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## ANZAC Day in a country "heart" – something to be proud of!



The autumn colours add to the emotions –

The following is an extract from **Bruce Irvine's** email below

“**“Brookey”** took up the right marker duties at Yetholme where we enjoyed a lovely autumn morning service.”

**Bruce Irvine** – writes in from a country “heart” where the spirit is still strong –

“G'day Paul,

Thinking of you all yesterday and hope you enjoyed your day.

We had a great day here in **Bathurst/Yetholme**. I was joined by **Warwick Brooker** and our day started with the Dawn Service at 4.30am and finished with the Lowering of the Colours at 6.00pm with 5 other services in between.

“Brookey” took up the right marker duties at Yetholme where we enjoyed a lovely autumn morning service (above). The main service in Bathurst was very large as usual and you may see “Brookey” and me in the lower left of the attached photo.

**50 years** since departure coming up on 4 May. Struth, where did the time go!!!!

Bruce Irvine”



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**Allen Morley** paints a “word picture” of **SYDNEY’S** activities – “April 25th was a warm sunny day in Sydney. After some delay versus the advised start time we marched south on Elizabeth St. Detachment 131 was led by former OC, **Tim Ford** and comprised about 30 former Gunners behind the banner. Our group featured 3 grandchildren marching with us. **Lance Brigadier Ken McNamara** was a welcome participant as were those we see regularly on ANZAC Day including **Brian Killworth, Phil Endicott, Roger McDonnell, and Mick Holden**. Our stalwarts included **Jim Fitzgerald, Merv Nairn, Ged Carroll, George Lane, Ernie Newbold, Allen Morley, Ian Amos, Ken Woodbine, Des McGuiggan and Gordon Malcolm**. There were several more participants by names I was not able to catch. **Oliver Leslie and Mitchell Parras** from **Shore Cadet Unit** carried the 131 banner.

After the March a group retired to City Tattersalls club for lunch and refreshments. An early cessation suggested that energy levels were reduced compared with previous years.

Allen Morley”



131 Nasho Gunners relaxing before the start, being lectured by Joe Kaplun: L to R - Mick Holden, a Kiwi colleague, Gordon Malcolm, Ian Amos, Ged Carroll, George Lane and Merv Nairn (partly obscured)

Then some standing around and finally we're off!



**Ernie Newbold** with his first ANZAC day offering (there is a good surprise in the second item!) - "G'day Paul, it was warm and sunny in Sydney this morning, perfect weather for the ANZAC March. I must say that there are quite a few of us who are looking forward to the report and photos of the ANZAC Service at the Ambassador's place in Mexico. Regards, Ernie."

**Ernie Newbold** brings back a real memory of a really good bloke – "G'day Paul, well 2<sup>nd</sup> up, a blast from the past...50 years ago, we were working at a place called Arty Tac in a rubber plantation where we lived in a couple of canvas army tents. Occupying one of the bed spaces was a guy named **Peter Rawling** who was the driver/batman for the C.O. of 4 Field Regiment. Have you ever wondered what happened to him? Well, I have from time to time whenever I go through my photos from Vietnam and as I have a photo that I took of Peter one day in the Arty Tac lines...well blow me down if he didn't turn up today to say G'day. He remembered a few names and faces from that time, namely yourself, Peter Fletcher, Al Adams and me. Peter normally marches with 4 Fd. Regt. in Sydney on Anzac Day.

See the following photo that I took of Peter 50 years ago and also one I took of him today with Allen Morley. He asked to be remembered to you and Fletch especially and I have his email address for you too. Regards, Ernie."



Peter Rawlings – Arty Tac lines circa 1967



Peter with Allen Morley – Sydney 2017

**Vic Danko** got a few lines off re: the service in **MOSMAN, SYDNEY** – “The dawn service was held at Georges Heights, Mosman. I’m told that there were about 2000 people present. I was sitting at the front and I didn’t see all. When I looked up from stage there were just many people in the darkness!! But the event was very impressive. A gym instructor showed me some photos of the sunrise (I can get such). No people in photo. But sunrise was on Instagram/Facebook. So, popular. I’ll send you more on Monday.”

**Al Adams** got the **MELBOURNE** photo to us – everyone is looking pretty tip-top. Good to see Damien McManus back into the fold. Al added that the weather wasn’t all that kind.



Al Adams, Mike Davis, John Dellaca, John Bayford, Mike Butler, Mitch Miller and Damien McManus.

