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2019 – 53 Years and the Detachment 131 Spirit Lives On 1966 – 1971



25th April, 2019

*"They shall grow not old, as we that
are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the
years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in
the morning
We will remember them."*

Lest we forget

Photo courtesy of the Canberra Times -
2019

. WANGI WANGI - Denis Smith - Anzac Day at Wangi Wangi Sub Branch RSL

ANZAC Day started off on the beautiful shore of **Lake Macquarie, NSW** at 5.30 am with the dawn service. Followed by breakfast.

The Main March started at 10 am viewed by a large crowd. The RAAF squadron led the march closely followed by the dog squad and handlers also from the RAAF at Williamtown. The next in the parade was the pipes and drums closely followed by 3 Wangi Wangi Scouts who each carried a flag, with the sub branch veterans and family members of veterans behind them. Next was the 3 local schools, children from Wangi Wangi, Arcadia Vale including my 10-year-old grandson, & Rathmines. Then came about 90 vintage and veteran military vehicles from WW1 & WW2 There were Tanks ,



Armoured personnel carrier, Guns, Trucks, Jeeps & Land rovers too many to mention.



Finally bringing up the rear was the Wangi Wangi Fire Brigades. We then had a RAAF fly past as the catafalque party were forming. Followed by the service. Once the service was completed all were invited into the club.



At 1 pm unmistakable sound of a Iroquois Helicopter was heard and as in past years it landed on the foreshore. It with all the vehicles on the foreshore were there for all to see and explore.

The Two Up was also well under way. Finally, a good day was had by all. Congratulations to the sub branch President **Scott Munroe** & committee for their exceptional organisation of the ANZAC Day event. Also to the RSL Club Ltd for their commitment on the day.

. BRISBANE - Peter Ravelje

– sent this photo in titled **“Band of Brothers”** – Only one member ex 20 STA. **Michael Stagg**...He didn't march due to being recently discharged from hospital with back surgery. Peter”



. **KAWANA WATERS - David Troedel** – reporting in – “Good Morning Paul. Had a good Anzac Day at Kawana Waters with **Kevin Salter** and **Ken Murphy**. Attached are some photos taken in the club rooms after the service.

Hope all went well for you.
Regards, David”.

At right: Me, Ken and Kevin



. **CANBERRA - Bert Blink** - “Hi Paul.

This year my friend **Mike Bolitho** on a whim decided he & I should march behind the Det 131 Div Loc Bty marker as no one else was. Seeing us standing there **Andrew Overall** decided to introduce himself and march with us. My RAEME friend **Wal Brewer** also joined us. Later I found out that **Geoff Jebb** also marched but with the Artillery component.

I don't know why Det 131 Div Loc Bty is in the order of march in Canberra but I suspect a reunion organised by **Kevin Browning** a few years ago has had us there ever since.

Anyway it was a great day. Bert”.

At right: Andrew and Me



. **BATHURST & YETHOLME - Bruce Irvine** – started the day in Bathurst then onto Yetholme - “G'day Paul. Hope this finds you well and that you had a good ANZAC Day over there again.

Just sending you a few pictures of our day here.

Joined again by **Warwick Brooker** and **Kanga McFadden** and enjoyed three commemoration services this year with the Dawn service at 0430hrs in Bathurst where we met up with our Afghan Vet brother **Tom**.

Then it was out to Yetholme for 0830hrs for a (very) small march with the **Rev Paul** joining us. Laid a wreath with **Bill Snelson**, another Yetholme Vet. Bill was in Survey Corps the same time I was over there (but we never met) as the camera operator for mapping and he in fact built the camera! Ken McNamara and I worked for a time in Survey on mapping due to our drafting experience before we were called up. The service was followed by a cuppa and ANZAC biscuits.

It was then back to Bathurst for a 1030hrs march off.

Beautiful weather, big crowds and a great day overall. Let me know if you need more info re the photos.

Thanks Paul for all your work. I'll try and be in touch more often, been off the radar for a bit.

Kind regards, Bruce Irvine.”



Self, Tom, “Brookey” and Kanga



. PORTLAND - Ken Osborne – reporting with – “Dear Paul, if you wish to see what we do every ANZAC Day look at “Portland Victoria RSL Sub Branch” face book site. Lots of photos of our display which I have an involvement in. I look after the crosses in the display and about 150 other volunteers do all the wreath making and floral display. Quite unique in Australia, regards Ken Osborne.”



Photos courtesy of Darryl Cramm

Ed – I would strongly suggest going to the Portland Victoria RSL Sub Branch’s facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/PortlandVictoriaRSLSubBranch/> the photos are amazing.

. PERTH - John Lochore – gives the low down from Perth – “Hey guys, I enjoyed our time the other day. Here are some pictures, copied also to Dicko. Sorry I didn’t get a pic of Chris before the March.

At right - For Dicko’s info, the faces before marching are **Joe Librizzi, Barry Guzder and me.**



At left – **Barry, Chris Chapple, and me** trying to get away from direct sun.





At left - I like the shot of Barry and Joe - our two funny guys.
And below - You might not want to show the picture of Barry with the two beers - but he did look happy!



Notice the wonderful weather in Perth! Cheers,
John Lochore”

. Sydney – Allen Morley – sends a report in From Sydney -

There was a little confusion about exactly where to line up in Bent St, Sydney. It turned out that in fact Phillip St was the correct spot. And around 10 am locators seemed to come from everywhere, as the pic indicates. **Kevin Browning** is the left marker here, and **Ged Carroll** the right marker. Perhaps there are too many present to name all. The ‘Shire group’ arrived a little later so missed out on the pic, but were present in our ranks during the march. There was agreement that due to smaller numbers those from the LSTAA would march behind the Detachment banner. So that is exactly what **Phil Paton** and **Ross Baker** did.

We had three Veterans’ granddaughters escort us on the journey to Hyde Park. **Kylie Smith**, daughter of the late **Vic Moreau** and her daughter **Krystal** were eventually convinced that they should march with the Detachment representatives, being initially reluctant to march.

Cadets **Kennedy** and **Schumacker-Easterbrook** from 202 Blacktown volunteered to carry our banner. The wind-assisting ropes were not required as the day was warm, sunny and virtually wind free.

After the march the 131ers scattered to all points of the compass for refreshments and camaraderie. The main group deployed to the Zest restaurant at City Tattersall’s Club for a most enjoyable lunch, conversation and swapping of war stories.



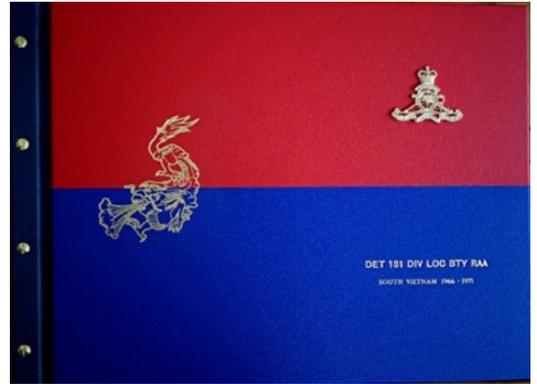
Thanks, everyone for sending in your reports. Let’s see if we get some late-comers in May?

