

The 4th Infanteer

Volume 51 Number 3

Issue: May / Jun 2018 E-mail Edition

JOURNAL of the ASSOCIATION of 4TH INFANTRY BATTALIONS
\$10.00

PATRONS: MAJGEN G.L. Maitland AO OBE RFD ED (RL)
MAJGEN S.V.L Willis AM CSC (RL)

Ladies & Gentlemen,
FYI....from Chickenman,

AKA:
CAPT Trevor Roderick
2IC B Coy 4RAR 70-71

Regards,
The Kernel (Chris Burgess)

On 7 April 2018 I attended the unveiling of a memorial to Jim Bourke, fellow OCS Graduate and great mate of Helen and self.

Jim's Nominal's: Lt Col (Retired), Dr James Raymond Bourke, Member Of The Order Of Australia, Medal For Gallantry, Doctor Of Philosophy (Victoria University Jim founded Operation Aussies Home. He was instrumental in locating six Australian bodies left behind when Australian Forces were withdrawn in 1972.

The Unveiling Officer was Maj Gen Mark Kelly (AO), other speakers were Brig George Mansford, AM AATTV, Peter Aylett AATTV (Operation Aussies Home), Bob Kennedy 1RAR Vietnam First Tour and Bourke family reps.

Jim was a PI Comd D Coy 1RAR Vietnam Feb 1966 when shot in the face during the Battle Of Ho Bo Woods. He was eventually evacuated to 1 Camp Hosp in OZ for a long period of facial

Next Meetings

TUE JUN 12

4/3 RNSWR

KENNA CLUB

SUTHERLAND DEPOT

TUE AUG 14

4/3 RNSWR

KENNA CLUB

SUTHERLAND DEPOT

1930 FOR 2000 HRS SHARP

reconstruction. He also served with the AATTV and 1ALSG Vung Tau.

After OCS I served with Jim in 2RAR and we met up several times on active service and in OZZ during our time in the Army.

One of Jim's Commanders said " Lieutenant Bourke is a problem, Lieutenant Bourke has always been a problem and Lieutenant Bourke is the kind of problem it's always good to have around ". I can second that comment.

Jim's nickname was " BINDI ". We always thought that this was due to his complexion. He looked as if he had an Aboriginal background. I found during my time in Ayr that his family and friends knew him to be a bloody nuisance at times and was named after the prickle that got under your skin. That is the "BINDI ".

Jim died from cancer on 25 Sep 2015. Jim received his Doctorate several days before he passed away.

(Continued on page 2)

Association Account Details

BSB 802397 A/C 704877

**Email your Receipt No.
and your name.
So we know who has paid.**

(Continued from page 1)

Chris, Noel. Bit long winded but feel the lads might like to get this. Cheers.

And a bit from the Australian:

REST IN PEACE: 18252 LIEUTENANT COLONEL JAMES RAYMOND (JIM) BOURKE AM, MG, WIA Vietnam (Capt/PI Comd: WIA) 1st Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment 09/06/1965 to 14/02/1966 Australian Army Training Team Vietnam 18/06/1968 to 30/12/1968 Headquarters, 1st Australian Logistic Support Group 31/12/1968 to 18/06/1969

Medal for Gallantry Service Between: 9/06/1965 and 18/06/1969.

Jim Passed away peacefully with Family & Friends At the EASTERN PALATIVES CARE UNIT At 1400hrs today Fri the 25th Sept 2015.

Jim Bourke was posted to 2RAR upon graduation until re-posted to 1RAR to go SVN. He also taught the 2RAR Cadre who went to JTC to supplement their staff when the Bn went through in early 67. Thanks Terry Dinneen.

His heroism as a platoon commander with 1 RAR in the Vietnam War in 1966 should have killed him. He was shot while trying to save a wounded soldier, and won a medal for gallantry. He led his most important mission - to find and bring home the remains of six missing Australians: Richard Parker, Peter Gillson, David Fisher, Michael Herbert, Robert Carver and John Gillespie, left behind in Vietnam where they fell. Bourke has one regret - he will die before the remains of any of the 42 Australians missing from the war in Korea are recovered.

