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Tunnel Rats in Tassie - our first big reunion



Our first national, all-Troops reunion promises to be a landmark event for the Association and the members. We've come a long way in the four years since we formed with just 12 members and a banner. Now we have over 400 members – an extraordinary number considering only about 600 men served in the Field Troops as Tunnel Rats over the duration of the War.

We now march on ANZAC Day under our own Tunnel Rat's banners in five states. We've reconnected with our roots, with a visit to our beloved 1 Field Squadron in Darwin (where we were treated like royalty).

We have a prominent display on the Tunnel Rats at the National Vietnam Veteran's Museum on Phillip Island.

We've had a highly successful visit back to Vietnam, taking in our old operational areas, our base camp and of course "Vungers". The men who took the trip still talk of it as "the trip of a lifetime".

Through our own efforts, with submissions directly to the Chief of Army, we've been granted the right to wear the Army Combat Badge. We wear it proudly.

But perhaps some of the greatest achievements of the Association have been in bringing mates together, and in reinforcing our pride in what we did in Vietnam.

We did everything the Infantry did in Vietnam, plus we

carried out our hazardous specialist tasks of mine clearing, booby trap delousing, demolitions and tunnel and bunker searching. We deserved to enjoy the same levels of comradeship as the Infantry, but we didn't have the Associations already in place that they had on return to Australia. Their Associations kept the men in touch with each other and enabled regular reunions. On top of this, each Battalion usually wrote their souvenir Tour Book on the ship coming home, providing them with a reference and a record.

As Tunnel Rats, when we came home, we dispersed all over Australia, and in those days it was hard to find your mates. Which state did they live in now? Sometimes you could only remember their nickname! And looking for interstate phone numbers meant a trip to the Post Office to scan interstate directories.

This separation and lack of a record meant we didn't really know the full story of what happened to us in Vietnam. None of us realised we had the highest casualty rate of any unit in Vietnam. Averaged over the duration of the war that rate for us was 33% (killed and wounded). One in three of us was being killed or wounded. Some years that casualty rate was as high as 40%.

Over the years since we came home, many small close groups from specific Troops and years of service have been getting together. Those small reunions are great fun and treasured experiences, and they will continue. There's no greater bonding experience than getting together with the mates you served closely with.

But now it's time to all get together, and we'll probably do it every few years. We did an extraordinary job in Vietnam. We saw and experienced things that few men are privileged to experience. We have much to be proud of, and many hilarious events to recall. And we have 35 Comrades who paid the supreme sacrifice to honour.

Our Association and the Newsletter in particular have brought us to this point where we're all in touch again and it's time to celebrate – Sapper style.

Speaking of the newsletter, Holdfast is talked of as the best unit newsletter in Australia. It seems to have that sense of Sapper mischief and black humour that was such a part of our lives way back then. And yet it is filled with respect for the role played by the men in the Field Troops of the RAE in Vietnam. And behind all this is our affection for 1 Field Squadron and the Corp, plus our sense of duty to the men we served with, particularly those who did not come home, or who came home terribly wounded.

Don't miss this opportunity to be at our first national reunion. Full details are inside this issue. See you in Tassie!

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Beaucoup Boom Boom

A B-52 bomb strike rips into the Long Green area near the base of the Long Hai Mountains in Phuoc Tuy Province. Whenever a B-52 strike was imminent we were given plenty of warning to get a safe distance away. Even at a safe distance though, the ground would shake beneath your feet, and you could feel the impacts of each explosion in your chest. Those actually in the target area would certainly be wishing they were someplace else.



Sad evidence of a late night dip

It was obviously a long night with a bad ending for the 3 Troop lad who abandoned his soaking wet greens, boots and socks after falling into the "Pissaphone" (a lidless 44 Gallon drum urinal sunk into the ground and covered with flywire). Photo was taken on New Year's Day 1970, and the big question is; did he shower before hitting the fartsack? One doubts it! Photo provided by Chris Brooks.



Monkey Business

The Sappers weren't the only drunks in 1 Troop - they also had an alcoholic monkey. He was hooked on beer and oblivious to the "two cans per man per day" rule. When drunk he performed highly offensive acts of self-abuse.



