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NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2020

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Where is 2020 going with another Newsletter going out for members? It only seems like yesterday that I was writing my last report.

This year will be one of those years we will all remember as being a total disaster because of the terrible outbreak and the huge impact that the Corona virus has on not only us but the whole world. The Committee and I hope sincerely that apart from the impact of lockdowns, travel restrictions and disruptions to your normal life etc., that none of our members, families and extended families have been directly affected by the Virus and have been able to stay safe during these troubled times.

We continue to have more members come forward these last few months to renew their membership, several who had never joined before. This is most gratifying for the Committee and we welcome them to this great organisation. If you are in contact with other mates from 101 Field Battery, who served either in SVN or in peacetime please ask if they are current members of the Association. It certainly lets people know what is happening to their mates from the past.

The Committee still has not received very many profiles of our members, in particular the 1969/70 tour. We get a lot of comments from members who have read the previous profiles stating how much they enjoy them and to have questions answered as to what had happened to mates they lost touch with over the years. A short email to our Secretary with you details would be very much appreciated.

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PROFILE
RICHARD (DICK) KNIGHT
MALAYA AND VIETNAM

1935 – Jul 1	Born Wollongong, NSW
1954—Jun 24	Enlisted ARA
Jul	OCS Portsea, CSM, last of the six months courses
Dec	Graduated 2 nd Lieutenant RAA
1955 – Feb/Apr	Post graduation course School of Artillery
Apr/Jul '57	14 NS Trg Bn, Puckapunyal, Victoria
	Tp Comd, AAdj, Tpt Offr, potential NCO Offr training for A Reserve
Jul/Dec	Air OP pilots' course. Flew Auster MK 111.
1958 Jan/Jul	Staff pilot AOP Flt
Nov	101 Fd Bty preparing for operations in Malaya
Dec	Promoted Lt
1959 Sep	101 Fd Bty RAA, 28 Cwealth Bde Butterworth, Malaya – Tp Ldr, and GPO, Charlie Troop
1960 Jul/Dec	RTU, recalled at short notice for helicopter pilot trg HMAS Albatross, Nowra, Sycamore helicopter pilots' course
1961 Jan	16 Army Lt Acft Sqn RAAF Base, Amberley. One of the first four officers to fly the new aircraft, Bell 47 G2 Flew general support for Australian Army units and formations until 1/8/63. Two highlights in the above period were Rockefeller search, Dutch WestNew Guinea (1 week 19/11 to 18/12/61) and 4 weeks assisting WHO fight an outbreak of cholera in the same area as the Rockefeller search (19/11 to 16/12/62)
1963	Selected for instructor training USA
Sep	Flew with family to USA - settled into Fort Rucker, Alabama
Oct	Attended Army Aviation Quadripartite conference at air force base Rivers, Manitoba, Canada. Commenced pilots' course, Fort Rucker on the CH34, Choctaw, Iroquois and Sioux. Instructor and instrument flying training was confined to the Iroquois and Sioux
1964 May	Transfer to Fort Bragg at 82 nd AB Division where I flew Iroquois again and was attached to 101 st AB Div to participate in Exercise Desert Strike in the Mojave Desert, just west of Los Angeles. The exercise comprised 4 full divisions and covered a wide area. During the year I spent in the USA I did a tour of the three helicopter factories which were competing for a Light Observation Helicopter. I spent two weeks at Bell and a week each at Hiller and Hughes. Back to Australia via SS "Oriana"
Oct	Commenced instructor duty at Amberley, Queensland
1966 May	Arrived on HMAS Sydney at Vung Tau, SVN to join 161 Recce Flight to be the second in command

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1967 May Arrived back in Australia via HMAS Sydney via Sioux helicopter to Amberley. I was to be promoted temporary Major and was appointed BC 103 Mdm Battery at Holsworthy

