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ANZAC DAY, 2018 – another milestone...

Here's how the "Locators" scrubbed up in Sydney...



. **Peter Meaney** – in **Townsville** with **Neville “Arunta” Smith** this year – the photos of the parade didn’t turn out too well – they marched with the Artillery group.responding to an email re: being in Townsville for AD 2018...



Self and Nev Smith this year in Townsville.



“Paul, **ANZAC Day 2010, Townsville** - (above) from left is **Neville (“Arunta”) Smith**, who we are catching up with on AD next to him **Peter Pioro’s wife, Peter Pioro, Ron Boaler**, then Ron’s son - name unknown.
- Nev is wearing his father’s, Angus Smith, medals, as well as his own of course.
Smithy is a top man, with a great sense of humour and it will be nice to catch up with him and his lovely wife Carole.

Nev and self, travelled home from SVN on the same plane ✈️, along with **Graham (“Slug”) Williams, Paul Butcher, Peter Szabo** and possibly others I can’t recall.
I do recall however, the day we left Nui Dat waiting for Smith to be given the all clear to get on the plane, as he had injured his knee playing Aussie Rules.
He was finally given the thumbs up and hobbled on to the aircraft.
Hope this info helps.
Cheers, P.M.”

...Ed – I had sent Peter a copy of the photo at right taken with yours truly really appropriately dressed for the tropics in jacket and black pants, and I had bloody moustache! This was AD 1985 on The Strand in Townsville.



. **John Lochore in Perth** – “Hi Paul, here are Chris Chapple and Joe Librizzi (the two on the right) with other Vietnam Vets before the march in Perth.
Cheers, John Lochore”



. **Terry Erbs in Brisbane...**

Unlike last year, the morning was overcast with light rain persisting on the drive to Enoggera and during the traditional “Gunfire Breakfast”. The rain cleared as the Dawn Service started with the opening address by 21/C Maj. Geoff Meekan, then Regimental Padre James Hall read the lesson and WO1 David Nutini the ANZAC requiem. A large crowd of past & serving members, family and friends listened attentively as CO Lt.Col. Rod Lang describe the loss of Gunner James Menz, KIA 50 years during a mortar attack on FSB Anderson. He recounted how subsequently the “Locator’s Lounge” at Nui Dat was renamed the “Menz Club”, perpetuating Jim’s memory and how the club continues to be the focal point for Regimental social activities. This story was particularly poignant to the 5 Vietnam Veterans attending the Dawn Service, especially after the story in “*Eyes & Ears*” of the memorial service for Jim in Marysville, largely organized by fellow surveyors. Wreathes were then laid by the CO for the Regiment, **Dreck Hinde** for 131 Div. Loc. Bty. and **Terry Erbs** for LSTAA.



After the service the Menz Club was opened for drinks and in the carpark a hearty breakfast was cooked for the hungry hordes! A large crowd gathered in the Checkley Annex to eat and socialize before heading into Brisbane for the Anzac Day march. Many thanks to Sgt Rodney Alchin for organising the LSTAA banner and “volunteer” carriers. From 9.30am the banner was again successfully used as our rallying point at the corner of Mary and George St. It was the usual “hurry up and wait”, so there was ample time to talk of family, health issues and who was “missing in action” – heard **David Dodds** wasn’t doing so well – all the best mate! Also, missing this year was **Steve Hall, Pete Ravelje & Lionel Outen**, but it was great to see **Kevin Banks**, and it was his 70th birthday too!

At left - John Bristow, Derek Hinde, T.C. White, “Doc” Sheedy, Joe Losiak. Terry Erbs & Grahame Williams

And below Peter Bremner & T.C. White



The Brisbane march officially started at 10am and we formed up at 11am and completed the march with the usual group photo on the GPO steps at 11.30am. About 60 veterans marched behind the LSTAA banner, less than last year, a continuing trend with aging veterans.



Then it was a pleasant walk to the Stock Exchange Hotel to enjoy the customary few refreshing drinks with mates, family & friends. As usual, many drinks were enjoyed, stories retold and mates exchanged news, it was very enjoyable day and I believe everyone got home safely, although serving members had to work the next day!



At left - John Bristow & Phil Sheedy at the Stock Exchange Hotel



Encouragingly the forthcoming Locator's reunion in Brisbane was discussed over many drinks and promises made to "get there". Thanks to the Regiment, and in particular Maj. Geoff Meekan, the A12 "Long Tan" radar is back underneath the repaired shelter and ready for its dedication on **Friday 12th of October** – the reunion RSVP email will be sent shortly.

Regards, your "Eyes & Ears" Qld. rep, Terry Erbs.

. Bert Blink in Canberra - Anzac Day in Canberra was hot and the march was more than an hour late starting. One unusual event was the Army Apprentices had a 70th Anniversary Reunion in Canberra and there was more than a 1000 of them taking part in the Anzac Day march. A long morning.



. Bruce Irvine in Yetholme (NSW) - Wednesday was a busy one and full of the ANZAC spirit – great day. I forgot my camera so have had to grab a couple from other sources for you - hope they do the job. Very fortunate to have **Warwick Brooker** and **John McFadden** here again this year so 131 was well represented in the Central Tablelands.

Our day started early at 4.30am with the dawn service in Bathurst then back to Yetholme (8.30am) where our village service attracted around 130 people and I laid a wreath at the lone pine we planted in 2015. Very mild morning for a change so no frozen fingers and toes this year.



Then it was back to town for the Citizens Service at 10.45 before a few refreshments at the RSL. We'd teamed up with our

Afghanistan Veteran mate Tom, his mate Tom and Cam who is another young local veteran (still serving) who has done two tours in Iraq and the generations became one.



We finished the day with services at the Bathurst War Graves (5.15pm) and the Lowering of the Colours at the War Memorial Carillon (6.00pm) before heading home for a good sleep. Look forward to catching this year's ANZAC overview in *E&E*.

From left you'll recognise Warwick Brooker then Bruce Irvine and on the far-right John McFadden

. John Dellaca in Melbourne



. Barbara Hemming in Kathmandu – something very special on ANZAC Day with her daughter Ainsley...

"Hi Paul, as promised some photos from the service at the Australian Embassy in Nepal. It was a lovely experience and I'm pleased I came.



I received an email just yesterday from **John Blake**. He passed on his contact details so I can send him a DVD of Leigh's service. Do hope you and Helen are both well. Love Barb



. Bill Taggart – our mate from the 1st/83rd – never forgets...

To all of our Aussie and Kiwi Mates,

With tomorrow being ANZAC Day 2018, I know that you all will commemorate this solemn occasion in your own way but be assured that the thoughts and prayers of your brothers in the 1/83rd will be with you. I will say a prayer for all the brave souls who sacrificed so much in all wars. Bill

Lest We Forget



First ANZAC Day Celebrations - on 1916 – 102 Years ago.