. The “Lost Locator Project”

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

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



. **A Question for discussion –**

“How did the Detachment change its activities over time in SVN?”

...continues on with - **Insights and Recollections...**

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

Paul Dickson at - 131eyesandears@gmail.com

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

Next month we’re continuing on with **Kevin Browning’s** submitting a thorough explanation into **Sensors**.

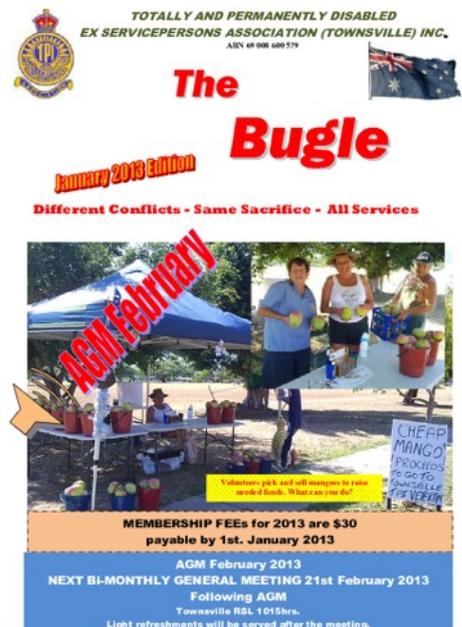


. Here’s a continuing story in the series with regards to Locators’ “passions”

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This series commenced a while back now 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.

Now we’re going to continue to explore **Ron Boaler’s “Passion”** which we started last month, however, this one is involved with the **Totally and Permanently Disabled Ex Servicepersons Association (Townsville) Inc.** and a publication called **“The Bugle”**. Ron is to be applauded for his involvement.



As Ron said in his email – “If you would like to take a gander at my last 13 years of magazines click on the Link below:

<https://onedrive.live.com/redir?resid=50BA7F596C69D6E11110&authkey=!AEe8YABwe5bfNHI&ithint=folder%2c>

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



This photo has been taken from **Peter Fletcher's** archive – it's simply called "Fletch on Op 67". Ok we accept the name. However, in his Locator Profile he names **John Blake** (sitting looking up on his left – as he faces the camera), then throws **Ken Long's** name into the mix without saying where?

Ed can count 7 blokes in the photo, other than John B. One is supposed to be Ken L. Can someone help with some ID, please?



Here's the solution to the following photo that appeared in March...

Who's the "smoker"?



Gary Navas – here's his solution to this photo –

Ref this paragraph & photo

At right - taken in 1971 at Nui Dat. L-R unknown? Roger Whittaker, Peter Fielden. Playing cards was an essential part of being 'gainfully employed' and almost everyone smoked. "Unknown" – anyone got any ideas?

I think it is Joseph Kocka

Regards, Gary Navas

Neil Davis – this is extracted from Neil's email later on in the "Mail" section – "The first the card playing group (photo above), I fairly sure the gentleman is **Joe Kocka**, we were in the same tent at Nui Dat.

The other two pictures of the "smoker" I have to admit is myself **Neville Davis**. Not sure if I carried the nickname Tonto (wrong Indian) through to 131 from my previous unit.



"Smoker" – yes, that's me.

. **Oddities** – **Ed** – Now I'm really going off on another tangent – do you think I have too much spare time?

Prior to going on our recent trip to India, well actually, this topic started some time ago. For well over a year now Helen, my wife, and I gave up eating all kinds of meat, except for sea food. Then not long before going to India we gave up the seafood option and decided on becoming vegetarians – hey, strangely enough we were right at home in India as vegetarianism is certainly in the fore. Well, now I'm pushing the envelope even more and starting to slowly creep into Veganism. It's amazing, on exploration, how many substitute alternatives are available. I'm having some

interesting discussions with regards to free range/organic eggs and honey being on the Vegan banned list – can't get answers I understand. Mind you our invitations to homes for dinner may start to dwindle and beware if we invite you to our place! Though post-dinner responses have been good so far! No, this is not a health-kick thing, I'm just trying to reduce my footprint.

Maybe next month I'll ramble on some more just to drive you more nuts!

. Grahame Dignam – sent this in and I think it could be relevant to those of us who think the more shots you have makes the dollars spent seem more cost effective –

10 -- Golfer: "Think I'm going to drown myself in the lake." Caddy: "Think you can keep your head down that long?"

9 -- Golfer: "I'd move heaven and earth to break 100 on this course." Caddy: "Try heaven, you've already moved most of the earth."

8 -- Golfer: "Do you think my game is improving?" Caddy: "Yes sir, you miss the ball much closer now."

7 -- Golfer: "Do you think I can get there with a 5 iron?" Caddy: "Eventually."

6 -- Golfer: "You've got to be the worst caddy in the world." Caddy: "I don't think so sir. That would be too much of a coincidence."

5 -- Golfer: "Please stop checking your watch all the time. It's too much of a distraction." Caddy: "It's not a watch - it's a compass."

4 -- Golfer: "How do you like my game?" Caddy: "Very good sir, but personally, I prefer golf."

3 -- Golfer: "Do you think it's a sin to play on Sunday?" Caddy: "The way you play, sir, it's a sin on any day."

2 -- Golfer: "This is the worst course I've ever played on." Caddy: "This isn't the golf course. We left that an hour ago."

1 -- Best Caddy Comment-- Golfer: "That can't be my ball, it's too old." Caddy: "It's been a long time since we teed off, sir."

From the Advocate's Desk...



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MARCH / APRIL - 2019

I hope all had a good break over Christmas and New Year. We are well into 2019 and I can tell you I had a full calendar of appointments for January. The list of Veterans seeking help continues.

Well it is time to do my part to help us older gentlemen and indeed you younger ones to focus on our body, its aches, pains etc. So it is never too late to speak to qualified Compensation (Pension) Advocate. They will be able to assist in preparing your case for presentation to DVA. (The longer you leave it the harder it gets to see a positive result)

Much is written by DVA about lodging claims on LINE. Computers are a great tool. However it is the content of your case and circumstances throughout your military time which hide issues that would present as service related.

An advocate would seek this out during an interview. (I do)

Current Serving:

Those current serving do yourself a favour and do not lodge any claim direct to DVA.

It is important to get a claim in as soon as possible. It the medical diagnosis that determines your claim as it confirms a disability or disease exists. Also ADF (ARMY) do not fund certain procedures however DVA do.

Example: One of my clients (current serving) goes to a chiropractor (he is in the ARMY) who refused to pay. DVA do pay.

Reporting of Incidents:

> You are required to submit a Centennial Report for each incident within 10 days.

> You are required to submit a claim to DVA for injury within 20 days.

- This poses a problem as getting medical reports take time.

- I suggest you submit the claim to DVA (on line) however seek out an advocate to assist you.

- One of my clients failed to follow the rules as he was not aware of them.

> Speak to your RSM and confirm the rules that will assist you if you injure yourself.

NEED TO KNOW CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING EXAMPLES:

> One of the falsehoods is I am not a Veteran therefore not entitled. Anyone who has served FULLTIME or CMF/RESERVES is entitled to be heard

> If your accepted disabilities/diseases are getting worse see your advocate to review your case. With your medical providers assistance your advocate will submit documents to DVA for review .