1969 Jan Student Australian Staff College at Queenscliff, Victoria

1970 Jan Posted to JTC Canungra as instructor, Battle Wing

1971 Moved across to Tactics Wing as an instructor

1972 Aug Posted to HQ PNG Defence Force Port Moresby as an SO2 Plans

1974 Aug Promoted Lt Col, SO1 HQ Training Command, Sydney

1977/78 ASC Queenscliff, Victoria, instructor

1979 Jan HQ Training Command, SO1 Coord

1982 Retired. Served as instructor for Army Reserve and Staff College.

PROFILE

JOHN KOKOSCHKO

1966/67 TOUR

I was born on the 11 Sept 1946 in Germany. My father lived on the border of Ukraine and Poland, he was in the Polish Army and was taken to Germany as a POW. In 1949 we emigrated to Australia arriving in Adelaide April 1949 and that's where I grew up. I joined the Army on the 26th May 1965 as a 3year enlistee, I thought that if I didn't like the Army I could get out after the 3 years.

Did the normal things, Kapooka , School of Arty and then posted to 108 BTY Wacol. As we arrived at South Brisbane railway station I got the shock of my life, THEY STILL HAD STEAM TRAINS, I felt that I went back 20 years in time .

108 BTY consisted of about 8 OR's and Lt Steve Gower, but in time we become a complete Bty. Several of the members of 108 were then posted to 101 Bty and we were to replace 105 Bty in Vietnam, departing Australia 18 Sept 1966 for Vietnam.

On returning to Australia I got married and my honeymoon was the drive from Brisbane to Puckapunyal in April 1968.

I was posted to 2 RTB A Coy 5 Pl, my acting platoon Sgt was Bdr Wayne Curtis and the Acting CSM was Sgt John Pollock. As I have never given a lesson in my time in the Army, I was like a fish out of water. My first lesson was Salute to the Front and I really stuffed that up, one of the old hands took me aside and said "Son this is how you do it" I must have learnt real quick because they gave me my second stripe and I did 8 intakes of National Service.

In 1970 I was posted to 10 Mdm Regt Geelong as Tpt Bdr, there were 25 cadre staff in the Regt.

I was then posted to A Bty in Ingleburn, it was not a happy time in my Army life as I only needed one more subject for promotion to Sgt namely the Supervisor Tpt course. At last I was on the course only to be taken off and replaced by a Gun Sgt and instructed by the BC to show him the ropes, that did not happen and I was drawn over the coals. Lucky for me the Adjutant at the time was Capt Mick Wilson, he also was the Cadre Officer whilst I was at

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Geelong, he called me in and said "KOKO what is going on" and I explained the situation to him. He sat back and said "I think it would be wise if you applied for transfer to Royal Australian Corps of Transport", it was being raised in June 1973. It was the best move I ever made, my career went ahead in leaps and bounds Bdr in 73, Sgt in 75, SSgt in 76, WO2 in 79. I won't go into the postings I had in Tpt Corps as there were quite a few but I must mention 2 Highlights in the Corps.


The first one was being posted from 5 Tpt Sqn to HQ I Div Tpt with duty at the Commonwealth Games Brisbane in 1982. It was a nine month posting and at the completion of the games I was posted to Army School of Transport on promotion to WO1. The Second Highlight was when I was posted to HQ 10 Tml Regt. I was tasked to provide the Logistics for the 1988 Bi-Centenary Military Tattoo in Canberra which became a nightmare because of the poor recon by the advance group. We had to change the location of the Tattoo because no one considered the MHE required to set up the stages. They could not get in the location chosen but we managed to change location and the show went on. I was then posted to DSU/DSG Townsville. I took my discharge after 2 years in Townsville, went back to Sydney and went straight into the Reserves. I lived in Gosford and travelled to Ingleburn most weekends. I was granted TPI in Dec 1999 and that's when Helen and I decided to move to Tweed Heads.

We have just built a new house as Helen has become wheel chair bound and it had to be wheelchair friendly. At present I do everything around the house as Helen cannot even get herself out of bed, dress herself, basically she cannot stand up but we do what we have to make life comfortable.

Life goes on. We were very lucky to do a lot of travelling before Helen got sick, the irony is that no one can tell her what has caused her body to break down the way it has.


