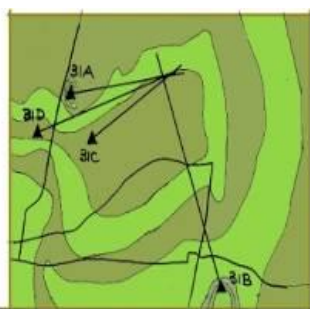
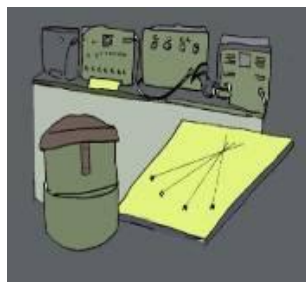


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Heard and seen...

. Our Banner story...

Ed must have the strangest sense of humour, because he was highly entertained, once again, by emails being sent in rapid succession about a very passionate subject on a Friday arvo...

"Dicko just some more history on the Lung Dragon on our Banner, Jeff Bassford, Merv (Baldie) Nairn, Ged Carroll & John (forgot last name) he was an Arts Graphic Designer that made the banner up for the 1987 Welcome Home Parade. It had nothing to do with the Locating Association. John Posener wanted to borrow it for a Function in Brisbane and since then it has been kept in the Museum at North Fort, It doesn't belong to the Association it belongs to all Locators. Hope this helps the cause. George Lane."

...Ed replies...

"George, this is good stuff - Al and Kanga will be salivating!!

Can you chase Merv and Ged for any more details re Peter Summers and Jeff Bassford? Paul."

...George gets back with...

"Dicko, Have done some checking on the design of our Banner and I am pretty sure that Jeff Bassford had a lot to do with it. He lives on the South Coast Somewhere around Mollymook, Ulladulla way.

I will try to track down Jeff Bassford. Have been in contact with Merv and Ged, we were in same Intake in 1965 – you could say were pretty close. The Banner was made in Petersham. The Banner on Anzac Day used to be brought by either Jim Fitzgerald or Merv Nairn. They then took it home and made sure it was there the next year, Then John Posener got his hands on it. I will continue my search. The 131 Banner was Created by the Association but not the one with the Lung Dragon on it. George."

...then Ed chimes in once more just to keep the brew bubbling...

"George, Your latest to try to chase down John Bassford through Merv and Ged is great. We'll wait with collective bated breathes. Paul"

...but now comes the piece de résistance form Ernie Newbold, which absolutely broke me up...

"Yes George,

I agree Jeff Bassford (2792419- SVN 29 APR 1970 to 14 APR 1971) was one of the main organisers of the earlier Det 131 association. He contacted a number of former locators and was instrumental in organising the banner and lapel badges and recruitment for the association. I recall that he may have lived in Western Sydney at that time but have not seen him at the Sydney Anzac march for a long time.

When the banner appeared at the march for the first time it had a spelling error in the Latin inscription below the cannon, it read QUO PAS instead of QUO FAS. The error was corrected prior to the banner's next appearance.

Regards, Ernie."

...at a much later date Ernie adds...

G'day Paul,

"THE BANNER" - When the DET 131 DIV LOC BANNER first appeared in Sydney for an Anzac March many years ago there was a spelling error in the Latin inscription beneath the Cannon with the orbiting atoms.

It read QUO PAS ET GLORIA DUCUNT instead of QUO FAS ET GLORIA DUCUNT which when translated into English means, "WHERE RIGHT AND GLORY LEAD".

The banner was designed by the guys who formed the DET 131 DIV LOC BTY ASSOC.

When the spelling error was pointed out it became apparent that the wording and design had been taken from an old Artillery hat badge that somebody had polished and smoothed down using fine emery paper. The practice of smoothing badges was conducted by some crafty Gunners in order to make the hat badge easier and quicker to polish prior to going on parade. Unfortunately the smoothing process removed a lot of the raised details on the badge, including the lettering of the inscription.

This meant that the "F" in FAS was miss-read as a "P", hence the word PAS appeared on the banner.

Fortunately it was an easy job for the sign writer to rectify the problem.

Photos attached x 2

Regards, Ernie."

Ed – At least the first version didn't say something that he could have been arrested for, or could have started the war again!

...However, Ed had to respond (fairdinkum, I can't help myself)...

"Ernie,

you're not one to be outdone - thanks as usual for that extra bit.

OK, I'm now getting serious - I believe that we need to go the extra metre and find as much as possible about the banner incl John Bassford, before he gets lost like Ron Webb and the Dragon piece.

It's our heritage stuff and it should be told for posterity and archived.

I really love the bit about the misspelt Latin - crikey I have trouble with English! That is so bloody good! Allen and Kanga will have to change their underwear!!

Where do we go from here? Paul"

...and look what it produced...below is an absolute highlight which was sent in by **Peter Summers**, who explains pretty fastidiously what happened not only to bring "**our dragon**" **Banner** to life back in 1986, but an insight to a bunch of ordinary bloke's passion about comradeship which they held on to very dearly and still do...

**Det 131 Div Loc Bty
Reunion and Dragon Banner 1987**

06 September 2010

Dear Paul,

Please find below a brief history of the Dragon Banner, The Menz Club Portrait, The 1987 131 Battery / Gun Batteries and Regiments re union at North Head and the origin of the 131 Battery Association.

The Beginning



← The committee photo was taken at North Head at the reunion and is from the left - **Merv Nairn** 1966, **Peter Summers** 1970, **Kevin Browning** 1970 and **Jeff Bassford** 1970.

After Anzac day 1986 I got together with Jeff Bassford for a two family gathering. During the afternoon we discussed the idea of a battery reunion of blokes who were in Vietnam at the same time as ourselves. We were both disillusioned by going to Anzac Day parades and not finding anyone we knew from the Battery at the time we served. We also discussed the idea of marching under our own banner instead of the post-1945 Artillery.

One thing led to another and we met at Jeff's house on a Sunday to plan out how we would find everyone, as there was no Association then. The only thing we had was my South Vietnamese Flag, which all the boys had signed, plus our photo albums. The trouble was that only half the boys put any addresses on them. Even these addresses were suspect as they were often family addresses or the blokes had moved quite often in the last 19 years. On this first meeting a truly funny incident occurred that showed us how much you can get immersed in a situation and lose touch with reality. We had been looking at the flag for about 2 hours recalling names and incidents before we opened the photo albums. As we got to a group photo I remarked quite innocently that, "All these blokes have aged well - they haven't changed a bit". It still took me about five minutes after everyone else had erupted in laughter to realise that I was looking at almost 20 year old photos. All the reminiscing had taken me back to that time even though I was well aware that I was in Jeff's lounge room with our families.

We then started to make contact with the blokes we could track down, as luck would have it each one knew of someone else and it soon gathered steam. As we got rolling some fellows had kept in contact with members from earlier and later tours so the lines started to blur in keeping it to only our tour. By this time the Welcome Home Parade was being floated in earnest and we thought that this would be the ideal time for a reunion.

