MTF-2’s PROUD RETURN FROM AFGHANISTAN

A line of proud soldiers yesterday stretched from the city to the sea as they were given a "country town" welcome home. Hundreds of people filled the streets and cheered as camouflage-clad men and women of the 1st Brigade marched through Darwin city. They were back from Iraq, Afghanistan and East Timor.

Brigadier Gus McLachlan said Darwin was a welcoming community. "I'm incredibly proud of what our soldiers have achieved," he said. "They work with compassion and they're tough if anyone takes them on."

Just moments before the parade began, a sole anti-war protester marched down Knuckey St holding a placard that said "No War" above his head. His plight was met with "boos" and laughter from the crowd.

But Chief of Army Lieutenant General David Morrison said he did not mind. "We're about defending democracy - this is just democracy in action, as long as they don't infringe on the rights of others. There's not much democracy under the Taliban in Afghanistan. There is here and it's worth fighting for."

The Australian Army Band, armoured vehicles and Digger the riderless horse, representing fallen soldiers, joined the parade. Two 1st Brigade soldiers were killed while serving in Afghanistan with Mentoring Task Force-2 and eight were wounded.

Brigadier McLachlan said there were 'mixed feelings' after the memorial service for Sapper Jamie Larcombe and Corporal Richard Atkinson on Friday.

"Always in the back of their minds is that two of their mates didn't come home. But you can see the pride in (the troops); they have their chests pumped out."

Returned soldier Warrant Officer Trevor Lynch said it was good to be home. The father of three faced the constant threat of "improvised explosive devices" and hostile insurgents when he was deployed in Uruzgan Province, Afghanistan, for eight months.

He was the Team Sergeant Major of a mentor team that worked closely with the Afghan army. "We helped them with planning and being on the ground with them. There were insurgents, if we crossed a certain area or got too close they would start shooting at us. It's the most dangerous place I've been."

US Navy marines, who docked last week, were among those who lined footpaths from The Esplanade to the council chambers.

Lieutenant General Morrison said it was a chance to say "job well done, welcome home". "It means a hell of a lot to our troops," he added.

There is another article and some more photos on page 11 and there are also articles on other activities of the Welcome Home Weekend throughout this issue.
Perhaps the most important activity in recent months has been the welcome home from Afghanistan of the 2nd Mentoring Task Force, based on 5RAR. There are several articles relating to these activities in this issue. Our Patron, Colin Khan and I were invited as official guests to attend these activities and about 10 other Tiger elders also travelled to Darwin from as far afield as Perth and Sydney. We were made very welcome by the battalion and had many opportunities to swap notes with the younger veterans. I remain highly impressed with the calibre of the junior leaders and men of 5RAR, the future of the Tigers is in safe and competent hands.

During this visit, in cooperation with the CO and his leadership team we conducted a recruiting campaign to attract younger Tiger veterans to our Association, after all, they are our future. At a gathering of the battalion to present the Warr-Khan Trophy and the new Commanding Officers Tiger (Pages 4-5) I was able to speak to all ranks about the merits of joining the Association. As an incentive we have provided free membership of the Association to the end of the current membership period in Mar 2014. This has resulted in over 150 new current serving members to the Association. Our total membership now stands at 1368 which I believe is the largest of all RAR battalion associations.

Part of our strategy to encourage new members and to ensure that the history of 5RAR post unlinking in 2006 is properly preserved, was to identify a recent member of 5RAR who could serve on the committee. I am delighted to advise that this has been achieved with CAPT Ben Howard volunteering to join the committee. Ben has been with 5RAR since Jan 2008 and is a veteran of Timor Leste and Afghanistan. He is currently the Adjutant and is posted to HQ Forces Command in Sydney in January. This will enable Ben to attend committee meetings. It is envisaged that his role will be maintaining a link with battalion members and ensuring recent history and memories are maintained. This will naturally assist Webmaster Ted in updating our website with recent history. Welcome aboard Ben.

On the downside, we still have over 200 people who have not renewed their subscription from March 2011, so as has been warned on repeated occasions, these veterans will be removed from our active membership list and will no longer receive Tiger Tales. A letter from me to all financial members was enclosed with the last issue of Tiger Tales. Our membership secretary will now be writing to those who have not responded advising them of their non-active status.

In late November I will be attending the annual general meeting and national council meeting of the RAR Corporation in Canberra. I will provide an update on the key outcomes in our next issue.

The Association is still proceeding towards becoming an incorporated association and I regret that this has not been achieved as speedily as I would have liked. We are still working on a draft constitution which should be presented to members for approval in 2012.

As another year draws to a close, I would like to thank our executive committee and our State Representatives for their support and willing voluntary administration of the Association. Barry Ryan has stepped down as our SA State Representative after six years and has been replaced by his fellow B Coy 2nd tour comrade Mostyn “Mo” Hancock. I have been in touch with them both separately but again, thank you Barry for your sterling work in SA and welcome Mo, we look forward to working with you.

On behalf of your committee, I can report that our Association is in a healthy state from both a membership and financial perspective. My best wishes to all and trust the coming holiday season is rewarding for you all and your families. I look forward to catching up with many of you in 2012.

Roger Wainwright

While not on operations or patrols there was still plenty to do around the base camp of Nui Dat. Private Jim Marshall, 1 Platoon A Company 1966-67, is trying to come to terms with using a broom to clean up in a rubber plantation.

The helmet on top of the spade isn't a burial site but indicates where a public urinal had once been. These urinals were a cardboard tube some five feet long, inserted into the ground. They were relocated frequently so the waste would not overflow and the old ones had to be marked in some way.
A SHORT HISTORY OF THE SECOND AUSTRALIAN MENTORING TASK FORCE

On the 17th of May 2010, under the pseudonym Battle Group Tiger, personnel from 27 different units and headquarters across all three services of the Australian Defence Force concentrated in Darwin for operational service in Afghanistan. On the 5th of June the 5 RAR led Battle Group started its Mission Specific Training and between the 1st and 10th of September it completed a Mission Rehearsal Exercise as its final preparation for combat. In the space of four months the 5 RAR Battle Group completed three collective field activities; 19 individual courses or training activities; had up to three weeks of leave (if lucky), and prepared approximately 1200 personnel for potential service in the Middle East. It was a whirlwind of preparation, particularly for the administrative staff, with Glen Snijders (Chief Clerk) and Noel Allport (QM) drowning in paperwork and equipment respectively.

