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The Detachment finds a home...



Home is now called Gallipoli Barracks and we've joined our extended family of 20 STA Regiment where we've been welcomed as extended family.



The unveiling was done by Pioneer Merv Nairn and 20STA CO Lt Col Peter Grant



Among the speakers were Lt Col Peter Grant, Allan Harrison (LSTAA), Major Russ Hamsey and Kevin Browning (131 Locators Association)





The “older” family members and guests got a seat whilst the “kids” stood – well they were “at ease” for most of the time.

The following is Kevin Browning’s monologue which not only included pertinent facts of the Detachment in SVN, but some light-hearted memories...

COMMEMORATION CEREMONY ENOGGERA, 24 APRIL 2016

“Lt Col Grant, officers and soldiers of 20th Surveillance and Target Acquisition Regt, Allan Harrison and Allen Morley the chairs of the Locating Surveillance and Target Acquisition and Detachment 131 Associations, fellow members of the Detachment 131 Divisional Locating Battery, Ladies and Gentlemen

I am honoured to be asked to dedicate the Detachment ‘symbol of recognition’ at this latter home away from those homes in South Vietnam we occupied during the 1960s and 70s.

It is hard to believe that 50 years have passed since the first members of the Detachment were deployed to Vietnam and to put this into perspective please consider that at the time of their deployment it had been 50 years since the First Australian Imperial Force had arrived in France on their way to the Western Front during World War I.

The Detachment numbered no more than 70 at maximum strength and while other units such as 1, 4 and 12 Field Regiments rotated as an entity about every 12 months, we rotated *people* in small groups, thus the Detachment served in name continuously from April 1966 to August 1971. It was not unusual to find people arriving and departing almost every week. In total 476 served in the Detachment, many of them National Servicemen.

Those that arrived in April 1966 we affectionately call ‘the Pioneers’ and we are honoured to have present with us today ‘Pioneers’ George Lane, Merv Nairn, Ged Carroll, Ray Smith, Jim Fitzgerald, Ian Broad, Kevin Thornton and Edward ‘Spike’ Chase.

Today we stand by this AN/KPQ-1 radar which symbolises of the Detachment but it does not clearly define all elements which included survey/sound rangers, artillery intelligence, listening posts, sensors, headquarter staff, workshops and catering. They were not to be found in one location but scattered across the Task Force Base at Nui Dat and the Horseshoe and were to be deployed to all the Fire Support Bases and further afield. They operated 24 hours a day 7 days a week and a lot of responsibility was placed on individuals.

I have no hesitation in saying the unit was a cut above the average although we did at one time hold the dubious honour of the most soldiers per capita in the cells. The senior officers didn’t appreciate the individualism of the unit nor understand its efficiency. I know of no other unit reporting the unusual flying object of a fat man in a red suit being pulled by animals one Christmas Eve or the black lights moving through the jungle at night.

In addition to the radar there appears the Detachment’s Plaque and the names, listed alphabetically, of all 476 Detachment members including Jimmy Menz and Tom Checkley who gave the supreme sacrifice. We are grateful to the Regiment for allowing this symbol of Recognition of the Detachment to be established in your area. We hope it will symbolically recognise a link with you 20th Surveillance and Target Acquisition Regiment, our successors, of whom many have seen active service in Iraq and Afghanistan and other conflicts in our region. We have watched your outstanding service and dedication with pride.

I am honoured to dedicate these plaques to our unit and to place them in the care of 20th Surveillance and Target Acquisition Regiment.

Thank you. Kevin Browning”

...Terry Erbs adds a postscript...

“Giddy Dicko, Keith Ayliffe informed me that the Sitrep about “Santa Claus” was from Alan Thompson at 31A Nui Dat Hill on Xmas Eve 1968!!! Cheers Terry”

After the Radar and Plaques ceremony we were then given an in-depth tour of some of the facility by Russ Hamsey, who also conducted a Q&A – it was greatly appreciated by all...



