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Detachment 131 Divisional Locating Battery RAA South Vietnam 1966 – 1971 2025

59 Years and the Detachment Spirit Remains



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with the Detachment
from 01.04.66 – 19.08.71



Aussie ration pack '67



Bravo Radar Op Lion Oct '67



Det HQ '67



Tellurometer in action '69



JUNE 2025
60th
ANNIVERSARY
131 DIV LOC BTY
RAA

The above photo and the one on the right takes us back 13 years to a Ceremony held in Maitland NSW on the Queen's birthday weekend 2012. It was the year of her Majesty's 60th jubilee celebration - June 11th 2012.



Back row from left Rieny Nieuwenhof, Grahame Dignam and ??.
Front row from left Ernie Newbold, John McFadden, Bruce Irvine and Warwick Brooker

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Terry Erbs forwarded the following on Locating celebrating their 100th Anniversary... Centenary of Locating

The weekend of Centenary celebrations began Friday night with a well-attended Cocktail party at Kedron Wavell RSL. A key highlight of the night was the presentation of Life Membership in the LSTAA to Keith Ayliffe, author of *"Tracks of the Dragon"*. Keith's meticulous historical research established the official start date of Australian Locating Artillery as 1 July 1925, marked by the formation of the 1st and 2nd Artillery Survey Companies in Sydney and Melbourne. These original units were comprised of many highly qualified professionals, including licensed civil land surveyors, who not only contributed their expertise but also supplied their own equipment.

The event's atmosphere was enriched by decorations in traditional Artillery colours. Special thanks go to Russ Hamsey and Rod Alchin for the impressive array of memorabilia displayed throughout the "Long Tan" room.



Throughout the evening, Keith Ayliffe's *History of Locating* was shown on the big screen. [To obtain a USB copy of the Locating history video and photos from the Centenary weekend, please request via email—cost is \$10 plus postage.

On Saturday morning saw us arriving at the front gate of Gallipoli Barracks around 10:00 am, joining a steady stream of vehicles entering the base. While the Menz Club was unfortunately closed, the coffee van on the main oval proved a popular alternative, doing brisk business right up until the formal parade began at 11:00 am.

Invited LSTAA guests—Russ Hamsey, Terry Erbs, Keith Ayliffe, and Allan Harrison—were given front-row seats under cover, protected from the light showers. Many other guests and family members were also seated in covered areas, enjoying a clear and comfortable view of the formal proceedings.





20th Regiment RAA, comprising, 131,132,133 and CSS Batteries, paraded before the reviewing officer Major General David Hafner AM, CSC, During the ceremony, Major General Hafner formally presented the Iraq Theatre Honour (2003–2011) in recognition of the Regiment's outstanding service during Operation *Catalyst*. The occasion also marked two significant milestones: the centenary of Locating Artillery and the official re-raising of 133 Battery, now restored as part of the Regiment's order of battle. A particularly poignant moment came when Allan Harrison, the last Battery Commander of 133 Battery prior to its disbandment in 1987, presented the unit pennant to Major Andrew Penhaligon, current Battery Commander of the newly re-raised 133 Battery—symbolically linking the past with the future.





During his address, Major General David Hafner AM, CSC officially named the Regiment's lines "Terendak," in honour of those who served at Tallil Airbase in Dhi Qar Province, Iraq, between 2006 and 2009.

Camp Terendak holds deep sentimental value for both contemporary veterans and current members of the Locating community. It was there that the unit first developed and implemented the tactics, techniques, and procedures that would form the foundation for operating uncrewed systems—capabilities that remain central to the Regiment's role today. Following the parade, the Regiment hosted a well-attended Family Day, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Guests were treated to a generous spread of food provided by the Regiment, along with plenty of cold refreshments.



During the festivities, the LSTAA took the opportunity to honour Harry Lynas with Life Membership, recognising his long and distinguished service as both a Locator and dedicated committee member. We extend our sincere thanks to Harry for his contributions and wish him all the very best in his retirement.

Left to Right....Jim Bushel, Allan Harrison, Peter Pioro & Harry Lynas.

Former members of 133 Bty.....**Left to Right Wayne Thompson, Jenni Jiear OAM, Allan Harrison (Ret) (Major - Former BC Of 133 DLB), Zita Thompson, Ken Broadhead OAM (ret) (LtCol - Former BC Of 133 DLB), Harry Lynas OAM (Ret), Keith Ayliffe BEM BA (Ret) & James Bushel.**



Former 130 GLB.... **Left to Right Allan Harrison (Ret) (Major - Former BC Of 133 DLB) James Bushel, David Doyle (Ret) OAM & Peter Pioro OAM**



Above - former 131 Bty....Left to Right
Phil Swinsburg [Ret] [Lt. Col. 20th Regiment's 1st CO], Phil Riordan, Mick Horne, Harry Lynas OAM, Keith Ayliffe BEM, Kevin Browning OAM, Sean Voss, Darryl Crumblin, Terry Erbs, Martin Shirley, Gerry O'Connell, Barry Winsor, Dave Doyle OAM, Peter Pioro OAM & Willis Wight.
 Saturday also saw the presence of many other Locators, including **Joe Losiak, Geoff Blackwell, Tony Turner, Ian Board, and Struan Robertson**, among others—highlighting the strong turnout and camaraderie that defined the weekend.
 On Sunday, a few hardy members gathered for brunch at the Ship Inn, where they reflected on the weekend's events and shared their appreciation for the successful and meaningful Centenary Commemorations.

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The “Lost Locator Project”

This Project is being re-ignited for 2025.

Our current list contains the names of **72** Locators (as at 30.06.2025 - reduced this month) that we have not had contact with since, basically, commencing communications in 2012, so, we are going to focus a little more on this programme to try and reduce this number.

Let’s have a look at JULY’s Birthday List, below, where there are 5 Detachment and Battery Members listed as Lost Locators – see the names below.
So, we’ve done some great discoveries with Members Dates Of Death, I’m hoping we might muster some enthusiasm for this difficult task. I’ve added some more details as to full DoB’s and places of birth according to the DVA Nominal Roll for, maybe, some help.

However, this doesn’t mean that we still have contact with the total number of Battery/Detachment members we have Located over time as continuing correspondence has lapsed in a lot of cases. **I have 252 recipients (Association).** We regularly check bereavement/funeral notices and this does not locate members in the way we really want to. So, we’re appealing for **YOUR** help in scouring all sorts of sources – local RSL’s may be a good starter.

