

GRADUATING CLASS AND STAFF
OFFICER CADET SCHOOL PORTSEA
JUNE 1968
FORTY YEARS ON



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**“Loyalty and Service”
AUSTRALIAN GRADUATES**

Lt	D J Brian	Malaya, 5 Mar 64
Capt	G R Bellville	SVN, 12 Feb 66
Maj	D M Bourne	SVN, 14 Feb 67
Capt	R B Milligan	SVN, 14 Feb 67
Lt	J Carruthers	SVN, 24 Feb 67
Maj	P Badcoe, VC	SVN, 7 Apr 67
Lt	R G Birse	SVN, 10 Dec 67
2Lt	B G Walther	SVN, 9 Mar 69
2LT	G R Locke	SVN, 8 May 69
Lt	P A Hines	SVN, 21 Jul 69
Lt	R T Convery	SVN, 23 Nov 69
Lt	P R Marks – Chapman	SVN, 19 Dec 69
Capt	B C Donald, DSM	SVN, 3 Dec 69
2Lt	B R A Jones	SVN, 10 Apr 71

MALAYSIAN GRADUATES

Capt	V M Chandran, SP	13 Jun 71
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NEW ZEALAND GRADUATES

Capt	P Williams	SVN, 12 Feb 67
Lt	J R Winton	SVN, 10 Mar 71

PHILLIPPINES GRADUATES

2Lt	E Granadillos	Mindanao, 21 Sep 75
2Lt	O G Hular	Luzon, 5 mar 77
Maj	E F Salido	Luzon, 1 Oct 87
Capt	A Villasenor	Zamboanga, 10 Oct 77

THAILAND GRADUATES

Capt	Surajit Shinawatra	Thai-Laos Border, 26 Apr 73
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**IN MEMORIUM
CLASS OF JUNE 1968**

Capt Almario Villasenor - KIA Zamboanga Phillipines 10 Oct 1977

Sqn Ldr Julian Balance, MID - Accidental death (motor vehicle accident) 1988

Lt Col Hugh Weatherhead - July 1997

Maj Lloyd Behm -

Lt Richard Crawford -

OCS STAFF

Lt Col Geoffrey Hollings

Maj (Retd) Arthur Schaschke MBE

DO YOU REMEMBER

- **Who flooded the upstairs area B Coy?**
- **Who took their pyjamas along the first time we “camped out” on the Point?**
- **Who had their blow ups inserted in the liner with the air holes at the bottom and couldn’t roll their bedding up?**
- **Which foreign cadets had to be separated after they went for each other with bayonets?**
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- **Who towed the dead Mk4 down from the range to the Point Road using the long wheelbase Landrover? How many people were incriminated in the subsequent investigation?**
- **Who were the carers of the altar wine and enjoyed many a nights tasting?**
- **Which cadets were issued hard rats and stayed in camp during the 4 day mid term break?**
- **Which cadets demonstrated a lack of alcohol tolerance on the first football trip and how much stoppage did they get?**
- **How many got wet feet on sojourns to Portsea Pub?**
- **Who used a vehicle as a gun limber, prior to graduation?**
- **Who remembers the hanging at the end of Junior Class**
- **Who were the participants in the Rugby Bus of, “we want a wee, want a wee”?**
- **How many remember being pinned down and brewed up while the remainder went about the section or platoon attacks?**
- **Who remembers the exercise in Yarram, hot and little water?**
- **Who remembers the exercise being cut short after 32 cases of exposure?**
- **How many remember the ‘goffers’ and the ‘chocy’ bars on exercise?**
- **Who remembers the M60 night shoot on the classification range under torch light, due to fire restrictions?**
- **Who remembers the exercise at Yarram where a garbage bin being hit rapidly with a stick, again due to fire restrictions, represented an MG firing?**
- **How much character was built as a result of character building?**
- **Who remembers the “Dragon” Squad?**
- **Who remembers Trader Teague and his deft hands at lifting Cadets gash gear?**
- **What was the make of the vehicle that went over the edge near ‘London’ Bridge, after use as a Gun Limber?**
- **Who remembers trying to put US Pattern webbing together for the first time?**
- **Who remembers the many takes of the mock dining in night for the Portsea Film, starring Rex Wigney?**
- **Guess how many takes on the above and you can guess the number of glasses of champagne consumed?**

- **Who were the two cadets charged with being absent from place of parade at Badcoe Hall, when they were at Badcoe Hall? So much for social justice?**
- **Who remembers the bun fight for fresh bread at meal times?**
- **Who remembers being the enemy at the final senior class exercise November 1967?**
- **Who remembers who was in the tree, sniping? A clue, one that has since passed on?**
- **Who was the Senior Classman that used John Pritchard's Morris Cooper to entertain his lady, a former member of the "Dragon" Squad?**
- **Who remembers, 'Watts' his name?**
- **Who remembers the church service on a Sunday, in 3 Block, conducted by a KIWI?**
- **Who remembers the PNG Cadet losing it and chasing the KIWI through 3 Block and over the top landing railing?**
- **Who remembers the bus trips to the exercise areas?**
- **Who remembers the driver's name?**
- **Who was the Engineer Graduate that bogged the OCs vehicle, on Pucka Range, whilst rabbit shooting?**
- **Who is still in receipt of Bruce Read's jokes????? That is when he is in Australia?**
- **Who was the cadet that turned to Pole Vaulting?**
- **Who took out a 'Dragon' Squad member?**
- **Who was it that made an HF Rear Link Call from Yarram to Portsea and said, "Pritchard intends taking said bird"? The 'bird' turned out to be the niece of the dry cleaning lady, a voluptuous redhead, which Trader, Phil Wailes and Bill Rutledge could not keep their eyes off?**

**THE OFFICER CADET SCHOOL PORTSEA
GRADUATING CLASS JUNE 1968
40th ANNIVERSARY OF GRADUATION**

**THE HISTORY OF THE SITE KNOWN AS POINT NEPEAN
HISTORY**



In February 1802 Lt John Murray of the Lady Nelson was one of the first Europeans to enter Port Phillip Bay, upon which the city of Melbourne is now situated. Occasional sealers and boat crews visited the area sporadically, while permanent official settlement in the area did not occur until 1835, when John Batman established a small township at Port Phillip, later to become known as Melbourne.

By 1837 the Mornington Peninsula, including Point

Nepean, was part of a large squatting lease, owned by Parramatta overlander Edward Hobson, sold on to Bunting Johnstone in 1843. With the subsequent discovery of good lime deposits European settlement became further established in the area. As Melbourne grew, demand for construction lime was high. Lime quarrying and burning was thus an important early industry for the residents of Portsea / Point Nepean. James Sandle Ford was the first permanent settler at Point Nepean, arriving in 1842. The Sullivan, Skelton and McGrath families followed him. These families were all engaged in lime burning and farming. By 1845, 17 limekilns were operating in Portsea, Sorrento and surrounding areas. When lime deposits were discovered closer to Melbourne, the industry waned.

EARLY EUROPEAN OCCUPATION

A number of historical archaeological sites, dating from the earliest periods of European settlement in the area (late 1830s and 1840s), are present within the boundaries of this place, both above and below the surface. It is impossible to provide a comprehensive overview of these sites, due to insufficient archaeological investigations, which have been hampered by the presence of unexploded ordnance and restricted access to Defence areas. However, a number of sites have been identified, if not thoroughly investigated.

To the west of the quarantine station site is likely to be the archaeological remains of the leper station, originally associated with the quarantine station, but well removed from the main population as per the treatment of leprosy in the nineteenth century. The site has not been specifically located or

examined, but it may contain archaeological remains, including building foundations, below the surface. The leper station was transferred to Coode Island in the early twentieth century.

Several early homestead / occupation sites are also known to exist, beyond the perimeter of the former quarantine station. One of these is the site of Skeleton's House, Skelton being one of the earliest European settlers on the peninsula. Located a short distance south of the former quarantine station, beside Coles Track (off Bogle Road), this area may also be the site of a stone labourer's cottage, built in 1854-55, at the same time as the extant Matron's Cottage at the quarantine station site. The site is denoted by a large grassed clearing and associated plantings, with some shallow depressions noticeable in the topography.

Another former house site is located along Ochiltree Road, just beyond the former quarantine station. This site, possibly dating to 1846, is denoted by archaeological evidence, including in situ limestone footings, the walls of which form the outline of a two-room cottage. A light scattering of artefactual debris surrounds the site.

Two former limekilns have also been recorded within the Commonwealth area; one is at Police Point, on the beach in front of the former quarantine station, and the other is at Boss's Beach. Each of these is constructed of coursed limestone blocks, with a semicircular arched opening at the base.

QUARANTINE STATION

Early Australian quarantine processes, originated in England, where the first Quarantine Act was declared in 1710, to control the movement of people and diseases to and from previously isolated areas of the globe.



Australia's first Quarantine Act was passed by the NSW government in 1832, in response to an outbreak of cholera in Europe. Australia's first

permanent quarantine station was established at North Head in Sydney. In Victoria, quarantine was governed by the NSW Act until 1865, when the Victorian Parliament passed the Victorian Public Health Act 1865, further refined by the Health Act 1890. At Federation, quarantine became a task for the Commonwealth Department of Health, but operated under state legislation until the Commonwealth passed its own Quarantine Act in 1909.

Quarantine processes in Victoria were mostly ad hoc in the 1840s, with temporary sites at Point Ormond and Hobson's Bay being used. By 1851 the influx of gold-rush immigrants prompted the establishment of a permanent quarantine station in the colony, and Point Nepean was selected, due to its isolation, good soil, fresh water, and a good anchorage. In early 1852 funding was allocated to the erection of a 'sanatorium' at Point Nepean.

The arrival of the ship Ticonderoga at Port Phillip in November 1852

emphasised the need for more substantial facilities. The Ticonderoga had left Liverpool with 795 passengers, of which 98 had died en route to Australia from a combination of typhus and scarlet fever. Upon their arrival, the surviving passengers were placed in a temporary camp at Point Nepean while construction of the quarantine station was expedited.

By 1854, several buildings had been constructed and were in full use, including a timber doctor's home, a hospital, the original stone Sullivan's cottage, a number of prefabricated iron cottages and a pier. A small 'Shepherd's Hut', a 'wattle and daub' shack, was already present on site when the quarantine station was established.

Beneath this hut was a cellar or underground dairy, possibly constructed, in the early period of the Portsea region's European settlement. A limestone cottage was built over the top of this cellar, replacing the earlier shack, in 1854. By 1859 the quarantine station's major buildings, five two-storey limestone hospitals, were in use.

The quarantine station expanded slowly, with a leper station (eventually transferred to Coode Island), cemetery, slaughter yard, cattle quarantine station and consumptives camp the main additions until 1900. After 1900, a large bathing and disinfecting complex was erected close to the jetty. At the completion of these changes Point Nepean was regarded as an exemplar of quarantine station design in Australia.

The Commonwealth took over in 1909. After World War One, over 120,000 people were examined at Point Nepean, many of them ex-servicemen returning from overseas duty, and 12 small timber wards were erected, along with a new administration complex and isolation wards. The quarantine station changed little after 1920, due to a gradual decline in Australia's quarantine requirements, and by 1957 was used infrequently, officially closing in 1980.

Defence was a prominent theme in Victoria in the mid-to-late 19th Century. With incredible wealth pouring out of the colony from its lucrative goldfields, fear grew of invasion or annexation by foreign powers, principally the French or Russians. The earliest record of military presence at Point Nepean is a reference to a 'rocket and mortar house' existing there in 1875-77. In 1877, Jervis and Scratchley endorsed Point Nepean, which overlooked the approach to Port Phillip Heads, as one of Victoria's key strategic defensive locations. Point Nepean, overlooking the approach to Port Phillip Heads. A defence reserve of 170 hectares was excised from the quarantine reserve in 1877, and a temporary gun battery was established in 1878. This was followed by a more permanent series of gun emplacements and fortifications in 1882-84, as Forts Nepean and Pearce, and the Eagle's Nest. The guns at Fort Nepean are purported to have fired the first Allied shots of both World Wars, on the German freighter Pfalz in August 1914, and an unidentified ship (later revealed as Australian), just after the declaration of War in 1939. These are the only two occasions upon which the guns at point Nepean were fired in anger. At the end of World War Two the forts were decommissioned and the

garrisons removed. The sites of these fortifications were excised from the Commonwealth area in the late 1990s and handed over to the Victorian government for the Point Nepean National Park. The guns from Fort Pearce remain on Commonwealth land, however, flanking the entrance gates to Point Nepean from Portsea.