Passing Parade

Randolf Wayne (known as Wayne) CURTIS 1969/70 tour, passed away on 26th July 2020 aged 78. Wayne and his wife Ingrid lived in Bundaberg but had been in Brisbane for some months because of Wayne's medical condition. Below is Wayne's Record of Service:

Australian Government	
	
Department of Defence	
STATEMENT OF SERVICE	
Full name:	<i>Randolph Wayne CURTIS</i>
Service number:	<i>1200311</i>
Category of service:	
<i>Australian Regular Army</i>	<i>31 AUG 64 to 30 AUG 70</i>
<i>Australian Regular Army</i>	<i>13 FEB 73 to 05 SEP 89</i>
Employment:	<i>Gun Number, Driver, Administrative Assistant</i>
Rank on discharge:	<i>Sergeant</i>
Postings:	
<i>1 Recruit Training Battalion</i>	<i>31 AUG 64</i>
<i>School of Artillery</i>	<i>16 DEC 64</i>
<i>4 Field Regiment</i>	<i>15 FEB 65</i>
<i>2 Recruit Training Battalion</i>	<i>06 JUL 66</i>
<i>1 Field Regiment</i>	<i>16 JUN 68</i>
<i>School of Artillery</i>	<i>13 FEB 73</i>
<i>1 Field Regiment</i>	<i>02 APR 73</i>
<i>School of Artillery</i>	<i>28 SEP 76</i>
<i>1 Field Regiment</i>	<i>14 JAN 80</i>
<i>1 Army Recruiting Unit</i>	<i>25 JAN 82</i>
Operational Service/Deployment:	
<i>Vietnam</i>	<i>23 APR 69 to 09 OCT 69</i>
<i>Vietnam</i>	<i>15 OCT 69 to 07 MAY 70</i>
Honours and Awards:	
<i>Australian Active Service Medal 1945-75 with Clasp Vietnam</i>	
<i>Vietnam Medal</i>	
<i>Defence Force Service Medal with First Clasp</i>	
<i>Australian Defence Medal</i>	
<i>Vietnamese Campaign Medal</i>	
<i>Returned from Active Service Badge</i>	
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Director - Defence Archives and Service Centres	
Service Delivery Division	
Estate and Infrastructure Group	
Department of Defence	
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Jussi (John) NIUKKANEN 1969/70 tour. The Association was advised by John's wife Carolyn that John passed away on 17th March 2020 after a short illness. Below is John's Record of Service:

Australian Government

Department of Defence

STATEMENT OF SERVICE

Full name: *Jussi Antero NIUKKANEN*

Service number: *16772*

Category of service: *Australian Regular Army*

Date of enlistment: *09 APR 62*

Date of discharge: *11 APR 74*

Employment: *Gun Number, Artillery Signaller, Driver, Assistant Instructor*

Rank on discharge: *Gunner*

Postings:

<i>1 Recruit Training Battalion</i>	<i>09 APR 62</i>
<i>School of Artillery</i>	<i>09 AUG 62</i>
<i>1 Field Regiment</i>	<i>13 OCT 62</i>
<i>111 Light Anti-Aircraft Battery</i>	<i>03 DEC 64</i>
<i>1 Recruit Training Battalion</i>	<i>20 DEC 66</i>
<i>1 Field Regiment</i>	<i>04 JUL 68</i>
<i>School of Artillery</i>	<i>27 NOV 72</i>

Operational Service/Deployment:

<i>Singapore / Malaysia</i>	<i>02 DEC 64 to 16 JUN 66</i>
<i>Vietnam</i>	<i>09 MAY 69 to 07 MAY 70</i>

Honours and Awards:

- Australian Active Service Medal 1945-75 with Clasps Malaysia and Vietnam*
- General Service Medal 1962 with Clasp Malay Peninsula*
- Vietnam Medal*
- Australian Defence Medal*
- Vietnamese Campaign Medal*
- Pingat Jasa Malaysia*
- Returned from Active Service Badge*

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Rest in Peace Wayne and John

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Australian Artillery 149th Anniversary

The following messages have been received for dissemination:



Order of the Day Royal Regiment of Australian Artillery Anniversary Greetings 2020