Russ with “Shadow” the drone and the “beast” standing alone – well almost!



After all of that we got another two presentations of some memorabilia



and a taste of the bbq.



Allen Morley adds some commentary –

“Fellas

“We survived the Brisbane 50th Anniversary events. Dig and I have agreed that the next big one is the 75th Anniversary. That will give us time to plan and prepare those name tags that seemed to be the only negative comment.

A hearty thanks to all who attended. Everything worked well and 20STA was so easy to work with, and I think, appreciative of our endeavours.

It is important to recognise and thank Grahame for significantly working to make the 50th happen. Thanks mate. And Terry was superb in holding the Brisbane end up. Thanks to you too mate.

Eyes and Ears will tell lots of stories, so don't forget to tell Dicko your anecdotes via email. He is struggling to come to grips with a new Apple system, so any help in overloading him with information will be appreciated.

We received a grant of about \$7800 vs the \$10,800 applied for. So we will come out ahead.

As for the subject heading above - Gold Card Day 4 Grahame Charles Dignam. Yes it is his 70th birthday. I know that Dig is waiting by his letter box for the missive from DVA.

Cheers Allen”

...more from Allen Morley....

“Hello Geoff, A note of sincere thanks to all at 20STA for the assistance, welcome and inclusion for our 50th anniversary events over this past weekend. I don't have Peter's email address hence it is coming to you.

We old soldiers could not have been happier with all that was done with us and for us. It would have been a pale image if we had done it all ourselves. So please pass on our personal appreciation to those who figured large in our interaction:

- Peter Grant
- yourself
- Russ Hamsey
- Sean Voss and Steve Carmichael, and
- Andrew Wallace.

We wish all at the Regiment well and look forward to maintaining contact and joint involvement, where appropriate.

Best wishes

Allen Morley, President”

..Peter Grant's response –“Gentlemen, We had a fantastic time and we want our linkage to the association to become even stronger. The soldiers need to hear the stories of the old locators if only to keep reminding them nothing has changed - less technology. Soldiers are soldiers and will always be.

We will always welcome you to the Regiment as individual or family visitors or groups and I look forward to marching with you again soon. Stay well.

Best wishes,

Peter

Peter Grant

Lieutenant Colonel, Commanding Officer, 20th Surveillance & Target Acquisition Regiment”

George Lane adds some of his thoughts – “Lieutenant Colonel, Commanding Officer, 20th Surveillance & Target Acquisition Regiment

Dear Sir, my name is George Lane and I am a Pioneer who served in Vietnam in 1966 and was at your Regiment for the 50th Reunion celebrated at Enoggera. I just wanted to give my sincere thanks to you and all your Troops for the way they made us all feel welcome and completely comfortable with you all. The dedications of the Plaques and Radar was all done very professionally these thanks come from all those from 131 who attended. I hope we can keep in contact down the track. Grateful thanks from a GROUP OF PIONEERS. George Lane.”

Peter Grant's response – “Dear George,

Thank you for those kind words. We had a fantastic time as well and are very happy so many of you could come and join us. It's critical for our soldiers to keep connected with our history, to hear your stories and know that not much changes over time - soldiers are soldiers. We welcome your return and look forward to marching with you all again.

Regards,

Peter

Peter Grant

Lieutenant Colonel, Commanding Officer, 20th Surveillance & Target Acquisition Regiment”

Whoa - there's more following...

...and all of this actually did start on Saturday night at the Wavell-Kedron RSL...

There was a great dinner and lots of Locators old and new connected –



ANZAC DAY 2016

Brisbane – Now this took some stamina as this is after the Dawn Service and Gunfire Breakfast and we're now into day 3...both the Associations marched with banners and were joined by the current 20 STA family, who scrub up very well.



...waiting...



...still waiting...

We're off...



The total "Family Portrait" – it would make our collective parents proud.

...There's more to come...

We're not quite finished...then there's the Stock Exchange Hotel (a welcome respite)...