Point Nepean also acted as a key defensive point during World War Two. With a significant strategic position guarding the entrance to Port Phillip and Westernport Bays, a series of observation posts and additional gun emplacements was installed, especially around Cheviot Hill and Cheviot Beach, overlooking Westernport. A Prisoner of War Camp, unofficially dubbed 'Happy Valley' was also established near the Cheviot Hill gun emplacements. Many of the Italian prisoners from this camp were employed to undertake public works in Portsea.

After World War Two the forts and gun emplacements were decommissioned, but the military reserve at Point Nepean remained in use as a field training area and bivouacs, although no permanent garrison was present. Permanent Army occupation of the Point Nepean area was renewed in 1951, at the site of the quarantine station. The Department of Health initially gave the Army temporary use of part of the quarantine facility, but by 1954 a permanent Army presence had been established, with about 700 hectares of the quarantine reserve resumed for training ranges. The Army began to occupy most of the key quarantine station buildings, and erected a number of new buildings as well to accommodate the increasing Army presence. These included officer cadet barracks, assembly hall, library, guardhouse, gymnasium, sports fields and numerous ancillary buildings.

The Officer Cadet School opened in January 1952. Designed to produce career officers for the Army, the facility trained cadets from Australia and other countries around the Asia Pacific region. This function was transferred to the Australian Defence Force Academy and the Royal Military College Duntroon in Canberra in 1985. Over its lifetime, the Cadet School trained nearly 3,000 junior officers for the Australian Army, many of whom served in Korea, Malaya, Vietnam and on various peacekeeping missions. One graduate, Major Peter Badcoe, received the Victoria Cross for his service in Vietnam, where he was also killed. Badcoe Hall, at the Officer Cadet School, was named in his honour.



After 1980 the site, then known as Norris Barracks, retained a basic Army presence, in the form of the School of Army Health. The School of Army Health was subsequently relocated to Bonegilla in 1998, while the Norris Barracks cantonment was most recently used to accommodate refugees from Kosovo in 1999.

MARITIME HISTORY

Point Nepean has always been an important strategic location in terms of the maritime history of Port Phillip Bay. While the most important maritime safety

devices in the bay have been those at Point Lonsdale, Queenscliff and the South Channel Pile Light, the Monash Light at Point Nepean was established in 1930 to further aid navigation. This was used in conjunction with several other beacons at Point Nepean, the two main ones of which are at Observatory Point and Corsair Rock, outside the Commonwealth area. Monash Light was constructed as a monument to General Sir John Monash, one of Australia's most prominent military leaders, who was commanding officer at the Point Nepean batteries from 1897 to 1908. The monument was later found to be structurally unsafe and was dismantled and stored at the depot of the former Rosebud Shire, before being reinstalled in the early 1980s.

Several shipwrecks have been recorded on the reefs around Point Nepean, the most significant of which is the SS Cheviot, which came to grief on the rocks adjacent to what is now known as Cheviot Beach. The Cheviot was wrecked in 1887, killing 35 of the 39 people on board, some of whom were buried at the nearby cemetery at Point Nepean. The remains of the Cheviot are spread across the reef, but are believed to be outside the boundaries of the Point Nepean Commonwealth Area. However, the wreck is memorialised through the names of Cheviot Beach and Cheviot Hill.

Part of Cheviot Beach falls within the site's boundaries. Cheviot Beach is notorious as the place where former Prime Minister Harold Holt disappeared in December 1967.

Mr Holt's disappearance was highly traumatic to the nation, and had a profound impact on Australian society at the time. Mr Holt, who was staying at his holiday house in Portsea, went swimming on the morning of 17 December at Cheviot Beach and never returned. Despite theories of abduction and assassination, police reports found that Holt had been overcome by particularly rough conditions and subsequently drowned. His body was never recovered. A plaque, attached to the reef under the water at Cheviot Beach, at the place from where Mr Holt is believed to have disappeared, is within the Commonwealth area.

DESCRIPTION

The Point Nepean Commonwealth area is a large, complex cultural landscape containing numerous layers of historically significant heritage elements, demonstrated through its landforms and built environment. The core of its historic significance is the former quarantine station, which was later transformed and expanded for military use, as the Officer Cadet School and the Norris Barracks (incorporating the Army School of Health). Areas and structures of historic significance within the Point Nepean Commonwealth Area are described below.

The former Point Nepean Quarantine Station features many buildings from a number of different historic quarantine phases, including the 1850s, 1890s and 1916-1921. The most significant buildings are four of the original double-storey limestone hospital ward buildings and accompanying outbuildings. The

extensive redbrick disinfecting complex, featuring foul and clean luggage stores, bathing complex and disinfecting building, best represents the 1890s phase. The 1916-1921 additions are demonstrated by the architecture of the administration complex, the isolation wards, and the set of 12 accommodation huts set up to house returned servicemen. The sequence of use and expansion, as well as the strongly expressed symbolic cultural landscape make Point Nepean a crucial site in terms of understanding the historic development of quarantine processes in Australia.

While the oldest surviving quarantine station in Australia is at North Head, Sydney, the Point Nepean Quarantine Station is believed to contain Australia's oldest intact quarantine-specific buildings in Australia. North Head contains only one surviving building from its 1830s period (the 1838 superintendent's cottage), while its earliest quarantine-specific structures date to 1873. Most of its historic buildings are from the 1873-1920 period. Therefore, the oldest quarantine buildings at Point Nepean (principally the 2 storey limestone wards) pre-date the oldest quarantine-specific structures at North Head by about 16 years. After North Head and Point Nepean, Peel Island (1874), Queensland, is now only ruins, Quaranup Station at Albany, in Western Australia, has buildings dating back to 1875, and Torrens Island, South Australia, and contains one timber building from the 1870s. Torrens Island is the only one of these facilities still in quarantine use, being used for animal quarantine. Therefore, Point Nepean is believed to contain the oldest intact quarantine-specific buildings in Australia. Given the integrity and authenticity of all the main precincts and time periods at Point Nepean, it also provides a unique insight into the architectural concepts and landscape design techniques employed in quarantine stations in Australia. Its representation of the 1850s and 1860s, a period in history when significant numbers of immigrants were arriving in Australia, is especially crucial.



The oldest extant building at the site is the limestone 'Shepherd's Hut', a limestone cottage constructed in 1854 over the top of an underground stone structure, used at one stage as a dairy, probably built in the early 1840s. It may be the oldest surviving building on the Mornington Peninsula, and is a crucial link to the early European history of Point Nepean, due to its use in both pre and post

quarantine station contexts.

The site also features Heaton's Monument, a burial crypt and memorial built at the request of George Heaton in 1856. It is a rendered brick monument in the rare Victorian Egyptian architectural style. Heaton's monument also marks the location of the quarantine station's original cemetery, relocated in the 1950s, where many of the victims of the Ticonderoga tragedy were buried.

Also possibly a feature of the former quarantine station is the crematorium (building 85). This is a red brick structure, of unknown date and origin. The brick is covered with cream render, and has a cast iron grate over an opening

at the top, as well as a cast iron entry gate.

A full description and analysis of the former quarantine station site is provided in another Register of the National Estate (RNE) record, 'Point Nepean Quarantine Station (former)', RNE database number 103718. A separate record also exists for the 'Limestone Building (Shepherd's Hut)', RNE database number 5819.

When the Army took control of the site in 1951-54, most of the existing quarantine station buildings were adapted internally for use by the Officer Cadet School (OCS). In addition, the Army constructed several buildings within the boundaries of the quarantine station, including cadet accommodation, Badcoe Hall and the Gymnasium. The heritage values of these buildings are also presented in the RNE record for the Point Nepean Quarantine Station (former).

MONASH LIGHT

The Monash Light is located on a high point on the southern flank of the Point Nepean peninsula. It is aligned on the same axis as the Pope's Eye, on the northern (Port Phillip Bay) coast. The structure of the light, which serves as a memorial to General Sir John Monash, is square in plan, constructed in clinker brick, with a concrete brick interior skin, laid on a quarry-faced bluestone and concrete base. The main structure is approximately two storeys in height, with a castellated parapet to the roof and single windows with red brick dressings to the north and west elevations. A simple stone plaque at the base bears the name MONASH. Orange navigation panels and a beacon light are attached to the roof of the structure. Solar panels and a windmill are a more recent addition, providing power for the beacon.

CHEVIOT BEACH

Only the eastern part of Cheviot Beach lies with the Commonwealth area.



This part of the beach has long been inaccessible to the general public due to Defence restrictions. Within this section of the beach, attached to the reef below the water line, is a plaque commemorating the disappearance of Prime Minister Harold Holt from this spot in 1967. Another memorial to Harold Holt is located beside Defence Road,

within the State National Park, north of Cheviot Hill.

OFFICER CADET SCHOOL

The **OFFICER CADET SCHOOL** was located at Point Nepean just to the eastern side of The Rip, the infamous entrance to Port Phillip Bay and was originally the site of the Quarantine Station for Victoria. The Australian Army's Officer Cadet School at Portsea in Victoria existed for 34 years from 1952 to 1985. Less in the public eye than RMC Duntroon, its older counterpart located in the national capital, OCS Portsea can nonetheless claim that its products



constituted the backbone of the ARA officer corps for many years. In its lifetime it turned out 2,825 junior officers for the Army (40% of the total) compared with RMC's 2,022 (28%) over the same period. The origins of OCS lay in the need for a substantial increase in the output of officers in the early 1950s to support commitments in Japan and Korea and to provide junior

officers to train the new national servicemen during their three months full-time duty. The four-year course at Duntroon was simply not flexible enough to perform this role. In the 1960s a new conscription scheme and the expanding commitment to Vietnam created fresh need for Portsea graduates. After Vietnam Portsea continued to flourish, providing about 50% of all new officers for the ARA compared with RMC's 39%. But its position was challenged by the decision to establish ADFA to take over the academic education of RMC cadets. As Neville Lindsay suggests, OCS could have taken over the military training role of RMC and the latter might have disappeared. But tradition weighed heavy and it was OCS Portsea that was destined to lose its identity on incorporation into RMC.

ORIGINS OF THE BADGE



The late General J. Harrison originally selected the OCS badge during his term as Commandant of OCS between 1952 - 54. He felt that the badge should be completely non-partisan, as OCS provided officers to most corps. The badge had to be

different from that of RMC and therefore General Harrison chose the general staff badge, a lion on a crown. The original design was in fact the general staff badge (crowned lion), surrounded by a garter, and all surmounting a scroll with a crown on top of the garter. This design was drawn by a clerk working then in DMO&P; however, on submission of this design it was considered by AHQ that three crowns were just "one too many". Thus the top crown was eliminated, much to the disapproval of General Harrison who considered that without the third crown the design looked like "an egg on a lettuce leaf".

So far as the motto was concerned, General Harrison racked his brains and those of other people on his staff for some time for a simple motto. He decided to avoid Latin, complicated or hackneyed mottos. In General Harrison's view, the motto chosen - "Loyalty and Service" - epitomised the ideal approach of a young man to the Service way of life.

In December 1959, the shape of the OCS badge was accepted, without the third crown, and then began the tedious task of selecting appropriate colours to enhance the look of the badge whenever it was displayed on buildings or flags. From December 1959 to September 1960 coloured designs circulated between OCS and AHQ, and after minor adjustments the colours were approved on the 6th September 1960.

The colours selected were:

- buttercup for the edges;
- saffron for the lion;
- garter blue for the background behind the lion; and
- cherry for the garter and the scroll.

Outside the former quarantine station the Army had established a number of buildings, structures and training ranges since the 1950s. Those associated with the former OCS cantonment (Norris Barracks) include:

The gymnasium (building 14), constructed in 1965; training shelters, buildings 28-31, constructed in the 1970s; the Transport Office (former Stables) (building 33), constructed around 1965; Magazine (building 47), date unknown; classrooms (buildings 49-53), established in the 1970s.

Also included are the POL Store (55), Administration building (57), RAEME Workshops (76), Q Store Offices (9), Garage/Fire Station (83), Boiler Room (87) and Guard House (89), all constructed at some stage in the 1960-1975 period.

Of the many military training facilities located at Point Nepean, one, the Unit Range, is in close proximity to Norris Barracks. The Unit Range is a general purpose training range, closest to the barracks area. Buildings at this range include Store House (building 95), Control Tower (96), Store (97) and NBC Shed (98). It is uncertain when these buildings were constructed.

Field training for the OCS was mostly conducted in the areas away from the Norris Barracks, with ranges nestled within the many hectares of bushland south of Defence Road. These areas, outlined below, provided cadets with training in the use of firearms and explosives, map reading, navigation, tactical training and battle simulation.