The 5 RAR Battle Group deployed on Operation Slipper as a Task Group of the Australian Middle East Joint Task Force 633 and was assigned under NATO operational control to Combined Team Uruzgan; a newly established coalition headquarters commanded by a U.S. Army 06, Colonel Jim Crieghton. The Battle Group officially commenced its mission as the second Australian Mentoring Task Force (MTF-2) on the 21st of October 2010 – taking over in Uruzgan Province from the 6 RAR Battle Group.

MTF-2 operated in three major regions within Uruzgan: Combat Team Delta, initially under the command of MAJ Roy Henry and WO2 Dave Allen, then MAJ Marek Janiszewski and WO2 Andrew ‘Dusty’ Miller, patrolled the Dorafshan bowl, the Baluchi Valley and journeyed to all reaches of the Chora district. Combat Team Bravo, led by MAJ B.J. Pearce and WO2 Grant ‘Buck’ Rogers, then WO2 Stephen Logan, initially conducted operations in the Dorafshan bowl but then settled down to the good life in the Mirabad Valley. Combat Team Charlie, commanded by MAJ Dave French and WO2 Shane St Clair, then WO2 Leslie Hapgood, roamed the Deh Rawud district and forayed into the lively Tangi and Tagaw Valley as often as they could.

Between the 21st of October 2010 and the 25th of June 2011, MTF-2 conducted 12 major operations in conjunction with its coalition and Afghan partners. It designed and assisted in the construction of five company sized patrol bases and provided oversight for the Afghan National Army’s construction of an additional two bases. It resupplied up to nine Australian bases every month by ground convoy and almost everyday by air, and administered, equipped and commanded in excess of 1000 personnel at the height of operational activity. It mentored, indirectly, in-excess of two and a half thousand Afghan soldiers in everyday military tasks from the functioning of a Brigade Headquarters to the routine of a rifle section. Under the CS and CSS team leaders of majors Mick Spruce (7 RAR), Grant Chambers (1st Armd Regt) and Nick Buemer it advanced the 4th Afghan Brigade to new levels of capability and gave them significant confidence in their own operational independence. Finally, on the 25th of June 2011, the MTF-2 flag came down from its pole in Tarin Kot and the 2 RAR Battle Group took up the mantle of the third Australian Mentoring Task Force.

Three brave Australians gave their lives in support of the MTF-2 mission and five were severely wounded. A number of other courageous personnel either suffered minor wounds or endangered their own lives to save or assist others. Whilst the sheer volume of individual actions prohibits a full account of our tale here, all personnel displayed courage, commitment and loyalty befitting an Australian unit at war.

LTCOL Darren Huxley, CO MTF-2

NOW IS THE TIME 5 RAR Members:

If you have not yet joined the 5 RAR Association and do so before 31 December 2011 the membership dues of $50 will be waived. This will make you a full financial member of the Association until 28 February 2014 when the current three year period ends. You will enjoy the same benefits and privileges as all other Association members, which includes receiving the three issues of ‘Tiger Tales’ newsletter each year.

Keep the mates and friendships, that you have fostered in 5 RAR, active and continue to share in the honour of being part of the Tiger Battalion’s proud history.

Application forms are available in the Battalion, on the 5 RAR Association web-site at www.5rar.asn.au or can be obtained by contacting Gary Townsend, garyt.5rar@gmail.com (07) 5594-4780 or 0412 767-975.
Corporal Hodge enlisted into the Australian Regular Army on 23 March 2006 and was posted to the 5th Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment on 01 June 2006. On 05 October 2010, Corporal Hodge deployed as the Section Commander of the Security Section attached to an Operational Mentoring and Liaison Team as a part of Mentoring Task Force 2. This deployment has seen Corporal Hodge operating in the Mirabad Valley, Uruzgan Province of Afghanistan in a dangerous and demanding environment. His primary duties included commanding and leading his section through Afghan National Army (ANA) partnered dismounted operations in the green zone of the Mirabad Valley, administering his sections throughout the deployment, providing relevant currency training for his soldiers and issuing monthly performance counselling. Corporal Hodge's secondary duties were those of a mentor and included constant mentoring and liaison with the ANA, commanding ANA partnered dismounted patrols and providing basic infantry training to the soldiers and sergeants of the ANA.

Corporal Hodge is one of the Combat First Aiders within his Operational Mentoring and Liaison Team. His subject matter expertise regarding matters of first aid is second to none and often received praise from the Advanced Medics of Combat Team Bravo. With this knowledge, Corporal Hodge ensured that the other Combat First Aiders within his Team were at an advanced level and able to operate without his guidance. He also coordinated and instructed first aid training of the highest order to the 3rd Company of the 3rd Kandak, 205th Hero Corps that directly enhanced their operational capability and expedited the Combat Team drawback process.

Corporal Hodge's performance as a Section Commander and mentor throughout 2010 and 2011 has been of the highest standards, and in keeping with the finest traditions of the 5th Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment. He is a worthy winner of the Warr-Khan trophy for 2011.

On returning from their first tour of Vietnam in 1967, 5 RAR (Mech), also known as the ‘Tiger Battalion’, was presented with a baby Sumatran tiger club from the Taronga Park Zoo, Sydney. Almost immediately the male cub was named Quintus, after the Latin numeral five, and was integrated into the unit with the service number, TF005. Later to be promoted to the rank of Warrant Officer Class Two, Quintus was to become the first of many Tiger mascots that 5 RAR (Mech) has had during its short but illustrious history.

The Tiger has been, and still remains, an important icon to the soldiers and officers of 5 RAR (Mech). The Tiger symbolises the courage, loyalty and fighting spirit that defines the fiercely proud 5th Battalion (Mech), based in Darwin.

In light of 5 RAR (Mech) having recently returned from operations, as part of Mentoring Task Force 2 in Afghanistan, it was an appropriate time to draw back to our roots and take stock in the unit's achievements to date with this celebration. Having Mrs Chloe Blanchard, the creator of the painting of Quintus, participate in the unveiling ceremony made this enormous artwork (2.2m x 1.8m) all the more important. Chloe is the wife of 5 RAR (Mech) soldier PTE Craig Blanchard.

After a period of high operational tempo, 5 RAR (Mech) has been directed by Army to re-mechanise, and by the end of 2011, will have received its new fleet of M113AS4 APC's. This marks the beginning of a very important period in the Battalion’s role as one of Army’s two Mechanised Infantry Battalions, and the unveiling of the new “Quintus” painting is a significant ceremony for current and future members of 5 RAR (Mech) to both remember the past and look to the future.