Melbourne – Mike Butler gets us off to the happenings down there – “Hi Paul,
Had a good day in Melbourne today - beautiful autumn weather. Attached is a photo of attendees - unfortunately there was only 6 of us but 3 were “newbies” who hadn't marched before.

I haven't got all the surnames of the 6 but Alan Adams or John Dellaca has them and can fill in the blanks. In order they are left to right: John Dellacca, Alan Adams, Rod Beasley, Mike Butler, Mike Davis and Ron Mason.

Cheers
Mike Butler”



...and John Dellaca adds... Hi Paul, have enclosed 4 photos you might like of our 131 boys Anzac Day Melbourne. Just a small turn up of 6 marchers all “high quality “ and one late starter!! Beautiful day and a huge crowd and a great honour to lead the parade.



left to right: Ron Mason, Alan Adams, Mike Davis, Rod Beasley, Mike Butler, John Dellaca.



John Bayford and self putting our feet up.

Geelong - Rieny Niewenhoff gives us the good oil from Geelong – “Hi Dicko, A few photos of the ANZAC March in Geelong. This was the first time the VV Association and VV Federation marched together under one banner. The tall man in front of banner is Neil Smith the first president of the VV Association in Geelong, established in 1975.”



Yetholme-Bathurst - Bruce Irvine reports on his busy AD schedule and does us proud – “G'day Paul, I trust you all had a great day up north for ANZAC. Services here went well and 131 was represented in Yetholme and Bathurst with Warwick Brooker and I attending several services throughout the day in perfect autumn weather. Started at 0430 hours with Dawn Service at the Carillon in Bathurst, then out to Yetholme for our service at 0830 hours and back into town for the 1045 Citizens service. Shared the day with family and our young Afghanistan Veteran mate. These young blokes need our support so it's good to make contact with them – especially around this time of year.

We then attended a couple of other services during the afternoon as well.

Attaching a couple of shots from Yetholme (sorry, had to rely on others for photos) which was again well attended.

Use them as you see fit!

Again, I trust all had a good ANZAC. Bruce”



Canberra – Bert Blink gets us up to date with the Day in his home town - "Snippets" from the ACT.. Hi Paul Barry Campton reported that he had attended a very packed Dawn Service, while Geoff Jebb, Anthony Eaton, Peter McKie and I attended the Anzac Day March. I include two photos one of Peter McKie and one of Geoff Jebb. Bert



Perth – John Lochore sends his locrep from Indian Ocean side – “When you meet Joe Librizzi he always has lots of mates as well.

Before the march here in Perth we had Mal Johnson (Joes's friend from Sigs), Joe, John Lochore, and two ladies who way back were in one of the Entertainment troupes that performed at Nui Dat. One was a go-go dancer and one was a singer. In the parade they held the ropes at the sides of the Vietnam Vets banner.



At right we have Joe Librizzi, Chris Chapple and John Lochore



Lord Howe Island – “Scotty” McNicol reports in from a favourite ANZAC Day location for some Locators – “Hi again Dicko, I've just returned from Lord Howe Island, & unfortunately things didn't go as planned and hoped. The locators who were to join myself & Garth Nichols on the island were Geoff & Mick Holden, Ken Woodbine, Ian Amos & Clive Driess, plus an infantry mate of Geoff's. Due to the pilot calling in sick, their flight on the Friday was cancelled. On the Saturday the weather turned very nasty, & all flights to the Island were cancelled, & the guys decided to pull out altogether. Which was unfortunate. However, we did have a very pleasant ceremony on Anzac day when the weather gods put on a beautiful day for us. An interesting, & well put together talk was provided by Garth's brother Barney, & the local school children sang a very moving rendition of 'The Last Anzac'. We were also joined by two Infantry vets from 9RAR & 7RAR who were there on holiday. It was the first Anzac day ever commemorated by the 7RAR guy who vowed to attend all Anzac Day ceremonies in future. So we must have made a good impression. All the best Dicko. You're doing a great job with the 'Eyes and Ears'. Regards...Scotty McNicol.”

