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. Thanks to Merv Nairn, who sent in the following anniversary reminder –

March 10, 2015 marked the 50th Anniversary

the first National Service Ballot for the Vietnam War.

...a total of 96 marbles were drawn from 181 that were in the barrel. "The barrel used had been used for 50 years to draw horses for Tattersalls' sweeps on important Cup meetings."

The following is story in the Canberra Times on the next day, March 11, highlighting that it was a "secret ballot" not open to the press for the actual drawing...



Mr. Mackinnon, M.H.R., holds up the first marble drawn from the barrel in the National Service ballot in Melbourne yesterday. With him are, from left, Mr. J. F. Hughes, representing the Secretary to the Army, Lieutenant-Colonel P. E. Seddon and Brigadier M. Austin, both representing the Adjutant-General.



Two young men and a girl wearing sandwich boards parade outside the Department of Labour and National Service building in Melbourne yesterday during the conscription ballot.

Call-up ballot drawn

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.—A National Service day ballot was drawn in Melbourne today by the Federal Member for Corangamite, Mr. Mackinnon, M.H.R.

The ballot was held in secret. Newsmen were allowed into the boardroom of the Department of Labour and National Service to witness the drawing of the first marble, but had to leave before the number was announced.

A total of 96 marbles was drawn from the 181 marbles in the barrel, representing a date between January 1 and June 30.

Pitfalls of publication

The barrel used in the ballot was one which has been used for more than 50 years to draw horses for Tattersalls' sweeps on important Cup meetings.

The Federal Member for Higinbotham, Mr. Chip, who presided at the draw, defended the Government's decision to hold the ballot in secret.

He said the department was experienced in this matter and was well aware of the pitfalls which might come from the publication of names of people likely to

Singapore rocks Aus envoy's

SINGAPORE, Wednesday (A.A.P.—Reuters).—A blast is thought to have been "planted" by Indonesian terrorists here and injured 35 others here today.

Senior police officials believe the blast, which occurred in the crowded Orchard Road, was intended for the Deputy High Commission, on the second floor of

The High Commission offices were turned into shambles.

The blast caved in a reinforced concrete wall of the Ho Shanghai branch bank.

Tons of debris crumbled on to two Malaysian-Chinese girl secretaries working on the bank's mezzanine floor.

Bank employees worked frantically for half an hour to dig out the girls, but both were dead.

The third victim was a man who was in a lift in the building. Police said the explosion wrecked the lift and blew off his head.

Great chunks of masonry weighing half a ton were thrown down the stairwell beside the lift.

Three girls injured

Desks on the mezzanine floor were shot across the room and glass skylights shattered and rained splinters on to staff working below.

Passers-by and taxi drivers were injured. Other buildings were shaken and windows for 100 yds. on either side of the bank were smashed.

One car was blown right across the street.

There were no serious casualties among staff of the Australian Deputy High Commission.

Mr. Barry O'Donnell, of Melbourne, an administra-

tive officer in the commission was badly bruised when the front door of the office blew in and hit him.

The door finished 30ft down the office corridor.

A driver and a messenger boy employed by the commission were badly injured and three Malaysian girl typists suffered shock and minor cuts from flying glass.

CREIGHTON BURNS, our South-east Asia correspondent, writes:

The Australian Deputy High Commissioner, Mr. William Pritchett, of Sydney, was dictating at his desk when the explosion occurred.

The windows of his office were blown in, but both he and his secretary escaped unhurt.

Mr. Pritchett said the blast left him a little deaf. His first reaction, he added, was to wonder, "What the hell was that?"

Mr. Pritchett was due to fly to Canberra this evening for routine consultations with the Government.

He has now put off his trip until tomorrow night. Mr. Pritchett said he hoped to reopen the commission office tomorrow.

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Minister clubbed by gang

Between 1964 and December 1972, 804,286 twenty-year-olds registered for national service, 63,735 national servicemen served in the Army and 15,381 served in Vietnam. Between 1966 and 1971 Australian infantry battalions were typically comprised of an even mix of regular soldiers and national servicemen. Some 200 national servicemen lost their lives in Vietnam.

. AN/KPQ-1 RADAR South Vietnam

Detachment 131 Divisional Locating Battery South Vietnam 1966 - 1970

This document records a brief history of the mortar locating radars used by Detachment 131 Divisional Locating Battery in South Vietnam...the reproduction of which has been granted by its author –

Keith R Ayliffe BEM
Ex 131 Div Loc Bty

FSBs Harrison, Wattle, Clowes and Anderson...

21 April 1968 - The Allied Operation Thuan Thang - Complete Victory' the largest unit level battle involving Australian soldiers in the Vietnam War, commenced. This was a reconnaissance-in-force operation in AO's totalling 398 sq km. In the first 3 weeks of Operation Thuan Thang, Alpha Radar (A6) was deployed into the following FSB's co-deployed with 102 Fd Bty RAA and a Det 131 LP;
HARRISON YT1716.

WATTLE YS3591.

CLOWES YS3963.

ANDERSEN (for second occupation).

FSPB WATTLE -68



FSB CLOWES



During this phase of the operation there were two LP's deployed by Det 131, one LP deployed with 102 Fd Bty and one deployed with 161 Fd Bty RNZA at FSB Evans (YT 22-06) which "sat firmly astride a known VC trail to and from Saigon," 5 km south-south-east of **FSB Anderson**, 22 km east of Bien Hoa. Det 131 TFAIO was deployed at Bien Hoa where it controlled the radar and LP's

05 - 13 May - A North Vietnamese offensive similar to the TET offensive took place this was dubbed —The mini Tet offensive, attacking 109 towns and cities throughout South Vietnam. In the course of that offensive, 5,270 Communists, 154 Americans and 326 South Vietnamese were killed.