Thanks Terry Dinneen

Jim Bourke looks frail but dignified in a comfortable chair. To a steady drumbeat, unseen equipment delivers oxygen to the retired lieutenant colonel's cancer-ridden lungs. Bourke is in a buoyant mood on a grey day in Melbourne. His missions in life are now largely accomplished.

His daughter, Sarah, and a few good mates - Gordon Peterson, Peter Aylett and Paul Darrouzet - sit by his side, smile gently at his jokes and anecdotes, and nod respectfully at the war stories.

"Every day is a bonus - it's been my mantra since then," Bourke says. By way of explanation, he points to a Vietnam War photo of him getting battlefield treatment for a bullet that tore through his mouth and exited below his left ear

in January 1966.

"It took my mind off sex for a few minutes," adds Bourke. A glutton for punishment, he recovered and returned to Vietnam in 1968 for a second tour.

Bourke is dying. Every hour is a bonus. He understands death and grief better than most. He has been close to violent death. He knows better than most its effect on those left behind.

His heroism as a platoon commander with 1 RAR in the Vietnam War in 1966 should have killed him. He was shot while trying to save a wounded soldier, and won a medal for gallantry. But afterwards he lost himself in gin and what he reckons was survivor guilt. For a long while back in Australia, he says, he "wasn't travelling too well".

Four decades later, he led his most important mission - to find and bring home the remains of six missing Australians: Richard Parker, Peter Gillson, David Fisher, Michael Herbert, Robert Carver and John Gillespie, left behind in Vietnam where they fell.

It was Bourke who, in the early 2000s, used his initiative and resources, did thousands of hours of research, lobbied politicians and bureaucrats, and, when that failed, led a privately funded team to try to locate the missing six. Peterson and Aylett, Vietnam veterans, were vital to this mission.

Darrouzet, who could not fathom why the government was not doing all in its power to bring back the men, stumped up cash.

"Jim Bourke is a genuine hero, not just in the war but in finding those six Australians who fell in battle years later," says Darrouzet, a wealthy former Queensland coal company owner. "You sometimes wonder, 'Would I be good enough to go over the top?', then you hear about six blokes who were good enough and who died in the fight in Vietnam, and their government said 'too hard', and left them there for almost 40 years."

Bourke's refusal to go away - the single-minded determination that distinguished him in Vietnam - eventually would bring success, and embarrass the government and Defence chiefs into decisive and long overdue action.

As Bourke saw it, Australia had sent those six young men to war on a one-way ticket. In failing to bring home what was left of their bodies, the ultimate sacrifice they had made was not being honoured. He regarded it as a national disgrace.

When Bourke and his team in 2007 found the remains of two of the missing six, Defence could no longer shirk its duty. Bourke and his like-minded mates had achieved results the experts predicted were impossible. They were making officialdom look bad. A new collaborative effort with Defence resulted in re-

(Continued on page 3)

(Continued from page 2)

mains of the other four being found, carefully repatriated to Australia, and laid to rest with public and family ceremonies, political pomp and overwhelming community approval.

In the ABC's Australian Story in 2007, Carmel Hendrie, widow of lance corporal Gillespie, who had died in a helicopter crash in Vietnam in 1971, says of Bourke: "I just hope that he is at peace with himself because it's not an easy job, what he's doing. He must lay awake at night-time thinking, 'Oh my god, have I got to find another body, have I got to face another family member?' He's the one who's helping us to get to an end and an end is what we want, one way or the other."

Asked now about his own peace, Bourke, who had been on the same operation as the first two of the missing six in November 1965, tells The Australian: "It gave me a better understanding of how people, including myself, might deal with this loss of a loved one."

In the years since the missing six were brought home, Bourke has been on a scholarly path, researching and writing about the military, political, social and cultural tensions that have had a bearing on Australia's approach to its war dead.

His newly completed PhD thesis, *Living With Unresolved Grief and Uncompleted Tasks: Achieving Closure Around Ambiguous Loss and Traumatic Events During Wartime*, is dedicated to his father, John, "whose funeral I was not permitted to attend".

It is a clue to the personal demons that helped drive him to recover the missing six. Bourke was 13 when his "best mate", his dad, a mechanic, became gravely ill at home in the Queensland town of Ayr, near Townsville. It was 1958.

