

# Half Circle



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This informal publication is for the members of C Coy 5 RAR (2<sup>nd</sup> tour), South Vietnam, 1969/70, and for the families of those who are no longer with us. It is non-political, and is designed for us to have a laugh at ourselves, re-live our memories, and maintain camaraderie. Formal advice, when needed, should be sourced from Veterans' Organisations.



From COL Roger Wainwright, PL COMD 8PL (first tour): I have located a photo of the first C Coy kitchen in Nui Dat – three choofas in the foreground, no flyscreens, no running water, no hygiene facilities, and guess who is standing in the kitchen in the centre of the photo – SGT Paddy (you f\*\*\*in' d\*\*\*head) Cahill! Rest in Peace Paddy, you were one of a kind, and we'll never forget your "Paddy's buns", sent out on resupply. *Ed's note – Roger is also the President of the 5RAR Association, and first 2IC of 5/7RAR.*



**AT THE RAP:**

**Wally Magalas - oncology treatment**

**Barrie Taylor** - non-Hodgkins Lymphoma

**Jack Bradd** - See details below.

**Robert (Yogi) Earl, RAE (attached to 7PL, July 1969)** - I would like to thank all the boys who took the time to visit me in hospital late last year. I didn't have all your contact details, so would you please accept this note as a personal thanks from me. Yogi.

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**Jack Bradd.** As previously reported, Jack has spent a period in Maryborough Hospital, Qld. Barry Baker grew an extra leg, and visited Jack twice each week for some months now, and advises that Jack has now been moved to a care facility in the Hervey Bay area. His contact details are [jackbraddwarren@outlook.com](mailto:jackbraddwarren@outlook.com) and his address is:

Fairhaven Aged Care Facility  
130 Pantlins Lane  
URRAWEEEN QLD 4655

All the old diggers of C Coy would like to convey their thanks to Barry Baker; Dennis, Sarah and Samantha Nevins; Andy and Ginny MacDougal; Jim and Lesley Lowry; Bill Titley and the Hervey Bay RSL for their attention to Jack and his needs over recent times. Hippie Koppen even tried to phone from the UK. A special thanks to Sarah Nevins for providing Jack with a computer in order that he can start annoying us all again. I apologise to anyone I may have omitted in the above names. Don



#### TRAVELLING ABOUT:

9PL is starting to stir, and will be heading to Phillip Island, Vic, for their next reunion. Their organiser, Phillip Greenhalgh, for some reason, thinks that this place has been named after him!



**FROM ROGER LAMBERT:** Remember the Chieu Hoi program, where leaflet drops were made to encourage the enemy to surrender? I have located one (shown above).

**FROM MAJOR DAVID FRENCH, OC C COY – COMBAT TEAM CHARLIE (Afghanistan tour)** “I would like to thank all those who supported the 'Ride for HeartKids' last year. I saw a

*couple of familiar names on the donations page from the C Coy network and beyond. We managed to raise just under \$11 000 for HeartKids NSW which was more than we had expected or hoped for and all donations were very gratefully received. This year we are going national and recruiting riders in all states to undertake challenges big and small to raise for money for all the HeartKids State organisations. So if any of the old and bolds like to have a trundle on a bike for a good cause let me know! Don Harrod has my contact details".*

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*It's so dry out here in the bush, a local pig farmer has come up with a way to address the drought and make a quid. He's selling boar water.*

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Paddy texts his wife...

"Mary, I'm just having one more pint with the lads.  
If I'm not back in 20 minutes, read this message again."

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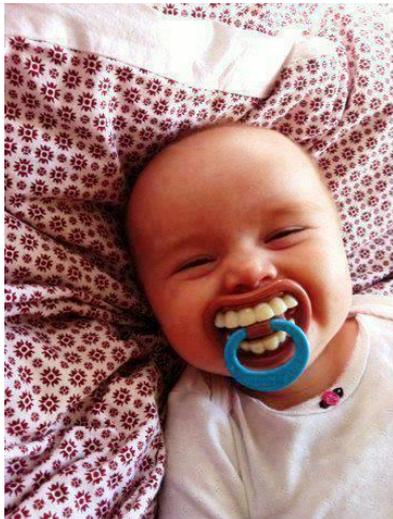
**FROM DAVID WILKINS:** The Jungle Warfare Training Centre in Canungra in the hinterland behind the Gold Coast in QLD.

Everyone who went to Vietnam had to pass the course.

This is the place, in fact this film shows the endurance course over 5 miles culminating in a jump off the tower into the freezing river where divers below made sure you touched the bottom, where they fired an Owens machine gun with live rounds over our heads through the obstacle course while exploding charges set in the ground to give you a taste of what you might come across in SVN.

Click on the link below, and follow the instructions:

<http://www.awm.gov.au/collection/F00403/>



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