The following is an extract from the AWM website - The day was marked by a wide variety of **ceremonies** and services across Australia, a march through London and a sports day in the Australian camp in Egypt.

25 April 1916: Australian and New Zealand troops marching down Whitehall London to Westminster Abbey.



A view looking aft of lifeboat carrying unidentified men of the Australian 1st Divisional Signal Company as they are towed towards Anzac Cove on the day of the landing.



**** The following is an important first for the Association – ****

We have struggled in the past with advice for matters concerning the Department of Veterans Affairs with members seeking assistance.

However, we have now been in contact with **Peter Pioro**, who as you'll read, in the following article, has and still has vast experience in dealing with the Department.

Peter is volunteering to act as conduit that may be able to offer critical assistance to you in your dealings with the DVA – be it the first time or current activity/s.

Your communications with Peter will be and remain confidential.

So, read the section following below and see if it may be of some help...

From the Advocate's Desk...

Let me introduce myself for those who don't know me, I am **Peter Pioro**, who served as a 13th Intake Nasho with the Detachment 131 Divisional Locating Battery with the Survey Section between 1969 and 70 in SVN.

Post the Army I retired from the Insurance Industry after 42 years and just to give you more insight to my extracurricular activities, here is a summary -

Sydney Jaycees Vice President

Rotarian – joined as a member of the Rotary Club of West Dubbo in 1994,

1994 Vocational Service Director

1995 Secretary "Rotary Run for Fun" committee

1996/1997 Secretary of Rotary Club Dubbo West

Chairman "British Motor Show" committee

Rotarian of the Year

1997/1998 Secretary of Rotary Club of Dubbo West



1998 Chairman "Run for Fun" committee
2000/2001 President of the Rotary Club of Deception Bay
2001/2003 Community Service Director Rotary Club of Deception Bay
2003/2004 International Director Rotary Club of Deception Bay

Holder of Red Cross Senior First Aid Certificate
Member of Redcliffe RSL Club and Morton Bay Motor Boat Club

February 2011 – As Welfare Co-ordinator

Developed Interview and Referral System for ex-service personnel to advance their claims with DVA

Developed & Introduced "YOU ARE NOT ALONE" HELP NET PROGRAM to help identify those who need assistance in advancing their cases to DVA

Organised - Information Forum for Medical GP's and other practitioners on this issue

February 2011 – Completed Pension Officers Course

February 2010 – Appointed Welfare Co-ordinator - Heading up 10 Welfare Officers

October 2008 – Joined TPI Association (Townsville) Inc. Completed Welfare Officers Course 2009. Welfare & Hospital Visitor

July 2008 – Final submission to Department of Veterans' Affairs citing doctors report of not able to continue in full time employment for Injuries and corresponding issues was accepted as TPI.

And other interests include –

1996/1997 - Rotarian of the Year (Rotary Club of Dubbo West)

June 2001 - Paul Harris Fellowship Award (Rotary International)

Married with one adult daughter; Scuba Diver – Advance Ticket; 4WD Driving Course; Insurance Institute – Past President and Past Secretary (Dubbo, NSW);

Holder of Commercial and Private Boating Licences and last but not least -Fishing

The following is an extract from a recent communication that Peter had with us -

"I am now qualified under ATDP at Level 2 Advocate for Compensation (Pensions) and Welfare.

It is still a crying shame to see so many veterans and ex-servicemen not seeking DVA claims for service related issues. It keeps me very busy.

Just secured EDA for a Korean Veteran. He can now take it easy as his wife will be a War Widow with gold card on his passing. When they hit 80's they worry what the wife will get.

Having said all of the above the following is my email address which can be used to make contact: -

piorowp@ozemail.com.au

- and let's see what can be done to help you where possible.

Peter Pioro

JP NSW JP (Qual) QLD

Military Compensation Advocate, Military Welfare Advocate, Mentor

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

. Here's the next in the "Unknown" series...



This one's dug out of **Ray Smith's** collection of "rippers".

OK so who the hell are they?

It also raises a couple of questions as to –

"Where any of this lot involved in the building industry prior to SVN?"

also

"Would the Building and Construction Union approve of the lack of safety equipment being worn?"



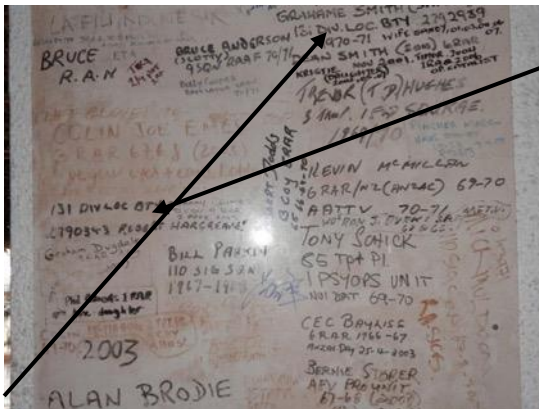


...and here's the last month's head scratcher with some responses...



Graham Smith – “Hi Dickson, I can shed a little light on a couple of things in the March mag. Firstly the photo from **Garry Smith's** archives, L to R...unknown, **Garry Smith**, **Blair Sheppard** and **Bert Jacka**. **Graham Smith** (Smithy) 70/71”

...then **Graham** continues on with more revelations with **Stan Patterson's** photo query from last month as well... (see following article below)



. **Stan Patterson's** – Where was taken and when??

Robert Hargreaves – not located

“Hi Dickson, I can shed a little light on a couple of things in the March mag.- the photo of names was originally from the old Ettamogah pub in Vung Tau which was run by **Alan Davis** and his Vietnamese wife **Ann**.

The original was painted wall in the rear pool room, this photo is of the recreated wall that was in his new pub. Only genuine Vets could write on the wall.

My name is at the top right along with my son Dean (Iraq vet) and my daughter Kristie who visited with in 2001 & 2002.

Alan Davis, I understand passed away a couple of years back.

The pub was demolished along with all the old bars and relocated. It was moved again opposite the ferry terminal. The fishing village was also moved and the whole area is now parkland. The Grand hotel has also been renovated and enlarged

I'll try and find some photos and send them before the next edition. Cheers. **Grahame Smith** (Smithy).70/71”

Grahame Smith adds more light to the above photo –

“Hi Paul, attached is a photo of the pub in Vung Tau where the name board originated from.



...and here's a “teaser” from **Grahame**...

The other photo (at left) is for readers to see if they can pick if they recognize them. The photo was taken in approx. July 70. Cheers. **Grahame**”

. Here's the next in the Locator's series...



This series commenced with extracting "Passions" under the guise of "Grey Nomads" and has developed into "things" that somewhat consume us outside families etc and God forbid work! It's just so good to discover other sides, be that "outsides" or "insides" of blokes who we begin to get to know through this sort of process.

Let's see what **Derek Hinde (SVN – '68- '69)** has to expose to us...