"My father and I had a particular bond," Bourke says. "We used to hang out a fair bit. But he got pneumonia. I saw that he was quite ill and I said to Mum, 'We have to get Dad to the doctor.' She went next door to the neighbour's house because they had a telephone, rang up and got the ambulance. They wouldn't let me in it. It was three miles to the hospital and I was as fit as a mallee bull so I ran it. I had this special attachment to my father. I was there when he died.

"Back in the 50s it was not the practice, in north Queensland anyway, to go to your father's funeral. I always thought he was coming back because I had not had that finality from seeing the coffin being lowered into the ground.

"These people (the families of the missing six) never had that either. I wanted to understand these things a bit better. I knew it was related. Because I had not seen my father buried, I wanted to understand the connections. And probably the best way to understand this, I thought, is through the families. It took me years to work out what closure really meant.

"You might find this difficult to believe but for 40 years my father would come back in my dreams. I would get up and say to my mother, 'Dad and I are going fishing' and Mum would look at me and say: 'Jim, Dad's dead'. I wrote my father a letter in the late 90s, believe it or not, asking him to lay off me. And he has.

"It might seem unusual for the people sitting here, but in the course of being troubled by a situation, you have to sort it out, so I wrote this letter. I hoped to put it to sleep, psychologically. It seems to ease these things."

Bourke's 110,000-word thesis draws on dozens of interviews with family members of the missing six, defence personnel, Australian veterans, former North Vietnamese soldiers, war records and his own experiences with his Operation Aussies Home. It is a measured and powerful body of work that also addresses what he sees as ongoing ambiguity in policy about the duty to bring bodies home from future conflicts.

His study describes the "psychological and physical effects of the men's loss on members of their families and on their comrades". He writes: "The grief arising from wartime losses affects society for many years after hostilities end. We see symbols of grief and mourning around the former battlefields and across Australia, in the cities and hometowns of those who died serving the nation.

"The hearts of the men and women who lost loved ones or comrades were terribly scarred, especially when no mortal remains were recoverable. Across the nation, citizens have an obligation to these fellow Australians, to understand their grief and to lend support where they can - and the nation has a moral obligation to the missing themselves, to recover and properly commemorate them."

Bourke's tone is not angry but he does not pull punches over bureaucratic and political inertia. At the heart of his story, and his life's mission, is, he says, a concept most people know as closure.

With the missing six, he says, the men's recovery "categorically confirmed their death, enabled the families to conduct funerals, afforded the rite of passage to the dead and enabled family members and others to re-engineer the social spaces in which they continued to connect with the dead".

(Continued on page 4)

(Continued from page 3)

It was positive, too, for comrades who had experienced guilt over abandoning the men in Vietnam. Bourke says the recovery of the remains "represented the ultimate act of reparation".

Bourke is unflinching in examining the reasons it took four decades to recover the six men. He describes how the Australian government sent a mission to Vietnam in 1984 "to provide the fullest possible accounting of the last known circumstances" of the six men. The failed mission lasted 17 days, of which four were spent in the field, and it subsequently reported "there is no point in initiating further investigation of the circumstances surrounding the disappearance of (the men)" while the question of missing Australian servicemen "should not be an issue in the bilateral relationship".

Bourke believes one of the 1984 mission's outcomes was "to give the authorities the opportunity to dismiss the need for further investigation, on the basis they had already investigated the cases". Official interest in the six evaporated after 1984.

Bourke says: "Despite serving for 23 years in the Army and retiring as a lieutenant colonel, I never accepted authority very well. As a general philosophy, I subscribe wholeheartedly to the timeworn Australian adage that everybody deserves a fair go."

It was increasingly clear to him "that the Achilles heel within the bureaucracy was the government, specifically the ministers".

In contrast to the Australian authorities, Nguyen Van Bao, a Vietnamese commander, wanted to help Bourke's team because, as Nguyen explained, "when the soldier is dead, he is no longer the enemy". Bourke says Nguyen, whose advice was invaluable in pinpointing the scene of a key battle, demonstrated a common Vietnamese trait: respect for the warrior.

Bourke writes: "The gravitas of Australia's leaders, so obvious at times when they wish to praise the sacrifices of service personnel, appeared to evaporate when confronted with deciding whether to do anything about these six MIAs from Vietnam.

