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Operation Kenmore – Sep 29th Oct 11, 1967



Peter Hopper Reports -

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The following was extracted from **OPERATIONAL REPORTS** compiled by the then Det OC Capt Warwick Hamilton

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Annex 'H' to 4 Fd Regt RAA
Operational Report
18Nov 67

OPERATIONAL REPORT – 1st ATF DET, 131 DIV LOC BTY RAA

1 – 31 OCT 67

OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES

GENERAL

1. The month was taken up with OP KENMORE from 29 Sep to 11 Oct and then the commencement of the preparatory stages of OP SANTA FE on 27 Oct. A radar was not deployed on KENMORE but was deployed on SANTA FE, details of which shall be included in next month's report.

ARTY INT SECTION

2. There was little enemy mortar activity for the period. The LP at the Horseshoe, 31B, was deployed around the FSPB and ADV TP area OP KENMORE.

...there was an interesting final file note by Warwick...

SURVEY SECTION

20. When the Surveyors returned to NUI DAT after Operation KENMORE a comprehensive training programme was undertaken aimed at raising the standards of the new surveyors. This training was successfully completed but Operation SANTA FE showed that still more training is required, particularly in computations.

- The following has been copied from the Surveyors, brilliant web site at :
<http://www.artillerysurveyors131.com.au/operations/kenmore.html>

This and more can be viewed by going to –

<http://www.artillerysurveyors131.com.au/> & <http://www.artillerysurveyors131.com.au/operations/coburg.html>

See the link below immediately after the Association's section.

KENMORE (29th Sep - 11th Oct 1967)

DESCRIPTION - A search and destroy operation by 2RAR and 7RAR, 6 km SE of Xuyen Moc. It was intended to disrupt the coastline resupply conduit for the VC. 4 Fd Regt was in direct support from a FSB YS 677583 on Ho Tram Cape on the coast.

131 SURVEY - On the 27th Sept, Act Svy Sgt Hopper was briefed as to a possible scheme to bring survey to the proposed FSB on Ho Tram Cape. It was a triangulation involving the Cape, the Horseshoe and Nui Dat. Act Svy Sgt Hopper took this briefing back to the survey lines for planning.



The proposed scheme was discussed by **Gnr Ken Long** and myself back in the lines. Some doubt as to its validity arose when lines of sight from the sandhills of the Cape could not be verified by map information. The only feasible schemes we both thought might be a straight traverse from the Horseshoe or from old 31 C position, Paddington, just north of Xuyen Moc

Act Svy Sgt Peter Hopper Oct 1967

This alternative plan was accepted by higher up.



*A Sq 3 Cav hitting the beach. Lang Phuoc Hai and Long Hais in background.
Photo courtesy Peter Hopper.*

On the 28th Sept. 131 surveyors joined the advanced elements heading out with A Sq 3 Cav. We proceeded to Lang Phuoc Hai then headed ENE along the beach. After crossing an estuary, A Sq 3 Cav laagered up for the night.

As soon as we hit the beach we headed east along the water's edge. At one stage we all climbed on top of the APCs as they crossed an estuary to a sand bar where we camped down up for the night. It was like the Wild West. The APCs formed a neat circle and gave us a perimeter defence. We also had B Coy 2 RAR with us at the time so we felt reasonably secure.

Act Svy Sgt Peter Hopper Oct 1967



4 Fd Regt arrive to purple smoke. Photo courtesy Peter Hopper.

The following morning, the advanced elements were tracked to Ho Tram Cape, the site for the operational FSB. 131 surveyors established an interim Regimental Grid by compass resection coordinates and sunshot bearing using those coordinates.

106 Fd Bty was airlifted to Ho Tram Cape by Chinooks from the Horseshoe. 108 Fd Bty was lifted from the Xuyen Moc airfield temporary position and joined 106 on this interim Regimental Grid.