13 May – 2Lt Gordon Williams replaced 2Lt Wight as Radar Section Commander

13 May - Bdr Keith Ayliffe becomes No.1 of Alpha radar. Bdr Gordon returns to Nui Dat to command Bravo radar

Battle of FSPB Coral, Balmoral and Coogee

May and June - For twenty-six days, units of the 1 ATF fought a series of actions around FSB's Coral, Coogee and Balmoral against an enemy actively looking for a fight. Further reading on the Battle of Coral is available in the book - *The Battle of Coral* - Lex McCaulay - Hutchinson Aust - ISBN 0 09 169090.

12 May - Alpha Radar (A6) was air lifted along with 102 Fd Bty and an LP from FSPB Anderson into FSPB Coral XT 9329 in AO Surfers. FSPB Coral was intentionally sited on a major enemy trail just inside the western edge of War Zone D, 20 km north, north west of Bien Hoa and 22 km east, south east of Ben Cat. Det 131's second LP was air lifted with 161 Fd Bty RNZA to a position approximately 1500m east of FSPB Coral.

13 May – At approximately 0130hrs the major NVA attack commenced on FSPB Coral.

Alpha Radar (A6) suffered extensive enemy rocket/mortar shrapnel damage to Antenna, RX/TX unit cables, stack, a generator and a vehicle, all were made unserviceable. The radar detachment were on the western perimeter of the FSB and as such provided the defence for this area, fortunately the ground attack came from the north and north east, however the detachment came under heavy mortar and rocket fire and of course the small arms fire which cut through the entire FSB. The enemy broke off contact at about 0630hrs.

A road convoy from Nui Dat arrived about midday. Part of this convoy contained two vehicles from Det 131 and one vehicle from 131 WKSPS. Apart from a change of a number of radar and LP personnel, the vehicles contained replacement radar units and parts from Charlie Radar (A12). The forward TFAIO arrived by road from Bien Hoa and deployed with 12 Fd Regt Tac HQ.

A remark overheard from a 102 Fd Bty Bdr on the morning after the first attack. **"The locating radar made good aiming points for the NVA mortar and RPG teams and it is not good to have your pit anywhere near them"**

161 Bty RNZA along with Det 131 LP moved to FSB Coogee 4.5 Km west of FSB Coral.

Alpha Radar (A6) was moved to a new position at FSPB Coral, a forward position north in front of the guns. This position proved to be unsatisfactory in tracking mortars fired at/into FSPB Coral.

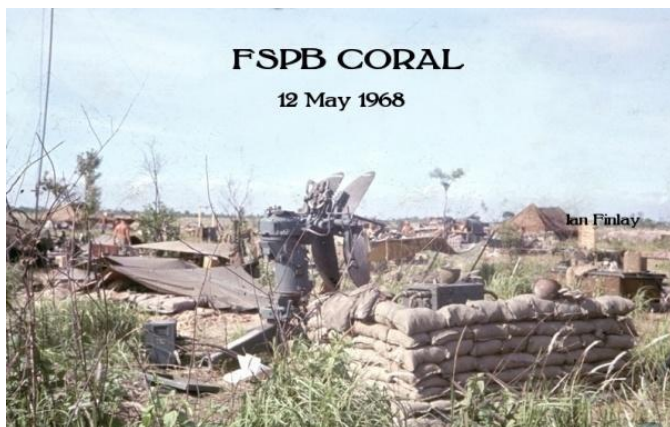
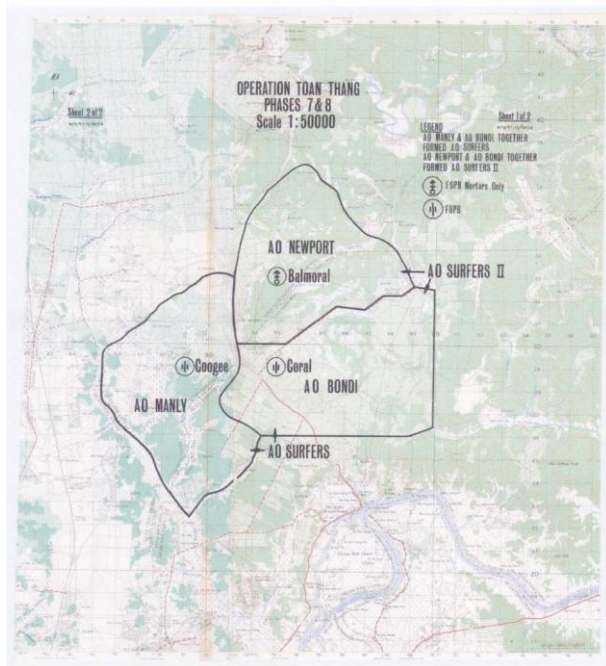


Photo Ian Finlay



Photo Keith Ayliffe

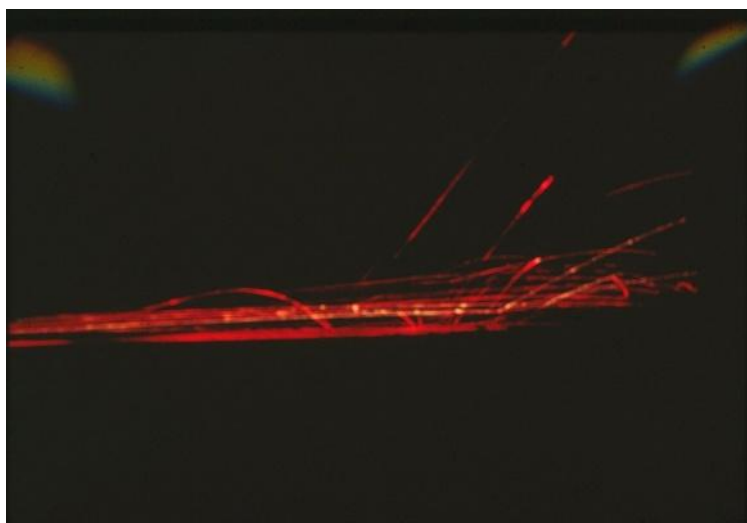


Photo Bob Wilson - attack on Coral



On the morning of the 13 May 1968, with the nights battle just dying out and enemy still believed to be in the area, the LP which had spent a sleepless night with 161 Fd Bty RNZA travelled unescorted to FSPB Coral, a distance of about 1.5 Km. The lead figure in photo is Stan Briggs followed by Ken 'Bluey' Peisley with John Bayford at rear (closest to camera). After a short stay at Coral the LP departed to FSPB Coogee (by air)

Photo: John Dellaca (Fourth member of the LP)



Photo: Bob Wilson - taken on the night of first attack by LP Op. 12/13 May 68



Photo: Bob Billiards

16 May - A second enemy Attack occurred by an estimated VC battalion group supported by RPG and mortar. Contact was made at 0345hrs and broken at 0730hrs, Alpha Radar (A6) screen was cluttered with a large amount of shells/mortar/rocket/ traces that it was unable to secure a locrep.

