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Unit Citation for Gallantry (UCG) awarded to the Detachment and those who served at
The Battles of Coral/Balmoral in South Vietnam, 1968

2020 – 54 Years and the Detachment 131 Spirit Lives On: 1966 – 1971



2020 ANZAC DAY SERVICES

— AUSTRALIA WIDE.

A selection of dawn services will be held across the country
but the public will be asked

NOT to attend. Any marches or midday services will be cancelled.

Don't let our memories fade.

At the going down of the sun, and in the morning, we will remember them.

Forever strong.





The Minefield – March 1967

The M16 'Jumping Jack' Mine primed with an M106 fuse, and (left) an anti-lift device consisting of an M26 grenade and an M5 pressure release switch.

The device (above) awaits installation in the mine hole to the right of the shadow at the base of the mine in 1967. The anti-lift device would be placed in the hole first, the mine sat on top of it, and the spoil packed back in the hole around the ordnance. The prongs on the fuse would be just below the surface and camouflaged with a light sprinkling of dirt. The M16 mine was a descendent of the German 'S' mine, which had already been built to jump in the Second World War. Improvements on the 'S' mine led to the new generation of M16 mines initially designed and mass produced in the US for use in Europe against Warsaw Pact countries in the former Soviet bloc. (Photo: courtesy Dick Beck).

The Australian Minefield and Viet Cong Mine Warfare

During March-April 1967 the Task Force established a permanent fire support base for a rifle company and section of artillery on the Horseshoe feature, located on the northern outskirts of the town of Dat Do. This enabled the Australians to extend their operational influence into a heavily populated area that was sympathetic to the Viet Cong and to provide fire support for operations in the southern parts of the province from Dat Do to the South China Sea and the Long Hai Hills and to the east of the province toward Xuyen Moc.

However, the Task Force made a big mistake when it constructed a twelve-kilometre barrier minefield, enclosed by barbed wire fences that ran from the Horseshoe feature past Dat Do to the village of Long Phuoc Hai on the coast. The aim of the minefield was to create an obstacle to Viet Cong movement between their base areas in the east of the province and the populated areas in the central southern area of the province, as well as their bases in the Long Hai Hills. As the Australians were stretched for manpower, security of the minefield was left to the local South Vietnamese territorial force units manning compounds and outposts in the area. Very soon, the mines were being skilfully removed by the Viet Cong and used offensively by them with great success to cause casualties to Allied forces personnel in Phuoc Tuy Province.

The Viet Cong were also adept at manufacturing their own mines and explosive devices from explosive taken from unexploded Allied artillery shells and aerial bombs. The Viet Cong anti-tank mines had spectacularly disastrous and lethal effects against armoured personnel carriers and light vehicles.

The Australian Army had gone into the Vietnam War knowing that the Viet Cong employed mines and booby traps as a normal part of their operations, and Australian soldiers were trained accordingly. However, the prolific use of mines by the Viet Cong in the southern areas of Phuoc Tuy Province and the high number of battle casualties caused by them (approximately 50 per cent of Australian battle casualties), led to the employment of field engineer splinter teams with infantry and armour sub-units on operations. Sadly, Australian senior commanders had been responsible for the decision to employ the barrier minefield, which provided the Viet Cong with a ready supply of mines. **Australian Army engineers eventually completed the removal of the minefield during early 1970, but the mines continued to cause Allied casualties.**

You can read more - **"The Minefield: An Australian Tragedy in America's Vietnam War"** by [Greg Lockhart](#)

. The "Lost Locator Project"



Ed – The Project continues on relentlessly so, we need to be vigilant and keep our minds active as who knows who, where and how we might stumble on, discover someone etc be it by accident but even more so by design. Paul

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. **The “Detachment Album Project”** – This project is sponsored by the 131 Locators Association and is in need of some photographic and by-line input from our members/Readers.



. Insights and Recollections...

This topic/s have raised so much interest – we’re still in the middle of some really great discoveries with some remarkable memories being brought to life.

The series will continue on the receipt of more Insights and Recollections, so if you would care to contribute, please send your Insights and Recollections –

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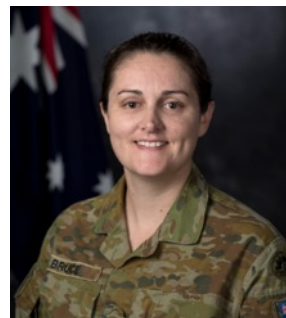
Fiona Bruce,

Major, Battery Commander 131 Battery, 20th Regiment, RAA

Hi Everyone,

I hope that you all had an enjoyable start to the year. I just wanted to introduce myself to those of you whom I am yet to meet. My name is **Fiona Bruce** and I took over the role of BC 131 from my good friend, MAJ Alex McDonald late last year. Born and raised in Canberra, I joined the Army straight out of school in 2006 and after completing university through ADFA, I graduated to the RAA in 2009. I have completed postings at 20th Regiment as a Troop Commander, including time spent on the first Shadow deployment to Operation SLIPPER, Regimental Standards Officer and Battery Captain with 131 Bty. I have also completed postings as an Instructor in Gunnery at the School of Artillery, Instructor at the Royal Military College Duntroon, Aide-de-Camp to the Minister for Veterans' Affairs and most recently, as a Military Observer with the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization in Lebanon and Syria.

I was truly humbled to be appointed as Battery Commander 131st Battery for 2020 and I am keen to continue the excellent work by MAJ MacDonald and WO1 Wood. From all accounts, the Bty thoroughly enjoyed their time on Rifle Company Butterworth and I am looking forward to seeing our JNCOs skills learnt in the jungle, back on home soil.



The new BSM for 131 Bty is **WO2 John (JB) Berger** (at left), who took over from WO1 Mel Wood.

I was born and bred in Queensland, and I too joined the Army straight out of school in 1995.

I was Originally posted within the RAA to Offensive Support Artillery and served in 1st Field Regiment, 8/12th Medium Regiment and the School of Artillery in both 53 Battery and Fire Support Wing.

I transferred to 20th Regiment in 2009 where I spent time as a Troop Sergeant and deployed on Operation SLIPPER with Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Group VII in 2010/11.

Since that time, I have completed further postings to the School of Artillery, this time in STA Wing, and 20th Regiment where in 2018, I was Battery Guide 132 Battery. I was fortunate enough to deploy in this role to Operation APEC ASSIST (PNG) that year where Shadow was used to support the security efforts of the PNG Defence Force for part of the APEC Summit and Leaders Week.