"It appears Australia was able to sweep the remains of the missing under some metaphorical carpet. Blight on Australia's national identity was evident - Australia lost her spirit. The apparent lack of interest in the recovery of the missing during the second half of the 20th century reveals a cultural undercurrent of amnesia around Australia's missing war dead.

"This undercurrent survived during the last two decades of the 20th century despite the patriotic resurgence of interest in commemorating Australians' wartime sacrifices."

"Searching for the missing, beyond initial battlefield clearance, was a priority of neither the Australian government nor the Australian Defence Force, and this underlying philosophy was formalised in ADF policy in 1996. The situation around the (42) Korean War MIAs and the six MIAs from Vietnam clearly reflects this dilemma."

But by 2007, following the breakthrough recovery by his group of Parker and Gillson, the debate changed fundamentally.

There were accolades and congratulatory messages from then prime minister John Howard, Defence chiefs and other VIPs. The RSL made Bourke its 2008 Anzac of the Year. The loved ones of the first two were generous in their praise, and by 2009 the remaining four had been retrieved and repatriated.

Aylett says none of it would be possible but for the dying soldier sitting nearby.

"You're still a bloody troublemaker," he tells his mate. "As one of your commanders said, 'Lieutenant Bourke is a problem, Lieutenant Bourke has always been a problem, and Lieutenant Bourke is the kind of problem it's always good to have around.'"

Bourke has one regret - he will die before the remains of any of the 42 Australians missing from the war in Korea are recovered.

"They say: 'It's too hard, the North Koreans won't talk to us about it,'" he says.

"Well, they should get off their arses and use their diplomacy to engage the bastards."

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/news/inquirer/life-missionaccomplished/story-e6frg6z6-1227542641387>

and finally go to: <http://oemvva.org.au/jimbourke.html>

THE BARREL FIRE

For several years B Coy 2nd Tour have commemorated the Battle of Nui Le at GT's place at Lakes Entrance in Victoria.

Members regularly come from Qld, WA, SA, NSW and Vic. One of the traditions is that we sit around a barrel fire in his back yard.

(Continued on page 5)

So far we have worked our way through several 44's and a couple of stainless steel washing machine tubs.

There is a bloke who makes fire barrels out of stainless steel and we had one made to be the official Coy barrel at Lakes and we raffled one off at the B Coy Townsville Reunion Company get together.

Chris Burgess has bought one as well and his house was the rendezvous point for several members driving through to attend ANZAC Day on Norfolk Island this year, so it was inevitable that his barrel would be fired up to mark the occasion.



The road to get these made was long and involved.

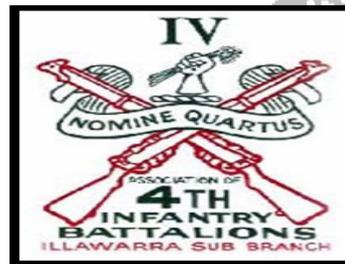
Using the B Coy badge and all the other wording is simple.

The problem is using the word "ANZAC"

To be able to use 4RAR/NZ (ANZAC) requires Ministerial Approval.

It took two years for the approval to come through but the wait was worthwhile and they look great.

I can't wait to go to Lakes in September and see it.



**ASSOCIATION of
4th INFANTRY
BATTALIONS
APRIL 2018
Illawarra Sub-Branch.**

Since our AGM thankfully I muddled through with our Secretary Treasurer on duty with the Army. Things have been relatively quiet.

The most recent event that has occurred was the 50th Anniversary Luncheon celebrating the Associations longevity. Not only it's longevity but the strength of an organisation to not only still be around, but the dedication of the members over fifty years to not only keep it strong and vibrant.

(Continued from page 5)

But to keep it current and just as meaningful now as when it was 1st envisaged.

The strength as I said before relies on the ideals we all originally joined up for a sense of duty, service, comradeship and to make sure those that follow us can carry on to make sure that our sense of service is still relevant fifty years on.

The proof of this is the fifty two people who gathered at Miranda RSL on Saturday the 3rd of March 2018 to not only catch up with colleagues and valued friends but to again continue the traditions we all believe in.

To Warren as usual a job well done.

Again it was my privilege to lay a wreath at the Illawarra National Servicemen's Commemorative Service on the 10th February this year. There was a very big change to their Order of Service.