Date	Name	Regt No	DoB	SVN In	SVN Out	DVA Location
2	Peter Reginald O'Donnell Sgt.	213115	1941	24 03 1970	05 11 1970	Singleton, NSW RAEME
10	Robert William Pelham	55342	1949	16 11 1968	19 11 1969	Wongan Hills, WA

21	Wilhelmus Jacovus Van Zetten	3794919	1947	17 03 1970	17 12 1970	Amsterdam, Netherlands
22	John Charles Homer	5717596	1949	17 03 1971	02 08 1971	Perth 131
	" "			02 08 1971	18 11 1971	12 Fd Regt
25	John Stuart Smith T/Bdr	610231	1949	16 11 1968	12 11 1969	Hobart

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

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

Grahame Dignam - has been doing some serious searching and following up on **Lost Locators** and has been able to reduce the numbers by Locating Locators who are still with us. He gave us information regarding nine members ranging from name changes, some who want to remain anonymous and so on - it's just so good to be able to clear up some archival information.

Well done Investigator Dignam.

. Unknown/Known Dates of Deaths continues to be updated...as at 30.06.2025 –

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

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

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

Sadly, we've added **Terrance William Myers**, **Damian Percival McManus** and **Gregory ?? Peck** to the list below as he recently passed. **(See Vale below)**

10 Year Detachment/131 Battery Death Periods

1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	Total
1	0	2	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	7
1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	
0	1	1	0	1	0	1	2	0	2	8
1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	
0	0	2	2	2	1	2	1	0	0	10
1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	
3	2	2	2	0	3	2	1	3	1	19
2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	
1	4	4	4	2	9	4	6	5	3	42
2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	
9	4	5	5	6	8	11	12	10	5	75

Unknowns* 1
Total 161

Please note that these figures represent data provided by Members, from what was, and is stated to be reliable sources (official notices/family/mates etc). Data as at **30.06.2025**.

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

This following sections have now been updated as of 31.01.2025 and show a clear picture of Battery/Detachment Members that have incomplete Date of Death details.

Here are the names and details –

Name	Rank	Regt No	Section	SVN	DoB	DoD
Robinson, Marcus Lee	Gnr	2791229		1970	14.02.48	Unknown

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

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

Ok, detectives, here's more homework – still one more to find!

...continuing investigations –



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

John Browne - sent in an email which lead to another co-ordinated Cold Case being solved. The following is an extract from the email -

"Brownny here Dicko.

Just reading the *Eyes and Ears* and a couple of names jumped out....

...I was also told by a mate in Perth that **Terrence William Myers**, a missing locator, was living in Toodyay WA, and also passed away not long ago. I have sent an email to Toodyay RSL just now, and will wait for a reply. If they tell me that they know of him but won't give me any info because of privacy reasons, I will ask them to contact you, as being the Associations ramrod, you might have a bit more clout than me.

I'll see what I can dig up mate.

Brownny

John Browne 218367"

...this led me to send the extract to Detective **Chief Inspector Peter Meaney** and after some very quick searching, he forwarded a reference from "Find A Grave" (see in Vale below) which lead to discovering a listing for a Terrance William Myers. "**Terrance**" did not align with the DVA Nominal Roll listing as they have him as "**Terrence**".

...this lead me to send the "Find A Grave" notice to now **Detective John Browne** and he sent the following after more investigating -

"Just got this sent to me from Western Australia from Find-a-Grave.

Terrence William Myers plaque.

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/248453543/terrance-w-myers>

Brownny"

Case Closed - see the grave site plaque identifying Terrance with his Regimental number.

An amazing job by both John and Peter.

Watch this space there could be more to come. Paul Dickson

Another Case Closed based on history searching...

The following email from Chief Inspector Peter Meaney, again, clears up a 'SUPPOSED' Lost Locator with an amazing archives examination...the subject is - Lindsay Maxwell Mead

"Hi Paul,

Re the above (Lindsay Maxwell Mead), it would appear Lindsay did not serve in 131 DLB, and therefore should be deleted from the birthday list etc.

Refer *Eyes & Ears* Vol 10 No6 June 2017 No 107.

PM. 😊"

Here's the extract from the archives of that *Eyes & Ears*...

". Question Time, this time with an answer - finally!

Back in September, 2011 (*Eyes & Ears* Vol 9) we first raised the question regarding the following subject, now it continues –

The following has been copied from the following "Birthdays in the Battery" section.

26 June	LINDSAY MEAD	3790714	1945	27 03 1968	12 04 1968
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Lindsay, supposedly, only served 19 Days with the Detachment in SVN, and this is backed up by the following extract from the Nominal Roll which states –

"Official Duty (from 131st Division Locating Battery) 27 Mar 1968 12 Apr 1968"

Also, according to the Nominal Roll he was born in Benalla, Vic and was a Temporary Bombardier, obviously, a Nasho - there is no other record of Lindsay serving any other unit in SVN.

We then mulled over the following thoughts - would anyone from the 1968 SVN era remember Lindsay or even the reason for the 19 days "Official Duty" with the Det? Where did he serve? LP's, Radar, Arty Tac, Survey or even RAEME??

...**Bert Blink** sent in the following which was taken from the Veteran Search Result -

Name: Mead, Lindsay Service No: 3790714 DoB: 26.06.1945 Rank: (Temp) Bombardier
Place of Birth: Benalla, Vic Corps: Royal Regiment of Australian Artillery National Service: Yes

Summary of Unit Name(s)	Start Date	End Date
Detachment, 131 Divisional Locating Battery	27/03/1968	12/04/1968
Vietnam Waters - 2300hrs to 2200hrs	08/04/1968	09/04/1968

23 hours "Vietnam Waters"? Now that's curious.

...and **Ed** extracted this from another recent **Bert Blink** email –

"Hi, an aside: -

While printing some info I noticed Lindsay Maxwell Mead who served with the Detachment

(<http://www.vietnamroll.gov.au/VeteranDetails.aspx?VeteranId=1250169>) in country for just 17 days (but this was in Mar/Apr 1968). No idea what the Unit "**Vietnam Waters 2300 hrs-2200 hrs**" means, he is the only Army person with this Unit reference? Bert"

...to which **Grahame Dignam** responds with – "Aahh, looks like 2 tours - First on ground then maybe as a passenger (Seconded) aboard a navy vessel accompanying cargo-radars etc??? Obviously, he was on Night shift!!!! Dig"

...**Bert** responds with – "Hi Grahame - No not two tours the "Vietnam Waters 2300 hrs-2200 hrs" was inside the 17 days. My guess was that he went on an operation, fell sick, evacuated to a Naval Vessel then to a shore hospital then home? Bert"

...now enter **Ernie Newbold** – "G'day Paul, the ABN website indicates that the business is registered in Vic, postcode 3193 and this postcode the suburbs of Beaumaris, Black Rock, Black Rock North & Cromer. This doesn't mean that the Lindsay Maxwell Mead listed there is the same one, but it does narrow it down somewhat.