My most recent posting was a short one to Joint Operational Support Staff (JOSS) prior to my appointment as BSM 131 Bty in 2020.

I am extremely proud to be appointed as BSM and look forward to serving my tenure in a Bty with such a long and rich history in the RAA.

My BSM and I really looking forward to the year ahead with 131 Bty and are keen to know how we can contribute to 131 *Eyes and Ears*. I am also keen to understand more of the Bty history and pass on this to the Gunners so we keep the link between past and present strong.

Happy for you or your team to email me or give me a call anytime to discuss how we can contribute. Also, if you are in the Brisbane area, my BSM and I are more than happy to catch up with you at the Menz club over a brew.

Looking forward to working with you,

Fiona

Fiona Bruce

Major

Battery Commander | 131 Bty | 20th Regiment, RAA



131 Battery

. VALIDADTION RESPONSE FOR HONOUR ROLL...with new updates –

The following is a continuing follow up from last couple of month's *Eyes & Ears* where we were and continue seeking help in updating/validating information recorded on the Association's Honour Roll.

Thanks, continues with input from **Ken Osborne, John Mc Govern, John Stanford, Warwick Brooker, Kim McGrath** and of course more input from **Kevin Browning**.

Ken Osborne - "Dear Paul, I have been going through the latest edition of *Eyes and Ears* and have details on Bill Prenter. He was a great mate of mine and I was godfather to two of his children and I still keep in contact with his widow. For the honour roll data, he retired as a Major and never had the rank of Lt Col bestowed on him. In Vietnam 66/67, he was the OC of the Wksp Detachment as a WO1 Radar and Corp of RAEME and I took over from him 67/68. I was always following behind Bill wherever he went until finally in about 1970 he went to RAEME Training Centre and I went to Log Command in Melbourne and then we just visited each other on a fairly regular basis until he died. so endeth the lesson, Regards Ken Osborne.

John McGovern – "Hi Paul, Thank you for the latest *Eyes and Ears*.

After checking and cross checking the names on the Honour Roll, I can advise on 2 names their Section
Christopher Self was in 33 Dental Unit

Mark Szypulski was in 4 Fd, 12 Fd and 131 Div Loc

I was also able to update some missing D of D details, thanks to Kevin Browning.

Please pass on my thanks to him.

Kind regards, John Mac McGovern"

John Stanford – "Paul

I might be able to fill in a few more blanks for you;

Aurisch, Ray aka Mick was in Radar, Doyle, William – Radar, Little, Harold aka Tiny - Radar, and Luxford, Arthur aka Doc - Radar. Regards, John S'

Kim McGrath – “Hi Paul,

I noticed in the latest newsletter some yellow fields under the name of Edwin Robinson.

Ted was a close Mate of mine who took his own life. Ted was the TSM of 1 Weapon Locating Troop.

In the yellow fields, I can confirm that he was a WO2 and a Radar Operator.

I did the Eulogy for Ted and I think that he went in 1987 or 1988.

I remember that I had just got back to my house in Brisbane from Annual Leave and Marty Gowling rang me with the news.

Ubique, Kim”

At Right: Ted with the beer in his left hand. Darren Hincks besides him.



Warwick Brooker – ‘G’day Dicko. Thanks for another newsy Eyes & Ears. Thanks also for your earlier personal update.

I noticed a couple of errors in **Marty Van Driel’s** entry on the Honour Roll and thought you might like to update it.

Name: VAN DRIEL, Marinus Hendricus Maria (‘Marty’)

Rank: L/Bdr

Ref: <https://nominal-rolls.dva.gov.au/veteran?id=1279317&c=VIETNAM#R>

I don’t know why the letter ‘k’ was substituted for the letter ‘u’ in his first and second names. Maybe he made the changes himself at some time, or they’re simply typos.

We dodged the nearby bush fires thanks to a sudden, unexpected change in weather, which I understand had something to do with the collapse of the Indian Ocean Dipole. Since that wasn’t expected, I don’t know why it happened, but I’m calling it an answer to many prayers!

Hope you and Helen are well. With best wishes, Brookey”

Now a question arises from our Honour Roll Validation Responses –

Kevin Browning helped a couple of more queries I raised –

“Paul,

313270 **Mark Szypulski** is listed on the Vietnam Nominal Roll as having served with -

4 Fd Regt 20/08/70 – 07/03/1971, 12 Fd Regt 08/03/1971 – 17/03/1971 and Det 131 18/03/1971 – 29/07/1971.

He was there during my second tour but I cannot place him, **a photo might help jog the memory or best to ask the 1971 group.** He may have been a storeman or clerk to have moved between units.

The following chart lists him RTA with the following blokes on 29.07.71, having been with the Det since 18.03.71 –

11-Mar-71	27-Jun-71	45285	MARKWICK Frederick Brian
17-Dec-70	29-Jun-71	3798942	WALKER, Leonard Alan
04-Mar-71	29-Jun-71	4721836	FALKAI, Laszlo
04-Mar-71	29-Jun-71	2795074	MOLENKAMP, Johan
04-Mar-71	29-Jun-71	4721779	WELSH, Terry Leslie
05-Apr-71	29-Jun-71	217743	BROWNING, Kevin Douglas **
27-Jan-71	30-Jun-71	1202849	TURNER, Anthony Charles
25-Mar-71	30-Jun-71	2795771	GRIMWOOD, Garry James
05-Nov-70	29-Jul-71	2794772	JEFFREY, Wayne
05-Nov-70	29-Jul-71	45033	SAINT, Peter Raymond
03-Dec-70	29-Jul-71	3797687	WILLIS, Simon Anthony
10-Dec-70	29-Jul-71	1202703	KOCKA, Joseph Robert
17-Dec-70	29-Jul-71	2795238	FOWLER, Bruce Alexander
11-Feb-71	29-Jul-71	213514	HARRIS, Robert Darryl
18-Mar-71	29-Jul-71	313270	SZYPULSKI, Mark

The serial number you have given (66981) is for a **Christopher Self**. The name rings a bell. Some gunners were posted to a ‘spares soldiers’ unit to be used as replacements should casualties occur. If I have the right person Chris was actually working with the unit that had to prepare the bodies of those killed for shipment back home. He was a real mess and back at Holsworthy he took care of dogs in the unit, the dogs were used for security. In those days, the Army took care of those with issues

Regards, Kevin

...and there’s more from Kevin –

“Paul, I do not think Chris may have been with 131 but was in Holsworthy post-Vietnam where I would have met him. I doubt he had any Medical background. The holding unit would have been in Vung Tau as replacements for injured soldiers who couldn't return to their unit. It appears they were given to units to assist with their work. He may be shown as Dental Unit but he worked in the morgue. No doubt his service record would be available, not sure who holds the Vietnam era ones, probably still SCMA (Army Records). Someone associated with the RSL might be able to get some details of his service.