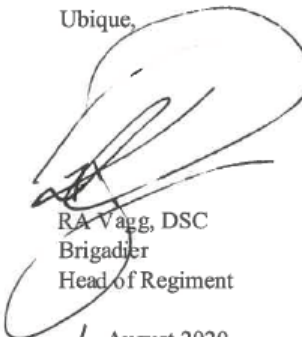
This year marks the 149th Anniversary of the formation of a permanent component of the Australian Artillery when the New South Wales Artillery was formed. A part of this Regiment was later designated A Battery and continues in service on the RAA Order of Battle to this day. This is also the date that, by convention, we celebrate not only the beginning of the Australian Gunner journey, but also its continued service as the Royal Regiment of Australian Artillery to the Army, our Nation and the Commonwealth.

As is customary on the 1st of August each year, our Representative Colonel Commandant has written to Her Majesty The Queen, our Captain General, on behalf of the Colonels Commandant, the Head of Regiment, and all Ranks of the Royal Regiment of Australian Artillery to convey to Her Majesty our respect and loyalty on the marking of another milestone in our history. Congratulations were also extended to Her Majesty on the occasion of her ninety fourth Birthday and our appreciation was expressed for the enduring leadership and dedication shown by Her Majesty to the service of the people of the Commonwealth.

On behalf of the Representative Colonel Commandant, Brigadier S Roach AM (Retired), and our Colonels Commandant, I sincerely thank all ranks of the Royal Regiment, both serving and retired, for their outstanding service. Let us also remember at this time the members of the Regiment who have passed away during the last year and please join me in appreciating and honouring their service. They will be sadly missed.

Finally, our thoughts are with those members of the Regiment who still remain deployed on operations around the world. We wish them all good shooting and a safe return to their families.

Ubique,



RA Vagg, DSC
Brigadier
Head of Regiment

1 August 2020

Gunners: Accurate, Responsive, Dependable, Joint

Gentlemen,

On behalf of the Committee of the *Royal Australian Artillery Association (Qld)*, I send greetings to all serving and veteran Gunners, on the occasion of the **2020 Australian Artillery Day** on **Saturday 1st August**. You may be aware that this is the **149th** anniversary and next year's 150th anniversary will be celebrated at the National Gunners' Dinner in Caloundra.

I hope that you are all keeping well and are not too stressed in the current "unusual" conditions under which we are all living at present.

(As at today 31st July, our AGM and Gunners Luncheon is proceeding next Thursday 6th August. Those of you who are attending - please be assured of a warm welcome with appropriate social distancing, and should this situation change, you will be notified urgently).

Our best regards to you and your families/friends/carers/supporters, and **please stay safe** until this menace has passed.

Ubique

Vern Mullins

Col. V W Mullins RFD ED (Ret.)

Honorary President

Strongyloides

Following Tony Meisinger's article published in the last Association newsletter, he has followed up with more information on the parasite. "Members may have read the article in the last edition of the Vet Affairs newspaper by Doctor Trish Batchelor on the above subject . At the beginning of her article on Strongyloides she mentioned that a Veteran had written to her stating the fact he had 'Cured himself from the Parasite', I AM THAT VETERAN. Now as in the past I am trying to make Veterans aware of having this parasite and the effects of it. As Trish stated you may not have any symptoms like Reflux, Indigestion, Diarrhoea (intermittent, at times quite severe), repeated Nausea, Vomiting, Depress, a Rash near your vital part and a consistent Cough. It would be great if members had a simple blood test taken. Some GPs may never have heard of it but the information is there for them to see. To finish if you find that you have Strongyloides then please contact me, I might be able to tell you how to cure it. My telephone number is 0499198583. Our conversation will be strictly confidential".

Song and Film Clip of I was only 19

The following link was sent in by Allan Baldwin 69/70 tour. Thanks Allan.