We're going to go through a "conducted tour" of a "bloke's garage/men's shed" inner sanctum...

Derek commences the tour...talk about classics, it's amazing...totally obsessed...

I have a couple of classic Italian cars in my shed, just to keep me occupied, a 1983 LANCIA Beta Coupe. 2lt Twin cam, 5 speed, Martini Racing rocket. Also, a 1991 ALFA ROMEO 75 Twin Spark, 2lt Twin cam, 5 speed, last of the classic ALFAS rear wheel drive and front engine, I also have a 2010 Triumph Bonneville 900 cc bike in classic Blue and White paintwork. see pics.



"It basically started when I bought an ALFA 90 V6 sedan during my real estate career. Over 25yrs I have owned a few European cars, 3 Volvos, 1 BMW, 2 Alfas, however it wasn't until retirement in 2007 I decided to buy the 1991 ALFA 75 and then the 1983 LANCIA Beta Coupe –

"for them to keep each other company " and for me to keep sane.

I am only the 3rd owner of the 75 and it has won trophies as **"Best Unrestored Original"**.

I bought the Lancia from the original owner, who bought it **NEW** at

the 1983 Melbourne Motor Show as the display Show Car...!! The Lancia has been awarded to me **"2nd Best in Show"**.

These awards have been given at annual car club events here in Northern NSW.

I have ridden motorcycles since 1974, having owned a Honda CB750 Four (won 3 trophies with it), 6 Honda VFRs, 2 Moto Guzzis, a Le Mans 850 and a Brevia 1200 V2 - (won "Best European" trophy) and now my Triumph Bonneville (always wanted one of these, and waiting to win another trophy)! There is still room on the shelf.

Regards Derek Hinde. Tweed Heads. NSW."



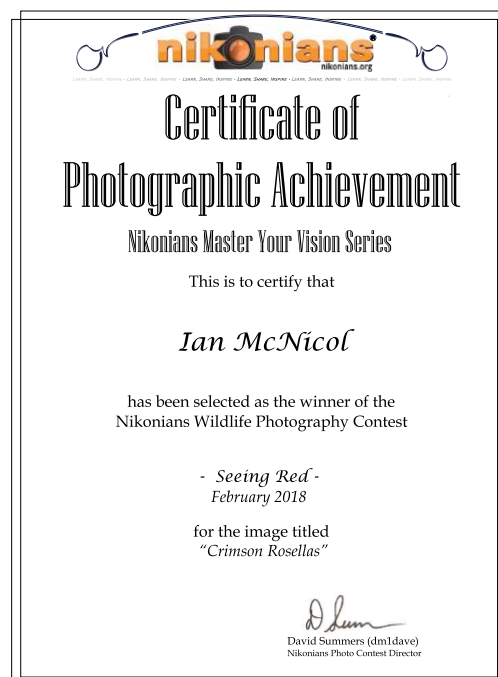
Mail Call...

Peter Dealy – “Hello Dicko. It is ironic that with the 50th Anniversary of Coral Balmoral coming up, you put out there 21st Birthdays, because I celebrated mine at FSB Coral on June 5th, although at the time I didn't realize it. You tend to lose track of the days so I completely forgot about it. I think we arrived back at Nui Dat about the 7th June. Here I found waiting in the mail a Birthday fruit cake from Mum and 2 dozen cans Rum & Coke from Dad. Cake was shared, lasted quite a while thanks to the ample portion of brandy Mum put in it. The liquid refreshment was consumed much quicker. I think I was still at 31A at the time. Cheers, Peter Dealy”

Ian “Scotty” McNicol – Fantastic News - Eureka!!!

“Hi Dicko. Just a note to confirm that I did eventually win the February photo comp in nikonians.org. Along with a little help from **Bruce Irvine**, who actually joined the site, & gave me a vote. I now have the daunting task of perusing through all the entries in the March competition to choose 6 finalists.

Anyway, I'm quite pleased with my win, which has inspired me to hit the road with my cameras again, (& of course, the fly rods).
Regards...Scotty.”



Daryl Musgrove - “Hello Paul, I note your coverage of activities in Canberra to commemorate the battles at Coral and Balmoral FSBs this year.

Just to fill in the diary with another day, Ingleburn RSL Sub-Branch will hold their usual service on Wednesday, May 16.

The website is worth visiting, especially for those members who cannot attend. Download the service program which is well put together. Regards, Darryl.”

<https://www.ingleburnrslsubbranch.com.au/event/battle-of-coralbalmoral-vietnam-2018>

John Blake – “Dear 5714500 et al.

Was looking forward to being down there but I've had some rolling heart issues that I'm expecting to be overcome very quickly now. I had been getting the dizzies with one embarrassing fall at my customary Mt Coe walk then a couple of months of investigation after investigation. Lost skin only. My heart itself is in really good condition mechanically and the plumbing is good but some electricals are up the creek. Had a pacemaker fitted last night after having had an ablation that didn't have the hoped-for immediate effect. I am a bit tied up/down for a month, so had to abandon Sydney plans. Was so much looking forward to catching up with old ones and re-meeting new ones. Have fun chaps. JB”

Rieny Nieuwenhof – “Hi Paul.

Just thought I would share an ANZAC day story with you. Here in Geelong a small Committee has organised an ANZAC Dawn service for the citizens of Geelong. It will be a simple service overlooking Corio Bay. It is only the second such dawn service held in Geelong. Last year over 3,500 people attended. We expect double that number this year. We only have one wreath, which represents all the citizens of Geelong and no politicians wanting to steal the limelight by making speeches. We have a school choir, the Salvation Army band, a piper and bugler. When you plan these kinds of events you must get a Permit from the Council. Naturally Council Officers must impose a raft of conditions which they claim must meet their risk assessment expectations. We have done all this, including a Public Liability insurance cover for \$20mill.

Just this morning I received an email from a Council Officer stating that the Council could not provide a permit because we had not ticked the box that said the event must be abandoned if there is a thunderstorm. Naturally we adjusted the Risk Assessment template so the event, already one year in preparation, can go ahead. However, I

couldn't resist a little 'dig' at this nanny state nonsense. I reminded the Council Officer that the boys at Gallipoli didn't abandon their landing at ANZAC Cove because of a thunderstorm. Nor did the soldiers at Long Tan or Coral Balmoral abandon their fight with the North Vietnamese regulars because it was raining a bit!
To share some kind of authentic experience with those who sacrificed their lives, and others who were wounded, can't we stand in the solidarity even if it's a little wet or the sky is rumbling, rather than run away?
Rieny ' Van' Nieuwenhof"

David Dougherty - "Hi Paul,

In regards to your comment on replies to your request for member's profiles I had not replied as I had already sent one in a few years ago and did not consider there was anything "new" to contribute. Others may have felt the same and therefore not the responses that you may have expected.