LTCOL A.J. Forbes, CO 5 RAR (Mech)

Quote: "Those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom must, like men, undergo the fatigue of supporting it.”

Thomas Paine, The Crisis, 1V (1777)
When 5 RAR was raised at Holsworthy on 1 March 1965 it had been directed by Army Headquarters that the battalion lanyard would be gold and the unit colours would be gold and black. The first Commanding Officer, LTCOL Peter Oxley OBE addressed the battalion and stated that the tiger would be the symbol and the mascot for the new battalion as it emphasised the desirable qualities of an infantry battalion such as aggressiveness, cunning and courage.

On the departure of LTCOL Oxley, a benefactor of the battalion, Mr. Bill Brennan presented a small silver tiger to be known as the “Oxley Tiger” to the Officer's Mess. Mr. Brennan subsequently presented other tiger centre pieces named after each Commanding Officer to be used on formal occasions in the Officer's Sergeant's and Soldier's Messes. This tradition continued through the linked days of 5/7 RAR until the 1980's when Mr. Brennan passed away. Mr. Brennan also presented a tiger skin for the bass drummer of the battalion band and a tiger's head for display in the Officer's Mess.

After the unlinking of 5/7 RAR on 3 December 2006 5 RAR was again formed in its own right, the 5 RAR Association indicated that it would like to make a perpetual award to the battalion that would create a lasting bond between the older and newer generation of tigers.

It was considered impractical to return to the original concept of presenting a separate tiger centre piece to be named after each Commanding Officer. In cooperation with the then Commanding Officer LTCOL Jake Ellwood, the Association decided that the best option was to present a “Commanding Officers' Tiger” that would have inscribed the names of all the Commanding Officers of 5 RAR since the battalion was first raised as well as incorporating all future Commanding Officers.

THE COMMANDING OFFICERS’ TIGER

The ‘Commanding Officer's Tiger’ is a limited edition Swarovski Crystal Society creation which is a part of a trilogy on endangered wildlife. The designer, Elizabeth Adamer has created the solitaire Annual Edition 2010 Tiger as a unique and stunning rendition of this elegant predator. Using the latest Swarovski innovation which requires a high-end intricate production process, the tiger's fully faceted Golden Shine Crystal body allows whispers of satin crystal tiger stripes to emanate through.

The new Commanding Officers’ Tiger was presented to CO 5 RAR, LTCOL Andrew Forbes, by the Association President Roger Wainwright during the Welcome Home activities held in Darwin in early September, 2011. The presentation also included a framed certificate explaining the origins of the Commanding Officer’s Tiger.

The six plates on the front of the plinth bear the names of the CO’s prior to linking with 7 RAR. On the right hand side of the plinth are displayed the names of the three CO’s since 5 RAR was returned to the Army’s Order of Battle in December 2006. There are a further eleven plates that will be used for the names of future Commanding Officer’s.

Many thanks must be extended to Brian Budden and Geoff Pearson for the time and effort that they expended in designing, preparing and transporting the CO’s Tiger to Darwin for the presentation.
**NEW ASSOCIATION MEMBERS AUG-OCT 2011**

All of the new Members, except one, are serving 5 RAR Members, welcome Tigers.

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EMAIL FROM IAN CLARKE, 2/5TH INF BN

G’day Gary, Have returned home after a most rewarding round trip of 3000 kms, the highlight of course being my return to Canungra Jungle Warfare School, as it was known back in 1943. Accept my congratulations on a well run commemoration.

My only clear recollection of the place was the cemetery and the ford over the creek. There was no weir in my day, just a gentle running stream splashing over the rocks where we carried out our ablutions each cold morning.

The troops were brought in on an antiquated train which pulled into a siding in the middle of the town where the park is now. The engine was a ‘dead ringer’ of one of those you use to see in the old Western movies. We marched the boys over the hill, puffing and sweating and as we passed the cemetery, my mate Col Doolan would remark, “boys, in there lie the bodies of those that didn’t make it through the course”. They just loved Col.

Thanks to your lovely girl Carol, for making me feel at home and to you and your team for making me feel welcome.

When I left you after lunch I travelled north, eventually catching up with 4 of my mates from the 2/5th. Sadly time hasn’t been kind to them, but they soldier on bravely. Make no mistake, we of the 2/5th who are left, treasure the fact that 5 RAR are now our Mentors. We rest in comfort, sure in the knowledge that you will carry on the memories and the traditions of all the great 5th Battalions. With former great leaders such as Colin Khan and Roger Wainwright we know you will prevail.

Thanks for making me feel so welcome.

Ian Clarke, 2/5th Inf Bn

PS. Great picture. They keep telling me I open my mouth too much.
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### AROUND THE STATES

#### WA

**Vietnam Veterans Day, Perth, Sunday 14 Aug**
The service was held at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Pavilion in Kings Park at 11am. The day before we had terrible weather, very wet and windy and the Sunday did not look too inviting which no doubt was the reason we only had nine 5 RAR members turn up. The other units had the following: 1 RAR nil, 2RAR 1, 3 RAR nil, 4 RAR nil, 6 RAR 1, 7 RAR 2 and Royal Australian Regiment 3.

Only 2 banners were carried that day 5 RAR and 7RAR, the south Vietnamese community had the largest group and looked very smart. It was a moving ceremony much appreciated by all attending veterans.

**Vietnam Veterans Day, Mandurah, Thursday 18 Aug**
Once again we had a good representation of our Perth members with 14 tigers travelling to Mandurah. With country members from Mandurah, Bunbury and Collie we had a total of 31 members proudly marching behind the banner. Dick Erkelenz C Coy 1st tour who was holidaying in WA also joined us, it was great to catch up with him.

Peter Tuck and myself stayed 2 nights in Mandurah and were entertained by Bill Hunt, Gordon Meredith and Rodney Beauglehole. We all had a great time and have already booked for next year.

To all of our members who were unable to attend due to sickness we hope you all are recovering.

And a big thank you to all our members for marching so well.

Just a reminder, our Christmas function will be held at 43 Below Bar and Café at 1000hrs Thursday the 8th December so please mark your diaries.

