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2022 – 56 Years and the Detachment 131 Spirit Lives On: 1966 – 1971



. RTA'ing Continues...May, 1968

. Bert Blink – a photo titled simply "Leaving Vietnam".

The photo has **Max Troynar** (no shirt and NOT "Leaving") then **Bert**, **Geoff Blackwell** and **Ric Marques**. The photo was taken by **Barry Guzder** who was part of the "Leaving Party".

NB: "Fagging" was pretty common in those days!

. Moratoriums against the Vietnam War – a reflection from some 52 years ago this month...

8th May, 1970 - a sad memory from a distant time, 52 years ago –



The Vietnam moratorium protests, the first of which took place on **8 May 1970**, were the largest public demonstrations in Australia's history at the time.

The protests took place during a period of great social change in Australia, when people from a range of backgrounds were prepared to defy authority.

1970: 70,000 anti-Vietnam War protesters swarm Melbourne plus 20,000 in Sydney



RTA Project for 2022

Here's May – no photo though of any or group waving goodbye...

Just off the top of my head – those who RTA'd in a May were...

1966 – Nil

1967 – Damian McManus, Ray Smith, Gary Luscombe, Merv Nairn, Brian Turner, Bill Finlay, Barry Uren, Terry Westerway, Robert White (Late)

1968 – Des Bailey, Ric Marques, Bert Blink, Barry Guzder, Geoff Blackwell

1969 – Derek Hinde, John McNeill (Late), Philip Mulgrew, Norman Lindroos

1970 – Peter Pioro, Brian Johnson (Late),

1971 – Gary Navas, Brian Johnson (Late – both 1st and 2nd tours), Grahame Smith, Rudolph Marsani, Eric Winn, David Keech (Late), Roger Pryke, Richard Edwards, John O'Neill, Peter Wertheimer (Late)

Richard Edwards, John O'Neill, Peter Wertheimer

Phew – were there more? I can't think of anyone else!



Give me a Name?

The "Lost Locator Project"

This Project is being re-ignited for 2022.

Our current list contains the names of **26** Locators (as at 01.05.22) that we have not had contact with since basically commencing communications in 2012, so, we thought this year is as good as any to try and reduce this number.

However, this doesn't mean that we still have contact with the total number of Battery/Detachment members we have Located over time as continuing correspondence has lapsed in a lot of cases.

We regularly check bereavement/funeral notices and this does not locate members in the way we really want to. So, we're appealing for YOUR help in scouring all sorts of sources – local RSL's may not a good starter.

I can send you the total list of names or, if you prefer, by years in SVN to give you a starting point. I will keep an update and publish monthly results in *Eyes & Ears* and the Associations Facebook page on the web site.

Paul Dickson

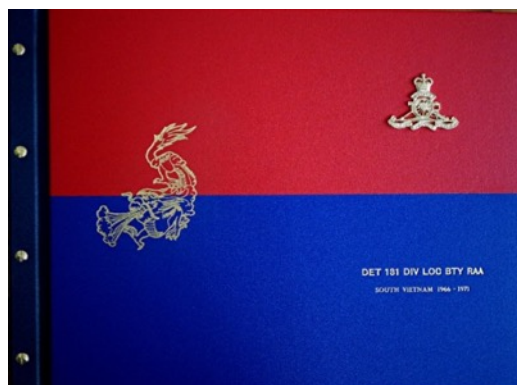
Get in touch with me via 131eyesandears@gmail.com

The following data is extracted from the year 1970, that the 26 members began their tour of SVN...

NAME	Regt. No.	BORN	IN SVN	OUT SVN	
LESLIE SAURINE	2791863	1947	24 03 1970	17 12 70	
PETER FIELDEN	3797872	1949	25 11 1970	12 08 1971	
MICHAEL BARLOW	2792252	1949	19 08 1970	11 03 1971	
ERIC WILLIAMS	1735449	1948	13 02 1970	04 02 1971	
MARCUS ROBINSON	2791229	1948	20 01 1970	13 08 1970	
TERENCE McMANIS	44277	1950	30 05 1970	09 10 1970	
DONALD PERRY WO2	38675	1936	15 04 1970	19 11 1970	
RODOLFO MARSANI	3796861	1948	20 08 1970	20 08 1970	131
" "			20 08 1970	05 05 1971	4 Fd Regt.
GREGORY LUCAS	1735725	1949	20 08 1970	20 08 1970	131
" "			20 08 1970	29 10 1970	4 Fd Regt.
ERIC WINN	219656	1951	30 05 1970	07 08 1970	131
" "			07 08 1970	05 05 1971	4 Fd Regt.
BARRY DYSON	3795956	1947	03 06 1970	04 03 1971	
LAURENCE MION	3795762	1948	01 04 1970	03 12 1970	
STUART TELFORD	2791930	1948	20 01 1970	03 12 1970	
SIMON WILLIS	3797687	1948	02 12 1970	29 07 1971	
CHARLES O'NEILL	1735063	1946	15 04 1970	17 12 1970	
EDWARD WEBB	29964	1941	27 01 1970	21 01 1971	
PETER O'DONNELL Sgt.	213115	1941	24 03 1970	05 11 1970	
BRUCE FOWLER	2795238	1949	16 12 1970	29 07 1971	
REX ARNOLD	424096	1949	16 12 1970	29 05 1971	
" "			29 05 1971	16 09 1971	Ind 161 Recce Flt.
WILHELMUS Van ZETTEN	3794919	1947	17 03 1970	17 12 1970	
IAN BUBB	2792358	1948	13 05 1970	11 03 1971	RAEME
GARY CHILLINGSWORTH	313477	1951	29 11 1970	05 08 1971	
DENNIS AVERY	4720906	1948	19 08 1970	09 06 1971	
DAVID DACRE	5716803	1948	20 08 1970	20 08 1970	
JORG KIENE	3797963	1947	09 11 1970	05 08 1971	
MICHAEL BOYLE Lt.	217004	1946	17 02 1970	11 02 1971	

I look forward to hearing from you with regards to the above, plus any other years that you may want to have a look at.