Sly grog stash - now you see it, now you don't

The ingenious Sapper who created this fully insulated sly grog stash in his tent at Nui Dat wants to remain anonymous. Evidently he went on to a long and distinguished career in the Army, so he doesn't want to destroy the good image that took him several decades to establish! Drinking in the lines in the Field Troops was technically illegal, but if they locked up every offender they would have had nobody left to go out and play with the mines and booby traps. Every now and then attempts were made to enforce this rule, or to strictly follow the "two cans per man per day" rule. When such heat was on, the Sappers would revert to hoarding and stashing, and this brought out the very best in some of the men.

Grunt-training devices

After a series of terrible mine incidents in 1969, the powers-that-be decided that the Sappers should instruct the Grunts on how to react when involved in a mine incident. The Sappers decided that realism was the key to success, so "small" explosive charges were made up to simulate mines going off. Placed in a shallow ditch alongside the training area, the chunks of C4 went off with a convincing "whoomp" and usually kicked up lots of stones for shrapnel effect. No doubt work practice regulations would make such training impossible nowadays.



Rare photo of the infamous “F*ck You” lizard



We've all been out bush in Vietnam, taking our turn on gun piquet and been verbally abused by the infamous “F*ck You Lizard” – so named because its call sounds exactly like he's saying “F*ck You”. If nobody's warned you about it and you're already a bit shaky out on gun piquet, the loud call can be quite a shock. It's incongruous that it could be the Viet Cong yelling abuse at you, but until you learn better it sounds decidedly human. Surprisingly the lizard's proper name is not the “F*ck You Lizard” but the “Tokay Gecko”. They are “loners” and only meet during the mating season, which is possibly why they sound so

angry. The Tokay is considered the “pit bull” of the Gecko world because when they bite they won't let go for up to several hours, and can't be forcibly removed without damage to the lizard or the victim.

Hear a recording of the “F*ck You” call

For some serious nostalgia you can hear a recording of the call by using the website link below this story. Simply type this very accurately (including all the underlines and slashes) into the address window of your internet browser and it will link you to the site where you can hear the call. Please be sure the grandkids are out of earshot!

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“Is this thing booby trapped?”

Sapper Terry Gleeson, a Tunnel Rat with 1 Troop 1 Field Squadron 69/70 seems to be handling his can of “VB” rather gingerly. But in fact he's just savouring the moment, admiring the sight of it. Watching with amusement is Sapper Paul “Bookie” Booke. The two things you looked forward to most on coming back to base after being out with the Grunts on operations were a hot shower and a cold beer. Terry has obviously done the shower bit and is now building up to the big moment of sinking that first beer. At 15 cents per can in those days, it wasn't an expensive exercise. And sometimes the boozier put on “5 Cent nights” to get rid of unpopular American beers or the ill-fated Courage beer from Australia.





Time for a dip - then time for a sip

In 1966 Sapper Ken Jolley, a Tunnel Rat with 1 Tp 1Fld Sqn was attached to the APCs and was riding with call sign "21 Alpha" when the Crew Commander made a pretty hairy crossing of the Song Dong river. The water was lapping over the top as the APC churned slowly across. Later the crew paused for a brew (they actually had the luxury of a little stove - known for some reason as a "choofa stove"). Ken and his team-mate on the Mini-Team, Col Schimer are seen in the right hand photo.



Double Trouble in the boozery

November 1970. Identical twins, Sappers Keith and Paul Scott (both centre) enjoy a cold Victoria Bitter beer back in Nui Dat base camp at the end of an operation. Keith and Paul were both Tunnel Rats with 1 Fld Sqn. They are seen here in the 1 Fld Sqn boozery with a few of their Tunnel Rat mates; Sapper Niven Heavisides and Corporal John Beningfield. John was on his second tour of Vietnam - this tour was with 3 Troop, while his first tour was with 2 Troop. With selection for national service operating on a draw of birth dates, twins were inevitably both going to serve if their birth date came up, assuming they both passed the medical.