Jeff and I had served in the later years and we were fortunate to recruit onto the committee Merv Nairn and Jed Carroll who were there in the initial deployment in 1966. We also co-opted Kev Browning who had served in the later tour but had extensive contacts in the Battery. We were now a committee of 5 from different suburbs in Sydney so our meetings were now at the Liverpool RSL club. Things were now taking on a life of their own and we were building up an impressive database.

Interesting things came to life as we looked for the more difficult to find members, and all the different tour years had similar experiences. It was nothing to remember a town that someone came from and find the same name in the phone book. After calling you were often diverted around the extended family including cousins till you found the right bloke. At times you knew so much family history that you could have attended a family reunion and been accepted as part of it. As Jeff's and my phone numbers were on all communications the wives became a focal point by answering the phone.

Jacqui, Jeff's wife, and Pam, my wife, were answering calls from strange men all the time. Pam remarked that although she only helped with queries etc she felt she knew a lot of these fellas quite well. Often I would get home from work and Pam would fill me in on what so and so had been up to since the war. It was a very exciting time for all of us.

The Reunion

The next thing to address was where to hold the event and a number of venues were suggested. At one of our brainstorming sessions someone suggested that as we had all been through the school of Arty wouldn't it be a blast to have it there. Never ones to shirk from a challenge Jeff contacted the Commandant and set up a meeting. Jeff and I duly turned up at the school and had a good conversation with the boss and the RSM. We outlined that we would like to use the school to put the boys up and feed us, we were very happy to pay the costs. We also asked if the caterers would like to do a dinner for us after the march again at our cost.

As the School had never been asked for this before there were a lot of protocol issues to be dealt with. We found the School absolutely fabulous to deal with and without their assistance the whole procedure would have been much more

difficult. After due course the RSM got back to us and said that the Army and the School thought the idea was so good that they extended it to the Regiments and Batteries as well. We were quite happy with this idea as the more the merrier. The RSM also confirmed that the School would have a welcome BBQ on the Friday night and breakfast the next morning at their expense. He also said that all returned gunners could stay at the School Friday and Saturday nights at no cost as well. They would put up stretchers in the gym and use any rooms not occupied. This was a great help to us. Next the RSM said the caterers would be happy to cater for our reunion lunch. So, it was back to North Head for Jeff and me to discuss the details with the cooks. The menu selected and the times numbers etc worked out they worked out a price. We then contacted all the members we had located and advised the arrangements and costs involved and they were all happy to go.

It was incredibly special to regain contact with mates that in a lot of cases you had not seen since you left SVN and the years rolled back quickly. Before the BBQ was over we were all in our twenties again in our heads.

We all caught the ferry to Circular Quay for the march and again back afterwards for our dinner. The food and company was fantastic and the day just rolled on.

The Det 131 Div Loc Association

Everyone was caught up in the idea of keeping in touch so we formed the first version of the Det 131 Div Loc Bty Association. The association was duly formed with the same committee that had organised the reunion and everyone there was now a paid up member. We arranged branches in QLD and VIC with SA and WA having a contact person as well. The idea was that each Anzac Day we would all meet and march together. Decisions that the committee organised before handing over were the Battery banner and the James Menz portrait detailed later. After a period of time the original committee was finding it hard to continue with the commitment. Jeff's job had suddenly increased fourfold; the company I was with went bankrupt; Kev Browning was on pre-discharge leave from the Army and job hunting; Jed Carroll had a work accident and lost a leg, and Merv Nairn was in the same boat with family and work commitments. The Qld branch was by then well organised and took over the running of the show. They did a great job in keeping in touch with everyone and arranged a reunion/Anzac Day march at the Battery some years after. Again we were put up by the Army in tents and had the Dawn Service and a gunfire breakfast at the Battery. After the March we adjourned back to the Battery and looked over all the new gear they had, plus some from our vintage.

At around this time my family decided on a change of scenery and moved to Canberra. We had a good group for the 93 opening of the Vietnam Memorial from the Detachment. At one stage we had 16 blokes sleeping on the floor of my family room and some of their families scattered throughout the rest of the house. It was a great weekend and memorable, with our teenage boys laughing with their mates as they saw all these old teenagers going into the peep shows and sex shops. Their merriment died up when they spotted their Dads among the crowd.

After this I lost touch with the Association as I was going through a rough patch. As I have been told, but it is only hearsay and not to be taken as fact, the then committee QLD or Other decided to open up the membership and make it a Locaters Association. This included Reserve Batteries, pre and post Vietnam. This, as I believe, is the current position.

The Banner

In the Welcome Home Parade we marched under a small sign, as did all the sub-units as part of Artillery. The committee decided that we should have our own banner. As we were all busy people, as usual we decided on the design late and had to chase round to get it done. The costs came from the Association's funds and the hunt for a printer was on. On my journeys around all the printers, we were lucky that there was an Indian fellow not far from where I lived who ran a banner making and printing shop. At the time he was very busy but as his father had served with the British Army in WWII he always went to Anzac Day and understood the importance of unit identification.



For the design we selected it off the Battery plaque: - Artillery colours – red on top blue on bottom; the dragon in the middle; Artillery badge symbol on the left and sub-unit functions on the right. True to this word, he had the banner finished in the nick of time and I picked it up at 5.30pm on a Thursday for Anzac Day on Friday. The banner was a big success with all the members who marched, and I believe Jeff Bassford then took charge of the banner and kept it at his place, bringing it in for Anzac Day from then on.

As I moved to Canberra shortly afterwards, as described earlier, I was unaware that there was, in fact, a second banner made for Sydney. I was aware that Brisbane had copied our design and made one either the same or similar, but again that's just hearsay. You may have to check that with other people. See the photo below.



The James Menz Portrait

At the conclusion of the reunion in 1987 there were some funds left over that weren't expended on the weekend. The committee decided that it would be a nice gesture to have a portrait of James Menz, our only member killed in action in Vietnam, commissioned and on completion presented to the Battery. The name of the OR's mess at the time was The Jim Menz Memorial Club, and we thought that a portrait of Jim would be appropriate and a good use of the excess funds. After we communicated this idea to all members, they were extremely pleased with it, and 90% said if we required extra funds they would be very happy to come to the party. The Battery were very appreciative of the portrait and to the best of my knowledge it still hangs in pride of place above the bar in the new regiment's OR's mess.

To Conclude:

If you have any queries on what is written above, or anything else pertaining to that period of time, please don't hesitate to contact me. Sorry this communication is so long, but as you are researching the history I thought you might find it interesting. If you get two differing versions of the same thing, pick the one that appears the best as all our memories are hazy at times. To the best of my recollection the above is exactly as it happened.

Cheers,
Pete Summers (Gunner)

. National Servicemen's Memorial dedication 8th September, 2010

My new best friend - Peter Ravelje...