Sydney – Ernie Newbold fills us in on the outcome of Sydney's reduced numbers and surprise turn-ups - “The Sydney march was quite different this year, only about eight former 131 veterans marched with the LSTAA members due to the event in Brisbane. No photographs this year, no sign of Bob King I trust that he is well. Included in the eight were three who had planned to be on Lord Howe Island with Garth Nicholls for ANZAC Day but due to unforeseen problems with their scheduled aircraft and crew were able to attend the Sydney march after all. The weather in Sydney for the march couldn't have been better and the new route, straight down Elizabeth Street from Martin Place to the War Memorial in Hyde Park turned out to be a good one too.”

Bill Taggart ex 1st/83rd never forgets us - you do us proud Bill.

“To all of our Aussie and Kiwi mates,

As ANZAC Day 2016 is tomorrow, once again I want you to know that the thoughts and prayers of the entire 1/83rd family will be with you as you commemorate this solemn occasion for all Australians and New Zealanders, particularly the Veteran community. We will say a prayer for all the brave souls who sacrificed so much in all wars. Please know that you will always have our friendship and support as we have had yours.

Lest We Forget!

Bill”

...Allen Morley...responds to Bill... “Bill,

Thanks for your good wishes for Anzac Day.

You would have seen from recent *Eyes and Ears* that we were celebrating the 50th anniversary of our first soldiers departing for SVN. We were working with our “successor” Army organisation 20th Surveillance and Target Acquisition Regiment.

The weekend was a great success and after a dawn service on Anzac day morning we marched in Brisbane with troops from the Regiment.

There will be a full report in this month's *Eyes and Ears*. The pic shows the name plaque which names all who served in the detachment.

Best wishes, Allen”

Mail Call...

Terry Erbs sends in a special bit of mail which got a mention in Brisbane and was presented to the regiment for safe keeping -

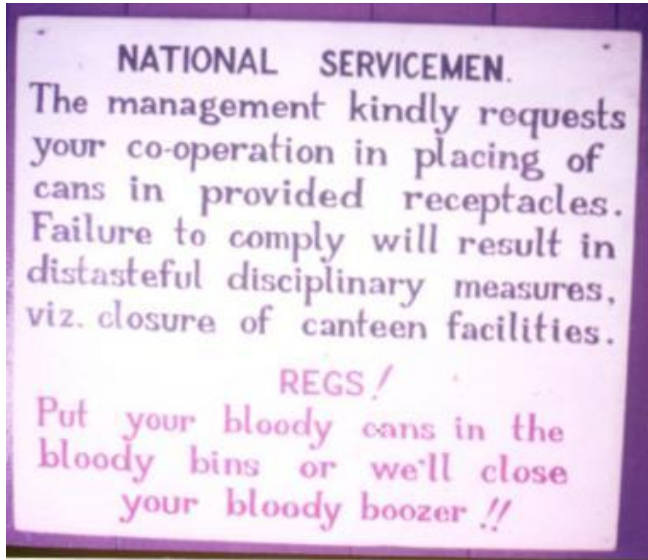
“New sign” for James Menz Club.

During the barbeque at James Menz Club, following the unveiling of A12 radar and the plaques, Joe Kocka donated a number of historical items to the Regiment.

When the Detachment left Nui Dat in 1971 Joe, with great forethought, "souvenired"[saved from destruction!!!] a significant historical sign from the James Menz Club.

Who painted it?

When Joe presented the sign to Major Russ Hamsey there was much laughter from all the "Nashos"! We had to explain to current "Regs" that the Detachment



had a very high proportion of "Nasho's", consequently the unit had many "independent" thinkers, enhancing the unit's effectiveness and reputation!

In Kevin Browning's speech earlier at the radar handover, he kindly praised and told a couple of funny anecdotes about the locators in Vietnam. Talking to our current locators, they've inherited the same traits and apparently get up to all sorts of shenanigans.