Hope that may be of some help. Regards, Ernie."

... then **Ernie** again -

"G'day Paul, the entry for Lindsay Mead in "**Tracks of the Dragon**" shows him serving from 27 MAR 1968 to 26 APR 1968 which is different to what is shown in the Vietnam Nominal Roll.

The Vietnam Nominal Roll makes no mention of him being in "Vietnam Waters" from 8 APR 1968 to 9 APR 1968.

"Tracks of the Dragon" shows him as the only member of the battery to go to Vietnam on 27th March 1968, so we couldn't ask anyone who might have travelled from Australia with him.

My guess is that "Vietnam Waters" was a term used by the Defence Dept. to cover mostly Naval or Merchant Marine personnel who were on board vessels off the coast of Vietnam.

A Google search for Lindsay Maxwell Mead shows that name as being in a family partnership with Valerie Millicent Mead for a business by the name of Abclene, registered in Victoria. A Google search for "Abclene" did not give a result.

Perhaps someone who was with the Detachment / Battery in March / April 1968 may read the next *Eyes and Ears* and give us some more info. Regards, Ernie.'

Now to the amazing discovery - Ed had a crack at phoning him on Wed 31.05.17 after a White Pages search...

I managed to connect with a somewhat startled/confused **Lindsay Maxwell Mead**, who lives in Beaumaris, Melbourne. It was an absolute fluke as he is the only Mead LM in Melbourne! I don't think he could come to grips with why someone was calling him about being in SVN some 49 years earlier, especially as all the information I was quoting and enquiring about was totally false!!!

Anyway, to cut to the chase –

. he never stepped foot on Vietnam soil

. he remained on the HMAS Sydney as they were accompanying Infantry etc -

The following is a Wikipedia extract of the dates somewhat similar to the dates (well year anyway) on the Nominal Roll stating Lindsay was in SVN -

"Sydney's seventh voyage began on 19 May from Brisbane, with [2 RAR](#) and a company from 1st Battalion, [Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment](#) —the first New Zealand infantry force sent to Vietnam. Sydney and the destroyer escort Stuart reached Vũng Tàu on 30 May, where the troopship's passengers were offloaded by Chinook helicopters and replaced by 6 RAR. The ships left Vietnam on the same day, and arrived in Brisbane on 14 June."

Back to the phone conversation - Lindsay wasn't very forthcoming about a lot, but I did glean from him –

. that he didn't have anything to do with the Artillery, let alone 131

. He was a PT instructor, and yes, a Corporal hence being on board the Vung Tau Ferry.

. Yes, he was a Nasho and was born in Benalla.

And that's it - end of conversation, well, except he is well.

So, we'll clean-up our archives and maybe they can get some white-out for "Tracks of the Dragon"!

Ed also sent an email to the DVA (Nominal Roll) suggesting a correction

"Paul Dickson's enquiry

With regard to Vietnam War; MEAD, Lindsay Maxwell ,3790714

Email: 131eyesandears@gmail.com

The above veteran's details are incorrect. He did not serve with 131 Divisional Locating Battery RAA in South Vietnam. In fact, he did not serve in South Vietnam. He was a PT Corporal on board the HMAS Sydney on 30th May, 1968 when troops were off loaded."

They did respond with -

"Dear Paul Dickson,

Your feedback is appreciated and has been sent to the Nominal Rolls team.

The receipt number for your feedback is VW-2017-44078

Your comments are welcome and we thank you for bringing this to our attention.

If correction to the displayed data is required, please note that this may take some time and we ask for your patience. In many cases, it is necessary for us to contact the appropriate Service record repository to obtain information and there can be a delay of several months before our enquiry is answered.

Your feedback is appreciated and has been sent to the Nominal Rolls team.

We will contact you again when we have further information for you.

Regards

Department of Veterans' Affairs

Nominal Roll Team"

...then they sent this –

"Dear Paul

Yes, Lindsay did not serve with Det 131 Divisional Locating Battery RAA in South Vietnam. He served as Army staff on the HMAS Sydney for the HMAS Sydney Voyage, that was allotted to Vietnam from 27 Mar 68 to 26 Apr 68, along with the Ship's crew.

His Unit was 131 Div Loc Batt serving on HMAS Sydney as a Physical Training Instructor for the voyage only.

This has been confirmed by Defence.

Yours sincerely

Wendy Taylor

Support Officer Nominal Rolls, Statistics & Data Integrity, Policy Branch

Department of Veterans' Affairs, Ph 1300 780 133, Fax 02 6289 6227

A simple phone call some 6 years ago could have wrapped all of this up there and then - maybe!!!!"

Another amazing thing, well maybe not so "amazing", is that the DVA Nominal Roll still has Peter serving with us in SVN!! We finally have removed Lindsay from our Birthday List file so that why the Lost Locator total is 79.

Now to more investigative work...

1. Case: Webb, Edward John ("Teddy") -

John Brown email 31.05.25 -

'Brownny here Dicko.

Just reading the *Eyes and Ears* (May 2025) and a couple of names jumped out.

Edward John Webb (Teddy Webb) a missing locator, lived in Braidwood NSW, my old town. I never knew Teddy but I know a lot of Webbs from that town where my family farm was located.

I contacted one lady who I am on Facebook with, and she told me that Teddy Webb had died some years ago, but she knows nothing else re dates of death etc.

I will search around mate, and contact a few of the Webb family and see what I can dig up.

...the Investigation result (8.06.25) -

"G'day Dicko.

I have some good news for you.

Edward John Webb is alive and well.

I just got off the phone with **him**, we spoke of old times at Nui Dat and the guys we knew there 1969-1970.

He's living at Banora Point in northern NSW. He's 84 now and sounds really well mate, but his Mrs. is in a care home with cancer.

I got onto him by putting a post up on about 4 Braidwood sites on Facebook. Asking if anyone knew him.

I got a lot of replies saying he lived in Padstow Sydney, Nowra, and Wollongong and a few other places. I did a lot of research in those areas, but ended up with nothing.

When last night I got a post from **his brother William** who is living in Goulburn NSW, saying Ned (as he is affectionately known as in his family), his brother, is alive and well. He gave me Ned's phone number.

So today I rang Ned and we had a good old yarn for a couple of hours. He had to go attend his wife on the phone was the finish of it, so he asked if I could tell his brother William my phone number, so I guess he still wants to talk about stuff.

Brownny."

Paul Dickson - What an amazing investigative result - a Lost Locator found alive!