TRAVEL OVERSEAS

Those with Gold or White Cards must notify DVA when they are travelling outside Australia.

WHY?

* The Gold & White Cards cannot be used overseas.

* DVA will confirm you accepted disabilities

- They will advise of processes available overseas if you need assistance.

- If you pay for treatment keep the receipts.

- You can claim back the treatment costs.

> Under both GOLD & WHITE CARDS treatment required overseas needs to be paid for and a claim for refund lodged with DVA.

> If you find yourself in financial hardship and need treatment contact DVA to discuss assistance

> DVA will pay for overseas travel vaccinations provided within Australia for Gold Card holders.

> NON-LIABILITY

> DVA has advised in the latest Newsletter that ALL Exiting the ADF from Mid 2018 will receive a WHITE CARD.

- But contrary to some reports it is for NON-LIABILITY Mental Health Drug/Alcohol ONLY

> However consider your own situation OR someone you know. Will assessing Non-Liability be of HELP?

SPECIAL NOTE:

- Mental Health Treatment has been extended from 1 July 2018 to RESERVISTS without continuous service BUT with:

1. Disaster relief;

Border protection;

Serious service related training accidents.

Getting close but Not There Yet.

Foot Note:

I submitted a motion via RSL NSW which was voted YES (93%) for RSL NSW to press the Federal Government to provide all Ex-CMF & Reservists with Non-Liability for Mental Health also Cancer. (This is treatment only and does not need to be service related)

WARNING !!!!!

Compartment Syndrome:

This disability involves increased pressure within one of the body's compartments results in insufficient blood supply to tissue within that space. For those engaged in exercise, running, jumping, biking the risk is to lower leg.

There two types;

1. Acute - severe pain, poor pulses, decreased ability to move, numbness or a pale colour of the affected limb. It is most commonly due to physical trauma such as a bone fracture or crush injury.

2. Chronic - is generally pain with exercise. Common activities that trigger it include running and biking.

Treatment may include physical therapy or if that is not effective - surgery.
Military study conducted in 2012 (USA) found teaching individuals with lower leg chronic exertional compartment syndrome to change their running stride to a forefoot running technique.
So ALL take note this can cause serious issues in your life.
One of my clients (age 23) experienced leg pain while in recruit training, was told to do some stretches. He got to School of Infantry and subsequently succumbed within 2 weeks to Compartment Syndrome in both legs.
Treatment - Surgery conducted but was unsuccessful.
Next step - Discharged from ARMY as he could not meet infantry requirements.
Result - Today he still has problems and chronic pain.

I would like to leave with the following comments and sayings.

Comments.

1. Australia has a system of volunteers who help Veterans in need. Those of us who are holding the fort now are getting older. The baton will be passed on to those coming up behind us. (WW1 on to WW2 on to Korea & Vietnam now Afghanistan and others)

It should be remembered those in the seat now are mostly TPI, Gold Card 100%, White Card.

What is the future: Comments have been expressed about ATDP Training - However training to fulfil the position of Compensation (Pension) and Welfare Advocates is vital.

It is Competency Based with a Statement of Attainment to the level trained.

It involves Computer study 10%, On the job 70%, With a Mentor 20% - not a hard task. (Your client needs to know his/her advocate knows what to do.

2. In the future the possibility of paid advocates will occur. These however should be ex-military either from the private sector and those transitioning from the ADF given an opportunity in this role.

Sayings.

Keep the following in mind:

a) "Honour the dead, but fight like hell for the living"

b) "Never again will one generation of veterans abandon another"

I would like to comment on the fantastic time had by us "old farts" in October 2018. The professional manner of the 20 STA Regiment in its overall presentation is great to see. The Shadow drone and others and the high regard those involved in their deployment is a credit to Australia.

Major Russell Hamsey was fantastic in all regards.

He has indicated in an email to WO2 Dave Elton about myself and the importance of ensuring Advocates when dealing with DVA as I referred previously in this article.

All the very best to all and take care.

Peter Piore

JP NSW JP (Qual) QLD

Military Rehabilitation & Compensation Advocate Level 2

Military Welfare Advocate Level 2

Mentor

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Mail Call...

. **Kim Hewitt** – a great response re: **Ron Boaler's "The Story of Pater Sali"** – "Hi guys, I have just read your article on Peter Sali. For years now I have been trying to get in touch with him. Peter and I did R&R together. We had a fabulous 5 days together...lots of laughs and lots of beer. I have many funny stories about him but I don't know if I should tell-all. I also have some wonderful pictures of him. Incidentally, his best mate Blair Sheppard and I went on R&C together. Blair and I terrorized Vung Tau for 5 days. A great time. I miss them both. I lived in the same hut as Charlie O'Neal and Les Saurine. I still don't know which were "The Rumpled Foreskins" and which were the "Homotones". Ole Asmanis was the drummer for both. A great bunch of guys.

R.I.P. Pete

Kim Hewitt...(Hewey)"

. **Ron Boaler** – “Hi Paul, my travels over the last two years especially have been to help my son and family move house or stand by with ever decreasing bank accounts paying the difference between their top private health care and what it really cost and paying bills etc.

This time I'm finally doing something for me and am driving down initially for the “Funny Little Lot” get together on the Gold Coast over ANZAC Day and then south seeing old friends along the way.

I would love to meet you in person as with my loss of memory I don't know if I have or not. Could you send me your phone number so when I get down there I could see if you were available for a coffee.

I am going down to stay with **Peter and Ann Piore** in Wollongong then might go to see **Graeme Jennion** in Bonnie Doon [Yes, the same one in “The Castle”] near Eildon Weir. Graeme can't come to our reunion as he has had a major problem with his sight and isn't allowed to fly. I have no set dates or times as some stops will need some detective work as I don't know if they are still alive.

I look forward to catching up even if it is only by phone. You do a great job. Ron Boaler”

. **Kevin Browning** – “Hi Paul, thanks for another great *Eyes and Ears*.

Yesterday I met up with **John**

Lochore. Unfortunately, when John made it to an Anzac Day gathering a few years back I was unable to attend and we have had quick chats since then. John and his wife, Robyn, are off to Fiji for a week and stayed in Sydney for a couple of days before they headed off. We took the chance to get together and Robyn wanted to look at the Chinese Gardens near Darling Harbour. Whilst there we took the opportunity to have a photo taken (by a rather attractive foreign visitor) in front of a rather appropriate couple of dragons. It has only been a mere 50 years and 28 days since we last saw each other and you would never have known it had been more than a couple of days. It was really great to catch up with John and meet Robyn
Regards, Kevin”



. **Neville Davis** – “Hi Paul this is my first communication to you and let me say what a great job you do with the monthly newsletter. Must admit I only look at it infrequently but it always brings back some memories that have long been fading.

Looked in the mirror this morning and yes it was me!!! So maybe you can take me off the lost locator list.

Joined the association in 2016, live in Perth WA and have not changed address and contact details in the last 10 years. Attended the great get together of the Perth 131 group that Barry Guzder organized in 2017.

Lucky, I looked at the March newsletter as I can throw some light on the unknowns that Rieny Nieuwenhoff has in the pictures.