Further removed from the cantonment is the assault or obstacle course. Established in the early years of the OCS, the assault course was also known as 'Garland's Gauntlet' probably in reference to Major R S Garland, who was a senior instructor at the OCS in the 1950s. Located in the vicinity of Ochiltree Road, the assault course is in a good state of preservation, with many of its obstacles and fabric intact, including concrete pipes, hurdles, ropes, and watercourses. The area is moderately affected by vegetation overgrowth.

The 300 Yard range, established in the 1960s, is located along Butler's Track, off Defence Road. It features a large clearing, running north south, with three firing mounds at intervals along its length. Associated structures include a cement brick observation tower and storage buildings. At the northern end of

the range there is a row of cantilevered, reinforced concrete firing blocks and reinforced concrete butts, which are equipped with flagpoles, mechanised pulleys and iron target mounts. A small, timber-framed, fibro hut, known as the 'gassing shed', is also associated with this range. Its interior is sealed with sandbags and it has plastic casings to the windows.

Located near Harrison Road is the former Anti-Tank Range. This range features an overgrown clearing containing a number of concrete and galvanised steel structures. The Navy for apparently also used this particular point on the peninsula for shelling practice in the interwar period.

The 25 Metre Range, also known as the Pistol Range, is located on Butler's Track. It features a grass clearing containing a pistol shooting range with reinforced concrete firing blocks and numerous wooden target supports. Also associated with this range are two timber flagpoles, a timber framed steel clad shelter, and a fibro-clad shed with gabled roof.

The Spectator's Ridge Range is to the south of Defence Road, behind Observation Point, which overlooks the Norris Barracks. It features an overgrown clearing with timber-framed platforms, and camouflage painted, galvanised steel-lined bunkers and a flagpole. Also associated with this site is a red timber-framed steel-clad hut, probably the range controller's hut.

The grenade range is located along Butler's Track. This range features a clearing with structures including a timber-framed, steel clad observation tower, steel lined bunkers, sandbag lined tunnels, and targets, constructed in the form of small camouflaged huts.

In addition to the Norris Barracks and the OCS training ranges, the Point Nepean Commonwealth Area features a number of other sites and structures related to its military history. The main entry to the Commonwealth area (and National Park) from Portsea is the old entrance to the former Quarantine Station. Cement brick walls flank the entrance road, guarded by two large, mounted gun barrels, the former guns from the Fort Pearce battery. These guns were dispersed after the fort was decommissioned following World War II and recovered and placed here in 1965. Similarly, inside the Commonwealth area, the entry to the defence reserve, which is the junction of Nepean Highway, Ochiltree Road and Defence Road (known as Tank Junction), is marked by a roundabout featuring a timber flagpole and one of the guns from the former Eagle's Nest battery.

WORLD WAR II

There are a number of sites associated with the defence of Australia during World War II scattered around Point Nepean. Within the Commonwealth area one of the main concentrations of these features is located around Cheviot Hill and Cheviot Beach, in the southwestern corner of the Defence area.

The remains of three searchlight or observation posts are located above the

cliffs along the eastern half of Cheviot beach. These display the remains of timber framed structures and steel cables. Remnants of other such structures are present elsewhere at Point Nepean, outside the Commonwealth area. In addition, there are two gun emplacements above the cliffs behind Cheviot Beach. These are circular, reinforced concrete bunkers, connected to concrete magazines to the rear. These bunkers supposedly contained six-inch guns, designed for defence against naval invasion. Also associated with these defensive and surveillance sites is the shell of a generator house, which probably supplied power to these positions. It is a simple reinforced concrete structure with a flat roof.

Another generator hut is located on Cheviot Hill. Similarly, it is believed to have supplied power to the gun emplacements in the immediate area. One of these bunkers is located in the eastern section of Cheviot Hill (within the Commonwealth area), facing Western Port. It is believed that there was also a barracks for soldiers manning the Cheviot Hill and Cheviot Beach guns, to the rear of the Cheviot Hill guns, although no evidence of this has been found.

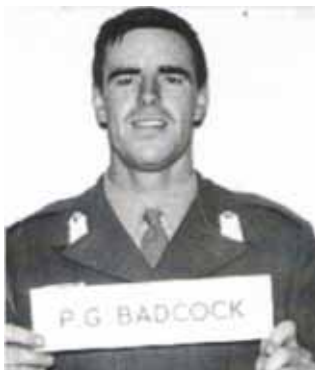
It is also possible that numerous other World War II related items, such as machine gun emplacements; bunkers and stores survive in the Point Nepean Commonwealth Area. Many of these features may remain undetected due to dense bushland and inaccessibility due to Defence access restrictions.

Another remnant of World War II within the Commonwealth area is the site of the former Prisoner of War Camp, known as 'Happy Valley'. While no structures remain from this camp, surviving elements include concrete building footings and other scattered construction materials.

THE MUG BOOK –THEN AND NOW GRADUATING CLASS JUNE 1968

The photos of the past are taken from the previous book published by Wally Rotow, in 1998. The quality of the photos is sometimes poor, as they have been rescanned at 180DPI. My apologies. Where members have not sent me updated information, I have taken poetic licence from the World Wide Web. Where I have links to the web they are shown with 'More' and a simple click will take you to the web site. Some members are out of order.

BADCOCK Philip Gavan



Birth: 10May45
Enlist: 01Jul67
Corps: RAAOC
Postings: 5 CAD, 6 RAR, 1 BAD,
 OCS, Log Comd, 1 Div,
 6 Fd Sup Coy, FF
 Comd, 2 MD, Log Gp
Service: Vietnam
Award: DFSM, psc
Disch: 10May95
Rank: Lt Col



25 Years of Army service included SVN and Singapore. Best Aust posting was DS at OCS knowing all the tricks of cadets. Finished service as a Lt Col logistician then took voluntary redundancy moving to NSW Corrective Services as Director of Logistics for ten years. Now retired to Southern Highlands in NSW and have a breakfast radio programme on community station 107.1 also teaches radio programme production. I'm in high demand with the "Valvoline" commercials now that Golden Tonsils has retired. Motorcycling old fart with Ulysses Club, growing old disgracefully. Active in Legacy since 1992. Director of Aust Veterans Children's Assistance Trust... Fly fishing in Snowy Mountains and the usual overseas travel; keep child bride and myself occupied. Been with Diane since 1969 when we met in Officer's Mess 6RAR Nui Dat..... she was visiting nursing sister from 1 AFH. Two sons, two grandsons. Still bloody Right Marker on local ANZAC Day and march alongside of Spook MacPherson.

Philip Badcock is a recent retiree to the Southern Highlands. [More](#)

BAYO Trevor Christopher, AM



Birth: 10Jul45
Enlist: 06Jul67
Corps: RAE, RACT
Postings: 18 Fd Sqn, 32 Small
 Ships, 85 Tpt Pl, 18 Tpt
 Coy, 9 Tpt Colm, UK, Mat
 Br, RMC, 5 Tpt Sqn, 1 Div
 Tpt, ADFA
Service: Vietnam, PNG
Award: AM, psc, DFSM, National
 Medal
Disch: 06Nov87
Rank: Lt Col

After retiring from the Army in 1987, Trevor moved to the gold Coast to take up a position as Development Officer at the Southport School. Three years were spent at TSS before the call of private enterprise became to great and he purchased a coffee shop in Surfers Paradise. Always a slow learner, it took him three years to realise that the only ones to make money in business these days were the landlord and the taxman. After snapping an archillies tendon playing touch football, he called it quits in 1993 and became a full time student at Griffiths University to study leisure management. This was later changed to part time studies when he joined with some associates to form a business dealing with the biological treatment of waste waters and acid sulphate soils. In 1997, these interests were replaced with a move to management of a retirement and aged care facility on the Gold Coast and these interests continue to the present.

Whilst life has been busy and interesting, family, gardening, fishing, bushwalking, and camping still consume most spare time.

BEHM Lloyd Charles (Deceased)



Birth: 20May47
Enlist: 19Apr67
Corps: RA Inf, Aust Int
Postings: SASR, LWC, 121 Sig
Sqn, 1 TF, Ops Br, 3 Bde,
DOD
Service: Vietnam
Award: DFSM, National Medal
Disch: 10Apr88
Rank: Maj

BERGMANN Peter



Birth: 07May47
Enlist: 07Jul67
Corps: RAASC, RACT
Postings: 89 Tpt Pl, 18 Tpt Sqn, 5
Tpt Coy, 9 Tpt Colm, Towns
Tpt Unit, 7 Tpt Coy, Army
Sch Tpt, 1 Div, 26 Tpt Coy,
Pers Br, Log Br
Service: Vietnam
Award: psc(FRG), DFSM,
National Medal
Disch: 09May88
Rank: Lt Col

Since leaving the service Peter has been Fleet Manager ACTEW in Canberra, Area Manager Logistics UNHCR Northern Iraq and Bosnia, Tpt Manager Ok Tedi in PNG, Tpt Manager BHP in Northern NSW and his current position is as National Distribution Manager Rice Growers Co-Op.

BURROWS John David, MID



Birth: 19Dec48
Enlist: 07Jul67
Corps: RA Inf
Postings: Inf Centre, 7 RAR,
Trg Comd, 1 RTB, 2/4
RAR, UK, SASR, Res Br,
ADFA, LWC
Service: Vietnam
Award: MID, psc, DFSM
Disch: 07Mar88
Rank: Maj

CAMERON Patrick Lyle



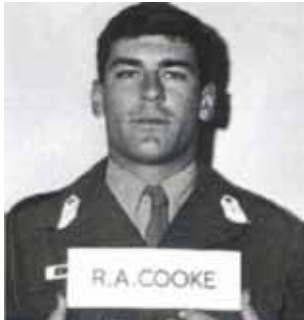
Birth: 06Apr48
Enlist: 05Jul67
Corps: RAAEC, RA Inf
Postings: 2 RAR, 10 TF, 1 TF, AHQ,
Army App Sch, RMC,
AAS (W), Trg Comd, 1 RTB
Service: Vietnam
Award: psc, DFSM
Disch: 21Sep92
Rank: Lt Col

CLARK John Douglas



Birth: 02Jul47
Enlist: 08Jan63
Corps: RAAOC
Postings: 1 COD, 4 Base Wksp,
106 Fd Wksp, 2 AOD, 611
Sup Coy, 51 Sup Bn, 2 Sup
Gp, 222 Sup Coy, Office
CGS
Service: Vietnam
Award: DFSM, National Medal
Disch: 09Jan88
Rank: Maj

COOKE Roger Anthony



Birth: 16Nov45
Enlist: 03Jul67
Corps: RAE
Postings: 7 Fd Sqn, 18 Fd Sqn,
23 Engr Sp Tp,
17 Const Sqn
Service: Vietnam
Disch: 11Apr74
Rank: Lt



Roger's career is somewhat in keeping with his rugby. He preferred to be in the boiler room doing the hard yards rather than shining on the bridge. In his words he struggled through Civil Engineering but was able to be at the coalface in the Army. He was a Troop Commander in the Royal Australian Engineers and volunteered for field duty at every opportunity. He built the airfield in the Harvey Ranges Training area near Townsville and upgraded an old French highway (Route 2) in Viet Nam. [More](#)

CRAWFORD Richard Graham (Deceased)



Birth: 23Jan48
Enlist: 07Jun65
Corps: RA Sigs, RAAOC
Postings: Sch Sigs, SASR, 152
Sig Sqn, 3 BOD, 3 RAR
Service: Vietnam
Disch: 08Nov71
Rank: Lt

LAWSON-BAKER Christopher

Although a member of the June 1968 graduating class Chris failed to march out with the class and returned to OCS to complete his course in December 1968

Chris is still remembered as a June 1968 Classman

**CUMPER Richard Frederick
John**



Birth: 27May46
Enlist: 07Jul67
Corps: RAAC
Postings: 1 Armd Regt, 1/15
RNSWL, 3 Cav Regt, 4 Cav
Regt, DOD, Pers Br, Office
CGS, Armd Centre
Service: Vietnam
Award: psc, DFSM, National Medal
Disch: 07Aug87
Rank: Lt Col

After resigning from the Army Richard established his own business which he now runs as Managing Director. The business – King financial Services is a Licensed Dealer in Securities – and he looks after people's money. They are on the net at King@Advisernet.com.au. and are located in Manuka in the ACT. He is still married to Bernadette and have two children – Peter (26) and Sally (21) both are in the computer industry and spend most of their time in Sydney or the UK. Neither are married so no grandchildren yet. All things considered things have worked out well for Richard since his graduation. Anyone coming to Canberra is most welcome to come to his office for a cuppa – just ring 02 6296266 and his secretary will put the kettle on.

