

TIGER TALES



5 RAR TIGERS

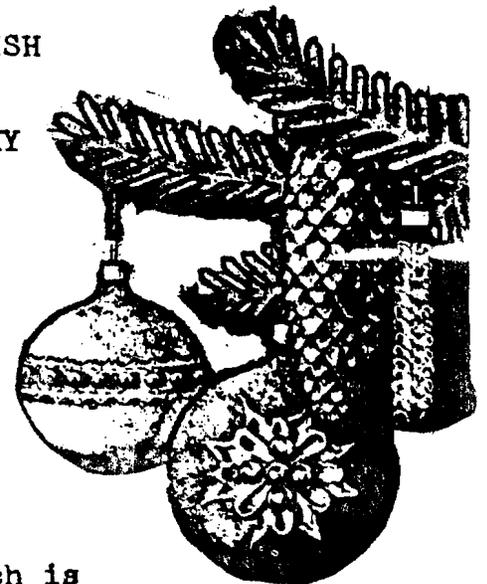
NEWSLETTER OF THE 5TH BATTALION ROYAL AUSTRALIAN REGIMENT ASSOCIATION
ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO — THE SECRETARY — P.O. BOX C60 CLARENCE ST. SYDNEY. 2000

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WE TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO WISH
ALL MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES A
VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HEALTHY
AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR



Although belated, we hope this ~~new~~ third edition finds you all well and you enjoy the content, which is mainly directed towards the Reunion in March, although we do have other items which we hope you find interesting.

As we have already indicated, this Newsletter is for your enjoyment, and is designed to provide you with as much information as possible about the Association, it's members (YOU), and anything else that is newsworthy.

Please put your thinking caps on, and forward any stories-photo's-poems-drawings (which will be returned after noting) for inclusion in future editions of TIGER TALES. I feel sure that other members will appreciate of your efforts, and maybe the idea will snowball and make the Editors job a little easier. It sure is difficult finding sufficient content to make this work.

Come on all you guys, give us a hand to keep this going.



MEMBERSHIP BADGES

Hope that all those that have joined the Association have received their membership badges and are happy with the overall design. We chose not to have 5RAR on them, to ensure that they could be used as a conversation piece, and have a much wider usage. As you are aware 5/7 RAR still use QUINTUS as their official mascot and can utilise these badges as well.

All members of the Association are issued with this badge. If you have already joined, but not received the badge, please advise the Secretary and we will forward one to you.

Replacements are available at a cost of \$5-00 each, so please look after them.

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MEMBERSHIP

Our membership now stands at approx 360 fully paid members, which is approx. 50% of the names that we have on file.

We expect this figure to increase considerably over the Reunion weekend in March, when we are all together enjoying each others company once again. The stragglers will realise that they can effectively stay in touch with their mates through the TIGER TALES and assist in the cementing of long standing ties through the Association.

Considering that we have only been appealing for members for a little over 6 months, the response is far greater than we had expected.

The Association is in a reasonable financial position as a result of your efforts, and we must now work towards the utilisation of those funds to the best advantage, thus ensuring that they last as long as possible to bring the members good quality newsletters containing as much information as is necessary, and available from time to time.

After the Reunion, we may look towards only sending further information to fully paid members, which obviously will conserve our funds much longer, but will allow you to decide over the Reunion weekend, in some manner. Rather than hold a full meeting, we may ask for a questionnaire to be completed to get your ideas.

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TIES

We now have a fresh supply of Association Ties available at a cost of \$15-00 each.

If you require a Tie, we ask that you complete the order form within this newsletter.

Ties will be on sale over the Reunion weekend.

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Lets have a look at a poem obtained by the courtesy of 5/7RAR. Hope that we have not got too many members that take offence to the poem which is fairly indicative of our Vietnamese neighbours living here in Sydney, out-Cabramatta way.

It has been around for a while, but no doubt there will be a few members that have not heard it.

BLESS AUSTRALIA I SAY (Poet-unknown ??)