20 May – Sgt Norman Lindroos assumes command of Bravo radar Nui Dat as No.1.

25/26 May - FSPB Coral came under attack again at the same time as FSPB Balmoral was being attacked. Alpha Radar (A6) recorded locreps on mortars attacking FSPB BALMORAL. No results are recorded.

27/28 May - FSPB Balmoral again was attacked, with Alpha Radar (A6) recording locreps. No results known. FSPB Coral received incoming RPG and 75mm Recoilless rifle and possibly 60mm mortars.

May - a replacement radar was requested to replace Alpha Radar (A6) as it had reached its expected life span of 4000hrs, however with the battle damage it had incurred, it was imperative to have a replacement radar.

05 June - Operation Thoan Thang ended and all Det 131 sections returned to Nui Dat.

Next month we'll get into **FSB Balmoral...**

. Vietnam – Calender of events...April –

Apr 22 First Advance Party Det 131 DLB departed Aus 1966
25 ANZAC Day

7 April	1967	Major P.J. Badcoe, VC	Major P.J. Badcoe, Australian Army Training Team Vietnam, originally from Adelaide, SA, was awarded the Victoria Cross posthumously for a series of actions in South Vietnam between February and April 1967.
9 April	1968	HMAS Sydney arrived at Vung Tau	The 1st Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, disembarked and the 7th Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, embarked. Sydney made 24 voyages to Vietnam during the war.
11 April	1970	HMAS Vendetta returns to Sydney	HMAS Vendetta was the only one of three Australian Daring class destroyers to serve on the gunline in Vietnamese waters. The ship served one tour.

29 April	1965	Prime Minister Menzies announces the commitment of an infantry battalion to Vietnam	Australia's involvement in Vietnam was a gradual process. By April 1965 there were 100 members of the Australian Army Training Team Vietnam in Vietnam. The commitment of a battalion represented a major step in Australia's involvement and precipitated further increases in the number of Australians serving in Vietnam until reductions began in 1970
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. Dates - an interesting topic sent in by Rieny Nieuwenhof. This hopefully will raise a lot of discussion not only in this forum, but with get-togethers etc as it is full of interest and irony –

“Hi Dicko,

Thanks for the latest edition of the newsletter....well done as usual.

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I would like to have a conversation about this issue (maybe at Seymour in May?)

I know it is probably an historic and possibly an anal issue, but it is important to me and maybe others.

With regards, Rieny Nieuwenhof – Geelong”

...I circulated Rieny's email and there is some real conjecture as to dates as to anything, so we'll break Rieny's propositions into two segments to make it easier to digest, focus and discuss.

1). The ending of the Vietnam War – from above...

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Because soldiers' roles or involvement in wars/conflicts may not end at the declared cessation of hostilities as per Vietnam in **1972** with the withdrawal from Vung Tau – on **5th March**, saw the last units of 1ALSG depart. After this Australia's commitment to South Vietnam was then limited to about 150 troops of the AATTV and Australian Army Assistance Group Vietnam (AAAGV).

Then on **15th July** the final death of an Australian named on the nation's Roll of Honour for the Vietnam War occurs when Private Arthur John Gibson of 7RAR dies at Liverpool Hospital, NSW.

On **5th December** Conscription ends and then on the...

18th December sees the withdrawal of the AATTV and AAAGV and marks the end of Australia's military commitment to South Vietnam.

However, some troops remain to guard the Australian Embassy.

Just a couple of comparisons could be the occupying forces in Germany and Japan after WW11 and the UN Troops in South Korea, except that in South Vietnam on **25th April, 1975** saw the evacuation of the Australian ambassador, embassy staff, several journalists and a limited number of Vietnamese refugees. Four Australian airfield defence guards were the last to leave.

So from these dates it's not hard to say that Australia's involvement in the war against North Vietnam ceased in 1972.

1975 – on 30th April, North Vietnamese forces capture Saigon, effectively ending the Vietnam (Civil) War.

So the medals we were awarded, except for the Australian Active Service Medal 1945-1975, were NOT awarded after 1972, hence reinforcing the war end date.

2. The disbandment of Detachment 131 Divisional Locating Battery. Extract from above...

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One can only assume that when the last Locator left South Vietnam that date ended our involvement in the war. All you have to do is check the Nominal Roll (though not always accurate) and you can see that the following Locators left SVN on the following dates (table supplied by Bert Blink) -

17-Oct-70	02-May-71	1736606	HOLLOWAY, Hilton George
03-Dec-70	02-May-71	3798292	SULLIVAN, Geoffrey David
28-May-70	05-May-71	4720991	JOHNSON, Brian
30-May-70	05-May-71	219656	WINN, Kenneth Eric
03-Jun-70	14-May-71	218595	EDWARDS, Richard George
30-May-70	26-May-71	2793162	NAVAS, Gary Gordon
30-May-70	26-May-71	312827	PRYKE, Roger Anthony
30-May-70	26-May-71	2792939	SMITH, Grahame Arthur
17-Dec-70	28-May-71	424096	ARNOLD, Rex Terrance
11-Feb-71	01-Jun-71	3789164	EVANS, Jeffrey Bruce
17-Dec-70	01-Jun-71	219351	GEOGHEGAN, Kevin Donald
11-Feb-71	06-Jun-71	3798316	BEVANS, Kevin Raymond
11-Feb-71	06-Jun-71	3798378	CAMPBELL, Ian Richard
04-Jun-70	09-Jun-71	3796958	BUTLER, Michael Hartley
04-Jun-70	09-Jun-71	2793339	CARTHEW, Geoffrey Stephen
20-Aug-70	09-Jun-71	2793176	RYAN, Ronald Victor
10-Nov-70	09-Jun-71	3796803	SUMMERS, Peter Maxwell