The first the card playing group I fairly sure the gentleman is Joe Kocka, we were in the same tent at Nui Dat.

The other two pictures of the “smoker” I have to admit is myself Neville Davis. Not sure if I carried the nickname Tonto (wrong Indian) through to 131 from my previous unit.

To Rieny

The names fade and the faces grow hazy but the circumstances of me joining 131 I am sure you will remember as I travelled from 16 LAA Woodside with you to join the unit in Feb 71.

There were 6 of us Volunteered to go to Viet Nam and three of us ended up going. Do you remember who the third was?? My memory of this is a story for another day.

Would love a copy of those pics as I have very few from that time.

Cheers guys.

Regards, Neville Davis

ED – Neville has been removed from the “April” Birthday list as an “Unallocated” – bewdy!

. **David Troedel** – “Hi Paul,

I have had to buy a new computer as Windows 7 on my old one was no longer viable.

Now I can read the files I saved over a period of years and found all the *Eyes & Ears* I saved plus the Locator Profiles. I am preparing Records of Service for all the members of 101 Battery, Malaya (all 226) complete with photos.

Trevor Prideaux (Waghorn) served with 101 in Malaya and I sent him the Record of Service I prepared and he is happy with it.

Can I add the Locator Profile that you published in *Eyes & Ears* some time ago? I would acknowledge you as the source.

We think that it is important that we record what we can for history's sake.

Quite a few of our members had interesting military careers and others did very well in civvie street.

I am happy to share anything with you.

Ken Murphy and myself are spending Anzac Day on the Sunshine Coast with **Kevin Salter** as he cannot get around much now.

Ken, Kevin and myself served in Malaya together and I served in Survey Troop, 4 Field Regiment with Kevin. Hope all is well with you, I am not too bad, have arthritis in the back, but go to the gym twice a week, thanks to DVA and I think it helps.

Regards, David Troedel"

Ed – David's comments (above) re: **"We think that it is important that we record what we can for history's sake."** Hits a real accord with me – go for it David.

...David responded with the following which includes Trevor's "Record of Service" and a couple of great photos...

"Thanks Paul. I don't like to use anything unless I seek permission.

Attached is the Record of Service for Trevor, a short one compared with some of them.

Waghorn Trevor Leslie (now Prideaux) 52837

Born 2nd November 1936, Fremantle, Western Australia.

Enlisted 19th July 1954.

Malaya: Lance Bombardier 105 Field Battery 29th September 1956 to 19th October 1957.

1 Field Regiment, 105 Battery 1957.

Malaya: Lance Bombardier 101 Field Battery (Dvr Op) 8th April 1960.

Reverted to Gunner 7th May 1960.

101 Field Battery Royal Australian Artillery/26 Field Regiment, Royal Artillery 17th October 1960.

Lance Bombardier 15th February 1961.

4 Field Regiment, 101 Field Battery 9th September 1961.

Bombardier 1 RTB.

P&EE Port Wakefield 1963.

Sergeant 12 Field Regiment 1965.

SVN: Sergeant, Detachment, 131 Divisional Locating Battery 5th May 1967 to 6th February 1968.

3 Field Regiment.

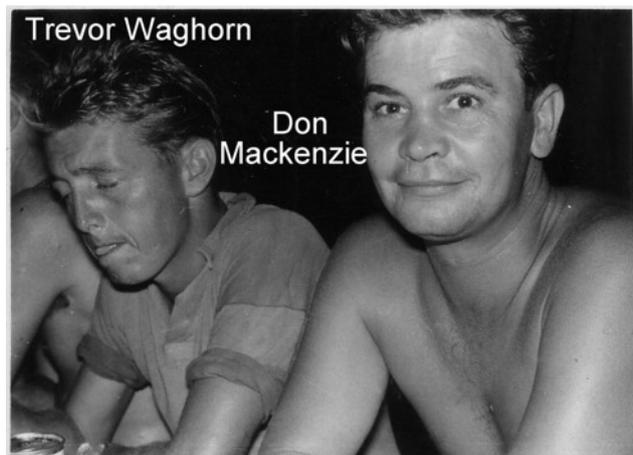
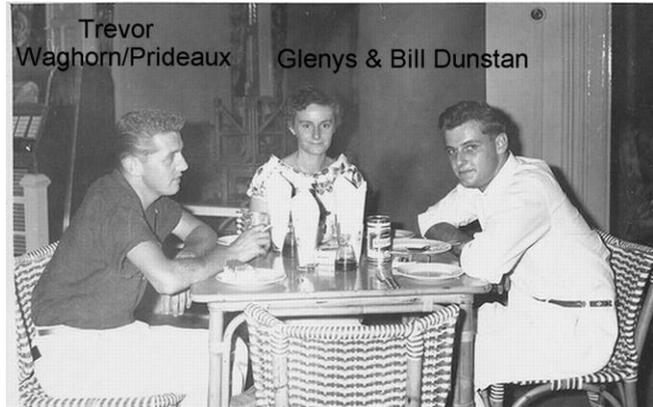
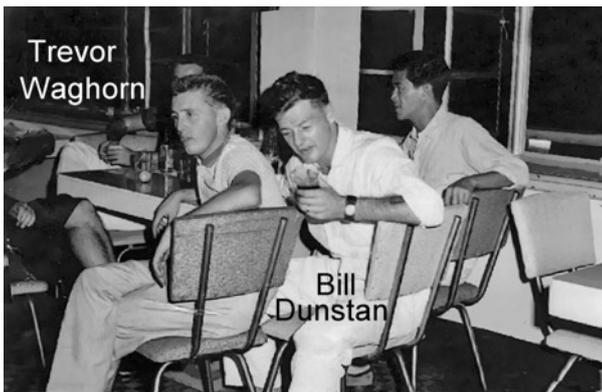
Staff Sergeant 4 Field Regiment.

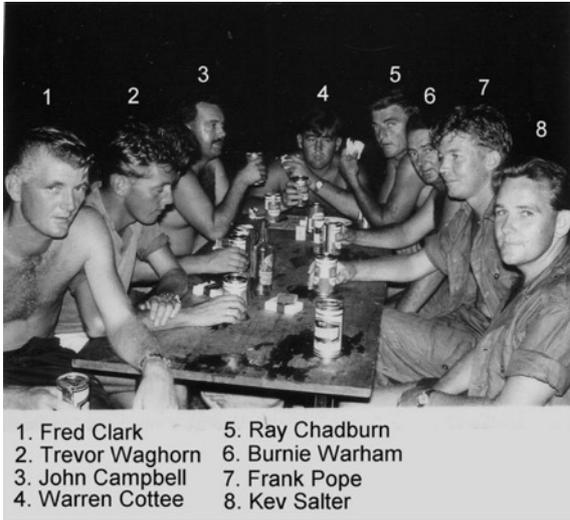
8/12 Medium Regiment. 1975.

