Half Circle

C COMPANY 5 RAR VIETNAM 1969-70

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This informal publication is for the members of C Coy 5 RAR (2nd 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.

THE 2017 AUSTRALIA DAY HONOURS LIST: Further to the news that Bryan Schafer was awarded the OAM in this year's Honours List, I am pleased to advise that this honour was also awarded to another C Company member, **Richard Leigh (Aussie) BIELE**. The great shame is that Aussie passed away on 3rd December last year, and did not have the opportunity to have his efforts recognised. He spent many years of his life mentoring the Australian Army Cadet Corps, and was very involved with his local RSL and assisting ex-servicemen. We sincerely hope that this award will be of great comfort to Ally and Aussie's family.

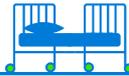
TRAVELLING ABOUT:

Kiwi Hill and Vince Feenstra, Brisbane,January 2017

Royal Australian Regiment Place. QLD

The memorial is located at Ferguson Park at Enoggera. It is across the road from the new entry to Gallipoli Barracks on *Samford Rd*, next to the creek line and car park to Gaythorne Railway Station.

The Rubber – our Nui Dat home in 1969/70.

Leaky tents, mouldy canvas, mud, duckboards, mosquitoes, prickly heat, tropical heat, monsoons – ah, home!

Battalion Headquarters 5RAR, Nui Dat, Vietnam, 1969/70

Photo courtesy of Paul McQueen

A farmer died, leaving his 17 horses to his three sons.

When his sons opened the will it read:

My eldest son should get 1/2 (half) of total horses; my middle son should be given 1/3rd (one-third) of the total horses and my youngest son should be given 1/9th (one-ninth) of the total horses.

As it's impossible to divide 17 into half or 17 by 3 or 17 by 9, the three sons started to fight with each other.

So, they decided to go to a farmer friend who they considered quite smart to see if he could work it out for them.

The farmer friend read the Will patiently and after giving due thought he brought one of his own horses over and added it to the 17.

That increased the total to18 horses.

Now he divided the horses according to their father's will:

1/2 of 18 = 9 - so he gave the eldest son 9 horses.

1/3rd of 18 = 6 - so he gave the middle son 6 horses.

1/9th of 18 = 2 - so he gave the youngest son 2 horses.

Now add up how many horses they now have:

Eldest son   =   9
Middle son   =   6
Youngest son =   2

TOTAL   = 17

Now this leaves one horse over, so, the farmer friend takes his horse back to his farm. Problem solved!

How many tigers? Roger Lambert has sent this poser, and says that there are at least sixteen tigers in the picture. How did you go?