Alan McNulty

#### QLD

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### NEW SOUTH WALES

**New State Representative**

At a recent lunch at the Hackney Hotel the South Australian chapter of 5 RAR, about 25 vets with their partners, enjoyed some quality time together. The lunches are organized by Chas Exindaris and occur about every two months. If any members are coming over anytime let us know and you are all welcome to attend.

The photo above signifies the handing over of the SA Representative mantle to Mostyn (Mo) Hancock, on the right, with Tim (Kara) Karasoulos in the middle, from Barry (Baz) Ryan on the left.

Kara had been acting State Representative as Baz had been spending time away on family business. The group thanked Barry for his input over the last six years.

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Mo served with 4 Platoon B Company from April until October 1969 and his contact details are shown on Page 20.

#### SOUTH AUSTRALIA - Cont.

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Wyong in NSW who served with the 2/5th in World War Two.

(If anyone wants to visit they should be aware that security at Canungra base is usually tight. It would be best to check with the memorial committee, RSL Canungra (07) 5543 5524, well in advance.

Gary Townsend among others put a lot of effort into the event.

I was also privileged to visit the impressive AATTV memorial at Canungra with John Gibson, who served with both 5RAR and the Team in Vietnam, ultimately becoming an Army aviator and then restaurateur.

Below is a photo of two 5 RAR comrades (left) John Buzelin, B Coy 1969, and (right) Barry Fitton, both tours, at the initial clearance of the Canungra Vietnam Memorial site in 2000. The sign reads;

Operation "Hardyakka"
2000
Claymores In
Clearing Patrol In
Sentries Out
Area Secure
Call Sign 13A
The Tigers

ACT

Christmas Lunch

Our annual luncheon will be held on Thursday, 8 December 2011 at the Ainslie Football Club, 52 Wakefield Ave, Ainslie ACT commencing 12.30 onwards. Partners are more than welcome. Would you please let me know if you would like to come by Monday, 5 December 2011. Please phone me on 6242 4210 or my mobile 0424 701 784 or email me at bernie.pye@bigpond.com

Bernie Pye

TAS

We lost another Tiger with the recent death of our comrade Charles Allen Johnson, Charlie was part of the 1st National Service intake in 1965. He served with the Battalion during our first tour as a Bandsman/Stretcher/Bearer.

One of our members Colin Illman remembers Charlie as a fun loving bloke who once during recruit training earned the attention of a Corporal by swearing when the pencil Charlie was writing with broke, the NCO took the great Aussie expletive to be aimed at himself and sent poor Charlie off to the cells for the night, no colder place than the cells at Puckapunyal during the cold season.

Charlie on two occasions suffered from NBCAS reports, on 14 June 1966 he was injured when an M26 grenade exploded at the rubbish tip and again on 7 September when he received a concussion from an engineer demo blast.

On his return from Vietnam Charlie settled down to his life as a civilian he married and had a family, he resumed his musical life by playing with the Launceston Silver Band and later the Ulverstone RSL Band.

He was a good father to his son Charlie and daughter Donna, and grandfather to his grandson and three granddaughters, he loved fishing. If there was water he would cast a line, bushwalking and hunting were some of his loves, he love the two acres of bush he lived on and could name the birds and trees on his block.

On 28 October we farewelled Charlie and celebrated his life surrounded by his Family and friends.

John Smee
As the year 2011 is drawing to a close I’d like to take this opportunity to wish all Tigers and their families all the best for the festive season and the coming year. Also, a reminder that Anzac Day of next year (2012) will be a reunion in Portland Victoria for C Coy 1966-67 members and their partners, and also the sons daughters and siblings as representatives of former C Coy members no longer with us. Contact Daryl McCombe on (03) 5523 4913 or 0428 234 913 for further details; or email on darylmccombe@gmail.com I look forward to seeing you there.

Doug Bishop

RATION SUPPLEMENTS

In 1969, on our second trip to Long Binh (Operation Federal, March 1969), the Battalion elements that were not out in the bush were putting up barbed wire. One night a Digger from Tracker Platoon did a recon and found an unguarded refrigerator on the base.

This refrigerator held a hidden treasure, in the form of a supply of chocolate milk. So naturally, the Tracker Platoon personnel availed themselves of this enjoyable supplement to the 24 Hour Ration Packs.

On the fifth evening, because of the missing chocolate milk, we thirsty diggers found a young Afro-American on sentry duty at the refrigerator.

As the diggers approached the American soldier challenged them with, “What do you Aussies want?”

I answered, “We’re just checking the barbed wire around the Fire Support Base” (Kerry).

Well this young Yank probably thought we Aussies were mad going out as dusk was just creeping in.

We all filed past him and as the final man, an NCO, was passing the American asked him, “What are you Aussie?”

The NCO replied, “I’m just putting the pin back in this grenade!”

The Yank took off and the Tracker Platoon moved in and liberated some more chocolate milk, so ended another successful night patrol.

To cap the night off, on the way back to our location, the senior Corporal fell into the rubbish pit. This just goes to show that Aussies will go to any length and take any risk rather than eating just those 24 Hour Rations!!!

David Keating, 5 RAR Trackers, 1969/70
To my rear right, in the photograph below, is LT Chris Appleton. He was a rifle platoon commander prior to the deployment and was one of my Mentor Team Leaders (Team 2 - O33B) in Afghanistan. Chris and his guys established the first ANA base in the Kajaki Valley and operated for long stretches on the border of Helmand Province.

Over his shoulder and mostly obscured is CAPT Byron McDonald, Team Leader Mentor Team 3 (O33C). Byron’s team spent five months in the Tangi Valley and had some hard fought battles against the Taliban, a very good young commander (As they all were, I was very lucky).

Next to Byron with the ‘chicken feather’ in his hat is LT Brennan Walsh, my Cav troop commander (V32). Brennan led a highly professional team who travelled far and wide through Deh Rawood, Shahidi Assas, Shah Wali Kot and Kandahar. There was no job they couldn’t do.

Behind me (partly obscured) with the blond hair is LT Dave Neal, my Force Protection Platoon Commander (I31). Dave was before and is now a Platoon Commander in C Coy and has become a well experienced combat officer. Like all the young kids these days he was very innovative at solving some complex problems.

On the far right of the picture is CAPT Dean Callas, My Intelligence Officer (S2). Dean was by far the best Intelligence Officer in the Battle Group. He was always out and about with me and was very astute and giving relevant and timely analysis. He was very, very rarely wrong.