Another incident from "the time" that I remember (though not the names present) follows and I was reminded of it by your comment "**accidental discharge**".

Accidental Discharge?

Does anybody remember who, or more importantly will THEY own up.

Names I do not remember but a weapons inspection was called adjacent to the Menz Club and there were possibly 15 present. Now we all remember the drill. Don't we?

Remove magazine, cock weapon (so that chamber can be checked to ensure it is empty) and then present for inspection.

After inspection.

Release bolt, pull trigger and replace magazine, or so it should be.

However, transposing this to...

Replace magazine, release bolt and pull trigger does not have the same result and ensures that all on parade are awake.

There were, as I remember, no ramifications for the person who "inadvertently?" carried out this procedure.

Regards, David"

...Ed – ok who was it who almost blew off his "Hats Bush"???, not to mention the laundry having to be done with all the stained clothing in the vicinity.



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 – another 87 emails sent this month. 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...

Peter Creedon - "Hi Paul. Sorry I have been so slack in answering your mail.

Everything is going well, that is the medical fraternity has been able to solve any problems I have been able to come up with not that there has been anything serious.

My wife and I spend a fair bit of our time travelling, we have a caravan and have done many thousands of kilometres throughout Aus. Just recently we spent two weeks at Lakes Entrance with Peter and Kay Larkin, next week Pauline and I leave to do a cruise around Japan so life is pretty good. Again, thank you for the inquiry. Peter"

Ron Ray – "Hullo Paul. Thanks for the email. I am doing ok for someone now the wrong side of 70 - birthday tomorrow and turn 71!!! Been doing some overseas travelling. South America last year and have just got back from a 3-week expedition cruise to Antarctica.

Still volunteering for the Maritime Museum and the Sydney Harbour Trust and active with my local Castle Hill RSL sub branch. For the last 3 years, I have volunteered as a Marshall for the ANZAC Day march and will be doing this again this year. I will give you guys a hoiy as you go past me.

Regards, Ron Ray"

Michael Quinlan – "Hi Paul. Good to hear you liked Tasmania, I love the apple Isle.

At the moment, we are in a Coach with Wifi climbing up to Stage 5 of Mt Fuji Japan. The weather for the past two weeks has been great while we enjoy the magnificent cherry blossom festivals. We will be back in time to fly down to Melbourne for our 131 reunion on ANZAC Day.

Would love to catch up one day.

Regards, Michael"

Peter Pioro – "Paul. I thank you for the catch up.

Glad to hear you are going okay. My wife (Ann) has the same qualifications as I do however, has been voted in as president of the Women's Auxiliary. She is busy.

We have sold our unit in Townsville and will be looking to some overseas travel in the next couple of years.

Shall catch up again in due course.

All the best and take care. Regards, *Peter Pioro*"

Rob Retrot – "Hi Paul. You surely get around. Pity we couldn't catch up while you were in Brisbane. I was in Tassie a few years ago (make that 7) and it was green as. We are both fit and well, possibly due to lots of eating out and playing table tennis three or four times a week. (that's our version of hitting little white balls). Still waiting to start building our new house but we are getting close now. Council has given us DA. We were both very sad to hear of Leigh Hemming's passing. Last time I heard from him it was his wife who was sick. Now we have another good friend (not army) who is in hospital getting things cut out of his bowel. And every week the secretary of the Retired Police Association advised of more members deceased. Must be that time of life... So I think it's up to the rest of us to make sure we make the very best of the time we have. Thanks for all your efforts with the Newsletter, I look forward to reading it every month. All the very best to you and Helen. Rob Retrot"

Trevor Prideaux – "Hi Paul, nice to hear from you. All ok in my part of the world. Came out of hospital on Thursday after angioplasty op on leg. Seems to have worked as I am getting around much better. Bev and I can start replanning our travels again now. Regards to all, Trev"

Andrew Opie – A great awareness email with regards to AGING -

"Hi Paul. Thanks for your email. We have been very busy since just before Xmas, as my 90-year-old uncle managed to fall over and have a massive brain bleed. My current crusade is to ask everyone if they have completed an **Enduring Power of Attorney**. My uncle **had not** and it was necessary to apply to the South Australian Civil and Administrative Tribunal for an order of Administration and subsequently for permission to sell his house. He and his wife, who died in June last year, were hoarders and it took us an inordinate time to sort out the finances and the house as everything had to be closely examined in case it had important info. We found a note written by Jenny in 1974 thanking them for allowing us to stay with them. Neither of them had any relatives other than my sister and brother and me, the responsible nephew. Anyway the reason for the crusade is because it is very frustrating to need to get the orders, and then have the Public Trustee looking over my shoulder all the time. All you "old farts" should make an EPA to help your family in the event of problems. Perhaps the editor could mention it somewhere. Andrew"

Ed – well the "mention it somewhere" has been done, and yes Andrew is right it is amazing how much "cleaning up" (lovingly) has to be done when people pass. God forbid if there were no family/relatives to handle the chore/s. It would be horrendous, but I suppose what the hell – **YOU'RE DEAD!** Hey, I hope Andrew was referring to the readers and not the Ed with the "old farts" bit!

Terry Westerway – "Well, g'day Paul. Thanks for your email – not a great deal happening at my end – although I notice how many of our guys seem to be "dropping off the twig" lately. Well, despite 2 heart attacks in the last 18 months, the cardiologist thinks my heart is okay (I know, I know, there are some people who will be surprised that I have such an organ) – so the funeral is off for the time being. Other than that, the back is giving me s**t – but what else is new?

I have a granddaughter, Ruby, a real cutie – now 19 months – already giving her parents the run-around, hahaha. My wife's daughter in China also has a new bub, Ruiyan, now 14 months.

Had a trip to China in February 2018, so Hui (my wife) could play with her granddaughter. I don't mind a visit, but a month in China is a bit taxing on the nerves.

I can tell you, if you have never been to China, you have no idea of what "crowded" means. My wife's family live in Nanning (the capital of Guangxi-Zhuang Autonomous Region) – a "small" (population 6 million) city in southern China. The amount of building construction in Nanning is "mind-boggling" – the Chinese are going in for humungous multi-story residential tower blocks – averaging around 30 – 50 storeys each, most set together in gated communities.



My wife's youngest daughter lives on a relatively "low" block of 18 storeys. The older daughter is buying an apartment on the 22nd floor of a 45-storey building.

I have attached a couple of pikky's of some of these massive tower blocks in their gated communities that will illustrate what I am talking about. The words "rabbit warren" comes to mind.

Whilst we were in China we did manage a trip to Sanjiang (about 400 km north of Nanning) – courtesy of Hui's oldest daughter and her boss. They took us there because I want to see a famous wooden bridge at Changyang (about 30 km north of Sanjiang).

The bridge is a "fungyu chao" ("wind and rain bridge") – was built around 1912 entirely of wood, without nails or other iron fastenings. It is a type of bridge traditional to the Zhuang ethnic group.