Earlier that year, in February, members of the first section has fixed a gun position for 103 Fd Bty RAA in YS 4854, south of Dat Do, by observing a sun azimuth, and then using a theodolite to measure directions to a number of prominent features. These lines, which were then plotted on the 1:50000 map as a resection, would have given more accurate bearings than those from a prismatic compass. Did members of the survey section in September 1967 know that their predecessors had done this very successfully only seven months earlier? If not, then it demonstrates that there was something very seriously wrong with allowing the section commander and NCOs to leave Vietnam at the end of their tours before their replacements had arrived and worked with them in the physical and operational environment in which they were going to be providing a service to the artillery for the next twelve months. How many other lessons and benefits of experience, one wonders, were lost this way?

Peter S Sadler (Late) Doc 7 Ch 4 Survey Sect Pt C

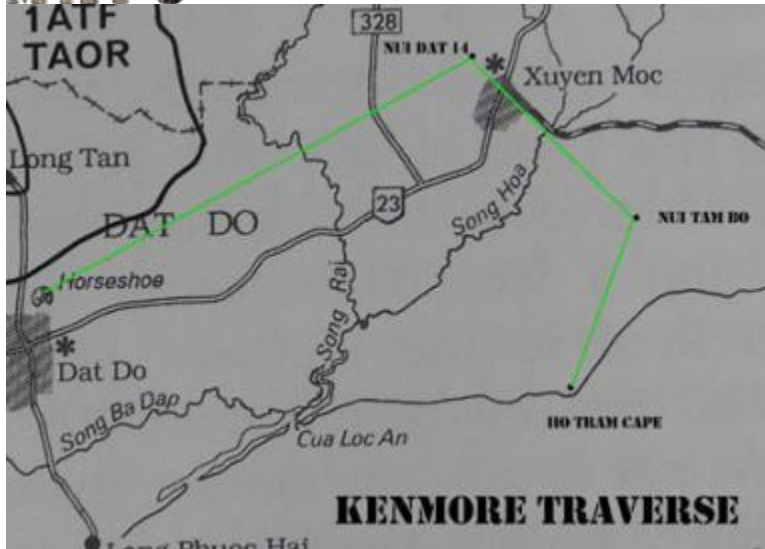
The guns of 106 arrived by Chinooks who were guided by purple smoke flares.

Act Svy Sgt Peter Hopper Oct 1967



4 Fd Regt arriving Ho Tram Cape. Photo courtesy Peter Hopper.

In conjunction with Topo surveyors on Nui Dat (west of Xuyen Moc), survey was carried by a single leg traverse to a high point in the sandhills close to the FSB. This was then carried to the interim grid position and with a "change of grid", upgraded to theatre grid.



above: Map underlay comes from Ian McNeil and Ashley Ekins' "On the Offensive".

After a week, 106 Fd Bty was deployed to another FSB YS 7662 further east. It was placed on Regimental Grid only by compass resection and sunshot.



above: Ho Tram Cape and Kenmore FSPBs.



15. The survey section was employed on two operations during this period. Operation KENMORE (28th Sept – 8th Oct) and operation SANTA FE which is still continuing.

16. A regimental Fire Support Base was established on the HO TRAM CAPE at YS 677583. Initially it was not possible to provide theatre grid for the guns as there was no control in the area. Regimental grid was established by sunshot for bearing and compass resection for fixation.

17. The survey was upgraded to theatre grid after Topo Survey had established third order control in the area.

18. After a week at the Fire Support Base, 106 Bty were deployed to another Fire Support Base at YS 7662. The guns were established on Regimental grid by sunshot and compass resection.

131 Bty Reports Survey Section Oct '67

Survey Sect

3. Taking advantage of Op Kenmore, theatre grid was extended into the east of Phuoc Tuy Province. The following 3rd order stations were established.