VIETNAM VETERAN 67/68

I Was Only 19 - from the movie Danger Close: The Battle of Long Tan

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WNTb9_zTvcQ

Martin Walsh Red Dune Films

To pay homage to all the veterans who have served, suffered and made the ultimate sacrifice in the Vietnam War and in recognition of the anniversary of the 1966 Battle of Long Tan on 18 August, now known as Vietnam Veterans Day, we've put together this special anniversary video for 'I Was Only 19' by Redgum / John Schumann which is featured in our movie Danger Close: The Battle of Long Tan. 60,000 Australians and 3,000 New Zealanders served in Vietnam; 521 Australians and 37 New Zealanders died as a result of the war, and over 3,000 Australians and 187 New Zealanders were wounded. 17 young Australians from D Company, 6th Royal Australian Regiment died in the Battle of Long Tan and 1 Trooper from 1 APC Squadron died nine days later from wounds he sustained in the battle. 11 of those who died were conscripts / National Servicemen.

▶ 804,286 20-year-old Australians were forced to register for national service between 1964 and 1972 ▶ 63,735 Australian National Servicemen served in the Army ▶ 15,381 Australian National Servicemen served in Vietnam ▶ 202 National Servicemen were killed in Vietnam ▶ 1,279 National Servicemen were wounded in Vietnam Lest We Forget.

My Trip to Outback Queensland

I'd never really been to the outback before so wanted to mark it off my Bucket List and what better time to do it while Covid 19 was upon us and a lot of those Southerners are still down south. Started off on 3 August 20 from Brisbane heading west. Travelled on the Toowoomba bypass which beats going up the range although there is a toll.

First night was at Roma. Staying in Cabins and Motels all the way. Did a tour of the "Big Rig" where they first discovered natural gas in Queensland. Photo of the largest Bottle Tree then off to Charleville. Stopped at Mitchell on the way, named after Thomas Mitchell the explorer. It is also where they captured the last two bushrangers, the Kenniff Brothers. Stayed two nights in Charleville and saw the "Royal Flying Doctor Service" visitor

centre and where the Yanks had a secret air base during WW2. One of the reasons why they picked Charleville for a base was because it was out of range of the Japanese planes.

Passed through Augathella and Tambo, nearly bought the Post Office in Tambo after I was discharged from the Army, the Post Office is up for sale again.

On to Barcaldine and saw the "Tree of Knowledge" and the Australian Workers Heritage Centre (nearly broke out into a rash!).

Drove up to Winton (wish I hadn't). The "Dinosaur Tour" was all booked out. I did visit the "Waltzing Matilda" centre which was ok. No signal (Optus) or wifi there. The cabin was the dearest of the trip and the second worse to stay at.

Off to Longreach and visited the "Stockman's Hall of Fame" and the "Qantas Founders Museum" both were worth visiting. One of the highlights of the trip was a cruise followed by dinner on the THOMSON River. As the skipper of the boat said the THOMSON River was the cleanest river in Australia because there was no "P" in the THOMSON River!!

Onwards to Rubyvale and stayed in a beautiful motel in a great setting. The kangaroos and birds came up to the door for a feed. You could see the scratches on the bottom of the door where they had come up before looking for food. Did a little of unsuccessful fossicking and a mine tour.

On to Emerald (cheap but worst accommodation of trip). Did a day trip to Springsure, I went there when I was in Welfare in the army to do an investigation and thought it would be good for another look, and it was, great scenery.

Off to Rockhampton for 3 nights and while we were there visited Yeppoon and Emu Park, beautiful part of the world. Emu Park has the "Anzac Memorial Walk" which was very good.

After Rocky went to Agnes Water and 1770, another beautiful part of the world. Stayed one night in 1770.

Then it was off to Bundaberg which was quite good except for the fact my wife is Chinese and she got me up at 5am to take photos of the sunrise from The Hummock looking out over the ocean.

To summarise I am glad I did the trip, the inland was as dry as a bone and dead kangaroos everywhere, but I like the coastal centres better. Almost all the caravan parks were chockers and a lot were southerners so if you are thinking of travelling west in a Motorhome or Caravan it might be best to book ahead, cabins were a little easier to book. I think if you haven't done the trip to see some of inland Queensland it is worth doing. The communities need our support during these times and border closures. There were a lot of shops and hotels closed.