I have attached a couple of pikkys of the fungyu chao to show what it looks like (the green bushes in the foreground are tea bushes) – and one with your truly (just to prove I was actually there).

Actually, the northern part of Guangxi-Zhuang Autonomous Region has some quite spectacular scenery – huge rows of mountains and stand-alone rock stacks – you have probably seen travel pikkys of rows of these stacks – the Lijiang (Li River) is famous for the scenery and there is a regular tourist boat trip down the Lijiang between Guilin and Yangzhou (worth the trouble if you are in China). Took me a while and some research to find out (the Chinese tour operators are not big on geology or

geological origins) – but the dominant geology is "Karst" (a soluble rock that acts like calcium carbonate) – rain dissolves the rock creating caverns that then collapse, leaving the vertical stacks of more resistant rock.

As far as I can work out, the whole area was once underwater – part of the ancient Tethys Sea 250 million years ago.

I have attached a picky (at right) of some of the rock stacks along the Lijiang. So endeth my travelogue.

Terry"

...another "China Traveller" ...

Graham Williams – "Hi Paul. Thanks for your news...good to hear from you. Cannot complain about things here on the Gold Coast even with the Comm Games about to end here on Monday. Jenni and myself are well and I guess like most doing our best. Did get a bit toey here prior to Xmas with the crowds etc and had a "Get out of Dodge moment" ...used up one of my bucket list plans and took a trip to Harbin in China to the Snow & Ice Festival to get away from it all. Both had a fabulous time there despite the culture shock of going from 34 degrees here to a cool minus 24 degrees there...lots of snow and ice obviously. Only home several weeks before flying out to Vietnam on "Tour of Duty 21" including the original in 1969. Have Aussie mates (also Vets but not 131 Det) living in Vung Tau where I always end these jaunts with them before returning home. Spend the rest of my time travelling around the country on my "Pat Malone" which for me is the easiest way to travel. If I don't like a particular town or city then it's time to move on. The next major event of course will be Anzac Day. Had hoped to travel interstate again this year but things simplified somewhat when Derek Hinde made arrangements to stay in a caravan park near the S.T.A. Regiment in Brisbane. And...so it came to pass My Anzac Day will be in Brisbane with Derek and Joe Losiak and I am looking forward to catching up with a few of the old crew.

There is quite a bit happening on the Gold Coast during Winter so will be involved with various events there and in October Jenni heads off to Morocco with several girlfriends for 3 weeks. In December, I have been invited to a wedding in Vung Tau but will cross that bridge when I come to it. Too far down the track for now.

Glad to hear you are well and golfing still from time to time. I am still going to gym but other than that sports-wise doing very little although if we are not travelling Jenni will get away to dog shows most weekends. We breed and show Samoyeds and have done so for over 35 years.

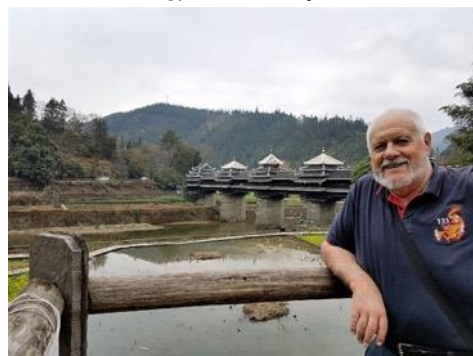
Anyway Paul, this was a quick catch up so I will leave it at that and look forward to my next "Eyes and Ears" for further news. Keep up the good work with that.

Cheers, Graham Williams."

Rob Torrisi – "Hi Paul, Thanks for the email. All is well at this end now. Marion had a back op straight after Christmas and was in hospital for three weeks but recovered now. I had a heart issue middle of last year but all is well. Thought I was still bullet proof, four days a week at the gym, fit as a fiddle but age gets you in the end. We are in Rockhampton at the moment to catch up with Marion's cousins. Staying at Rosslyn Bay at Yeppoon, lovely part of the world. Will catch up with some of the guys on Anzac Day. In early May, we head off to Canada and the UK for six weeks. All the best, Rob"

Peter Meaney – "Hi Paul. Thanks for your e-mail, happy to report life is good in little o'l Adelaide.

I did a Kimberley camping tour June 2017, which was great. Only 16 guests and everyone helped setting/breaking camp each night. Saw some amazing countryside and waterfalls. Tour started and finished in Broome - I then flew from Broome to Darwin to catch up with son Andrew and family in Darwin before flight back to Adelaide.



My wife and I then did a Mekong 8-night cruise from Saigon to Seam Reap in July which was a great experience. We stayed in the historic Caravelle Hotel in Saigon.

Travel this year will be restricted to OZ. We are travelling to Townsville for Anzac Day to catch up with Nev Smith and family and any other 131ers, so excited about that.

Later in the year will travel to Brisbane for the re-union.

I had a hip replacement op in mid-January this year, so still in recovery mode-so far all good, very little pain, luckily.

Thanks again for connecting-will meet in person one day no doubt.

Cheers, Peter Meaney."



At left - cart ride self and wife



Peter eating "bbq rat"



At left - Ox cart ride in little village



At right - Tarantula deep fried



Our Scenic ship – at left



Fish market - at right



Caravelle Saigon

Similar photo 55 years on



The Bungle Bungles at left

Lake Argyle



A Boab tree - 2000 years old



Des Spencer – “Hi Paul, nice to hear from you again. I have just returned from having lunch at My Eliza and listening to a talk by the commander of 11 platoon which was pinned down by NVA in the battle of Long Tan. I was one of a few Vietnam Vets who were in attendance. How things have changed, we were almost like celebrities with several people keen to ask about our experiences. I am going to a dawn service with my son as I think I told you he is a major in the Intelligence Corp. It will be the first-time I have participated in any remembrance service since I was in Sydney with you guys some time ago.

Obviously, I am back in OZ so I will take the opportunity to go along. I will be returning to Thailand in the next few weeks. I had some legal matters to address so I had to return to Australia.

I am very well and hope you are the same. Cheers, Des”

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

Coral / Balmoral – Events, Canberra – May, 2018

There are several events taking place over the weekend of 12th /13th May, 2018.

Here's a brief – courtesy of **Keith Ayliffe and Bert Blink** –

Further to my last on the official Agenda for Canberra I found it a bit overwhelming as I would believe many of you. For your benefit and mine I decided it is best to look at it in a different way.

There are actually **Three separate functions** being conducted over the weekend.