Holloway HG 12 Field 03/05/1971 – 26/10/1971, Sullivan GD 12 Field 03/05/1971 – 20/10/1971
 Johnson B As above, Winn KE Dates above incorrect moved from Det 131 to 4 Field on 6/8/1970
 Edwards RG As above, Navas GG As above, Pryke RA As above, Smith GA As above
 Arnold RT 161 (Ind) Recce Flight 29/05/1971 – 16/09/1971, Evans JB 1 ARU then 12 Field 02/06/1971 – 02/11/1971
 Geoghegan KD Headquarters (AFV) 02/06/1971 – 23/12/1971, Bevans KR 12 Field 07/06/1971 – 02/11/1971
 Campbell IR 12 Field 07/06/1971 – 30/10/1971, Butler MH As above, Carthew GS As above
 Ryan RV As above, Summers PM As above

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

Markwick FB 12 Field 28/06/1971 – 20/12/1971, Walker LA 12 Field 30/06/1971 – 30/10/1971
 Falkai L 12 Field 30/06/1971 – 18/11/1971, Molenkamp J 12 Field 30/06/1971 – 09/08/1971
 Welsh TL 12 Field 30/06/1971 – 30/10/1971, Browning KD 12 Field 30/06/1971 – 18/11/1971
 Turner AC 12 Field 01/07/1971 – 15/11/1971, Grimwood GJ 12 Field 01/07/1971 – 18/11/1971
 Jeffery W As above (note name misspelled), Saint PR As above, Willis SA As above
 Kocka JR As above but was in 4 Field 4 months prior, Fowler BA As above, Harris RD As above
 Szypulski M As above but was in 4 & 12 Field 7 months prior

18-Mar-71	01-Aug-71	5717596	HOMER, John Charles
04-Mar-71	01-Aug-71	4721862	JAGGARD, John William
18-Mar-71	03-Aug-71	2794949	BARRY, Peter
04-Mar-71	05-Aug-71	3797746	BEASLEY, Rodney James
30-Nov-70	05-Aug-71	313477	CHILLINGSWORTH, Garry Dennis
19-May-71	05-Aug-71	215649	D'ARCY, Laurence Gilbert
20-Aug-70	05-Aug-71	235300	FORD, Timothy Roger
10-Nov-70	05-Aug-71	3797963	KIENE, Jorg
11-Feb-71	05-Aug-71	3798241	VAN DE NIEUWENHOF, Martinus Henricus Antony
20-Aug-70	05-Aug-71	2184592	WHITTAKER, Roger John
11-Feb-71	12-Aug-71	5716997	DAVIS, Neville Peter Arthur
26-Nov-70	12-Aug-71	3797872	FIELDEN, Peter John
04-Mar-71	12-Aug-71	5717069	PIRES, Gerard Michael
04-Mar-71	13-Aug-71	214000	TICKLE, John David
10-Nov-70	19-Aug-71	26202	MCMANUS, Norman Ronald Keith
04-Mar-71	20-Aug-71	3798485	FOUNTAIN, Barry Edward
26-May-71	18-Nov-71	6709864	ROBOTHAM, Allan Desmond

The sound ranging equipment was transferred to the Regiment in June, but this obviously did not terminate our activity in SVN.

Now, there is real conjecture as to the quote from *"Tracks of the Dragon"* stating that the Detachment – (extract from above) - 'Tracks of the Dragon' and other sources claim 131 disbanded in **May 1971.**

After several re-readings of "Tracks..." nowhere could it be noted that it states "May 1971" and that it actually states on page 261 that the date is **"31st July 1971"**. It could be fair to say that the Detachment was not operational after July 1971 and we were in closure mode. Several members were transferred to the Field Regiment and these transfers are reflected in the Nominal Roll.

. Wally Franklin now **OAM** as at the Australia day Honours on 26th January, 2015 – thanks to the fantastic news from **Dave Doyle**.

Here's the mention in "The Northern Daily Leader" in Tamworth –

"Wally Franklin

Tamworth

Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for service to sport and the Tamworth community

WALLY Franklin might not have been a champion on the sporting field, but his record behind the scenes is almost peerless.

The 65-year-old has devoted much of his life to volunteering in sports administration both in Tamworth and on the Mid North Coast.

He served in the Northern Inland Academy of Sport from 1998 to 2013, including 10 years as chairman, and is a Tamworth Sports Dome board member.

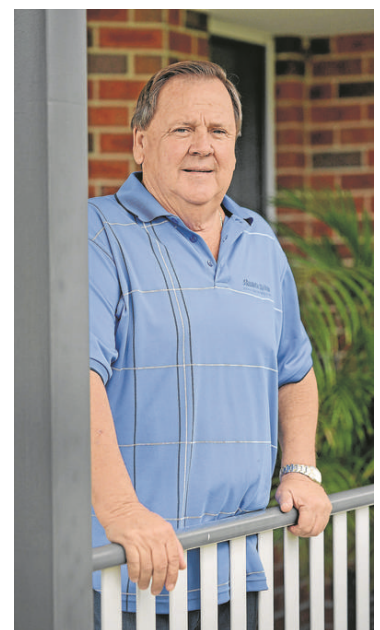
Mr Franklin, a Vietnam veteran who played grade rugby in both Queensland and Sydney, firmly believes in the power of sport as a force for good in the community.