"G'day Paul

I rode my bike down there with 6 other Nasho's and stayed for 2 night's b4 heading back to Bris.

Everybody was grouped in the year that they were called up.....I looked around at the '66 - '67 - '68 -'69 groups but did not recognize anybody I knew. The weather on the day was absolutely brilliant for the occasion, as the following day it was back to icy cold gloom & doom.

Anyway, our little group enjoyed themselves with lots of laughs, good food and plenty of liquid refreshments. Arrived back home on Friday.

I had a quick chat to the Genl. He is very approachable and a good bloke.

Cheers ...Peter"

George Lane – "Well Paul I will try and tell you about the excursion to Canberra. Arrived Tuesday afternoon and we proceeded to the Great Hall for the Reception at 4.00pm. I felt like a terrorist as you should have seen the security to get in and this was just to get to the entrance of the Great Hall, I am glad we were early as there was over 1,000 people there. We then went for sight-seeing tour around and saw the various chambers as well as the portraits of passed Prime Ministers. Finally we got into the main Hall and the first thing that struck me was that there wasn't too many Vietnam Veteran National Servicemen there it makes me wonder how myself, Ged Carroll and Merv Nairn got the invite in the first place to the Reception. Julia Gillard arrived to polite applause (just become P.M.), then Tony Abbott came in and the place erupted with cheers and applause - I guess National Servicemen support the Liberal Party - Julia didn't look happy. The Reception wasn't too bad except for the finger food and standing up for three hours. Merv Nairn had his photo taken with Tony Abbott will pass it on soon as I can. The speeches were quite good but I was glad to get to bed. Wednesday was another day - saw Ernie & Graham for short time. There seemed to be more Vietnam Veterans Nashos there on Wednesday for the Dedication. The Dedication started late and we were left out in the hot sun waiting. We pushed our way in to get seating - the others had to stand. The Memorial is very well done I will provide photos later. Proceeded

down to pay our respects to the Vietnam Veterans War Memorial - it looks good with the alterations. All up I'm glad I went. George.'

Ernie Newbold reports with pen, paper and camera...



G'day Paul,
On the left is a photo from Canberra, taken at the forming up area prior to the march. Left to right, John Richmond, Bob Billiards, Grahame Dignam, Eric Marques, Barry Guzder and Bert Blink.

But wait there's one more, to the right, Grahame Dignam our Secretary Treasurer, wearing his new RAA tie-bar for the very first time. Oh what a feeling!
Ed – plus his "old" 131 Div Loc Bty badge and tie!



...the story and photos continue...

Here is a picture taken at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra following the National Servicemen's Memorial dedication. These images were taken the following day when it was less crowded.

Six of the National Service Locators who attended the service, L to R Grahame Dignam, Barry Guzder, Ernest Newbold, Rick Marques, Bert Blink and Bob Billiards.

Ernie continues – "G'day Paul, it was nice and cool in Canberra this week, I think that the max temperature was around 16 degrees c Wednesday, the day of the dedication was a beautiful day with blue skies and sunshine, in fact we all had slightly sunburned faces, sitting in the sun for the dedication following the march.

As well as the six locators in the photo (above) there were at least four more in attendance that I know of. John Richmond, who lives in Canberra and works with Bert Blink and also knows your brother, was there. John was a National serviceman whom I remember being at Holsworthy. George Lane was there too, with two other former locators whose names I don't recall lined up with the 1965 intakes. There may possibly have been other nashos from the locating battery there too but no one I recognised. The march was formed up by intake year from 1951 to 1972 and not by units we had served with.

Regards, Ernie."

Ed – My brother Jim marched with the 1957 lot. He served in SVN with the Air Force.

...then to follow on with the "Nasho" bit Ernie sent this in – "Guys,

This link may be of interest to you. It is a site that is small now but could grow over time. I am sure that it will bring back some memories for you.

George, there is a photo of Barry Bannerman in there that will be of interest - <http://nashosphotos.wikidot.com/1965>
Regards, Ernie."

Ed – the site is worth a squiz as it has some great photos.



. Barrawinga revisited...

Ian Scotty McNicol – "Hi Paul, just a comment on the newsletter, re exercise Barrawinga. I was on Barrawinga 1. We left Sydney on the aircraft carrier HMAS Sydney & spent 4 days travelling up the coast to Port Alma (Sth of Rockhampton). Where we unloaded and travelled in convoy to the Shoalwater bay training area. My most vivid memories were of how hard the ground was for digging weapon and hutchie pits. Also our beer ration on the "2 cans per man, per day, Perhaps rule, was Mac's beer. It was awful beer, but after awhile we got used to the taste & actually started looking forward to it. I can still remember the Mac's catch phrase. Make Mine Mac's. Mac's Mighty Mouthful Makes Monstrous Men. (No wonder the brewery closed down). Another point of interest was a conversation I had with Stan Briggs, who informed me that the area known as Strawberry Creek was at one time his family's property. Obviously before the army acquired it & started playing war games there.

I heard that a chopper pilot landed his Sioux in a Rockhampton hotel carpark for a grog resupply & promptly lost his commission. I can't guarantee the authenticity of that, but it certainly made a good yarn at the time. I also remember waiting at the airstrip one afternoon for the Caribou with the mail when the nose wheel collapsed on landing. Diggers were jumping out in all directions. Luckily it was a grass strip.

Anyway, after six weeks of Barrawinga we travelled back to Holsworthy in convoy.

I guess there are a lot of memories that have faded into oblivion over the past 40+ years. But I enjoy the ones I can recall and look forward to hearing other guys stories that may help recall some of the good times we had in the army. Even some of the bad times can be funny in hindsight. Regards Scotty"

Ed – ok, so here's another open invitation to yarns good, bad or just plain ugly! Keep them coming!

. Coffs Harbour – Warning Order for 2011 Reunion!

Dave Auld has asked **Ed** to broadcast a "Warning Order" for the next **Coffs Harbour Reunion** which is planned for **Sept 30 - Oct 03 2011** – “thanks mate cheers”

Ed – OK everyone you’ve been warned – now mark your calendars!!

. Mike Luff sent in the following which could be more than useful to some of us – no names, no pack-drill!...

“Hi guys, Here's an interesting site (<http://inpics.net/>) where you can learn to use Microsoft Office apps and others as well, using pictures only. It's fairly simplistic BUT is very easy to understand and learn the basics of the programs.

If you're not interested yourself it could be of use to others, like school kids, etc, to learn the basics.

Regards Mike Luff”

. Steve Boutlis is back with – “Hi, Dicko.

Dave Crowther says that Karl was RTA'd after his wounding. If so, he must have been re-posted to the Dat pretty quickly because he was there (and complementing us in full colourful language) when I arrived there on 2nd January '67, as was Lofty.