This is a great picture as it shows the variety of seniority and corps required to make a good Combat Team these days. Both Dave Neal and Chris Appleton were only first year Platoon Commanders and were thrown into very tough jobs shortly after graduation.

Once again, I am sure the parallels to your own experiences and that of the other Vietnam Tigers are very similar.

MAJ David French,
IN MEMORIUM

39588 NEIL DOCHERTY
21 November 1948 - 2010

It has been published in the March issue of The Veterans, Peacekeepers and Peacemakers Journal that Neil Docherty passed away last year, 2010. Neil served with 11 Platoon, D Company, 5 RAR from June to August 1969 after serving 6 months with 9 RAR.

2790814 WAYNE VINCENT MANGAN
23 May - 9 June 2011

We have been notified of the passing of Wayne Mangan, aged 63. Wayne served with C Coy and Admin Coy from July 1969 and returned to Sydney with the battalion in March 1970

5713628 TERRENCE KINGSFORD CULLEN
12 June 1945 - 26 July 2011

I was recently notified of the death of 5713628 Terrence Kingsford Cullen.

Terry, also known as “Pud”, was 2IC 4 Section 5 Platoon B Company and I remember him as he was in this photo. A genuine good bloke and proven leader in the performance of his responsibilities on active service 1966/67.

Terry has changed now, from one who remembers, to one who is remembered with a sense of pride and affection.

Lou O’Dea. OC 5 Pl 1966/67

217849 ROSS MARTIN TOBIN
4 September 1948 - 5 September 2011

It was with the greatest sadness we learned of Ross Tobin’s death, in spite of his tough fight and best wishes and prayers of those around him, a particularly aggressive cancer took him quite quickly from his family and his mates. He showed enduring courage and his typical cheerfulness to the end. A number of his good mates got to see him and essentially say goodbye during his last days, including Rod Lees, John Hoyes, Bruce Heron, Ray Knapp. I know we all found that last visit, the look and goodbye to Tobe extraordinarily difficult to handle.

Tobe was the original 12 Platoon Radio Operator, our “sig” and he did that job with great distinction and character, in spite of me sometimes running him ragged in the bush he was always where I needed him with the sig set (he frequently joked, and cursed a bit, that I forgot he was carrying a “bloody heavy” sig set). On operations in Vietnam there were 2 most important bits of equipment, the GPMG M60, and the platoon radio as without either bad things could happen, and if the operators were not full bottle then bad things could happen. I, and the blokes of the 1st 12th remain indebted to Tobe for the way he performed as our platoon sig in Vietnam; he was more than “full bottle”.

Then on June 15 1969 Tobe was wounded for the second time at Dat Do in a mine incident, this time much more seriously and was evacuated to Australia. For so many Vietnam blokes, once RTA came it signalled the end and separation of mates. For many, once back home the years and decades passed before mates saw each other again, but when that happens, the connections with each other and our time in SVN instantly return, like it was yesterday. For Tobe’s mates in 12 Platoon and D Coy in general we lament that this renewal with our mate Tobe will never happen again, I grieve greatly at this reality.

Tobe stayed in the Army, retiring as WO2, and then settling down on the Gold Coast to work and continue his life with wife Liz and 3 children. Tobe’s funeral was well attended, many of his service mates and other civvie friends. Rod Lees words about Tobe were deeply heartfelt, and particularly emphasized Tobe’s professionalism and courage under fire. Although a very sad occasion, it was both humbling and inspirational to learn of the contribution and impact Tobe had made after his service life. I hold deep pride to have known him, and to have learned about his dedicated unstinting support for his local Legacy, RSL and Surf Club. In addition he and Liz had mentored 4 young people who all indicated how deeply, positively and constructively their lives had been improved for Tobe’s fostering and encouragement.

I hope Tobe’s family, especially his children and grandchildren, can know how much we of 12 Platoon think of him and miss him, they can be truly proud of his courage as a digger, and the cheerful happy mate we will always remember and revere. It was my great honour to have served with him.

Bob Fenwick. OC 12 Pl 1969/70
IN MEMORIUM

2411550 ALAN JOHN WELCH
11 October 1938 - 14 September 2011

Please be advised of the death of Sergeant Alan Welch, who served with the Mortar Platoon 5 RAR’s 1966-67 tour of South Vietnam. Alan passed away at his home in Pottsville NSW on Wednesday 14 September 2011.

His cremation was held at Melaleuca Station Memorial Gardens, 9394 Tweed Valley Way, Chinderah, NSW, on Tuesday 20 September 2011

Les Arnould. Mortar Platoon 1966-67

3794613 NICHOLAS JOHN DOOLEY
30 April 1948 - 9 October 2011


Nicholas had been living in Vietnam until he returned home for treatment.

A funeral was held in Bairnsdale Victoria on Wednesday 12 October.

Another Tiger gone.

6708286 CHARLES ALLEN JOHNSON
10 January 1945 - 28 October 2011

Charlie was born in Launceston Tasmania where he received his initial music training and played in brass bands.

A very talented musician, he won many age group and open eisteddfods in Tasmania. When conscription was re-born, Charlie became a member of the 1st intake National Servicemen and after recruit training at Puckapunyal he was posted to the Army School of Music at Balcombe for corps training.

From there he was posted to 5 RAR band and served with them in Vietnam until he was severely wounded and sent home. He spent several months in hospital having many operations to remove shrapnel from his body.

Charlie was an easy going bloke, loved a joke and loved a drink. His final years were spent living in relative seclusion on acres in his riverside ‘mansion’ in north western Tasmania. He enjoyed tinkering, fixing, repairing and making.

He passed away from the ravages of cancer on Friday October 28, 2011.

A funeral service was held for Charlie at Church of Christ, Ulverstone, on Wednesday 2nd November.

No more pain. RIP.

EDITORS APOLOGY

I would like to extend my apologies to the family of Barry Williams, it was incorrectly reported in the August Tiger Tales that Barry passed away on Thursday 28 April, Barry actually passed away on Tuesday 3 May.

Gary Townsend

VIET CONG D445 BN - THEIR STORY

A Vietnam veteran, I have just written and privately-published a “non-commercial” (i.e. not for sale) and “limited edition” book that would be of interest to veterans who served in Phuoc Tuy Province: “The Viet Cong D445 Battalion – Their Story.” Complimentary copies of the book are with departments and agencies in Canberra (Defence, Army, DVA etc) and with several libraries.

