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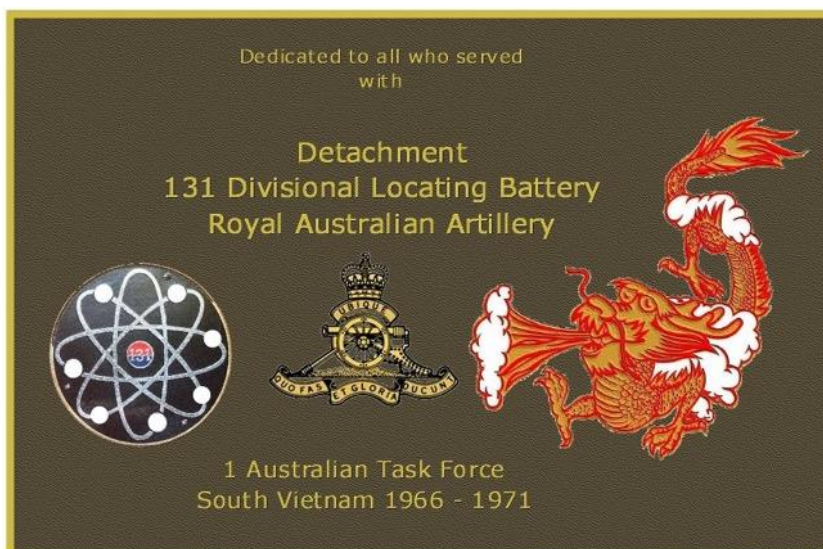
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Detachment 131 Divisional Locating Battery RAA

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

2024 – 58 Years and the Detachment 131 Spirit Lives On: 1966 – 1971



2024 – the year of the Dragon...

Our connection to the “Dragon” – the background...

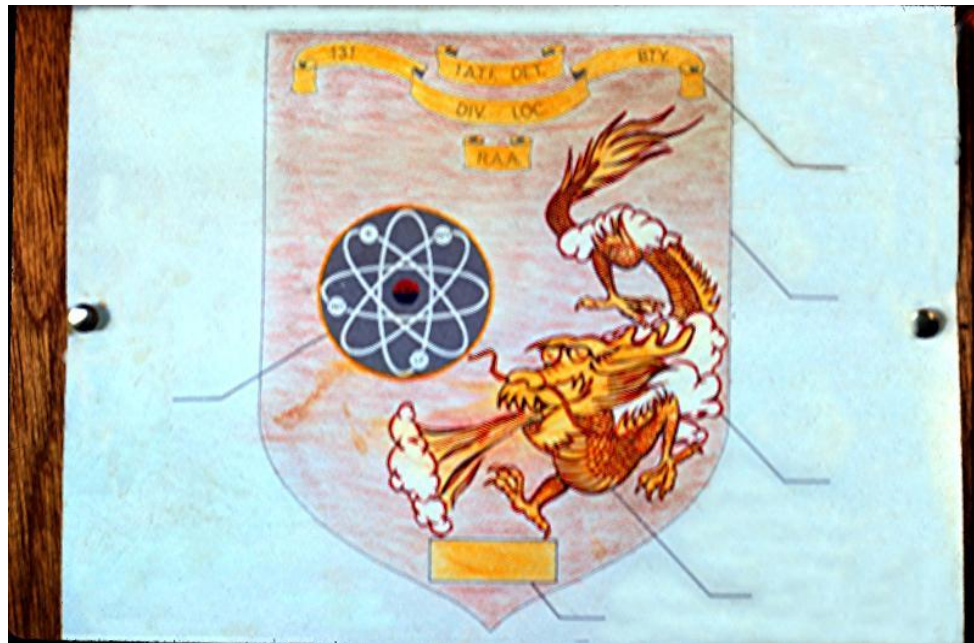
The 131 Detachment Dragon and Plaque, 1967

One aspect of the Seymour paver dedication and associated activities that was often discussed was the source of the 131 Dragon drawing.

The following text from DSM ‘Chalky’ Royal should provide a clear answer of the original source of the dragon figure which appeared on the Detachment plaque. Together with acknowledgement and recognition of the late Gunner Ron Webb’s role in designing the dragon figure.

This material was found in a folder of Detachment ‘daily’ reports held by Joe Kaplan.

The photograph taken by Grahame Dignam and referred to in the text is shown immediately below.



The references to the various design elements mentioned in the text can be seen clearly in this photograph. That should put to rest any claims of alternative ‘ownership’ of the dragon figure.

The name of the Unit was included on each plaque, - 1 ATF Det 131 Div Loc Bty RAA, and the whole symbolising its good work in SOUTH VIETNAM from 1966 to 1972, **"The eyes and ears of the Task Force."**

The accompanying photograph was taken by Gnr. Grahame Dignam in December 1967 and shows the original drawing accredited to Gnr. Ron Webb (unit Surveyor).

The DRAGON

The Dragon is the emblem of the Emperor (1) and there are two forms of this fabulous monster : that of the sea, called "LI" and that of the sky, called "LUNG".

The Dragon "LUNG" has a head like a camel, eyes like a hare, the horns of a deer, and the ears of a cow its body covered with fish scales and the claws are like those of a hawk. At each side of the mouth are whiskers, and in the head is sometimes seen a pearl.

The Oriental believed that this animal was capable of breathing out fire and water, and that its voice was like the jingling of metal fans.

A Mr Rayers (2) writes of four kinds of LUNG Dragons.

The Celestial Dragon (3), which guards the mansion of the Gods, and supports them so they do not fall.

Notes:

(1) *"How to identify old Chinese Porcelain."*
by Mrs Willoughby Hodgson
Methuen & Co Ltd, LONDON 1905.

(2) The Chinese Readers' Manual.

(3) Only just over half of the Dragon Story was known at the time of making the Plaque

...Some additional notes from Ernie Newbold with reference to the Detachment’s “Dragon” -

The dragon design originated on airmail envelopes we purchased from the PX, on the left hand side of the face of the envelope was the outline drawing of the dragon above the word Vietnam. The outline drawing of the dragon is identical to the outline of the map of Vietnam (north & south combined). We obviously borrowed the dragon design from the airmail envelopes.



Give me a Name?

The “Lost Locator Project”

This Project is being re-ignited for 2024.