Nobody has ever mentioned Sgt. "Rat" Davies, who was in charge of the Orderly Room until about May '67. He probably started my path towards PTSD on my first day at The Funny Place. Are there any contacts on him or Bdr "Robby" Robertson, Q Store wallah with whom I shared a tent?

As I am a very, very slow reader, I get to enjoy E&E's a lot more than anyone else. Cheers, Boots.”

. Warwick Brooker sent in the following which continues the “Scam Warning” which appears it could still be prevalent at the moment –

“**From:** VVFACT **Sent:** Monday, August 30, 2010 7:26 PM **To:** Warwick Brooker

Subject: DVA Media Release on a potential scam involving Veterans.

Hi Warwick

Attached is a DVA Media Release on a potential scam involving Veterans. [Click here](#) to view Media Release.

Webmaster”

Ed – it's worth going to the site to check out the release.

. Peter Gault got from an Ed email – “HI Dicko Good to hear from you. Both Carol & I are well, at present we are back home in Airlie We have been away in the van a fair bit this year & next year looks to be the same We fly down to Brisbane tonight for my check up & fly back tomorrow

I caught up with a few of the boys in Sydney on Anzac Day which was great seeing Al Adams, Vic, Hemmo, Uncle Ernie & the rest of them Look forward to reading the E & E each time

Hey Dicko what is the attraction in Mehiko I hope it's not the Torqqeella?

Thanks for the E mail Regards Pappy”

...then the final – good news!

“G'day Dicko Got back from Bris last night. The Doc was very pleased with everything, he wants me to have a scan in Nov just to make sure all is well .We could tell he was very excited about my health he said for someone who didn't have much future 12 months ago I look pretty bloody good!

We have been as far south as Moruya on the Sth Coast & then we went down to Ballina for some fishing, next month we will be down in Coffs Harbour will catch up with Jimmy & Leslie Hogno [all in the van]

We got back home to a bit of a mess we had 300 mls of rain in 12 hours when we were away so will be patching up gardens & drive over the next few days. So long 4 now Pappy”

Ed – All's well that ends well!

. Concerned is back with more revelations concerning Locator mysteries and this time it's another well known figure...”Hi Ed I know that we have our 131 Brooker-Rudd alter egos and now I found another combination from within the Battery. I checked out the pictures by Alan Burkhill referred to in Eyes and Ears via Dave Doyle, and what did I find when perusing them. Yes, another doppelganger.

It's Ian 'Stretch' Amos wearing a poncho versus a mortar look-a-like at Nui Dat. Can you see the resemblance from the photos attached? Isn't that interesting? Only the poncho colour is different.

Concerned Sydney”

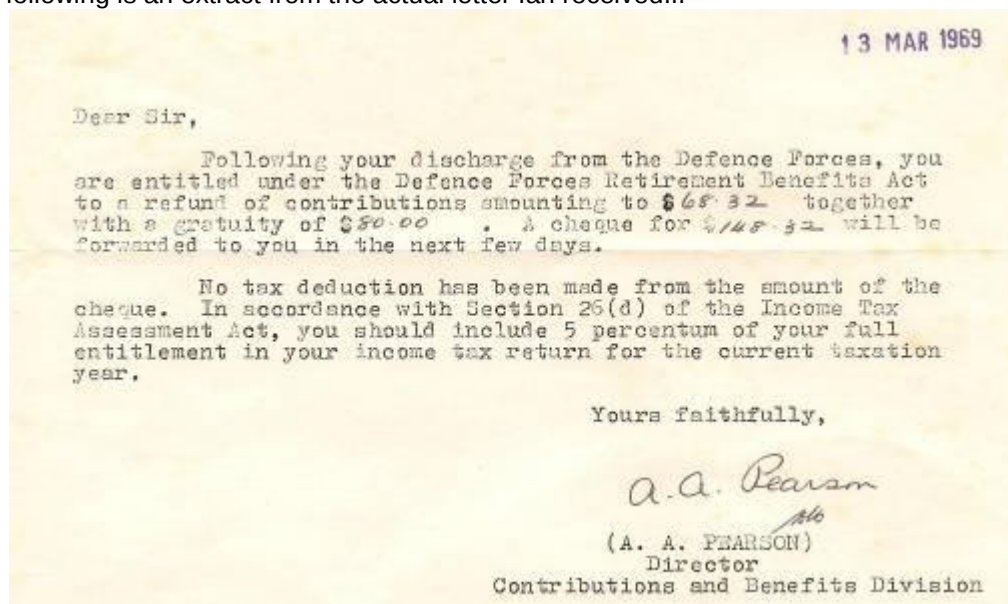


Ed – what is going on 40 years later?



...while on Ian – he sent this in...

. **Ian Amos** refers back to an article by **Bert Blink** in last month's E&E's with regards to a DFRB question and here's a really interesting response from "could have been millionaire" **Ian Amos** – "Paul, With regard to Bert Blink's query about DFRB, see attached letter from the Board refunding my contributions plus a very generous gratuity. I'm not sure how much pension I would get in 2010 had I left my \$68.32 in the fund. Ian"
Ed – Ian got not only the "princely" sum of \$68.32, but a "gratuity" of \$80.00, making the total amount \$148.32 – the following is an extract from the actual letter Ian received...



. **"Spike" Chase** responds in his laconic way to a **Dave Crowther** offering –

"Hi Paul Just arrived home from a golf weekend and was pleased to have the latest issue of E&E's waiting for me. Had to laugh when I read Dave Crowther's very correct story of the early days at Alpha Radar right on the wire with 103 Bty right behind us and sometimes firing straight over us. My time there was spent in the grass under a hutchie, until Jonesy and I went to 6RAR after about 6 weeks.

I digress, the amusing thing was that at my Tribunal hearing I scored a couple of civvies and (last I know of) Capt. Ian Darlington. As the hearing progressed tiredness was mentioned as a problem. 2 hours on 4 hours off, and while the sun was up the 4hours off was spent digging Command posts, putting up wire etc. and at night H&I firing at any old time. Darlington's response was & I quote. "Jim Townley & I surveyed every gun and radar in at Nui Dat and no radar were within a kilometre of a gun".

I have got that rubbish on tape from the tribunal. I kid you not! I was rather taken aback and was struck dumb. I can laugh about it now but it went close to tipping me over the edge at the time. He then reached over the table and turned the tape off before asking my wife, who was rather upset by this time, if she wanted to say anything. Have a laugh about that, boys? I hope nobody else had to accept the same rubbish. Regards Spike Chase"

Ed – yeah, it makes you wonder!

. **Joe Kaplun...Congratulations!**

"Dear Editor, In the Army newspaper dated 19th August 2010 there is a published article which reports on Major Joe Kaplun receiving the Federation Star from Lt.-Gen Ken Gillespie at an awards ceremony held at Victoria Barracks, Sydney.

I thought that you might be interested, especially after the recent "Boys and their toys" article in August's E & Es
Regards, Ernie.'