AASO23 Nui Tam Bo E 773 070.9m N 1163 326.7m Ht 100.43m

AASO24 Ho Tram Cape E 767 592.6m N 1158 781.4m Ht 58.00m

AASO24 (Ho Tram Cape) was established direct from AASO17 (Horseshoe) and also through the chain, AASO17 (Horseshoe) – AASO14 (Nui Dat west of Xuyen Moc) – AASO23 (Nui Tam Bo) – AASO24 (Ho Tram Cape). As an eccentric was used at AASO14 (Nui Dat Xuyen Moc) computation was done in the reverse sequence to give a closing error at AASO14 of E 1.60m N 0.40m Ht 0.69m over a total distance of 36725.15m. The misclose was distributed by the Bowditch Rule. At present line AASO17 – AASO14 is a computed line only. It is anticipated that this line will be observed when new tellurometers become available.

A Sect 1 Topo Svy Tp Op Report No 18 (Oct 67)

Not long after we'd brought survey to one of the airlifted batteries, I climbed back up one of the sandhills we'd traversed over, to take photos of the battery setting up. While I was taking them the Bty CO yelled at me to get off the dune as Nogs had been spotted in the area.

Gnr Ken Long Oct 1967

Sometime after completion of survey **Gnr Greg Green** and myself spotted some suspect VC a few hundred metres to our north. Both the suspects and ourselves were unarmed at the time and we both scampered for cover.

Act Svy Sgt Peter Hopper Oct 1967

131 surveyors stayed on right to the end of the operation. We didn't leave until the Chinooks came in and flew 106 Fd Bty back to Nui Dat. We were told to put all our equipment aboard the last Chinook and we flew back to Nui Dat in style.

Act Svy Sgt Peter Hopper Oct 1967

Secondary Roles

On the 30th Sept LP 31B from the Horseshoe, arrived at Ho Tram Cape. It was positioned on the northern side of the Ho Tram Cape FSB. 131 surveyors helped out 31B by manning the LP.



We felt safe this time on LP duty for we knew we weren't going to be attacked from the south as the South China Sea lay behind us.

Act Svy Sgt Peter Hopper Oct 1967

After the completion of Kenmore duties, **Act Svy Sgt Peter Hopper** and **L/Bdr Bruce Irvine** were involved in running a comprehensive training programme designed to raise the standards of computation and field surveying of the new surveyors. Due to rotation stuff ups, survey had been left deficient in Advanced Course surveyors.



20. When surveyors returned to Nui Dat after Operation Kenmore, a comprehensive training programme was undertaken aimed at raising the standards of the new surveyors. This training was successfully completed but Operation Santa Fe showed that still more training is required, particularly on computations.

131 Bty Reports Survey Section Oct '67

On the 26th Oct, 131 surveyors passed theatre grid to A Bty 2/35 US deployed close to Luscombe Field.

...then the following was submitted by Peter Hopper which adds a couple more personal memories...

Operation Kenmore

Recollections by Peter Hopper

I have two distinctive recollections about this operation. The first involves our transportation to the Fire Support Base that was situated at Ho Tram Cape, SE of Xuyen Moc. I remember leaving Nui Dat in our customary land rovers and heading south through Dat Do to the coastal village of Lang Phuoc Hai. This was clearly a modest fishing village with nets hanging out to dry on the beach. At this point we boarded the APCs of A Squadron 3 Cavalry Regiment, and

headed east along the beach. It was not pleasant being cooped up inside these noisy APCs. We covered about 20km that afternoon before darkness came upon us. At this point the APCs just formed a circle on the beach and we spent the night sleeping on the sand awaiting our final move to the FSB. I do remember having to cross several rivers along the way and I was amazed that the APCs could actually float and power themselves across the water. At that stage we were allowed to sit on the top and hang our legs over the sides. Our night on the beach resembled a 'wagon circle awaiting the Indians'.

The next morning we set off and soon arrived at our destination. We were now surrounded by sand dunes to the north and the ocean to the south and spent the morning observing a huge Chinook airdrop of guns and supplies. Purple flares indicated where the guns were to be set up. We then went to work bring survey to the Battery Centre. Our time here almost resembled a 'beach picnic' and it was relatively pleasant. Our hutchies were tucked in among the sand dunes and it was possible to even go for a quick dip in the ocean.