"We put 2500 athletes through those programs over the 14 years and I don't remember one of them coming out of the courthouse," he said.

"So that's rewarding for me to see (those) young athletes grow up as good people and nice people, and talk to them in later years."

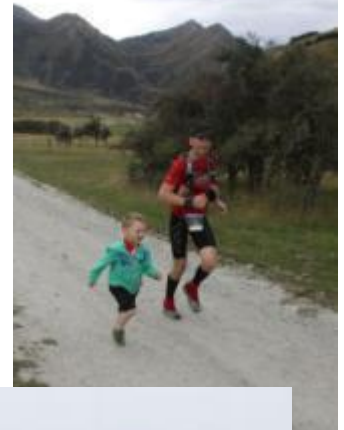
Mr Franklin said Tamworth's sporting scene was "very healthy"; however, a shortage of volunteers could be a problem in the future.

Mr Franklin is married to Jill, with whom he has three children: Wade, Hayley and Elke (dec).



Wally Franklin OAM"

. **Bob Billiards** fills us in on some family time spent recently in New Zealand. Great stuff – “Paul, I have had the flu for the past two weeks and last week (well actually 10 days) - we were in NZ for a run (Queenstown) that one of my sons-in-law was running. It was a mountain marathon (total climb height 2600 Metres) as a fund raiser for cancer research, youngest daughter did a 10K run as well while Cathy and I looked after the kids. We then did 8 days in 3 areas – Invercargill, Te Anu and Milford sound, then back home. I have attached some photos of us and the runners, Bob”



. **“The Vung Tau Ferry”...this is just a follow up to an email sent out in March...we’re still waiting on info?**

You're ALL no doubt aware of the significance of the following date.

Well, we're going to try to put together as much of your memories, as possible, with reference to **May 1965 and beyond involving "The Vung Tau Ferry"**.

For example -

. Your memories, especially if you travelled on the "Old Girl" over the period of her operation from 1965 to 1972.

...“Ah the Fairstar of the Orient!”

The "Pioneer Group" comes to mind plus those who did a voyage (to and/or from) - it'd be great if you could stretch the grey matter to recollect events leading up to the embarkation - packing, farewells etc. Then the trip itself - stepping off Aus soil, the trip, your reactions to arriving, settling in etc (did your training prepare you for this etc?), what did you tell the people back home? Did you get seasick? How did you get on with the blokes in the bell-bottom pants? Was it the cruise of a life time?

. Photos, photos and more photos - PLEASE.

There is no major rush for this info - we've got about 7 weeks /up to the 24th April to wind it all up for the May edition of *Eyes & Ears*.

Of course next year we'll follow up with the **"Pioneer Group"s' 50th - MAY 1966**, then we hopefully proceed with subsequent dates that had us going to and from SVN (not all necessarily to do with the Sydney). As we progress through the calendar you're going to have to send stuff in as we're not going to know the dates of arrival and departure for all of us. These can be group to solo arrivals / departures.

. Terry Erbs sent in the following with regards to **Brisbane's "Operation Slipper Welcome Home Parade"**...

On a humid morning last Saturday, nearly 3000 servicemen and women marched in Brisbane's "Operation Slipper Welcome Home Parade". They were warmly applauded by a large supportive crowd, lining Adelaide St. and George St.

"Operation Slipper" [2001-2014], was Australia's contribution to the "war in Afghanistan" and centred in Afghanistan and supported from the Persian Gulf. One of Australia's longest military operation's, 34,500 were deployed, of whom 41 were killed in Afghanistan, the first combat deaths since the Vietnam War.



It was heartening to see so many Vietnam veterans there to support younger veterans and a number of unit association banners were prominently positioned at Anzac Square. Poignantly, the marchers saw the older veterans with the banners as they did the traditional and respectful "Eyes Right" at Anzac Square



More than 70 veterans 20th STA Regiment, led by Lt Col Bede Galvin, passing Anzac Square during "Operation Slipper Welcome Parade" Brisbane Saturday, 21/03/2015

...Terry continues on with more info from Brisbane...

At the "Operation Slipper Welcome Parade" I again met 2I/C Maj. Russ Hamsey, who is very keen for older veteran's support and guidance.

With 131 Bty's 50th anniversary next year, he is keen to preserve and display the Regiment's history and equipment. Russ said he has ample "man power" for several planned projects but is seeking the guidance and advice from older veterans.

Particularly relevant with the impending 50th anniversary is the much needed restoration of the "wall art" at BHQ 131 Bty. As seen in the photo, the colors have badly faded but at least the "lung dragons" are still visible although without color – do we have any willing artists, I assume the Army could find suitable paint!





Locating historian and “radar man” Keith Ayliffe meet with Russ before Xmas and discussed the preservation and possible restoration of the Regiment’s only AN/KQP-1 radar and another meeting is planned for early April. This radar, particularly the aerial array, is badly weathered. So if anyone knows of a spare AN/KQP-1 radar, which could be scavenged for parts, please contact Russ or Keith.



Badly weathered AN/KPQ-1 aerial

. ANZAC Day 2015 – what’s happening and who’s going where...

Gallipoli - Pete Ravelje is off to Gallipoli – wait for some photos to come.

Balmoral RSL, Western Victoria – John Vitkovsky reports and invites who ever may be in the neighbourhood - “Frantically trying to complete renovation of our old RSL building in time for Anzac Day. Received DVA grant of \$92K. So Balmoral RSL in Western Vic will be looking good again. Dawn Service on the day and the March at 10.15. Only two WW2 Diggers left...John Vitkovsky.”