2. Case: Myers, Terrance William 31.05.25... the email continues -

John Brown continues - I was also told by a mate in Perth that **Terrance William Myers**, a missing locator, was living in Toodyay WA, and also passed away not long ago. I have sent an email to Toodyay RSL just now, and will wait for a reply. If they tell me that they know of him but won't give me any info because of privacy reasons, I will ask them to contact you, as being the Associations ramrod, you might have a bit more clout than me.

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Brownny

John Browne 218367."

Paul Dickson - see Cold Case above for the investigations by John Browne and Peter Meaney and the

Vale below.

Both Peter and John are amazing and are to be congratulated for their diligence.

...Peter Meaney continues his path of discovery -

"Hi Paul,

Was passing by Centennial Pk Cemetery this morning, on my way to Dan Murphys (restocking the wine rack), and took this photo of memorial plaque for TW McManis.

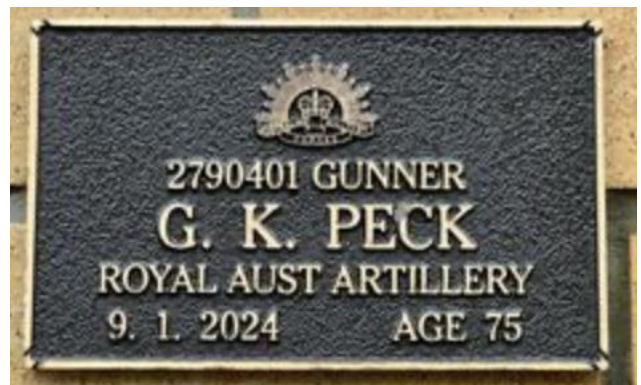
Regards
Peter M."



May He Rest in Peace.

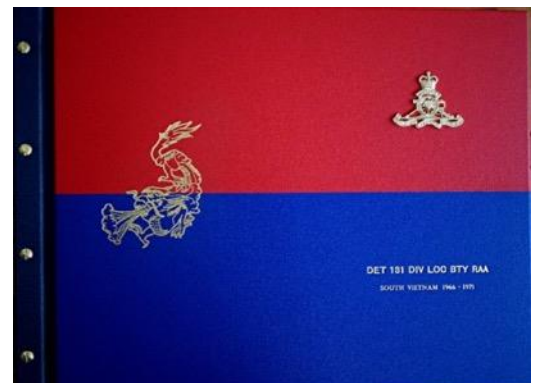
Peter Meaney has advised us of the passing of **Gregory Kenneth Peck** on the 9th January, 2024 via the website Find a Grave. Greg served with the Detachment in South Vietnam from 05.11.1969 to 04.06 1970. There are no further details to his passing as we have never been able to get in contact with him.

Please see more details in Vale below.



May He Rest in Peace.

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



. Insights and Recollections...

This topic is a new one.

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

Detachment Locations – South Vietnam, 1966 – 1971

The following has been extracted recently forwarded to me (Paul Dickson) and the "LP" alpha id's interested me as to who served and most of interest where were the LP's located.

(Names can appear in several locations; the number/s after the name represents the year's in SVN; the letter, after the year, in Radar and LP's designates location/s).

Then, I have added "?" after names/years where there are no LP alpha id's. This may not be an easy exercise as time has taken a toll on a number of our members - May They Rest in Peace.

The following information was amassed from a survey conducted as to where Members of the Detachment were positioned during their time in South Vietnam. It shows the altering of the structure with the demise of the Radar and altered Listening Post activity with the introduction of Sound Ranging and Sensors.

The survey is not complete in as much that it does NOT contain all the names/locations of the Members who served with the Detachment. However, new information can be added as time permits.

...then there's Ernie Newbold's following comments as to his known locations. But as he states the landscape altered over time -

Listening Post call signs/location -

Ernie Newbold's interpretation - Now while that is where they were when we were there they weren't always in the same locations throughout the Task Force's occupation of the Nui Dat area. I suspect that 31A was always on the hill known as Nui Dat and that 31B was always on the Horseshoe. When the third battalion and the Centurion tanks joined the Task Force 31C had to move and when the 1st/83rd moved out I suspect that 31D may have had a move too.

I was talking to Des McGuiggan at the TPI Assn meeting yesterday and he said when he was there, there were only three LPs, Nui Dat, Horseshoe and one at Dihn Coh down on the Long Hai Hills. See the flower power photo in June Eyes and Ears.

I also believe that 31C was originally on the northern side of the Task Force with one of the Infantry Battalions.

31A on top of Nui Dat Hill

31B on top of "The Horseshoe"

31C on the wire at "The Engineers"

31D at the 1st / 83rd U.S. Arty.

LP's 1966	LP's - 1967	LP's - 1968	LP's/Sensors - 1970
Campbell, B 66/67 A	Bayford, J 67/68 ?	Bohl, M 68 ?	Chaplin, R 70 A
Carroll, G 66/67 C/D	Billiards, R 67/68 D	Dealy, P 68/69 A/C	Chapple, C 70 A
Chase, E 66 C	Binns, P 67/68 A/B/C	Dellaca, J 68/69 ?	Connell, L 70 A
Checkley, T 66 ?	Blackwell, G 67 D	Chilton, J 68/69 A	Gough, A 70/71 A/B
Dean, R 66/67 A/B/C	Blake, J 67 D	Dougherty, D 68/69 D	Jux, A 70/71 A/B/C
Dougherty, D 66	Blink, B 67 D	Hinde, D 68/69 B/C	Lucas, J 70/71 A/B
Doyle, D 66/67 A	Boaler, R 70 A/B	Leplaw, G 68/69 ?	McMillan, I 70 A/B
Hastings, N 66/67	Boutlis, S 67 B/D	McKie, P 68/69 ?	Navas, G 70/71 A/B
Lock, R 66/67 ?	Briggs, S 67/68 ?	Mulgrew, P 68/69 A/B/D	Pryke, R 70/71 A/B
Lombardo, E 66/67 ?	Campbell, B 66/67 A	Pettiford, P 68/69 ?	Riley, D 70 A
Minns, R 66/67 ?	Clark, G 67 ?	Robb, A 68/69 ?	Sheppard, B 70/71 A/B
Roberts, J 66/67 ?	Danko, V 67 A/B/D	Woodbine, K 68 A	Voss, S 70/71 A/B
Thomson, A 66/67 ?	Evans, R 67/68 C	Wortlehook, N 68/69 C	
White, J 66/67 ?	Fletcher, P 67 ?		LP's/Sensors - 1971
	Gault, P 67 C	LP's - 1969	Jaggard, J 71 A/B
	Goldsmith, A 67 A/B	Chalmers, D 69 A	Nieuwenhof, R 71 A/B
	Guzder, B 67/68 A/B/C/D	Clark, G 69/70 ?	
	Hemming, L 67 A/B/C	Maker, K 69/70 A/B	
	Hogno, L 67 B/C	Meaney, P 69/70 ?	
	King, R 67/68 A/C/D	Price, G 69/70 ?	
	Marques, E 67/68 A/B/D	Schafer, J 69 B	
	McNicol, D 67/68 ?	Wallace, J 69/70 ?	
	Millar, V 67/68 A/C/D		
	Newbold, E 67/68 A		
	Nugent, B 67 A		
	Proskurin, N 67/68 A/B/D		
	Reid, J 67/68 A		
	Wilson, R 67/68 A		