. Ian "Scotty" McNicol replies to an Ed "nose-poke"...

"Thanks Dicko. Yes it was a big trip. I travelled over 13000kms & spent 14 weeks at Pandanus Park at Cape York. I had an absolute ball, (as I did last year). I was a bit disappointed there wasn't any drop shorts, (let alone locators) there to back me up when the grunts and sigs launched their frequent verbal attacks. (All in good humour of course). Actually I copped more for being a Victorian. Apparently Victorians have a reputation for stealing toilet paper from public toilets.

I'll only be too happy to attempt a story on the place and include some of the 2000 photos I took up there. (I'm a bit of a camera buff these days). Try pandanusparkinc.com in a few weeks when the 2010 details are posted. I'm sure I'll appear there a few times.



I read the latest edition of the Eyes & Ears & loved it. I would like to add a comment to Bob Billiards post on our 1967 trip to SVN. Also on that flight was Frank Pepper (RIP). I sat with him on the way over & again on our return to Australia. Frank & I were pretty good mates. I was even best man at ONE of his weddings. We shared a few interesting moments over there. Like the time he was riding shotgun for me on a laundry run to Baria, & he tried to get me to run over a hat in the middle of the road. I decided against it when the present ARVN soldiers waved us away as they jumped into a rice paddy. On the return trip there was a barricade around the hat with a red flag reading MIN. Or again on a laundry run Frank decided to go for a haircut (?) and disappeared. Suddenly the

local shopkeepers are closing the shops leaving me on an empty street yelling out for Frank. Luckily he heard me and we left Baria in one big hurry.

I've got quite a few photos of my 67-68 tour & my trip over with EVA in '70. At present they are in storage 500kms away, but I'll retrieve them soon and see what may be interesting among them. I know I have quite a few shots of some of the weapons we had on display in our museum in the James Menz Club. Regards Scotty"

P.S. Hope you like the attached pic of my pet lizard from Pandanus Park.

Ed – "pet lizard" – it looks as though it ate someone as well as their pet!

. A month or so ago Ernie Newbold sent Ed some articles from the "Army" Newspaper and prompted me to contact them to see if we could use some of their relevant articles – here's their response -

"Hi Paul,

Apologies for the delay, but there must have been a mix-up. A response was sent to you some while ago.

The good news is that ARMY is happy for you to use articles from our newspaper. Please just attribute the information to ARMY news and the reporter if one is by-lined.

Please send any requests through the Chief of Staff.

Regards

Graham McBean Editor

ARMY newspaper"

...So here's an interesting article that Ernie found in "Army" The soldiers Newspaper –

Radar leased: to be urgently deployed

DEFENCE has leased a Saab AB Giraffe radar system for urgent deployment to Afghanistan to help counter the threat of attacks from enemy rockets, mortars and artillery.

Defence Minister Senator John Faulkner announced on July 2 that DMO had signed the lease with Saab AB.

Senator Faulkner said the Giraffe was a key component of Defence's counter rocket, artillery and mortar (C-RAM) capability.

"The Giraffe agile multi-beam radar provides early detection of attacks from enemy rockets, artillery and mortars," he said.

"When this radar is networked with other equipment we are procuring under

the C-RAM project, friendly forces will benefit from the early warning against such attacks, improving force protection.

"This lease contract will enable the most efficient and rapid delivery of the Giraffe radar system for operational use by ADF personnel deployed in Afghanistan."

The contract is valued at \$32 million and includes a full logistic support package. It is an interim measure while DMO acquires additional radar systems for introduction into service.

It follows the Government's commitment in the federal Budget to spend a further \$1.1 billion over the next four years on enhanced force-protection capabilities in Afghanistan.

. Extracts From "Cracker's" Blotter in September 1967...

OPERATIONAL REPORT - 1 ATF DET 131 DIV LOC BTY RAA
1 - 30 SEP 67

OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES

General

1. Most of the month was taken up with Operation AINSLIE on which we not only deployed people to support the actual operation from the Fire Support Base, but also for which we provided surveyors to lay out the new hamlet, AP SUOI NGHE, in which the persons evacuated from Slope 30 were resettled.

2. Operation KENMORE commenced on the 29 Sep 67 and will carry over into Oct 67. This will be dealt with in detail in next month's report.

...here's a bit more with the Yanks at 1/83rd asking us to do something...

Arty Int Section

3. There was light enemy activity for the month. On 3 Sep the outpost of KA BANG, YS 455837, was hit by mortar fire early in the evening. About 30 rounds altogether were fired at the post. A Crater Analysis team went to the post the next morning. Only 5 rounds had landed in or near the compound with the remainder falling in the minefield surrounding the post and thus were not able to be examined. From the 5 workable craters, the rounds were identified as an 82 mm CHICOM mortar and a suspect baseplate position was determined.

4. The ground situation prevented a physical search of the suspect location being made, and because of ground to air fire being received by aircraft from the general area of the location during this period, an air recce could not be made either. It is of interest to note that during Op AINSLEE a VC Coy sized area was found around the suspected base plate location.

5. On 7 Sep 67, at the request of 1/83rd Arty, a crater analysis team examined some rounds which had fallen on the village of AP LO VOI. Their report was included in an investigation being conducted by 1/83rd Arty.

6. From the 5 - 21 Sep 67, the Engineer's LP, 31C moved on Op AINSLEE to the FSB and stationed itself atop the lookout tower in the DUC THANH Sub Sector ARVN post YS 464783. Whilst this sight suffered from the disadvantage of being directly over some very noisy generators which normally went off at 2300 hours or, in the case of an attack, straight away, it had the overruling advantage of visual surveillance, being the highest point for some considerable distance. The use of the surveyors in the FSB as an LP, YS 450782, complemented 31C and provided good aural response with very limited visual.

7. On the 29 Sep 67, to allow 31B to move on Op KENMORE, 31A shifted to the HORSESHOE. 31C was split between its normal position in the Engineers area and NUI DAT, and surveyors filled in the gaps. 31B then moved with 106 Fd Bty on Op KENMORE on 30 Sep 67.

...then there was a bit on the Radars...

Radar Section

9. Once again both radars were deployed in support of 1 ATF operations, one to a previously tested site and one to a forward FSB.

10. ALPHA RADAR. The Radar Section Commanders and Recce Party moved out on Op AINSLEE on 4 Sep 67 and the radar came out in the main body by road on 5 Sep 67. It was found during the siting of the FSB that it was almost impossible to site the radar until the guns were sited.

15. BRAVO RADAR. Bravo Radar returned from the HORSESHOE feature on 4 Sep 67 after supporting the operation to the SOUTH and WEST of that feature.