Our current list contains the names of **96** Locators (as at 31.01.2024) that we have not had contact with since, basically, commencing communications in 2012, so, we are going to focus a little more on this programme to try and reduce this number.

Let’s have a look at February’s Birthday List, below, where there are 10 Detachment and Battery Members listed as Lost Locators – see the names below.

So, we’ve done some great discoveries with Members Dates Of Death, I’m hoping we might muster some enthusiasm for this difficult task. I’ve added some more details as to full DoB’s and places of birth according to the DVA Nominal Roll for, maybe, some help.

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. I have **252 recipients (Association Members, Association Associates and non-Members)** that I have email addresses for and they receive notifications of *Eyes and Ears*, Vales and other information regularly. The number of response are not huge, but the blokes that do, their efforts are very much appreciated. I realise not everyone wants to be involved, BUT, irregular correspondence would be appreciated just to create some sort “family” and not leave us in the dark.

More statistics – I send out 27 (the number has declined for lack of responses from 101 last year) “Catching up to say g’day” quarterly emails and again the regular responses are down to approximately 27 regulars – you know who you are and *Eyes and Ears* readers would also be aware of them – thanks fellas for keeping us in the your loops.

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 be a good starter.

I will keep an update and publish monthly results in *Eyes & Ears*.

Paul Dickson

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

Date	Name	Regt No	DoB	SVN In	SVN Out	DVA Nom. Roll Location
3	Henson, Edward Stacey	2788331	1947	16 09 1968	27 08 1969	Market Harbour, Eng.UK
5	Flavell, Richard Albert	3791902	1945	23 09 1968	04 06 1969	Melbourne
8	Ramsay, Robert Vincent	2788108	1947	16 09 1968	27 08 1969	Sydney
10	Williams, Eric Clive	1735449	1948	13 02 1970	04 02 1971	Nanango, Qld
16	Lanera, Luigi (RAEME)	3795443	1947	25 11 1969	12 11 1970	Melbourne
16	Hunt, Terence Thomas	3792120	1947	19 02 1968	21 02 1969	Melbourne
17	Spencer, Adrian Dennis	3794631	1948	28 10 1969	13 08 1970	Melbourne
18	McManis, Terence William L/Bdr	44277	1950	30 05 1970	09 10 1970	Unley, SA
27	Perry, Donald Stewart WO2	38675	1936	15 04 1970	19 11 1970	Dimboola, Vic
28	Kroll, Norbert Reinhold	218285	1948	27 11 1969	05 11 1970	Munster, Germany

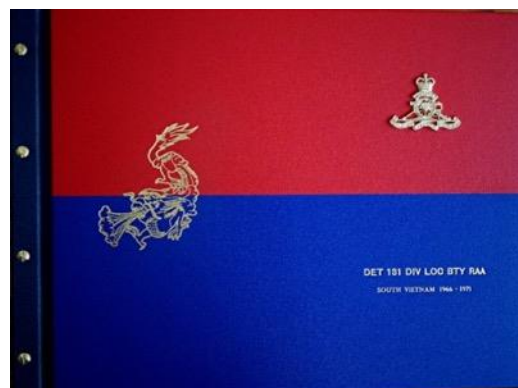
. Insights and Recollections...

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

. **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.



. **Unknown Dates of Deaths continues to be updated...as at 31.01.2024 -**

A continuing Reflective Thought with regards to Vales as we progress on in years.

The following table reflects Members passings over the years since our ‘journeys’ into South Vietnam which began back in May 1966.

It reflects on 10 year periods since, and including, 1966. The figures speak for themselves, and if you exclude deaths in SVN, of which there were two, the initial period does show a dark period considering the ages of our mates.

10 Year Detachment/131 Battery Death Periods

										<u>Total</u>
1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	
1	0	2	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	7
1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	
0	1	1	0	1	0	0	2	0	2	7
1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	
0	0	2	2	2	1	2	1	0	0	10
1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	
3	2	2	2	0	3	2	1	2	1	18
2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	
0	4	4	4	2	9	5	6	5	4	43
2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	
8	4	4	5	6	7	10	8	1	0	53
Unknowns*										2
Total										140

Please note that these figures represent data provided by Members, from what was, and is stated to be reliable sources (official notices/family/mates etc). Data as at **31.01.2024**.

***Unknowns** – Sadly, we have only been advised of the Members’ passings only.

This following sections have now been updated as of 31.01.2024 and show a clear picture of Battery/Detachment Members that have incomplete Date of Death details.

Here are the names and details – **ONLY ONE TO GO!**

Name	Rank	Regt No	Section	SVN	DoB	DoD
Lempa, Helmut	L/Bdr	38120	Radar	1966-67	18.10.46	04.07.85
Robinson, Marcus Lee	Gnr	2791229		1970	14.02.48	Unknown

If you can help in any way to update this data it would be greatly appreciated – You can send information to Paul Dickson at email 131eyesandears@gmail.com Subject: Vale update

Ed - As a closing thought, can we give some thought to completing Locator Profiles, which do add a personal background and also keeping in touch as it keeps us up to date with you and mates.

However, as a continuation, this has been extended to cover more Unknow details... such as Rank, Regt No (not an easy discovery), Section, DoB and then day.month for DoD's.

Ok, detectives, here's more homework – ONLY 1 gap to go!

Name	Rank	Regt No	Section	SVN	DoB	DoD
O'Keefe, Michael Francis	Pvt	2787168	AACC	1968-69	26.11.46	00.00.80

Ed – Michael O'Keefe, sadly, remains as the last Locator to have his details updated. Our thanks go to those that have given more meaning to those “mates” who are no longer physically with us.

...a completed investigation –



131 Locators “Cold Case Division” The Eyes & Ears of the Force

Our thanks to Detectives Bruce Irvine for the Helmut Lempa resourcing and Grahame Dignam for completing the Cold Case investigation – SEE VALE on page 14/17.

Just some of the information that Bruce extracted...

1. Canberra Times 7 May 1965: shows Helmut as being from Kiewa, Victoria. This happens to be about 20Km SE of Wodonga and a similar distance ENE of Yackandandah. Incidentally, Govt Gazettes (not attached here) showing Certificates of Naturalization being issued to Helmut (19/10/63) and his parents (18/1/64) show the same address. Interestingly Helmut was naturalised the day after his 17th birthday and his parents 3 months later. I wonder was this related to him wanting to join the Army? Just a thought.