...Ernie enlightens us with a few more facts - "Regards LP service etc. I was at Arty Tac with you from May 67 to around end of August 67 and then at 31A on top of Nui Dat until end of January 68. Whilst attached to 31A I also served at 31B on the Horseshoe for approx. 2 weeks while the 31B crew were out on an operation / Fire Support Base, then in January 68 the 31A crew served at FSB Berriman during Operation Duntroon, I believe the Call Sign we used there was either 31E or 31F... Another crew operated 31A while we were away."

...Ok, Erenie's expanding the call signs when Operations were taking place, but later on Listening Posts (LP's) were replaced with Sound Ranging activities, so that the question of "how were the call signs allocated and where were they located?"

Plaus alsoo, a question is - "Is it possible at this late stage to get more clarification as to locations of the LP's as time progressed by members who served in them?"

XXXXXXXXXXXXX

Really? Has George Street, Sydney changed that much since 1911??



Cnr King
and
George
Sts.



Mail Call...

A follow on from Neville Smith's Vale...

Peter Meaney - "We had great fun together, and after we reconnected, he said "I always wondered what ever happened to you Meaney", and strangely the sentiment was mutual.

He even said one time when he was in Adelaide playing in a golf tournament, he'd walk up to strangers on the course and randomly ask them "eh, do you know a bloke called Peter Meaney- he lives in Adelaide"- this was obviously before mobile phones came on the scene.

He was a funny man. Regards,
Peter M."

...Peter sent the following as more memories of Neville Smith -

Hello Paul,

A couple more photos of Neville Smith.

At right - from left photo -

Neville, self, Geoff Price, Laurie Farr(RIP).

Neville(Townsville)and Laurie (Tully)were great mates, and both proud Far Nth Queenslanders- Laurie never failed to let you know about Tully being the wettest place in Australia.



At left- is a very relaxed Neville about to play his" trump" card.



Photos at right are the "infamous" Watch Tower at FSB Thrust.

It was here that Neville showed his leadership skills when, on behalf of the gunners, approached those in authority and expressed grave concerns about the stability of the Tower.

Having been "assured" it was structurally sound, I was one of several who climbed the Tower and into the bunker, for night duty with night vision binoculars etc.

I distinctly remember the feeling of vulnerability up there:

- 1) That the structure would blow over or collapse
- 2) Of being shot at by the enemy.

However, we survived.

Peter Meaney."



...Peter continues...
"Coffs Harbour Reunion (2011).

"1969/70 Group".
L-R Graham Williams, Peter
Bennett(RIP), Ian Brignell, Neville
Smith(RIP), Peter Meaney, Geoff
Price, Grant Perrins and Gary
Lovell.
Peter M"



Bill Taggart (1st/83rd US Artillery) - "Paul, please send the condolence of the 1/83rd to Neville's family.
Lest We Forget. Bill."

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Iain Kennedy - "Paul,
On page 6 of the current newsletter
(May 2025) there is our "famous"
photo, prior to heading to FSB Coral,
I'm there in the photo as I have been
for the last 57 yrs. But the army
number and middle name is wrong.
Number is 3791023 and middle
name is Malcolm.
I'm the one behind John Dellaca.
Just like to put the record straight.
Thanks
Cheers
Iain Kennedy"



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

P01766.002

Soldiers of 131 Divisional Locating Battery, waiting for helicopter transport to FSB Coral on 12 May 1968. AWM
P01766.002

Members of 131 Divisional Locating Battery on 12 May 1968, waiting with their full kit to be taken by air to Fire Support Base (FSB) Coral, which was just being established in Bien Hoa Province. Like many Australian units, their move to the new base was delayed. **The 5 soldiers on the left of the picture are (left to right): 1411285 Gunner (Gnr) Walter George 'Wally' Franklin; 2787174 Gnr Kenneth John 'Bluey' Peisley; 54941 Bombardier Neville Charles 'Nev' Wortlehook; 3791355 Gnr John Victor Dellaca; 421326 Gnr Ian Donald Kennedy.** The identity of the other soldiers is not known. That night and the following day, FSB Coral would come under heavy attack from a North Vietnamese Army (NVA) battalion, marking the start of the Battle of Coral-Balmoral. AWM P01766.002

Just a follow on question - Can anyone identify and add more names to the above photo?

Ernie Newbold - "G'day Paul,

You may find the forwarded email to be of interest.

I was not aware that there are RSL Sub Branches in the USA and the Philippines. None were mentioned in Mexico unfortunately.

I must admit that the other items were also quite interesting so I thought I should share the info with you.

Regards, Ernie.

One thing, over the weekend I have attended two events organised by the NSW ARVN Assn At Cabramatta & Canley Vale commemorating the 50th anniversary of the fall of Saigon and people From South Vietnam arriving in Australia. They certainly hold Australia and the Australian Veterans in high regard, we were well looked after."

Here's a copy of the item...



A Final International Chapter: Strengthening Our Global Veteran Ties
Before my second term as the RSL National President draws to a close this October, I'll be embarking on a significant international trip, representing **RSL Australia** and our veterans in **Canada, the United States, the Philippines, and later, South Korea**. These visits confirm our commitment to the welfare of all Australian and Commonwealth veterans, no matter where they reside.

The Royal Commonwealth Ex-Services League (RCEL) Conference in Ottawa, Canada

I will be representing the RSL at the [Royal Commonwealth Ex-Services League \(RCEL\)](#) conference, which brings together delegates from member organisations representing 46 Commonwealth countries. This organisation, founded in 1921, has a long and proud history of ensuring no Commonwealth veteran is left without support.

The conference takes place every four years. This year's conference is particularly crucial as we'll be discussing the **future of RCEL as an independent charity beyond 2027**. While the Commonwealth Veterans Programme funding has been extended until March 2027, it's vital we plan for the long term. RSL Australia has submitted a discussion paper focusing on a new model for RCEL, with a particular emphasis on support in the Pacific. The RSL is keen to see increased support for veterans from Pacific nations, many of whom currently receive little or no assistance in their own countries.