Brian Collins



Emu Park – Start of the Anzac Memorial Walk



Springsure – Virgin Rock – Looks like the Virgin Mary outline in the cave area

Life in China – August 2020

Well little has changed recently regarding the Corona virus safeguards here apart that masks are being less worn in the streets etc. However the mask, temperature check requirements for taxis, buses, shopping malls still remain in force.

In this report I will concentrate on some issues which I hope will be of interest as opposed to a lot of my experiences.

We were fortunate in July to be invited by a friend who is an executive in a big building development company to go with him to the beautiful coastal resort city of Weihai, 1300 klms north east of here. It is situated on the most eastern point of China directly opposite Korea. His company has a huge residential development there and he was taking a coach load of potential investors up there to look at the development. There were a couple of empty seats so he asked us to go. The development comprises of 16 x 22 story apartment blocks and around 300 two story villas right on the beach front.

The trip was interesting in the fact we went by Sleeping Coach, a coach with three rows of eight double decker bunks, a total of 48. Surprisingly it was quite comfortable and the trip took 16 hours with plenty of rest and eating stops.

We stayed in a 4 star hotel 3 nights, the coach, hotel plus all breakfasts and dinner were free which was really good.

The development was really beautiful and the investment side was outstanding. The Government is trying to encourage people to live in the city so for an investor they allow use of their apartment/villa for one month a year and guarantee full tenancy for the remaining eleven months. They then give the owner A\$10,000.00PA rent which after the 25% deposit pays the mortgage, Body Corporate rates which also leaves some cash in their pocket.

We had a good look around and for example we looked at a mid-sized apartment on the 22nd floor in a block directly opposite the beach, there were two bedrooms, all come fully furnished with very high specs in fittings, tiled floors, etc. The one we looked at was worth A\$120,000.00 complete. The larger two story, three bedroom with two bathrooms plus powder room villas were around A\$185,000.00 including furniture, fittings etc. There were several apartments and villas sold on the day. There were also around eight other bus loads from all over China there those days too.

The second observation which might be of interest to readers is the cars here. I have lived in Sydney and Brisbane but here in my city of Huangshi I have never ever seen such an array of very expensive cars, I am not speaking of just a few but many of each type, from Ferrari, Maserati, Lamborghini, Porsche, Audi, BMW, Range Rover, Mercedes, Bentleys, Rolls Royce, Citroen plus many US big cars like Buick, Chev, Cadillac. Of course there are heaps of the normal range of Japanese cars.

I have also been impressed by the many locally designed and built cars and SUVs. I have been in several and all are well made, very comfortable and come standard with all the extras etc. I am very impressed with one brand available in Australia the Havel SUVs, in particular the mid-size one, the H2 which I will probably buy on my return home. It comes

with all the extras as standard including Sat Nav etc. for A\$22,900.00 on the road with seven years and unlimited klms warranty.

John Pollock

Nostalgia Vietnam 1966/67



L-R Sgt Bob Booth, Gnr John Hollingsworth, Gnr Les Jobling

L-R Gnr John McLeod, Gnr Aldo Pante



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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Peter McNamee took this photo of the Battery position from the air probably Leaving for an Operation (no guns on the ground). Echo Gun near the road, Delta Gun on the bend in the road, Charlie Gun in the centre, Foxtrot Gun top Left, Bravo Gun between Echo and Delta Guns and Alpha Gun just out of shot Near the Command Post.

Manning Detail 101 Bty 1969/70

The Association does not have a manning detail record of 101 Battery second tour of SVN. We are asking for input from member's memory to concur, disagree or add to the manning detail below. Please email or phone any of the Committee (email and numbers at beginning of newsletter) to give us your feedback please. We know there were a lot of changes during our deployment so we want it as close as possible to our ORIGINAL DEPLOYMENT. Any reinforcements can be added as Supernumerary. Thanks goes out to Greg Fletcher and Kev Weeks for supplying names and possible positions. If you know there is an error in any way please contact one of the committee.