However, I have also placed the text of the book on the Internet as “free-to-read” – http://www.scribd.com/doc/62621973/The-Viet-Cong-D445-Battalion-Their-Story . . . Interested readers will probably find it more convenient to access the copy on the Internet. To reduce the “file size” on the Internet, I have not uploaded the many annexes (i.e. A to N), but I am happy to answer any queries on that detail.

Regards, Ernie Chamberlain – Point Lonsdale (VIC)
VIET CONG IN TOWNSVILLE

In March 1971, C and D Companies of 5 RAR took off from Richmond Air Base, NSW on board a Hercules bound for Townsville, where we took the part of the Viet Cong for 4 RAR before their deployment to South Vietnam.

Here are a couple of photos that I took of D Coy while on exercise (we were so fit back then!).

The story behind the dog in the second photo is an amusing one.

The first task we faced was to build a mock Vietnamese village, which was to be attacked on the final day of the exercise. Our platoon commander thought it would be a good idea (and didn’t they have a lot of those!) for us to have some dogs in the village to make it look more authentic.

So, four of us were bundled into a Land Rover and roamed the streets of Townsville looking for stray dogs. Needless to say we got some very strange looks from the locals, as we were dressed in black, with SLR’s in tow.

We had no luck on the street, so we made a trip to the pound and found “Blackie”, who eventually befriended everyone!

The 3 week exercise was a huge success.

A few beers went down very well at Lavarack Barracks before we flew back to Holsworthy.

Don Maloney,
D Coy, 1970-71

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LOGAN’S HEROES 1969

Members of 2 Sec 2 Pl, A Coy 5RAR, posing for a group photograph during a break in patrols and operations.

(Standing L to R): Merv Tuckett, Terry Bateman, Vince Fallins, Michael Boulton, Greg Knight and Michael Skelly.

(Front): Neville Thompson, John Riley, Norm Carrington and John Logan.

THOMMO’S WINNER

David “Thommo” Thompson (6 Platoon 1969) and his wife Linda had something to celebrate about on Melbourne Cup Day this year.

Hidden Jewel, a horse that they had bred themselves, won the XXXX Gold Maiden Handicap for 3 year old fillies over 1300 meters, at Eagle Farm in Brisbane. The winning margin was 2\(\frac{1}{2}\) lengths.

Yes, Dave did wear the Tiger-V hat for the presentation, we were hoping to get the official photo in time to publish, but this one will have to do.

Congratulations to Dave, Linda and, of course, to Hidden Jewel.

Dave and Linda Thommo and Linda’s mother, Joan Offord after the win.

L-R: Jimmy Patton, John Anstee and Don Maloney, note the black (VC) trousers.

“Blackie”, the dog!!

Quote: “No man outlives the grief of war though he outlives its wreck; upon the memory a scar through all his years will ache.”

William Souter, ‘The Permanence of Young Men’ (1940)
STARLIGHT
AN AUSTRALIAN ARMY DOCTOR IN VIETNAM

By Dr Tony White AM RFD

The duties and life of a frontline Australian doctor in the Vietnam War (5 RAR 1966/67). STARLIGHT was the radio call sign for army doctors and medics. Vivid recollections of author's 12 month tour of duty as a frontline doctor in difficult territory. Born in Australia, reared in Kenya, Africa, and educated in England and Australia with a medical degree from Sydney University, the author was Mentioned in Despatches during the war. In 2010 he retired from practice as a skin specialist in Sydney with a special interest in the Royal Flying Doctor Service and the Pacific Islands. He was made a member of The Order of Australia in 2009.

Vietnam was Australia's longest and most controversial war. This book vividly recalls the Author's 12 month tour of duty as a frontline doctor in difficult territory. Starlight was the radio call sign for army doctors and medics.

For those who were there, this book will surely refresh memories, good and bad, of those days of conflict. For those who weren't there, Tony White has painted the scenes skillfully with his letters home from the warfront, and connecting stories.

I commend strongly his story to all as an outstanding account of the duties and life of a frontline Australian doctor in the Vietnam War.

Major-General WB Digger James
AC MBE MC MBBS

When I think of the solid service, patient endurance, steady courage in the face of danger and the basic decency and dependability of the ordinary Australian soldier, I'm intensely proud to have 'been there and done that' in such company.

Tony White

From Robert (Dogs) Kearney 5 RAR 1st Tour and author of 'Silent Voices' and co-author of 'Crossfire' and 'Flashback - Echoes from a Hard War' wrote:

This is a great read mates - I could hardly put it down; read it in two sittings.

I highly recommend it to every member of the battalion and their families; it is an easy read that covers the personal side of a son, brother, and young doctor at war.

I believe that Starlight, as well as being an enjoyable read, may give other veterans wives an idea of what their men were involved in all those many years ago.

Carol Townsend, Mrs Editor

Through sharing his letters, thoughts, fears and use of black humour as well as his practical methods of dealing with stress, Tony has produced a wonderful book; I will revisit it from time to time to subdue my own dragons.

Doc's honest caring for the diggers comes through in his clear and descriptive sharing of the events of 66-67 many of which we as diggers didn't know about, but others in which we were the players. His use of personal family letters brings an immediacy that can't be squeezed from a fading memory.

This book will be read by a diverse range of people but especially his and our grandchildren, great grandchildren etc.

I am sure it will become mandatory reading for RMC, and AAMC; it will always be a valuable reference for young green Army doctors.

My best wishes go to all the Tigers and their families.

Dogs Kearney

不多说了，这套书我全部都买下来了。
ESSO’S LINKS TO 5 RAR

The 5th RAR was formed in March 1965. At that time ESSO, as an advertising gimmick, had carried the phrase; “Put a Tiger in Your Tank” and was freely giving away black and gold striped tiger tails which could be attached to your car’s petrol cap. That afternoon there was a burst of exhaust fumes as every member allotted to 5RAR who owned a car sped to the nearest ESSO Garage to fill up and get a tiger tail. From that time onwards, tiger tails where attached to cars, kitbags and to anything, limited only by the free supply of tiger tails.

The photograph below was taken by the St George and Sutherland Shire Leader newspaper as the boys embark aboard HMAS Sydney on Wednesday 19 February, 1969. The caption reads:

“LCpl O’Hara (Joe) Page of Brisbane and Ken Davis of Oatley are not a bit embarrassed by their cut-out mascot’s apparent reluctance to leave for Vietnam. They are watched by the RSM, WO1 John Vagg, of Holsworthy. The tiger went aboard HMAS Sydney backwards, with Page pulling its tail and Davis pushing its head.