Being at this conference allows us to discuss critical veteran matters, including updates on the [Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide](#) and our RSL-led [MEAO Scoping Study](#). Our active participation is essential for strengthening relationships with fellow Commonwealth veteran organisations.

Reconnecting with RSL Sub-Branches in the US and the Philippines

Following the RCEL Conference in Canada, my focus shifts to strengthening our ties with RSL sub-branches in the United States and the Philippines.

After the conference, I'll travel to **Washington, US**, to meet with the RSL Washington Sub-Branch. This sub-branch represents the interests of ex-pat Australian veterans residing in the US, which includes a large contingent of ADF veterans. Minister Thistlethwaite visited in 2024, but it has been years since RSL Australia visited, and I believe it's incredibly important to reconnect with these members and hear their perspectives.

From there, I will be visiting our two RSL sub-branches in the Philippines: **Angeles City and Subic Bay**. The Defence Attaché in the Philippines requested a visit from RSL senior leadership back in 2023, and the RSL Angeles Sub-Branch also requested I visit in late 2024. I'm pleased I will be able to make this happen. These sub-branches, run by Australian expatriate veterans, have sought more guidance and engagement from the RSL. I look forward to meeting with them, understanding their challenges, and offering support.



Mail Out



Ed - I started this section in September, 2017 and have continued to write to Locators based on a year quarterly basis, by breaking down the names alphabetically into groups of one third of the then available list. The list has diminished over time, but, in general, there is a good core of blokes who communicate regularly to say g'day and just to generally keep in touch. A lot of the blokes I've never met, so it's just to keep some connection alive. Plus, it's good to keep in touch, even sporadically, it may help to avoid any unpleasant unforeseen surprises.

Total Mail Out Members = 222 & Total Quarterly "Catch Up" Member Responders = 55

Mail In



- Here are the responses...

Iain Kennedy - "Paul,

Happy to hear you are enjoying your involvement in animal welfare, not sure i could/want to do it. Yes I'm not sure i'd want to visit the USA at the moment. Don't think the yanks knew what they were letting themselves in for when the voted Donald Trump in for a second term. Not even sure the rest of the world knew it was going to be like this.

Since I last wrote we have had Anzac day, a real mixed bag, as the weather threatened but stayed away. There was a good crowd, but Artillery me were thin on the ground and 131 Div Loc even thinner. Only two of us, two Ian's and only a the one Artillery banner to march behind. But we did it with a smile on our face, some of our fellow gunners found the slope up towards the shrine too exhausting and had to be helped away by medical personal. Sad how we are aging so quickly.

Weather is now effecting our ability to get out to much, it's getting quite cold, so a short trip up to Cairns was an opportunity to warm up a bit and was very enjoyable. Out to Green Island on the barrier reef and some sight-seeing around the local area. Went too quickly. Looking forward now to next month when we head off to Thailand and Malaysia to visit family and friends and again warm up for a while.

Couple of photos for you...



My wife and I after Anzac march,

Some of the Line dance group we went to Cairns with at dinner.



At left: fish frenzy next to glass bottom boat

Right: oh, and the boat that takes you out to Green Island.



Cheers,
Iain K."

Russ Hamsey - "Paul:

Things have been very busy for the last couple of weeks, hence my tardiness in replying.

We spent a week in Canberra, babysitting my daughter's dog. My daughter and son-in-law wanted to go away for their 10th anniversary. The dog is the closest we have to a Grandkid and it was actually cheaper for my daughter to fly us down and back than kennel the wee beast. Had a great time in Canberra.

We have been busy getting ready for the Reunion. We should have a pretty good turnout and we are starting to see East Timor, Iraq and Afghanistan veterans coming out. Hopefully, we can get them interested in keeping the association moving forward.

20 Regt is going strong. All three Btys (131,132 and133) have been to the field with the new Integrator drone and operating from the Bushmaster vehicles. Things are going very well for them.

Deb and I have been to Madrid and Porto a couple of times and really like Porto. We have been learning Italian for a while now and are looking forward to heading back there before too long.

A number of our Canadian family and friends have stopped going to the US completely. Things have become too weird with the Yanks. Such a shame, I have travelled through most of the US and never had a bad travel. But, you just can't trust the place at the moment.

Anyway, that's it from this side. Take care, mate. Good to hear from you Russ."

Harry Lynas - "G'day Paul,

I bet you did a double take when you saw this message, I can hear "God's struth Harry replying to me straight away, never happen before, What the bloody hell is wrong?"

Well I'm here to tell you that late Nov last year I had a bad fall at home, ended up flat on my back, no alarm around my neck (because I had taken it off in the shower and left it hanging on the door. I couldn't get up to it or my phone, so 3 days and nights flat on my back.

I know my next door neighbour didn't work on a Thursday and everybody knows how loud I can be when I want to be and knowing she would be out on her back landing having a smoke I started yelling. Consequently Michelle came round to the back door and then called the ambos.

Fast forward to the first week in February and I was released from hospital after two and a half months. Now I no longer live alone and currently waiting to go to a retirement 5 star hotel.

Too much info? Well I am sure you can shorten it for the paper.

I'm bloody good now tho and are looking forward to the big parade at 20 Regt later this month.

Good to hear you and yours are well and still travelling.

Cheers,

Harry Lynas OAM."

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

A Question...from Eddie Tricker -

The topic..."sensor strings included a DT-367/GSQ - Passive Infrared Intrusion Detector (PIRID). This was the first and only PIRID implanted by Australians in Phuoc Tuy."

"G'day Paul,

One for the Newsletter. **A question for your readers.**

Back in April 1971, with D&E Pl, sensor specialists from 131 Div Loc Bty carried out the implant of another 4 strings of Unattended Ground Sensors. UGS were to support and assist 3 RAR in their operations against D445.

One of these sensor strings included a DT-367/GSQ - Passive Infrared Intrusion Detector (PIRID). This was the first and only PIRID implanted by Australians in Phuoc Tuy.

My question is this: Do any of your readers take a colour print (hence a colour negative) or colour slide of this particular PIRID and its processor unit?

If so, would that person be happy to send digital copies of their photos to me for publishing in the future? They would be acknowledged as the source of these photos.

They can come back to me via my email address - etricker@ozemail.com.au

Thanks, Paul

Regards

eddie t."

58 Years
April 1966 – April 2024



Have you tried to source us or your mates via Facebook?

Why not give it a go, if you haven't already, just click onto the Association's Facebook via the link below, then let us know what you think...