LS&GCM

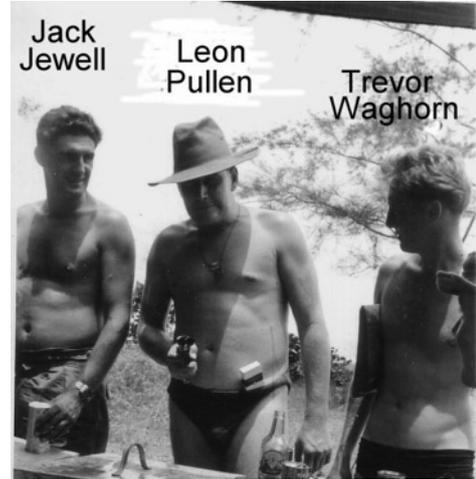
Discharged 19th November 1976.

Medals: AASM (Malaya, Thai-Malay & Vietnam), GSM (Malaya), Vietnam Medal, ASM (SE Asia), Defence Force Service Medal (1st Clasp), National Medal, ADM, LS&GCM, MSM, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Pinjat Jasa Malaysia Medal, Return from Active Service Badge, ACB





1. Fred Clark 5. Ray Chadburn
 2. Trevor Waghorn 6. Burnie Warham
 3. John Campbell 7. Frank Pope
 4. Warren Cottee 8. Kev Salter



1. Burnie Warham 5. Trevor Waghorn
 2. Ray Chadburn 6. Don Mackenzie
 3. Frank Pope 7. Warren Cottee
 4. Dick Finney

The following is from Eyes and Ears, 131 Locators Association, courtesy of Paul Dickson.

Locator Profile

Surname: Prideaux (Waghorn) **Given Name:** Trevor **Nickname:** "Waggy" **DOB:** 02.11.36 **State of Origin:** WA

What did you do before the army: West Australian Government Railways for a couple of years.

Army service dates from: 19.07.1954 to 19.11.76 **Regt No:** 52837

If served in SVN, then dates: 05.05.67 to 06.02.68

Battery/s Activity/s (Bty/s served in, Sections of Bty/s worked in, locations, dates etc): 105 Bty Malaya 1955-57, A Fd Bty Holsworthy, 101 Bty Malaya 1959-61, 1RTB Kapooka RDI, 131 Div Loc Bty 1967-68, then 8/12 Regt Holsworthy before discharge.

Who were you in the service with: From memory they were - Gnrs Evans, Troynar, Dignam and L/Bdr Danko.

Last Rank: S/Sgt

What did you do after the army: Spent the next 20 years in state public service. Retired as a District investigator

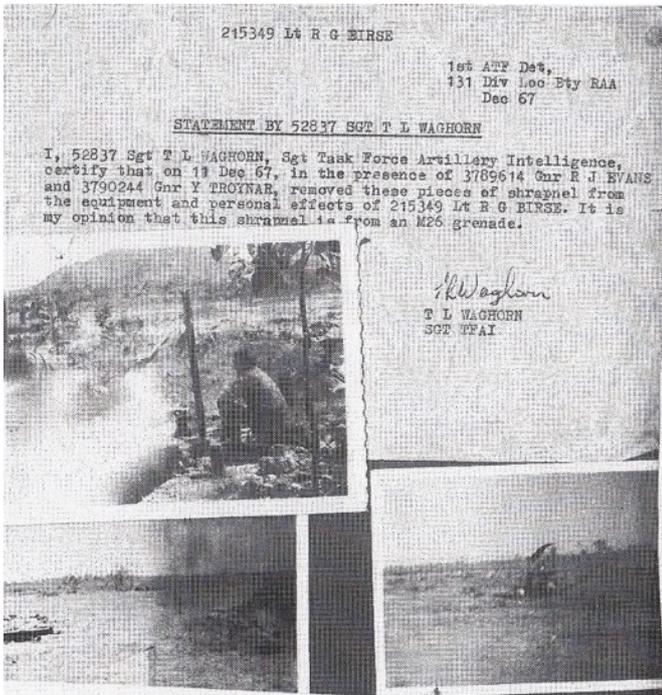
Anything else of interest: Served as Arty Int Sgt. My crew were all National Service men and excellent soldiers. I never felt it necessary to come the heavy on them and just treated them as the intelligent adults that they were.

What city / town do you live in now: Perth



Self in Iroquois en route to FSB Lion, November 1967 then setting up communications with Gnrs Dickson and Clendinen





Details of Photo at left: Gnr Newman* was charged with the manslaughter of Lt Birse with an m26 grenade and found guilty. The crater analysis team, which I was a part of, flew into FSB Bravo as it was thought to be enemy action. When we proved it occurred inside the base the SIB was called. In the photo I am in the same position Lt Birse was. The cartridge case next to me indicates were the grenade landed. We later traced the lot number on the striker lever to the gun crew it was issued to and gave evidence at the subsequent court martial.

*Gnr Newman was later acquitted on appeal.



In Rome 2013

...then to follow on ...Don't know if you have seen this photo taken at the 20 STA Dinner 2008. Regards, David"



From the left - Ian Board, Myself, Geoff Jebb (Instructor) Kevin Salter, Tony Foley.

We were all on the 1/64 Advanced Artillery Survey Course at the school together.

Sadly, Norm Mills, Ken Edwards and Bill McMillan have passed on.



We are all getting older, it is 60 years on 18th September that we sailed from Sydney for Malaya.

I will send you some photos from Anzac Day.

Regards, David"

...as an interesting addition, David adds –

I was speaking to **Geoff Jebb** earlier this year, **he turned 93**.

The RAA Historical Company published the Obituary for **Manson (Mick) Richards** but it had a few errors in it, I called Geoff to clarify some information. It is pretty well correct now.

I served with Mick Richards in the 4 Fd Regt Survey Troop from 1962 to 1964 and at 132 Div Loc Bty 1972 till 1974 when he was Capt, Training Officer.



1/64 Advanced Artillery Survey Course 18th March to 30th April 1964.

Regards, David"



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 (about 90+ per 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...

. **Brian David Auld** – “G'day Paul still at the motel in Woolgoolga which means I'm still breathing and hanging in there”

. **Warwick “Brookey” Brooker** – “G'day Dicko.

You sure do get around. India must have been interesting.

Our long, hot, dry summer has ended and we finally scored a couple of inches of rain about a week ago. A few chilly mornings lately, but mainly the great autumn weather we enjoy in Canberra at this time of the year.

Nothing of interest happening apart from the Federal Budget (for those who are interested in that). It includes the usual pre-election handouts and the Opposition has responded with similar promises.

Looking forward to the Anzac Day commemoration, which almost blends with Easter this year.

I received the following message from 12 Field Regt (Vietnam) Association comrades. (The association was disbanded in 2017, but their last president Trevor Bryant still keeps in touch occasionally.)

With best wishes. Brookey”

...**Brookey's message from the 12 Field Regiment (Vietnam) Association** –

Background - Ingleburn RSL Coral mural:

Most of us are familiar with the excellent work done by the Ingleburn RSL to recognise the significance of the Battles of **FSPBs Coral and Balmoral**. Their remembrance ceremony every May is one of the best in the country.

Their Treasurer John Beer, an Arty Vietnam Vet himself, has advised that the Club's latest venture to recognise Coral is the commissioning of a granite mural. He has sent the following request for full-definition photos depicting Coral.

