



TIGER TALES

5 RAR TIGERS

NEWSLETTER of the 5 RAR ASSOCIATION

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EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

Welcome to 1998. I sincerely hope that all members enjoyed the Christmas and New Year break. The purpose of this early edition is to inform members of the up and coming activities of interest to association members. The first of which will occur in late February and early March of this year. Please read the information and where applicable, complete the return forms and return to the association without delay.

First, my apology for the two phone numbers that I got wrong in the last newsletter. So now let's set the record straight.

The Australian Active Service Medal contact number is: 1800-065-149. Medal Section Melb- or:

Jennifer Eddy
(02) 62777280

and:

Errol Garland
(07) 33556968

Sorry about that

Anyway, the application form for the AASM is attached to this issue.

Because of the urgent need to get this newsletter in the mail within the next two weeks, it will be short and to the point. The photos and other items for publication still outstanding, will be published in the next issue.

ANZAC DAY 1998

Because of the short notice given to state reps, some states may not be able to advise firm details of their Anzac Day arrangements. As at the 10 Jan 1998, the ACT, TAS and Melbourne are the only details

received. If other information comes to hand before this edition goes to print, it will be included under a stop press section.

MELBOURNE

RAR Association Banner located on Swanston Walk outside Melbourne Town hall.

ORDER OF MARCH

6 RAR 7 RAR through to 5 RAR.

The march will commence at 0900 Hours, step off for the RAR Association will be around 1045 Hours.

REUNION

Crest International Hotel, St. Kilda Junction

ACT CANBERRA

Form up at VIETNAM MEMORIAL at 1000 hours.

REUNION

OLIMS HOTEL after march

TASMANIA

Reunions after marches in the following areas:

LAUNCESTON: RSL 313 Wellington St.

BURNIE, DEVONPORT, ULVERSTONE at the RSL

HOBART: Lenah Valley RSL or with RAR Members

5 RAR RE-UNION CANBERRA

28 FEB - 1 MAR 1998

The 50th Anniversary of the founding of The Royal Australian Regiment is to be celebrated with a ceremonial parade at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra on Sunday 1 March 1998.

OUTLINE OF ACTIVITIES

A dinner for 5 RAR members and their wives or partners on the evening of the 28 Feb. 98 at the Heritage Motel Narrabundah.

The address of the Heritage Motel is:
203 Goyder St. Narrabundah ACT 2604
Tel: 06 2952944

Costs;
Single, Double or Twin Bed room - \$62 per night.
All rooms have en suite facilities. Breakfast is not included in the above cost

Dinner;
Three course meal with wines, juice or soft drink-\$45 per person.

The Heritage Motel can also provide interconnecting rooms with kitchens and a number of single beds. Further details can be obtained by contacting the motel direct.

PARADE; *SUN 1 MAR*
Scheduled to commence at 1900 Hours and conclude by 2030 Hours

Association members are invited to march behind their Association Banners (Medals to be worn)

Formal parade of soldiers in period dress with helicopters (Association members will have dispersed by this time to view the parade)

A return form is included in this issue. If members would like the association to arrange a booking for the Motel and dinner, please complete the form and attach your cheque/ money order. There isn't much time so don't take too long to decide.

Editor.

FAREWELL TO 5/7 RAR (Mech)

Members are reminded of this coming activity, 16 - 18 October 1998.

Provisional programme is:

- Fri 16 Parade at 5/7 RAR
- Sat 17 AM Memorial service with 7 RAR Association at Regimental Square
- PM Association functions
- Sun 18 AM Dedication of Memorial at Holsworthy
- PM Family BBQ at Tobruk Lines

50TH BIRTHDAY of the RAR BRISBANE

Sat 21 Nov - 22 Nov 1998

The following activities are planned:

- 21 Nov. AM March through Brisbane
- PM Mixed Regimental dinner
- 22 Nov Dedication of Memorial Walk at Enoggera

Editor's Note

Further details will be published in Tiger Tales (Next Issue)

AT REST

✚ JIM HALL

The association has just learnt of the passing of Jimmy Hall. The 5 RAR Association offer our deepest sympathy to Jim's family.

Paul La Forest writes....Jim proved himself to a very competent section commander, being promoted to sergeant upon his return to Australia. Not only did Jim lead his men well in the field but also he was largely responsible for the intra and inter-section cohesion in 5 Platoon B. Company 5 RAR. That was not an easy task considering the conditions under which the rifle companies operated, particularly at that time. He achieved success largely through extracting co-operation and never did he abuse the power that was at his disposal.

Jim like many, apparently suffered, to some degree from post Vietnam side effects, although he kept these well hidden outside his family....Jim was 21 in Vietnam....He died aged 52. Jim leaves behind a wife and 5 children. He will be missed by his family and mates.

LEST WE FORGET

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#### MEMBERS IN HOSPITAL

TERRY TOMMASI has been taken seriously ill and is in The Kingstone Centre at MOORABBIN. Terry has had a stroke and his condition is serious. Anyone in the area please pay him a visit.

EDITOR.

#### ANZAC DAY SYDNEY

The best we can do at this stage is to advise members that the arrangements for 25 April 1998 will be the same as last year. Because the last committee meeting was cancelled due to the bush

fires in NSW. no firm details were available at the time of publication.

So, unless further information comes to hand, the 5 RAR after march venue will be at the VAKS BAR and GRILL, 580 George St.

Enter corner of George and Bathurst St. and take the lift to re-union area.

### **E-MAIL ADDRESS *TIGER TALES***

E-MAIL can be sent to the editor at the following address:

[londonb@sci.net.au](mailto:londonb@sci.net.au)

ensure you use lower case as above

### **VIETNAM REVISITED**

John O'Callaghan and Paul La Forest returned to Vietnam on Long Tan Day 1997. their last visit was in 1995 and you may recall some of the photos in an earlier issue of *TIGER TALES*. Here are some recent shots and comments on their latest venture.



**John at the base of Nui Dat South slope**

The sign on the rock is a warning to the locals to beware of mines. John reported that the roads i.e., Noak Ave and the remains of the road beneath the crater rim are in good condition. At the Horse Shoe, the large rock still has it's regimental red paint.



**Road in Horse Shoe area**

### **STATE REPRESENTATIVES**

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