Hey, you don't have to have a Facebook page of your own...

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

Ernie Newbold forwarded in the following link – copy paste and read June’s edition -

SALUTE

Official Journal of the Totally and Permanently
Incapacitated Veterans' Association of New South Wales Limited
Winter 2024

The link below will take you to the TPI NSW’s latest Newsletter – It’s a worthwhile read as it contains information from DVA and some great stories...

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



Paul Dickson - We welcome Peter Dealey, Shepparton Area (NSW) to the Association Committee above.
Vale: Ron Mason, Victoria North

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Minutes for the General Meeting of the 131 Locators Association Inc.

via Zoom internet on Tuesday 10 th June 2025

Zoomed members were:

Grahame Dignam, Paul Dickson, Terry Erbs

Bert Blink, Brian Campbell, Barry Guzder, Ged Carroll and Ernie Newbold (sound only, no video).

Apologies were received from: Allen Morley, Bob Billiards, Rieny Nieuwenhof, Nick Proskurin, George Lane, Ian Amos, Jim Fitzgerald, Steve Wynn, Gordon Malcolm, Merv Nairn, Warwick Brooker and other State Reps



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

Financial Membership is currently **118**, plus Associates **2**, plus Affiliates **15**, Plus Members lapsed as of 1 June 2025 **37**
Total **172**

President's report.

While Allen was absent, he would not be silent. He forwarded some notes to be tabled on his behalf:
· "Most unfortunately no o/s trip for me. I had a back pain earlier in the week and a CT scan showed 3 kidney stones. Really knocked me around and on a long weekend. Dr said no travel; hence trip had to be cancelled
· I've had to delay liaison with our 20 STA on the video task. No other items for P Report."

Public Officer Report.

Gordon is still currently overseas therefore no report but no items requiring attention have been received.

Webmaster Update.

· In Robert's absence, and because it's 3.00AM, he can't join us however, as co-moderator, I (Sec/Treas) can advise that Facebook members are 526 and is receiving plenty of traffic.

Health Report:

· No new issues have come to light over the period. Just the general aging process moving at its usual snail's pace.

General Business and around the grounds:

A general discussion ensued on various subjects:

- Terry confirmed the Reunion was on plan with a feature of a Family Day.
- Those present thanked and accepted Peter Dealy's offer to step into the big shoes of the late Ron Mason as the Riverina Rep.
- We were advised of the passing of Neville Smith on 4 th June, and a Vale item will be in the next *Eyes & Ears*.

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.

Upcoming Events Calendar –

131 Locators Association Committee Meeting

Date: 8 th July 2025 at 11.00 AM

Venue: Canley Heights RSL & Sporting Club
26 Humphries Rd, Wakeley NSW 2176
and via ZOOM



Birthdays in the Battery...July –

Date	Name	Regt No	SVN In	SVN Out	Comments
1	Stephen Fowler	217186	16 09 1968	17 09 1969	
2	Peter Reginald O'Donnell Sgt.	213115	24 03 1970	05 11 1970	Singleton, NSW RAEME
3	Bruce Alexander Fowler	2795238	16 12 1970	29 07 1971	Sydney, NSW
4	George Arthur Wearn Capt.	2251140	05 08 1968	20 08 1968	133 Div Loc CMF
7	Peter William Joscelyne	2792023	03 06 1970	17 12 1970	
12	Neville Ross Atkinson	1733449	08 11 1968	05 11 1969	† 14.12.1996
10	William Joseph Finlay T/Sgt.	37818	20 05 1966	01 05 1967	
10	Robert William Pelham	55342	16 11 1968	19 11 1969	Wongan Hills, WA
10	Rex Terrance Arnold L/Bdr	424096	16 12 1970	29 05 1971	† 01.06.2021
	" "		29 05 1971	16 09 1971	Ind 161 Recce Flt.
11	John William Jaggard	4721862	03 03 1971	02 08 1971	131
	" "		02 08 1971	18 11 1971	12 Fd Regt
12	Harry Lynus	176377			
13	Alasdair Gough L/bdr	2105130	27 03 1970	04 03 1971	† 03 12 2023
14	Edmond George Doust Sgt.	53111	04 05 1967	02 04 1968	† 26.12.2014
14	Frederick Stefan Kruimink	6708867	27 11 1967	19 11 1968	
16	George William Addison WO2	2410040	16 04 1969	16 04 1970	† 27.12.2012
18	Keith Roy Ayliffe Sgt	217354	18 12 1967	03 12 1968	131
	" "		08 07 1971	24 07 1971	HQ AFV
18	Alistair McLean	312524	21 02 1969	21 02 1970	

18	Joseph Robert Kocka	1202703	20 08 1970	29 07 1971	† 02 12 2024
19	Maxwell Duncan McPherson	3795560	27 11 1969	05 11 1970	†19.05.2016
21	Graham Arthur Williams	2789698	03 06 1969	25 03 1970	
21	William Slape	44464	22 12 1969	17 12 1970	† 12.05.2012
21	Wilhelmus Jacovus Van Zetten	3794919	17 03 1970	17 12 1970	Amsterdam, Netherlands
21	Peter Maxwell Summers	3796803	09 11 1970	09 06 1971	
22	John Charles Homer	5717596	17 03 1971	02 08 1971	Perth 131
	" "		02 08 1971	18 11 1971	12 Fd Regt
22	THE EYES & EARS		1967	1967	
23	David Rees Dodd	2790139	03 06 1969	04 06 1970	
25	William Francis Doyle	4719912	17 12 1968	04 01 1969	4 Fd REGT
	" "		05 01 1969	28 11 1969	131 † 05.09.1978
25	John Stuart Smith T/Bdr	610231	16 11 1968	12 11 1969	Hobart
25	Peter Barry	2794949	17 03 1971	04 08 1971	131 † 03.10.2002
	" "		04 08 1971	02 11 1971	12 Fd Regt
28	Malcolm John Musgrave Sgt	214359	03 06 1969	04 06 1970	
29	Richard George Edwards L/Bdr	218595	03 06 1970	14 05 1971	
30	Keith Meadway Holloway Bdr	15851	20 05 1966	10 10 1966	
31	Wayne Nash	2251242	N/a	N/a	130GLB/133DLB † 17.11.2014

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

Ed – 6 blokes not highlighted is looking decidedly better, but still not acceptable! Ok, let's get into it and actively get out there locating a few more!

. **Locator Profiles** – we've received **181. Ed** – Maybe we need to draw in a deep one so as to hold our breathes for a while longer.