Russ responded on behalf of the Regiment that the sign would take pride of place in the current James Menz Club!

Later over a drink or two, we wondered about the other signs that were left behind in 1971.

Does anyone recall the large painted cartoon at the entrance to the sound ranging command bunker? From memory, it was painted by Randall Jones, inspired by Mad comics.



Also in the James Menz Club there was another painting [artist unknown!?!], inspired by a cartoon in Playboy magazine about "fly" United Airlines. In this photo, taken by either "Jesse" Owens or Jeff Schafer, Peter Creedon can be seen atop of Russ Jackson, "almost" successfully copying the "flying maneuver".

...More from Terry E... "Giddy Paul, Another item for the next issue of "Eyes & Ears".

For all you Facebook users, 20th STA can be found at - <https://www.facebook.com/20th-Surveillance-And-Target-Acquisition-Regiment-1146627815368184/>

In the past there has been only limited use of Facebook but in the future Major Russ Hamsey is keen to foster it as a means of informing and linking current and past members of the Regiment.

Consequently, after our very successful and sociable 3 days in Brisbane, they have uploaded many photos of the radar handover & plaque unveiling and the Dawn Service & Gunfire breakfast at the Regiment. So become a "friend" to support, and to follow what our "decedents" locators are doing.

Cheers Terry"

***Just on a general note: Further contributions from ANZAC Day etc are more than welcome as we'll continue this topic till it's fully exhausted – it is a special year. Also if you're after a copy/ies of the photos just drop me a line.**

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



August 2016 in Canberra – Vietnam Veteran's Day

**Not to be missed. 50th Anniversary Battle of Long Tan.
Function Great Hall Parliament House.
Vietnam Veteran's Day Service Vietnam Veterans Memorial.
Det 131 DLB Commemorative Dinner.**

Now something to keep you alert..."A Guessing competition" -

The 131 Locators Association has generously been donated a 3 night escape at <http://www.netanyanoosa.com/> with competition entry tickets to be offered to Locator members from both 131 Locators Association and LSTAA at \$10 each. The prize is valued at \$1500 and includes a seafood experience dinner at the Boathouse Restaurant, and ferry transfers to and from the restaurant. Travel costs to and from Noosa are not included. The winner may donate the prize to a family member or a member of 131 Locators or 20 STA.

The proceeds will be used to assist a 131 Locator veteran to attend the Association's 50th Anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan events in Canberra in August 2016.

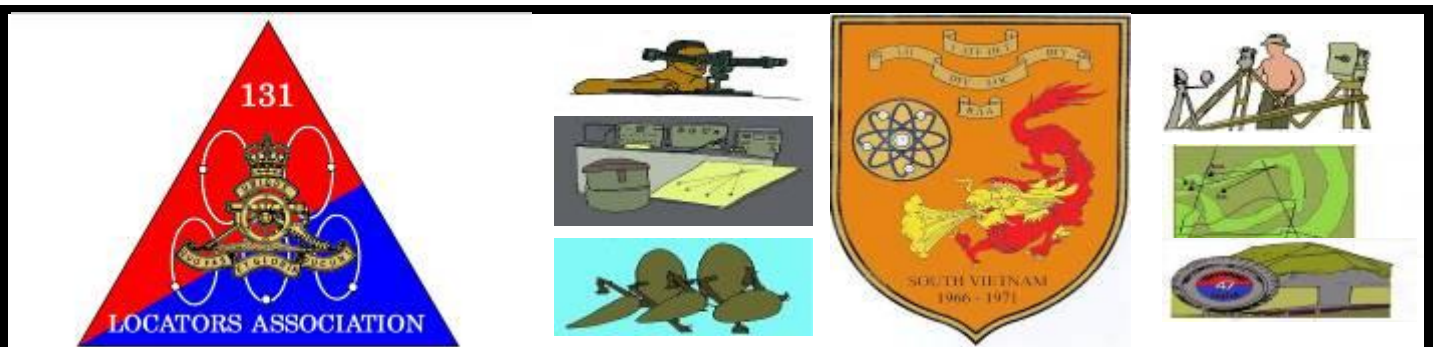
Each purchaser can nominate a 131 Locator whom they feel would benefit from attendance at the Association 50th Anniversary re-union dinner in Canberra ACT on August 18th and who would not otherwise attended. This portion would include Travel and Accommodation for one night in Canberra in August 2016.