BALANCE Julian, MID (Deceased)



Julian (Snow) took his discharge from the NZ Army in 1980 (in the rank of Major and having served 14 years) and transferred to the RNZAF. He served with the Air Force until early 1987 when he took his release at the rank of Sqn Ldr. From taking his release until his untimely death (vehicle accident) in mid 1988, Snow was employed by Vinyl Products Ltd, Auckland as Manager Co-ordination.

CUTLER James Phillipe



Born: 01May45
Enlist: Jul66
Corps: RNZIR
Postings: 1 RNZIR, Sch Inf,
2/1 RNZIR, Log Spt Gp,
2 TF, 3 TF, Staff College,
Land Force, Spt Comd,
4 RNZIR, General Staff,
UN, MS
Service: Vietnam
Disch: 01May98
Rank: Lt Col

Jim has only recently taken his discharge from the Army after an interesting career of 32 years. During this period Jim has served in Singapore, Vietnam, Sinai and Yugoslavia. In the Sinai Jim was the CO of the NZ contingent of the Multinational Force and Observers (MFO). He served as the Staff Officer on HQ. In 1992 Jim was the Senior National Officer to the UN Protection Force Yugoslavia where he served as Senior Military Observer in both Sarejevo and Macedonia.

Jim is married to Glenda and they have two adult daughters.



Jim took his release from the NZ Army in May 1998, and in October 1998 he joined the Headquarters New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) Civilian Staff as the Assistant Inspector General (Outputs), and in 2006 was appointed Manager Corporate Planning on that Headquarters.

Jim has been awarded the NZ Armed Forces Award and Bar and is entitled to wear the Operational Service Medal, Vietnam Medal, the Vietnam Campaign Star, the General Service Medal (Sinai), and the United Nations Protection Force Medal.

When not at work in Wellington Jim is frequently seen patrolling the banks of the Tongariro River at Turangi and seldom returns home without a bag limit of fine rainbow trout? For something different - and after a year of training and having been challenged by his oldest daughter - he participated in the United States Masters Swimming "Big Shoulders" long-distance swimming event (5 kilometres) in Lake Michigan in September 2006, at Chicago. After a storm-tossing swim (the roughest in many years) he managed to arrive home in 1 hour 54 minutes - 7th in his age group (over 60s); not bad for an old bugger.

Jim and Glenda may retire (???) in a few years and will most likely end up somewhere in the Central Otago area.

DAVIES Peter Milton



Birth: 05May46
Enlist: 03Jul67
Corps: RAEME, RAAOC
Postings: 4 Base Wksp, 1
COD, 3 BOD, 2 COD,
32 Sup Bn, 3 Base Wksp,
CASA, Log Comd, 1 Sup
Gp, 11 Sup Bn, Pers Br,
Mat Br, 21 Sup Bn, Log
Br
Award: DFSM, National
Medal
Disch: 02Jul87
Rank: Maj

DERBYSHIRE John

Birth: 13Feb48
Enlist: 06Jul67
Corps: RAA
Postings: 4 FD Regt, 8 Mdm Regt, 1 ARU, 4 Army Rec, 8/12 Mdm Regt, 4 FF Gp, Div A Bty LT, Ops Br, 16 AD Regt
Service: Vietnam
Award: psc, DFSM
Disch: 26Feb89
Rank: Lt Col

On discharge John was appointed as the Regional Commander, SA/NT region, Australian Protective service, a position held until Sept 1995. The APS was established in 1984, replacing the former protective security component of the Australian federal Police. The APS is responsible for the provision of service to government that include protective security, escorts of valuables, custodial services at Immigration centres, counter terrorist first response at airports and security alarm monitoring.

John is currently employed as the Chief Executive and chief officer of the South Australian Metropolitan Fire Service a position to which he gained appointment in Jan 96. The SAMFS is an urban fire service committed to protecting life, property and the environment from the effects of fire and other dangers.

It can therefore be seen that John has achieved every school boy's vocational aspiration being at various times a soldier, policeman and fireman.

Married to Suzanne, they have two adult sons. His interests include his 1954 MGTF classic car, furniture restoration, reading, golf and watching rugby (only the good sense that comes with advanced years prevents him from still lacing up his boots).

DONOGHUE Gary Ross

Birth: 06Oct47
Enlist: 03Jul67
Corps: RAASC, RACT
Postings: 21 Sup Pl, 2 Tpt Sqn, 10 Tpt Colm, 5 Tpt coy, OCS, UK, Army Sch Tpt, FF Comd, Trg Comd, 1 Tpt Sqn, 1 Div Tpt, DOD, Log Br, Log Div
Service: Vietnam
Award: 1, psc, pssc, DFSM
Disch: 22Dec92
Rank: Lt Col

EVANS Jeffery Bruce

Birth: 11Oct45
Enlist: 13Jul66
Corps: RAA
Postings: 4 Fd Regt, 1 Fd Regt, 19 Comp Regt, 8 Mdm Regt, 1 ARU, 12 Fd Regt, 132 Div Loc Bty, London, Sch Arty, 131 Div Loc Bty, Ops Br
Service: Vietnam
Award: psc, g, DFSM
Disch: 20Jul86
Rank: Maj

Following his resignation in June 86, Jeff completed about three months on Ares full time service, while Jeff Seymour and he researched newsagencies and found one to buy. They purchased the Seaforth Newsagency in October 86 and worked their collective butts off for the next 2 1/2 years. They sold the agency in Apr 89.

Following a train, drive, fly trip with the family around Oz, he moved to another small business. Jeff purchased a wholesale distribution business, which developed from a simple buy and resell network (working from home), to a buying, processing and production business operating from a shop with a retail outlet as well. There he stayed for 7 odd years (emphasis on the "odd").

Change of career time, so Jeff completed a Diploma in Human Resources at Seaforth TAFE, and now teaches Industrial Relations, Training and Development at TAFE, Brookvale. One day Jeff hopes to get a 'real job' again.

FLINKENBERG Conrad Roy



Enlist: Jul67
Corps: RNZA
Postings: Sch Arty, 16 FD Regt, 161 Fd Bty, 16 Fd Regt, Defence HQ, 19 Fd Regt, Army Trg, Sch Tactics, Comd & SC
Service: Vietnam
Disch: 1987
Rank: Lt Col

Con has stayed in Wellington since leaving the Army and they have spent 10 years in the same house. He has sold real estate, worked for the NZ Historic Places Trust, and for the last seven years has worked for the Inland Revenue Department. Con completed LLB in 1976 and is currently trying to complete his MBA. His other activities include Deputy Chairman of the NZ Historic Places Trust and columnist for a Wellington newspaper. (small beer, but a lot of fun for someone who has as much to do as Con). He is married to Pam and has three children, Nina (27), Peter (25), Max (22).

As Con is a columnist here is an article worthy of his name:

Minqar Qaim 19 July 2006



OUR history is rich in examples of military heroism in distant lands.

Feats of arms, which did so much to make our reputation in the world. Stories that rival those in the Boy's Own Adventure tales. Did you know of Le Quesnoy in France, where New Zealand soldiers used scaling ladders like mediaeval warriors to mount the ramparts of a walled town?

[More](#)

FOXALL William James



Birth: 17Oct48
Enlist: 06Jul67
Corps: RAA
Postings: 106 Fd Bty, 23 Fd Regt, OCS, 8/12 Mdm Regt, LWC, Log Br, 4 Fd Regt, LHQ, ADF, Trg Comd, TC-A
Service: Vietnam
Award: psc, DFMSM
Disch: 13Mar98
Rank: Lt Col

Prior to embarking on his corporate career, Bill was a senior officer in the Australian Army. Since leaving the Army, he has held a number of senior management positions in the managed investments industry. Bill has a degree in management and strategic studies and is a Fellow of the Corporate Directors Association of Australia.

FRANKLIN Robin Gordon



Birth: 04Mar47
Enlist: 01Aug66
Corps: RA Inf
Postings: 2 RAR, 40 RTR
Service: Vietnam
Disch: 31Mar73
Rank: Capt

Since his resignation Rob has enjoyed a career in industrial relations and human resource management. He is currently working in the building, mining and construction sectors for Theiss Contractors Pty Ltd. He is married to Roslyn and they have three children Sean 17, Timothy 15, and Cara 13.



Rob remembers running second to Gary Phillips in the mile at the athletics carnival and immediately lighting up a 'Country Life' cigarette. Since that time Rob has married, raised three children and educated himself with a BA from Griffith Uni, a LLB from QUT, worked in EDI, MIM, BP and Thiess. In 2002 he established a law practice Franklin Athanasellis Solicitors. Rob is still working, lives in Cooparoo and from the photo above is enjoying life. [More](#)
One of the endearing times, in his life was OCS Portsea and the mates he made.

FREER Kevin Neil



Birth: 05Oct44
Enlist: 20Feb64
Corps: RA Sigs, RA Inf
Postings: 4 RAR, 7 Sig Regt, 9 RAR,
Inf Centre, 4 Cdt Gp, 4 ARU,
3 RAR, 10 RSAR, 3 MD,
DSU (M)
Service: Vietnam, Borneo
Award: DFSM, National Medal
Disch: 21Feb86
Rank: Maj

In 1986 in Melbourne we pull the pin,
Twenty two years it's not a sin.
Not upset with our lot,
Very happy with what we got.

A bus, Coles-Meyer and Westpac Banl
Funny thing, they all have rank.
Teenage kids will not leave home,
So off to Sydney we do roam.

Leave the kids and leave the house,
Life in Neutral Bay is grouse.
Phyllis is Gestetners major teletart,
So around the world we dart.

In 98 we both retire,
Ten hours a day we've lost the fire.
We tour Australia in a caravan,
four years eating from a frying pan.

Lots of memories, lots of fun,
Living life just on the run.
Then paradise we found just here,
Mulwala town we now hold dear.

Owner builders we became,
Life on the road now seems tame.
But it's nearly finished; so are we,
A rest in Canberra that's for me.

GIBSON Peter Neil, MC



Peter was awarded the MC during his service with 2 RAR in Vietnam. On retirement Peter went to work for the House of Representatives where he worked in the Speakers Offices. He was awarded the Centenary Medal in 2003 for his community work and the work in the House.

GOLDMAN Peter John



Birth: 20Aug47
Enlist: 06Jul67
Corps: RAE, RAAC
Postings: 24 Const Sqn, 2 Cav Regt, Armd Centre, 2 RTB, PNG, 1 Armd Regt, 4 Cav Regt, LWC, Office CGS, 34 Cav Regt, 11 FF Gp, 1 MD
Service: Vietnam
Award: DFSM, PNG Ind Medal
Disch: 22Aug92
Rank: Lt Col

Peter was a volunteer for the redundancy program and elected for discharge from the ARA in Aug92. In Mar 93, in conjunction with Sam Smalley (ex RA Sigs) they purchased a take-away food business at Ipswich known as the Fish Market. In Mar 97 they relocated to new premises in the shopping centre and commenced trading as Diggers Delight. The business has been a great success and they currently employ 15 staff but they both think it's time for a change. Peter thinks it will be interesting to see what the future holds.

GRANT Peter Thomas



Enlist: Dec66
Corps: RNZIR
Postings: INZAATV, MFO, Singapore, Tac Sch, C&SC (Aust), Sch Inf, Spt Comd
Service: Vietnam
Disch: Oct92
Rank: Lt Col

On leaving the Army Peter was appointed Civil Defence Manager for Napier City and remained there until Oct94. At that time he applied for and was appointed to the position of General manager at Mangaroa Prison. Since then the prison has expanded considerably and restructured. It will have 540 beds soon and Peter is now the Regional Manager of Hawkes Bay Regional Prison.

Peter's first wife died in 1992 and he is separated from his second wife. He has lived with his new partner, Jackie, for 18 months. Between them they have six children. Three sons from his first marriage (one in the army, one in the police and one is a prison officer); and a daughter who is in her last year of high school. Of Jackie's two sons. One works in his father's construction company and the other is at university.