In Vietnam things not okay
Think I sell, must get away
So jump on boat and come to Aussie
Ah, I think, what lovely possie
On quick smart to Welfare fella
He hand me money- I give bank tella
Welfare say 'Come here no more"
We send you cheque right to your door

Six months on dole - no longer poor
Drive around in Commodore
Write to friends in Vietnam
Tell them come here quick as can
Still on welfare (work at job)
So get loan from finance mob
Get pretty smart, know what to do
Buy big house in Waterloo

Friends write tell me - on the way
Can I find them a place to stay
When they arrive, with beds I fix
In just four rooms - get twenty-six
Soon am banking plenty rent
Five in backyard live in tent
All are drawing social money
Post think make "bloody bunny"

With all my friends now living there
Next door neighbour start to swear
Tell me he must move away
I buy his house, with cash I pay
Now everything is going good
Soon I own all neighbourhood
Open fish and chip shop next to Coles
Make big profit from Spring Rolls

Get real fat from eating nice
Sure as hell beats bloody rice
Still on welfare, still get rents
Think I buy a Mercedes Benz
Very happy- real good life
Bring out girl and make her wife
Take up hobby-call it breeding
Baby bonus pay for feeding

Kids need dentist, wife need pills
We get for free- we got bills
White man good- he pay all year
To keep the welfare running here
We think Australia damn good place
Too damn good for Aussie race
So if you no like yellow man
Plenty room in Vietnam

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**WHERE
ARE
THEY!?**

THE COLUMN THAT HELPS YOU GET IN TOUCH WITH YOUR MATES THAT YOU HAVE NOT SEEN FOR A WHILE

WRITE TO THE SECRETARY WITH THE DETAILS AND WE WILL ENDEAVOUR TO CONTACT THEM HERE.

We still have not heard from anyone that knows the whereabouts of a Steve GUNNENBERG (Known as GUNNA) from our last newsletter. If you do happen to know where Steve is, please contact The Secretary.

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NAMES FOR THIS EDITION

Rod (Bear) PERRY

D R POKE

*** If you know the whereabouts of any of these ex 5RAR members, please do your mates a favour, & contact The Secretary.

CARRYING THE TIGER SPIRIT TOO FAR ??? , or just another ex 5RAR member showing all that the "Tiger lives on".

Although very difficult to get this any clearer, we feel that you will get the picture.

This number plate belongs to Robert KEEN of 18 Buena Vista Rd WINMALLEE NSW, and shows the head of QUINTUS protruding from the number plate, with the map of Vietnam/ribbons and the words "Australian Vietnam Forces 1962-1973".

Bob just wanted to share his enthusiasm with you, especially in this our 25th Anniversary year. Thank you Bob.



BINH BAH PORT RAFFLE

As we previously advised, the Sergeants Mess of 5/7RAR (Mech) donated bottle No. 005 to the Association, which we are raffling at \$1-00 per ticket.

The bottle is presented in a wooden presentation case, complete with 2 glasses.

The raffle will be drawn at the Regimental Dinner at 5/7RAR on Saturday 3RD March, and will be on sale at the Dinner.

If you would like to purchase your tickets now, please complete the attached coupon, and send it to the Association PO Box listed on the front page. Your tickets will be posted to you as soon as your order is received.

PORT RAFFLE ORDER FORM

Please send me _____ tickets @ \$1-00 each

Amount Enclosed \$ _____.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

_____ POSTCODE _____ PHONE NO _____



YOUR STATE REPRESENTATIVES

- QUEENSLAND - RL (Zeke) MUNDINE
(07) 271-0256
- VICTORIA - PK (Kerry) O'CONNOR
(03) 744-2659
- SOUTH AUSTRALIA - RH NAISMITH
(to be advised)
- WESTERN AUSTRALIA - JD (Blue) BURRIDGE
(09) 384-1218
- TASMANIA - CM (Colin) ILLMAN
(003) 430-999
- A.C.T. - G NEGUS
(062) 43 1029

We haven't heard much from the States at the time of printing, other than the following-

VICTORIA - Kerry O'Connor did provide us with a report on ANZAC DAY in Melbourne (1989) which missed our last edition, but unfortunately, it has been misplaced and must also miss this edition. SORRY KERRY, but keep up the good work and we will ensure that any more information that you provide will DEFINATELY not be lost and included in the future.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA - Blue Burrige reports that the Sandgroppers have purchased their own 5RAR Banner. Well done WA.