Check the [netanyanoosa.com.au](http://www.netanyanoosa.com.au) website shown above to see the level of accommodation of the prize offered.

The prize draw will be made closer to the event but not later than 19th July 2016

The "Guessing Competition Netanya Noosa" prize winner will be drawn from all tickets in the barrel in the presence of the 131 Locators Association Committee. The donation of all proceeds of the raffle to one or more 131 members will be determined by the 131 Association Committee. The winner to be selected by the 131 Locators Association committee whose decision will be final. An email with complete entry and prize details will be circulated and also be described on the 131 website (www.131locators.org.au).

Spend \$10 to possibly win \$1,500 – odds are pretty good with the numbers involved – better than Tattsлото!



Committee members:

President – Allen Morley, **Vice President** – Bert Blink, **Treasurer/Secretary** – Grahame Dignam,
Public Officer – Victor Danko, **Webmaster** – Bob Billiards, **Research Officer** – Ernie Newbold,
Designs and Development Officer – Nick Proskurin, **Eyes & Ears Editor** – Paul Dickson
General members – Ian Amos, Ged Carroll George Lane.

Regional Representatives: ACT – Bert Blink, Qld – Terry Erbs, SA - Geoff Blackwell,
Vic (Melb) – Alan Adams, WA - Barry Guzder

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

This time it's a whisper by the Sec/Treas from some sort of solitude after what was a great event at Enoggera culminating from some hard yards put in by a number of blokes. Thanks to all who came and helped make it possible. Grahame.

Presidential perambulations

Just shy of 50 years since the Detachment Pioneers departed for South Vietnam. It was a great excuse for a celebration, and that's what was done in Brisbane on Anzac Day weekend.

To those who were able to attend the events I acknowledge your contributions. To those unable to attend, you all missed an exciting series of activities.

My personal appreciation is directed to Grahame Dignam, who was responsible for much of what occurred, our man on the Brisbane ground, Terry Erbs, Kevin Browning for providing the presentation for the Sunday commemoration on behalf of the Detachment and *Eyes and Ears* Ed Dicko who travelled all the way to Brisbane from Mexico.

Our hosts for much of the activities, 20th Surveillance and Target Acquisition Regiment, were interested, involved, accommodating and welcoming. Regiment CO Lt Col Peter Grant has expressed a desire to see closer relations with the Association. His 2IC Major Geoff Meekan brought things together so well at his end and Major Russ Hamsey was amazing with his commitment to the events and links between 20STA and 131 Locators. Special acknowledgement must go to Sgt Andrew Wallace who managed the gopher tasks, including scaling the walls of 131 Battery building to unbolt the Detachment banner for the Anzac Day march.

And our Pioneers present were great. Ian Board, George Lane, Merv Nairn, Ged Carroll, Jim Fitzgerald, Ray Smith, Spike Chase and Kevin Thornton, together provided most of the purpose for us being there. Thanks fellas.

To me there were many highlights. But two that stand out most significantly were the lineup of former 131 radar soldiers in front of the restored radar, and catching up with Detachment members either whom I had not seen for 48 or so years – John Vickary – and who I had not met before. Outstanding.

A job very well done

Regards

Allen

. Upcoming Events Calender –

131 Locators Association Committee Meeting Date: Tuesday, 17th May, 2016 at 1100hrs

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

. Pertinent Points – extracted from the 131 Locators Association Committee Meeting Date: Tuesday, 19th April, 2016 at 1100hrs...