Kevin.”

DVA Nominal Roll information - he is listed as a Gunner in the Corps of the Royal Regiment of Australian Artillery, but he served in SVN with 33 Dental Unit from 25.03.69 to 18.03.70.

The questions all of this raise was Christopher Self with 131DLB before SVN, got side manoeuvred in SVN, then returned to 131? Can we get some MORE help with these blokes and the others as well, please?

Here is what the current Honour Roll looks like -



131 Divisional Locating Battery RAA Honour Roll

Name	Rank	Regt No	Section	SVN	DoB	DoD
Addison, George William	W02	2410040	Survey/Sound Ranging	1969-70	16.04.30	27.12.12
Arch, Maurice Leonard	Bdr	43350		1967	17.09.37	26.08.17
Armshaw, Christopher	Gnr	2781291	Survey	1966-67	09.02.45	10.02.70
Atkinson, Neville Ross	Gnr	1733449	Arty Tac	1968-69	12.07.47	14.12.96
Aurisch, Raymond "Mick" Arthur	T/Bdr	2212243	Radar	1969-70	26.03.44	25.03.70
Bates, Leslie John	Gnr	218053		1969-70	20.11.50	07.0803
Bensley, Allan Bruce	Sgt	243104	RAEME	67-68/70-71	19.12.42	20.12.11
Black, Brian Francis	Gnr	2786469	Driver/LP	1967-68	16.09.46	18.01.11
Black, Lindsay Colin	W01	213794		1970-71	07.02.40	02.06.08
Bohl, Michael Owen	Gnr	1411182	LP	1968	28.10.48	15.06.93
Bonser, Barry Douglas	Bdr	37661	T/Port	1967	10.10.41	03.09.98
Broadbent, William "Billy"			Sound Ranging	N/a	1957	03.12.08
Buckley, Mills Robin	L/bdr	16950	LP/Radar	1966-67	03.09.37	02.04.07
Buss (Rafferty), Paul	Gnr	2781443	Radar	1966-67	14.06.45	28.09.11
Campbell, Allan James	Maj	18257	Radar	1966-68	13.03.46	19.06.09
Campbell, Lewis Michael	Gnr	6708462	LP	1967	13.11.46	20.03.1988
Carsburg, Russell John 'Rusty'			Met	N/a		07.07.09
Checkley, Thomas William	Gnr	311534	LP	1966	18.12.38	05.08.66-KBA
Connell, Leslie Phillip	Gnr	6709098	Radar	1969-70	15.05.48	04.04.11
Coutts, Anthony Patrick	Gnr	1733291	Alpha Radar	1968-69	22.08.46	31.08.88
Crowther, William David	Bdr	215416	Bravo Radar	1966	26.04.46	14.01.20
Dart, Mervyn Frances	Bdr	37821	LP	1967-68	14.09.42	06.03.01
Davidson, Derek	Gnr			N/a		00.01.72
Davies, John William	Sgt	29351		1966-67	26.09.37	25.04.04
Deacon, Alan	Bdr			N/a		00.08.07
Delaney, Michael Joseph	Gnr	2789205	Survey	1969	25.10.47	17.02.13
Doehrmann, Karl Heinz	Maj	38119	Survey	'66-'67/70	15.06.33	10.08.09
Douglas, Alan				N/a		00.00.2009
Doust, Edmond George	Sgt	53111	Radar	1967-68	14.07.39	26.12.14
Doyle, William Francis	Gnr	4719912	Radar	1969	25.07.47	05.09.78
Erica (form Earwicker), Bernard George	Gnr	3787334	Survey	1966-67	29.04.45	23.11.16
Evans, Jeffrey Bruce	Maj	3789164	Survey	1971	11.10.45	23.12.11
Fahey, Frederick	W01			N/a		02.06.14
Farr, Lawrence Joseph	Gnr	1734257		1969-70	27.08.47	00.00.2009
Fawcett-Smith, Neil	Sgt	17732	RAEME	67-68/70-71	29.06.42	Unknown
Field, Edwin Alfred	T/Sgt	242577	W/Shop-RAEME	1966	08.06.34	20.07.96
Foley, Charles Anthony	W02		Survey	N/a	00.00.1939	31.01.18
Frost, Leslie David	RSM	215230	Radar	1966-67	25.08.45	26.03.14
Gault, Peter "Pappy" Scott	Gnr	2783644	LP's	1967	19.12.45	24.05.14
Gordon, Colin Barry 'Bones'	Bdr	16975	Radar	1968-69	31.01.45	28.03.10
Goss, Pierre Ramon	BQMS	213990	Det HQ	1969-70	17.08.36	06.08.11
Greenland, Grahame Warren	Gnr	2792441		1970	03.08.48	17.11.14
Griffith, Derek "Dirk" Williams	Gnr		Transport	N/a		02.04.05
Gunn, Gordon "Jock" Campbell	W02	16915	1FdRegt/Svy/SRG	66-67/69-70	14.09.44	23.09.13
Hamilton, Warwick Ronald "Blue Leader"	Lt Col	235190	Det OC	1967-68	17.11.39	26.08.19
Hayes, Terence "Lofty" James	Bdr	214973	Alpha Radar	66/67-68/69	17.11.39	14.12.11
Hemming, Leigh Graham	Gnr	1732039	LP's	1967	04.10.45	02.03.18
Holmes, William John	SSGT	61040	RAEME	1969	09.02.37	Unknown