WHILST ON THE BANNER, it has been decided that the Committee will assist any other State to purchase their own Banner if they feel that they would like one. They can be purchased through our manufacturer (Southern Cross Flags) by contacting the Secretary. They costs approx \$440 each, and the Committee can assist by meeting up to half of the purchase costs should you not be able to raise sufficient funds yourselves from local donations/raffles/etc.

If you are interested, please raise the matter over the Reunion weekend or write direct to the Secretary, PO Box C60 Clarence St Sydney.

QUEENSLAND = We believe that the banana benders are arranging a number of coaches for the Reunion weekend, and ask that you contact Zeke Mundine for details if you would like to motor down in the QLD Tiger Bus.

Come on all you members, if you feel that you have something interesting to share with us, contact your State Representative, or us direct, for inclusion in future editions of TIGER TALES.

Now that we have a swelling membership, surely we must be able to obtain some interesting interstate news. Anzac Day-Reunions-Bar B Ques/etc.

We undertake to include all stories, and photographs (if we can copy them successfully), so sit down and start writing.

How many of the following can you remember.

Apart from the big fellow in the middle, all others are members of C Coy (69-70 tour)



If you have any favourite photos that you would like to share with us, send them along and we will include them.

We will return them as soon as we can, after we have copied them for inclusion.

It's an oldie, but a goodie.

Taken 1973 at Holsworthy on the occasion of 5RAR's 8TH Birthday

101st Bn... the then... (Capt... Col... they... went on to... (Capt... Lt) J.A. Hoops... SA... 1973

... of the 101st Bn



Courtesy DUFFY FIRST

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR was created in response to a number of members that thought it would be THOUGHT PROVOKING and interesting, but to this point, we have not received any letters, so the Editor has nothing to do (don't you believe it) until you commence to write.

How about it fellows, it really takes no time at all to put your thoughts down on paper, and we will endeavour to get the answers, whether you want to hear them or not.

AREA IS AWAITING YOUR RESPONSE

ARTICLES

LETTERS

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

PLEASE NOTE THE ASSOCIATION OF YOUR CHANGE OF ADDRESS . IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY

DETACH THE STICKER FROM THE FRONT OF THE ENVELOPE- STICK IT BELOW WHERE INDICATED & COMPLETE YOUR NEW ADDRESS ON THE FORM.

RETURN IT TO THE ASSOCIATION

Attach your new address
sticker here

NEW ADDRESS

NAME (in full) _____

ADDRESS _____

POSTCODE _____

PHONE (h) _____

(w) _____

REUNION 1990

UPDATE

WOULDN'T MIND
IT FOR ANYTHING



The response so far for those who are attending the Reunion in March has been fantastic.

As we get closer to the date, the numbers are growing at a rapid rate.

If you are attending, we ask that you complete the Registration/Attendance Form attached to this newsletter, return it to The Secretary together with your remittance to assist us with catering.

Please remember, it is very difficult for us to cater for people at the best of times without members just turning up at the last minute without notification. Whilst we will obviously have to provide for some stragglers, we ask that you assist us by advising us as soon as possible to avoid those last minute hassles.

PLEASE READ/RETAIN the attached PROGRAM which highlights the total activities that will form part of the 25th Anniversary Reunion over the 2ND/3RD & 4TH MARCH 1990.

INTERSTATE TRAVEL

As we explained in our last edition, we are unable to come up with any deals through any of the airlines for reductions/discounts to members as there has been dramatic changes in the industry since our last Reunion in 1985.

If you do wish to travel by air, we suggest that you contact your Travel Agent NOW to take advantage of the cheapest flights available, which could see you saving up to 35% off the usual Economy Airfare.

All the Airlines have a FLEXI TYPE FARE, but make sure that you nominate to fly to Sydney on THURSDAY 1/3/90, and return on MONDAY 5/3/90 to take full advantage of the weekend.

ACCOMODATION

The Battalion (5/7RAR Mech) have indicated that they can provide SINGLE MEN ONLY accomodation within the lines. Please do not expect much (ONLY BED) If you wish to take advantage of this, please advise us on the Reunion Registration Form attached, and we will arrange this for you.