Topless drinking in 3 Troop

When drinking illegally in the lines you were often drinking a mixed drink rather than beer, because beer was hard to keep cool. To make it easier to pour a generous dash of Bacardi or Scotch into a can of soft drink, the top of the can was neatly removed. This also created a handy drinking vessel. The photo was taken at a "happening" in 3 Troop's lines, and on the left of the photo is Sapper Keith Milne, nicknamed "Spotted Elk" because of his freckles. His full nickname was actually "Spotted Elk - Last of the Shoshone". It was felt that "Spotted Elk" sounded like an American Indian name, so the nickname was embellished further to complete the image. Nicknames were common in Vietnam, and this sometimes made it difficult to find your mates in the phonebook on return to Australia, because you only knew their nickname!





Historic 1969 photo of our leaders

We're a proud bunch in 1 Field Squadron, and rightly so. Here the officers of our Squadron at the time of this photo in 1969, take time out to relax and record the moment. The men, photographed in the 1 Field Squadron Officer's Mess are: Front row, L to R: Maj Rex Rowe (CO 1 Fld Sqn), Lt Phil Cooper, Capt Janis (John) Atrens, Capt Peter Knight, Capt Adrian Black. Second row, L to R: Lt John Hopman, Capt Bruce Reid, Lt Doug George, Capt Bill Hadley, Capt John Power (RAEME), and Capt John Moller. The photo was provided by Janis Atrens (Troop Commander 2Tp 1Fld Sqn 1968/69) who now lives in Latvia (his place of birth) where he has been working with the government to help restore the economy and gain NATO membership. Janis recently joined the Vietnam Tunnel Rats Association after finding us on the internet. He will be visiting Australia later this year and will be presented with his Army Combat badge in Melbourne.

"Doc" soaks up the attention as a patient

It's September 1966 and Sapper "Doc" Livingston is in 2 Camp Hospital, Ingleburn NSW receiving treatment for wounds he received from an enemy mine. The mine incident took place on 17th March 1966 while "Doc" was serving with 3 Field Troop in Vietnam - the original "Tunnel Rats", led by Sandy MacGregor. With "Doc" is the Minister for Repatriation, Senator McKellar (left), and the Liverpool Area Commander, Colonel L. Hopton.



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Thousands flock to Luscombe Bowl to see the RAAF band

Whose bright idea was this? Who would have made the decision that the RAAF band was what the lads needed as entertainment. No doubt these RAAF musicians are great exponents of their craft, but it would be obvious to even the most inexperienced concert organizer, that what the boys wanted back then was loud rock music, female singers in mini skirts, and Go-Go dancers with big tits. We believe that two of the men in the audience are pissed as newts and have no idea where they are, and the remainder of the audience are there on punishment duty.



Demolitions is not an exact science

This is not the neatest demolitions setup we've ever seen, but it will probably do the job. The Sappers have obviously been tasked to get rid of a variety of stuff considered not in working order, including claymore mines and wires, M-60 ammunition, detcord, safety fuse, and even a few rockets.



Those Gung Ho MacGregor boys

Chris MacGregor, a Tunnel Rat with 3 Tp 1 Fld Sqn in 1969/70 hams it up as he comes out of the Troop weapons store with a couple of M-60 machine guns. Chris's brother Sandy MacGregor was Tp Commander of 3 Field Troop in 1965/66 when they discovered the Cu Chi Tunnels. Chris followed in Sandy's footsteps to be a Tunnel Rat himself.



"Short back and sides sir?"

In October 1967 Sapper Peter Bennett, a Tunnel Rat with 2 Troop 1 Field Squadron receives a hair cut outdoors from a young Vietnamese barber. The enterprising lad set up business near the village of Ap Suoi Nghe, just north of the Australian base camp at Nui Dat.



Bob Ottery was a Tunnel Rat with 2 Troop 69/70, and way back in 1987 Bob was an early visitor back to Vietnam. Incredibly he was able to find the ruins of 2 Troop's old BBQ while exploring our former base camp, Nui Dat. Bob says tourism was pretty basic back then, with no restaurants, no choice of hotels, and a "minder" was with you at all times.



Sapper Greg Gough, (2 Tp 69/70) strikes a worrying pose during a piss-up in the "Rec Hut". Greg was a pioneer with the Polaroid camera, taking hundreds of great shots, which is probably why there's a photo of Greg in every issue of Holdfast! Lurking behind Greg is Sapper Jim Marett. Both lads have their non-issue "cammo" jackets on for the occasion.

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Want to feed the python?