**Bert Blink** reports in from, by the sounds of it, a “moist” **CANBERRA** - “Canberra had its first Anzac Day in the rain for some time. I marched but left shortly after the Vietnam Veteran’s did their march past. Went home to dry out then off to lunch with family and friends. Det 131 Divisional Locating Battery did have a position in the order of march. This turned out to be **Kevin Browning** and a number of fellow Surveyor’s. Bert”



### ...CANBERRA continued with Kevin Browning -

"After much deliberation, the group decided to gather in Canberra this year and **Russ Jackson** and **Graham Owen** took on responsibility to organise the event and a great job they did from their Victorian base. So, good a job indeed that we were given our own little group in the parade and right up near the front at number 22 and with commentary given by the presenter during the parade so the good old Detachment was right up there. The weather could have been kinder and by the time the march commenced it was heavy rain so it was quick march with umbrellas up until we reached the parade ground when our professional training came to the fore and with umbrella down we 'marched' past, eyes right and eyes front without noticing the weather. But I must admit that once off the parade ground we all appeared to be sweating profusely (damn wet). It was then off to Woden for a great lunch.

We had gathered the day before and enjoyed a drink and dinner. Next day was the march and on Wednesday morning we were fortunate to get a tour of the Australian War Memorial's repository at Mitchel followed by a visit to the AWM itself.

The following photos - one taken before the March started and the good ladies took the photo of us standing in front of the Australian Army Memorial.



L-R Peter Larkin, Brett Rainsford, Brian Smyth, Kevin Browning, Michael Quinlan, John Henshaw, Jeff Shafer, Peter Creedon, Russ Jackson and Graeme Owen. Jim Merchant arrived soon after.

All were part of the Survey/Sound ranging group in 1968/69 era and this year marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, for the majority, of our enlistment/call-up.

The next photo shows the group and our ladies at the repository.



Shane Casey, Senior Curator Military Heraldry and Technology is seen with his back to camera.

We appreciated the privilege of touring the area and were very impressed with his knowledge and enthusiasm for the collection. You cannot see any of the vast collection stored there including aircraft, rockets, vehicles and guns. APCs, Chinook and Iroquois helicopters and M2A2 howitzer, V2 rocket and items from Iraq and Afghanistan were only a small part of what we saw.

What makes the days so memorable is how everyone comes together like we had seen each other only hours before. Next year Melbourne will be the gathering place for this group.

On the way, down I took the opportunity to drop in and see **Geoff Jebb** so it was a great few days. All the best, Kevin"

**Peter Meaney** – gets us in touch with **ADELAIDE** with the following – “Hi Paul,  
Met up with four 131 boys who I had not had contact with for 47 years at the Adelaide Anzac March yesterday.

Photo was taken at Ambassador hotel in city.

L-R Peter Meaney, Peter McGann, Eric Williams, Ollie Asmanis. Missing from photo is Kevin Heenan (toilet break)

Cheers,  
Peter Meaney.”



At left - This is about the best I could do photo-wise of the March. About 40 marched under the RAA (Vietnam) banner. Weather was fine, track slow.

### ...ADELAIDE continues with Grahame Dignam...

Grahame was down in Adelaide for a 50 Year Anniversary with the blokes who constituted a part of the First Reo group to arrive in May '67 and combined with ANZAC Day –

“I arrived on Sunday lunchtime and was collected by **Geoff Blackwell** and **Ric Marques** who had flown in a day or so earlier. **Barry Guzder**, wife **Carol**, also **Bob Billiards**, wife **Cathy** and **Chris Bouly** arrived a little later and by evening's end everyone felt very "welcomed".

Monday was a free day and low key as we saved energy for the evenings Dinner. We then started on the warm up activities ready for the early start on Tuesday AM. By that time, **John and Kirsty Blake** had joined us after a cross state trip and we all ensured we were "welcomed up" by "go home time".

The dawn service at Semaphore Memorial was one of the largest in SA and was well attended on a cold blustery morning with dark clouds scudding from the south east at a good rate of knots. The assembly was addressed by Mark Butler a local MP, with the honour guard from Fort Glanville and a catafalque party from the RAAF complementing the official agenda.