. **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 –

Paul Dickson at - 131eyesandears@gmail.com

. **Phil Mulgrew** relates a memory from a photo in April’s *Eyes & Ears* in the article on Mick Bohl –

“Hi Paul

The unidentified gent on the left in the photograph in the Mick Bohl article on Page 12 of the current *Eyes and Ears* edition is **Vic Claxton**. Mick, Vic and Frank were going through North Head the same time as myself and I had the usual adventures out drinking with each one at different times during the Course. Sad to note that all three have passed away well before their time. Fortunately, I remember them as young bucks spoiling for a fight and enjoying life. Phil Mulgrew.”



. **Kevin Browning** – gives another insight to his Artillery meanderings...

“Hi Paul,

My grey matter must have been affected by all the water falling here, and we have been told it should be a wet April as well, for I recall now that I owe you something on **Jeff Evans** work on “**Vietnam Gunners**”. Will get back to you on that shortly.

Apart from several other matters have been working on recording the story of Artillery Meteorology. **Harry Lynas** has been assisting, and today, forwarded his information. I subsequently looked at the draft record we had prepared. Several people have contributed. One, **Chris Whetton**, provided his memory of RAA Meteorology 1980-2005. He commenced with his course photo...



1/80 Met Arty Course -

Front row l-r: Gnr Chris Whetton, Sgt Max Crane, WO2 Terry Wilson [SMIG], MAJ Jeff Evans [SI], WO2 David Doyle [SMIG], Bdr Geoffrey [Jock] Evans [Bdr Instr], GNR Mark Choquenot.

Rear row l-r: Gnr Russell Chapman, Gnr Ralph Spiegel, Gnr Jeff Dwyer, Gnr Graeme Wedge, Gnr David Foster, Gnr Chris Wise, Gnr Jason Coates, Gnr David Ogden.

He discusses the issue of hydrogen supply with some interesting anecdotes. One to do with the Hydrogen Generator you may find interesting. The Hydrogen Generator was a British equipment we introduced in 1982 to try and resolve a supply problem. It used a methanol/water mix. It should have been demineralised water but we initially used distilled water which caused some equipment issues. But it was found exposure to methanol had an accumulative effect on the body, monthly blood tests became the norm. It was discovered that the ingestion of normal alcohol would assist in the dissipation of any methanol in the system and so meteorologists were looking at being allowed a few beers when working the hydrogen generator. This honest attempt to look after the health and well-being of meteorologists came to nought when it was assessed that the TP would have to consume the annual production of Carlton United Breweries to make a dent in any methanol poisoning!

Anecdote. During a support by the Half Met Section at Singleton with the Hydrogen Generator on its first outing, we occupied the SMR compound as usual. This was great as we setup the CP in the room at the base of the Control Tower, used the waiting shed as our home away from home, had the use of the ablutions [porcelain poo was most important for meteorologists!], and used the clear grassed area to the east for hydrogen storage / filling. This time we had the hydrogen generator setup with the mandatory warning signs out and two of the guys were filling her up. So, it was that, whilst the filling was taking place, the three sections of an apprentice grunt platoon arrived at the range via GP Boot. The looks on their faces when they saw two soldiers in full NBC kit [a stopgap until we got the right gear] filling a strange contraption from jerry-cans painted battleship grey with bright yellow 'racing stripes' results in them allowing far more than the 25m that the warning signs recommended! I suppose we other gunners did not help the matter by coughing uncontrollably and making comments such as: "How did your last blood test come back?", "Negative, thank God!"; and "Lucky the wind's blowing the other way, I wouldn't want to get a whiff of that stuff!"

He also had another one for the radar used by the Met section. The fact it was mounted on a light trailer for towing behind a landrover, meant it also bounced around a lot which doesn't go well with electronic equipment. The radar went out of service pretty quickly. But Chris was posted to Proof Range at Port Wakefield in South Australia. They obtained a radar and Chris was tasked to set it up. His comment is interesting:

I marched in to Port Wakefield as the Met BDR in Oct of 1985 to be told to refresh myself on the Met Radar MMS-F1 as one would be arriving early in the New Year. As I had only seen this 'beasty' in pictures and had never been trained on it I collared a mate who was posted to the School to grab a pam from archives and mail it over to me along with any notes he may have on it as he had done the last course on the thing. Anyway, the pam arrived with a note from my mate stating that the radar was absolute shit, never worked properly and the people who had worked on it were popping kids with two heads!

Regards,
Kevin"

. **Iain Kennedy** – revives a great **Recollection...**- the following is a post on the 131 Locators Association Facebook page -

“To all my fellow Coral/Balmoral veterans, wishing you all a Healthy and enjoyable 54th anniversary. It is a time long ago, but not forgotten. Please all look after yourselves and we will catch up in Canberra for the 55th? Maybe, I’m up for it.

Photo: 50th Anniversary 2018, Canberra.



. **Quiz Time.**

Yes, I’m back with another strange one...

This is not necessarily a typical (whatever that means) “Quiz Time” article but one with questions included, so let’s get started...

“**Nicknames**” – what was the origin of yours, if you got one at any stage?

Here’s some - Dicko/Boots/Dig – all a bit obvious, but Mook (Ron Evans) - really?

Mine (Dicko) goes back as far as primary school and is still alive today.

Now what about you blokes – how did you get your “nickname” if you were cursed?

Here’s the answer from last month’s query...

Bert Blink confesses to owning the little “red beast” featured in April... “This is my car and Caroline (my daughter) had driven it to Belconnen to meet some friends for breakfast, it is free parking. Caroline is mainly working from home.

Bert.”



From the Advocate's Desk...



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AN INVESTIGATION

181 Days



. The Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal (RVCM)

This is just a continuing update with regards to the progress being made with the submissions on behalf of Defense Force Members, who for no reasons of their own, were not awarded The Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal (RVCM) –

"Hi there Paul

21.05.22

Yes, the election result has momentarily affected the campaign.

Luckily, I've kept the former Opposition involved along the way and have strong written support from its senior ranks.

I will await until the dust settles before I continue with the campaign. My appeal submission is still current in government circles.

Regards Richard. OAM."

Paul Dickson

"Nothing ventured, nothing gained."

. **David Dougherty** – sent in the following email and attachments that relate to communications he got involved in back in 2008. It's an absolutely fascinating topic which got responses from numerous veterans...

"Hi Paul,

While going through old files on my computer I came across the attached taken from the RSL Magazine Reveille in 2008 I think. As you will see it raised a certain level of ire not only with me but with many others.