Their memorial is situated at Wollongong Harbour on the hill near the lighthouse at the very beautiful Belmore Basin. Through many many years of inclement weather and Council restrictions at times, they have in their wisdom moved the event indoors to Wollongong City RSL Auditorium.

This new venue was appreciated by all who attended this also included their Patron Sharon Bird MP and Gordon Bradbury AM Lord Mayor of Wollongong.

It is pleasing that they not only give me this opportunity, but many of their members who served in the 34th Battalion the Illawarra Regiment, are respected members of our Association also.

Ray Morgan
President Illawarra Sub Branch
Association 4th Infantry Battalions.

President's Report June 2018 Infanteer

Members would have received their Mar/Apr 2018 Infanteer and noted my report on the Association's 50th Anniversary Luncheon.

I have been requested to provide my address delivered at the Luncheon. Our Editor of the Infanteer, David Morris, has been informed as of 1400hrs, 27 May 2017, that I will provided a full copy of my address to the 50th Anniversary Luncheon in the June edition of the Infanteer. So, please read on.

The 4RAR Association is meeting Sunday, 27 May 2018 at the Bankstown Sport Club and I interrupted David Morris, via mobile phone call at the meeting.

From the 10th April 2018 Bi-monthly Meeting. The meeting opened at 2000 hrs with the following in **Attendance:** Warren Barnes, Ray Morgan, Michael Ali, Bob Weir, Michael Kelly, Daryl Green and Phil Sadler.

Apologies were received from : LTCOL David Charlton, WO1 Sen Casey, David Morris, Rachelle Graves, Alan Lyons, Ian Scott Gary Towle, Les Levings, Garry George, Bob Pollard, Paul Mitrovich, Graham Fleeton.

Mention was made of LTCOL Matt Vertzonis and SGT John Cox who were at our February Meeting, but not acknowledged. Our belated apologies.

The February Meeting minutes were received, read and adopted.

Correspondence both Received and Sent were discussed the two letters mention, one from Cliff Horsley and the other from Vin Hallinan.

Our financial report was proved by Treasurer Bob Weir who stated that we had \$3,379.28 in our working account

(Continued from page 6)

and our 6 Month Investment balance of \$15,000.00 Our investment was renewed in Feb 18 for a 6 monthly period.

Discussion followed on the changes at the way in which the Australian Military Bank operate, and is has become evident from Bob's accessing our account, that there are significant difficulties with their new processes. This was discussed at the February Meeting and as of this April meeting, members support that the President and Treasurer investigate another financial institution to continue with our banking arrangements. Members supported our most likely banking institution be with the Commonwealth Bank.

Illawarra Sub-branch Report: The Illawarra Sub-branch President Ray Morgan provided his report.

Presidents Report: WO1 Warren Barnes provided his report as per the April Infanteer.

4th/3rd Battalion Report: This was a 'nil;' report due to the Brigade Conference.

4 RAR Association Report: Phil and Daryl provided an update with nothing much that has changed but to mention of their meeting on 27 May 18. Note: (The 4RAR NSW website is being updated to keep Members up to date. We have had the site up for years but have not put any info on it for sometime. We will fix that.)

General Business:

Association's 50th Anniversary overview. 2017 – 18 Annual Raffle Prize summary. ANZAC Day Sydney, FUP's, Banner Party, the March and reunion.

Infanteer Requirements: new cover page, envelopes.

2018-19 Annual Raffle Prize: meeting agreed to the Naked Army Bronzed Figurine of

the Ben Robert-Smith VC as the prize.

Melbourne Cup Sweep 2018: The August Infanteer will have tickets for the Cup Sweep.

Next Meeting: will be on Tuesday, 12th June 18 at the Sutherland Depot.

ANZAC Day 2018: President WO1 W. Barnes spoke of being absent from the Sydney ANZAC Day March, due to be on the Military History Tour to France, Belgium and London. Former Commanding Officer LTCOL Paul Murphy along with the form Battalions Historians, John Hitchen, Alistair Capp, Greg Chapman Oliver, John Lee, John Howles, provide military presentations at specific WW1 battle sites and memorials.

The Admin team consisted of Paul Murphy, Bob Taylor, John Hitchen, David Alexander and Warren Barnes.