Back to our base at Geoff's place for breakfast and then onto the train to the CBD for the March form up. A good crowd along the way greeted the Veterans and representative family members and were as enthusiastic as any march I remember. After the dismissal, we broke off to find an appropriate refreshment along with about 3000 others (purely a guess as some had already moved off to their normal watering holes). We then moved to the Strathmore hotel for an expansive lunch. It was so good, we were asked to leave so the hotel could prepare for the evening meal.

Video link for our portion of the March - go to part 2 (actually 3rd video with yellow banner visible) then play - see about -33.00min mark after the land rover (7 minutes in)

<http://www.adelaidenow.com.au/news/south-australia/anzac-day-dawn-services-for-2017/news-story/b33fcbbb0b89b92bfc4f0f8827787fab>

Small numbers did not deter the attendees - Nashos tend to cope with most challenges and you can bet we did our best to have a great time.

Like every reunion, time evaporates and good humour arrives by the truckload- and no one misses out. Memories are relived and shared experiences are once more cemented and strengthen the bond cast 50 years ago. Absent friends are remembered and old protagonists are once more derided - we do not forget and some even forgive.

While we can we will do it next year, and the next and the next. Grahame.”

**Peter Pioro** reports in from the **WOONONA/BULLI/WOOLONGONG** area – “ANZAC DAY at Woonona Bulli RSL Sub-Branch went very well. I am the Pension / Welfare Officer as well as Vice President.

We marched from Woonona shopping centre to the club for the dawn service. The service was well received by approx. 3900 people.

After that it was on to Wollongong for the march through the city. This year the need for heavy vehicles for safety caused considerable pain as it was left to the sub-branches to find the funds.

Never the less we pressed on. I managed to survive with the help of pain killers. We enjoyed a fly over by a Caribou and Dakota from HARS. (Historical Aircraft Restoration Society). I am a member and Tour Guide. They have 2 of the only 3 flying Caribou.

After the march, it was back to the club for lunch.

The photos on the right show myself in blue shirt and Harold “Tiny” Little at the after-math of lunch.

The other photo was us in 2014 when I had spinal surgery.

As I write this email “Tiny” is in hospital undergoing another surgery to unblock arteries. He has had at least 3 in the last 2 weeks. Regards, Peter Pioro”



**Dave Auld** sent the following from ANZAC Day in **COFFS HARBOUR** – In the photo at right are **Dave Auld, Jim Hogno, Charles Brewer and Alan Harrison** with cadets from 27 ARU



**Paul Dickson** – a morning that will live forever in a far-off land where we are not forgotten – **MEXICO**.

My wife, Helen, and I were invited to the Residence of the Australian Ambassador, **Dr David Engel** which this year was being hosted by New Zealand under the stewardship of **Mrs Diana Hawker**, who is the Charge d'affaires of the Embassy of New Zealand.

The service included a choir, which not only sang hymns, but “Po Atarau” (“Now is the Hour”) in Maori – brilliant!

There was also a great stirring piece spoken by **Fikret Turkes**, the Turkish Charge d'affaires, taken from the words of **Kemal Atatürk**, which were originally spoken at a memorial at Ari Burnu, ANZAC Cove -

“Those heroes that shed their blood and lost their lives...

You are now lying in the soil of a friendly country.

Therefore, rest in peace.

There is no difference between Johnnies and  
the Mehments to us, where they lie side by side  
in this country of ours...

You, the mothers,

Who sent their sons from far away countries  
wipe away your tears.

Your sons are now lying in our bosom  
and are in peace

After having lost their lives in this land they have  
become our sons as well."

The setting in the Residence grounds was first class – hard to believe it's a secluded nook in a city of some 8.9 million people. Add to this the eerie dawn sunrise a lone piper – "neck hair" raising stuff.



The Lone Piper with the wreaths laid by members of Embassies – they included – Australia, New Zealand, Turkey, Germany, Hellenic Republic, India, United Kingdom, United States of America and France.



Yours truly at right with both the "Aussie" and "Kiwi" wreaths

and at left with the Australian Ambassador, Dr David Engel,

then, of course, a great recovery breakfast below...



**Bill Taggart (1<sup>st</sup> /83<sup>rd</sup>)** like clock-work, Bill never forgets his mates with the following email –

"To all of our Aussie and Kiwi mates,

As ANZAC Day 2017 is tomorrow, I want you to know that the thoughts and prayers of the 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".