There was a restaurant in Vung Tau where for a few Piastre you could feed a live chicken to a very hungry python they had in a pen out the back. In the photo above you can see the chicken being crushed at top left prior to consumption. Watching the whole procedure was a real nature lesson. This would doubtless be viewed as politically incorrect these days, but back then it was hilarious. It was also comforting to see that someone else (the chicken) had a worse job than the Tunnel Rats.

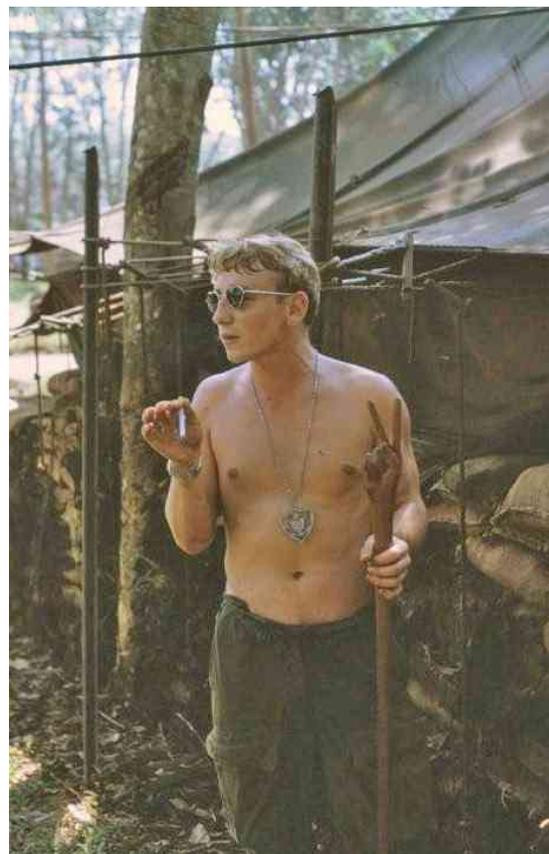


Sure beats walking with the Grunts

ABOVE: In July 1967 Sapper John Kiley, a Tunnel Rat with 2 Tp 1 Fld Sqn has a go at water skiing in the sea in front of the Peter Badcoe Club, Vung Tau. John was on leave after being out bush on operations. Helping him is Corporal Peter Jones of from the Australian Rest and Convalescence Centre.

Enemy cache within our own minefield!

RIGHT: This small bunker was found within the barrier minefield and it contained a cache of M-16 mines lifted from the minefield by the enemy. The mines were stored for later use against us. Sapper Frank Denley is seen emerging from the second entrance.



What's happening man?

While we were fighting it out in Vietnam, the Hippy Movement, Flower Power thing was sweeping the rest of the world. These influences even reached some of us in Vietnam, including Sapper Danny Mulvaney (above) the designated resident "Hippy" of 3 Troop. Fortunately Danny switched back to Tunnel Rat mode the moment he went outside the wire!



Sapper Snippets



Grandson of Sapper legend scores work detail

Nothing changes! Serving Sappers today waiting in Holding Troop for their next posting are in constant danger of being placed on work details. These Holding Troop lads above have been lending a hand at the RAE museum at SME. As you would expect the lads are highly skilled in the Sapper art of leaning on brooms and shovels. Amongst the group is Sapper Chris Bowtell (centre), grandson of Bob Bowtell, killed in action while searching the Cu Chi Tunnels on 11th January 1966. The Tunnel Rats Association is currently working on presenting Bob's next of kin with his recently awarded Army Combat Badge. PHOTO: L to R: Spr Mark Chapman, Spr Zach Blackwell, Spr Chris Bowtell, Spr Ian Moss, Spr James Lederhose



Allies together again

No country lost more in the Vietnam War than our allies, the South Vietnamese. In addition to horrendous casualties, they lost their beloved country. As refugees from afar they then watched their former homeland plunge into darkness under vicious and repressive communist rulers. Meetings between Australian and South Vietnamese Veterans are often emotional events as we recall the incredible sacrifices made. Here John Thompson OA, a former Tunnel Rat with 1 Tp 1 Fld Sqn chats with some of our former comrades. John was badly wounded in a mine incident on May 9th 1967.