16. It moved straight into 106 Fd Bty area to cover up to the NORTH during operation AINSLEE and tie in with 'A' Radar.

17. It operated consistently throughout the operation period and after the return of Alpha, a test firing was set up using 7 RAR mortars on 23 Sep 67. The aim was to compare 2 radar sites in 106 Fd Bty area. Approx 20 Serials were fired of which the radar got 14 good locations. The main reason for failing to get more was due to cresting and operator inexperience.

18. Bravo equipment returned to Bravo Radar Site the afternoon of 23 Sep 67. It operated consistently until the end of the month.

...and Survey was noted doing "good" things...

Just CA Unit, their task being to survey housing blocks in the Hamlet - YS 434714, now ~~AP~~ SUOI NGHE, being built to accommodate resettled families from the Slope 30 area. This was a different type task for the surveyors but they worked on this project throughout the whole month and as a result of their work they made a good name for themselves and for the detachment.

22. On 4 Sep 67 a FSB was established in YS 4677 and YS 4577 to support Operation AINSLEE. Two batteries and RHQ were deployed in the FSB and survey was provided for them by a diamond traverse, starting at 462780. Upon completion of the survey, the surveyors undertook a new task to them, in that they deployed as an LP in the FSB. This was the second LP in the area and provided good all-round coverage. Although this was a new task to the surveyors, they did quite a good job. The Svy Sect Comd, after completion of the Svy worked as a Sect Comd with 108 Fd Bty. The operation was extended by three days and finished on 21 Sep 67, a total of 18 days in the FSB.

23. On 30 Sep 67 a FSB and forward TF HQ was established in YS 6758, to support Operation KENMORE. As this operation is progressing well into October, it will be discussed in the monthly report for October. During September the Svy Sect gained four new surveyors and 5 Svyrs RTA, one rather reluctantly. The only complaint about the replacement of surveyors is that four advanced surveyors RTA and only one advanced surveyor was received by the Sect.

...then there was the conclusion...

OTHER ACTIVITIES

24. General During the month 12 persons were RTA on 26 September. 6 replacements arrived on the 13 Sep and 5 more on the 27 Sep. This leaves us one replacement plus Bdr FOUSTIE's replacement deficient.

25. On 3 Sep there was quite an extensive change around of personnel particularly LPs. This was done early in the month to allow a settling in period before replacements arrived.

26. On 27 Sep LBdr FLETCHER was appointed and took over as Sig/Tpt NCO from Bdr BONSER who RTA.

27. Social On the 25 Sep 67 a farewell party was held in the Rec Room for the 12 members returning to AUSTRALIA.

28. On 28 Sep 67, in a social coup, the Detachment was host unit to a visiting entertainment group "The Melbourne Show". A very pleasant bar-beque lunch was held in the Rec Room area and a good time was had by all.

29. Welfare During the period 17 persons went on R&R or R&C Leave. Bdr ARCH is scheduled to be on the first flight of R&R to AUSTRALIA in October 67.

30. The month was very good from a health point of view with no cases of VD at all.

Ed – it was re-assuring to note that Warwick made mention in "Other Activities" - other than being "replacement deficient", Fletch got the Transport gig as a L/Bdr, we held a "farewell party", had "a social coup", "17 persons went on R&R or R&C", but wait for it – **"no cases of VD at all"!!** Gee, I'm glad we disclosed that 40 years later!

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

. Tony Foley –



'G'day Paul, I read with interest about the Guys & their Cars!! I had an Austin '57 A30. I Lived Out as a "Marriedie" & used it to drive every day from Kingsford to Holsworthy & return (About 100ks a day). Interestingly I made friends with the owner of the Caltex Servo on Milperra Rd who told me about his Hill climb record he held in 1955, 116 MPH!! That's MILES per hour - in what vehicle?? An Austin A30!! I do have an old photo & I'll dig it out & Forward it soon. I also had "CO's Permission Not to wear my hat whilst driving within Kokoda Barracks (1 FD REGT RAA) simply because I was 6ft 2inches tall & the A30 wasn't big enough to comply with the "Standing Order" then Tony added with the photo 'Hi Paul, Hope this is OK? Taken the day we purchased our Block of Land in Forestville. People used to say "Where's That?" & I'd say "Eleven Miles from Sydney GPO in Martin Place!" Don't know if you can read the number plate? It Was - "ALC-057" ALCO?? Regards Tony F.

Warwick Hamilton –

"Hi Paul - re the car - It was a light blue 1961 VW, and no it wasn't just a standard 1300, it was used for serious rallying. Hence all the instruments including a second more accurate speedo (Halda Speedpilot for those who really want to know these things) and map reading lights on stalks, mainly for the navigator, plus additional driving and fog lights, a large rear spotlight (in case I really needed to see going backwards!), a huge hand held spot mounted in a bracket inside, and a chrome mesh screen which I could take off for the front. That was the obvious.

Additionally there were full harnesses for driver and nav, though only the seat belt was used for normal driving.

The car had a highly tuned Porsche Carrera 1800 cc motor and 5 speed gearbox, and a modified suspension. It ran on bloody expensive Michelin tyres, though these were changed depending on the rally conditions.

The body was lightened with fibreglass mudguards, bonnet and boot (though you could only tell this by looking at them from underneath). For safety it had a laminated glass windscreen and the front seats had additional mountings to fix them firmly to the floor.

In rally mode the rear seat was removed and addition wheels and other stuff fitted in depending on the requirement, together with intercom and helmets for the front. Sometime even a second battery for a night rally.

Well, you did ask!!

And to answer the outstanding question, yes we did quite well until something called SVN came up, where my vehicle changed to a stripped down Landrover.

All the best, Warwick"

Ed – that's it for "Boys and Their Toys" segment, unless somebody finds some old photos and a story to go with them – thanks for those who submitted stories and photos.

. 131 Locators Association Inc...



. **27th Aug** – an email from **Allen Morley** – “Fellow Gunners, I have today received a letter from the DVA acknowledging our grant application.

The letter says the application will be assessed for consideration in the October 2010 funding round. By that I take it to mean they will assess it next month and then submit their recommendations at the end of the month for endorsement or whatever in October. So we must be patient for a little longer. Cheers Allen”

. **29th Aug** – At the LAA meeting, attended by our Committee Members – Bob Billiards, Vic Danko, Allen Morley and Ernie Newbold – we became a Branch of the LAA, replacing the our original Vietnam Veterans name. Also Ernie and Allen joined a working sub-committee in conjunction with John Posener and Joe Kaplun.

. **13th Sep** – **Allen Morley** sent in a DVA update – “Hi Fellas I have just had a conversation with Peter Jones from DVA re our grant application. So something is moving. I just wanted to give you both a heads up. Cheers Allen”

. **14th Sep** – Is a bit of a red letter day as the Committee sent out Applications to our readers to join the 131 Locators Association Inc. It was discussed and felt that the time was about right as the DVA decision for funding assistance was only a matter of a couple of months away and regardless of that outcome we needed to be organised to get established with or without DVA assistance. The group readership of the Eyes & Ears is up over 160 and our accumulation of photos, articles and so on is getting to a stage where we want to be able to share our archived data with the newer members.

