so is that it - bugger?? They proved to be great reads with some interesting characters evolving that we possibly didn't know years ago.”

Ed – we've now sent out 37 with 3 waiting completion photos.

“. Lost, Found etc...

. Warwick Brooker managed to get hold of Nick Armstrong, and he dropped us an email. Nick also sent us his Locator Profile. He's living in SA – his Profile went out earlier this week. Thanks Brookey!

. Ken McNamara gave **Ed** Brian 'Wirey' Hackett's email address, so we're hoping to connect with him soon.

. Steve Boutlis inadvertently gave **Ed** email addresses for **Murray Poustie, Peter Hopper, Bruce Irvine, Lofty Hayes** and **Barrie Follington**. We got a response from Peter H (as above) and we're hoping to hear from the other blokes.”

Ed – our email list now consists of 134, including Nick A, Murray P, Bruce I, and Lofty from July last year! Mind you Kenny Mc still hasn't got an internet connection! Ah, history is a funny thing!

. One more of Henry's to finish off with...