The Ingleburn RSL Sub Branch wants to commission a granite mural in our memorial park depicting the Coral/Balmoral campaign costing approx. \$12K.

The problem being there does not appear suitable photos available on the net of quality that could be used for this project. I've searched the net and I could not find anything of quality or history that could be appropriate.

(I am seeking) good quality photos of activity taking place in and around the FSB depicting the personalities and activity being undertaken by the various Aussie units involved in proceedings.

John Beer

So, if any of you with collections of photos with higher resolution than those found on the net have anything matching Beery's query, would you please contact him direct on jbe51622@bigpond.net.au .

Trevor Bryant

Ed – maybe we can be of some help somehow?

. **Phil Connor** - “Giddy Paul, how are you? Great to hear from you.

We are good, although Miriam has had some further health issues lately, however being a typical country girl, tough as nails!

Since the beginning of January, I have lost 14 kgs, due to diet, no 'drinkies', exercise, as my GP advised I have to lose some weight, so to this date 14 kgs isn't too bad. Family history also suggests I do so.

Yes, I have seen the Easter celebrations in your part of the world as Matthew, our son, lives in the States (Indiana). He has a number of Mexican friends and he says they are the best 'dry-wallers' and house painters in the world. India, looks like you had a great, interesting time there. I remember Matthew our son, at 14 years, going on a holiday for 6 weeks (Christmas school holidays) to India (Kerala) with close friends of ours to visit their family. He had a ball!! We went out to the shops before he left and bought all new clothes for him and we remember when he came home and opened his travel bag and all the clothes were a 'yellow' colour and Matthew had the same colour.

I was interested to see the last issue of *Eyes and Ears* with my old "boss", Lt. Vic Rae providing a letter to the Ed. Vic also wrote about "The Big Tianjara" exercise. Remember it well as I was president of our OR's mess (yes, that's correct) and we had a combined mess with some of the other units, in particular, with the Bdr of the Unit who was killed during the exercise (I'm now vague on that so hope it is correct). I was No 1 of AP Bravo and had some great guys in my team when we 'ventured' out to set up the AP for the main exercise.

Will go down to dawn service then march at Cotton Tree, Maroochydore unless my 3 grandsons (half hour away) ask me to go down to their school to march with them. They love wearing the 'duplicates' of my father, grandfather and great grandfather (KIA-Passchendaele) medals and I enjoy teaching them tradition/s.

Cheers mate, Regards, Phil"

. **John Chilton** – "Hi Paul. Thanks for your emails. All is well on the Gold Coast. I will be coming down to Sydney the first week in May to have a look at the School of Arty and see the Memorial Walk with the pavers that have been laid, have a couple of nights in Manly and then off to Rookwood Cemetery to see my Uncle's Memorial plaque that has been completed.

I will do the Dawn Service in Surfers for Anzac Day and then have a quiet day with a few beers.

Off cruising Canada for a month in October, so looking forward to that trip.

You are doing a great job with *Eyes and Ears* Paul - a lot of time, work and preparation goes into the publication and it is very much appreciated.

Look after yourself mate. All the best to 131 diggers and all diggers who are Associated with 131. Have a great Anzac Day. John Chilton."

. **Ken Foster** – "Thanks Paul, good to hear from you again.

A fair bit of time spent recently responding to the governments DVA Productivity Commission report and the DVA Advocacy scoping study response.

Still the regular round of veterans needing help in dealing with DVA that keep my days full.

Hope you are well and enjoy your golf.

Regards, Ken Foster"

. **Peter Fletcher** – "Hi Paul.

Read your wrap on your trip to India on *Eyes and Ears*. It sounds like you and Helen enjoyed yourselves. Venice would like to do India also. I'll think about it!

Not much happening here. We are still waiting to have the hail damage repaired from a storm in December.

Frustrating.

Our trip to Canada and Alaska is in June. Looking forward to it.

At this stage I will be attending Anzac Day locally. Maybe I will be marching with my son and daughter-in-law who are both in the RAAF at Williamstown.

Best wishes, Fletch."

. **Peter Dealy** – "Hello Dicko.

Thanks for email. Not much happening here now with the Bowls season over for both of us.

The Goulburn Valley Vietnam Veterans Association with 3 x 131 blokes involved going smoothly.

Heading north for the winter. Hope to be in Darwin for ANZAC Day. Will give a report at a later stage.

All the best to you and yours, Peter Dealy"

. **George Clark** – "Hi Paul, good to hear from you again.

I have been following your journeys around the globe with interest in the *Eyes & Ears*, and although I have not gone overseas since my last surgery, I recently spent 2 months touring through Victoria, NSW, the ACT, where I was present for the armistice ceremonies, and finally back home to good old Qld. The reason for all this travel was to show my cousin, who was visiting from South Africa around the country, and I ended her tour by spending a week at the Eurong resort on Fraser Island, and then driving out through Rockhampton and Emerald to the Carnarvon Gorge, where we spent another week before returning to Brisbane, where I placed her on a jet for Melbourne where she spent Christmas with her son, before returning to South Africa on Boxing day.

I am not going to be here for ANZAC Day as I am leaving on the 24th of the 4th for a couple of months in Hong Kong to be with my fiancée. I shall drop you a line as soon as I return from Hongers Paul and I hope that this finds you and your family in good health and spirits.

I wish you all the best mate, George Clark (redundant gunner)."

. Keith Ayliffe – “G'day Paul.

Well I hope your excursion to India was satisfying and happy you return safely

As you are aware my month was pretty hectic writing and rewriting our request for review.

Well, all the paperwork has gone in now, thank you for your input if there is anything you want from it for *E&Es* go for it. I feel it will be a while before we hear anything. I am not putting any predictions out as I did believe it would have been approved previously

Time to sit and twiddle my thumbs. Regards, Keith”

. Nick Armstrong - “Hello Paul.

Thank you for your last email (4th April, 2019). Nothing too interesting has happened here recently.

However, here's some future plans - Robin and I will be heading to Canberra at the end of next week. We will be attending the National Folk Festival there, over the Easter weekend. We will take our caravan, as it is the cheapest accommodation for the period we will be there. We will both be doing voluntary work during the festival, which will entitle us to a refund of our admission costs. I will be doing transport work, which involves driving 12-seater buses, shuttling people to various places. Last year was my first, and it was quite easy. This year I think I am doing more transport of performers to and from their accommodation. We plan to be in Canberra on Monday 15th April, four days before the Festival. This allows some free time to do some sightseeing.

Our campsite at EPIC ends on Tuesday 23rd April. I am not sure whether we will still be in Canberra for ANZAC Day. I know quite a few people travel to Sydney for ANZAC activities, but I am not sure whether it will be practical to go there. I am hoping to contact Warwick Brooker while in Canberra, so I may see what he normally does. I may be able to extend my site lease for a few extra days? Failing that, we may be on the road back to Port Lincoln.

The trip will take three days each way. Our caravan is an old 25ft Viscount which I have used for several years as my work accommodation. It is a bit large as a touring caravan, but it is probably worth more to me than selling it and buying something smaller. The Landrover Discovery 4 we now own, has sufficient power to tow, but speeds above about 90kph can be uncomfortable in gusty cross-winds.