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SICK REPORT

In Repatriation General Hospital, Heidelberg, Vic.:

Pte A. E. Kenny, CARO; Cpl K. J. Chapman, WO1 A. Thomson, 1 Armed Regt; Sig G. W. McManus, Sgt L. W. Porter, 6 Sig Regt; WO2 K. H. Walsh, S. Comd Pro Company; Spr R. W. Varlow, 1 Fd Sqn RAE; Sgt L. M. O'Connor, HQ S Comd; L cpl F. C. Hayward, Ptes A. T. Whitfield, R. G. Scott, E. M. King, 5RAR; Spr A. E. Pryde, 17 Const Sqn; L bdr H. Lempa, 131 Div Loc Bty; Gnr R. Evans, Proof and Experimental Est; WO2 L. J. Chambers, AHQ; Ptes A. B. Morosoli, E. R. Newton, 8 Fd Amb; Pte B. Burojevic, 86 Tpt Pl; Rees R. Ran, B. J. Smith, C. A. Perry, Pte G. J. Young, 2RTB; Sig P. M. Richards, 145 Sig Sqn; WO2 W. A. Hutchins, HQ Army Insp Service; Cpl J. Gauchi-Gera, I. J. Brandis, Pte D. J. Lineham, 2 Fd Amb; Ptes I. A. Twomey, C.O. Murphy, 7RAR; O/C I. V. Knox, O/C G. Flavel (NZ Army), OCS; Cpl R. W. Simpson, Spr J. A. Dagleish, Pte G. Ellis, U/L S Comd; Sgts R. J. Holden, T. Deelman, Sch Army Health; Sgt D. K. Kemp, HQ S Comd; Pte G. E. O'Keefe, S sgt T. Dillon, WO2 D. L. Critchley, RAEME Trg Centre; Cpl G. Veth, 161 Fd Wksp; Cpl D. O'Donovan, 126 Sig Sqn; Pte E. H. Harris, HQ Broadmeadows area; Tpr A. S. Bennett, Trg wing, Armed Centre; Sig P. Stevenson, Sch Signals; S sgt F. C. Crellin, 36 Tipper Company, RAASC; Pte S. Grech, 6RAR; Pte S. W. Mountford, 3 Camp Hosp; Pte J. W. Maguire, 1RAR; Sgt J. Asher, 2 Sig Regt; Pte. G. J. Ashby, 2 Commando Company; Pte G. Parton, SCPD; App. D. I. Fleming, Army App Sch; Spr R. A. Brown, 21 Const Sqn; Pte. P. W. Mules, 87 Tpt Platt 1 Company, Vietnam; Capt I. R. Schwenke, HQ 3 Cadet Bde; Pte V. J. Vassallo, 2COD.

In Repatriation General Hospital, Concord, NSW:

Pte C. Ashley, 36 Air Disp Pl; Pte P. R. Bettridge, 3RAR; Ptes B. Boyd, R. A. Dale, ECPD; Col K. R. Colwell, Pte R. Van Amelsuort, Cpl R. P. Veness, WO2 W. McDermott, HQ E Comd; Spr B. Dunkin, E Comd Fd Svy Sect; Pte B. R. Fagan, SUR; Cpl K. R. Gaylard, 1RTB; S sgt N. C. Gunness, 7 Dental Unit; Ptes A. Harris, D. Hoenig, Inf Centre; Gns J. Hudson, J. Varker, U/L E Comd; Lt V. Ilic, 1BAD, RAAOC; Gnr J. K. Kaplun, 8th Arty; Gnr P. Leenbruggen, 164 Med Bty; Sgt L. M. McMullen, Syd Area Wksp; Ptes L. Trewin, R. G. Veal, T. C. Wells, Bdr W. C. Mason, 3TB; Spr H. W. Waldron, 11 Mc Gp; Gnr P. C. Norris, 5RAR.

2. Australian Army (National 1959-1980) 22 Dec 1966: shows Helmut being in the Repatriation Hospital in Heidelberg, Victoria. Since he returned from Vietnam on 6 December, perhaps he was returned home ill??

And that's not our Joe Kaplun in Concord Hospital is it (towards bottom right of the article)?? The name caught my eye.

"It's been a success, the men have learned a lot..." says Commander

Tough exercise aids CMF

Today is the last day of Exercise JABBERWOCK, which has involved more than 4200 CMF soldiers, operating in the rugged Putty training area near Singleton.

The large-scale exercise practised citizen soldiers of the 2nd Division in the latest technique in counter-revolutionary warfare. The 2nd Division is commanded by Maj.-Gen. S. L. M. Eskell.

Soldiers from about 40 different areas of NSW and the A.C.T. took part in the month-long exercise.

The exercise was conducted in two phases.

During Phase One, the Sydney-based 5th Task Force played the leading role, commanded by Brig. J. A. Gilchrist, pictured above right. In Phase Two, the Army's 8th Task Force, under the command of Brig. J. Macdonald, took over the training area.

The soldiers made wide use of RAAF *Iroquois* and Army *Sioux* helicopters during the exercise.

They practised search-and-clear, fix-and-destroy and cordon-and-search operations under simulated battle conditions.

Maj.-Gen. Eskell said the simulated battle conditions provided lessons, including:

- The need for maintaining security in the field;
- Laying out of defence positions to ensure the safety of troops and the guarding of stores and ammunition;
- Procedures for obtaining air and artillery support while under attack;
- Convoy protection and the need for teamwork in combat.

★ During Exercise JABBERWOCK the CMF soldiers had their own "private airline"—TWA—Teeny Weeny Airlines.

It was run by the Army's 171st Air Cavalry Flight, based at Holsworthy, and operated three *Sioux* helicopters during the exercise.

Main task of the Flight was to take soldiers of the infantry battalions on reconnaissance flights.

Soldiers walking into its small tent headquarters in trees near the landing zone, code-named HOTEL, were greeted with the sign "TWA" slung between the trees.

Another sign declared: "Proposed site for \$8,000,000 terminal".

"TWA" is still in the process of moulding its character; but soon it will probably be better known as "Redlegs".