GROCKE Kym



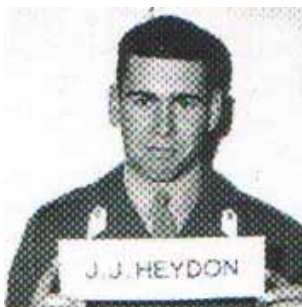
Birth: 16Nov46
Enlist: 07Jul67
Corps: RAEME
Postings: Log Comd, 3 Base Wksp,
8/12 Mdm Regt, TSU, 3 EME
Gp, 101 Fd Wksp, Trg Comd,
1 MD, 1 Base Wksp
Award: DFSM
Disch: 05Feb90
Rank: Maj

HARRIS Michael Clifford



Enlist: 07Mar66
Corps: RNZIR
Postings: Royal Thai Army,
Vietnam, 1 RNZIR,
25 US Div Korea
Service: Vietnam
Award: Efficiency Decoration,
Armed Forces Award
Disch: 12Jul85
Rank: Lt Col

HEYDON John James



Birth: 03Aug47
Enlist: 06Jan67
Corps: RA Inf
Postings: 7 RAR, PNG, MUR,
Office of CGS, 1 RAR, Log Br,
RMC, LWC, ADF, DCGS Div
Service: Vietnam
Award: psc, DFSM, National Medal
Disch: 14Aug92
Rank: Maj

HILL Geoffrey Graham



Birth: 21Oct48
Enlist: 07Jul67
Corps: RAA
Postings: A Bty Lt, 16 AD Regt,
12 Fd Regt, AHQ, 15 Fd
Regt, Ops Br, DOD,
2/15 Fd Regt, JSSC
Service: Vietnam
Award: DFSM
Disch: May90
Rank: Mai

Geoff left the Army after several enjoyable years on the staff of JSSC. As Director of Protocol and Visits Geoff scored some great overseas and interstate trips.

Geoff joined the Public Service as a Senior Computer Officer attached to Canberra TAFE. He remained there for seven years raising to the position of Manager, Information Technology. He continued in the active Reserve and put on his 'green suit' for Kangaroo exercises and Adventure Training.

When the ACT Govt made a decision to outsource its information technology Geoff joined the new organisation and is currently the manager for IT service delivery in the southern ACT.

Geoff and his wife Sue are also owners of Lindsay Hill Gallery, located on 20 picturesque acres just 20 mins from Canberra. The Gallery exhibits original works by award winning artists together with a selection of quality antiques. They are also in the throws of becoming local Olive growers, with their first hectare of trees due to be planted in Spring 1998.

Geoff and Sue have two married children and a step grandson of 11 years as well as a new grandson who will be five months old in June.

Geoff and sue would welcome a visit from fellow graduates and their families.



When the ACT Government made a decision to outsource (insource) its information technology Geoff joined the new organisation and remained there until his retirement in 2002. His last position in the Public Service was as manager of all IT delivery through all ACT government agencies.

For a number of years proceeding Geoff's retirement, he and his wife Sue were owners/operators of an Art and Antique gallery located on 20 picturesque acres just outside Canberra, exhibiting fine art, quality antique furniture and selected china. They also have a small olive grove that is developing very slowly in the current drought.

Geoff continues his passion for overseas travel and has, at last count, visited over 60 countries as well as revisiting his favourites on a number of occasions. Sue accompanies Geoff on the 'established' trips but leaves him to go alone when he decides to do such things as undertake a trek in the Amazon jungle or travelling in rural India. The great part is the travel has been for pleasure and not business – that way Geoff (& Sue) have been able to see far more than the inside of an airport, hotel or conference centre. In October 2007 Geoff continued this passion by trekking in Nepal and Tibet, including Mt Everest base camp

Geoff and Sue have two adult children, a step grandson of 20, a grandson of ten (10) years and a granddaughter of seven (7) years. They now spend their time between Canberra (where the family all live) and the idyllic climate of Port Macquarie.

HOEBEE Huibrecht Pieter Matthijs



Birth: 07Sep48
Enlist: 01Nov66
Corps: RA Inf
Postings: 2 RTB, 1 ARU, 9 RAR,
S Comd, Inf Centre, 1 RAR
2/4 RAR, Log Br, Mat Br,
1 RTB, Ops Br, AO (Admin)
Service: Vietnam
Award: jssc, qtc, psc, DFSM
Disch: 02Nov92
Rank: Lt Col



In addition to his military career outlined above, in 1981 Bert completed RMCS and became involved with Army acquisitions. After C&SC in 1984, he served in SO1 appointments at Army Office. His last command appointment was DCOMDT, 1 RTB in 1989/90. After the Joint Services Staff Course he returned for his final regular Army posting in Materiel Division, and then continued on in the Reserve Staff Group, Army Office until 1999. He graduated from UNE with a Bachelor of Professional Studies.

From 1993 to 2005 Bert worked at Australian National University, in support of corporate strategic planning, policy analysis, academic and administrative planning, and executive support for a number of reviews undertaken by the University. In 2006, with Brian Vickery, he co-wrote and co-edited a book: *9th Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment: Proud to Serve*, published by the 9 RAR Association, which is an historical tribute to those who served in 9RAR and serves to follow on from the 9 RAR 'Tour Book'.

Bert married Alison after returning from South Viet Nam. They now live in Canberra, and have two wonderful daughters and a total of four grandchildren. Bert remains active in hockey as a player and administrator at both Club and Veterans level, and also contributes to ex-Army veterans' activities and the RAR Foundation. Now that they are both no longer working, Bert and Alison's attention is turning to exploring those parts of Australia not yet seen, and perhaps to overseas travel again as well.

Don't Worry: Be Happy! Life is great!

KELLY Michael Stanley Maurice



Birth: 13Jun47
Enlist: 07Jul67
Corps: RAASC, RACT
Postings: 1 Tpt Coy, 26 Tpt
Coy, 85 Tpt Pl, 88 Tpt
Pl, Log comd, Mat Br,
7 MD, 3 Div, 1 Div, FF
Comd, LHQ, LSF
Service: Vietnam
Disch: 23Dec92
Break: (12Jul83-24Dec87)
Rank: Maj

Mick is currently the Logistical consultant to jockeys and horse trainers, financial adviser to bookmakers, confidante and adviser to judges and barristers and casual worker in the NSW District Court. Mick is a frequent flyer and in April made a visit to Vietnam to check out what's left of John Toyne's building projects undertaken by him when he was in 17 Const Sqn.

LANGLER John Burgum



Birth: 10Dec48
Enlist: 03Jul67
Corps: RA Inf
Postings: Inf Centre, 1 ARU,
9 RAR, LWC, 8 RAR,
8/9 RAR, OCS, AAS(L),
3 RAR, 1 Div, Ops Br,
51 FNQR, 1 MD, DC-B
Service: Vietnam
Award: psc, DFSM
Disch: 01Oct92
Rank: Lt Col

John left his position as SO1 Ops HQ 1 MD in Jun92 to take up his current position as General Manager of the United Service club, Brisbane.

In 92 John was ready to leave the Army – a desire to stay in one place, family, an ever changing Army, a new challenge and of course limited promotion opportunities. He has not missed the Army but thoroughly enjoyed his time in uniform.

His current interests are cycling, fishing, the share market, and enjoying their beach house at Byron Bay. Married to Prue and have three children, Matthew 21 and twins Claire and Andrew 18.

Soldiered on until mid 1992 taking discharge in Brisbane when interest and promotion ran out steam. Began working for the United Service Club Queensland, a club established in 1892 for ex service officers so it was like being a mess manager and PMC in civilian life. It was a job that allowed me to maintain contact with many service acquaintances and was the ideal transition from serviceman to civilian. After 11 years and at a time when the children had left home Prue and I decided it was time for us to do exactly what we wanted so we gave up good jobs and moved to Byron Bay. I got a job as the manager of the local golf club which I put up with for nearly two years before giving permanent work away in February 2006. Since then I have taken a couple of short-term casual jobs but I don't look too hard. My main interests are now recreational which cover cycling, fishing, swimming in summer and surfing. I have maintained an interest in financial matters and belong to an investment club as well as trying to look after a number of small investments. I am a member of the local sub branch and am on the board of the Services Club. Of the three children, the two boys are married with Matthew working in the entertainment industry and living in Sydney and Andrew a Sergeant in 7RAR in Darwin. Claire lives in London and works in digital advertising. Life is good with lots to do and regrettably time availability is getting down to the sharp end.

LENARD Hilton Ray



Birth: 09Oct47
Enlist: 07Jul67
Corps: RAA
Postings: 4 Fd Regt, 4 FF Gp,
PNG, 1 RTB
Service: Vietnam
Award: DFSM, National Medal
Disch: 12Oct87
Rank: Maj

In 1985 Hilton purchased the grazing property "Oakhill Paddock" at Livingstone Gully, 45 km SE of Wagga in the Riverina on NSW.
Hilton retired from the Regular Army in 1987. He continued serving his country in the Army Reserve. In 1988/89 he was instructor tactics at the Reserve Command & Staff College at Bardia Barracks NSW. From 1990-94, in conjunction with his long time friend Major John Sizeland RA Inf and ex SI PT Wing at School of Artillery, he kept the Riverina Coy of 4/3 RNSWR and then 1/19 RNSWR in existence. In 1995/98 he was Ops at K95, TWET master and special projects at HQ 2 Div Arty at Randwick Barracks. He was discharged from the Reserve in Feb 98 on medical grounds.
As well as developing and running his rural property, Hilton was appointed Manager "The Rural News", a newspaper circulating 50,000 copies weekly throughout southern NSW and the ACT.
In 1993, Hilton established a wholesale agency business providing specialised products to the rural communities of southern NSW.
In 1998, Hilton leased his rural property, remarried and relocated to ACT. He is now retired and relearning to enjoy life.

LEVENS Peter John



Birth: 13Aug47
Enlist: 24Jan66
Corps: RAAC
Postings: 1 Armd Regt, 4 Cav
Regt, 5 FF Gp, 3 Cav
Regt, Armd Centre, 1 Trg
Gp, 2 Cav Regt, Mat Div
Service: Vietnam
Award: DFSM, National Medal
Disch: 26Jan92
Rank: Maj

In Sept 92 Peter was appointed as Commonwealth Quality Assurance Representative for project AUSTACCS. He remained with the project 92-96 with various other software related projects within QLD. In Dec 96 he was appointed Regional Director Defence Quality Assurance for the QLD and NT regions. The position was recently abolished as a result of the Defence Efficiency Review.
Peter is currently overseeing the downsizing of the local DAO regional office with his transfer to Electronic Systems Acquisition Division in a regional quality position.

LYNN John Stuart AKA "Charlie"



Birth: 14Jan45
Enlist: 29Sep65
Corps: RAE, RAASC, RACT
Postings: 24 Const Sqn, SME,
Army Sch Tpt, ANZUK,
176 Air Dispatch, 10 Tml
Gp, 30 Tml Sqn, USA,
AMTDU, 1 TF, Log Br,
1 Bde, 2 MD
Service: Vietnam
Award: psc, DFSM, National
Medal
Disch: 25Apr86
Rank: Maj

Charlie left the Army when he finally got posted to Canberra. They said he needed to go there to 'broaden his military horizon'. It did. He lasted three weeks before resigning. He then had to try and work out a way to make some money without having to work. He started by organising the Westfield Sydney to Melbourne Ultramarathon and ran it for eight years until Cliff Young retired and the sponsorship dried up in 1991. Charlie then organised a couple of other events which allowed him to cream enough off the top to avoid work. These included an 18,000 Km relay run around Australia for Cancer Research; the first 'Great Australian Caravan Safari' escorting 60 caravans around Australia (pissed off a lot of drivers when they tried to pass the convoy); a 4,000 Km Olympic Torch Relay between Darwin and Melbourne; an international mile footrace down George St Sydney; and the inaugural Youth Disabled Games in Sydney.

After the recession dried up sponsorship money Charlie started taking people up to Kokoda. Has now crossed the track 20 times. With his body starting to creak the only option left to making money without working was to get into politics. So in 1995 The Honourable Charlie entered the NSW Legislative Council – the most exclusive sheltered workshop in the country.