...which leads to the **Locators Association** welcoming our first batch of new members as at 24th September –
Members – Ian Amos; Ronald Boaler; Robert Billiards; Bert Blink; Paul Butcher; Gerard Carroll; Christopher Chapple; Edward Chase; Victor Danko; Gary Davey; Paul Dickson; Grahame Dignam; Ronald Evans; Les Falkai; James Fitzgerald; Peter Fletcher; Berham Guzder; Leigh Hemming; Peter Hopper; George Lane; John McFadden; Damien McManus; Ian McNicol; Victor Moreau; Allen Morley; Ernest Newbold; Nicholas Proskurin; John Richmond; Stuart Sporn; Hans Weber
Associates – 1st Battalion 83rd Artillery (US)

Affiliates – David Troedel; Gordon Williams

Plus we'd like to thank the members that contributed extra in the way of donations.

It makes an old Locator very proud to be a part of all of this.

. **Birthdays in the Battery**...September saw another 33 potential Locators take a breath and with a few dates with multiple births – do they put something into the water in January or was it the school holiday thing to do – 3 sets of quads – ok so it might've involved different fathers, but...

Eric Thompson starts the month on 1st followed by **Philip Mulgrew** on 2nd, **Mills Buckley** gets a look in on 3rd, **John Dellaca** on 6th beats the trifecta of Steve Boutlis, **Gary Bester** and **Ivan Mills** on 7th, **William Gordon** made an appearance on 8th (now **Ed** thinks this is interesting – in the Battery we had a William Gordon and low and behold a Gordon Williams – ok, ok – I thought it was interesting!), **Barry Nugent** gets to share 12th with **Larry Ridge** and **Philip Johns** though it took them 12 months to emerge after Barry, **Victor Claxton** claims the 13th and was in SVN in '68 – surely someone must know him?, the Late Merv Dart (14.09.42-2001) shared 14th with **Frank Ipsa** (now here's a name that appears in E&E's yarns and hasn't been contacted – he was in SVN May to Dec '67), the Late Frank Pepper (16.09.48-27.12.89) made a quadrella with Keith Dean, **Ronald Black** and **Allen Wheatley**, John Blake of Dentistry fame starts another quadrella being extracted with Barry Guzder, **Maurie Arch**, and **Ernest Galloway** on 17th, **Jim Lawler** beat Bob Wilson by 10 years to claim 18th, and bugger me another four arrive on 19th with Dave Gow getting in first in '44 with the other lot of **Hubert Andrews**, **Wesley Hindmarsh** and **Phillip Wapshot** making the ward pretty full in '47, the Late Garry Leplaw (21.09.48-06.12.83) made the 21st his and gave us an Associate Locator with his daughter Lee, Bob Billiards of skiing and car restoration fame had the crib to himself on 24th, Ken McNamara along with Ron Boaler and **John Davies** – one of the '66 Pioneers rounded off the month on 26th.

Ed – c'mon fellas we're dragging the chain a bit with the same number that were in August - here's another 19 **blokes (in bold)** that still need to be found before we have to look for another mob next month. Some of these blokes were on this list last year!

. **Locator Profiles** – we've received **45** and we've sent out **42**.

Ed - The tap has been turned on slightly with a couple more this month – how about a clock-wise twist more.

Ken Woodbine responded to Scotty McNicol's Locator Profile with – "Paul, It was good to read Scotty McNicol's profile. I have good memories of the time spent with Scotty overseas – even though he insists I was always telling him where to "shove his bloody army" whenever something went wrong.
I have bumped him twice the last couple of years at a march and a re-union, and after all those years it's great to see him again. Thanks for the profile Ken Woodbine"

. Found...

George Lane, fast becoming a very competent recruiter got us in touch with **Jim Fitzgerald** who sent this in – "Thank you for including me in your mail list. I notice you have photos included, I have a lot from 1966 – 1967, when I was there. As soon as I can get them on a DVD I will send them to you if you like. Also my brother in law, Peter Colman, served with 131 in Vietnam and he would be interested in being included.
Also do you require information or to join the association? Jim FitzGerald"

. **Bob Buzzacott** responded to an email with – "Count me in please."

. **George Lane** again – "Paul I have found another for our happy band. **Allan Thompson**, who was in Vietnam 66-67 and was in charge of one of the LP's. I told Allan that you would send him a copy of the last Eyes & Ears also a Locator Profile thanks Paul - George."

. **Joseph Fabri replied** after an invite – "Paul, Thanks, I would be very gratefully if you could add me to the mailing list, Thanks **Joseph Fabri** RSM 20 STA Regt"

. **The 1st Battalion 83rd Artillery contacted** us because of their continuing communications with some of our members – **Bob Billiards** in the main – and the Battery has become an Honorary Locator and an Associate Member with its contact being **Bill Taggart**. See a new section below.

. **George Lane cracked** it with getting us in touch with **Peter Summers** and Peter sent this in – "Hi Paul, Sorry that i have been so long getting back to you but now at least I am. I believe that you were interested in the history of the banner that was used for the 131 re union in the 87welcome home parade. I am currently putting the sequence down on paper to send to you as it encompasses the start of the association and 87 the re-union as well. It should only take me another couple of days to complete. Have attached a brief history of how it all came about and roughly what happened.
Thanks for the eyes and ears I would definitely like to be included from now on. Let me know any info required and costs etc. Many thanks Pete Summers"

. **Brian Kilworth found** time to send this – "Hi Dicko Just returned from travelling around Oz in the motor home...much fun and lots of adventures!
Caught up with **Laurie Gallop** in Geraldton; fun night with plenty of stories! He's looking well, semi retired running a large building company. Please add him to the mailing list. Keeping doing well! Brian (Killa)"

Bert Blink had contact with **John Richmond** and John sent the following in – "Good Morning Paul I have been speaking to Bert Blink over the past few weeks. He mentioned the magazine and gave me the email address.
By the way I was with the unit from June 1966 to January 1968 (I was lucky enough to do my last three months on the training wing at RMC) I would be most interested in being put on to the mailing list. Regards John Richmond"

. **Mick Chase sent** an E&E's to **Andrew Opie** and he sent this in – "A copy of your publication has been forwarded to me by Mick Chase.
As a "very green" sec com I would comment regarding Dave Crowther's note that even Sec Coms do as they are told. Mick can confirm that a Captain D stated officially that he and Captain T "sited the original position of every gun and radar in the task force."
I would be interested in receiving your publication if that can be arranged.
Thank you Very Green Andrew Opie"

. **Jim Fitzgerald ran** into **Peter Colman** and Peter got back to us with – "Yes, I would appreciate being added to the email list. It's interesting that the next email from you was information about John Browne (Brownie) who I was in Vietnam with & would like to get in touch with if possible. There might be more on your contact list I knew. Peter Colman"
Ed – Peter just let us know who you might want to catch up with.