With regard Hotel/Motel accomodation, this is very expensive in Sydney at time of the year. Bearing in mind that the majority of the Reunion to take place at Holsworthy, we suggest that you may consider staying close by, and we detail a number of smaller type motels that you may wish to call:

You may wish to book into the same motel as friends, but we ask that you take care of your own arrangements.

If you wish to book into a motel, we have included a number of motels in the list below.

advise at this time what that discount is.

LIVERPOOL (and close by)

FONTAINEBLEAU MOTEL
467 Hume Highway
LIVERPOOL
(02) 602-7455

JOLLY KNIGHT MOTEL
Hume Highway
LIVERPOOL
(02) 602-6315

LIVERPOOL MOTEL
186 ~~Terminus~~ St.
LIVERPOOL
(02) 602-8261

WARWICK FARM MOTEL
Hume Highway
WARWICK FARM
(02) 602-8695

CITY ACCOMODATION

HYDE PARK INN **10% Discount to RSL
Elizabeth St Members
SYDNEY
(02) 264-6001
TOLL FREE 008 221030

REUNION VIDEO

The Association has enlisted the services of PILOT VIDEO who are to capture all those magic moments over the Reunion weekend on video. They are also going to endeavour to use some of the old 8MM & 16MM film which we already have to make the production a collectors classic.

Scott Cornell from Pilot Video is also to have the soundtrack video to ensure that we get a first class production, which can be treasured for years to come.

He hopes to have a retail price under \$40-00 for these videos (which are available in both VHS & Beta) which includes postage/packaging and would have them available for posting early April 1990.

We will have order forms at the Reunion and in our next issue of TIGER TALES, so ensure that you bring your money with you as you wish to secure a copy of this 5 RAR 25th Anniversary Reunion Video.

PHOTOGRAPHS

Make sure that you bring your own cameras for those personal, irreplaceable photos, but we will have an official photographer at the Regimental Dinner.

This photographer will have their own order forms, and the proofs should be ready at the Battalion Open Day for inspection and ordering.

Make sure that you wear your best smile & clobber to ensure that the ugly dial gets captured to it's fullest extent.

SUNDAY 4 MARCH 1990

DRUM HEAD CEREMONY /BATTALION OPEN DAY

Assemble at 10AM at the 5/7RAR (Mech) Parade Ground for a DRUM HEAD CEREMONY.

- Battalion Parade, with former members invited to parade

5/7 RAR Mech Band will be in attendance

ADDRESS - (subject to availability) Maj.Gen MP Blake MC QUINTUS to be on parade

FOLLOWED BY -- BATTALION OPEN DAY to commence at approx 1200/1230

with a Bar B Que at a cost of \$10 per family, or \$5 per person (Children under 15 yrs-FREE)

Drinks at standard prices

ACTIVITIES

- Museum open
- Small bore Shbot
- APC Rides
- Static Displays
- Flying Fox Rides
- Adventure Patrols

To conclude around 1600

We trust that this edition finds you all well, and that we will see as many of you as possible at the 1990 Reunion in March.

If you are attending, PLEASE complete the ATTACHMENT 2 and return it with your remittance.

If you have not yet joined the Association, please complete ATTACHMENT 1 & return it with your remittance to ensure that you continue to receive your copies of TIGER TALES ongoing to keep you informed of the activities of the Association

As we have indicated in previous editions, it is very difficult to produce these pages without your help, so PLEASE send your input for our next edition, which we hope will be forwarded after the Reunion, and contain some interesting reading.

Regards for now

Editor

ATTACHMENT 1

5 RAR ASSOCIATION APPLICATION/ORDER FORM

SURNAME _____

GIVEN NAMES _____

ADDRESS _____

_____ POST CODE _____

PHONE NUMBERS _____ HOME

_____ WORK

OCCUPATION _____

NICK NAME _____

REGIMENTAL NUMBER _____

Tick the appropriate Box & return this form with your remittance according to your choice, to the PO Box indicated on this newsletter

I wish to join the 5 RAR Association \$25-00

I require a 5 RAR Tie \$15-00