The Helen Nolan that wrote the original letter (see below) lists herself as a Viet Vet, but at the time going through all the records I could not find her in either military or civilian records of those who were there and assumed that this could be because she had since married. I have since learnt that she was in the US PX, so basically a "shop assistant" based on my cynicism. She, a couple of years ago, made a comment in regard to a clip, on YouTube to which my pointed reminder of these letters received no response from her.

Since then I have also learnt that I was not the only one whom had a delayed RTA, and not only in 131, so my thoughts go to those. My comment regarding the angst mentioned in my letter was in that my father was later told by Maj. Gen. McDonald that "That bloody son of yours caused me a lot of trouble", yes, the same General who was Commander of Australian Forces in 1968. My comment in return does not bear worth repeating.

So, as you can perhaps gather her letter still irks me.

Regards,
David Dougherty

Helen Nolan's letter that raised the responses...

I was most interested in Mike Butler's article, but it didn't answer the obvious question it raises. As we all know, no conscript (or conscientious objector) was made to go to Vietnam. They had a choice, to stay and peel potatoes or to volunteer to go. Therefore what I want to know is, what made these men change their mind and go?

It is quite misleading of Mr Butler to state: "In 1965 Barry Heard's name was picked out of a ballot to fight in Vietnam to be one of the first conscripts since WWII." The ballot wasn't to go to Vietnam – it was to be conscripted into the army. I repeat, all conscripts volunteered to fight in Vietnam.

It does none of us a service to continue the popular myth that the government made conscripts go to war.

Helen Nolan
Vietnam Veteran 1968-70

...the editor's note which includes, in the last paragraph the issue's hornets' nest – "all conscripts volunteered to fight in Vietnam" ...

EDITOR'S NOTE



I was just about to start this with "Another issue – another hornets' nest", when it suddenly occurred to me it's my 10th anniversary. Yes, my first issue was Jan-Feb 1999, the ANZAC Bridge issue! (And incidentally it was my Art Director Petra Timmermann's first issue too

– three children later she's still with us.)

In that time things have changed enormously – and I don't just mean two State Presidents, a State Secretary and the whole structure of State Council. No, the whole format of the magazine has gradually evolved with the times until it's almost unrecognisable except for the size. And instead of the huge bundle of handwritten submissions every two months and the arduous transcribing onto computer, almost 90 per cent of the material now comes by electronic means, and while the letter box maintains its rude good health, the Sub-Branch News has grown considerably as sub-Branches have begun more and more to espouse the electronic age.

But it is the Letters section that remains my pride and joy. *Reveille* is still one of the two favourite magazines I've ever worked on, because it is virtually entirely generated by the enthusiastic participation of you, the members, who contribute freely, but nowhere more vociferously than on the Letters pages, where you never let a stray remark go by without jumping on it with both feet.

For those who don't know (but may have suspected), most letters pages in periodicals are fake (I exclude newspapers), made up by the loyal staff – hence the large number in weekend colour magazines which say the reader was "moved to tears" or "laughed until I cried" and so so on. Yeah, right! Thank goodness, in those 10 years every single letter in *Reveille* has been genuine and usually heartfelt.

Which brings me back to this issue's hornets' nest, arising from a rather ill-advised statement in a letter last issue that "all conscripts volunteered to fight in Vietnam". To effectively summarise the next couple of pages, in a voice dripping with irony: "Yeah, right . . ."

Graham Barry

REVEILLE 4

... the following are the responses from Veterans (spread over two pages) to Nolan's letter...

VIETNAM CONSCRIPTS

Being of a retiring nature I have never before put pen to paper over any issue. However, I have been sparked into action by the letter from fellow Vietnam veteran Helen Nolan (Vol. 81 No. 6 November 2008 issue). Helen states: "As we all know, no conscript (or conscientious objector) was made to go to war;" and also: "It does none of us a service to continue the popular myth that the government made conscripts go to war."

I must admit to being confused as I, and a number of other National Servicemen who served with me, did not volunteer for Vietnam. In my particular case, at corps training, when asked for posting preferences, I nominated Sydney and Brisbane. Instead I was sent to Puckapunyal and Vietnam. The standing joke at the time was that we who had not volunteered were actually in country before most of those we knew who had volunteered.

I recall during recruit and corps training we were encouraged to volunteer so we would be eligible for the benefits of war service loans etc. However, we were informed that even if we did not volunteer we could still be sent to Vietnam, and we were.

If Helen is correct, then those of us who did not volunteer must have been "mistakenly" posted to Vietnam. However, I firmly believe that to say no conscript was made to go to Vietnam is the real myth.

Mr Editor, could we please have the official word on this dilemma.

Ronald D. Russell
Vietnam Veteran (1969-70)

I do not recall at any stage of my life as a conscript "volunteering", as you say, for service in Vietnam. However I served as a member of the 7th Battallion, RAR.

Like so many other young 20 year old men I was conscripted under the legislation imposed by the Rt Hon Sir R.G. Menzies, to build up the army after its "demise" after the Korean War.

I also recall that, until I was transported by train from Avenel to Sydney and marched

onto HMAS Sydney, March 1967, I did not believe we were going to Vietnam. And at no time during that training period at Puckapunyal (4th Intake, 20 April 1966) did I volunteer.

It was the decision of the Rt Hon Harold Holt that sent us all to a war we never wanted to go to!

So I suggest Helen Nolan should make certain of her facts before making any further comments on this issue, particularly as I lost 16 close mates in that overseas conflict.

J. Booker, Ex A Coy 7RAR
Vietnam 1967-1968

This assertion is also made in Paul Ham's *Vietnam, The Australian War*.

In my case I was advised in late 1967 that I was going to Canungra prior to being sent to Vietnam. I did not volunteer and I was not consulted as to whether or not I wanted to go. There was no choice, just a simple statement that I would be going. It may be that many, as well as some who otherwise might not have gone, volunteered to do so. There was no issue in my case of "They had a choice, to stay and peel potatoes or volunteer to go" as stated so flippantly (or possibly derogatorily) by Helen Nolan.

Another issue that follows from this that I would like to raise is that 12 months was supposedly the maximum period of service in Vietnam. As I served nearly 13 months from January 1968 to February 1969 this 12 month maximum period was also definitely incorrect. In fact, at the end of 12 months, as I could get no information as to the likely date of my return, I resorted to writing to the Minister and the GOC Eastern Command. This (as was confirmed to me much later) caused much angst amongst the powers lest it become public knowledge and it was as a result of this that I was repatriated. Without this action by myself my period "in country" would have been even longer.