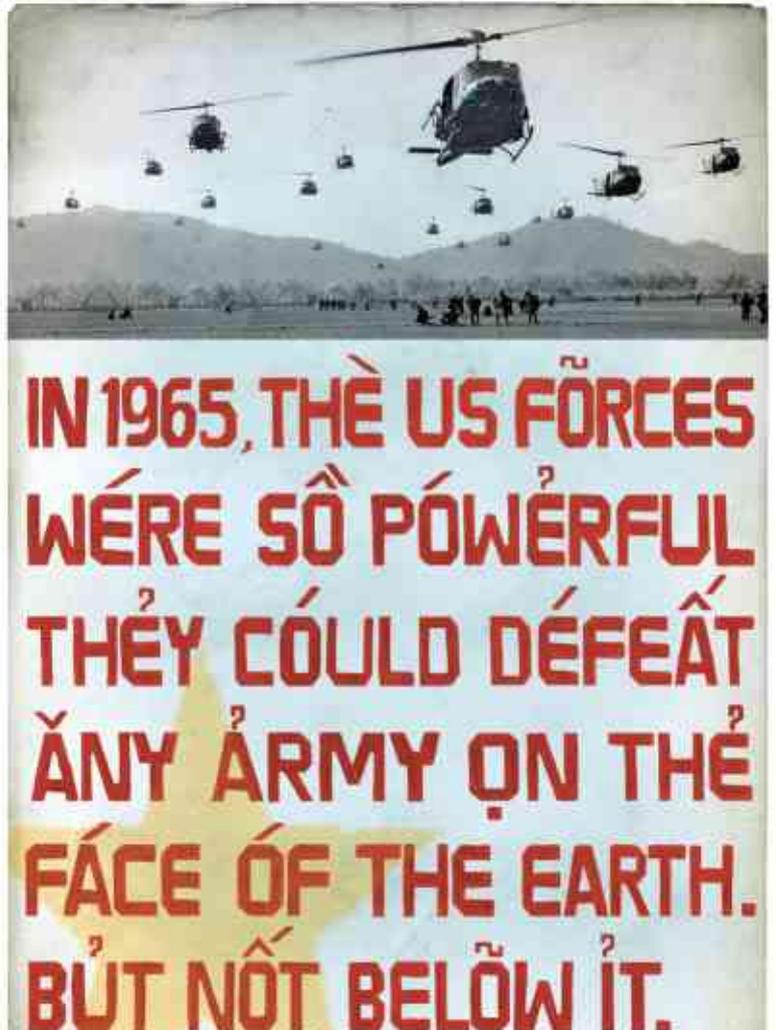


Mine-sweeping Sappers

ABOVE: In Southern Afghanistan, 1st Combat Engineer Regiment Sapper Joel Toms sweeps for mines using the latest model detector. A contingent of Australian Defence Personnel were working in Afghanistan as part of the Provincial Reconstruction Team. Australia's contribution, known as the Reconstruction Task Force (RTF), is a mix of engineers, security and support personnel working on reconstruction and community-based projects. Vietnam era Sappers will note with envy the flash equipment and protective gear.

Sign of the times

RIGHT: The Cu Chi Tunnel Complex in Vietnam is now a very popular tourist attraction, complete with huge bus-parking areas like Disneyland. This sign shown on the right can be seen in one of the display areas of the tunnel complex. If visiting Vietnam, make sure Cu Chi is on your schedule, but be prepared for some old fashioned and at times insulting propaganda, particularly in the now very dated video presentation. The US and her allies are referred to as "Puppet Dogs" and "neo colonial mercenaries". The Viet Cong are referred to as "American killing heroes". Despite this, it's still a must visit venue.



“The Flags” - a famous Vung Tau landmark has been revived in downtown Dandenong

This powerful monument to Australian and South Vietnamese soldiers (below) is in the grounds of the Dandenong RSL (Vic). Titled “Side by Side” it honours those who “sacrificed their tomorrows for our freedoms today”. Right behind the monument is a depiction of all the Free World countries who served in South Vietnam during the conflict. Using flags to represent each nation, and bordering both sides with the colours of South Vietnam, this depiction looks strikingly similar to the Vung Tau landmark and meeting point, “The Flags” (right).



