

Half Circle

A publication for the members of C Coy 5 RAR (2nd tour) South Vietnam, and especially for the families of those who are no longer with us.

Sad News

I am very sorry to inform everyone that Chuck Stamp (platoon commander 8 Pl, and other subsequent roles) passed away on Tuesday 26th September. Everyone who knew Chuck knew of his happy nature, Canadian accent, and steely blue eyes. Claude Ducker will be offering a special tribute in our next "Half Circle". Thanks are also extended to Geoff Pearson, who dropped everything to visit Chuck and comfort his family. We extend our most sincere wishes to Leigh and the family (18 Byron Court, Cornubia, Qld, 4130). The funeral will be on Thursday 12th October at 2.00pm, at the Bethesda Lutheran Church, 81 City Road, Beenleigh. Kel Ryan will deliver the Eulogy, with input from Bill Titley. Lest We Forget.

Feedback from our first edition

Generally, all those who have responded are happy with the concept of "Half Circle". Whilst I am happy to put this publication together, I need **YOUR** help to provide information for our mates. Please send me any details you would like to be forwarded to our group.

WHERE IS HE NOW? (Loosely translated, "He did WHAT?")

Alan Miles. Lives Pelaw Main (Hunter Valley, NSW). Left the Army in 1970, not long after the battalion came home. Alan worked for three

months at BHP, Newcastle, but could not handle the biased and politically bent treatment of Vietnam veterans. Joined the Fire Brigade, and stayed there for **33 years**. Retired at age 60 in 2004. Alan rode dirt bikes for a hobby, but sold the bike about two months ago - the body was getting tired! He now enjoys life with his wife of 38 years (yep, same one!), and his dog. Alan proudly states that his wife is his rock! *Well done, Alan - great career!*

John Hellyer. Lives Oakdale, NSW. Left the Army in 1970 after two tours of Vietnam with 5 RAR. During the second half of our tour, John was your Pay Rep! Worked in the vehicle building industry for 21 years, then to a management role with CSR. Ran own business for two years. Retired, then obtained a Diploma of Welfare, and currently spends his time as a volunteer driver / visitor at a care facility in his local area. John and his wife have fostered **hundreds** of children, and are currently caring for **five** in their home. *Compassion starts here!*

Barry Morgan. Lives Amaroo, ACT. Retired from the Army in 1999 as a Lt Col. Barry worked as a consultant until 2004, and then retired **again**. Current activities include golf three days a week, fishing, travel (especially to see the grand children), drinking red wine, supporting the Brumbies, Sydney Swans, and the South Sydney Rabbitohs. Barry is active as the ACT representative of the 5 RAR Association. *Editor's note: What Barry didn't say is that after he was severely wounded before we left Vietnam, he spent over eight months in hospital. His medical classification was such that he could no longer stay in Infantry, and he was transferred to Ordnance and then the Medical Corps. Barry was commissioned, and at one stage, was the CO of the Army School of Health. A fantastic career, Barry!*

Russell (Kiwi) Hill. Lives Jandowae (Darling Downs), Qld. Kiwi joined C Coy as a platoon sergeant, and stayed in the Army until 1976. At that time he moved to western Queensland, where he managed sheep and cattle properties for a few years. He fell (or was he pushed?) off a windmill and his working life ceased. He moved with his family to the coastal area, but then felt fenced in. The family moved back to the western areas, and undertook caretaking roles on properties. Now

retired, and living about ½ hour NW from Dalby. Any C Coy member is welcome to pull up at the gate - phone 07 4668 5541 to gain entry.

Dunno if he looks like Jed Clampett or not. Thanks Kiwi.

Michael (Mike) Radwell. Lives Perth, WA. Mike retired in 2003 as a major, after 36 years of service, with most of these in a special force environment. Mike now fishes, hits a golf ball, travels, and assists Legacy. He and Janine spend a lot of time with their grandchildren, and their lovebirds (feathered, of course!).

Your name????????????????? Plenty of space here for your details!

The 5 RAR Website

The Webmaster, Ted Harrison, has contacted me and offered his assistance to our newsletter. Ted has already posted the first edition onto the NOTICE BOARD, and is happy to publish each edition for a limited time, space and time permitting. Don't forget, our battalion website is www.5rar.asn.au. Thanks Ted.

9 Platoon Reunion, 2007.

The 9 Pl boys are already in the planning stages for their next reunion, scheduled to be held in Forster NSW in late 2007. If you want to know how to arrange a successful weekend, contact Blue Schafer, Fred Dwyer, Geoff Storm, Ben Oram, or any of those unquenchables to seek details.

Did you hear..... about the bloke who thought that Joan of Arc was Noah's mother?

We found.....

Malcolm Youd (Hobart), Mike Radwell (Perth), Bob Hooper (Sydney).
[More to follow!](#)

We need..... YOU!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Your details go here.

To Contact Your Mates:

All you need to do is click on the name of any person on the address bar at the top of this email, and that person's address will open for you. No more excuses for losing touch. You cleaned his rifle, he made your brew and vice versa, now all you need to do is give him a shout. [Then, please send me his email details, so that they may be added to our mailing list.](#)

DID YOU KNOW????????????????

One of us was involved in the closing down of the Officer Cadet School (OCS) at Portsea, Vic?

One of us was a blacksmith, but wanted to be a pilot? [His career didn't get off the ground!](#)

One of us left the Army, and became a successful barrister?

One of us was a "Maritime Service Officer?" We used to call them wharfies. [No HMAS Jeparit now.](#)

One of us spends his time at the opal fields in Lightning Ridge, NSW? [Always a digger!](#)

One of us is based at Coober Pedy, SA? [Has he gone underground?](#)

One of us has just fathered his **ninth** - or is it **tenth** child. Must have something to do with his kilt - there is nothing worn underneath! [Just Jock-ing!](#)

How's your hearing?

A bloke goes to the doctor too see about the ringing in his ears. The doctor tells him that the only cure is an ear transplant, but there are no spare human ears. They agree that they will use pigs ears. The operation was carried out, and a month later he returns for a check up. The doctor asked "Have you still got ringing in your ears?". "No, only crackling", he replies.

Contacts

Every one of us knows somebody who is not on the above distribution list. If you do, please send your mate a copy, and email me with their contact address, for inclusion on our master list.

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***NEXT EDITION - CHRISTMAS 2006 - be sure to read it -
I'm not even sure what will be in it, and I put it together!***