It was on this operation that I came across Lt Robert Birse of 106 Bty. I can still remember him picking up a jerry can full of water and pouring it over himself in full view of us all. Water was scarce on operations and you would never use it wastefully. I thought this was not a good thing for an officer to do and some of the members of his unit agreed that this was poor form. Six weeks later he was killed when an M26 hand grenade was thrown into his sleeping pit during Operation Forrest. This happened two days before I flew back home on 12th December 1967.

. AN/KPQ-1 RADAR South Vietnam

Detachment 131 Divisional Locating Battery South Vietnam 1966 - 1970

This document records a brief history of the mortar locating radars used by Detachment 131 Divisional Locating Battery in South Vietnam...the reproduction of which has been granted by its author –

Keith R Ayliffe BEM
Ex 131 Div Loc Bty

9. The Listening Posts

The TFAIO organisation provided for the establishment of two LP per radar and Det 131 established 4 LPs to cover 1ATF base and these were to prove invaluable to the task force over the years. The cost of this support has never been recognised nor has the ability of the Det 131 to adapt its numbers to meet the situation. The manning for each LP was a junior NCO (Bdr or many cases L/Bdr) and 3 Gnr Arty Int operators. This figure would fluctuate dramatically depending on the units other commitments. With the units surveyors often called upon to carry out LP duties. There were many occasions when manning was critical that senior gunners were called upon to act as LP No. 1s.

It must be understood that the LP operated 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and 365 days per year. Generally the LP operator worked 2 hours on duty and 4 hours off with one day off each month, and four days R and R per year.

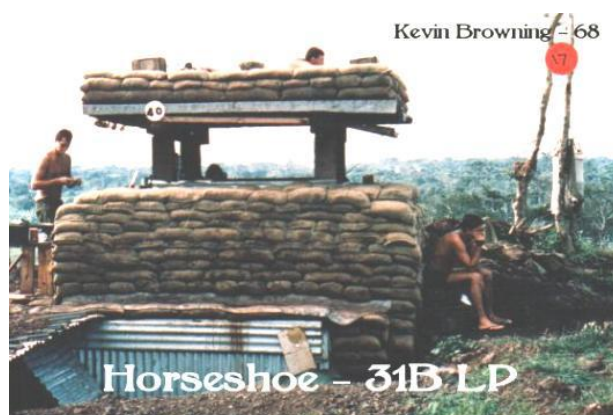
The frustrations of these long hours sometimes caused upsets especially when an incident such as movement on the wire was observed but no response was permitted. In many cases the operators never received any feedback for the work they did.

Similarly the operators sense of humour was not always appreciated. An incident which bears recording at this point, one Christmas eve an LP reported movement and the HQ requested further information. The LP then told of movement to the east, hard to identify but appeared to be approaching. This continued for sometime, until eventually the LP reported it appeared to be a wagon drawn by animals. There are several animals pulling it, one has something red and bright on it and the driver is dressed in a red suit with a white beard. At that time the penny dropped in the HQ and a less than complimentary rocket came back.

Although LPs were rebuilt several times, they remained in almost their original sites for the entire tenure of Det 131.



LP1. - Alpha LP (Radio Call Sign 31A) - established on a high point of Nui Dat hill with almost a 360 degree view of the surrounding country.



LP2 - Bravo LP (Radio Call Sign 31B) - established on a high point at the horseshoe feature, again it had excellent views back to Nui Dat



LP3 - Charlie LP (Radio Call Sign 31C) - established on the south eastern side of the base near the perimeter. On many operations LP3 would be closed and form the basis of operational LP/s. Operation LPs were normally supplemented with unit Surveyors after they completed their initial survey tasks.