.Vale – Geoff Lock...9th September, 2010

George Lane advised of Geoff's passing -



Lock, Geoffrey William
Gnr 2782439 NS
131 Divisional Locating Battery RAA
SVN 1966 – 1967
17.03.45 – 09.09.10

May he rest in peace

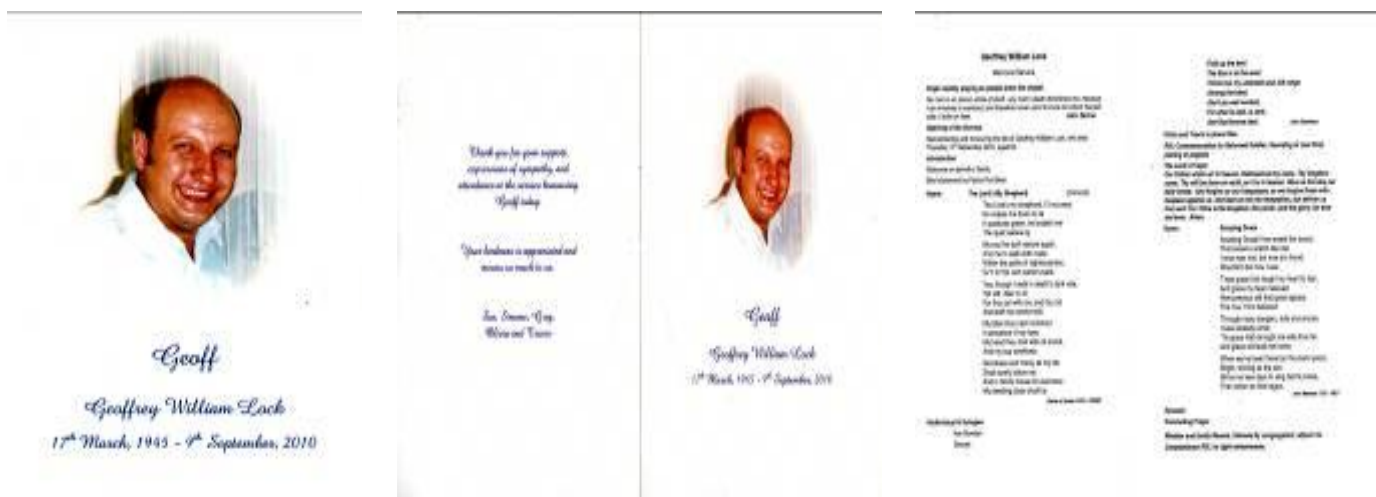


Ernie Newbold attended the service and forwarded the following email -

"G'day Paul, today I attended the funeral service for Geoff Lock. It was a good turnout with representatives of the Campbelltown RSL, Macarthur Branch of the Vietnam Veterans Association and 131 Div Loc Bty in attendance, among others.

Geoff's wife Sue, daughter Simone, Son in law Greg and grandchildren Olivia and Travis thanked all for their support and sympathy.

Following are copies of the service for you to read. Regards, Ernie."



In September we remember...

Name	Rank	Regt No	Section	SVN	DoB	DoD
Bonser, Barry Douglas	Bdr	37661	T/Port	1967	10.10.41	03.09.98
Doyle, William Francis	Gnr	4719912		1969	25.07.47	05.09.78
Jones, Paul William	Gnr	216324	Radar	1966-67	11.10.46	09.09.68

May they rest in Peace

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

. At the time of compiling this edition of Eyes and Ears there was no notification on the LAA website as to the next scheduled meeting. 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. 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.

The next scheduled work party date is 31 October.

All future dates will be confirmed in the *Associations* Newsletter.

. 1st Battalion 83rd Artillery...this is a new section prompted by the email below from their webmaster, **Bill Taggart**...

The 1st Battalion 83rd Artillery was awarded an **Honorary Locator** title and admitted to the 131 Locators Association Inc as an **Associate Member**. **Bill** was appointed their proxy and we're proud yo have them join us.



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 1/8rd who did not return. We will never forget their sacrifice. Website: http://83rd_artillery.home.comcast.net/~83rd_artillery/

"Paul 'Dicko' Dickson,

My name is **Bill Taggart** and I am the webmaster for the 1/83rd US Artillery website. I was stationed with the 83rd at Nui Dat in 1966-67 and have many fond memories of the friendship and support we received from our Australian mates.

I received a recent copy of your Newsletter that was passed along to **Don Aird** of the 83rd via **John Browne** of your group (As a side note, John was very helpful in helping one of my 83rd group track down an old Aussie friend who he

knew at Nui Dat). I also saw **Bob Billiards** (who is also part of our group) note in the newsletter along with a link to our 83rd site and that is very much appreciated.

Our group currently has over 150 active members on our email distribution that were with the 83rd during its years in Vietnam (66-71). We also have few Australians and New Zealanders in that number.

I was hoping for 2 things:

One, can I add the latest newsletter to the 83rd site? I think many of our group would enjoy it as much as I did.

Second, could I be added to your distribution list for future editions?

Thanks, Bill

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

Ed – I responded with a warm Locator welcome and yeses to both requests.

...then **Bill** responded with...

"Thanks Paul. Be sure to let me know when your website is up and I will add a link to the 83rd site and I appreciate your adding us as well.

Our experiences do sound similar. I tried for several years to try and find guys I was with, in 66-67. Then after I built the 83rd site about 2 years ago it took off very well. It seems like we will go weeks with no new names and then, all of a sudden, we get a couple at once. I have met a lot of new friends and hooked up with some guys I haven't spoken to in 40+ years. A few of your guys found us and participate in the dialogs as well. We have a few Aussie related links on the website and I am in the process of reorganizing it a bit to make it easier to find things.

The 83rd was in Vietnam from 66-71. Around March 1968 the entire Battalion went up North to I Corp and they stayed there until 1971 when the Battalion stood down. When we were at Nui Dat (66-68), there were 3 Batteries there, HQ, Service and "A" Battery (firing Battery). Our other 2 firing Batteries were at Bear Cat ("B" Battery) and Xuan Loc ("C" Battery).

We have guys from all years that the 83rd was in Nam along with a few Aussies and Kiwis and we all share emails regularly. Everybody is scattered all over the US and farther so we have not yet had any luck getting a reunion together yet but hopefully some day we can arrange one.

Yes, I was wondering about "K07". You guys have some terms that are a little hard for us to figure out but hey, after reading a few more of your newsletters I hope to be at least an honorary Aussie. There isn't a better group to be part of. Take care, Bill"

Ed – now for those of you who want to read the Eyes and Ears in "American" go and have a look at this link (I wonder if our mates over the big pond can understand us?) -

http://home.comcast.net/~83rd_artillery/Websites_of_Interest/Military_Unit_Websites.htm

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