Also seen at Villers-Brettonneux at the new Sir John Monash Centre was LTCOL Matt Vertzonis. Matt was instrumental in the travelling exhibition that toured Australia for the Centenary of ANZAC during 2017 -2018. If I am correct the Exhibition was moved in 14 B-double throughout the tour of Australia.

Further details of Our Other ANZAC Day 2018 will be provided in the August Infanteer.

The April Meeting Closed at 2100 hours.

Donations: received from March 2018 were from: W. Vandine, Ron Lyons, Ian Thompson, Laurie Lucas. We thank these members for their generosity.

A correction from previous Infanteer and new member with that being of Parriss McDougall. My apologies Parriss for the incorrect spelling of your name.

(Continued on page 8)

(Continued from page 7)

2nd/4th Meeting at Newcastle. With their President Alf Carpenter 'chairing' the meeting, a dedicated group discussed their Association matters. Alf is a great 101 years and one month and 4 days old as of the 27 May 2018.

Australian Army Infantry Museum Visit. The Museum was privileged to have had Alf Carpenter visit on 9th May 18. This was also the opportunity for the Museum to reacquaint Alf with the light machine gun that he brought back from WW2 at Greece and Crete.

The weapon is very much in the same working condition as to and when Alf provided it to the Museum a great number of years ago.

After lunch and further discussion with Alf, his niece, and husband, John Land [Museum Curator] and Warren Barnes, Alf departed around 3pm from what was a short visit from 11am.

Retirement from Military Service: Assistant Manger of the Australian Army Infantry Museum, and the Association 4th Infantry Battalion's President, Warrant Officer Class One Warren Barnes OAM has reached is 'Compulsory Retirement Age. Warren Discharged from the Australian Army, Army Reserve on the 9th April 2018. His service commenced on 2 July 1972 to January 1974, having been conscripted into National Service, and then into the Army Reserve from 27 September 1975 to his discharge on 9 April 2018.

His final years in the Army Reserve were at the Australian Army Infantry Museum, at Singleton. A request from those who served in the Infantry Corps, please DO NOT discard any information that related to your military service. Please contact Warren at his email address below.

Email Address: Please note that the email address for Warren has changed to:

warren.barnes2@defence.gov.au

Mobile Phone: number has not changed: 0409 909 439

Until the next edition of the Infanteer, I trust that our members are in continued good health.

Warren
Warren Barnes OAM
Warrant Officer Class One [Retd]

Kambala School

Once again the Band from Kambala led us in the Sydney ANZAC Day March. Well led by Sara Davy, the girls are always well turned out and now several are wearing medals commemorating their Grandfather's or Great Grandfather's service.

We were invited to attend the Memorial Service that they hold in the School Hall.

I was ready to attend on Tuesday May 1st and had organised my work around it.

However the new digital phone system at the Office de-digitalised on the Friday before and two human staff succumbed to non digital human disease on the Monday, so I had to attend the office to provide essential human knowhow to pick up the land line phone and speak into it, then transcribe its message onto a non digital format.

In other words: I answered the phone and wrote down my customer's orders and solved their enquiries.

Fortunately I am at an age where I have the required training to complete

(Continued on page 9)

(Continued from page 8)

those tasks: i.e. I can read, write and converse with others of the same species, understand their needs and solve them in a satisfactory manner.

All the time being mindful of the Occupational Health and Safety requirements in my personal environment and the interaction with my customers.

Always ensuring they had a meaningful experience with my interaction and were left feeling fulfilled and satisfied.

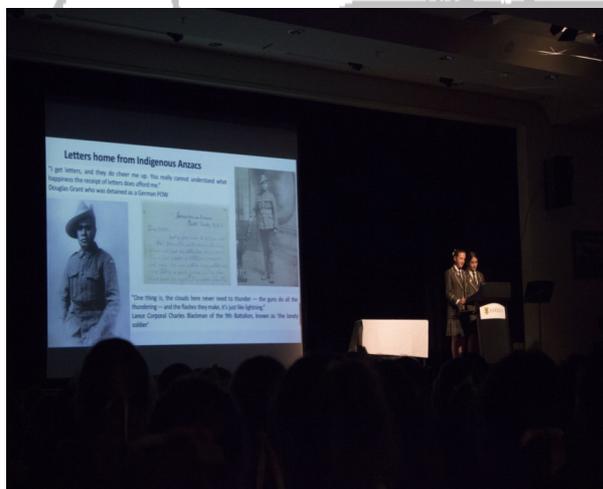
In other words: I went to the Office and had to tender my Apologies to Kambala.