LP4 - Delta LP (Radio Call Sign 31D) - established on the south western side of the base near the perimeter. Under rebuild
Had great views of the western area surrounding the Task force. Sleeping was difficult as it was co-deployed with the US medium/heavy Gun Batteries.

Photo: Robert Billiards 1967



View from Horseshoe LP31B – road to Nui Dat in A view from LP31A – Foreground – Photo: Richard Chaplin -1970

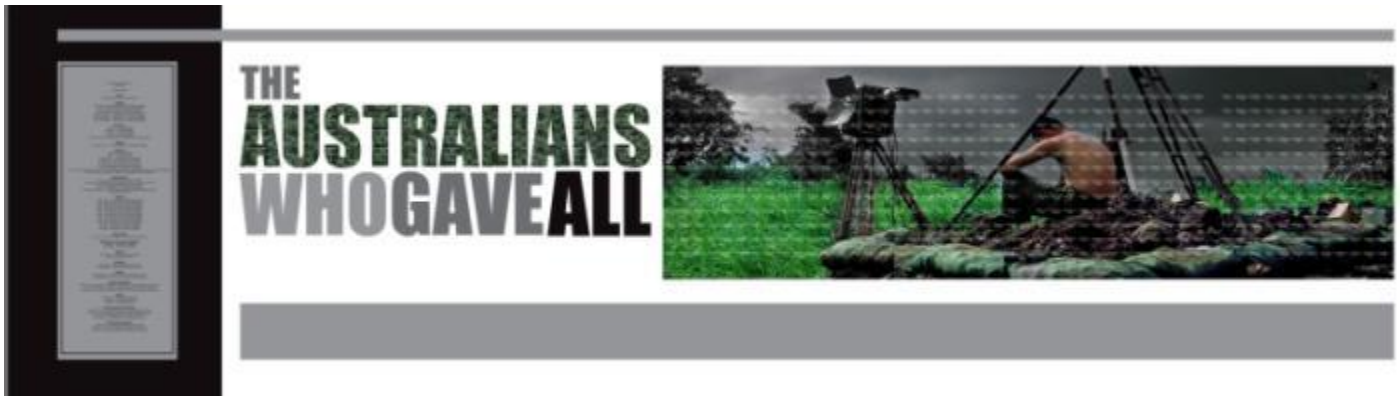


A view from LP31A – Looking south/west.
Photo: Phillip Sheedy - 1968

Next month we'll continue on with - 10. The mortar threat - NVA and VC

. **AS** a continuation on from our lead article last month –

The Detachment features at the National Vietnam Veterans Museum in Phillip Island...



Ron Mason dropped a line to **Bert Blink** with regards to the display – “Bert, I am behind the times with what is happening at the Museum, I was down there at the end of Feb this year at a VVAA council meeting & the area only had a piece of A4 stating that the Artillery would be represented in that area. Hence I was unaware of any display at all. With such a small space the rolling slide show is the only way I can imagine delivering very much information about 131 with all its branches. All photos would have to be labelled “on the photo” & with the laps of time some photos may require a little bit of Photo Shop to restore colour or remove scratches, time consuming & expensive to have done by professionals. Bert, are you coordinating this effort?

Ron Mason”

...to which Bert duly responded...

“Hi Ron,

As part of a "Ubique" project (ie everywhere there was a SVM War museum or memorial Det 131 should have a presence) it was something I thought of after visiting the NVVM & the Seymour Commemorative Walk last year. In particular we needed a presence at the NVVM. On behalf of 131 Locators Association I approached the NVVM in regarding to starting a panel much like this 5 RAR one



at this stage the NVVM were rethinking their approach and this eventuated in an Artillery Panel within which we would have our own display (as indicated an identifying page plus photos, supplied by Bob Billiards, along with items in a memorabilia table nearby). As far as I know this has been done. This was a preliminary photo we received.