Jeffery, Wayne	LBdr	2794772	Radar	1970-71	01.11.46	26.10.17
Jones, Paul William	Gnr	216324	Radar	1966-67	11.10.46	09.09.68
Keech, David Derek	Bdr	311588		1970	13.05.47	08.12.99
Kryntjes, Martin	Gnr	5715291		1968-69	23.03.47	27.12.17
Lempa, Helmut	L/Bdr	38120	Radar	1966-67	18.10.46	Unknown
Lennon, Frederick Norman	Sgt	29712	Radar	1966	29.12.27	25.07.13
Leplaw, Garry James	L/Bdr	217182	Arty Tac/LP	1968-69	21.09.48	06.12.83
Leslie, Graeme Benjamin John	Capt	18614	RAEME	69-70	11.01.42	30.07.15
Lewis, Edwin Leslie	S/Sgt	53909		1970-71	08.08.35	26.08.92
Little, Harold "Tiny" Philip	T/Bdr	2789038	Radar	1969	04.11.45	02.04.18
Lock, Geoffrey William	Gnr	2782439	Survey	1966-67	17.03.45	09.09.10
Lockhart, James Douglas	Bdr	6709144	Survey	1969-70	05.06.47	12.04.14
Long, Roger Crelin	Gnr	3788775	Radar	1967	30.05.45	22.05.90
Luxford, Arthur "Doc" Gordon	Sgt	212803	Radar	1969-70	08.08.39	01.01.08
Macaulay, Geoffrey John	WO2	35753		1969-70	28.12.36	27.04.13
McManus, Norman Ronald Keith	WO2	26202	HQ	1970-71	15.08.24	05.10.16
McNaughton, Quentin				N/a		09.07.07
McPherson, Maxwell Duncan	Gnr	3795560	Radar	1969-70	19.05.47	19.05.16
Menz, James Leslie	L/Bdr	38838	Survey	1967-68	01.02.46	18.02.68-KIA
Miller, Robert Urquhart	Staff Sgt	36499	Radar - RAEME	69 & 70	25.02.39	29.12.17
Minns, Raymond Arthur	L/Bdr	4410744	Arty Tac	1966-67	03.12.41	24.05.97
Mitchell, Raymond John	Gnr	218731		1970	26.05.51	24.09.11
Moreau, Victor Alan	Gnr	1200577	Radar	1966-67	18.03.39	09.02.19
O'Keefe, Michael Francis	Gnr	2787168		1968-69	26.11.46	1980
O'Mara, Anthony Joseph	Sgt	38334	Radar-RAEME	1968-69	07.12.40	01.01.85

. Here's the next in the "Unknown" series...with a "twist"

Last month we raised the question of the "Orderly Room", now it's the turn of the "Transport Office", what the hell was all that about?

Who got to run, work-in this place and what went on?



From the Advocate's Desk...

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Disclaimer: Please note that all correspondence submitted will be treated with the total confidentiality between the sender and our Advocates. Printed submissions and responses that may be published in *Eyes & Ears* will be completely anonymous, just used as examples of help.

. An(other) Oddity –

More digging around (I'm still at it!) I discovered this -A message from HRH – what the? I've enlarged it to hopefully make it more readable, but what a classic!

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OF 1ST TASK FORCE DETACHMENT 131ST DIVISIONAL LOCATING BATTERY
RAA MY SINCERE THANKS FOR THEIR MESSAGE OF LOYAL ASSURANCES ON
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Ok, who can shine some light on this missal?

Mail Call...

Wade Cooper – “Another great newsletter, Paul!”



Mail Out

I started this in September, 2017 and have decided to continue running down the alphabet of names and sending some emails to blokes in general to say g'day and just to generally keep in touch. A lot of the blokes I've never met, so it's just to keep some connection alive. Plus, it's good to keep in touch, even sporadically, it may help to avoid any unpleasant unforeseen surprises.

Mail In - Here are the responses...

John Richmond – “Hi Paul, just a quick note.

The year only seems to started yesterday, but we are now into March.

Am glad to see the end of summer. Has been a cow of a year so far down here.

With the drought, the country around Canberra looked like I don't know

what and then the fires. Would you believe a big fire south of the city was started by the RAAF? One of their choppers landed and the flashing light underneath set the grass and the bush on fire. During this fire, they thought it might get into the southern suburbs, however all's well.

This summer had the hottest day ever recorded down here, up till then it had been in 1968. My last posting prior to discharge was at RMC in the gunner wing. Along the way was pinched by the grunt wing as a rifleman. To end the story in the then hottest day was working in one those large igloo metal sheds, boy was it hot.

I hope you and yours had a great Xmas and New Year

All the best, John.”

Trevor Waghorn – “Hi Paul, what a pleasant surprise to hear from you. Where are you? Reads like you are living in the US. Bev and I spent most of our time in Nevada as that's where my sisters live but we were lucky enough to travel all over. Beautiful country. We used to love travelling but I am 83 now so it is a bit difficult. Bev and I are still reasonably well tho and all these terrible viruses we stick close to home. Thanks for your email, regards, Trev”

Joe Molenkamp – “G'day Dicko, Thanks for your email, pleased to hear you and Helen are well. I'm pleased to say I'm over last year's health problems and looking forward to a healthier 2020...back to bowls, cycling and kayaking. Unfortunately, my wife Teena has on going chronic illness and has a constant battle with pain, she hopes to get onto cannabis soon and hopefully get some relief. We have had great rain here at Wauchope...already past the total we had for all of last year. Cheers for now, Joe.”

Graham Williams – “Hello Paul and best wishes to yourself and Helen,

Not much to report from here. Jenni presently in Newcastle for her sisters 70th. Went down for a week so nostalgia time for the 3 sisters catching up on their past, going out to see their old home and visiting friends. In her absence have been preparing for my next trip. Leave for Vietnam on 2nd April for 2 weeks. As everyone there looks like the lone ranger at present wearing a mas...well...if you can't beat em join them as they say and I have a good collection here from riding there in the past. Not sure what I will be doing on Anzac Day this year. Only just back from Vietnam will certainly not be travelling interstate this time. Will probably do the services at Currumbin on the beach. Think you would already be aware of this but there was a notice of reunion in the RSL News for 1 Field Regiment 1969. (H.Q., 101, 105 and 131 Batteries) Is to be held in Coolangatta over 5 nights (23rd-28thApril) I contacted one of the organizers...Bob Harris to get details and will probably make an appearance on the 24th for the welcome drinks caper but will be surprised if I see anyone I could recall. I will not be joining them for Anzac Day as they are doing the Dawn Service in Tweed Heads followed by a gunfire breakfast at Twin Towns Services Club and the March. As I have personal issues with Twin Towns Services and refuse to support them in any way I will pass on that and as I said head up to Currumbin instead hooking back up with them for the late lunch at Rainbow Bay Surf Club and again on the 26th for a BBQ. Who knows who I might bump into.

Anyway, Paul that's pretty much all from this neck of the woods. Time now to get outside and do some work in the yard...Personally I am hoping for rain there. Stay safe and very best wishes...say giddyay to the Snowbirds. Graham.”

Terry Westerway – “Sorry Paul, been a bit busy.