I note your enthusiasm for golf. I confess I have never entertained any interest in the game. I doubt whether I could hit the ball, and if I did, I would have trouble finding it again. I never found sport appealing, even as a child. I always saw it as an activity created for bored city kids. Living in a rural seaside village in Cornwall (UK), I always found plenty to keep myself amused. I was lucky to spend my working life enjoying the variety of civil construction, and the working hours rarely allowed regular recreational time. In retirement, I enjoy getting out onto Boston Bay in my 19ft half-cabin boat, or surf fishing near Port Lincoln.

I guess that is enough for now, keep vertical. Cheers, Nick”

. Peter Bruce – “G'day Paul. Great to hear from you and happenings in your part of the world.

Things much the same here. Can't believe it's April already. We have had some in-laws from England out here for a few weeks – staying with their son who married one of our daughters. The son is on FI/FO with a helicopter company in Timor. He does two weeks on and then two off. His dad is a bit of a handy man so has done lots of things around their house while he has been here. It has also taken some pressure off us in the baby-sitting department. We normally get the twin boys aged 2 a couple of days a week so we are getting a bit of respite.

I am envious with your golf. My wife Susie and I keep talking about going for a hit but somehow, we never get there. We both like watching the Masters so that will put a bit more pressure on us to get out and play. I am still busy with Legacy with a welfare meeting in Port Macquarie yesterday and this afternoon I am back up there again soliciting prizes for our Legacy Golf Day on 28 April. Meanwhile, I am off to Brisbane on Wednesday to look after my son for a few days. He goes in to hospital on Thursday morning to have another operation on his knee. Same thing last March so hope this one fixes it. Wife and I did get away in the caravan down to Diamond Head for a couple of days. Beautiful spot just 30 minutes south of here. Weather has been great although like many parts, we could do with some decent rain. ANZAC Day coming up and I have been coerced into being parade marshal at the local sub branch march. Should be a reasonably quiet day I think as no one (from our old boys) had indicated they will be attending. When our son and his partner lived in Mexico City they attended functions at the High Commissioners residence. He enjoyed both times while they were here and in fact I think it was the NZ High Commissioners turn the second year. They live in New York now so not sure what they will do.

Anyway, mate, its time for coffee. We usually get a take away from our local and then go up to the beach to drink it. We have a nice spot near the estuary mouth. So, little rain that the creek is nearly empty and the mouth has long closed off. We will need a lot of rain to get it open again.

Best wishes and well done again on *Eyes and Ears*.

Cheers, Peter”

. Charles Brewer – “Thanks Paul for keeping in touch - yep, Charles here, ex 133 DIV LOC BTY. Great to see you enjoying your retirement! India sounds as though it was really worthwhile - and you've Easter happening, as we do of course. Coffs Harbour is a wonderful place to live - and we have 2 little ones here, ages 3 and almost 2. Much excitement - because on Saturday our Brisbane family arrive; Zoe yr 12 and Lily yr 7; and the littlies here are soooo excited! Special...

Couple of things that will interest you Paul.

Firstly; Freedom of the City granted again to RAN 725 SQN, on Wednesday 24th April. 725 SQN is based at Naval Air Station (NAS) NOWRA; they are the Training and Maintenance SQN for the MH-60R Seahawk "Romeo" naval

combat helicopters. It promises to be a spectacular parade - finishing at the newly refurbished Jetty Foreshore event space. Many activities, naval display, and Band concert. And like last time - there will be a fly-over of MN-60's - low and hard! Great recruiting opportunity for the Naval Cadets of HMAS VENDETTA! I imagine that there will be quite a few of us Locators going! Helen is looking forward to it too.

Next - our son Michael; just on 10yrs a Paramedic, and here in Coffs; now with TACMED...Google it Paul. Started by Combat Medic CPL Jeremy Holder MG - 2 operational tours in Afganistan. Jeremy head-hunted Mike - and it's a perfect for him, not only because of his paramedic training, but his previous corporate and marketing career. So Mike now has regular hours, weekends off, and family time! He is really making a difference to the corporate bottom line too - and keeps his Paramedic qualifications.

TACMED is making a difference in ASIO, AFP, DEFAT and now looks like VIC ambulance, where Mike has been these last few days. That combat experience of Jeremy and his ex-service team is improving the type and quality for pre-hospital medical kits, and their use.

So - some exciting times ahead Paul, for our growing family. Ubique - from Coffs; Charles.

. Mike Butler – “Hi Paul. Thanks for your note. Not a lot going on here - had our latest granddaughter’s first birthday last week. A good time had by all!

Trying to clear the decks to get the caravan out again and head for SA. Nice country towns like Robe are good to visit. The TPI Association in Victoria is going through a bad time with the whole committee being replaced by an interim committee with new elections in May. A lot of over expenditure of funds is the main issue I believe. Both Michelle and I are fit and well - just the usual minor ailments. Going into the City next week for ANZAC.

Cheers for now. Mike Butler”

. Keith Dean – “Hi Paul. Thanks for the email.

Dianne and I were invited to the 40-year reunion of 34th class Army Apprentices School Balcombe which was held in Canberra in March. Had a great catch up with these guys and their wives at the Mercure Hotel.

Saturday night we attended a dinner at the Australian War Museum. The atmosphere was great and so was the food. Major General Mark Evans (who was a Company OC at the school) was the guest of honour. Mark gave a great speech pointing out some of the rather mischievous antics these apprentices got up to.

I have not been too good lately with a bloody kidney stone and a pinched sciatic nerve. All part of growing old I guess.

Cheers, Keith”

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

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



Australian Artillery Association – www.australianartilleryassociation.com

Kim Hewitt – gives us a heads-up on an upcoming event –

“Hi Paul,

In case you are unaware, **The Australian Artillery Association is conducting its 3rd National Gunner Dinner on the 23/24 Aug 19 at Caloundra, Queensland.**

Full details and Registration is available on our Website (see link above).

Locators have always provided a good number of members in attendance. It's great to catch up with the 'old' guys each time.

Ubique, Kim”

May – 1966 “Pioneers” – get into South Vietnam – **53 years ago.**

- **1968 Coral/Balmoral** – the Battle of Coral/Balmoral took place – **51 years ago.**

**. 2019 National Gunner Dinner – 23rd / 24 August at Caloundra in Queensland.
Peter Bruce, OAM, JP - President - 4th Field Regiment (SVN) Old Boys**

“Hi Everyone.

Just a quick reminder about the 2019 National Gunner Dinner to be held over 23 and 24 August at Caloundra in Queensland. Full details of the event which include a happy hour on the Friday night and dinner on the Saturday night are available on the Australian Artillery Association website www.australianartilleryassociation.com

The first of these gunner gatherings was held in 2014 with a second in 2017. Both have been extremely well organised and well attended. The 2019 gathering offers more of the same and I recommend you consider attending.

The organisers, Kim McGrath and Graham Hampton, have asked everyone to register early and a pay plan option is available.