1. RAA functions If you wish to attend these functions you will be required to pay. there is no onus on you to attend. These functions;

A. The Friday night Meet and Greet at \$10.00 per person to be paid. Your choice to attend. (I will not be at this function)

B. Saturday. Mt Pleasant RAA ceremony. FREE. Suggest All attend.

C. Saturday Night RAA Commemoration Dinner at \$20.00 Per Person. to be paid. Your choice to attend.

2. DVA functions: There are Three Controlled Functions conducted by DVA.

A. Sunday The Memorial Parade Conducted in Anzac Parade /Vietnam Memorial. This a must. Open to the Public. FREE

B. Sunday DVA Luncheon Restricted to invited Guests and Coral Veterans. Another must attend. FREE

c. Australian War Memorial Last Post Ceremony. **FREE.** Your choice to attend

3. Sunday Night (The important one) 131 Div Loc Bty Reunion and Memorial Dinner. Cost \$60.00 per person. Majority have PAID \$60.00 Per Person for this so I would hope you will be there

Should you wish to attend the RAA Paid functions you will need to place the cost of those functions into our account.

To clarify things

If you attend the RAA Meet and Greet on Friday it will cost you \$10.00

If you attend with a guest (partner) it will cost you \$20.00 (Ten Dollars each.)

To attend the RAA dinner at the Golf club it will cost you \$20.00
 If you attend with a partner or guest it will cost you \$40.00 a double
 To attend both events as a single it will cost \$30.00
 To attend both events as a Double it will cost \$60.00

REMEMBER IT IS YOUR DECISION WHETHER YOU ATTEND BOTH, ONE OR NONE OF THESE RAA FUNCTIONS

Should you decide to attend Further Payments to be Paid and please notify myself and Bert and Grahame of your intentions so we can keep our records straight.

2018 RAA FUNCTIONS CANBERRA

Include your name and number attending ie "RAA (your Last name only) (2) " The (2) or (1) representing the number of events you will be attending. If attending with a guest add "+1" After your name

EG. "RAA (your last name only+1) (2) "

Any questions feel free to contact me

and pay correct amount by:

Direct Deposit to: 131 Locators Association Inc. **Bank:** Westpac, Kingsgrove NSW **BSB No:** 032 166 **A/c No:** 264133

Thank you for your time

I hope this makes it clearer

Keith - avlif@westnet.com.au,

Bert - hblink@pcug.org.au

Grahame - sectreas131locators@gmail.com



Locators Reunion Program 12/13/14th October 2018 “50th Commemoration of the Battle of FSB Coral & Balmoral”

Friday 12th Oct:

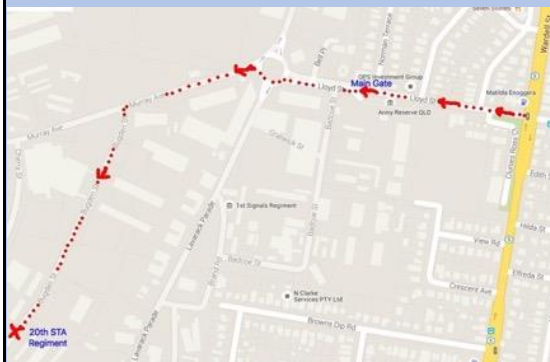
9am – Visitors’ tour of training facilities, view latest equipment with opportunity for hands-on drone flying.

11am - AN/KPQ-1 A12 “Long Tan” Radar dedication service conducted by both LSTAA and Regiment’s padres & supported by the Army band. Dress – For radar dedication - men jacket & medals

Noon – Barbeque lunch provided by the Regiment at James Menz Club. Please pay for own drinks – profits to the Menz Club

2pm – End of Regiment visit, guests to depart base.

The Regiment will facilitate base entry, details will be issued beforehand to those attending the reunion. **If base security status remains unchanged, car and pedestrian entry will be via the main gate [see map].**



Saturday 13th Oct:

Daytime - free to tour Brisbane and environs. **Evening** - Locator’s Reunion Dinner at Kedron Wavell RSL, 21 Kittyhawk Dr, Chermside.

The dinner is to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Battle of FSB Coral & Balmoral in May 1968 and the Regiments' birthday. Drinks at 6pm, dinner 7pm, cost \$65 per person with free beer or wine until our bar credit is reached. Dress - men jacket & tie with miniatures, ladies after 5pm.

Sunday 14th Oct:

Noon – farewell drinks/lunch at Ship Inn Hotel at South Bank, Stanley St & Sidon Street, South Brisbane QLD 4101. Drinks & meal at own cost – see menu -

http://www.theshipinn.com.au/shipinn_restaurant.html



Accommodation: Interstate visitors may wish to stay in or near Brisbane CBD, where there is a wide range of accommodation available with good public transport to Enoggera and Chermside venues. The best option for comparing and booking accommodation is to visit [wotif.com](http://www.wotif.com). Alternatively there are several motels/hotels near Enoggera and Chermside, which may suit visitors: - <http://www.essenceapartments.com/>

Transport:

<https://www.chermsidecourtmotel.com/>

<http://www.guestapartments.com.au/properties/qld/chermside/guest-chermside-on-playfield/overview>

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

For caravaners the only suitable nearby location is the Newmarket caravan park, 2km SE of Enoggera and 5km NW from Brisbane CBD and with good access to public transport.

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

For all public transport trip planning use - <https://translink.com.au/>

Brisbane airport Domestic & International terminals - trains every 15min to Central Station, Brisbane CBD, a trip of 20min/\$18.50.

Kedron Wavell RSL - 10km north of Brisbane CBD, buses from King George Sq & Roma St Rail Station to Chermside bus station every 10minutes - No 333/330/340 – 25min/\$1.98 concession fare, then an easy 5 minute walk to RSL.

Enoggera - Ferny Grove line train, from Central Station to Enoggera rail station 8km /19 minutes/\$1.98 concession, or No 390 bus - 26 minutes/\$1.98 concession and city taxi fare approx. \$25[note - Taxis have no access to base due to security restrictions].

Activities for visitors:

visitbrisbane.com.au/information/articles/activities/30-things-to-do-spring?sc_lang=en-au

Costs and Payment: **A RSVP form will be circulated after Anzac Day, seeking your response before the next committee meeting in late May.** For info, the commemoration dinner cost is \$65 per person, payment preferably by direct transfer to SE Qld LSTAA, Defence Bank BSB 803205 Acc 20400195.

Otherwise by personal or bank cheque posted to SE QLD branch LSTAA, treasurer Sgt Rodney Alchin or secretary Major Colin Sharp c/o 20th STA Regiment RAA, Bugden St, Gallipoli Barracks, Enoggera, Qld. 4051. This Anzac Day enjoy the company of mates, support those who are struggling and remember the fallen.

"Lest we forget"

Terry Erbs, President, SE QLD LSTAA.



National Vietnam Veterans National Museum, Phillip Island Formal Opening of the ANKPQ-1 Radar 12th June, 2018

The following is in draft form at the moment – more will follow from the 131 Locators Association.
This is just to allow you to make a note of the date.

Itinerary proposal:

12.00pm Arrive at our Museum.

12.30pm Lunch.