101 FIELD BATTERY MANNING SOUTH VIETNAM 1969/70

- Battery Commander** - Maj John Bertram
- Battery Captain** - Capt Alan Batchelor
- BSM** - WO2 Noel Forbes
- Battery Guide** - WO2 Stan Irvine
- Section Commanders** - 2Lt Merv Fennell - 2Lt Jim Fentiman

BCs Party

- Sgt - Bdr John Niukkanen
- Sig - Gnr Hec Grant
- Sig - Gnr Trevor Jensen
- Sig - LBdr Keith Marshall
- Batman/Sig

Bks Party _Sig/Dvr Batman/Sig Gnr

FO Party A Coy

- FO - Capt Ted Batterbury
- FO Ack - Bdr Rod Acreman
- Sig - Gnr Ron Keen
- Sig Gnr - Bdr Steve Spence
- Sig
- Batman/Sig

FO Party C Coy

- FO - Lt Dennis Barrow
- FO Ack - Sgt Tony Lock
- Sig - Gnr Hazel Nelson
- Sig - Gnr Tony Parrelli
- Batman/Sig

FO Party D Coy

FO - Lt Bernie Garland
FO Ack - Bdr Bull McLeod
Sig - Gnr Dave Richard-Preston
Sig - Bdr Vic Rowe
Batman/Sig

Command Post

GPO - Lt Bill Boyd	
OPCP Sgt - Sgt Jim Booth	Sig Sgt - Sgt Mick Lewis
OPCP - Gnr Tony Curtis	Sig - Gnr David Amies
OPCP - LBdr Harvey Dunkley	Sig - Gnr Graham Bain
OPCP - Gnr John Rule	Sig - Gnr Pete Beaumont
OPCP -	Sig - Bdr Dave Callen
Sig - LBdr Graham Baker	Sig - Gnr Chris Dunker

Alpha Gun

No 1 Sgt - Sgt Terry Bucknell
Gnr - Gnr Phil Allen
Gnr - Gnr Tom Blacker
Gnr - Gnr Jock Cresdee
Gnr - Gnr Doc Holliday
Gnr - Gnr Les Giles
No 7 Bdr - Bdr Ken Kuehlmann

Bravo Gun

No 1 Sgt - Sgt Bill Cross
Gnr - LBdr Kelvin Howe
Gnr -
Gnr - Gnr Whip Wilson
Gnr - Gnr Paul Craig
Gnr - Gnr Bruce Collins
No 7 Bdr - Bdr George Mason

Charlie Gun

No 1 Sgt - Sgt Tassy Woodard
Gnr - LBdr Paddy Winters
Gnr - Gnr Dennis Doring
Gnr - Gnr Gary Franks
Gnr - Gnr Les White
Gnr - Les Giles
No 7 Bdr - Bdr Neville Jolliffe

Delta Gun

No 1 Sgt - Sgt Brian Flewell-Smith
Gnr - Gnr Mick Nolan
Gnr - Gnr Allan Thomas
Gnr - Gnr David Morris
Gnr -
Gnr -
No 7 Bdr - Gnr Allan Baldwin

Echo Gun

No 1 Sgt - Sgt Graham Pember
Gnr - Gnr Harry Alidenes
Gnr - Gnr Stuart Henderson
Gnr - Gnr Trevor Moss
Gnr - Gnr Slim Lynch
Gnr -
No 7 Bdr - Bdr Ian Hotschilt

Foxtrot Gun

No 1 Sgt - Sgt Brian Ranson
Gnr - Gnr Dave Anderson
Gnr - Gnr Lewy Lewandowski
Gnr - Gnr John Papadopoulos
Gnr - Gnr Paul Quinn
Gnr -
No 7 Bdr - Bdr Noel Lesina

Orderly Room

Bdr - Bdr Kevin Weeks
Gnr - Gnr Bruce Wilkins
Gnr - Tim Knight
Gnr - Gnr Kevin Gill

Q Store

BQMS - SSgt Bob Whalley_
Bdr - Bdr Jeff Madden
Stmn - LBdr Greg Fletcher
Stmn - Gnr Allan Eglinton
Stmn - Gnr Allan Eglinton