Or perhaps it was that I inadvertently "volunteered" for two tours.

David Dougherty, Willow Vale, Ex RAA

... the following continues the responses from Veterans (spread over two pages) to Nolan's letter...

In the book *Vietnam* (Paul Ham), Brigadier Colin Khan DSO was quoted as saying a similar thing.

• **I was a conscript, I was sent to Vietnam and I did not want to go.**

In the afternoon of 16.7.69 my wife and I hugged each other and cried in the park at Watsons Bay, opposite The Gap. Yes, we did consider that option – and we were scared, of the unknown. I was classified as a craftsman in RAEME, but I didn't know what I was going to.

I wasn't a conscientious objector – I just didn't want to go to Vietnam.

I returned from Vietnam (16.7.70) and was discharged from National Service (16.3.71), two years and 35 days, the last six weeks in hospital with knee reconstruction.

Do I think the marble ballot was rigged – bloody oath.

Do I regret those two years and 35 days – bloody oath.

Do I despise the Australian Army and what it stands for – never!

I did not and never will believe that the Australian military should have been involved in the Vietnam War. It was a waste of the lives of 520 young men and thousands who were maimed and injured both physically and mentally for the rest of their lives.

In recruit training I was awarded the "Best Soldier Trophy". I fly the Australian flag at my house in Sydney. I am the President of an RSL sub-Branch in Sydney and I will always work to provide welfare assistance to our members and their widows.

Alan Bell, Vietnam Veteran 1969-70

Yes, Helen Nolan, that's the official line given, "no conscript was made to go to Vietnam", also endorsed in *Vietnam, The Australian War*, by Paul Ham.

Unofficially we were not given that choice: as I was told on the day we made out our Wills, all Nashos are going to Vietnam. My story rings true with half a dozen of my mates, from other units! I served in a gun battery in SVN in 1970.

M. Berriman, 15th Intake Mallabula

Let me put Helen Nolan and any other doubter right: I was in the third intake of national servicemen who against my will entered the army in 1966. The alternative was a jail sentence. In those early days of the lottery

system the government of the day did say that conscripts would not be sent to Vietnam.

However, during our basic training (which I did at Kapooka down Wagga Wagga way, they back-flipped and announced that conscripts would indeed be sent to South Vietnam.

Let me spell it out: conscripts were sent against their will to fight in South Vietnam and I was one of them. In our unit alone there was one fellow who believed that his local member of parliament would be intervening and stopping him from going, even as we boarded the aircraft that took us first to Darwin and later to the war zone. Most of the men who served with me at Nui Dat and the numerous operations in which we participated were conscripts and none as I recall volunteered. I am really upset at the way people through ignorance, and the authoritative way they declare fact, contribute to history being recorded incorrectly.

**David Murray
Vietnam Vet 1966-68
Narrabeen**

All letters to Reveille are the authors' own words (including the letter in the last issue which sparked this spirited response). Obviously there may be official views to the contrary, but the RSL would not wish to dispute in any way the accounts given by members of what their own experiences demonstrate happened to them in those far off days of National Service – Don Rowe, State President

. A footnote to the above article –

Ed – The following table lists members of the Detachment who served more than one year (365 days) during a single tour of Vietnam.

The list contains **83** names, both Regular Service and National Service members. This number (83 members) represents **17.6%** of the 476 members who served in Vietnam.

"+" beside names, indicates a National Serviceman, and that number listed is **43** and equates to **51.2%** of the total number of Detachment members who served in excess of 365 days on a single tour in Vietnam.

Ok, some members served a minor number of days in excess, but when the Government is very pedantic about the **180 Day** qualification for awarding the **Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal (RCVM)** - dates are dates. Was there ever any consideration to "thank" these members for the extra time served through no fault of their own?

It must be noted that **Brian Smythe** served 458 days (93 days – more than 3 months / a quarter of a year - more than the supposed regulation) – our longest single tour member. **There must be a story to this?**

Then the two members who served 390 days plus – the late **Alan Thompson** (399 days) and the late **Robert White** (390 days).

Also, worth noting is **David Dougherty's** (385 days) mention of writing (above in Reveille) to the "Minister and the GOC Eastern Command" – both to no avail.

If you would care to comment, I look forward to hearing from you, Paul.