Alice Springs (anyone else out that neck of the woods?) – Geoff Holden lets us know where he’ll be – “G’day Paul, I’m hitting the road at the end of March and heading for Uluru and Alice Springs. I intend to be in Alice for Anzac Day which will be a new experience for me and I’m really looking forward to participating there. Cheers mate Geoff Holden”

Darwin – Stuart Sporn lets us know what’s happening in that neck of the woods on the day plus some interesting information with regards to his Grandfather – “Just the usual stuff with Dawn Service and Street parade 0930. I will attend the Larrekayah Primary School commemoration which is close to the gates of Larrakeyah Barracks I will represent my grandfather, WO 2 John Ross, who served in the ALH in Egypt, Beersheba, and Damascus He also served in WW2 but as a trainer in a Tank Regiment because of his age. He was given a citation by Tom Blamey for volunteering for medical experiments in the Atherton Tablelands. Died in 1996, 1 month before his 100th birthday”

Brisbane – Terry Erbs gives us the gen for the activity in Brisbane – no excuses for not turning up – “I spoke to Sean Voss RSM 20th STA this morning and he is trying to get the order of march for Artillery units reorganised. Currently the Brisbane March Committee has 4th Field Regiment at position 23, ‘A’ Battery position 24, 131 position 29 while the LSTA is back in position 53 – apparently this order of march was similarly proposed last year, obviously there isn’t a gunner on the March Committee! So march details have not been finalised but probably the usual meeting arrangements will again apply – 131 and LSTA banners will be at the corner of Mary & George St at 10am 25th April and all locaters will march together behind banners at position 29. When he issues Regiment’s ANZAC day arrangements and the March Committee finalised planning I will forward immediately. Of more immediate concern is the “Welcome Home Parade” Saturday 21st March, which I hope other locaters will attend in to support these veterans - unlike when we came home! About 60 locaters are expected to march here in Brisbane but there will be no banners or unit identification so please look for the 20th STA colour patch. They will be assembling in Adelaide St around 9.30am [march details below]. I plan to meet Sean before the march and take a few photos. Cheers Terry”

Melbourne – Allan Adams starts the Melbourne day off for us – “131 usually assembles in Swanston Street about halfway between Flinders and Collins Streets, around 10.30. I don't normally hear from the other guys, as there is only a dozen or so that turn up, depending on the weather. Al”

Box Hill / Melbourne – Mike Butler is in for a long day with the following plus a really interesting dinner on the 21st – “Doing the usual - going to the local Box Hill RSL for dawn service (they are expecting up to 2,000 - 3,000 !!) then into Melbourne for the March to Shrine.

Just as an aside the Vietnam Vets Association (associated with Box Hill) is having its annual black tie dinner this Saturday (21 March). Keith Payne and his wife will be on our table which, as you can imagine, is a real privilege. The guest speaker is Maj Gen Professor Jeffrey Rosenfeld (retd) who is a specialist surgeon who served in Afghanistan. I have heard him speak before and he is inspirational. His speciality is getting wounded troops to aid as quickly as possible - a lot faster than in SVN.

Hope you are keeping well. Cheers Mike Butler”

Sydney (March & Luncheon) – Vic Danko and Grahame Dignam are giving plenty notice for the Sydney event – “The 131 Locators dinner after the Sydney March will again be held at Zest within the City Tattersalls Club in Pitt St. Sydney. Last year was a memorable lunch and this year we hope to better that occasion. The venue is well catered and not crowded.

Remember form up is near Bent and O'Connell Streets, so look for the Det 131 Banner.

If you will be in town for the March and are interested in joining other Locators for a fixed price meal (around \$50 for Dinner and Dessert) you need to advise:

Grahame Dignam – [Secretary / Treasurer](#) 0437 361 602 or 02 9822 9218

OR

Victor Danko on 02 9909 2801 of your intention.

If you have any questions, call Grahame on 02 98229218.

Time 12.30pm

Zest Restaurant

City Tattersalls Club, Level 1, 194-204 Pitt St, [Sydney](#) NSW 2000”

Sydney - Keith Dean is heading to the “big smoke” for this year's march – “I will be heading to Sydney for Anzac day. Keith Dean”

Sydney – Derek Hinde will add to the numbers along George St - “I will be marching in Sydney this Anzac Day. My cousin **Joe Losiak** (131 Driver SVN) will be marching in **Warwick**. Thanks. Derek”

Bathurst / Yetholme – Bruce Irvine ever cheerful will do a dual job - “Usual services for ANZAC Day here this year with a couple of special commemorations for the Centenary of ANZAC.

Bathurst will pay homage to the 436 killed in WW1 from the district as well as Blair Wark VC at a service with march off at 1015hrs (that's REAL time - thank goodness sanity will prevail by then!!).

Yetholme service will be at 0830hrs and we will be planting a lone pine (grown from seed from the AWM tree) as part of that service so future generations can watch it grow for the next 100 years. Regards, Bruce Irvine”

Dookie – Ron Mason from the metropolis in Central Victoria gives a great foreword as to what's on the agenda for the Day - “Anzac Day at Dookie (central Vic) will be an 11 o'clock service preceded by a short march led by a riderless horse with reverse boots in the stirrups, followed by another horse with rider in Light Horse uniform, Vietnam Veterans & other service & ex-service personal, Rifle salute party (with 303's), Scouts Guides & local school. Dookie is a town of under 500 people and a crowd of over 150 is expected at the service.

After the service a light luncheon, provided by the Dookie RSL Ladies Auxiliary with help from the Dookie Lions Club & support from members of the community, will be served at the Memorial Hall. All welcome to Dookie's commemorations and luncheon. Top job Dicko, Ron Mason”

Adelaide – Geoff Blackwell lays out what's happening in his neck of the woods, plus the very special trip he's doing – “The Dawn Service and March in Adelaide are pretty much standard. People going to the service should be at the North Terrace War Memorial around 0530hr. The March begins at 1000hr and will be the last one televised live by the ABC. (Budget cuts.) It follows the normal route.