Charlie Lynn was conscripted into the army for National Service in 1965. The following year he volunteered for active service in Vietnam and transferred to the regular army. During his tour of duty he was selected for Officer training and graduated as a 2nd Lieutenant in 1968. He went on to serve with the ANZUK Force in Singapore in 1971-73 and as an exchange instructor in airborne logistics with the United States Army in 1977-78. [More](#)



Charlie Lynn established Adventure Kokoda in 1991 and has led 45 expeditions across Kokoda since then. During this time he has established close relations with the Kioari and Orokaiva people who live in villages along the Track. Charlie is committed to the legacy of Kokoda, which is about commemorating the deeds of our veterans and our PNG brothers during World War 11 in the Pacific area. [More](#)

MARTINS John Lawrence



Birth: 21May48
Enlist: 07Jul67
Corps: RAEME, RAAOC
Postings: 1 BOD, Melb Area
Wksp, 7 CAD, 221 Sup
Coy, 232 Sup Coy, 51 Sup
Bn, Trg Comd, 21 Sup
Bn, Log Comd
Award: DFSM
Disch: 02Nov87
Rank: Maj

**MATTHEWS Robert
John**



Birth: 03Sep41
Enlist: Jul64
Corps: RAAF
Postings: Rec Trg, No2 Flt,
Base Sqn, Butterworth,
Service: Vietnam
Award: DFSM, National
Medal
Disch: Jul84
Rank: Flt Lt

In 1984 Robert established a fine wool grazing property at Heathcote, Vic, and Workplace Emergency Services Planning in Melbourne. WESP offers consultancy and training in health and safety issues, together with workplace emergency response procedures. Current clients include: AMCOR, AusPost, BRW, RACV, Telstra, GTV-9. International services are performed in seven other countries. Since 1990, Robert has been a Foundation member and National Secretary of the Fire Trainers Association of Australia.

McBRIDE Robin Alan



Birth: 06Sep48
Enlist: 07Jul67
Corps: RA Inf
Postings: 2 RAR, SASR, FF Comd,
2 Cdo Coy, Inf Centre, Log
Br, AJWE, Ops Br, ADF
Service: Vietnam
Award: psc, lm(s), DFSM
Disch: 29Jan93
Rank: Lt Col

METCALF Karl, MID



Birth: 16Aug48
Enlist: 07Feb66
Corps: RA Inf, Int
Postings: Inf Centre, 8 RAR,
3 RAR, 7 RAR, 25 CI Sect,
7 Sig Regt, Ops Br, FF
Comd, Sch Mil Int, C&SC,
ADSO, USA, DIO
Service: Vietnam
Award: MID, psc, jssc, DFSM,
National Medal
Disch: 10Apr95
Rank: Lt Col

MIDDLETON Graham



Birth: 22Oct45
Enlist: 13Jul66
Corps: RA Sigs
Postings: 133 Sig Sqn, 1 Sig Regt,
1 RTB, 2 Sig Regt, Ops Br,
Office CGS, 103 Sig Sqn,
Sch Sigs, 3 Div FF
Award: DFSM, National Medal
Disch: 13Jul86
Rank: Maj

Graham left the Army on long service leave at half pay in Mar 85 with intention of completing an MBA. He was offered a job the same week as Human Resources Director, Victorian Attorney General's Department. In April 87 he joined SAI Group. In April 94 he formed, in partnership, an accounting and management services business called the Synstrat Group. He is also involved with Montana Confectionary Pty Ltd. Kay (his wife) is General manager.



Two years in the Attorney Generals Department. Also completed MBA in that time. Seven years working in a financial services and business consulting practice. In 1994, established The Synstrat Group with a partner. Still a partner – website: <http://www.synstrat.com.au/> Kay was a partner in a wholesale confectionery business for sixteen years and sold out two years ago.

Eldest son Paul is an Army Reserve Infantry Major.
Second son Shane, is an IT consultant with Ericsson, working out of Stockholm but trouble shooting projects in many countries.
Daughter Kate doing a Masters Degree at Georgetown University in Washington DC. Has two degrees from Melbourne University. We are passionate supporters of Melbourne Storm and have enjoyed close friendships with the coaching staff and footy management.
Kay now teaches English as a second language to a class of refugees one day per week, teaches a special needs group one day per week, and is a Volunteer co-ordinator one day per week. She also organises community luncheons and is treasurer of The Victorian Blinded Soldiers Trust.
I have a deep interest in Military History, particularly American Civil War and in Australian Strategic Policy via memberships of the Kokoda Foundation and the Australian Strategic Policy Institute.

MILLICAN Ross Davidson



Birth: 26Apr47
Enlist: 03Jul67
Corps: RAAOC, RA Inf
Postings: 1 BOD, 9 RAR,
AAAGV, 4 RAR, 2/4 RAR,
1 Army Rec, 6 TF, 8/9 RAR,
USA, 1 MD, LWC
Service: Vietnam
Award: psc, DFSM, National
Medal
Disch: 02Jul89
Rank: Lt Col

Ross initially joined the QLD Corrective Services Commission, in June 89, as a Principal Training Officer with primary responsibility for the development and management of Custodial Training. In Oct he was appointed as Principal and became responsible for meeting the training and development needs for the whole commission. In Jan 90 Ross became the Line Director responsible for the management and operation of all Custodial Correctional centres. In Oct 91 Ross became the Director of Planning responsible for the medium and long term future development of new facilities and services. In July 94 Ross became the Executive General manager, Operations Australasian Correctional Management. Responsible for day to day operations with 1000 staff and 2500 prisoners spread around Australia with new business opportunities being developed in the Philippines and the North Marianna Islands.



Ross set up RDM Management Services specializing in the management, design and running of correctional facilities. [More on Ross](#)

MUIR Peter Alan



Birth: 25Aug45
Enlist: 03Jan62
Corps: RAEME, RAAOC
Postings: Army App Sch, 2 RTB,
2 BOD, 1 BOD, 5 Base Wksp,
11 Sup Bn, 3 Sup Gp, 121
Sup Coy, PNG, Log Br
Service: Vietnam
Award: DFSM, National Medal
Disch: 04Jan88
Rank: Maj

Peter is still working, Environmental Protection Agency Queensland, and lives in the Western Suburbs of Brisbane.

**O'NEILL Terrance
Harrison**



Birth: 04Oct47
Enlist: 07Jul67
Corps: RA Inf
Postings: 1 PIR, Inf Centre, 1
ARU, 2 RAR, 6 RAR, DSG
Pucka, 8/9 RAR, 6 TF, 2
Div, SUR, UN, LWC, PNG,
DCP, DIO
Service: Vietnam, PNG,
Kashmir
Award: DFSM, National Medal
Disch: 04Oct97
Rank: Lt Col

Terry is currently employed as the Managing Director for Jardine Securicor – Worldwide Risk Management Division which is headquartered in Hong Kong and is the largest security services business in SE Asia. This company is part of the Jardine Matheson group. Terry is responsible for the operations and management of Jardine's interests in Australia and PNG. This includes provision of Gurkha services.

Terry has recently been appointed within the group as the Disaster Recovery and Contingency Planning Manager throughout Asia, and the Matheson Group worldwide. In addition Terry has established companies on behalf of Jardine with a particular emphasis on human resource management, security and project related support to business and government.

His work has included contract management and recruitment of UN support personnel throughout former countries of Yugoslavia. This included support for 430 personnel from 34 different countries. Terry was also responsible for providing security for a mine site in a remote location in Guyana. This included training and appointing special constables, security for gold shipments and monitoring criminal activities. Another venture was the provision of trained advisors to help locals to clear mines in Bosnia. This was funded by the World Bank. Terry is also a major shareholder of a diving business in PNG.

O'REGAN Paul



Enlist: 1965
Corps: RNZASC
Postings: 1 Tpt Coy, EDP
Centre
Disch: 1980
Rank: Maj

PHILLIPS Gary John



Birth: 05Oct45
Enlist: 03Jan62
Corps: RA Inf, RAASC, RACT
Postings: Army App Sch, Inf
Centre, 2 RAR, 6 RAR,
90 Tpt Pl, N Comd, 1 Div,
6 Tpt, 9 Tpt, 2 Tpt
Service: Vietnam
Award: DFSM, National Medal
Disch: 31Jan82
Rank: Maj

Upon discharge after 20 years service, Gary and his wife toured Australia for 12 months in a caravan and then settled in WA. He looked into farming but his wife couldn't handle the isolation. He then gained employment as executive director of the WA Road Transport Training Council. After seven years he purchased a building company manufacturing transportable homes. Gary spent six years building houses and then left. He is now working as a housing consultant for a transportable home builder.

**PRITCHARD John
Whitley**



Birth: 30Jul44
Enlist: 13Sep65
Corps: RAAC, RAE
Postings: 1 Fwd Del Tp, 3 Cav
Regt, 21 Const Sqn, 1 Fd
Sqn, 1 FER, 3 MD, 21
Const Sqn, 2 MD, SME,
1 MD, Trg Comd
Service: Vietnam
Award: DFSM, National Medal
Disch: 31Jan86 (24Jul92 Ares)
Rank: Maj (Lt Col Ares)

A note re the above I also served in 1 APC Sqn RAAC prior to 3 Cav Regt.



After leaving the Army, I spent the next 6 years in Reserves, whilst being employed as A Disaster Management Controller NSW State Emergency Services and National Facility Manager for Digital Equipment Corporation. On taking a redundancy from Digital in June 1992, I did a short stint at Wollongong University before accepting a position as a portfolio manager with Colliers

Jardine. After redundancy I formed my own Facility Management Consultancy with clients such as Amex, Telstra and NAB. Lend Lease spoilt this by making an offer to good to refuse and I went to work for their Commercial Division as The National Facility Manager Real Estate Services managing the MMI Insurance portfolio. Illness forced an early retirement in December 1999 and on 1 Jan 2000 I became a TPI. Today my interests are in travel and working with the MiVAC trust supporting land mine survivors. Any group of 15 or greater wishing to travel to Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos, it can be arranged and a small tax-exempt donation goes to support the work of MiVAC. With projects in Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam, business is unfortunately excellent. [More](#)

ABDUL Rashid



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Rashid retired from the Malaysian Army in Jan95 with the rank of Lt Col.

READ Bruce Douglas



Birth: 22Jan44
Enlist: 01Aug66
Corps: RA Inf, RAAC
Postings: Inf Centre, B Sqn 3 Cav
Regt, B Sqn 2 Cav Regt, A Sqn
4 Cav Regt, 1 TF, 2 Cav Regt,
Armd Centre, RAAF Staff
College, 3/4 Cav Regt, 6 Bde,
1 MD
Service: Vietnam
Award: DFSM, National Medal
Disch: 01Aug88
Rank: Lt Col

Bruce resigned in 1988 and joined Queensland Corrections, spending various periods as Security and Operations Manager at a number of prisons. He then departed adult prisons and became a full time student completing a HRM degree and part of a Psychology degree. He then managed a Nursing Home for a period before re entering the corrections business at a Juvenile Detention Centre as the operations coordinator. Currently Bruce is the staff development officer, which he plans to make his terminal posting.

Perhaps you didn't know I was a Primary schoolteacher before I social climbed to Inf. Pte. after joining on 1 Aug 66. Rob Franklin and I joined same place, same day. He convinced me to apply for Portsea. I was easily influenced in those days. Some thoughts by Bruce in no particular order – having to do 5 years as a PMC (you have got to be kidding); working for Brig. Geddes as a Capt and watching him monster Lt. Col's. (frightened the s**t out of me); having to go to Ron Gray's O Groups in SVN as a 2nt Lt. (learnt very early how to keep a low profile); being a DQ as an Arms Officer (did that piss the Logies off) at the same time as Charlie L. was DQ at 1 Bde.

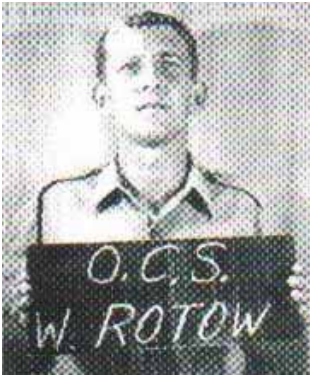
READ David Thomas



Birth: 21Jul46
Enlist: 07Jul67
Corps: RA Inf
Postings: 1 RAR, 1 ARU, LWC,
3 RAR, Ops Br
Service: Vietnam
Award: psc, DFSM, National
Medal
Disch: 24Jul87
Rank: Maj

Dave left the Army after 20 years and retired to Canberra in 1987. Athalie and Dave are celebrating their thirtieth wedding anniversary this year. Their family of three children and two grandchildren all live locally. Athalie and Dave now live in quiet seclusion on Gleneagles Estate and play golf every weekend. Retirement started with the completion of a grad diploma at Canberra Uni. A second career then started in the Public Service. Dave is now a manager in DEETYA, mastering the intricacies of outsourcing of information technology. Athalie is a manager in the ACT Govt. Interests include genealogy, tai chi, investments, golf and of course grandchildren.