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NAME	Regt. No.	IN SVN	OUT SVN	COMMENTS	D.I.C.*
WALLY FRANKLIN	1411285	29 01 1968	28 01 1969		366
ALAN McDONALD	511355	05 12 1967	03 12 1968		372
COLIN GORDON	16975	15 03 1968	26 03 1969	† 28.03.10	376
ROBERT GIBSON	2787361+	29 01 1968	07 02 1969	† 02.03.21	376
TERENCE HUNT	3792120+	19 02 1968	21 02 1969		369
GEOFFREY JEBB WO2	24660	12 04 1968	16 04 1969		370
BRIAN LESLIE MITCHELL	2412582+	14 03 1968	26 03 1969		377
GEOFF HOLDEN	2785828+	12 09 1967	17 09 1968		372
RAY SMITH	3787666+	20 05 1966	02 05 1967		347
GRAHAME LEE	2787457+	23 04 1968	23 04 1969		366
BARRY COOKE Sgt.	54886	16 09 1968	24 09 1969	RAAOC	373
DES McGUIGGAN Sgt.	214722	20 01 1970	21 01 1971	† 24.02.21	366
PETER McKIE	2787728+	22 04 1968	23 04 1969		367
NEVILLE WORTLEHOCK	54941	29 04 1968	30 04 1969		366
BRIAN CAMPBELL	2781310+	22 04 1966	30 04 1967		374
RONALD ROBARDS	216900	21 02 1968	21 02 1969		370
IAN MORRIS Capt.	243062	10 03 1970	09 07 1970	RAEME	366
" "		09 07 1970	11 03 1971	106 Fd Wkshp	
HILTON HOLLOWAY	1736606+	16 12 1970	03 05 1971	131	375
" "		03 05 1971	26 10 1971	12 Fd Regt.	
DAVID MARTIN	2781662+	22 04 1966	29 04 1967		373
RICHARD BRISTOW	1733143+	12 04 1968	16 04 1969		370
GRAEME OWEN	39453	08 11 1968	19 11 1969		376
KEN WOODBINE	2786077+	12 09 1967	17 09 1968		372
DENNIS DYE	2412366+	27 11 1967	26 11 1968		366
PETER DEALY	3411983+	18 02 1968	21 02 1969		369
VITO CICCOLELLA	2791669+	16 12 1969	17 12 1970		366
JOHN I'ANSON	2787424+	12 04 1968	16 04 1969		370
IAN AMOS	2785676+	12 09 1967	17 09 1968		372
PAUL BUSS	2781443+	22 04 1966	28 04 1967	† 28.09.11	372
RALPH PEARCE	214806	22 04 1966	30 04 1967	† Unknown	374
STEPHEN FOWLER	217186	16 09 1968	17 09 1969		367
ROBERT PELHAM	55342	16 11 1968	19 11 1969		368
GEORGE ADDISON WO2	2410040+	16 04 1969	16 04 1970	† 27.12.12	366
DAVID DODD	2790139+	03 06 1969	04 06 1970		366
MALCOLM MUSGRAVE	214359	03 06 1969	04 06 1970		367
JOSEPH LOSIAK	218302	04 11 1969	05 11 1970		366
LES SMITHLESTER	1201202+	23 09 1968	24 09 1969		367
MICHAEL BUTLER	3796958+	04 06 1970	09 06 1971		371
ARTHUR LUXFORD Sgt.	212803	20 01 1969	28 01 1970	† 01.01.08	374
ALAN THOMSON	42308	20 05 1966	22 06 1967	† 07.10.15	399
PIERRE GOSS	213990	24 03 1969	25 03 1970	† 06.08.11	367
ROBERT ETHERINGTON	66962	04 11 1969	19 11 1970		380
LES FROST	215230	22 04 1966	28 04 1967	† 26.03.14	372
KENNETH JONES	2786931+	27 11 1967	26 11 1968		366
COLIN WEST	2152525+	20 01 1969	21 01 1970		366
STANLEY PATTERSON	38451	29 01 1969	28 11 1969		366

DAVID PIMM	215746	17 04 1967	23 04 1968	RAEME	373
STEPHEN PALMER	18820	12 04 1968	30 04 1969	RAEME † 03.12.72	384
PHILIP MULGREW	3411756+	29 04 1968	07 05 1969		373
JOHN DELLACA	3791355+	29 01 1968	28 01 1969		366
LARRY BRIDGE	2786506+	15 03 1968	18 03 1969		368
KEVIN GEOGHEGAN	219351	16 12 1970	02 06 1971	131	372
' "		02 06 1971	23 12 1971	HQ AFV	
MERV DART	37821	03 01 1967	09 01 1968	† 2001	372
FRANK PEPPER	216683	12 09 1967	17 09 1968	† 27.12.89	372
BRIAN BLACK	2786469+	27 11 1967	26 11 1968	† 18.01.11	366
GARRY LEPLAW	217182	05 02 1968	11 02 1969	† 06.12.83	373
GREGORY TOMMASI 2Lt.	3791966+	10 03 1970	25 08 1970	131	366
" "		25 08 1970	11 03 1971	4 Fd Regt.	
ROBERT BILLIARDS	2785702+	12 09 1967	17 09 1968		372
GEOFFREY CARTHEW	2793339+	03 06 1970	09 06 1971		371
IAN BRIGNELL	2789405+	20 01 1969	21 01 1970		366
BRIAN SMYTHE L/Bdr	1201484	02 09 1968	03 12 1969		458
PAUL JONES	216324	22 04 1966	30 04 1967	† 09.09.68	374
NORMAN LINDROOS	3410957+	20 05 1968	24 05 1969		368
TORIN WHITE	218372	21 02 1969	25 02 1970		369
JOHN VITKOVSKY	4718271+	02 03 1967	12 03 1968		377
IAN MURLEY	38503	12 04 1968	23 04 1969		377
PAUL TYS Lt.	235362	17 03 1969	18 03 1970		367
PETER LARKIN	3793067+	08 11 1968	19 11 1969		376
VAUGHAN MILLAR	3411742+	27 11 1967	26 11 1968		366
MICHAEL O'KEEFE	2787168+	08 01 1968	14 01 1969	AACC † 1980	373
DAVID DOUGHERTY	2786594+	17 01 1968	04 02 1969		385
KEVEN BUSH	3792069+	18 02 1968	21 02 1969		369
ANTHONY O'MARA	38334	15 03 1968	18 03 1969	RAEME † 01.01.85	369
TERRY WESTERWAY	215818	04 05 1966	07 05 1967		369
ROBERT WHITE	311537	22 04 1966	16 05 1967	† 1992	390
MICHAEL DAVIS	4720736+	20 01 1970	30 01 1971		375
CHRISTOPHER BRAZIER	2792185+	24 02 1970	25 02 1971		366
THOMAS KING	1411018+	12 12 1966	12 12 1967		366
MICHAEL BURGESS Capt.	242895	24 03 1968	26 03 1969	RAEME	367
PETER BREMNER	1734544+	16 04 1969	16 04 1970		366

*D.I.C = Days in Country



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...

. Steve Wynn – “Hi mate,

I hope you are both safe and well, over there in Mexico. Don't spend too much money on the reno of the new place mate, WW3 is around the corner.

Why is it you aren't swimming across the Rio Grande with all the hordes of illegals?

Forgive my tardiness, I did not forget to reply to you but got caught up in lots of distractions at home. I have been driving my wife into the next town (you thought I was going to say up the wall - probably true too) to see the Cardio specialist for various tests, weekly now for a couple of months. Now the Cardio wants more tests (how would they pay their multiple property mortgages otherwise) to see if she has thickening of the heart. My wife will not slow down, she has to be busy all the time working in our orchard and vegetable gardens.

I went to the ANZAC march in **Wauchope** and got a pic for you, too late it seems, it is attached if you want it. I got myself in the midst of a large crowd, then remembered Covid was still lurking, so removed myself to a more open area ha, ha.



I have not had my booster, which was due last week, I am still thinking about it, after reading all the reports released from Pfizer, as ordered by the USA judge, I am in two minds now. I will have a flu shot this year which is a separate shot to Covid.