This is the Flight's call-sign on the radio net and already the *Land-Rovers* attached to the Flight carry the name. The Flight is going to paint red the leg supports of its helicopters.

Below, Cfn. Helmut "Crash" Lempa, left, and Cfn. Len Avery, provide the frame for one of the 171 Air Cav. Flt. *Sioux* helicopters.

★ The boss of "Teeny Weeny Airlines" during Exercise JABBERWOCK was Capt. Pat "Paddy" O'Brien, left. Capt. O'Brien is the rotary wing flight commander of the 171 Air Cav. Flt., of which TWA is a detachment. He is a Vietnam veteran, having served with the 161st Reconnaissance Flight from November, 1967, to November, 1968. It's not that he is superstitious, but he wears two red dice around his neck, and his white flying helmet has two red dice painted on the front. He wears them because he is an honorary member of the 90th Tactical Fighter Sqn., USAF, based at Bien Hoa. The Squadron's call-sign is "Dice" and all members wear the dice with pride. The dice have a history—they are all from the famous gambling casinos on the Riviera or Las Vegas.

There is history in the photograph below of Brig. B. F. Hussey, right, RAE (RL), and Maj. J. Tout, OC of 22 Const. Sqn., RAE, taken recently in front of Kingston Barracks on Rottnest Island, off the coast of WA near Fremantle.

Brig. Hussey, as a young captain seconded to the Department of the Interior, had the job of supervising construction.

5th Task Force, Brig. Gilchrist

Second phase ends tomorrow

Cfn Helmut "Crash" Lempa

Australian Army (National 1959-1980) 27 March 1969: Cfn. Helmut "Crash" Lempa on exercise Jabberwock at Singleton NSW. Still in the army.

. Quiz Time.



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

The Holden HR range starting in 1966 -

Now for a question – "Did anyone ever own one of them or don't tell me you owned a Ford?"



An Answer-

Bob Billiards – “Holdens”,

No went from Goggomobil to Renault to Peugeot and now Cupra. Still have one Renault and 4 Goggomobils. My Sister had a few holdens including a black HD and an FJ ute. My brother had an Orange HQ Kingswood with a tan vinyl roof. My brother in law was a car dealer and was a sales rep at Lober's in Sydney so my early driving was Vauxhalls, then into EJ, EH, HD, HR then the first of the Monaro's. If I had a collectible Holden it would be a manual 179 EH. I might even go for the 55/56 Chev Belair pillarless. The bloke I bought the blue Goggo sedan from had a black one

which he had upgraded to the V8. I said I would also buy it but he wasn't selling it. He only wanted to get rid of that little blue Goggomobil. Not sure where I would have put the Belair anyway.”



He only wanted to get rid of that



Joe Molenkamp – “G'day Paul. Firstly I must apologise for not replying to your earlier messages...just being slack. We've had a quiet Christmas, just had some family in for brunch which was enjoyable. Unfortunately Teena is struggling with her health so that pretty much restricts us to staying home.

In regards to Holdens article in *E & E*....my first car was a **HR Holden**, a really good car but unfortunately I had a high speed head on with a tree...I was very lucky as I survived [although fairly knocked around] but the car didn't. And then of all things to happen I **bought a Ford!**

I'll finish off now. Cheers Joe.

PS keep up the great job you do with *E & E*'s.”

...then the Falcon range was available –

Did you own one of these?



1966 Ford XR
Falcon 500 Sedan



1968 Ford XT Falcon 500
Sedan



1969 Ford XW Falcon 500
Sedan

1970 Ford XY Falcon 500
Sedan



Stan Briggs...an update from Grahame Dignam and Bod Billiards -

Grahame Dignam – “Hi,

I had a call from Stan for a catchup for Xmas and a Heads Up I reckon.

We chatted and got around to his health. He said he had been in good health for so long but just recently spent time in Hosp with a bleeding prostate. He had been sent home and was advised to book and get to Bris to a Specialist. Doesn't sound like good news.

He was also talking about getting water to his property and then maybe selling up. He said he can't look after it as he used to.

He may need a "casual" call early Jan to check up on him and keep his spirits up.”

Bob Billiards – “Paul,

I had a card from Stan's cousin who told me of his problems. I knew that he had radiation treatment several years ago and now his problem is a perforated prostate and it bleeds and blocks the urethra so extremely painful and he is at least 1.5 hours away from Rocky hospital. He now awaits a specialist in Brisbane. I have asked that he lets me know when he is heading there. He currently has a catheter so nothing is blocking.

We had just over 1.5 hour phone call about his current situation and the direction of the farm. I think he is 78 now so suggested we are getting old. We also just talked in general about family and then our recollections of our time in SVN. He was very perky at the end of the call.

I would like to visit him when he is in Brisbane. We did get on well while we were in SVN. I know I did a couple of stupid things that he didn't like but it didn't break our friendship.

I hope it all goes well for him. Bob.”



. David Doyle forwarded the following YouTube link connection with regards to Australians in Vietnam” I felt that was probably the best so far although it has taken this long to get it somewhat correct

<https://youtube.com/watch?v=KraLhuszKoo&si=vbtUmwLU5cl4Eool>

Not bad - From the AWM – a couple of good shots of the Battle of Bin Bah



Preview YouTube video Australians In Vietnam



Ed – It's a worthwhile watch.

Peter Binns – Adding a bit of history with an SVN memory photo...

“Myself at 31c November 1967

Thought you would like it your collection.”



David Dougherty – “Hi,



A bit of trivia following the photo of Lorrae Desmond in the last issue though being of no relevance to 131.

Whilst researching family history the name Blatch appeared, as our neighbour was Rex Blatch then this needed following up and it turned out that we were distantly related to one of the early boat people from England, break and enter and caught with housebreaking tools. In other discussions with him he advised that he had gone to Bowral High and his first girlfriend there was Beryl Hunt. Beryl Hunt is buried at Welby and by coincidence Rex is also buried there, being



If you aren't aware Beryl Hunt is Lorrae Desmond."

Kevin Browning – in response to another email Kevin included a health update – “Hi Paul, Before answering your question **Jeff Schafer** (SVN 12.02.69-17.12.69) let us know yesterday the **Russell Jackson** was transferred from Epworth Hospital to McKellar House Palliative Care unit in **Geelong**. Will keep you posted. Kevin.”
Ed – Thanks Kevin, it's good to be kept in Russell's loop. 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...