. **Located...**

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

Vale

John Browne - as noted above in 'Unknown Dates of Death - Cold Cases', John, and later with some assistance from **Peter Meaney**, has been able to sadly locator a Lost Locator,

Terrance William MYERS,

who passed away on the 7th December, 2004 at the age of 54 in Perth, Western Australia.

Terrance served with the Detachment as a a Staff Sergeant in South Vietnam from the 9th May 1969 to 30th April 1970.



Terrance W Myers

BIRTH

unknown

DEATH

7 Dec 2004

MONUMENT

The Western Australian Garden of Remembrance

Nedlands, City of Nedlands, Western Australia, Australia

Add to Map

MEMORIAL ID

248453543 · View Source



Name: Myers, Terrance William

Service No: 217798 Rank: Staff Sergeant

SVN In: 09 05 1969 SVN Out: 30 04 1970

DoB: 09 04 1950 DoD: 07.12.2004

Lest We Forget



Kim McGrath - "Hi Paul,

Thank you for this update information.

I remember Terry Myers from 131 Div Loc Bty when we were in the old wooden barracks in Gallipoli Lines at 8 Med Regt RAA at Holsworthy.

It is sad that so many of the Old Guard are moving on, but, Such is Life (as Ned Kelly said).

Ubique,

Kim."

Peter Meaney - "Hello Paul,

Compliments of Graham Williams, this photo shows 3 RTA's at Nui Dat on 30 April 1970.

Those in "Polys" left to right are:

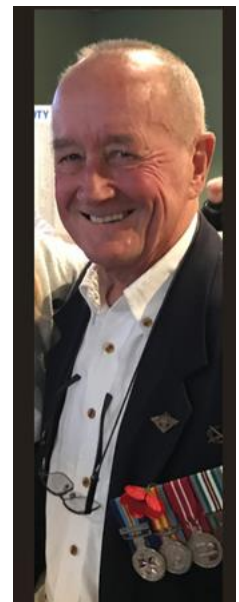
Terry Myers, Gary Lovell and Phil Ross"



Vale

Paul Dickson - I was notified by **Grahame Dignam** of the passing of **Damian Percival Mcmanus** and conformatons via a Death Notice and Funeral Service Notice.

Damian funeral service was held at the Rosebud Funerals Chapel, 123 Jetty Rd Rosebud on Tuesday June 17th commencing at 1pm and was followed by Private Cremation.





Name: McManus, Damian Percival

Service No: 37387689 Rank: Gunner
SVN In: 20 05 1966 SVN Out: 01 05 1967
Bravo Radar - Detachment "Pioneer"
DoB: 16 02 1945 DoD: 05 06 2025



Lest We Forget

Paul Dickson - some photos of 'Damo' from my archives...



Damian, ANZAC Day memorial day at the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG), April 2010



At right - Damian (with his favourite beret on) ANZAC Day 2009 in Melbourne with me (far right)



Bill Taggart (1st/83rd Us Artillery) - "Paul, please share the condolences of the 1/83rd with Damian's family. Lest We Forget. I see that he was a contemporary of my time in Vietnam. Bill."

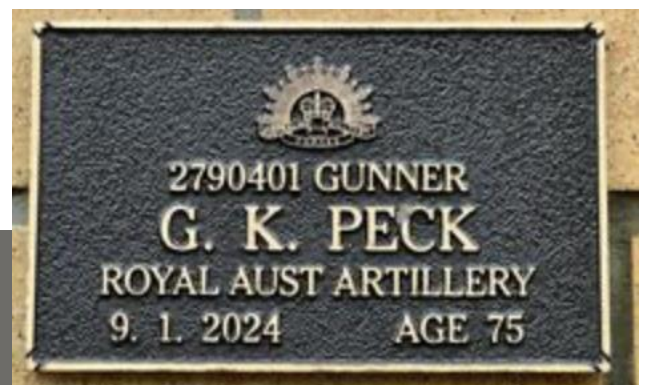
Wade Cooper - "Lest We Forget – been too many of late!"

Vale

Peter Meaney advised us of Gregory Kenneth Peck's passing.

Gregory Kenneth Peck

BIRTH 1949
DEATH 9 Jan 2024 (aged 74–75)
MONUMENT [Queensland Garden of Remembrance](#)
Bridgeman Downs, City of Brisbane, Queensland, Australia [Show Map](#)
MEMORIAL ID 274131069 · [View Source](#)





Name: Peck, Gregory Kenneth

Service No: 2790401 Rank: Gunner

SVN In: 05 11 1969 SVN Out: 04 06 1970

DoB: 22 03 1948 DoD: 09 01 2024

Lest We Forget



Peter Pioro - "Paul,
Greg was 13th Intake as was I.

I served with Greg from Recruit Training in Kapooka Wagga Wagga, Corp Training in School of Artillery North Head. We were in 131 Div Loc Holsworthy then deployed to South Vietnam in November 1969/1970. I believe he comes from Inverell NSW where he told me he went pig shooting on horseback. On return to Australia and awaiting discharge Greg stayed at my parent's house. I kept on touch with him for some time.
Regards, *Peter Pioro* OAM JP Military Compensation & Welfare Advocate LEVEL 2"

Bill Taggart (1st/83rd US Artillery) - "Paul, can you please pass along the condolences of the 1/83rd. Lest We Forget. Bill."

John Browne - "Dicko,
Sad news mate.
Pecky, our boy from Inverell NSW, was a very good friend of mine.
May he rest in peace. A sad loss indeed. Brownny."

May They Rest in Peace, and Never be Forgotten.



Vales and Locator Profiles...

This is just a request to all and general, that we need to complete, and perhaps, update Locator Profiles, because as of times past and as time moves forward we have lost and will continue to lose mates.

Let's keep a memory alive.



The Vale section in *Eyes & Ears*, can at times be very scant of personal and service details, yes, there is the DVA Nominal Roll which contains tour dates, but supplies nothing for those who did not serve overseas, and contains no personal details.

Is it possible that we can have Locator Profiles completed with photos, where possible, and/or updates to make this section more honouring to those mates who pass and may be unknown to others to help make the Unit and Detachment archived history have more heart?

Take 10 minutes, please, to complete a Locator Profile as it is important to all of us.

For a blank Locator Profile contact Paul Dickson at 131eyesandears@gmail.com



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

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

Hope we hear from you?

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

. Other related sites...

. Locating, Surveillance & Target Acquisition Association...



LOCATING, SURVEILLANCE & TARGET ACQUISITION ASSOCIATION

The Eyes and Ears of The Battlefield

Website: <https://www.locatingartillery.org>



Australian Artillery Association – www.australianartilleryassociation.com



ROYAL AUSTRALIAN ARTILLERY HISTORICAL COMPANY

www.artilleryhistory.org



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

. 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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