1.30pm Formal opening of radar display.

1.45pm Guided Museum Tour.

3.45pm or after, depart Museum.

The following are costs dependent on activities you may want to plan -

The cost to visit our Museum with a guide/s is as follows :-

1. Guided Museum tour; lunch in the Nui Dat Café comprising a steak or chicken pie with chips and salad; urn tea and coffee - \$21.50 per head or;

2. Guided Museum tour ; lunch in the Nui Dat Café comprising a baked potato, coleslaw, bacon, cheese and sour cream, urn tea and coffee - \$18.00 per head.

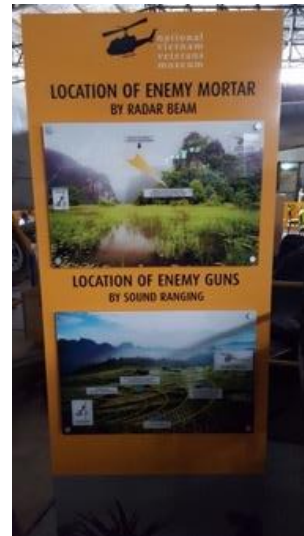
I have included links to three accommodation facilities. Glen Isla Apartments, in Cowes, is owned and managed by Geoff & Lesley Argaet. Lesley works as a volunteer here at our Museum. www.apartmentsatglenasla.com.au

The Big 4 Caravan Park in Newhaven has cabins and close to San Remo's hotels (2) and restaurants. <https://www.big4.com.au/caravan-parks/vic/philip-island/philip-island-caravan-park>

Ramada Resort is closer to Cowes township. www.wyndhamhotels.com/book In both latter cases, mention you are part of a Vietnam Veterans Museum group and they may offer a discount. The latter has Dinner facilities within.

I suggest you access the links and see what suits. There are other accommodation facilities in the area. It's just a matter of your preferences, cost etc.

Grahame Dignam sent the following photos in to give us a squiz at the "Radar Home" at the **National Vietnam Veterans Museum, Phillip Island**



More updated information will follow.

Grahame Dignam
Treasurer/Secretary






Committee members:

President – Allen Morley, Vice President – Bert Blink, Treasurer/Secretary – Grahame Dignam,
 Webmaster – Bob Billiards, Research Officer – Ernie Newbold, Designs and Development Officer – Nick Proskurin,
 Eyes & Ears Editor – Paul Dickson
 General members – Ian Amos, Ged Carroll, George Lane.
 Regional Representatives: ACT – Bert Blink, Qld – Terry Erbs, SA - Geoff Blackwell,
 Vic – Alan Adams, WA - Barry Guzder
<http://www.131locators.org.au>

A few well chosen words of wisdom from the Sec/Treas - "OK ANZAC Day has come and gone once more so now's the time to check your 131 Locators Assn membership is current.

Email sectreas131locators@gmail.com to check.

Grahame"

Presidential perambulations

Elton John sang that 'Sorry seems to be the hardest word'. However, my thesis is that it is the easiest, and probably now the most insincere apology.

Whatever the transgression, the transgressee says 'sorry', and seems to expect instant forgiveness. Be it a heinous crime – show some remorse and apologise to obtain a significant sentence reduction – or simply a cricket ball tampering exposure; the recent Australian cricket tampering trio seem to have been harshly dealt with despite apologising for their actions – sorry is the get-out-of-jail ticket.

Rugby union player Israel Falou cited his religious beliefs about hell's punishment for homosexuals and copped a barrage of media frenzy. He did not say sorry, an action that many see as perhaps worse than his original tweet. Zuckerberg of Facebook fame (and with a personal wealth of \$US 60 billion plus) sort of apologised for Facebook data being accessed by others, but when you are the CEO of one of the ten biggest companies in the world, that might be enough to get you off.

Imagine if you will, when you were a baggy arsed Gunner, saying 'sorry, sir' for an accidental discharge at Nui Dat. I bet that would not have been very successful in getting you off a severe charge. Times do change.

Sorry for taking up your precious time with my little rant.

Best wishes, Allen

. Upcoming Events Calendar –

131 Locators Association Committee Meeting Date: Tuesday 19th June, 2018 at 1105hrs

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

You're all welcome

. Pertinent Points – extracted from the 131 Locators Association Committee Meeting Date: Tuesday, 24th April, 2018 at 1110hrs...

Attendees were: Gordon Malcolm, Ian Amos, Nick Proskurin, Grahame Dignam, Ernest Newbold, George Lane and Geoff Blackwell.

Financial Membership is currently **115**, plus Associates **2**, Affiliates **8**. **Total 125.**

Lapsed 36 members. Deceased 7 Members

Presidents report. No report due to Allen s' absence but he advises he is progressing and has moved to rehab and expects to be up and about in 6 weeks.

Public Officer Report. Gordon Malcolm has accepted the Public Officer position and will take up duties on receipt of the formal resignation of Past PO Vic Danko.

General Business - Due to the congestion of events at this time of this year the meeting decided to cancel the May 2018 meeting.



. Photos and information for the web...

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

. Birthdays in the Battery...May (Hey! Sorry about the “March” heading last month!!!) –