ROTOW Wladek



Birth: 12Feb47
Enlist: 08Jan63
Corps: RAEME
Postings: Army App sch, 3 Base
Wksp, 2 Base Wksp, 4 Base
Wksp, RAEME Trg
Centre, Thailand, 131 Div
Loc Bty, MEA, CARO, Log
Comd
Award: adp, DFSM, National
Medal
Disch: 30Jun85
Rank: Lt Col

When discharged Wal commenced working at CARO as a computer programmer. He is still there but now as the Data Base Administrator. His wife (number three) runs a successful B&B in the Dandenongs on the outskirts of Melbourne. He is kept busy looking after the large property and his two year old daughter. His also has a 26 year old son still living at home. Hobbies include jogging (16 marathons) and travelling. Highlights being rafting down the Zambesi, trekking in Nepal, safari in Tanzania, climbing in the Tatras (Slovakia) and drinking in Patpong (Thailand). His wife, being Hungarian, has necessitated them making a number of trips overseas to visit relatives. The two year old has curtailed the travelling for a while.
Wal intends to do computer programming contract work if retrenched next year, which seems likely with a new computer system in Canberra replacing existing systems at CARO.

Wally leads a relatively stress free life. Only works three days a week in the Army Reserve. Still working with personnel data, producing reports, compiling statistics and correcting archival data. This tax-free money enables him to travel frequently to Thailand to catch up with his Thai Army friends and work on his golf handicap.

His eldest son and granddaughter live near by. He also has two young children from his most recent marriage. He has a very entrepreneurial wife who runs two full time businesses. One a very successful B&B in the Dandenong Ranges, the other a recruiting agency specializing in health workers. [More:](#)

Wally's marathon running days are over. A nasty fall whilst running in the National Park caused his hamstring to be torn in half. After a painful six weeks he declined the offer of an operation to sow his hamstring back together. Now he is pain free and takes long walks instead.

SCHWARZ Brian Rex



Birth: 15Oct46
Enlist: 24Feb65
Corps: RA Sigs
Postings: 2 Sig Regt, 552 Sig
Tp, 680 Sig Tp, 7 Sig
Regt, 142 Sig Sqn, 104
Sig Sqn, 4 FF Gp, 152
Sig Sqn, Sch Sigs
Service: Vietnam
Award: psc(US), DFSM,
National Medal
Disch: 24Feb85
Rank: Maj

**STAHLHUT Geoffrey
Douglas**



**Birth: 18Jun48
Enlist: 03Jul67
Corps: RA Inf, RAE
Postings: 18 Fd Sqn, 7 Fd Sqn,
2 FER, Army App Sch, 38
Fd Sqn, 7 FER, 20 Div
ESS, SME
Disch: 09Oct81
Rank: Maj**



After leaving the Army I worked in Telecommunications and Manufacturing companies in Australia and overseas in IT, Logistics, and Operations. Now I am transitioning to retirement and liking it more ever day. Liz and I have been living in the Snowy Mountains for the past 5 years. During winter I am a ski instructor at

Thredbo and the remainder of the year is spent doing some volunteer work, travelling, or messing about on the lake or in the mountains.

Our son and his family live in Wanaka, NZ and we are frequent visitors to the South Island, and off again in March. We are planning a trip to France and UK in April and May and then back for the snow. Visitors are most welcome.

STOOKE Geoffrey Macquarie, OAM



Birth: 06Mar48
Enlist: 06Jan67
Corps: RAE
Postings: 23 Const, N Comd,
3 Fd Endr Regt, 1 RTB,
13 Fd, 5 FF Gp, 22 Const
Service: PNG
Award: DFSM
Disch: 01Aug79
Rank: Capt

Geoff has had a number of different jobs since his discharge in 1979. These being Proprietor of a small business, Employee Relations Superintendent with Woodside Offshore Petroleum, Manager Operations and Services with Kailis & France, Business Development manager with Peter & Brownes and Chief Executive Officer with Kevron.

Currently Geoff is the Managing director with Standard Wool Australia. He is responsible for the control and profitability of the Group. It is one of the largest wool companies in Australia and has a turnover of \$200m.

Geoff is very keen on rugby union having represented Combined Services, PNG, QLD Country and WA (from 1976 until 1984) and has played various grades since. He has also been State selector, State Coach and is now the Chairman of the WA Rugby Union Executive.

Geoff was also a member of the Kookaburra crew (Grinder) during the 1987 America's cup. Other sports include weight training, tennis and golf.

Wife Lynn and three daughters Jacqui 24, Amanda 16 and Gemma 9.



GEOFF STOOKE OAM has been the Chairman of RugbyWA since 1988, and in 1999 he was awarded an Order of Australia for services to the game. Geoff is the Managing Director of the Standard Wool Australia Group of Companies. He has held senior management positions in the fishing and resources industries, and was also an officer in the army. [More:](#)

**THOMASON Kevin
Wayne**



Corps: RZNIR
**Postings: 1 RNZIR, 1 NZ Trg
Team, Home Comd**
Service: Vietnam
Disch: Aug75

On leaving the Army, Kevin attended University for two years full time before again joining the paid workforce as an accountant.

Kevin has two sons and one daughter aged 16 to 21 but has been divorced for some time. He has a new partner, Judy.

Work as a civilian has included time with a builder's merchant and manufacturer, a civil engineering contractor in PNG for 2 ½ years, a computer consultancy, a shoe manufacturer and since 1990 he has been with Serco Group where he is currently General Manager Finance.

Kevin enjoys living in Wellington, where he takes a close interest in rugby, belongs to rotary and looks forward to the completion of renovations to his house.

**TARNAWSKY Zorian
Swiatoslaw**



Birth: 02Jan45
Enlist: 10Oct62
Corps: RAAOC
**Postings: 1 RAR, 1 COD, 2 COD,
2 AOD, 2 BOD, 22 Sup Bn,
PNG, 11 Sup Bn**
Service: Vietnam
Award: National Medal
Disch: 18Mar84
Rank: Maj

TOYNE John Malcolm, AM



Birth: 03Aug48
Enlist: 07Jul67
Corps: RAE
Postings: 21 Const Sqn, 7 Fd Sqn,
2 FER, SME, 1 FER, Ops
Br, Pers Br, 2/3 FER, 1 Div,
Trg Comd, SCMA
Service: Vietnam
Award: AM, pssc, psc, DFMSM
Disch: 04Jul98
Rank: Col

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DOB 3 Aug 48 **Contact Details**
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OCS Anecdotes

WO2 Penman - always immaculate at anytime, anywhere and under any circumstances.

RSM Blue Heritage and 'The Grand old Duke of York'.

Rashid walking through the night with his boots on the wrong feet.

Charlie Lynn at stand to on a thunderbox complete with pistol and helmet.

CV Post Portsea- Military

July 1998 Discharged from military.
1995-98 CO Soldier Career Management Agency.
1993-94 Colonel (Ops) HQ Training Command
1992-93 SO1(Ops) HQ 1 Div/ C of S HQ 1 Div.
1990-91 CO 2/3 Fd Engr Regt.
1989 Joint Services Staff College.
1983-88 Staff appointments Canberra
1981-82 OC 1 Fd Sqn
1980 Staff College
1968-80 Regimental appointments – 7, 11, 17, 21, 23 Sqns, 2 Fd EngrRegt, SME, 65th Engr Bn(US).

CV Post Portsea- Personal

1998-2008 Lifestyle olive producer - and loving it!
2005-07 3 x grandchildren born.
1977 Ben No 2 son born- currently company commander 7RAR.
1975 Christopher No 1 son born- currently economist Dept Treasury.
1970 Married No1 wife Robyn, (no trade-in planned).

TYSON Dennis Garnet



Birth: 21Feb45
Enlist: 14Oct63
Corps: RA Inf
Postings: 4 RAAPC, 7 RAR,
3 RAR, LWC, DSG NQ,
5/7 RAR, 2 Div, 2 MD,
Res Br, Pers Br
Service: Vietnam, Borneo
Award: DFSM, National Medal
Disch: 22Feb87
Rank: Maj



Dennis commanded what is affectionately known as the Goon Platoon in Vietnam. [More](#)

WEATHERHEAD Hugh Alister (Deceased)



Birth: 04Jul45
Enlist: 09Jun66
Corps: RNZA
Postings: 161 Bty, 3 Sqn RNZAF,
28 UK Bde, Recruiting,
FF Comd, NZLF, USA
Staff College, 3 Fd Regt,
NZDF
Service: Vietnam
Disch: 02Oct87
Rank: Lt Col



42177 Lt Col HA (Hugh) **Weatherhead** 1 July 1997
at Christchurch
From Digger history showing Lt Hugh Weatherhead at
an unknown FSB South Vietnam

WIGNEY Rex Adrian



Birth: 21Mar45
Enlist: 06Jul67
Corps: RA Inf
Postings: 1 ARU, 6RAR, Inf
Centre, 1 RAR, FF
Comd, Trg Comd,
1 RTB, Ops Br, Pers
Div, ADF
Service: Vietnam
Award: DFSM, National
Medal
Disch: 28Aug92
Rank: Lt Col

Rex left in 1992 with a redundancy package under his belt and became a registered itinerant, averaging 100 moves each year. He mainly lived on rifle ranges, working as a Development Officer for various associations and maintained his link with the army through his Ares service with Directorate of Infantry and a consultancy studying Small Arms Training in the ADF.

He moved to Brisbane in Jan 96 with new partner Meredith and her two children. They became engaged in July last year and have recently settled into their new house at Wellington Point. Rex now has two part time sports administration jobs in shooting and lacrosse which, with his Ares time, keeps him well occupied. Meredith is a graphic designer and a Capt in the Reserve. They are both heavily involved in shooting with the Army Rifle Association, with trips to South Africa and England in the past two years. They intend to marry this year.



Rex administers full bore and small bore shooting in Queensland. He receives strong support from his wife Meredith who is an Army Reserve Officer and the best female shooter in the Army. In their spare time Rex and Meredith enjoy working as coaches and take great pleasure in assisting new and experienced shooters reach their highest potential. They live in Brisbane, Queensland between them they have five children. [More](#)

VILLASENOR Almario, Military Merit Medal (Phillipines) (Deceased)



**VILLASENOR
Almario**

Almario was a Capt when he was killed in action on 10Oct77 at Zamboanga in the Phillipines. He was awarded the Military Merit Medal.

**THE STAFF THEN AND
NOW**

BINDLEY George Henry



Birth: 10 Aug 37
Enlist: 11 Feb 56
Corps: RAA
Service: Vietnam, Malaysia
Awards: DFSM, National Medal
Disch: 5 Mar 70
Rank : Maj

During my 14 years service I served in 1 Fd Regt, 26/45 Fd Regt RA, 103 Fd Bty (1 Fd Regt), OCS, HQ RAA 3 Div, 131 Div Loc Bty, 2/15 Fd Regt. On discharge in March 1970 I started work in Melbourne as a private client advisor with Stockbrokers, Eric J Morgan and Co.

I also served in the CMF for four years first as G2 HQ 3 DIV ARTY then as BC 103 DIV LOC BTY and finally as 2 IC 2/15 FD REGT.

I left stock broking in 1975 and took a position as Education Secretary of the Insurance Institute. In 1976 I joined CBA Bank (now Westpac) as a funds' manager. I then went to Capel Court Corporation in 1977. In 1982 I joined Australian International Finance Corporation, which became ANZ Capital Markets Corporation.

In 1989 I moved from "hands on" funds management to consulting. My major client, a German funds manager, required me to do lots of travel both local and overseas. This cured my wanderlust. In 1994 Sybil and I bought a business on the Gold Coast. We returned to Melbourne in 1997.

Sybil and I suffered a major setback in 1991 when our youngest son Adrian, a Duntroon Cadet, was killed in a light aircraft crash. All four cadets in the aircraft perished. Our other two sons live in Melbourne. We have four gorgeous granddaughters.

I still fly gliders. We also travel a bit although Sybil reckons I am too grumpy to be with on long overseas jaunts.