Ken Foster – “Heavy wind and rain have isolated our son in south east Qld with 350mm rain in 48 hours, no power and flood bound.

Our hot water heater blew up 2 days before Xmas, luckily we replaced it quickly but never a dull moment.

My Parkinson's disease keeps me pretty much housebound but at least the cancer is in remission and I am adjusting {slowly} to my new lifestyle.

Sydney is living up to its summer reputation, temperature between 25 and 35 c with some decent storms.

So, that's a summary of my earlier post with less gloss, memory not as good as it used to be and computer skills deteriorated but that's life at 83 - I expect.

Still can't complain as long as I get my daily beer, wine and cheese and crackers at the happy hour.

Stay well and keep up the good work with your newsletter

Regards, Ken.”

Ken Osborne – “Dear Paul, It has not been a great year for me. My beloved died just over five weeks ago and it is hard to realise how much you can miss someone. So many people sent condolences and offers of help which I appreciate, so I am going to stay at home for as long as I can.

I went to the Aged Care Home with Neridah for a fortnight's respite with her but she died after four days there, so I came home where I could get around in familiar surroundings. I can manage most things, bit hard changing the bed linen but still achievable just takes a lot longer than by a more mobile person. The Aged Care Home still sent me a bill for the fortnight's respite I had been booked in for, just wasn't my cup of tea. The funeral was a graveside service and it was a fitting send off for her and was well attended.

I am trying to sort out all the paperwork I have accumulated over the years relating to family history, so the recycling bin is getting a hammering while I discard 90% of all the files I haven't looked at for years, most of which are in my computer anyhow. Thought I would also look at my external hard drive and it had about 36,000 files and photos on it and have reduced that to about 15,000. Every time I did a backup it was duplicating stuff. I used to take a lot of photos each ANZAC Day especially after getting my digital camera so I found out that for some photos there were eight copies of each, just took a few days to delete them and there are still probably some duplications, my eyes are going fuzzy from the effort.

Since I last had contact with you my old legs are starting to go wobbly, VA have installed a ramp for me and I have a wheelchair to get around but have not used it that much. I can get around the house using the walker. Do not get out much but there is nothing I want to do outside the house really, so I spend time on my computer doing research or

reading. Can go through a book in two to three days with no trouble at all and that takes my mind off the one I am missing, so I have my moments.

As far as the weather goes, most of the bad stuff is missing Portland, did have one night about a week ago where it was very windy, more so than normal but the rain and storms have hit other places really badly, so grateful that it has missed here but feel sorry for those in NSW and Queensland and the odd spots in Victoria. So I think it is just luck sometimes as to the choice as to where you live. I still think a lot of people live in bushfire and flood prone areas and do not learn to make their houses safe against fire or flooding but that is the choice they make. So keep well and out of danger Regards Ken O."

John Vitkovsky – "G'Day Dicko, the weather is not at all severe here in Victor Harbor - no bushfires or floods, and very moderate climate. About 5 degrees warmer in winter and 7 degrees cooler in summer compared to where we were in western Victoria. Much milder even than Adelaide. Have been here now for nearly a year and a half and, apart from the huge influx of tourists this time of year, find it a great place to live. Our home is about 4 minutes from the ocean and in a dead end street, so no traffic. Expanding our circle of friends after being away from South Australia for around 20 years. Involved with the South Coast Veterans Assoc. - very active mob and good fun. Had a quiet Christmas with twin daughters and grandkids. Watched the fireworks at New Year's Eve at the Victor Harbor causeway at 9.45, then stayed up with a bottle of champers for the midnight fireworks on the telly in Sydney. So, nothing exciting to report except that my Vincent motorbike finally arrived from UK a couple of weeks ago after being misplaced in Melbourne.. see pic. All the best, John V."



Graham Williams – "Hola Paul & Helen, Thanks for the gidday.

In news from here it is good we got through the class of '69 get together when we did as a lot has happened since then. After the reunion a number of locators and wives stayed over for a few extra days with Joe Losiak being one. The day he left he was driving to Cairns from Tweed Heads to catch up with family there before Xmas. Managed to arrive there intact but then managed to do a header off the top of the steps of his daughters home. This mishap resulted in a badly broken ankle. Cairns hospital had no room and was unable to take him at that time and he was transferred to Mareeba, kept there until Cairns had beds available and then transferred back there for an operation. He is now currently in respite and looking a very lengthy recovery period. The cyclone that hit Cairns and other areas up that way did not help matters. Some days after that my wife, Jenni, suffered a severe heart attack at work and had to be transferred from Tweed Hospital to John Flynn specialist hospital in critical condition. She finished up 33 days in I.C.U many of those on a ventilator and in an induced coma owing to other problems that arose as a result of the heart attack. We were to learn later during one of these procedures the doctors lost her on four occasions but fortunately were able to resuscitate her each time. She only came home several days ago and now on a pacemaker but seems to be making good progress thus far. Still tired from all the procedures undertaken, the necessary medications and having some problems with words so the doc says expect 6 months for a full recovery.

I was due to fly back to Vietnam on another tour of duty on 1st December but that obviously bit the dust. Have been lucky to get refunds for the majority of my accommodation but when it comes to the airlines it is like getting blood out of a stone. Return airfares to and from Oz plus four domestic return hauls in Vietnam itself but I shall continue hounding them before turning the lot over to my travel insurers to sort out.

Obviously Xmas and New Year here at the Piggabeen Ponderosa have been a non-event and the worst in memory so definitely looking for a better year in 2024.

"But wait.....there's more."

May be too long to include with this so will send the rest on tomorrow.

Hoping this finds you both well and surviving your winter in some kind of style.

Cheers, Graham Williams."

...a Bit More from Grahame -

"Hi There Again,

A bit more on the weather situation here in Oz. In late October the B.O.M. issued severe weather warning to expect the hottest, driest summer ever including dangerous bushfires all over. And so it came to pass in December we had cyclone Jasper in the far north which you may have seen the damage from in news reports there. One community wiped out and the Daintree area totally inaccessible until up to a few days ago.