This is as much as I know and now we need a Det 131 person to visit the NVVM and send us a few photos & a description of how our display works & how effective it is and in the words of Allen Morley then "Where to from here". If no one goes before then my wife & I plan to do it sometime Oct/Nov this year.
Bert"

Ed possibly now is as good a time as any to follow up, along the lines of what do we have that is lying around, even ex-North Head memorabilia that would serve a worthwhile purpose at the Museum – perhaps it could be given as an "on loan" item from the donor?

...**To** add to this we heard from **Bob King** who actually took the photo that appears in the Museum on Phillip Island (minus the Survey equipment – I must admit the photo does exude a thoroughly thought provoking presence) and, of course, the photo graces our web site.



...then **Bob** sent in the photo below...and is puzzled to who is in the photo (**Ed** has a guess at **John "Kanga" McFadden??**) – anyway can anyone tell us who it actually is?



. **The** following release from the Minister was sent in both **Grahame Dignam** and **Ian Finlay** – it's good to be kept in the loop with some topics of interest...

PENSION INCREASE FOR THE VETERAN COMMUNITY

From 20 September 2014, veterans, their partners, war widows and widowers across Australia will see an increase to their pensions.

I am pleased to confirm that the Abbott Government has delivered upon its promise to annually index the income limit for the Commonwealth Seniors Health Card (CSHC) to CPI. This will provide a fairer income limit for card holders and will mean around 120 additional DVA clients will now be eligible for the Card in 2014-15.

As pension rates are calculated on a daily basis, the next pension paid after the 20 September increase (on payday 2 October 2014) will be paid partly at the old rate and partly at the new rate. The first full payment at the new rates of pension will be payday 16 October 2014.

The table below highlights the key changes to fortnightly rates.

Pension	Old Rate (per fortnight)	New Rate (per fortnight)	Increase
Service Pension—single	\$842.80	\$854.30	\$11.50
Service Pension—couples (each) (combined)	\$635.30 \$1,270.60	\$644.00 \$1,288.00	\$8.70 \$17.40
War Widow(er)'s Pension	\$856.20	\$868.00	\$11.80
Income Support Supplement	\$252.40	\$256.00	\$3.60
Special Rate (TPI) of Disability Pension	\$1,293.20	\$1,311.30	\$18.10
Intermediate Rate of Disability Pension	\$877.80	\$890.10	\$12.30
Extreme Disablement Adjustment	\$714.10	\$724.20	\$10.10
100 per cent General Rate of Disability Pension	\$459.60	\$466.10	\$6.50
CSHC income limit (single – annual) (combined partnered – annual)	\$50,000 \$80,000	\$51,500 \$82,400	\$1,500 \$2,400

These are the maximum rates of payment and include any Clean Energy Supplement payable.

Pensions are indexed twice a year in March and September. A full list of pension rates are available on www.dva.gov.au or by calling 133 254 or 1800 555 254 from regional Australia.

. **Bert Blink** snaps a possible new HQ –



“Hi, On the way home from Hamilton Island Mary & I spotted the 131 Locators Club House at Sydney Airport, I think opening the door might be a little hard for some of our members! Bert”

. **John Blake** sent the following in which hits a funny nerve:

Political Correctness: A Definition Worth Remembering...

There's an annual contest at Bond University, Australia, calling for the most appropriate definition of a contemporary term.

This year's chosen term was "**political correctness**".

The winning student wrote:

"Political correctness is a doctrine, fostered by a delusional, illogical minority, and promoted by mainstream media, which holds forth the proposition that it is entirely possible to pick up a piece of shit by the clean end."



Committee members:
President – Allen Morley, **Vice President** – Bert Blink, **Treasurer/Secretary** – Grahame Dignam,
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<http://www.131locators.org.au>

Welcome – I was a quiet month with no new Members registering.

Upcoming Events Calender –

131 Locators Association Committee Meeting Date: Tuesday, 28th October, 2014 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

. Presidential perambulations:

Our meeting this month threw up a few matters of potential interest to members. Certainly our meetings are not exciting. Or perhaps then we would all need heart pacemakers – rather than the two usually present.

