

Half Circle

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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 7PI reunion, Perth, July 2009. Pictured are Maurie Shields, David (Speedie) Mead, Jim Lowrie, Mike Bolton, Wayne Herbert, Blue Schafer (obscured), Graham Hill, Terry Bates, Doc Halliday, Geoff ford, Kevin Mulligan, Blue McHugh, and ???



Jim Lowry said: There's always a Tiger or two lurking about! Lesley and I spent Vietnam Vets Day in Broome WA, and ran into Doc and Maureen Halliday. After paying our respects, we got together at the local RSL. All services were well represented at the memorial service.

VALE - 2788160 Wayne Kenneth (Rouster) Stephens. Rouster passed away on 18th August 2009 in Newcastle, following a long illness. C Coy members have been separately notified. He was a good solid Aussie bloke, and a good digger. We will all miss him. Below are two photographs of

Rouster - the first when he was leaving Vietnam to come home, accompanied by Elwyn Rayner and John Yabsley, and the second when Rouster and his wife Ngairie hosted a platoon reunion in Warren.



The above photo was taken at Rouster's Memorial Service, taken at Warren NSW on Saturday 29th August 2009. Pictured are (back row): Don Harrod, Bryan Schafer, Michael Struchlak, Greg Dick, John Yabsley and Peter Molloy. Front row: Geoff Pearson, Ngairie Stephens, Bob (Tex) Cunningham and Bill Evans.



ON THE WAY HOME: Ross Bourke, John Martini, Reg Smith (obscured), Harry Kallergis, Andy Macdougall and Bill Ross on board the HMAS Sydney, March 1970. We were SO YOUNG!



THE OPENING OF THE VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL WALK - SEYMOUR, VIC:

Pictured are Eddie Davies, Don Teichelman and Wally Magalas.



Kevin Mulligan said: Here is a picture of of Mal Youd and me on Long Tan Day. This is the first time Mal and I have had a chance to talk about when we had to recover the bodies from the push-pull FAC shot down by friendly fire in the Long Hai's, this was just before the 7 Pl incident. He reminded me that I got all the 8 Pl blokes to bring their water bottles forward so I could use the water to try and cool the wreckage down. It's nice to be remembered by a mate just because you made him go thirsty later on in the day.

The 5RAR association in Tassie had a big day, running the Long Tan ceremony in St Marys (a small town in the Fingal valley on the east coast of Tas) with Mal saying the RAR prayer and I had the honour of delivering the address.

HAVING TROUBLE CONTACTING "HALF CIRCLE?" Your editor has taken off to live in the bush. The new contacts are donharrod@bigpond.com, phone (02) 6842 4913 or 0418 423 313. I look forward to receiving your contributions. Don



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Two blokes were at the snowfields. They were arguing whether you zig-zag down the mountain or zag-zig down the mountain. They decided to ask another skier who came along. He said "I don't know, I'm a tobogganist". "In that case, we'll have a packet of Winfield" they said.

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