Here on the Tweed and S.E. Qld the weather has been all over the shop. Heatwave conditions leading up to Xmas with the odd storm but on Xmas night came the mother of all storms (another B.O.M. rain bomb.) Looking north from our home through driving rain and rolling thunder the sky was lit up most of the night with lightning and then came the wind. While our home is on the side of a hill in the lee of the prevailing winds it was scary to hear and watch leaves and debris being blown in all directions. The B.O.M. recorded over 330,000 lightning strikes. Severe damage was recorded at Helensvale,

Hope Island and areas to the west of the M1 all the way through to Mt Tambourine with many homes losing an entire roof and many others destroyed by falling trees. Three people between Tweed and Logan killed by lightning, one by a falling tree and a young 9 year old girl drowned when swept away in resulting floodwaters. Of course power outages came with this. Here at home we were only off the grid for some 7 hours but further north in parts of Tugun, Currumbin, Currumbin Valley, Elanora, Palm Beach and Tallebudgera they had no power for almost a week with shops closed and total loss of Xmas and New Year trade. Worse still further north with those areas only coming back on the grid in the past several days and areas of Tambourine still without power. It was reported some 130 kms of poles and wires had to be replaced mainly due to falling trees and the place still looks like a disaster area. It has been reported the damages bill for this event exceeded that of cyclone Jasper. Naturally "Airbus Albo" has been racking up his frequent flier points travelling back and forth to these areas for photo opportunities. As usual there were numerous flood rescues due to the heroes who try to drive through the flash floods so not a happy Xmas season for many. Here in Tweed although only minor affected still had flash floods. Four couples in caravans had set up a campsite for the Xmas, New Year period near Eungella, just south of here. Water rose so fast ended up a major rescue operation and the caravans are now somewhere downstream in the Oxley River.

Meanwhile, in Victoria, Melbourne had a run of 40 degree temperatures followed up now by severe floods with more rain expected, Adelaide also got its share of 40 degree temperatures and in today's news, Perth it seems got the mother of all overnight storms with accompanying blackouts leaving some 10,000 without power there AND forecast temperature in Perth for today is 41 degrees.

But wait there's more. Also in today's news the monsoon has come to the north. A cyclone allegedly forming in the gulf so further rain and floods coming. The Daintree after a month of road repair has been cut off again and heavy rains in Cairns and all points north.

Off to the races now to win some money at the Magic Millions Carnival race day on the Gold Coast. Weather presently fine (what a surprise) and track a soft 5. Cheers,
Graham Williams."

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

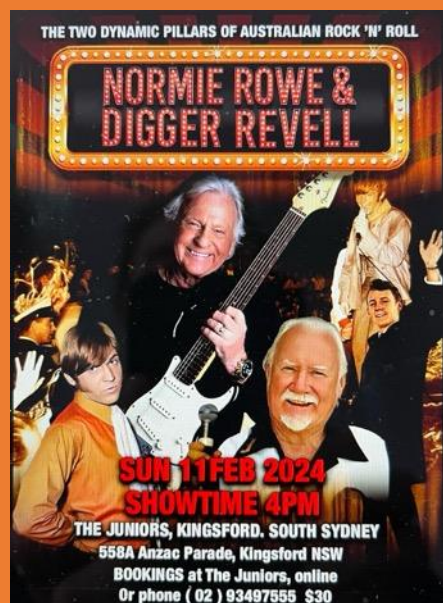
Ernie Newbold forwarded the following Notice Board RIPPER which he'd received from TPI NSW of which he is a member -

This flyer for an upcoming concert by NORMIE ROWE and DIGGER REVELL, to be held at

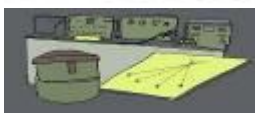
The Juniors, Kingsford on Sunday 11 February, showtime 4pm.
Booking details are on the flyer.

Book online at the Juniors or by phone (02) 9349 7555 - \$30
Both Digger and Normie plan to pay special tributes to their former VIETNAM VETERAN mates during the show. There will be an emphasis on their long stays in Vietnam, entertaining the troops.
Both Normie and Digger are really looking forward to catching up with old mates.

It should be a "Classic"!












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Presidential perambulations

Australia Day. It used to be that this day was celebrated by Australians with BBQs, ferry races on Sydney Harbour, picnics at beaches and parks and national citizenship ceremonies. People would dress in variations of blue, white and red. Now something has changed.

We have seen the noisy minority use the anti-social media of the internet to oppose the concept of Australia Day on January 26th. Individuals, some members of the Australian cricket team, corporates, some indigenous people and a few members of the media have had their say on a change of date. However, the majority of Australians favour January 26th as Australia Day. But, the majority is generally quiet on this issue and just gets on with their lives.

It is interesting that many of those who noisily supported the losing yes vote in the recent 'voice' referendum now strenuously demand a change of date. And the same sort of veiled threats against those who disagree with their minority position continues to be ever present. Most people will enjoy the holiday with family and friends and just ignore the noisy few.

I wonder what event or celebration is next on the agenda of the vocal few? Easter is a likely target because it is Christian centric, although I suggest this minority won't give up their public holiday. Anzac Day, an important day for soldiers, former warriors and the general public, is likely to continue via the youth of this country.

We are told that our population has grown from 25 million to 27 million in a short time. Are immigrants and others coming to live in Australia still keen to become Australian citizens? I suggest the answer is a loud YES.

Allen."