In between I have been prepping for Winter and still cutting bloody grass - yes in the rain, the rain has not let up for many months now, in fact all summer and still raining yesterday. A friend said they looked up the rain records and we (Wauchope) have had only 2 periods of maximum 3 days of no rain in 3 months, although in the past few weeks we have had a couple of 4 day periods with no rain, yippee. Starting to make quacking sounds when I talk. Looks like rain again now.

I have been standing in 25-50mm of water on our block quite often this Summer, every time I go out to do something. Our block is well drained from West to East with 1m of fall over the 100m. We are 33m ASL so not too much concern about flooding, although we have a creek 20m off our Southern boundary that does overflow but has not bothered us. Yippin Creek was more of a flood issue for us in our last house in town (Millwood) than here at Yippin Creek. We do get cut off from time to time with flooded creeks but nothing that lasts more than a day or two. Quack, quack. My wife is a wake up to me heading out to work when it is raining, she no longer says you can't work in the rain, she now says put a raincoat on, bugger.

As you know I had a melanoma removed from my right leg on 4 Nov 2021, my leg was infected and in a bad state (no not NSW) for months, the local hospital nurse was still digging stitches out of my leg in Jan 2022. My leg has been swollen ever since the op, and the swelling won't go down, even after using pressure bandages every day and for the first month keeping it suspended. Got a GP phone consult in the morning. A mate told me last week he has waited 4 months for an appointment to see a GP F2F in Wauchope.

I am putting off doing some things as long as I can lately, I am not as stable when on the house roof cleaning the flu or washing the solar panels, so I put it off, but the cold weather forced my hand. My wife, who seems to derive some pleasure from finding things for me to do, found the bottom stainless section of the flu on the wood fire was rusted out, so I had to get on the roof and clean the flu before replacing the section of flu. Recharged the solar hot water panels and cleaned the power solar panels while on the roof too. I will probably get someone to do it for me in future, although I cannot get labourers, brickies or builders to do anything here, they are either flat out making a fortune with building projects or happy on the dole. I gave my handyman a list of small building jobs I wanted him to do, 3 months ago, and haven't seen him since, needless to say I have done all the jobs myself now. I pay whatever price they ask, in cash, so that is not a problem.

Take care and stay safe mate,
Steve Wynn."

. **Philip Mulgrew** – "Hi Paul.

I hope you and Helen enjoyed your time in Mexico City. I know you were looking forward to the holiday.

As I said in my last reply, Helen and I are heading down to Melbourne on the 24th of May and staying with my youngest son, Brendan and his wife Kim along with bub, Rueben, who is seven months of age now. Brendan has been promoted recently to the rank of Captain in the Regular Army. He's a Sig and is currently attached to the Army Data Hub based in Canberra, but works out of Simpson Barracks, Watsonia with occasional forays to Canberra and Victoria Barracks, Melbourne.

I hope to catch up with some of my relatives and outlaws, Oops, I mean in-laws while we are down there once again. La Nina is working overtime here with all the rain that has plummeted down in South East QLD over the last three months. The Gympie business district was flooded again last week for the second or third time. It must be getting monotonous for them up there. They may have to grow gills to get around. But Longreach looks like a town on the coast, green everywhere and plenty of water lying around. The rains have been dumping in the right places in the west of the state.
Take care."

. **Ron Mason – Dookie** – “Hi Paul, just a bit late for the main E&E it would seem, anyway here is a little about our Anzac Day in Dookie –

Anzac Day in Dookie 2022

At last an Anzac Day without Covid19 restrictions: the weather was on our side and the Dookie people turned out in strong support. What more could you ask! The 20th Light Horse Victorian Mounted Rifle group added ceremonial dress and colour and the Shepparton Military Rifle Club added their support with a co-ordinated gunfire salute. Dookie Primary School students gave readings and led the singing of the National anthem at the conclusion of the service. The service was very well attended by the local community with over 170 people there. The Anzac appeal was also very well supported. In the attached photo the only locator is on the left (yours truly) the other two are Vietnam Vets at least.



I the photo above, with me on the left are - centre David Schier, ex-Navy & MC for the day, next is Graeme Laws ex-17 Destruction (well, he says all he did was blow s... up) President of Dookie RSL. I happen to be Secretary of said RSL. As an RSL, Dookie would be on the very small side, no building & less than 10 service members. So, Anzac Day & Remembrance Day services are our main functions.

Hope all is well with the northern hemisphere locator. I think I will be an apology for the next zoom meeting unfortunately. Take care & stay safe, Ron M.”

. Ian Campbell – “Paul,

Good to hear from Sunny Mexico, happy to hear you are keeping well and keeping your mask close. We don't go to any indoor place, or large gathering without “The Mask”. It has become second nature and now with the threat of a bad flu season. Even more reason.

We keep planning to go somewhere but there is always something that comes up to block it. “Monkeypox”, new strain of Covid, lockdown, or increased cases in the planned country to visit. Just going to have to visit local Aussie destinations for now at least.

I've now got my first 5,000Kms on my full electric vehicle (EV) and not been near a petrol station since mid-January. Charge it at home 99.9% of the time, but I did travel to Airport West to try a new high speed charger at the shopping centre and while we had lunch the car was fully charged for \$9.00. My challenge now is to try longer trips, furthest I've gone so far is Healesville sanctuary and back. I think Ballarat to see **John Dellaca**, or Bendigo to the Elvis exhibit is my next challenge. Today is election day and whichever way it goes, we are going to be in for a bumpy ride over the next few years.

Disappointed there was no event on to commemorate the Battle of Coral/Balmoral on 13th May this year, maybe next year being 55 years we can do something in Canberra? What does the rest of our Unit think?

We don't need sunscreen now it getting quite cool and winter is fast approaching. I'll finish up for now, stay healthy, stay safe.

Cheers, Iain K.”

Ed – Ian makes a good point re: Battle Coral/Balmoral on 13th May. Yes, next year marks the 55th Anniversary and it's possibly a good time for some head scratching for planning an event, for ALL of us to be a part of.

. Russ Jackson – “Hello Paul,

Thank you for the email and good to hear that you are breaking the COVID shackles and getting out and about.

We continue to wear masks even though the mandate has long passed.

The number of daily cases of COVID in Victoria is a bit scary and it would seem that the average punter thinks that it has disappeared and everything is OK.