Ed – Bill you are, and always will be, a mate to the core. Thankyou Paul

## . “Unknowns” - Here’s the next in the series...

This time there are three from Jeff Reid’s web album –  
SVN 1967-68  
Anyone got any clues – the photos seem to range from...

“three puzzled blokes”



“If  
we’ve  
got ‘em we may as well  
wear ‘em”

to



“Hey get a photo, we’ve just had a shower and shave!”



Righto “photo sleuths” we’re now waiting with bated breaths to identify all these 3 healthy-looking lots?

## . Oddities form Ed...How about Guard Duty – I’m sure the time lapse between then and now is too great to disallow charges being bought for perhaps neglectful activities?

Guard Duty at Holsworthy which included the rounds the car park – you always made sure you were given the keys to someone’s car (names not for publication – you remember “what happened in the Holsworthy Car Park stayed in the car park”, but I wonder how Roger Mc is these days!!) so you could ward off the cold, sneak a fag out of eye sight whilst sitting in comfort on a cold and chilly night! Hey you only took enough time for a fag and to partially thaw out! Anyway, who was up to wandering around a carpark at 0200 hrs in the middle of winter to steal some of those heaps in there, well maybe one of Geoff’s Flett’s numbers might have been worth the effort – sorry Mc the FJ was a beauty though!

I still remember being charged (no, not for “thawing out”), if I recall correctly by Bill Wight, for having half a quarry in the barrel of the SLR which looked OK from the exterior. The story that we picked up the SLR’s late out of the armoury reduced my being flogged with the cat o’ nine tails down to standing in the corner with my “slouchie” on back to front for 12 minutes. Well the charge by the “Boss” (Major ??) was dismissed.



Tony Goldsmith and Ed “scrubbed up pretty well (except for my SLR as it turned out!)”



All of this, of course, brings back the drudgery of CLEANING – boots and those bloody belts with brass, not to mention gaiters???

The tin was new, but the I still have the original brush - it still gets used pretty regularly on my golf shoes.

How about Victoria Barracks in Paddo with all the “oddities” wandering past in the early hours of the morning, not to mention people wanting to be photographed with you at the guard box, then asking whether or not the SLR had a round up the spout or whatever! I presumed they were talking about the SLR!

**An absolute "discovery" treasure!!**

. Allen Morley sent this in and it deserves a response

- *There just has to be an interesting story here ...*

"Among the goodies at North Fort recently recovered was the flag shown in the accompanying photo. It is a South Vietnamese flag, circa 1968, and was probably bought in Baria for a dollar or so, or even lifted from an ARVN facility.

The wording added has faded, but upon inspection it reads:

**NUI DAT  
PHUOC TUY PROVINCE  
SOUTH VIETNAM  
1967-68**

Three very faded autographs can be discerned: **CA (Chris) Bouilly SA (South Australia), GA Richardson (131 RAEME LAD) and Frank 'Doc' Halliday**. My guess at one other name is **Frank Ipsa**. There are several other names, but after 50 years they are indiscernible.

The evidence clearly suggests it was a radar souvenir.

**Can any reader throw some light upon this flag?**

Allen Morley"



**Mail Call...**

**Ernie Newbold** forwarded in the following item which is of real interest to ALL of us "Old Arty Blokes" – "G'day Paul, something that may be of interest appeared in today's news. See the following link.

<https://www.commercialrealestate.com.au/news/former-defence-buildings-at-sydneys-north-head-set-to-be-leased-to-the-public/> Regards, Ernie." -

**Former defence buildings at Sydney's North Head set to be leased to the public** - March 23, 2017 SUE WILLIAMS, Contributing Writer

**The two buildings in the former School of Artillery at North Head, being leased to public for the first time. Photo: Harbour Trust**

One of the most heavily fortified sites in Australian history is set to face a fresh invasion with two former defence buildings on Sydney's North Head being opened up for lease.

Companies or individuals operating in the fields of hospitality, education, research or health are being sought for the 1930s art deco army officers' mess and 1960s officers' annexe.

"The tranquil bushland setting makes this an ideal place for relaxation and respite, or for education and research facilities related to the natural environment," said a spokesperson for the Harbour Trust, which manages the former School of Artillery site.



