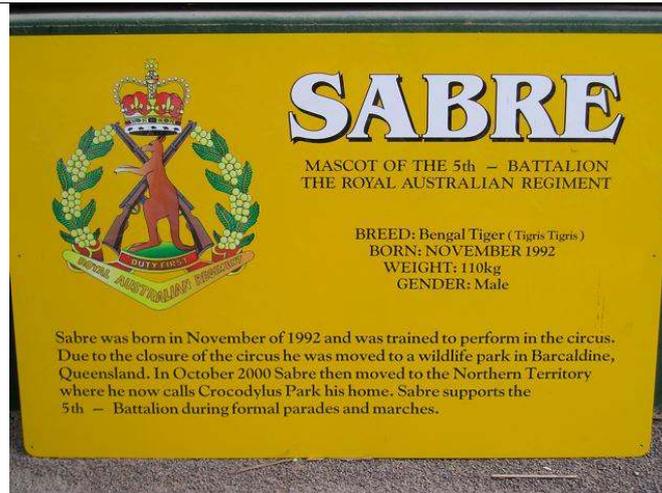


# Half Circle

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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.



**The Cat (formerly known to us as Quintus).** Have a look on the 5RAR website ([www.5rar.asn.au](http://www.5rar.asn.au)) for the history of our Mascot. The Tiger was initially a Sumatran, but is now of the Bengal species. That's progress I suppose. Does anyone know what happened to the cubs of Quintus - in the very early 1970's? Bravo, Charlie and Delta were born at Taronga Zoo, Sydney.

**Colonel Roger Wainwright, President of the 5RAR Association, said.....**

"I enjoyed the bit from Peter Commerford during his time as OC 8 Pl. It reminded me of when I was in Darwin recently to visit 5RAR prior to their overseas deployment. The

current OC 8 Pl asked me about the history of those that had used callsign 32 as their own. The current OC 8 Pl is Lt Ryan Bernsmann and he has had more experience than many of us. Ryan commanded 8 Pl with Battle Group Tiger in Iraq and has just deployed as OC 8 Pl with the Tigers to Timor Leste.

I was not the first platoon commander of 8 platoon, but I was the first to command the platoon on active service. You might remember from a previous edition of Tiger Tales that I presented my gold 5RAR lanyard to Ryan Bernsmann before he went to Iraq. At the presentation of new colours to 5RAR last June, Ryan as a member of the colour party was wearing my lanyard. To me it is a transition between our generations. **It might also assist in bringing the C Coy 1<sup>st</sup> tour and C Coy 2<sup>nd</sup> tour together at the 2010 reunion in SE Qld. Food for thought!**

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**Remember?.....HMAS Sydney, known as the Vung Tau Ferry**

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**AT THE RAP.....**

Bob Hooper - medical

Ken Black - medical

Barry Morgan - a passenger in a very serious car accident on a gravel road. Barry is nursing a broken collar bone.

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**FOUND - KEN (KT) BLACK.....** Ken has done it very hard over the last twenty years or so, and has been located by Bob Hooper. He is now receiving care, and action is being taken to have his entitlements assessed. If anyone wishes to contact Ken, please contact either Bob Hooper ([bhoop01@hotmail.com](mailto:bhoop01@hotmail.com)) or me. **Ed.**

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**WANTED.....**

The names and **email** addresses of more of our C Coy mates. Please help! Everyone must know the name of at least **ONE** bloke we haven't heard of recently.

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**ALSO LOCATED - REG SMITH.....** Reg is now a retired resident of Lightning Ridge, NSW.

**FLASHBACK.....**



Geoff Pearson and Peter (Fred) McCarthy (8Pt)

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A bloke left the pub one night, very full, and decided to do the right thing, leave the car there, and walk home. As he was doing this, a police patrol car pulled up and asked him what he was doing. "Going to a lecture", he replied "Where would you be going to a lecture at 2.00am?" the officer asked. "At home", he replied.

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**NOTICE TO ALL C COY 5RAR PERSONNEL.....**

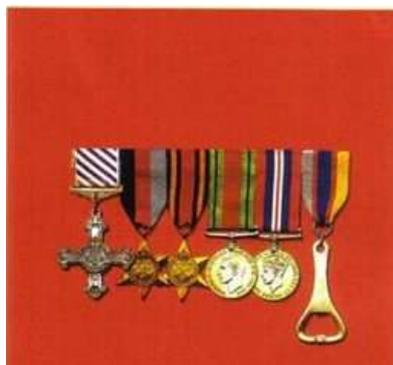
Do you live in Sydney, or can be there on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2009?

Can you play golf?

Would you like to have a hit?

We are considering having a VERY informal golf day, to be held at the Georges River Golf Club, Georges Hall on that day. We are planning to have a hit in the morning, followed by a bistro meal at the clubhouse. Carts, buggies and clubs can be hired if needed. The day will be very inexpensive - user pays. What a way to get together, for some camaraderie and a few laughs. If you are interested, please let me know. If we can get ten or twelve blokes together, it's a goer! Some "celebrities" have already indicated their interest (or don't even know that they have been nominated) - Roger Wainwright, Barry Morgan, Blue Schafer, Eddie Moon, etc. Please let me know at the email address shown below. Don

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**How's this for a set of medals?**

**Ancient Telephone Networks**

After having dug to a depth of 10 meters last year, Scottish scientists found traces of copper wire dating back 100 years and came to the conclusion that their ancestors

already had a telephone network more than 100 years ago.

Not to be outdone by the Scots, in the weeks that followed, English scientists dug to a depth of 20 meters, and shortly after, headlines in the English newspapers read: 'English archaeologists have found traces of 200-year-old copper wire and have concluded that their ancestors already had an advanced high-tech communications network a hundred years earlier than the Scots.'

One week later, an Irish newspaper, reported the following: 'After digging as deep as 30 meters in peat bog near Tralee, Paddy O'Droll, a self-taught archaeologist, reported that he found absolutely nothing. Paddy has therefore concluded that 300 years ago, Ireland had already gone wireless.'

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**Q: How do you make a fire with two sticks?**

**A: Make sure one of them is a match.**

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