Attendees were: Allen Morley, Grahame Dignam, Ernest Newbold, George Lane, Ian Amos, Bert Blink, Terry Westerway, Nick Proskurin, Ged Carroll, Vic Danko, Bob Billiards.

Presidents report.

Allen reviewed arrangement for the QLD 2016 function including Access to and return of the 131 Banner held by 20STA for the Dinner venue.

The 131 Association portions of the Dedication formalities on Sunday.

Options to cover the cost of completion of the Radar site if DVA grants are not forthcoming.

Advised that if the Grant is approved the funds will come via VVA Granville office bank account.

Grahame Dignam confirmed numbers for the Re-union Dinner 47 (split package for military) 64 for Dedication ceremonies and 57 for Dawn Service and reviewed transport arrangements.



Issues arising from All Correspondence and the previous minutes were:

.Bert commented on the arrangements for the function in the Great Hall on 17th August 2016. I confirmed that our 4 members have been submitted for consideration however no acknowledgement has been received from the organisers. (See general Business).

.In a recent Media release from Minister Tehans' office reported that action is proceeding to return to Australia the remains of those soldiers interred overseas. We will follow up on the decision regarding Tom Checkley.

Current Meeting Topics

- General Business.

Bert Blink mentioned the Invitation to the ceremony in the Great Hall and has established contact with the organizers.

A Guessing competition. **Vic Danko** has generously donated a 3 night escape at <http://www.netanyanoosa.com/> with entry tickets to be offered to Locators from both Associations at \$10 each. Each purchaser can nominate a 131 Locator who they feel would benefit from attendance at the re-union and would not otherwise attend. Check the website for full details (prize value \$1500).

The prize draw will be made closer to the event but not later than 19th July 2016

The proceeds will be used to assist a 131 Locator veteran to attend the 50th Anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan in Canberra in August 2016.

The winner to be selected by the 131 Locators Association committee and it's decision will be final. An email will be circulated and details will be on the 131 website.

Ern Newbold enquired regarding the banner for the Sydney March. As the LSTAA banner will be present it was decided that Locators will march behind this banner. Refer Reveille for the timing and Order of the March.

. web Performance...