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

. Upcoming Events Calendar –

131 Locators Association Committee Meeting

Date: Tuesday, 13th February, 2024 at 1100

Venue: to be advised

Also, available via Zoom link to be advised



. Birthdays in the Battery...February –

Day	Name	Regt No	SVN In	SVN Out	Comments
1	Menz, James Leslie	38838	10 10 1967	18 02 1968	† 18.02.1968 KIA
2	McDonnel, Roger	2784019	04 05 1967	20 02 1968	
3	Gibson, Robert Martin	2787361	29 01 1968	07 02 1969	† 02.03.2021
3	Henson, Edward	2788331	16 09 1968	27 08 1969	
4	Asmanis, Olaf	3796272	27 11 1969	05 11 1970	
5	Yerbury, Ian Michael Capt.	43129	{05 05 1967	05 03 1968	131 † 01.01.1989
	" "		{05 02 1971	18 11 1971	12 Fd REGT
5	Flavell, Richard	3791902	23 09 1968	04 06 1969	
5	Clark, George	2412252	{20 01 1969	21 01 1970	
	" "		{09 01 1967	27 09 1967	1 ARU/131
5	Hall, Stephen	4720327	27 11 1969	13 08 1970	
6	Whitehead, Wayne	3791969	N/A		
6	Habben, Michael William	3788307	05 05 1967	20 12 1967	† 26.12.2022
7	Black, Lindsay Sgt.	213794	30 04 1970	04 08 1970	131 † 02.06.2008
	" "		05 08 1970	12 03 1971	4 Fd REGT
8	Ramsay, Robert	2788108	16 09 1968	27 08 1969	
8	Campbell, Ian	3798378	10 02 1971	07 06 1971	131
	" "		07 06 1971	30 10 1971	12 Fd REGT
9	Holmes, William John	61040	11 06 1969	19 12 1969	RAEME † 08.06.1900
9	Wood, Geoffrey Pauk	2783898	04 05 1967	13 12 1967	† 26.04.2007
9	Armshaw, Christopher William	2781291	04 05 1966	27 10 1966	† 10.02.1970
9	Worrall, Gary	43796	20 05 1966	29 04 1967	
9	Hastings, Neville Stanley	1730813	20 05 1966	03 03 1967	† 10.04.2023
10	Williams, Eric	1735449	13 02 1970	04 02 1971	
10	Smith, Grahame	2792939	30 05 1970	26 05 1971	
11	Malloy, Dennis	3795057	22 07 1969	16 07 1970	
11	Bailey, Desmond	18687	13 05 1967	14 05 1968	RAEME - Radar
12	Gunnell, Ross	5714499	05 05 1967	27 09 1967	
12	Baker, Leigh Kingsley	3789657	10 06 1967	23 04 1968	† 26.05.2022
12	Sheldrake, Anthony	5716358	04 11 1969	13 08 1970	
14	Newbold, Ernest	2783771	04 05 1967	30 01 1968	
14	Heenan, Kevin	3794777	27 11 1969	13 08 1970	
14	Robinson, Marcus Lee	2791229	20 01 1970	13 08 1970	† Unknow
16	McManus, Damian	3787689	20 05 1966	29 05 1967	
16	Lanera, Luigi	3795443	25 11 1969	12 11 1970	RAEME
16	Hunt, Terence	3792120	19 02 1968	21 02 1969	
17	Spencer, Adrian	3794631	28 10 1969	13 08 1970	
18	McManis, Terence	44277	30 05 1970	09 10 1970	
21	Wight, Willis (Bill) 2Lt.	39136	12 01 1967	23 04 1968	
23	Jebb, Geoffrey WO2	24660	12 04 1968	16 04 1969	
23	Salter, Graeme	3792618	16 09 1968	27 08 1969	
23	Jennion, Graeme	3796241	24 03 1970	04 03 1971	
24	Green, Gregory	2784565	04 05 1967	12 12 1967	
24	Jacka, Albert	39856	16 12 1969	11 03 1971	AACC
25	Miller, Robert Uquhart Sgt	36499	05.11.69 & 08.4.70	28.11.69&02.08.70	† 29.12.17 RAEME
27	Perry, Donald WO2	38675	15 04 1970	19 11 1970	
28	Gowans, Patrick Thomas Brig	57036	09 09 1965	19 09 1965	† 26.06.2022 Visit
	" "		11 03 1971	04 01 1972	AATTV
28	Kroll, Norbert	218285	27 11 1969	05 11 1970	
28	Mitchell, Brian Leslie	2412582	14 03 1968	26 03 1969	
28	McGrath, Kimberley	2795249	N/A	N/A	

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

Ed – 6 blokes not highlighted is so of ok, but I reckon we can do better! Ok, let's get into it and actively get out there locating a few more!

. **Locator Profiles** – we've received **175** and we've sent out **175**. 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

Kevin Browning advised us that **Darryl Jenkins** had passed.

I emailed Keith and Diane Dean (on Kevin's advice) who had been in contact with Darryl and I got the following response from Diane –

Diane Dean - "I sent you an email after Darryl passed away. He was admitted to Clare Holland House in Canberra last week and sadly passed away on 1st January.

His wife Robyn is meeting with the funeral people today so I will let you know the details later.

Regards, Dianne and Keith."

...the following is an extract from last month's *Eyes and Ears* which Diane hadf very kindly submitted -

"**Diane Dean** has helped with follow up information after communications with **Peter** with regards to **Locating a Locator – Darryl Jenkins**, Regt no 46634. Darryl joined the Army in 1972 and was posted to 131 Divisional Locating Battery RAA in 1973 and worked as a Gunner in Artillery Intelligence. He was posted to 16 AD (Woodside) as a Lance Bombardier in 1975. In 1977 he was promoted to Bombardier. His health isn't the greatest at the moment."



Name: Jenkins, Darryl Raymond
Service No: 46634 Rank: Bombardier
DoB: 10 06 1955 DoD: 01 01 2024
Lest We Forget



Wade Cooper – "Lest we forget."

Stuart Sporn – "Regards to his family and sad to hear of his departure."

Bill Taggart (1st/83rd Artillery) – "On behalf of all of us at the 1/83rd, may Darryl rest in peace and please extend our condolences to Darryl's family. Lest We Forget. Bill."

Vale

Ernie Newbold has just submitted sad news relating to the passing of **Ray Hutchinson** in the Nihill Hospital on 1st December, 2023. Ray was living in Dimboolah.



Name: Hutchinson, Raymond William
Service No: 37669 Rank: Bomdbardier
SVN In: 18 04 1967 SVN Out: 02 04 1968
Section: Detachment HQ
DoB: 26 01 1940 DoD: 01 12 2023
Lest We Forget



Ray's Locator Profile...

Locator Profile

Surname: Hutchinson **Given Names:** Raymond William **Nickname:** "Hutchie" **State of Origin:** Carlton, Victoria

What did you do before the army: Worked for the Government - I worked for the State Rivers Commission Victoria as a Clerk

Army service dates from: 1962 to: 1968

Regt. No: 37669 (ARA)

Battery/s Activity/s (Bty/s served in, Sections of Bty/s worked in, locations, dates etc) before SVN: A Bty 1 Fd Regt RAA, 102 Bty I Fd Regt RAA, 132 Div Loc Bty RAA.