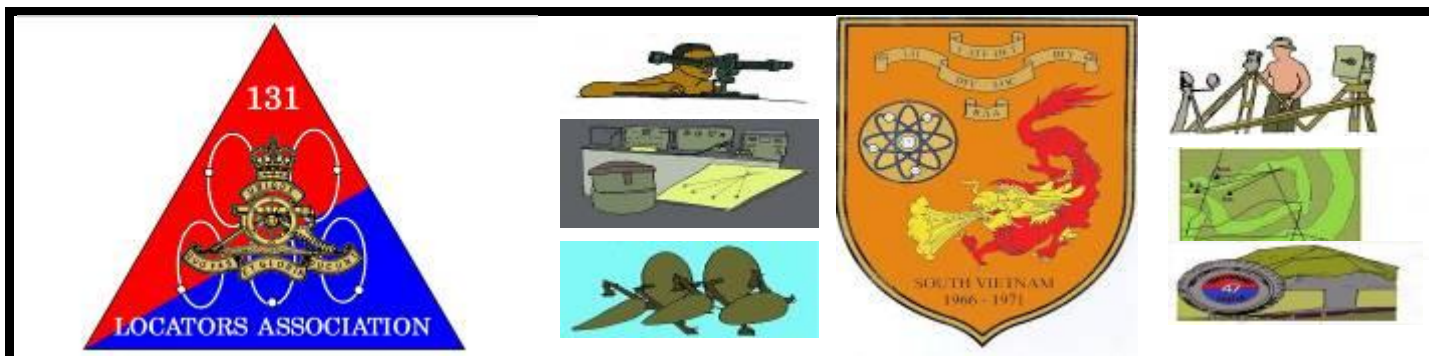
The Semaphore-PortAdelaide RSL Subbranch has a Dawn Service at 0600hr, on the foreshore, with a bit of a reenactment of the Gallipoli landing by the local historical Society, in period costume etc.

...what Geoff is up to and it sounds fantastic...

I myself am going to **Anzac Cove** on a cruise ship then around the corner to Kepez, disembarking to visit the battle fields and war graves. We arrive at the cove at 0200hr.....it's going to be a long day.

Photos will follow. Regards Geoff.”

DON'T FORGET TO TAKE SOME PHOTOS AND SEND THEM IN!



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Welcome – There were no new members during March, so let's see what April brings. Thanks to those blokes that are current members – your support is crucial.

Presidential perambulations

It is that time of year. A quarter of the year has steamed past us. Daylight savings is about to disappear, so it will be dark at wake-up time next week. And Queensland comes back to reality. The football season has begun in earnest. Easter is just around the corner with all the extra calories that are on offer. I notice that we are even importing Easter chocolate from Argentina and Poland. A sad situation that.

Anzac Day's Order of March has been released and the Detachment 131 banner will be unfurled at (approximately) the Hunter and Pitt St intersection in Sydney, 10am on April 25th. All current and ex-131ers are invited to join us for the March, and if possible, for the lunch afterwards.

The bits and pieces are almost together for the Paver Dedication in Seymour on May 4th. Our numbers are slowly trickling in, which makes final arrangement decisions a little challenging. If you are coming please contact either Grahame Dignam (0437361602) or Allen Morley (0411127950) or go to the website www.131locators.org.au.

Please make that your priority action after reading Eyes & Ears.

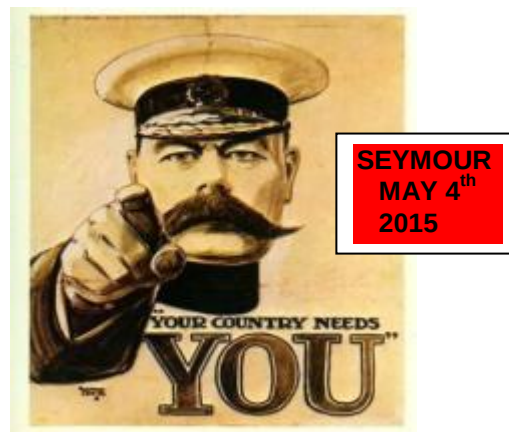
Best wishes
 Allen Morley

. Upcoming Events Calender –

131 Locators Association Committee Meeting Date: Tuesday, 21st April, 2015 at 1100hrs

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

Then there's Seymour...

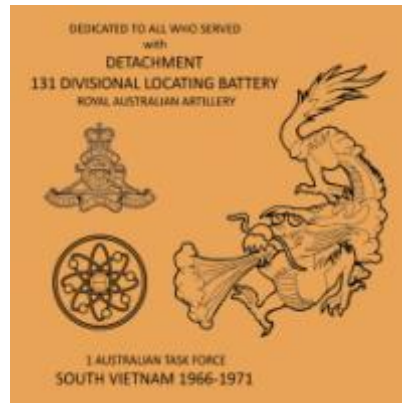




Roll Up! Roll Up!

TO: 131 Locators Association Members and other interested parties

WHAT: The Commemoration of the 131 Locators Association paver at the Seymour Vietnam Veterans Walk in Victoria



WHEN: Monday 4th May 2015 – the 49th Anniversary of the first detachment arrivals, 'the Pioneers', in South Vietnam

PROGRAM: The following is the proposed multi-day program, which is subject to alteration, depending upon numbers and availability of access –

- 11am, Monday 4th May – unveiling and dedication of the Association paver and inspection of the Seymour Vietnam Veterans Walk;
- 7.00pm Monday 4th May - Commemorative dinner at the Seymour Club; <http://www.seymourclub.com.au/>
- 11am, Tuesday 5th May - inspection of the Puckapunyal Museum – subject to access approval; <http://www.armytankmuseum.com.au/>
- 8.00am, Wednesday 6th May – coach/ car trip to Phillip Island National Vietnam Veterans Museum and unveiling of Association Plaque and return to Seymour; <https://www.vietnamvetsmuseum.org/>
- 8am, Thursday 7th May – group breakfast and end of program

WHAT DOYOU NEED TO DO: We need confirmation of your/partner/family intention to attend some or all of the above events so that we can work the numbers, eg for dinner, the coach and closing breakfast.

Please complete the form at the bottom of this page and return it with a holding deposit of \$50 per person. Cancellation before April 1st 2015 will

provide for a full refund of the deposit; Cancellation after that date will not result in any refund.