I have offered the Kambala School counselling to the staff and students on a one on one basis, if required, to assist them in resolving this unexpected crisis in their lives.

Enough of the tongue in cheek stuff.

Natalie Byrne, the EA to the Principal was kind enough to send me photos of the day, they were too dark to put in the print version as we only do black and white.

The theme of the School's presentation this year was the role of Indigenous people in the World Wars.



I have added them here so you can see what a great job they do.

Next year there won't be a problem attending.

From Don Tate:

Hello to you all.

Please find following the request from the AWM. If anyone is able to assist please go to Craig directly.

I am currently curating the permanent exhibition of the Long Tan Cross at the Australian War Memorial. To that end, would you know of anyone who was with 1ATF at Nui Dat in the final months of 1971 who may know anything directly about the Long Tan Cross?

I am specifically after information about how the cross was regarded near the end of 1ATF's time in Vietnam. Anyone who may have patrolled out to the cross during that time or any services that may have been held there after the anniversary service of 18 August 1971.

I had heard that a small patrol from

(Continued on page 10)

(Continued from page 9)

4RAR was sent out sometime in the final weeks to check on the cross as well as giving it a whitewash along with the markers. Do you know of anyone that could help?

Any assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Regards

Craig Blanch

Curator | Long Tan Cross permanent exhibition

craig.blanch@awm.gov.au | t 02 62636643 | f

02 62434325

Australian War Memorial | GPO Box 345 Canberra ACT 2601 | www.awm.gov.au

Editor's Note:

I know 6Pl had a patrol that was the last one through the Nui Dat wire, but I've not heard about this patrol.

If anyone has any info on this please let me know.

Dave

50th ANNIVERSARY DINNER PHOTOS



CO 4/3 RNSWR, LTCOL David Charlton, SSGT F. N. Stein, Patron MAJGEN Simon Willis and Bob Weir



Elder Statesman Cliff Horsley proposing a toast.



A well attended Function

ANZAC Day Photos



4RAR wreath 2nd from right



The Head Shed;
Simon and Gary Bryant



MAJGEN Willis and Phil Sadler



Some of those rehydrating after
the March

Association Shop



Association ties (Red)
\$30.00



Name Badge \$12.00



Lapel Badge \$10.00

Association Shop Belt Buckles



RAR antique brass 3310



RNSWR antique brass 3467



RAR nickel gold 3758

Belt Buckles \$25.00

**For All Articles in the shop contact David Morris,
Details are on the back page.**

Payments in Cheque or Money Order

Add \$5.00 for Postage

**Make sure you give the correct mailing
address**

ASSOCIATION of 4TH INFANTRY BATTALIONS OFFICE BEARERS

- PRESIDENT:** WO1 Warren Barnes OAM
P.O. Box 1065, Singleton N.S.W. 2330.
Ph 0409 909 439
warren.barnes@defence.gov.au
- VICE
PRESIDENT:** LTCOL David Charlton CO 4/3 RNSWR
- HONORARY
SECRETARY:** Rachelle Graves
84 Arthur St, Strathfield N.S.W. 2135
Ph 0419 288 578
Email: rachelleg@ozemail.com.au
- ASST. SEC.
REGISTRAR** Alan Lyon
details will be added next issue
- TREASURER:** Mr Bob Weir
2/46 Wilga St.
Corrimal NSW 2518
- COMMITTEE:** New Committee will be added next issue
- CHAPLAIN:** LTCOL Garry Towle OAM, RFD (Retd)
- MARSHALL:** WO2 Bob Taylor
- HISTORIAN:** CAPT Mick Kelly
- CUSTODIAN:** David Morris
- :
EDITOR:** David Morris
P.O. Box 377 Concord N.S.W. 2137
Ph (02) 9745 1786 Email: davidsshine@gmail.com
Mob: 0438 532 208
- 