Dates served in SVN from: 18.04.67 to: 02.04.68

What was your location/s in Nui Dat: Det HQ but filled in, in many other positions when required.

Battery/s Activity/s (Bty/ served in, Sections of Bty/s worked in, locations, dates etc) after SVN: On leaving SVN I was discharged as my time was up.

Who were you in the service with: The blokes in the photos below plus many others.

What was your last rank: Bombardier

What did you do after the army: Clerk with Victorian Railways, Prison Officer – Pentridge Prison and Drug and Alcohol Councillor - Palm Lodge, Horsham, Vic.

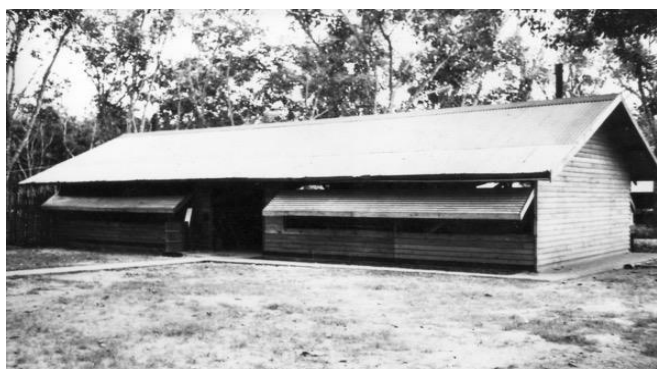
Anything else of interest: Made a TPI in 1989. Married 5 times. Life member of the Wimmera Football League. Secretary for 14 years at the Dimboola Rowing Club. I was President and later Secretary of the Dimboola RSL Sub-branch.

What city / town do you live in now: Dimboola, Victoria



L to r - Self, Roger McDonnell, Allen Morley and Merv Dart

Laying slab for Huts tropical "a" or "b"



Huts Tropical "Boozer" - later James Menz club



"Chalkie" Royal and Bill Thomas

George Clark – "Ray was a bloody good bloke and served as the Bdr. Quarter Master for a short time . He had a great sense of humour and I liked and trusted him very much . RIP Ray."

Wade Cooper – "Lest we forget."

Ian "Scotty" McNicol – "Hi Dicko. Sad to hear of Rays passing. May he RIP.

Ray was the Bombardier storeman when I arrived in SVN in Sept '67 as his assistant. We shared a tent with John Vitkovsky & Geoff Reid behind the 131bty orderly room.

Ray was a bit of a character, especially after a few beers. One time in Vung Tau, he boarded an American small ship, & wanted to party with the crew. Some of the crew were keen, but one of the officers had him evicted with the threat of reporting him to our CO. I stayed with the vehicle, & was told to get him under control. No chance of that happening. The report never eventuated, thankfully.
Regards.....Scotty."

Allen Morley – "Paul, sad to hear that Ray Hutchinson has gone to the "battalion" in the sky. I shared a tent - WW2 vintage - with Ray, John Vitkovsky and Bill Thomas in Nui Dat. Two Nashos and two Regs. I called him "Ray the Reg". Ray seemed to turn up at every 131 event in the task force. Be it a birthday, a celebration on return from R&R, a bbq or whatever, Ray was always in the picture. He was easy to work for, perhaps because he wasn't often in the Q store. RIP Ray. Am"

Ken Osborne – "Dear Paul, I remember Ray Hutchinson quite well, he was the Bombardier storeman with the Detachment while I was in Vietnam and I would see him regularly during my time there. He was with me a couple of times when we went to Vung Tau to pick up stores and I actually got a couple of pictures of him and one of the other members when we stopped to have a break during the trip. He was also with me when we had volunteered to be area representatives for the Vietnam Veterans Counselling Service in the 1980's and did a course in South Melbourne. At that time he was managing some retreat for veterans around Dimboola way (will have to see if I can find my notes from that time). Also met him earlier while competing in the Great Raft Race on the Yarra during an Australia Day weekend while I was at 33 Supply Bn South Kensington in the early 1980's, he was on some other sponsored raft and we both flour bombed each other, I always found him to be a bit of a loveable rogue and a happy and thoughtful person. I hope he is at peace.
Regards Ken Osborne."



Bill Taggart (1st/83rd Artillery, United States of America) -

"Paul, on behalf of the 1/83rd Artillery, please convey our deepest condolences to Ray's family. Lest We Forget.
Bill."

Vale

Bruce Irvine kept on with the arduous task of searching and exploring avenues of possibilities to uncover regions, possible family contacts etc to develop leads to allow us to update Helmut's Date of Death.

...This lead to the involvement of **Grahame Dignam** with the following result -

Grahame Dignam – Today, I spoke to Renata, sister of Helmut (he was 12 years older- she was in the dental area of the Army at Enoggera way back when).

We had a chat and she advised me that Helmut passed on **04 July 1985**."



Name: Lempa, Helmut

Service No: 38120 Rank: Lance Bombardier

SVN In: 20 05 1966 SVN Out: 06 12 1966

Section: Radar

DoB: 18 10 1946

DoD: 04 07 1985

Lest We Forget



Wade Cooper – "Lest We Forget"

Bruce Irvine – provides some fascinating archival history/memories discovered in his research of Helmut...

Eyes and Ears 31 May 2012 - . Ron Mason sent this photo in of the Bravo Radar lot sometime in 1966 and the names on the photo go like this –



Back row – Allan Campbell, George Lane (smoking eh!), John McGregor, **Helmut Lempa**, Garry Luscombe - RAEME (how come they named the airfield after a RAEME bloke?), Laurie Sawyer, Ray Smith.

Front row - Ron Mason, Laurie Gallop Now this is the original Bravo radar group according to George L's Profile.

Must have been laundry day for shirts!



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Service Number: 38120

Last Rank: Lance Bombardier

Born: GERMANY, GERMANY, 18 October 1946

Memorials: Yackandandah War Memorial

Help us honour Helmut Lempa's service by contributing information, stories, and images so that they can be preserved for future generations.

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Helmut Lempa
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May They All Rest in Peace, and Never be Forgotten.



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?

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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.1stbn83rdartylvietnam.com>



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