George Lane (Committee Catering Manager and Pioneer) asked, 'What about Seymour?' So over pizza and a beer we began planning for a meeting in May 2015, to celebrate the 49th anniversary of the first 131 Detachment members leaving for SVN. The Vietnam Memorial in Seymour (Victoria) seemed an appropriate focus. For those who did their basic training at Pucka, that could be a bit too close to unpleasant memories in the 1960s. But 49-50 years later any trauma should have subsided. Please put the date May 4th (or 5th) in your diary or facebook reminder record. We also plan an extended program around the Memorial.

The Association AGM will be held on Tuesday 25th November at Canley Heights RSL and Sporting Club, commencing at 11am. Again, this is not an event that will stress those with pacemakers. All Committee positions are spilled, and we would welcome all new position nominations. After the meeting our repast of pizzas and fluids provides for an interesting chat forum.

The other matter of interest is associated with 131 Detachment permanent mementos. Following on the successful laying of the 131 Div Loc Bty Detachment plaque at the Australian War Memorial in 2012, and the paver at Seymour we are looking to expand our presence and legacy. This is intended to involve a paver at the North Fort Artillery Memorial Walk and a bronze plaque at the Vietnam Museum on Phillip Island. We will seek a DVA grant under the Saluting Their Service program to help offset the costs.

So check out your caravans, tents and unexpected frequent flyer points, ready to be involved In any or all of these activities.

Cheers, Allen Morley



. web input...

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

. Birthdays in the Battery...October –

This month we thought we'd focus this space on the blokes name's below who DON'T have their names highlighted and see if we can find some of them – finding 11 blokes can't be all that hard?

October	Name	Regt No	YOB	SVN In	SVN Out	Comments
1	IAN BRIGNELL	2789405	1946	20 01 1969	21 01 1970	
2	TERRY BRUCE	2783213	1945	05 05 1967	30 01 1968	
2	PETER TEATHER	3790242	1945	12 04 1968	06 08 1968	
2	LESLIE ROBINSON	217662	1949	09 12 1968	28 11 1969	
4	LEIGH HEMMING	1732039	1945	04 05 1967	11 12 1967	
4	MIKE LUFF	2783725	1945	02 01 1967	27 09 1967	
4	DAVID LAHORE	3791183	1945	02 09 1968	04 03 1969	
5	JAMES MERCHANT	2788817	1945	18 12 1968	28 11 1969	
7	GARY CHILLINGSWORTH	313477	1951	29 11 1970	05 08 1971	
8	JOHN O'NEILL	243505	1949	09 11 1970	11 11 1970	
	" "			11 03 1971	12 05 1971	RAEME
9	BRIAN SMYTHE	1201484	1946	02 09 1968	03 12 1969	
10	BRIAN KENNEDY Capt.	213488	1942	02 03 1965	11 03 1965	3 RAR
	" "			26 08 1969	27 08 1970	131
10	PAUL DICKSON	1732012	1945	04 05 1967	12 12 1967	
10	BARRY BONSER	37661	1941	03 01 1967	27 09 1967	† 03.09.98
11	PAUL JONES	216324	1946	22 04 1966	30 04 1967	† 09.09.68
11	JEFFREY EVANS Maj	3789164	1945	10 02 1971	02 06 1971	131 † 23.12.11
	" "			02 06 1971	02 11 1971	12 Fd Regt.
12	ALAN CLEASBY WO2	36053	1937	02 12 1968	10 12 1969	131
	" " "			11 06 1972	20 11 1972	AATTV
12	BARRY FOUNTAIN	3798485	1949	03 03 1971	20 08 1971	131
	" "			21 08 1971	30 10 1971	12 Fd Regt.
13	PETER SALI	1735560	1948	24 02 1970	18 02 1971	
13	DENNIS AVERY	4720906	1948	19 08 1970	09 06 1971	4 Fd Regt.
14	ANTHONY DODDS	16776	1944	04 05 1967	02 04 1968	
14	NORMAN LINDROOS	3410957	1939	20 05 1968	24 05 1969	
14	PETER McGANN	55672	1950	27 11 1969	19 11 1970	
16	WILLIAM THOMAS	16727	1944	{07 01 1967	19 03 1967	1ARU
	" "			{20 03 1967	26 09 1967	
17	TORIN WHITE	218372	1945	21 02 1969	25 02 1970	
18	HELMUT LEMPA	38120	1946	20 05 1966	06 12 1966	† Unknown
18	ARTHUR JUX	2792371	1948	29 04 1970	18 03 1971	
19	IAN FINLAY	2412363	1948	27 11 1967	19 11 1968	
20	ROBERT HARRIS Sgt.	213514	1942	10 02 1971	29 07 1971	
23	JOHN VITKOVSKY	4718271	1945	02 03 1967	12 03 1968	
23	NORMAN BULLEN	214545	1944	20 05 1966	11 12 1966	
22	IAN BOARD	213879	1943	22 04 1966	11 12 1966	
25	MICHAEL DELANEY	2789205	1947	17 02 1969	28 11 1969	† 17.02.13
28	MICHAEL BOHL	1411182	1948	08 02 1968	17 12 1968	† 15.06.93
28	DAVID DOYLE Sgt.	17760	1943	{22 04 1966	11 12 1966	
	" "			{24 09 1970	08 02 1971	
28	IAN MURLEY	38503	1946	12 04 1968	23 04 1969	
28	PAUL TYS Lt.	235362	1946	17 03 1969	18 03 1970	
29	JAMES "ZEKE" RITCHIE Sgt.	2411899	1940	21 05 1969	09 04 1970	