F**kin' back has been a bit of a problem – I have now found a specialist “pain interventionist” (who knew they exist?) who thinks he can provide a longer period of pain abatement (better than cortisone injections).

How's the coronavirus in your neck of the woods? My supervisor is freaking out about it, won't go outside the house unless I drag her and just about blows a gasket if I cough or sneeze. Mind you, I'm not too impressed that China visited this “gift” on us – ScoMo should have imposed travel bans when Comrade Jinping shut down and locked up

Wuhan and Hubei Province. Did you hear that the Chinese Embassy in Canberra said that the travel bans were an “over reaction” and accused us of imposing travel bans because we are “racist”?

I was sorry to see that Dave Crowther “dropped off the twig” – I served with him in 1966. So many of us, especially ones that served with me, seem to be falling off the twig in greater numbers these days. Terry”

Rob Retrot – “Hi Paul,

Great to hear from you as always and that all is well with you and yours. Yes, there has been turmoil here the last couple of months with the fires then floods and now a toilet paper shortage. Fortunately, for Judith and I it was all on TV rather than in our immediate community. You feel the pain when you see fellow Australians suffer through catastrophic events and grieving the deaths of emergency workers. Some of those videos were horrendous. I am sure we are unanimous in our hope and expectation for better times ahead – once this Coronavirus is sorted - and politicians do something about climate change.

Jude and I have been in our new house for 12 months now and loving it. Jude's plunge pool is finished, electric gates will be next and a solar system is being installed.

Next thing on the agenda will be a road trip we had planned before coronavirus ever hit the news. We're going from Brisbane to Broken Hill, across to Port Augusta, then up the Stuart Highway to Coober Pedy - flight over Lake Eyre - then Uluru where we stay for four nights. Then Kings Canyon, Alice, and north to Kakadu, Cooinda Resort for a few days. After that we drive back to Brisbane via Mt. Isa and Barcaldine. Having sold our caravan and camping gear a few years ago we are forced to stay in motels and resorts the whole five weeks. Such is life.

Best of everything to you and Helen and to all 131ners everywhere. Rob Retrot.”

Tony Goldsmith – “Hi Paul,

Good to hear from you as usual and that all's well with you and Helen.

All's well with Chris and I - staying well away from anyone wearing a mask and keeping distance from everyone else. (Corona-virus Paranoia) also lots of washing of hands. (more Paranoia). Needless to say there are no overseas trips in the pipeline - to quote Chris " you're not getting me on a bloody plane or ship ". I don't know - no sense of adventure. I hear on the news this morning the Treasurer is going to hand out cash payments for economic stimulus? Still - life goes on as usual at the 6 Edina Street residence. Mow the grass/pull out weeds/trim the hedge/vacuum the floor (yes, I do house work - but don't tell anyone)

Weather here is starting to move into the cooler autumn climate - hopefully the winter will kill off all the virus bugs.

Do you get scam phone calls over there? I just had one - a big giveaway is the foreign accent - I love playing dumb games with them - the highlight is when they hang up on me first. I Won!!

Well I've either run out of anything resembling news, or, my failing brain can no longer conjure up anything to write about. (God, how do you manage *The Eyes & Ears*?)

Hi to Helen, All the best to you both. Tony”

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

There's plenty of room for notices – has anyone got or getting any events planned?
Just send an email and I'll post it. Ed

Please Note:

2020

ANZAC DAY

— AUSTRALIA



SERVICES

WIDE.

A selection of dawn services will be held across the country but the public will be asked NOT to attend. Any marches or midday services will be cancelled.

Don't let our memories fade.

At the going down of the sun, and in the morning, we will remember them.

Forever strong.



<https://www.facebook.com/groups/131divlocbtyraa>

. Upcoming Events Calendar –

131 Locators Association Committee Meeting Date: **The meeting scheduled for Tuesday, 14th April, 2020 at 1100hrs at the Canley Heights RSL & Sporting Club has been cancelled and continuing meetings have also been cancelled until further notice, due to the Covid 19 / Coronaviris Pandemic. Watch this space notifications.**



The committee wishes all our members and readers of *Eyes and Ears* a safe time and to keep in touch to maintain our community spirit. We hope you're all coping with the self-quarantine and any symptoms you may have.

A few well chosen words of wisdom from the Sec/Treas - while we're all "house-bound" Grahame has suggested a "Question Box" so as questions and discussions can be raised with the Committee.

Here's what it could look like –

Question

Why did blah blah
Why doesn't the Committee blah blah
Can we adopt the Black Lion (see 20 Regt symbol) or do we use the Nui Dat monkey as our mascot?
I would like to know more about 131 history between 1970 to 1980 from someone who was there then?
What can I post on Face Book and not be sued?

Response

Email Grahame with ideas and/or questions.

Grahame" Email sectreas131locators@gmail.com .

. Pertinent Points – extracted from the 131 Locators Association Committee Meeting Date: Tuesday, 10th March, 2020 at 1105hrs...

Attendees were: Allen Morley, Bert Blink, Grahame Dignam, Ernest Newbold, Ian Amos, Gordon Malcolm, Ged Carroll and Robert Billiards.

Financial Membership is currently ...1 Year = 24, 5 Year = 96 Financial subtotal = 120 plus Associates and Affiliates = 13, lapsed members = 36, Deceased = 10 Total = 17

Presidents report.

Allen advised that:

- . The Sydney Anzac Day lunch venue at the Tatts club will be organized as usual.
- . We have been informed that 2 Locators, Dave Crowther and Steven Wallace have passed.
- . Approaches to have the 131 Surveyor s' website being made accessible again on the net have commenced.

Public Officer Report.

There are no changes or developments that will have any effect on our association.

Webmaster Update.

A printed copy of the website stats was tabled. Membership of our Face Book page is steadily increasing numbering 20 at this time.

Health.

Allen commented that the passing of 2 ex locators without our prior knowledge is disappointing. We need to promote the "R U O K" mantra more and follow up on rumours of ill health and to support their families where needed.

General Business.

Questions have been received concerning the Tweed Heads reunion planned by others for the 25 April 2020 - refer item in Correspondence attached to Agenda email and search on Face Book.

A Coral Reunion being organized by the Locating Artillery Assn for May in Victoria – please see our website under "events".

If you've got more photos that you want added, just send them to: - Paul Dickson – web Photos 131eyesandears@gmail.com– BUT DON'T FORGET TO ADD TITLES/NAMES ETC.

