12 FIELD REGIMENT (VIETNAM) ASSOCIATION 2017 AGM PRESIDENT REPORT

It is with a heavy heart that I present this 2017 report. A heavy heart as it is likely to be the last President's report for the 12 Field Regiment (Vietnam) Association.

As an incorporated association with legal obligations, it is essential that it has a president, secretary and a treasurer. Prior to this AGM, members were canvassed by email for nominations for these three positions.

I took on being the president for one year and, at this stage, there is one nomination for president. Unfortunately, there are no nominations for either the secretary or the treasurer's positions, hence the committee's decision to propose a motion to a Special General Meeting to wind up the Association.

Your committee has taken a very responsible position in regard to the distribution of the Association's finances should the Association not continue. Using the powers granted to it by the Association's Rules, the committee has allocated a large proportion of the Association's finances to charities, and other organisations with similar aims and objectives as ours. Any funds that are still surplus as at the time of winding up will be allocated by the committee in accordance with the requirements of the Act and with the authority given to it by members at the Special General Meeting.

As I am stepping down as President I thank my Executive and Committee members for all the work and time that they have given over the last year to ensure that our Association functioned well. It would be remiss of me not to mention our Secretary (Trevor Bryant) and Treasurer (John Beer). They have worked tirelessly over many years to ensure that the Association was extremely successful and operated professionally. Gentlemen, thank you.

I thank my predecessors for their stewardship of this great Association. I also thank all committee members over the years that the Association has been in being for all that they done for us and the 12 Field Regiment (Vietnam) Association.

It has been my great privilege to have been a member of this Association and its President, albeit for only the last twelve months. Noreen and I wish you all the best for the future and may our departed colleagues not be forgotten for what they did for us and our nation. We hope that you have an enjoyable Christmas with your families and friends, and may 2018 be all that you wish it to be.

Don Tait OAM President