The tiger, of the ‘tiger in the tank’ species was a gift from Esso (if only they knew! Ken) to B Coy of the 5 RAR – the ‘Tiger Battalion’. It will grace the company’s lines in Vietnam.”

As a reinforcement I joined the Tigers in June 1969. I was advised that the Tiger was appropriated from a Esso service station when the battalion was returning from the last exercise prior to SVN. As you may recall at that time Esso had a slogan ‘Put a Tiger in your tank’.

The Tiger was on display outside BHQ and on the HMAS Sydney (photo at right) as we returned to Australia. The tail, which had been damaged, was repaired by the ships carpenter. I do not recall seeing the Tiger after our return, I was with the battalion for some time after the RTA.

Graham Quinton.

PRAISE FROM AN ALLY

Back in November 2001 there was a 5 RAR Website Guest Book entry from a Phillip deCook, a Vietnam veteran from the US 3rd Squadron, 5th Armoured Cavalry Regiment (Black Knights, insignia shown at right) who penned a short poem about 5 RAR and I forgot about it until I rediscovered it.

Ted Harrison, Webmaster

"To the men of the 5 RAR Vietnam, I wish I knew where to send this. Like a newspaper, so your whole country could see it. I just would like for them to know one American’s feelings about you mates."

I hope this speaks for all American Combat Vets, after all Rambo was not there.

Phillip deCook November 2001

LAND OF THE DRAGON

A long time ago, in the land of the dragon,
I met some men, and yes I’m braggin’;
From Australia and New Zealand these men came,
They fought like tigers, they earned their fame;
They fought so brave in the Dragon’s mist,
They fought with weapons, they fought with fists;
I’m proud to have known men so brave,
They should be too, for what they gave;
Who were these men who came so far to help us out’
They were the men of the 5th no doubt;
These men are old, but it’s not too late,
Tell them just how proud you are of these brave old men of the 5 RAR

© Phillip (Allen) deCook

Quote: "You can have peace, or you can have freedom. Don’t ever count on having both at once.”

Robert A. Heinlein, ‘The Notebooks of Lazarus Long’
NOTICES

C COY 1966-67 REUNION APRIL 2012
A reunion is being planned for members of C Coy 1966-67 in Portland, VIC, to coincide with ANZAC Day Ceremonies 2012. All 5 RAR Members living in the immediate area are welcome to join the activities with C Coy.

An informal gathering will occur on Tuesday 24 to give attendees some information and maps on the town of Portland. ANZAC Day Ceremonies that include the Dawn Service, Gun-fire Breakfast, March and Main Service will occupy Wednesday. The guest speaker for the Main Service in 2012 will be Roger Wainwright, OC 8 Pl 1966-67 and 5 RAR Association President.

The event will conclude with a Dinner on the Thursday evening at the Richmond Henty Hotel.

Currently there are 55 Members and 37 guests who have committed to attend.

April is not that far away now so if you feel that you also wish to attend please contact Daryl McCombe on (03) 5523-4913, 0428 234-913 or darylmccombe@gmail.com

B COMPANY 1969-70 REUNION APR 2012
A Reunion of B Company (1969/70) has been organised for 24 April to 28 April 2012 at Lake Macquarie (just south of Newcastle), NSW.

The Reunion will begin with a ‘Meet and Greet’ function on Tuesday 24 April at the Club Macquarie.

ANZAC Day Ceremonies will include the Dawn Service and the March. There is to be a formal dinner held on the evening of Friday 27 April.

A ‘Farewell BBQ’ will be held on Saturday 28 April and there will be other optional activities available.

For further details or an attendance form please contact John “Macca” McMahon, 10 Hibiscus Close, SPEERS POINT, NSW, 2284, jbm@cnn.net.au (02) 4950-6464.

COMMENDATIONS
Two hundred and sixty one of the Army’s finest troops have been recognised with soldiers’ medals for their dedication to duty and service this in 2011.

Three members of 5 RAR (Mech) were acknowledged amongst this elite group. Our congratulations go to PTE Brady Morrissey, PTE Bronson Scott and PTE Craig Sager for their exemplary service to their unit and to the Army.

Quote: “Look at an infantryman’s eyes and you can tell how much war he has seen.”
-- William H. Mauldin. Up Front (1944)

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TIGER TALES ARCHIVES
The Back Issues of Tiger Tales, from August 1987 to December 2010, are now on the 5 RAR Association Website.

These are stored in the PDF file format for ease of viewing or downloading to your computer. You will find them under the 5 RAR Association Newsletter, TIGER TALES banner on the Contents Page.

D COMPANY 1969-70 REUNION OCT 2012
The D Coy (2nd tour) Reunion for 18-21 October 2012 at Dubbo in NSW is definitely ON. It’s time for those wanting to attend to start their planning, specifically to make their OWN arrangements for accommodation at Dubbo. If you are attending please advise your Platoon/CHQ Rep of the number of people attending and whether you will attend the Reunion Dinner (Sat 20 at the Dubbo RSL), later we will need a final commitment and payment.

We invite all who served with D Coy 2nd tour and as always extend invitations to NOK/Family of those we lost in Vietnam, as well as those who have since passed away. Additionally we invite anyone who was attached to Delta and any other 5RAR members (either tour) who live in the Dubbo Region will be warmly welcomed.

The programme will be quite casual/informal with the 2 main activities the Reunion Dinner and also an informal Remembrance/Wreath Laying Service which will most likely be on the Friday. For more information about suggested accommodation etc see the 5RAR Assn website under the Sub-unit Reunions tab.

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Contact your mates, get in contact with your CHQ/Pl Rep so we can get a big roll up, look forward to catching up.

Bob Fenwick sendfenwick@bigond.com

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The 5 th Battalion were grouped into a mixture of companies that contested in all events; the 5 companies were broken into BHQ/Log Coy, B Coy, C Coy, D Coy, and SPT Coy. Each team had its strengths and weaknesses which led to some very interesting and highly competitive games.

Throughout the week though it seemed as if Support Coy would go undefeated until late on the third day when C Coy scored a win in Water Polo. The overall score for the week had Support Coy take 1 st place with Bravo and Charlie Company tied 2 nd, BHQ/Log Coy coming in 3 rd and Delta taking 4 th place.