Date	Name	Regt No	YOB	SVN In	SVN Out	Comments
1	DENNIS FORSTER	39992	1949	30 04 1969	16 04 1970	
2	NICK ARMSTRONG	43316	1944	26 09 1967	17 09 1968	
2	MICHAEL YOUNG	2786087	1946	26 09 1967	17 09 1968	
2	BRETT RAINSFORD	4719790	1946	18 12 1968	28 11 1969	
4	BRIAN KILLWORTH	2782129	1945	04 05 1966	02 03 1967	
4	PETER ROBERTSON	15543	1936	04 05 1966	29 04 1967	
5	DAVID CORNELL	5713808	1945	07 08 1966	30 04 1967	
8	JOHN ROBERTS	3787005	1945	04 05 1966	29 04 1967	
8	GRAEME OWEN	39453	1948	08 11 1968	19 11 1969	
10	KEN WOODBINE	2786077	1946	12 09 1967	17 09 1968	
10	MICHAEL QUINLAN	2788865	1946	08 11 1968	05 11 1969	
11	BOB KING	2785420	1946	10 06 1967	23 04 1968	
12	MERV NAIRN	2781450	1945	20 05 1966	01 05 1967	
12	GORDON WILLIAMS 2Lt	2783891	1945	13 05 1968	26 03 1969	
13	DAVID KEECH	311588	1947	04 06 1970	10 06 1970	131 † 1999
	" "			11 06 1970	26 05 1971	AATTV
15	LESLIE CONNELL	6709098	1948	23 09 1969	13 08 1970	† 2011
17	PAUL ANGELL	2790740	1948	23 09 1969	04 06 1970	
17	KENNETH SANDERSON	3794846	1948	23 09 1969	13 08 1970	
17	LAURENCE MION	3795762	1948	01 04 1970	03 12 1970	
18	PETER COLMAN	2791655	1948	22 12 1969	17 12 1970	
19	DENNIS DYE	2412366	1945	27 11 1969	26 11 1968	
19	TERRY WEEKES	3787197	1945	20 05 1966	03 03 1967	
19	JOHN TICKLE Sgt.	214000	1942	03 03 1971	13 08 1971	131
	" "			14 08 1971	09 09 1971	12 Fd Regt
20	NICK PROSKURIN	2785002	1946	04 05 1967	20 02 1968	
21	PETER RAVELJE	3794461	1947	16 12 1969	04 06 1970	
21	STUART TELFORD	2791930	1948	20 01 1970	03 12 1970	
21	SIMON WILLIS	3797687	1948	02 12 1970	29 07 1971	
22	BRIAN TURNER	2412230	1947	20 05 1966	02 05 1967	
22	ANDREW CSIVINCSIK	2790320	1947	02 12 1969	04 06 1970	
23	JIM SELLWOOD	1731045	1945	04 05 1966	30 04 1967	
24	JOHN BREWER (M.I.D.)	16220	1944	05 02 1968	07 02 1969	131
	" "			12 03 1970	25 02 1971	4 Fd Regt
26	KEN WHITTLE	2781996	1945	20 05 1966	27 03 1967	
26	BERT BLINK	3789692	1946	10 06 1967	21 05 1968	
26	RAYMOND MITCHELL	218731	1951	30 05 1970	10 12 1970	† 24.09.11 - 131
	" "			10 12 1970	11 03 1971	4 Fd Regt
28	SYTSE ELZINGA	3787318	1945	20 05 1966	11 12 1966	
28	FREDERICK MARWICK	45285	1948	10 03 1971	28 06 1971	131
	" "			28 06 1971	20 12 1971	12 Fd Regt
29	CHARLES O'NEILL	1735063	1946	15 04 1970	17 12 1970	
29	ROGER PRYKE	312827	1951	30 05 1970	26 05 1971	
30	ROGER LONG	3788775	1945	05 06 1967	12 12 1967	† 22.05.90
30	RON WEBB	1411172	1943	04 05 1967	20 02 1968	† 29.03.77
30	ANTHONY EATON Capt.	17090	1941	14 01 1969	30 07 1969	
30	WARWICK BROOKER	1732289	1946	04 05 1967	20 02 1968	
31	STUART PHILIPSON	3799990	1950	27 04 1971	17 12 1971	12 Fd Regt

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

Ed – 13 blokes not highlighted still leave a large hole in our “Not Locateds”! I guess we can only hope the 1971 Blokes mentioned earlier on can turn names up somehow. Everyone is welcomed to join in.

. Locator Profiles – we’ve received **150** and we’ve sent out **150**. Ed – how long is it going to take to get to **175**?

. Located...

Found – Garry Luscombe – T/Sgt with RAEME – attached to Bravo Radr in 1966-67. He turned up with **Merv Nairn** at ANZAC Day in Sydney – how good is that!

Have a look at the Association’s web site - <http://www.131locators.org.au> – you might find some lost mates or get in touch with us and see if we can for you.

Vale

Name	Regt No	Rank	SVN	DOB	DOD
Little, Harold Philip	2789038	T/Bdr	1969	04.11.45	02.04.18

“I would like with heavy heart to advise the passing of Harold Philip Little.

Passed Away (after fight with cancer) - Monday 2nd April 2018

When I joined Woonona Bulli RSL Sub-branch I met Harold at the first General Meeting.

It is most unlikely to meet anyone from 131 Div Loc (Detachment) as we are scattered across Australia.

I have sent the attached photo (at right) previously however thought it prudent to do so again.

I am in a collar after Cervical surgery and lower back surgery within a week. Photo taken at ANZAC Day.

The other point of note is as follows;

Harold Little - End Date South Vietnam ... **28/11/1969**

Peter Pioro - Start Date South Vietnam ... **28/11/1969**

Regretfully another Veteran Passes into history.

Regards, *Peter Pioro*”



David Auld – “RIP Harold”

Graeme Owen – “G’day Paul.

Saddened to hear of the passing of ‘Tiny’ Little.

He arrived in Vietnam a few months after I did so I didn’t get to know him all that well.

I was in a fairly ‘close-knit’ Survey Group and I think ‘Tiny’ was always Arty Int. and out at FSB’s a lot of the time.

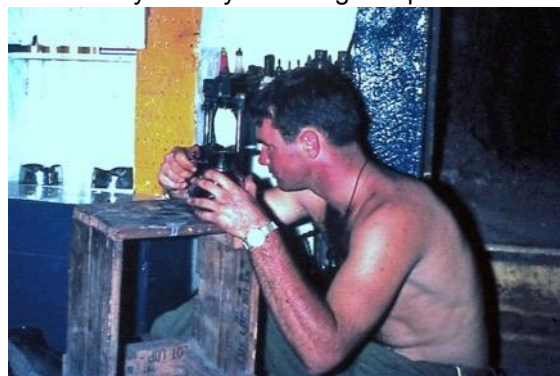
However, I did spend a bit of time with him out at the Horseshoe where I filled in for few weeks (which turned into more than a month!?).

Different blokes came and went out there so can’t say exactly how long he spent there. I

do remember one thing about him though - he was a bloody good at darts (which we played a lot of at the Horseshoe!)

I’ve attached a couple of pics from the Horseshoe day - only ones I’ve got of ‘Tiny’ I’m afraid.

Regards, Graeme”



Jim Ritchie - “Tiny must have been well thought of, As his service was standing room only, I gave the detachments condolences to his sons.”

May he rest in peace.

RIP



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.)

. Locating, Surveillance & Target Acquisition Association...



LOCATING, SURVEILLANCE & TARGET ACQUISITION ASSOCIATION

The Eyes and Ears of The Battlefield

Meetings: - Sun 8 Jul 2018 and AGM: at Panania RSL All meetings commence at 1115 hrs



Australian Artillery Association – www.australianartilleryassociation.com



ROYAL AUSTRALIAN ARTILLERY HISTORICAL COMPANY

www.artilleryhistory.org



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

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

. VETERAN'S AFFAIRS WEBSITE

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

. 1st Battalion 83rd Artillery...



Dedicated to the men of the 1st Battalion 83rd Artillery who served in Vietnam from 1966-1971. We left Fort Sill in October 1966 for Vietnam. We originally were at Bear Cat, Nui Dat and Xuan Loc. We later were in many other locations in Vietnam. We also welcome our Australian and New Zealand Allies to whom we owe so much.

It is also dedicated to those members of the 1/83rd who did not return. We will never forget their sacrifice. Website: <http://www.1stbn83rdartyvietnam.com>



The Royal New Zealand Artillery Association

<http://www.rnzaa.org.nz/>

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