We have applied for a DVA grant to help defer some of the costs but will not know the result of this application until April 2015.

ACCOMMODATION: A selection of hotels for accommodation has been identified. These are –

Name & phone	Chain	Room Type/No.	Beds	Approx cost
Wattle Motel Ph : (03)57922411	Golden Chain			
		Twin share	1 Q, 1 s	\$ 140.00
		Family 2BR	1 Q, 3/4 S in 2nd bed room	\$ 180.00
Tarriff shown for 2 people, extra person \$20.00 / night.				
The Coach & Bushman's Ph :(03)57923744	Comfort Inn			
		Twin share	1Q, 1s	\$ 125.00
		Family 2 BR	1Q, 2 s	\$ 165.00
		Family 2 BR	1Q 2s Renovated	\$ 185.00
Auto Lodge Motor Inn Ph : (03) 57921700	(None)			
		2 BR (Rm 8)	1D, 2s	\$ 125.00
		2 BR (Rm 7)	1Q, 1s, 1s Bunk	\$ 125.00
		2 BR (Rms 4 & 5)	2 D	\$ 100-115
		2 x interconnecting rms 1Q, 1 s.	1Q, 1s,	\$ 100-115
		rooms with same format		
New Crossing Place Ph: (03)57922800	Best Western			
		Family 2 BR		\$ 180.00
		Twin DeLuxe		\$ 135.00
Goulburn River Tourist Pk Ph:(03)57921530	Top Tourist Parks (caravan park)			
		Cabin (No 23)	2 D	\$105/2 pers
		Cabin (No 34)	2 beds	\$100/ 2 pers

Make your own accommodation arrangements direct with the hotel.

Questions - Grahame Dignam 02 9822 9218 or Allen Morley 02 94283275

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Registration form: Please complete and e-mail to sectreas131locators@gmail.com
 with payment to 131 Locators Association, BSB: 032166, A/C No 264133
 or post this form plus deposit to Grahame Dignam, 8 Darling St Abbotsbury NSW 2176

Name Deposit \$50
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Total Deposit	\$	
We wish to attend the following Dinner 4 th May	Yes	No
Puckapunyal Museum 5 th May	Yes	No
Coach to Phillip Island 6 th May	Yes	No
Farewell breakfast 7 th May	Yes	No

RSVP April 1st 2015

. Pertinent Points – extracted from the **131 Locators Association Committee Meeting Date: Tuesday, 24th March, 2015 at 1100hrs...**

Presidents report.

- . Recent DVA Grant decision covering the Seymour and North Head events is due in April
- . Ron Mason passed on a name that lead to a fruitful contact at the Australian Tank Museum where we have been booked to do a tour.
- . Responses for Seymour so far number 28 and the day trip to Phillip Island number 27.

Webmaster Update.

Bob provided an email of website stats which showed a small but steady growth in activity. A notable figure is the number of downloads of archived editions back to 2009.

May event – Seymour and Phillip Island 2015.

- . We had received confirmation the Plaque has arrived at the Museum.
- . Discussions re the Tank Museum and their entry information received indicated that cars would be the optimal transport method for this venue.
- . Coach for the Phillip Island Excursion- 24 seat coaster @\$40.00per head or 48 seater @\$53 PH (min 24 more room and toilet). Figures are trending toward the 48 seater.
- . 4 Invitations sent to Federal MP/Senators. 2 Shadow MP apologized for their absence -1 Liberal MP Kevin Andrews auto replied no commitment – 1 no response.
- . Invitations also sent to Joe Kaplun, Marianne Menz, Kim Fox BSM 131 Div Loc Bty Enoggera

OCs Brian Kennedy and Warwick Hamilton will attend. Apologies from Maj Gen Tim Ford and Jim Townley.

Other Matters.

An incident was related where a veteran member was off colour/not feeling well for some time and didn't think too much of it but was concerned. When he went to the GP he was referred on to a Specialist. In the interrogation his medical history from SVN was explored for a possible cause and tests conducted. With a better diet and a new attitude the vet is improving.

The issue still has not been resolved BUT the fact that the Medicos were thorough enough to go back to 1960's to find a reason demonstrated that we should not just "pass it of" as a bad day.

LESSON: **be vigilant.**

. web Performance...

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

. Birthdays in the Battery...April –

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

Ed – 22 blokes not highlighted is 4 better than this time last year – a 15% improvement! Let's go for another 20% this year.

. **Locator Profiles** – we've received 127 and we've sent out 127. Ed – we can always do with a few more though!

. **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.



131 Locators Association is always on the lookout for new financial members. With the establishment of the web site we continue to be burdened with the ongoing cost of maintenance etc and we need to be able to support this effort equally.

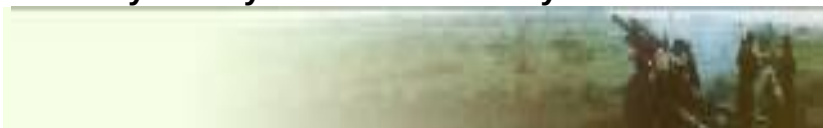
So, if you're a non-financial Associate receiving emails and the Eyes & Ears regularly you could bite the bullet and email **Grahame Dignam**: sectreas131locators@gmail.com and he could forward you the relevant forms to join - Memberships are available for 1 year or longer deposit a DONATION direct (add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

Hope we hear from you?

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

. Other related sites...

. Artillery Surveyors 131 Div Loc Bty...



ARTILLERY SURVEYORS 131 DIV LOC BTY

"Elements of 131 came wandering in from the bush"

(A quote whose origins are lost, yet the sentiments expressed will not be lost on many who served with 131 Div Loc Bty SVN.)

This website seeks to make contact with the Artillery Surveyors of 131 Div Loc Bty. We welcome your relevant contributions of photos, insights and observances so we might endeavour to expand

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<http://www.artillerysurveyors131.com.au/>

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. 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.

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