29	PETER LARKIN	3793067	1946	08 11 1968	19 11 1969	
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. **Locator Profiles** – we've received **125** and we've sent out **125**. **Ed** – we can always do with a few more though!

. **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.

. **Vale –**

WO1 Fred Fahey

WO1 Fred Fahey R.A.A passed away on 2 June 2014. Fred started his military life with 3 months of National Service then to 2 Fd Regt, OCTU, then to 132 Locating Battery. Although a Field gunner from days of the 25Pdr, he spent four years with 132 Locating Battery from May 1982 to September 1986. Fred received his promotion to WO1 as the BSM of 132 Locating Battery in camp of 1984 before transferring to OCTU as an instructor where he retired due to normal age requirements.

This extract was taken from the LS&TAA website.

May he rest in peace



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.

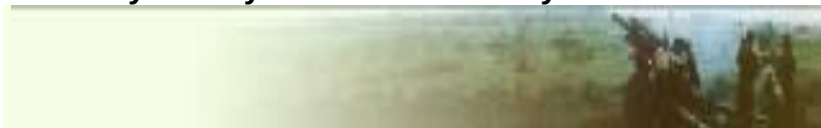
So, if you're a non-financial Associate receiving emails and the Eyes & Ears regularly you could bite the bullet and email **Grahame Dignam** : sectreas131locators@gmail.com and he could forward you the relevant forms to join - Memberships are available for 1 year or longer or deposit a DONATION direct (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.)

This website seeks to make contact with the Artillery Surveyors of 131 Div Loc Bty. We welcome your relevant contributions of photos, insights and observances so we might endeavour to expand

131 Artillery Surveying Vietnam record, beyond this window. Please use the [contacts page](#) for details:

<http://www.artillerysurveyors131.com.au/>

<http://www.artillerysurveyors131.com.au/operations/coburg.html>

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Australian Artillery Association – www.australianartilleryassociation.com



ROYAL AUSTRALIAN ARTILLERY HISTORICAL COMPANY

www.artilleryhistory.org



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



Australian Government
Department of Veterans' Affairs

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

. 1st Battalion 83rd 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://83rd_artillery.home.comcast.net/~83rd_artillery/

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