We are a little more cautious than this and are still restricting our daily activities and continuing with masks, hand sanitising etc.

Our vaccinations are now up to date with a fourth shot being taken just recently.

A recurring chest infection has again laid me low in recent times and meant that I have been back on antibiotics to counter the bug.

Our Swedish Family spent a month with us in April/May and it was great to see them after a three year hiatus.

It was an expensive trip for them as discounted International fares were impossible to find.

I was unable to attend our usual Anzac Day gathering and will need to wait until 2023 to catch up with the group.

Good luck with your home extensions and with your trip planning.

Regards, Russ.”




Committee members:
 President – Allen Morley, Vice President – Bert Blink, Treasurer/Secretary – Grahame Dignam,
 Webmaster – Bob Billiards, Research Officer – Ernie Newbold, Designs and Development Officer – Nick Proskurin,
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 Vic – Alan Adams, Vic Nth – Ron Mason, WA – Barry Guzder
<http://www.131locators.org.au>

Presidential perambulations

Our Sydney residence was built about the same time as I was called up in 1966. The house is still standing although some changes have been made over time. The original canvas lean-to covering the car parking spot was replaced with a garage. This is where I learnt my bricklaying skills and applied some carpentry knowledge to the job. The area under the house was solid sandstone which was excavated in the 90s and I laid about 5000 bricks to make an office and storage area.

My Covid task was to replace the timber deck at the rear of the house. Our house is serviced by a long, steep driveway so access can be challenging. The treated pine for the new deck surface was dropped at the bottom of the drive and had to be manually manipulated by me to the building site.

We searched post main-Covid for someone to replace a large retaining wall. It is about 25x3 metres and timber slots into various steel posts. A couple of tradesmen looked at the job and were never heard from again. But, in the end we discovered a builder who was keen to take on the job.

The wet weather in Sydney meant that a starting date was delayed by several months. Our concern was that the builder might give up on it, but he did come through. The old timber was red gum, mostly about 2 metres long, 30 cm wide and 9 cm deep. I think that the timber originally was from a wharf building. Each slab was very heavy and it was definitely beyond my ability to do the work. There were no termites in any of the timber, rather rot to various degrees and consistent with a long period in the wall as well as Sydney's wet climate.

Now the wall is complete it was worth the expense. Looking back our original mortgage taken out in 1977 for the house was a dollar equivalent for the wall work cost. Different times and different dollar values, nevertheless, an interesting comparison. And my new deck held up especially well to the wall work trappings and new timber storage.

Cheers

Allen



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

131 Locators Association Committee ZOOM Meeting: Date: Tuesday, 10th Mayl, 2022 at 1105hrs...

. **Pertinent Points** – extracted from the 131 Locators Association Committee meeting...

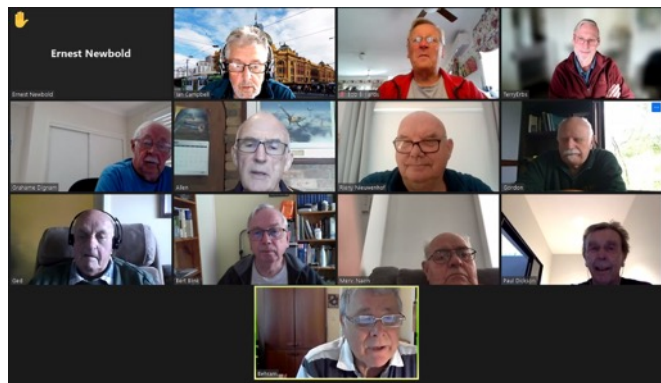
Attendees were:

Ernie Newbold (waving), Ian Cambbell, Bob Billiards, Terry Erbs

Grahame Dignam, Allen Morley, Rieny Nieuwenhof, Gordon Malcolm

Ged Carroll, Bert Blink, Merv Nairn, Paul Dickson

Barry Guzder



Apologies: Nick Proskurin, Ian Amos, George Lane, Steve Wynn, other State Reps and Jim Fitzgerald.

Financial Membership is currently ...132, plus Associates 2, Affiliates 13. Total 147. Lapsed 31 members

Presidents report.

Allen referenced:

- . The ongoing search for a fixed venue with the availability of Pizzas as is customary after our meetings. Due to circumstances, we are zooming today.
- . The normal Anzac Day reports and the 2022 reunion in Queensland over the ANZAC Weekend past were documented in our recent *Eyes & Ears* edition available on our website and Face book Page.
- . Kokoda Track Memorial walkway, Rhodes will be the venue for the 11.00AM meeting on 14th June
- . 131 Banners are up for review and replacements will be sought. The fresh designs will be assessed for relevance and costs involved will be canvassed.

. web Performance...

Bob advised:

- . 294 are registered Face book users. 203 users accessed *Eyes & Ears* via Face book. We also recorded a 10% increase in users.
- Bob will submit an invoice for web site costs and License fees that need to be reimbursed. Bob reported that attacks on our website on the previous host site were huge compared to our current host which employs filters to protect clients.

Health Report:

- . One of our Pioneers, **Nev Hastings** is currently in hospital and is being visited and remembered by many and that activity is recorded on face book sites.
- . We have a report that **Andrew Opie** is not in the best of health. His visits are restricted due to QLD Covid regs.
- . WA has been hit with Covid – **Barry Guzder** is OK but wife is crook. The rest of family are clear.

General Business and around the grounds:

Discussions ensued on the following:

- . **Gordon Malcolm** raised the prospect of letters of appreciation for Annie and Sam (A1 and A2) for their exceptional work and results achieved. Similar accolades for 20 Regt and Ft Lytton Assn for their support and hosting service availability on the day.
- . Dawn service at Enoggera was memorable for the solemnity of the occasion, the rain and the attendance of so many.
- . Canberra's Anzac march was small as relatives were excluded from marching
- . Geelong had a packed programme on Anzac Day with varied activities.
- . No Banner was available at the Melbourne march
- . Sydney had a small contingent at the March despite no 131 Banner. Step off was 1 hour earlier due to reduces attendances.
- . WA had good turnouts where **Barry Guzder** attended his "local" at Chidlow WA.
- . **Bert Blink** and **Mary** (Bert's wife) in the ACT visited **Geoff Jebb** over the Anzac period who was in good spirits.
- . Opportunity for "an event" to commemorate the "end of SVN hostilities" in 1973.