**The facade of the former officers' mess. Photo: Harbour Trust**

The two buildings, in Manly's 74-hectare North Head Sanctuary, have been protected from commercial uses until now. They were built as part of a network of coastal defences from Port Stephens to Port Kembla, and set up with anti-aircraft artillery and massive guns for firing on invading enemy ships as the key point in the defence of Sydney. After World War II the buildings became the Australian Army's School of Artillery, where gunners lived and trained from 1956 until their relocation to Victoria's Puckapunyal, in 1998. Many of the buildings have since been restored and refurbished and leased to various operators. In 2007, the peninsula was opened to the public. Businesses already at the picturesque site with its 90-metre sandstone cliffs, sand dunes, wetlands and rocky outcrops, include a sculpture gallery, the Australian Wildlife Conservancy, a psychologists' clinic, the Bella Vista Café, the College of Sport & Fitness, and various small workspaces and collaborative co-working spaces.



**Artillery on the parade ground during WW2, with the mess building in the background. Photo: Harbour Trust**

"North Head Sanctuary occupies 74 hectares with a mix of bushland and developed areas, including around 100 buildings on site, with not all buildings currently leased," said the spokesperson. "The current use in these buildings ranges from residential, to commercial tenancies and not-for-profit community partners who assist the Harbour Trust to achieve environmental aims."

The officers' mess is a 780-square-metre, two-storey, U-shaped building opposite the main barracks, along the parade ground's western side. It contains a large ground-floor function room and 12 rooms on the first floor with shared bathrooms and lounges, as well as a commercial kitchen.



**The parade ground today, with the two buildings.**

The adjacent officers' annex comprises 20 rooms spread over 466 square metres on two floors with communal bathrooms and utility rooms. There is the option to also lease an outdoor tennis court at the rear of the buildings and another smaller building nearby for storage or garages. Potential tenants will need to satisfy the selection criteria, which includes consideration of the environmental and heritage impacts of their use, transport and parking requirements and service and infrastructure. They'll have to state

Potential tenants will need to satisfy the selection criteria, which includes consideration of the environmental and heritage impacts of their use, transport and parking requirements and service and infrastructure. They'll have to state any proposed internal or external building alterations within their submissions. With expressions of interest closing May 24, the leases will start in late 2017 for a maximum 25 years, with market rents expected to generate revenue for managing and improving the land.

**. Grahame Dignam** reports in from the last Association Meeting held at **ANZAC House** in Sydney – “As we were arriving for the meeting, **Garth Nicholls** exited the door of Anzac House so we formed a scrum on the footpath and chatted for about 10 minutes.

He was in Sydney visiting his daughter and had business in Anzac House and elsewhere and so could not stay for the meeting. He is in obvious good health and looked very fit - must be the clean island air.

Here's some of our line-up (at right): **Gordon Malcolm, Grahame Dignam, Vic Danko, Garth Nicholls, Bert Blink, Ian Amos and Bob Billiards**. Where were **Allen Morley** (possibly taking the photo) and **George Lane??**



On another tack, the Spirit of Anzac exhibition was very worthwhile and very well presented catering for the younger generation with numerous digital displays and audio tags that are activated by proximity to each display.



Along the way, I came across a cartoon (at left) that shows the "Aussie" larrikin nature is timeless. The Medical Practitioner was conducting a physical review for 8 soldiers in the format of a "Follies Bergere" line-up, all tiptoes but no feathers. Grahame"

...then **Allen Morley** added some more reflections on the day –

**Spirit of Anzac: Centenary Experience** - Following our April 131 Committee meeting we wandered in typical 131 style, down to Darling Harbour in Sydney. The intention was to attend the Spirit of Anzac: Centenary Experience exhibition. This display has undertaken a national tour before ending up in Sydney. It wasn't just for school kids as our group considered the exhibition to be excellent. I wonder what will become of the exhibition after its return to Canberra.

The first section fairly predictably began with the Gallipoli story, then moved to the Western Front and the Middle East. There were plenty of photo and video records plus personal artefacts to help narrate the story. Allen Morley. **Round up the usual suspects:**

**L to R: Allen Morley, Grahame Dignam, Bert Blink, Bob Billiards, Ged Carroll, Ian Amos, George Lane and finally Gordon Malcolm with the 'who farted?' look.**





At left the signage for the exhibition

How you can experience the exhibition at right

A laconic digger trying to ride a Mk V tank (below)



Famous Australian battles in 1916 at left and at right the sign for BHQ, 1st Pioneer Battalion in which my grandfather served



Then at right the Fromelles “butchery” which resulted from incompetent General’s decisions.