Hygiene

Gnr Bill Pain
Gnr

Transport

Tpt Supervisor - Sgt Paddy Pritchard
Dvr - Gnr Phil Kline
Dvr - Gnr Bryan Baulde
Dvr - Gnr Rod O'Neil
Dvr -

Tpt NCO - Bdr Wayne Curtis
Dvr - Gnr Ron Beasley
Dvr - Gnr Norm Goller
Dvr - Gnr Greg Lauder
Dvr - Gnr Nev Payne

LAD

Sgt - Sgt Ron Merson
Cpl - Cpl Danny Trewick
Cfn - Cfn Ricardo Dere
LCpl - LCpl John Delahunty

Cooks

Sgt Cook - Sgt Mick Titmus
Cpl Cook - Cpl Harry Kent
Pte Cook - Pte Engine Dombrose
Pte Cook - Pte Eddie Farenden
Pte Cook - Pte Bob Stoddart

Medic

Cpl Mark Richards

Not Sure of Positions they Held

Bdr David Ryan (Foxtrot Gun?), Gnr Darryl Johnson, Gnr Greg Law, Gnr Keith Martin, Gnr Ian McCleary

Reinforcements

Gnr Keith Hulme (Apr 69 – Foxtrot Gun), SSgt John William

A Bit of Humour to Finish

Quotes from British Military Annual Staff Appraisals (Apparently!)

1. His men would follow him anywhere but only out of curiosity.
2. I would not breed from this Officer.
3. This man is depriving a village somewhere of its idiot.
4. This Officer can be likened to a small puppy - he runs around excitedly, leaving little messes for other people to clean up.
5. This Officer is really not so much of a has-been, more of a definitely won't-be.

6. When she opens her mouth it seems only to change whichever foot was previously in there.
7. Couldn't organise 50% leave in a 2-man submarine.
8. He has carried out each and every one of his duties to his entire satisfaction.
9. He would be out of his depth in a car park puddle.
10. Technically sound but socially impossible.
11. The occasional flashes of adequacy are marred by an attitude of apathy and indifference.
12. When he joined my ship this Officer was something of a granny; since then he has aged considerably.
13. This Medical Officer has used my ship to carry his genitals from port to port, and my officers to carry him from bar to bar.
14. This Officer reminds me very much of a gyroscope, always spinning around at a frantic pace but not really going anywhere.
15. Since my last report he has reached rock bottom and has started to dig.
16. She sets low personal standards and then consistently fails to achieve them.
17. He has the wisdom of youth and the energy of old age.
18. This Officer should go far and the sooner he starts, the better.
19. In my opinion this pilot should not be authorised to fly below 250 feet.
20. The only ship I would recommend for this man is citizenship.
21. Couldn't organise a woodpecker's picnic in Sherwood Forest.
22. Works well when under constant supervision and cornered like a rat in a trap.
23. Not the sharpest knife in the drawer.
24. Gates are down, the lights are flashing but the train isn't coming.
25. Has two brains; one is lost and the other is out looking for it.
26. If he were any more stupid he'd have to be watered twice a week.
27. Got into the gene pool while the lifeguard wasn't watching.
28. If you stand close enough to him you can hear the ocean.
29. It's hard to believe that he beat 1 000 000 other sperm.
30. A room temperature IQ.
31. Got a full 6-pack but lacks the plastic thingy to hold it all together.

32. A gross ignoramus,143 times worse than an ordinary ignoramus.
33. He has a photographic memory but has the lens cover glued on.
34. He has been working with glue too long.
35. When his IQ reaches 50 he should sell.
36. This man hasn't got enough grey matter to sole the flip-flop of a one legged budgie.
37. If two people are talking and one looks bored, he's the other one.
38. One-celled organisms would out score him in an IQ test.
39. He donated his body to science before he was done using it.
40. Fell out of the stupid tree and hit every branch on the way down.
41. He's so dense light bends around him.
42. If brains were taxed he'd get a rebate.
43. Some drink from the fountain of knowledge; he only gargled.
44. Takes him 1½ hours to watch 60 minutes.
45. Wheel is turning but the hamster is long dead.