. Birthdays in the Battery...April –

Date	Name	Regt No	YoB	SVN In	SVN Out	Comments
1	DES SPENCER	3787905	1945	03 01 1967	13 12 1967	
1	IAN MORRIS Capt.	243062	1941	10 03 1970	09 07 1970	RAEME
	" "			09 07 1970	11 03 1971	106 Fd Wkshp
2	HILTON HOLLOWAY	1736606	1949	16 12 1970	03 05 1971	131
	" "			03 05 1971	26 10 1971	12 Fd Regt.
4	KEVIN MAKER	2251507	1949	26 08 1969	13 08 1970	
4	WILLIAM LAUGHLIN	2788465	1945	13 01 1969	27 08 1969	
7	JOHN McFADDEN	2783243	1945	04 05 1967	27 09 1967	
7	DAVID MARTIN	2781662	1945	22 04 1966	29 04 1967	
8	RICHARD BRISTOW	1733143	1945	12 04 1968	16 04 1969	
8	LEON DJATSCHENKO	312532	1949	26 08 1969	13 08 1970	
9	TERRENCE MYERS	217798	1950	08 05 1969	30 04 1970	
11	MICHAEL McDONNELL	2781377	1945	04 05 1966	11 04 1967	
11	TERRENCE FOX	1200934	1949	08 07 1968	02 07 1969	
12	KEVIN BEVANS	3798316	1949	10 02 1971	07 06 1971	131
	" "			07 06 1971	02 11 1971	12 Fd Regt
15	RIENY NIEUWENHOF	3798241	1947	10 02 1971	05 08 1971	
19	RON ROYAL WO2	23552	1929	02 03 1967	20 02 1968	† 01.05.02
19	PETER CLARKE	3792212	1947	11 11 1968	27 08 1969	
19	BARRY DYSON	3795956	1947	03 06 1970	04 03 1971	
20	ANTHONY TURNER	1202849	1946	27 01 1971	30 06 1971	131
	" "			01 07 1971	15 11 1971	12 Fd Regt.
21	JEFFREY BASSFORD	2792419	1949	29 04 1970	14 04 1971	
21	NEVILLE DAVIS	5716997	1949	11 02 1971	12 08 1971	
22	BARRY CAMPTON Capt.	61270	1937	{14 07 1963	22 07 1963	
	" "			{13 08 1966	28 04 1967	
22	MARK SZYPULSKI	313270	1951	19 08 1970	17 03 1971	† 2018
	" "			18 03 1971	29 07 1971	131
23	MURRAY SMALE	5411587	1948	27 11 1967	20 08 1968	
24	JOHANNES LAS	3792338	1947	23 09 1968	18 06 1969	
25	KEVIN BANKS	3794366	1948	27 11 1969	04 06 1970	
25	QUENTON KNIGHT	2412578	1949	09 12 1968	24 09 1969	† 18.01.20
26	GRAHAME DIGNAM	2784745	1946	04 05 1967	20 02 1968	
26	WILLIAM CROWTHER	215416	1946	22 04 1966	02 11 1966	† 14.01.20
27	GERALD YOUNG Maj.	311460	1926	{06 03 1967	04 04 1967	RAEME
	" "			{25 05 1967	22 06 1967	RAEME
28	GARY LOVELL	218160	1950	08 05 1969	30 04 1970	
29	RON MASON	3787154	1945	04 05 1966	03 03 1967	
29	KEVIN THORNTON	2781420	1945	04 05 1966	02 02 1967	
29	BERNARD ERICA	3787334	1945	20 05 1966	03 03 1967	† 23.11.16
29	PETER FUHRMANN	3789807	1946	21 06 1967	02 04 1968	
30	IAN McMILLAN	215117	1945	15 07 1970	09 09 1970	

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

Ed – 7 blokes not highlighted is over 20% out of the 30 (still with us – according to our stats). The search should continue.



. Locator Profiles – we’ve received **160** and we’ve sent out **160**.

I guess I’m getting onto one of my old warhorse/bandwagons again, but between Locator Profiles, not Located Locators and then the final straw when we receive the sad Vale news and we struggle, not only with the passing, but the fact that we have no connection record with one of ours – it not only adds to the sadness, but it’s downright depressing.

Yes, I respect your privacy, but a simple record, a Locator Profile, would allow us to put a personal touch to the passing of one of ours – if and when we ever get it. I can send you a blank one to be filled in. You can even send in a head’s up so we can

update our records and mates can see or check on your condition/situation.

The number of Locators that we have no contact with is pretty alarming. The 6 blokes that are unaccounted for this month represents 20% of the people we have contact with and who’s to say that some of this number may not be with us?

I send out, between 40 and 60, emails every month under the guise of “Catching up to say g’day” and even that number of responses is dwindling! Don’t get me wrong the responses are great.

I served in SVN for less than a year in ’67 and strangely enough with the March list above there are no names on the “white” list that were there when I was – that’s no excuse for other months maybe. Hey, I can use the excuse that I only served in Arty Tac – hey, how would I know somebody in Survey? Yeah, righto, but that doesn’t really work. Anyway, I’ve had my 11 cents (1.55 pesos) worth, but I’d be really interested in your comments – it might help me reduce my coffee intake during this “Quarantine” whatever. Thanks for listening.

. 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

Name	Rank	Regt No	Section	SVN	DoB	DoD
Salter, Kevin “KJ”	Capt	54170	Survey / Bty BSM	N/a	02.01.38	25.03.20

Kevin Browning – “It is with deep sadness that I am reporting the passing of Kevin Salter. I do not know many details at present but was advised he passed away today in hospital in Brisbane where he had been for a few weeks after suffering a brain bleed.

I first met Kevin at the School of Artillery in February 1967 where he was the WO2 instructor on the survey course. He had previously seen service in Malaya but did not go to Vietnam. In the following years, our paths crossed on many occasions and it was my privilege to know this extreme gentleman and very knowledgeable soldier. Kevin attended the Long Gunnery Course at the Royal School of Artillery on the course before I attended. Our paths crossed on his return and the advice he gave me and other information would have to have been the best one could wish for. Kevin was the first WO1 BSM of 131 Div Loc Bty and following his retirement he undertook survey work in the outback for the mining industry. He would visit us at Enoggera soon after the unit moved from Holsworthy and borrow some survey gear for his work, mainly the tellurometer. He returned to the army via the Army Reserve and commissioned played a further roll at the Battery. I always looked forward to catching up with him at Gunner reunions and always felt he saw me as his son.