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...May –

May	Name	Regt No	TOB	SVN In	SVN Out	Comments
1	DENNIS FORSTER	39992	1949	30 04 1969	16 04 1970	
2	NICK ARMSTRONG	43316	1944	26 09 1967	17 09 1968	
2	MICHAEL YOUNG	2786087	1946	26 09 1967	17 09 1968	
2	BRETT RAINSFORD	4719790	1946	18 12 1968	28 11 1969	
4	BRIAN KILLWORTH	2782129	1945	04 05 1966	02 03 1967	
4	PETER ROBERTSON	15543	1936	04 05 1966	29 04 1967	
5	DAVID CORNELL	5713808	1945	07 08 1966	30 04 1967	
8	JOHN ROBERTS	3787005	1945	04 05 1966	29 04 1967	
8	GRAEME OWEN	39453	1948	08 11 1968	19 11 1969	
10	KEN WOODBINE	2786077	1946	12 09 1967	17 09 1968	
10	MICHAEL QUINLAN	2788865	1946	08 11 1968	05 11 1969	
11	BOB KING	2785420	1946	10 06 1967	23 04 1968	
12	MERV NAIRN	2781450	1945	20 05 1966	01 05 1967	
12	GORDON WILLIAMS 2Lt	2783891	1945	13 05 1968	26 03 1969	
13	DAVID KEECH	311588	1947	04 06 1970	10 06 1970	131 † 1999
	" "			11 06 1970	26 05 1971	AATTV
15	LESLIE CONNELL	6709098	1948	23 09 1969	13 08 1970	† 2011
17	PAUL ANGELL	2790740	1948	23 09 1969	04 06 1970	
17	KENNETH SANDERSON	3794846	1948	23 09 1969	13 08 1970	
17	LAURENCE MION	3795762	1948	01 04 1970	03 12 1970	
18	PETER COLMAN	2791655	1948	22 12 1969	17 12 1970	
19	DENNIS DYE	2412366	1945	27 11 1969	26 11 1968	
19	TERRY WEEKES	3787197	1945	20 05 1966	03 03 1967	
19	JOHN TICKLE Sgt.	214000	1942	03 03 1971	13 08 1971	131
	" "			14 08 1971	09 09 1971	12 Fd Regt
20	NICK PROSKURIN	2785002	1946	04 05 1967	20 02 1968	
21	PETER RAVELJE	3794461	1947	16 12 1969	04 06 1970	
21	STUART TELFORD	2791930	1948	20 01 1970	03 12 1970	
21	SIMON WILLIS	3797687	1948	02 12 1970	29 07 1971	
22	BRIAN TURNER	2412230	1947	20 05 1966	02 05 1967	
22	ANDREW CSIVINCSIK	2790320	1947	02 12 1969	04 06 1970	
23	JIM SELLWOOD	1731045	1945	04 05 1966	30 04 1967	
24	JOHN BREWER (M.I.D.)	16220	1944	05 02 1968	07 02 1969	131
	" "			12 03 1970	25 02 1971	4 Fd Regt
26	KEN WHITTLE	2781996	1945	20 05 1966	27 03 1967	
26	BERT BLINK	3789692	1946	10 06 1967	21 05 1968	
26	RAYMOND MITCHELL	218731	1951	30 05 1970	10 12 1970	† 24.09.11 - 131
	" "			10 12 1970	11 03 1971	4 Fd Regt
28	SYTSE ELZINGA	3787318	1945	20 05 1966	11 12 1966	
28	FREDERICK MARWICK	45285	1948	10 03 1971	28 06 1971	131
	" "			28 06 1971	20 12 1971	12 Fd Regt
29	CHARLES O'NEILL	1735063	1946	15 04 1970	17 12 1970	

29	ROGER PRYKE	312827	1951	30 05 1970	26 05 1971	
30	ROGER LONG	3788775	1945	05 06 1967	12 12 1967	† 22.05.90
30	RON WEBB	1411172	1943	04 05 1967	20 02 1968	† 29.03.77
30	ANTHONY EATON Capt.	17090	1941	14 01 1969	30 07 1969	
30	WARWICK BROOKER	1732289	1946	04 05 1967	20 02 1968	
31	STUART PHILIPSON	3799990	1950	27 04 1971	17 12 1971	12 Fd Regt

Ed – 16 blokes not highlighted is a bit dodgy – can we extract our multiple digits and find several more?

. **Locator Profiles** – we’ve received 131 and we’ve sent out 131. Ed – Where’s no. 132?

. **Located...**

Rieny Nieuwenhoff Yahoo we’ve located another Locator – good one Rieny – “Hi Dicko, I have found another Locator who has recently moved to Geelong. His name is Philip Mulgrew. Served with 131 in 1968.

I asked if he had ever completed a profile, answer No! Will provide contact details once we have processed his membership application with the G&DVVAA.

I will keep searching for more. Rieny”



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.



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 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](http://www.artillerysurveyors131.com.au/contacts_page) for details: <http://www.artillerysurveyors131.com.au/operations/coburg.html>

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The Eyes And Ears Of The Battlefield

...notes taken from the LS & TAA website – the last in the series of Coffs Harbour re-unions will take place this year on the October long weekend (30 Sep-1-2-3 Oct 2016). Please note this in your calendar and start planning travel and accommodation early.



Australian Artillery Association – www.australianartilleryassociation.com



ROYAL AUSTRALIAN ARTILLERY HISTORICAL COMPANY

www.artilleryhistory.org



Australian Government
Department of Veterans' Affairs

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

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

. VETERAN'S AFFAIRS WEBSITE

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

. 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: www.1stbn83rdartyvietnam.com](http://www.1stbn83rdartyvietnam.com)



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