Every event also had a champion soldier for the day but the overall champion soldier for the week was Cpl Solis (SPT). He was a key player in the talented Support Coy team no matter which sport they seemed to play. Special mentions also need to go to LCPL Bettess (SPT) for his efforts in Soccer, PTE Deveson (B) for AFL, PTE Fletcher (SPT) for Water polo and CAPT Trembath (BHQ) for Rugby. Each of these players were awarded champion soldier for the individual sport as a result of their outstanding sporting prowess.

Each day ended with a boozer parade where RSM WO1 De Kock and CO LTCOL Forbes would sum up the days scores and congratulate the winning teams.

The Battalions of the Royal Australian Regiment each have their own sports week, in the 5 th Battalion it's known as “Blood Week”. It’s a tradition that hasn’t been held for a number of years but after 5RAR’s recent deployment to Afghanistan and the Battalion reshuffle there was no better time for its return.

“Blood Week” consists of four days of four different sports in which each Company battles it out against each other with the goal of finishing the week with the highest amount of points. The idea behind “Blood Week” was to build camaraderie amongst the newly reshuffled sub-units and display each Company’s prowess on the sporting field or pool. This year’s sports consisted of Soccer, Aussie Rules, Water Polo and Rugby.

The RTF Committee also ran a canteen selling refreshments and a sausage sizzle at the games where all funds raised went back to supporting the soldiers.

They were also in charge of running the boozer and put in some long hours making sure everything went smoothly.

At the end of the day “Blood Week” lived up to its reputation with only a few injuries arising, which spanned from cuts and bruise to a fractured clavicle and dislocated fingers.

The week overall went very well and despite the intense heat and high humidity every player put in their all and produced some very competitive and entertaining games.
A VIETNAMESE HERO—DUONG VAN MANH

Over the years I have rushed between Hoa Long and Long Tan on the way to ANZAC Day or Vietnam Veterans Day gatherings at the replica Cross. I have become familiar with the various statues and memorials along the way but because I was usually in a hurry, I never had the chance to stop and really examine them. I was always intrigued by one memorial in particular - a golden statue of a revolutionary figure in the village of Long Phuoc. As we flashed by one day I was able to point out the statue to my local Vietnamese guide.

“Oh,” she said off-handedly, “that’s Duong Van Manh.”

“Hero Manh,” I asked?

“Yes,” she confirmed.

“Do you know how important that man was,” I asked?

“No,” she replied, “I don’t know what he did.”

It’s not unusual that young Vietnamese these days have little knowledge of the war that dominated their country for so long. So I told her about my discovery of Duong Van Manh, his importance to the war in the Baria area and his connection to the Australians who operated in the area, as well as to my adopted unit in particular - I was in the FO Party in D Coy 5 RAR on its second tour.

In 2005, I wrote and was assistant producer on a film for SBS called Vietnam Minefield. The documentary told the story of the Australian-built minefield that ran the 11 kilometres from the Horseshoe base to the village of Phuoc Hai. The documentary was based on Greg Lockhart’s book ‘The Minefield’.

The minefield consisted of two rows of barbed-wire fencing 100 metres apart. Between the fences were some 21,000 M16 ‘Jumping Jack’ mines. About 12,000 were booby-trapped by placing the mine on top of an M28 hand grenade with a pressure switch. Should anyone try to lift a booby-trapped mine, the pressure switch would activate, the grenade would explode along with the mine and the person lifting the mine would be killed.

Five Battalion’s Companies built the fence on their first tour in 1966-67. On two successive days in April, PTE Robbie Lloyd and 2LT Kerry Rinkin died after stepping on mines laid in the construction site. During the Battalion’s second tour, on the infamous Operation Esso, D Coy and C Coy both suffered large numbers of dead and wounded from mines taken from the minefield.

In 1968, mines taken from the field had been used to protect the Minh Dam Base Area in the Long Hai Hills. Both A and C Coy of 3 RAR suffered significant casualties that year in the hills while on Operation Pinnaroo.

In 1969, 9 RAR and 6 RAR also suffered heavy casualties from mines taken from the minefield. The song “I Was Only Nineteen” is based on an incident during Operation Mundingburra in August that year.

In February 1970, over two days, nine Diggers were killed in a series of incidents that generated headlines in Australia and questions in Parliament.

While filming the documentary in Vietnam, I interviewed a number of former village guerrillas and members of D445 Battalion. They all confirmed that the Minefield was a threat to their operations because it posed a barrier to communications between the mass of people in the villages in the Long Dien - Dat Do area and the Main Force Units in the jungles to the east.

They also know about Duong Van Manh who they referred to as Hero Manh.

As soon as the minefield was complete from the Horseshoe, around Dat Do and down to the Da Bac Creek, village guerrillas moved into the minefield at night to lift the mines. Lifting M16 mines is not too difficult. The M16 has three prongs on the top in a fuse mechanism. Considerable pressure, about 3.5 kilos, has to be placed on the prongs before the mine is activated.

Contrary to popular belief, the mine is triggered by downward pressure on the prongs not by lifting one’s foot off the mine. So those stories of heroes who hear a click and remain standing on the mine while their mates evacuate the area are just stories.

Provided one is careful, one can lift an M16 mine out of the ground without it exploding. Then it just requires a pin to be inserted in the fuse to render it safe. So when the Vietnamese found they had lost some 30 people trying to lift the mines in the Australian field, they realised there was something peculiar about the Australian mines.

One night, Manh and some comrades entered the minefield to try their hand. Manh lifted one mine, heard a click as the pressure switch was released and froze. But nothing happened. He peered into the hole and saw the Australian booby-trap.

Manh then went about the villages and hamlets in the Dat Do - Long Dien - Phuoc Hai triangle instructing the villagers in the Australian booby-trap. The villagers in turn developed a number of techniques to lift the mines. Some lifted the two pieces together then rendered them safe. Others rendered them safe before lifting the mine and grenade separately.

Village cadre organised competitions with rewards of cash or Certificates of Appreciation for groups who lifted the most mines.

As one Australian engineer said, the minefield became a walk-in, walk-out arms supermarket.

There are few statues of individual heroes in Baria-Vung Tau Province. The fact that Duong Van Manh is honoured in this way is testament to the importance of his work, from a Vietnamese perspective. His luck and subsequent training of the villagers led to the fortification of the Long Hais and made 1ATF operations in the southern part of the province extremely difficult as only too many 5 RAR officers and men remember.

Walter Pearson
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