I always said that he and Geoff Jebb played significant parts throughout my army career so it is with sadness that Kevin is now gone but not forgotten. I was pleased that last month I could call Geoff and wish him happy birthday on his 90th

Regards, Kevin.”



At left –
Brisbane ANZAC
Day 2011
Kev with the
venerable 25
pounder



At right - Kev with Phil Swinsburg – Brisbane ANZAC Day2013

Peter Bruce – “I have been advised by David Troedel of the death this morning of Kevin Salter. Kevin had not been well for some time. Kevin was a Stalwart of 101 Battery in Malaya and revered for his survey skills within the Locating community and indeed, the RAA overall.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, no funeral will be held however cards and condolences can be sent to Kevin's widow Marjorie at 141 The Palms, 2 Melody Court, Warana. QLD 4575.

A final tribute will be prepared and eventually make its way to the RAAHC web site.

RIP Kevin Salter – one of nature's gentleman.

Peter Bruce, Obituary Resource Officer, RAAHC / pjbruce8@bigpond.net.au

Locator Profile

Surname: Salter **Given Name:** Kevin **Nickname:** KJ **DoB:** 02/01/1938 **State of Origin:** WA (born Fremantle)

What did you do before the army: Started as a labourer in Robbs Jetty Abattoirs, age 15, in sausage skin factory, became a pay clerk, same place aged 18, then a 98-day Nasho aged 19 and into the permanent army.

Army service dates from: 16.04.1957 to 08.09.1978 Regt Nos: 5/410427 then 5/4170 then 54170 (enlisted 16/4/57 Gnr (Corp Enlistment -no Kapooka) If National service, then Intake: First Nasho Scheme – first intake 1957, Jan - Apr 57, 17 NS Trg Bn Swanbourne WA (Pte 5/710510)

Battery/s Activity/s (Bty/s served in, Sections of Bty/s worked in, locations, dates etc): S of A Manly NSW Apr – Aug 57 (GNR GD/DP3 Fd Gun Course). 1 Fd Regt RAA Holsworthy NSW Aug 57 - Sep 59 (102 Lt Bty/4.2 Mors (GNR Sig Arty), HQ Bty Svy Sect (GNR, L/BDR, BDR Regt Svy), 101 Fd Bty/25 Pdrs (BDR Gun Number). 101 Fd Bty RAA (Independent) Butterworth, Malaya, Oct 59 – Sep 60 (25pdrs/4.2mors (BDR Gun Number). Note that Oct 59 – Jul 60 was active service in the Malayan emergency 1948 – 1960. Aug 60 was active service on the Thai-Malay border. 26 Fd Regt RA Oct 60 - Nov 61 (101 Fd Bty but detached to HQ Bty's Regt Svy Sect (BDR Regt Svy). 4 Fd Regt RAA Wacol Qld, Dec 61 – Aug 66 (HQ Bty Regt Svy Sect (BDR Regt Svy in Regt Svy Sgt position then Feb 62 prom Sgt, Regt Svy). Aug 66 – Mar 67 106 Fd Bty (WO2 Bty Guide). Medically downgraded Mar 67, Apr 67 – Jun 67 105 Fd Bty (WO2 Bty Guide). S of A Manly NSW Jul 67 – Dec 71 (AIG Loc Wing). 11 Fd Regt RAA (CMF) Annerley Qld Jan 71 – Nov 73 (BSM ARA). RSA Larkhill UK Dec 73 – Mar 75 (LTS 10 Gunnery Staff Cse/Loc (NCO's). RAGTE Hohne, West Germany Apr 75 – Sep 75 (WO2 AIG). S of A Manly NSW Oct 75 – Jul 77 (Senior AIG Loc Wing). 131 Div Loc Bty RAA Holsworthy NSW Aug 77 – Sep 78 (WO1 BSM (first WO1 BSM). Discharged 08/09/1978. Enlisted Ares 5/11 Fd Regt RAA Annerley Qld 03/10/1978 (WO2 Regt Svy Offr). Promoted Capt PSO 01/01/1982

(Capt Regt Svy Offr). 1st Trg Gp Wacol Qld Jan 83 – Dec 85 (Trg Offr WO/NCO Wing). 5/11 Fd Regt RAA Annerley Jan 86 – Dec 86 (BC HQ Bty). 131 Div Loc Bty RAA (ARA/ARes) Enoggera Qld Jan 87 – Mar 93 (Capt Trg Offr ARes/ Capt Tp Comd 3 WLT Ares (December 1989 Ares changed to GRes), Capt Trg Offr GRes, Capt IO). Discharged 13/03/1993 on reaching 55 years of age.

Who were you in the service with: A hell of a lot of field, locating and AA of all ranks, could mention names but the list would be miles long and too boring for most people who just want to peruse a profile. Most enjoyable times? Again too many but training Arty Svys 67,68,69,70 was great. BSM of 131 – yes, was a top job. Three yrs with the CMF as a Reg was an eye opener but again lots of good times. A best friend from those days was elected RSL Qld Deputy President in June this year; we have stayed in touch for 40 yrs. Sadly our roll of honour from our Malaya tour in 59 – 61 continues to grow. As an Independent Bty we had up to 200 on the ground at one time, our honour roll now numbers just under 100 deceased.

Last Rank: WO1 ARA/Capt PSO (Prescribed Service Officer) ARes then GRes.

What did you do after the army: Twelve months as a statistician for Myers (basically a clerk) then late 79 until Dec 98 I worked in SE Asia, New Caledonia and a lot of Australia as a Seismic Surveyor in the Oil/Coal/Natural Gas Exploration Industry

Anything else of interest: I am happily retired on the Sunshine Coast of Qld near Caloundra, involved in the Qld RSL at Sub-Branch/District level and love it. Have completed the Salter Family Tree and am compiling my life story for my children/grandchildren then should I live long enough I will complete my Mother's side of the family history. Bored – never, too much to do.

What town do you live in now:

Warana. Photos below:





N°10 LONG GUNNERY STAFF COURSE (LOCATING) - ROYAL SCHOOL OF ARTILLERY - LARKHILL W.K.
JANUARY 1974 ————— MARCH 1975

BACK L-R WO2 ED ROSE RA, PHIL DANN RA, BRIAN RUDDOCK RAA, GIFF SKERRY RA. FRONT L-R
WO2 KEV SAUER, CO RSA, CI RSA, MASTER GUNNER RSA, (CO, CIMG, ALL RA) AND SIMMONS RAA.