Committee members:

President – Allen Morley, Vice President – Bert Blink, Treasurer/Secretary – Grahame Dignam,  
 Public Officer – Victor Danko, Webmaster – Bob Billiards, Research Officer – Ernie Newbold,  
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 General members – Ian Amos, Ged Carroll, George Lane.  
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 Vic (Melb) – Alan Adams, WA - Barry Guzder  
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A few well chosen words of wisdom from the Sec/Treas - "If you have had a busy year, now is the time to check your 131 Locators Assn membership is current.

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

Grahame"

### Presidential perambulations

April is an interesting month on the calendar. Starting with April Fool's Day and ending with only 30 days. Easter is often somewhere in the mix during this fourth month of the year. A few public holidays there, shops closed for a couple of days and sporting events for all persuasions.

And of course, Anzac Day falls close to the end of April. The day of marches, two up and blockbuster AFL and NRL games.

For those in the 4<sup>th</sup> intake of National Service it is also an important anniversary. This year those Nashos 'celebrate' the 51<sup>st</sup> anniversary of their start of recruit training on April 20<sup>th</sup>. I see in the DVA magazine that the 10<sup>th</sup> intake is again celebrating their anniversary at Sawtell NSW in October next. I have never heard of any other intake celebrating their special anniversary, and certainly to my knowledge, not the fourth intake.

The problems unearthed about RSL officials being less than honest over what should have been honorary roles has cast a shadow over all service-related organizations, including our own. Will those involved keep a low profile on this most important military Remembrance Day? Probably not, which is truly unfortunate.

Cheers

Allen

### . Upcoming Events Calendar –

131 Locators Association Committee Meeting Date: Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2017 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, 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2017 at 1035hrs...held at **ANZAC House, 245 Castlereagh St, Sydney**

Attendees were: Allen Morley, Bert Blink, Grahame Dignam, George Lane, Ged Carroll, Gordon Malcolm, Vic Danko, Ian Amos, and Bob Billiards.

**Financial Membership is currently ...127, plus Associates 2, Affiliates 7. Total 136.**  
**Lapsed 20 members**

### Presidents report.

- . Allen noted the 51<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the 4<sup>th</sup> NS intake.
- . LSTAA meeting will be held at Panania on 30<sup>th</sup> April.
- . Granville branch is conducting an election of office bearers – please vote.
- . We need to review the following Projects under way –



. **Photo album** for 20STA - despite prods to readers in the *Eyes and Ears* we have had **NIL** reaction to date. We will need to chase down the information we require. A number of leads will be being followed up.  
Also, the **book prize to Marysville public school** will also be followed up.

#### Public Officer Report.

Vic has been elected President of the Mosman RSL Sub-branch and will attend ANZAC Day ceremonies there. Accompanied by Warwick Hamilton, Vic attended North Fort on the day the Radar was to be collected. Warwick suggested that an 85mm Mortar bomb and tube might be acquired to complete the NVVM display. The search will commence.

#### . web Performance...

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

#### . Birthdays in the Battery...May –

| May | Name                 | Regt No | YOB  | 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       |

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|----|---------------------|---------|------|------------|------------|------------|
| 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 |

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

Ed – 14 blokes not highlighted is appalling, and certainly NOT acceptable! Hey fellas we need to get into it and find our mates!

. **Locator Profiles** – we've received 131 and we've sent out 131. Ed – is there noboby else who wants to join the club??

### . Located...

By sheer luck or whatever, on reading Peter Pioro's ANZAC Day email and seeing his photos we've LOCATED a LOCATOR – Harold Little, SVN 1969...watch this space for more!!

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.

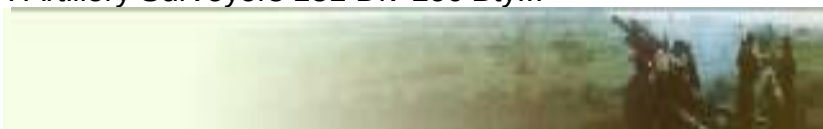
So, if you're a non-financial Associate receiving emails and the Eyes & Ears regularly you could bite the bullet and email Grahame [Dignam:sectreas131locators@gmail.com](mailto:Dignam:sectreas131locators@gmail.com) and he could forward you the relevant forms to join - Memberships are available for 1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

Hope we hear from you?

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

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#### . 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/>

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

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

#### . VETERAN'S AFFAIRS WEBSITE

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

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



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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>



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