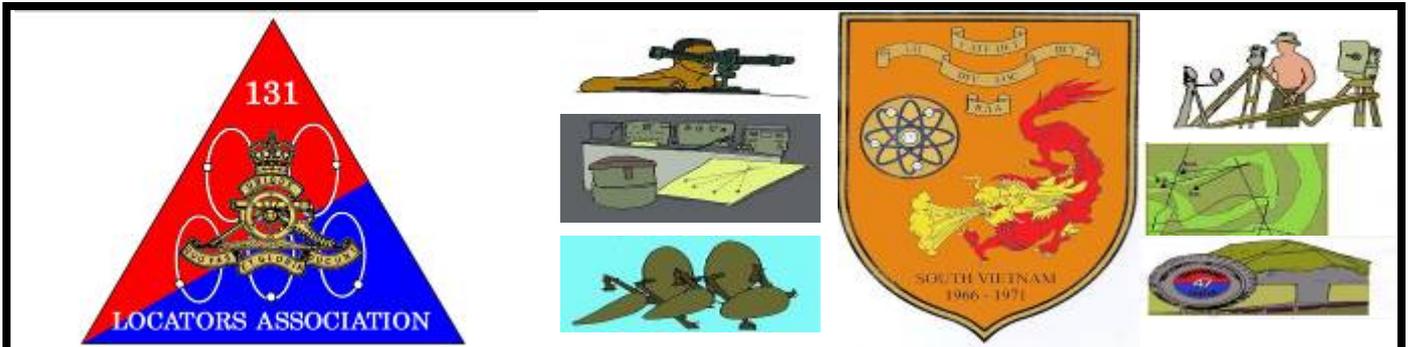
If you wish to attend and be part of the 4 Field (SVN) Old Boys gathering, register now and indicate you wish to be with or near my table ie Peter Bruce.

I hope to see many of you at the dinner.

Best wishes, Peter

Peter Bruce, OAM, JP

President, 4th Field Regiment (SVN) Old Boys, pjbruce8@bigpond.net.au 0419 349 317"



Committee members:

President – Allen Morley, Vice President – Bert Blink, Treasurer/Secretary – Grahame Dignam,
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Vic – Alan Adams, WA - Barry Guzder
<http://www.131locators.org.au>

Presidential perambulations

The Australian Rules Football (AFL) season is now in full swing. There have been many result surprises in the first six weeks of the football season. That is not unusual.

Last weekend Geelong's Gary Ablett was booed by their opponent's crowd. According to the pundits (and I use that term loosely), it seems the blame was because of Ablett's on-line support for the posts of Rugby player Israel Folau. Folau posted on his Instagram account his view that "hell awaits" homosexuals, adulterers, atheists, drunks, and liars. As a consequence, his football future is subject to intense media and Australian Rugby scrutiny.

Boy did that message stir up the "poof" fraternity and its supporters. However, the support groups for adulterers, atheists, drunks, and liars did not seem at all perturbed.

So, on Anzac Day after the big AFL match featuring Collingwood vs Essendon – 92,000+ in attendance – at a post-match presentation there was again booing. This time the same sort of pundits said it was because of some poor umpiring decisions. A strange attribution.

I believe that with so many using the power of their devices on social media, any issue is divisive and consequently subject to online or big event booing.

Allen.

. Upcoming Events Calendar –

131 Locators Association Committee Meeting Date: Tuesday, 14th May, 2019 at 1100hrs

Venue: Canley Heights RSL & Sporting Club, 26 Humphries Rd., Wakley.

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, 9th April, 2019 at 1105hrs...

Attendees were: Allen Morley, Bob Billiards, Bert Blink, Grahame Dignam, Ernest Newbold, Ian Amos, Nick Proskurin, Merv Nairn and George Lane.

Financial Membership is currently 115 plus Associates 2 plus Affiliates 9 **Total 126**

Plus Lapsed 38 members Deceased 9 Members

Presidents report.

Allen advised -

. Anzac Day preparations are complete including the luncheon at Zest at the Tatts Club and there are spare places at the table.

. We have been advised of a number of visitors to Sydney this year and we look forward to catching up and sharing experiences again.



- . The Photo Album is progressing slowly with assistance from Ernest Newbold.
- . The AGM for the Sydney branch of the LSTAA had to be rescheduled to July due to a fire in the venue on the assigned date.
- . His (Allen's) pension application has been resurrected by the DVA and he is re-starting the process again.

General Business.

Discussions ensued on the following:

- . Bert and Ern Newbold are cooperating with other Surveyors on an effort to provide the NVV Museum with a simple detailed explanation of the use of the tellurometer in the field. This is to be used to enhance the NVV Museum display
- . Nick Proskurin advised the cost of re-ordering the Nasho Ribbon with the updated UCG being added to the Lung Dragon section of the ribbon. The ribbon will measure 320mm X 56mm high. It was proposed that the Association will provide one of the new ribbons to each veteran member with any additional ribbons to be supplied at a cost of \$6 each including postage.

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 –

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	† 20.11.18
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
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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 1967	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 is wat too many! There's still a heap our fosing around to find these blokes. We're going to be busy for a while yet.

. **Locator Profiles** – we've received **157** and we've sent out **157**. Ed – 3 more to bring it up to 160 isn't all that hard – is it?

. 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. **We got one more "Self-Find Locator" this month – Neville Davis.**

Vale

	Regt No	Rank	SVN In	SVN Out	Served with	DOB	DOD
Borgges, Kenneth Henry	135 43	Major	21.05.66	13.09.66	1 Fd Regt	03.09.36	00.00.18?

John Stanford – “Paul, whilst perusing the latest QLD RSL News I noticed that a 13543 KH Borgges had passed on. The publication lists him as a member of the Townsville RSL and I know he was from that area. He was RAA but did not serve with 131 in SVN, but with 1 Fd Regt.

If memory serves me correctly, he was with us in 1968 at Holsworthy as the BQMS, and still there when I came home in 1970. I think he was still the BQ in 1970 but he may have also had a run as the BSM for a while.

Regards, John S”

...John Stanford was also able to supply the following –

Ken passed away January this year, he had MS for some time and this got him in the end, he spent 30 years in the regular army and retired as a Captain, he then went into the Ares and was promoted to Major, how long in the ARES I am yet to find out. He was the BSM in 131 Div Loc Bty.

Kevin Browning – “Paul, Ken Borgges certainly was BQ at 131 and a particularly good one. Peter Binns may be a good person to contact as I think he worked in the Q with Ken. I also recall Ken was BSM and it would have been in the 1970/71 period. Although *Tracks of the Dragon* show Ivan Mills as BSM 1970-72 I am not sure this is correct. I recall Ken had us clean the Holsworthy lines up during his tenure as BSM. All the rubbish that had accumulated under the buildings was raked out and he wanted lawn in the area that fronted onto the Q store entrance and Orderly Room. I was given the task and when asked “where we were to get the grass?”, he simply said “Bombardier I leave that you.” I take my hat off to Ken for he certainly shielded me up when the 2 I/C wanted to hang the person who had dug up the grass from the area behind the lower oval. Regards, Kevin”

Peter Binns – “Hi Paul. Yes, I certainly worked with Ken Borgges in 69 and 70 after I came back from SVN. Ken mentored me and convinced me, a career in the Q Store was the way to go - good advice taken, as I finished my career as AQMS School of Arty in 1987. Peter.”

RIP Ken

May He Rest In Peace



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