ENOGGBRA EARLY 93

PHOTO TAKEN AT 131 DIN LOC BTY JUST PRIOR
TO MY DISCHARGE FROM THE ARMY RESERVE
ON REACHING RETIREMENT AGE ~ 55
MARCH 1993





1ST WEAPON LOCATING TROOP
13TH DIVISIONAL LOCATING BATTERY RAA
EXERCISE KANGAROO - 89

Ex Kangaroo 89 was the largest Army Exercise since World War II. Held across Northern Australia late 1989. I was on 6 months Full Time Service from the Army Reserve and commanded this Regular Army Troop for the Exercise.



PACKING UP FOR THE TRIP HOME AT THE COMPLETION OF EX
KANGAROO 89 NORTHERN TERRITORY
LATE 1989



WEAPON LOCATING RADAR COURSE - SHOALWATER
RAY TRAINING AREA ——— MID 1992

I was course Senior Instructor for this course. Course was run as part of annual Army Reserve Training for A Res of 131 DIV LOC BTY.



AIRLIE BEACH QLD — LATE 1992

I was in charge of this group of 131 DIVISIONAL LOCATING BATTERY RAA regular soldiers on adventure training. Adventure training is used to give regular soldiers training in tasks other than military, we worked for NATIONAL PARKS & WILDLIFE. I was Army Reserve (no pay).

GALLIPOLI BARRACKS

EXPIRY DATE
18/11/2007



VISITOR

NAME: KEVIN SALTE

Signature

Location: 20 STA



LT COL. Swindley opens the new 'Mens' Club as Neilson and Terry John look on
(Photograph courtesy of Terry John)



LT COL. Swindley presents the associated set of 'mugshots' to Terry and Neilson
(Photograph courtesy of Terry John)



Mrs. Neilson/Tina assisting in presenting the photographs
(Photograph courtesy of Terry John)



Neilson, Molloy and Garry John share some old times chat with former UK Col 741 The Linc Reg SQN, now Representative Colonel Commandant H&S GEN Tim Ford AO.
(Photograph courtesy of Terry John)

ENOGGERA ARMY BASE (OLD)

16/11/2007



THEODORE CLUB - ANZAC DAY - BRISBANE 2017
KEN SALTER / NORM MC MANUS / DON SINCLAIR

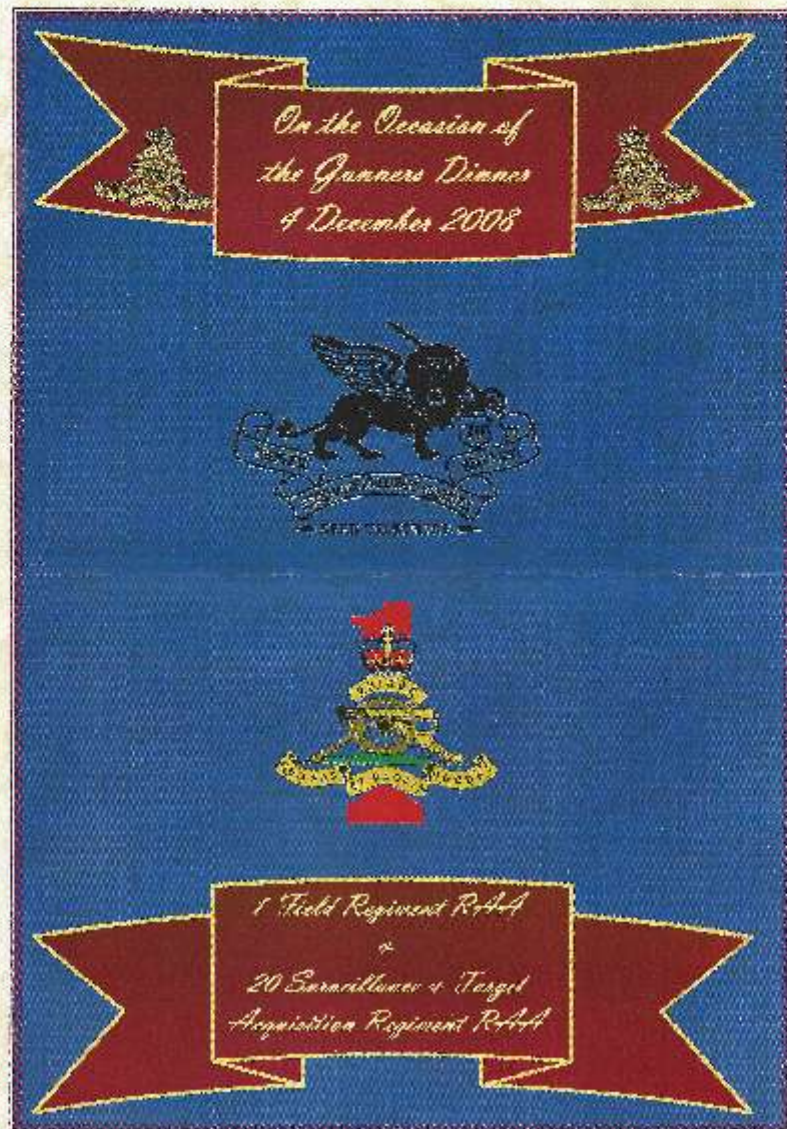


KEN SALTER / DAVE TROGDEL

4/12/2008

LT COL D PEARCE
(CO 205TH REGT)

&
KSS



DAVE
&
KEITH



KEVIN
&
KJ

KJ
SCOTTY
ANDREW LJ
&
MICK





RAA NATIONAL
GUNNER DINNER
CANBERRA

14 MAY 2011

← L-R
MAS GEN T FORD
KYM MCGRATH
LT GEN D MUELLER
ICSS
REV BROWNING



← L-R
CHRIS JOHNSON
TIM FORD
? SCRUBBER ATTEND



KEITH
COSSART



ICSS &
Solina
MACPHERSON
(GREY)
(MAC)



ICSS & GEN BROWNING

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.

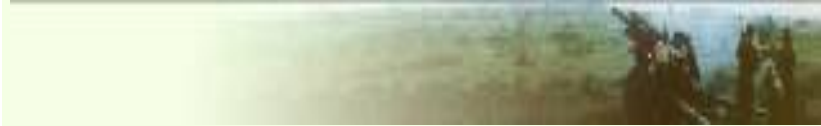
So, if you're a non-financial Associate receiving emails and the *Eyes & Ears* regularly you could bite the bullet and email Grahame Dignam: sectreas131locators@gmail.com and he could forward you the relevant forms to join - Memberships are available for 1 year or longer deposit a DONATION direct (add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

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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/>

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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