. Upcoming Events Calendar –

131 Locators Association Committee Meeting Date: Tuesday, 14th June, 2022 at 1100hrs
Venue: Kokoda Track Memorial walkway and lunch to be own choice with pizzas available.
Also, available via Zoom link to be advised



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...June –

Date	Name	Regt No	SVN In	SVN Out	Comments
1	GEOFFREY SULLIVAN			03 05 1971	131
	" "		03 05 1971	20 10 1971	12 Fd Regt.
3	ALLAN MACLEAN Capt.	32203	24 05 1967	28 06 1967	RAEME † 24.06.13
5	PETER DEALY	3411983	18 02 1968	21 02 1969	
5	JAMES LOCKHART	6709144	03 06 1969	21 02 1970	† 12.04.14
5	VITO CICCOLELLA	2791669	16 12 1969	17 12 1970	
6	JOHN I'ANSON	2787424	12 04 1968	16 04 1969	
7	BRUCE IRVINE	2783695	04 05 1967	20 02 1968	
8	EDWIN FIELD Sgt.	242577	22 04 1966	31 07 1966	RAEME † 20.07.96
10	KEITH WHITE	2783029	17 04 1967	13 12 1967	AACC
12	IAN AMOS	2785676	12 09 1967	17 09 1968	
12	LAWRENCE SAWYER	3787393	04 05 1966	03 03 1967	
13	JOHN JOSEPH MCNEILL	18814	16 04 1968	14 05 1969	RAEME † 14.11.20
14	PAUL BUSS	2781443	22 04 1966	28 04 1967	† 28.09.11
15	KARL DOEHRMANN Sgt.	38119	{20 05 1966	29 04 1967	† 10.08.09
	" "		{28 01 1970	27 08 1970	
15	EDWARD WEBB	29964	27 01 1970	21 01 1971	
16	RALPH PEARCE	214806	22 04 1966	30 04 1967	† Unknown
18	ROGER WHITTAKER	2184592	19 08 1970	05 08 1971	† 01.12.08
20	JOHN CHILTON	215855	09 12 1968	03 12 1969	
23	WILLIAM PRENTER WO1	64258	22 04 1966	07 06 1967	RAEME † 01.10.97
	" "		20 08 1970	09 06 1971	4 Fd Regt
25	PAUL BUTCHER	3411454	01 04 1969	25 03 1970	
26	LINDSAY MEAD	3790714	27 03 1968	26 04 1968	
26	GERRY CARROLL	2781311	20 05 1966	29 04 1967	
28	BARRY COLLINS	2793213	20 08 1970	20 08 1970	131
	" "		20 08 1970	07 03 1971	4 Fd Regt.
	" "		08 03 1971	09 06 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 – 4 blokes not highlighted doesn't look too bad and with a bit of searching mat reduce the number even more! Let's get into it and actively get out there locating a few more! **No one got any clues as to Geoff, Keith, Edward or Lindsay might be?**

. **Locator Profiles** – we've received **171** and we've sent out **171**. Ed – Maybe we need to draw in a deep one so as to hold our breathes for a while longer.

. 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: Fountain, Barry Edward	
	Service No: 3798485 Rank: Gunner	
	SVN: 04.03.1971 – 28.08.1971 131Div Loc Bty 21.08.1971 – 30.10.1971 12 Fd Regt	
	DoB: 12.10.1949 DoD: 12.05.2022	
	Lest We Forget	

Barry was born in Horsham, Victoria and served 241 Days in SVN.

. **Ian Campbell** – sent in the following memory of Barry, having spoken to Barry's daughter Terri.

**Barry Fountain
3798485**

It is with sadness that I pen this to advise that my mate Barry (Sprinkle) Fountain has died at home in Gunbower, Vic on Thursday 12th May 2022 surrounded by his family.

Barry had cancer some years back and recovered, but his health declined over the years since then.

"Sprink" flew to SVN as a Reo in March 1971 to take up a position in Listening Post duties at 131 Div Loc Bty at Nui Dat and The Horseshoe.



His funeral service was a family affair, live streamed for others. The eulogy from daughter Terri captured "Sprink's" personality to a T and was a moving remembrance of his life. The exit tune from the chapel, "We gotta get out of this place", I am sure, resonates with us all.

Rest in Peace "Sprinkle".
Ian Campbell

. **Ron Beasley** – posted the following photos and notes on Facebook...

Some photos I have found of Barry Fountain -

- . Top left Baria '71
- , Bottom Nui Dat home '71
- . Top Right recent march

RIP Barry

Rieny Nieuwenhof – also commented on Facebook...

RIP 'Sprink'. Also, Peter Barry (RIP) in top photo. With Michael Butler (Butts) at ANZAC March.



Barry's Locator Profile...

Locator Profile

Surname: Fountain **Given Name/s:** Barry Edward **Nickname:** "Sprink" **DOB:** 12.10.49 **State of Origin:** Vic

What did you do before the army: Clerk at Noske Flour Mills Pty Ltd

Service dates from: 15.04.70 to 01.12.71

Regt No: 3798485 **Recruit training centre:** Puckapunyal **Intake No.:** 20th

Dates in Nui Dat from: 04.03.71 **to:** 30.10.71

What was your location/s in Nui Dat: 131 Div Loc Bty 04.03.71 – 28.08.71
HQ Bty 12 Fd Regt 21.08.71 - 30.10.71

Who were you there with: Rieny Nieuwenhoff, Les Falkai and Kevin Browning

What was your last rank: Gunner

What did you do after the army: Returned to old job and went from there.

What city / town do you live in now: Gunbower Vic.

. **Ed** – I had to ask Ian for the origin of Barry's nickname "Sprinkle" and of course it was obvious – the link to Barry's surname.



*It is with great sadness we announce the passing of
3798485 Barry Edward FOUNTAIN
on 12 May 2022*

*Barry served in Vietnam with
Detachment, 131 Divisional Locating Battery
4/3/1971 to 20/8/1971
12th Field Regiment 21/8/1971 to 30/10/1971*

*We extend our deepest sympathies to family, veterans
and friends of the late Barry Edward FOUNTAIN.*

'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...

. Locating, Surveillance & Target Acquisition Association...



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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>



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