BLAKE Murray Phillip, AM, CSC



Birth: 11 Dec 39
Enlist: 09 Feb 57
Corps: RA Inf
Postings: 3 RAR, OCS, 5 RAR, SASR,
Inf Centre, 5/7 RAR, Pers Br,
3 Bde, Office of CGS, RMC, LHQ
Service: Vietnam, Borneo, Malaya
Award: AO, MC, MID, jssc, psc
DFSM, National Medal
Disch: 07 Jun 94
Rank: Maj Gen

ELDER Robert George



Birth: 31Jan36
Enlist: 25Jan52
Corps: RA Sigs
Postings: AAS, 1 Sig Regt,
OCS, 2 Sig Regt,
S Comd, AAS(W),
6 Sig Regt
Service: Korea, Vietnam
Award: psc, DFSM,
National Medal
Disch: 02Apr82
Rank: Lt Col

Major General D.B. Ferguson AM, CSC (Rtd)



Birth: 14Nov41
Enlist: 07Feb59
Corps: RAASC, RACT
Posting: OCS, UK, Army Sch Tpt,
26 Tpt Coy, 3 TF, Mat Br, FF
Comd, Log Br, DOD, ADF,
Office CGS
Service: Vietnam, Borneo, Sinai
Awards: psc, t, lm, AM, CSC,
DFSM, National Medal
Disch: 16Jul97
Rank: Maj Gen

Major General David Bruce Ferguson was born and educated in Sydney, and graduated from the Royal Military College Duntroon in 1962. He served as an exchange officer with the Commonwealth Brigade in Malaysia, during which time he saw active service on the Malayan Peninsula and in Borneo. Returning to Australia, he deployed to South Vietnam in mid 1966 as the Operations Officer with 1 Company RAASC until mid 1967.

In late 1967, he joined the staff of the Officer Cadet School Portsea, firstly as an instructor infantry, and then Adjutant. Following attendance at the Advanced Transport Course in the United Kingdom and a range of detachments to British Army units in Germany, he was promoted to Major and served as a Senior Instructor at the RAASC Centre at Puckapunyal and then as the Officer Commanding 26 Transport Squadron. Following attendance at the Australian Staff College in 1974, he was appointed to the Headquarters of the 3rd Task Force as the senior Personnel and Logistics Officer. He then completed the U.S. Army Logistics Executive Development course in the United States and was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel and appointed to the Combat Development staff of the Army. In 1979, following attendance at the Australian Joint Services Staff College, he was appointed to the Australian Joint Staff where besides matters logistic, he was the Project Officer for the Kangaroo Series of exercises and the 1992 Commonwealth Games in Brisbane.

He was promoted to Colonel in 1982 and served as the Commander Field Force Movement and Transport on Headquarters Field Force Command. In 1983/4 he attended the National Defence College in Canada.

On return to Australia, he was promoted to Brigadier and appointed Deputy Chief of Logistics for Army. In 1987 he was appointed Director General of Coordination and Organisation on the staff of the Chief of the General Staff. In 1989 he transferred to Headquarters Australian Defence Force as Director General Operational Logistics, and then in 1991 Director General Defence Force Plans & Programs. These appointments involved significant budgetary and coordination responsibilities, including orchestrating the process of change within the Australian Defence Force and Department of Defence.

Major General Ferguson was appointed the Force Commander of the Multinational Force and Observers, Sinai Desert, Arab Republic of Egypt in April 1994 and served in this appointment until April 1997. Comprising some 3,000 soldiers, sailors, airmen and civilians, the Force had the role of monitoring the Peace Treaty between the Arab Republic of Egypt and Israel. In June 1993 Major General Ferguson was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia and in June 1997 was awarded the Conspicuous Service Cross for his service in the Sinai. In addition, in April 1997 he was decorated by Colombia for his service to the Colombian contingent in the Sinai.

Major General Ferguson is a 'First Fleeter', and he and his wife Sara have two grown sons and a daughter. Amongst a range of interests they are keenly interested in sailboarding, water skiing and small boat sailing. They now reside in South Queensland.

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David Bruce Ferguson's ties to Air Dispatch go back to the early 1960's when he flew operational sorties on the Malayan Peninsula and in Borneo as a Junior Officer. He again became directly involved with Air Dispatch as the Ops Officer (Capt) of 1 Tpt Coy RAASC in South Vietnam during 1966/67. Many members still serving will also recall that HQ 1ATSR was under command of HQ FF Mov-T when Maj. Gen. Ferguson filled the appointment of Comd. FF Mov-T in 1982/3.

Maj Gen Ferguson as MFO Comd SINAI with Yasser Arafat

**HOFFMAN Graham
David**



Birth: 28Nov39
Enlist: 07Jan59
Corps: RA Inf
Postings: SASR, OCS,
2 RAR, LWC, 1 RAR,
DSG NQ
Service: Borneo, Vietnam
Award: psc
Disch: 31Mar80
Rank: Maj

HOLLAND Terrence Henry, AM



Birth: 10Jun36
Enlist: 10Jul57
Corps: RA Inf
Postings: 1 RTB, 3 RAR, SASR,
OCS, N Comd, 6 RAR,
1 Div, 3 TF, 8/9 RAR,
LWC, Ops Br, DOD
Service: Vietnam, Borneo, PNG
Award: AM, psc, jssc, DFSM,
National Medal, Queens
Silver Jubilee Medal
Disch: 30Sep90
Rank: Brig

Terry finished up as Defence Attache in Indonesia in June 91, having prostituted his liver and kidneys in the service of his country for some 2 ½ years. A three year stint as Defence adviser in Singapore brought him to Olympic pitch in readiness for the Jakarta round. On discharge Terry took an appointment with CRA (now Rio Tinto) starting up a \$650m coal project in Kalmantan. Everything excepting digging and selling coal; they would call it Col Ops(?). They signed on for two years and stayed for five. On leaving Terry was asked to start up a Foundation for CRA. He said 'no'; agreed to stay one year and finished staying two. He visits from time to time now in a consultancy role. They set up a TB programme now in conjunction with World Health Organization, a farmer and wife training centre for the Dyarks, water programmes etc. Finally after saying it for 6-7 years they are at home at Mt Tamborine where they have an avacado farm, also grow kiwi fruit, refurbish the house and he tell fibs to the young chaps.

HOLLINGS Geoffrey (Deceased)



Birth: 09Apr27
Enlist: 23Feb46
Corps: RA Inf
Postings: 3 RAR, 2 RAR, 1 Inf
Bde, S Comd, 6 Inf Bn, App
Sch, PIR, AHQ, OCS, 3 Div,
AAS(UK)
Service: Korea, Japan, PNG
Award: psc
Disch: 05Apr74
Rank: Lt Col

On discharge Geoff joined the Personnel Dept at GMH responsible for all aspects of training and development of staff and executives. Two years later Geoff was Manager Human Resources responsible for the administration of the top 400 executives. In 1979 Geoff spent three months in Germany helping to establish an international team at the Opel plant near Frankfurt for the development of the Family II Engine project. In 1980 Geoff was appointed to manage the centre for Management and Technical Education. On retirement from GMH in 1988 Geoff set up his own Management Consultancy. He was invited by the Monash Mt Eliza Business School to join their Leadership team to give feedback to top executives from around the world. Geoff is now addicted to golf and has six grandchildren. His son Stephen is a Lt Col at HQ Land Comd. His daughter Sandy, the 11 year old redhead who used to run up and down the sideline at rugby matches, is now a cardio-thoracic intensive care nurse and married to an orthopaedic surgeon.

JACKSON John Charles



Birth: 15Sep37
Enlist: 05Feb55
Corps: RAAC
Postings: 1 Armd Regt, 2/14 QMI,
OCS, AAS(L), Armd
Centre, AHQ, DOD, Pers
Br
Service: Vietnam
Award: psc, psc(US), Unit
Citation, Meritorious Unit
Commendation, National
Medal
Disch: 10May83
Rank: Lt Col

MACPHERSON John Lachlan



Birth: 28Sep35
Enlist: 22Jan54
Corps: RAA
Postings: 1 RTB, 4 Fd Regt, 7
Fd Regt, OCS, S Comd,
AHQ, AFV, AAS(L), 8/12
Mdm Regt, 2 MD, FF
Comd, 2 Div
Service: Vietnam
Award: psc, National Medal
Disch: 15Nov81
Rank: Lt Col

John was appointed the Executive Director of the NSW Division of the Building Owners and Managers Association, now the property Council of Australia, on 1st July 86 and retired from that position on 3rd July 95. Prior to this appointment he was the NSW State registrar of The Institute of Chartered Accountants from Nov 81 until Sept 85. During the intervening period from Nov 85 until June 86 he was an administrative consultant to the Australian Society of Accountants.

John is married and has three adult children. He has had a long association with his old school, Trinity Grammar, serving as President of Old Trinitarians for eight years. He has also served on the council of Meriden School Strathfield.

John continued refereeing rugby and reached 1st grade representative level. He is also a member of Rotary, Society of Genealogists and the National Trust. He was recently invited to sit on the National (Disciplinary) Review Committee of the Australian Institute of Valuers and Land Economists.

Since his retirement John has undertaken part time consultancies with the Australian Society of Executives and Business Technology Association, Sennitt Management Services and the Strathfield Council Olympic Initiatives Committee.

**RUTTLEDGE William
Leonard**



Birth: 27Jan42
Enlist: 11Dec63
Corps: RAAC
Postings: 1 Armd Regt, 1 APC
Sqn, E Comd, OCS
Service: Vietnam
Disch: 08Apr70
Rank: Capt

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SCHASCHKE Arthur Lambert, MBE (Deceased)



Birth: 16Sep37
Enlist: 30Dec53
Corps: RAE
Postings: SME, 24 Const,
38 Fd, OCS, 1 Aust CA,
7 Fd, Army App Sch,
N Comd, 1 Div, 2 Fd
Engr Regt, 5 Fd Engr
Regt
Service: Vietnam
Award: MBE, DFSM,
National Medal
Disch: 17Jul78
Rank: Maj

SCHUMAN Peter John, MC



Birth: 29Oct42
Enlist: 19Jun61
Corps: RA Inf
Postings: 1 RAR, SASR, OCS, 28
IRC, 4 RAR, AHQ, Ops Br,
DOD, 7 Bde, NORCOM,
DSU NA, LCN, 5 MD
Service: Vietnam
Award: MC, psc, DFSM, National
Medal
Disch: 28Oct92
Rank: Lt Col

In early 92 someone either stole or maybe Peter just misplaced the Field Marshal Baton he always carried in his pack. As a result Peter was informed that he was to be burnt, bashed and buried – services no longer required.

With wife of 35 years Robin and faithful dog of 10 years Willie, Peter left his last posting in Darwin and headed for Fremantle and a civic life.

Towards the end of 92 Peter joined the Fremantle Chamber of Commerce as Executive Director, a position he has enjoyed for the past six years.

Life was quite peaceful for Peter until a major heart attack late last year. It will take him some time to put the bits and pieces back together however he has toyed with the idea of writing a best seller.

Peter thought a title like “From Combat to Commerce” would really grab the imagination however he is having a problem with chapter one trying to link the annual magnetic variation to the Asian financial crisis.

TEAGUE Ian Charles



Birth: 18Mar35
Enlist: 14Jan55
Corps: RAE, RA Inf
Postings: 1 RAR, OCS, SASR,
ANZUK, DOD, Pers Br,
1 RTB, 3 Cdt Gp, Antarctic
Service: Borneo, Thai/Malaya,
Vietnam, PNG
Award: psc, Meritorious Unit
Commendation, Unit
Citation, National Medal,
PNG Independence Medal,
Volunteer Medical Services
Medal
Disch: 13Feb83
Rank: Lt Col

He started as a National Park ranger and progressed through Staff Development Officer, Training Co-ordinator, Human Resource Consultant and finally an Executive Officer with one of the divisions. When President of the Victorian Branch of the AATTV Association he lead a Sponsor Team for three years to 6 Pl at 1 RTB which proved to be of much benefit as well as keeping the Sponsor Team abreast of army life.

Ian retired in 1996 after Open-heart surgery and now uses his time in a number of activities including retirement planning with the Life Foundation of Australia and the Council On The Ageing, RDFWA and DVA committees, Legacy, several ex-service associations (RSL, AATV, Cdo, RAR, SAS), ANARE Club, Military Historical Society, Neighbourhood Watch and grandparenting.

In 1983 he re-married to Jane and inherited three more children and now has two grandchildren.
Sojourning included Malaysia, New Caledonia, South Africa, South America and Tahiti.



WAILES Phillip Norman



Birth: 03Mar43
Enlist: 12Jul62
Corps: RAE
Postings: 1 Fd Sqn, 17 Const
Sqn, 1 RTB, 1 Fd Sqn,
OCS
Service: Vietnam
Disch: 31Dec69
Rank: Capt

WALKER Graham Francis, MID



Birth: 06Sep39
Enlist: 07Feb59
Corps: RA Inf
Postings: 1 RAR, FARELF, OCS, 8
RAR, S Comd, ADAG PNG,
Office of CGS
Service: Vietnam, Borneo, PNG
Award: MID, National Medal
Disch: 08Feb80
Rank: Lt Col

Graham is still active and represents the VVFA in many issues. The latest being indexation of pensions and in the review of military superannuation.