Presenting the Army Combat Badge to the next of kin of our fallen Comrades



UPDATE: There has been some success in contacting a number of the next of kin of 1st Field Squadron Sappers who fell in the Viet Nam War, and applying for the Army Combat Badge on their behalf. This has been a joint Sapper associations operation, involving the 1 Field Sqn Group RAE Qld Inc, Vietnam Tunnel Rats Assn Inc and Queensland Sapper Association. All other associations are invited to become involved.

The ACB is a prestigious award that recognizes the unique service of Australian Army Engineers in warfighting. Field Troop sappers from the Vietnam War feel that it is their duty to see that their fallen brothers receive the award posthumously, if that is the wish of the next of kin.

So far we have been able to present the ACB to the families of Dennis Brooks, Terry "Butch" Renshaw, Maurice (John) Hutchison, Peter Gollagher, Peter Bramble, Tony Lisle, Ron Engstrom, Ian Scott and Robbie Wilson.

WO2 Barry Moore was also mentioned at Robbie Wilson and John Hutchison's presentations on 18 August at Geebung RSL Brisbane, as extensive efforts to find Barry's NOK have been unsuccessful to date.

Most families have elected to receive the ACB and a certificate at a formal presentation attended by Sappers and other veterans. In a number of cases Sapper veterans have travelled long



ABOVE: Peter "Roo Dog" Scott (2 Troop 69/70) is the driving force behind our efforts to present next of kin of our fallen Comrades with the Army Combat Badge. Here Peter presents Tony Lisle's ACB to his daughter Julie Kellow

distances to meet the families of their fallen mates.

In all cases the families have received the badges in a very positive manner, appreciative of the expression of remembrance of the sacrifice and service of their loved ones.

We would still like to contact the next of kin of the following sappers

Corporal Robert Bowtell

age 33 - 11 January 1966

Sapper Leslie Prowse

age 21 - 25 July 1966

Sapper Ramon Deed

age 21 - 10 May 1967

Sapper Glen Bartholomew

age 22 - 18 May 1967

Sapper Gregory Brady

age 22 - 20 May 1967

Sapper John O'Hara

age 22 - 20 May 1967

Sapper Donald Wride

age 23 - 10 July 1967

WO 2 Barry "Pud" Moore

age 30 - 16 November 1967

S/Sergeant Colin McLachlan

age 38 - 18 February 1968

L/Corporal John Garrett

age 20 - 18 February 1968

Sapper David Steen

age 21 - 18 February 1968

Sapper Alan Pattison

age 19 - 22 March 1968

Sapper Geoffrey Coombs

age 22 - 22 March 1968

Sapper Vincent Tobin

age 24 - 22 March 1968

Sapper Kenneth Nicholson

age 23 - 12 April 1968

Sapper Norman Le Bherz

age 22 - 13 September 1968

Sapper Ronald Davies

age 24 - 28 May 1969

Sapper Ronald Smillie

age 19 - 23 July 1969

Sapper John Smith

age 21 - 23 July 1969

L/Corporal Bryant Hansen

age 20 - 21 October 1969

Sapper Alan Duncuff

age 21 - 25 October 1969

Sapper John Greene

age 21 - 8 December 1969

Sapper Anthony Hollis

age 23 - 30 January 1970

Sapper Rodney Hubble

age 19 - 28 February 1970

Sapper Harold Hurst

age 21 - 29 April 1970

Sapper Peter Penneystone

age 22 - 2 August 1970

DVA and RSL have been asked to publish this update in their magazines, and it would be appreciated if all Sapper associations could do the same on their networks.

If you know a contact and address for the families of any of the above fallen sappers, please contact:

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A Testing Two Days For Sapper Miller

Our second story on the five Tunnel Rats awarded the Military Medal in Vietnam covers Sapper Gary Miller and the two incidents which led to his award.

Gary Miller was a Sapper working as a Tunnel Rat with 3 Troop 1 Field Squadron in Vietnam from 27th August 1969 to 20th August 1970. His bravery in two incidents in March 1970 while attached to B Company 8th Battalion RAR was recognised with the awarding of the Military Medal. Again these incidents involved perhaps the most harrowing of the tasks that Sappers faced in Vietnam – that of clearing safe lanes to comrades wounded by mines.

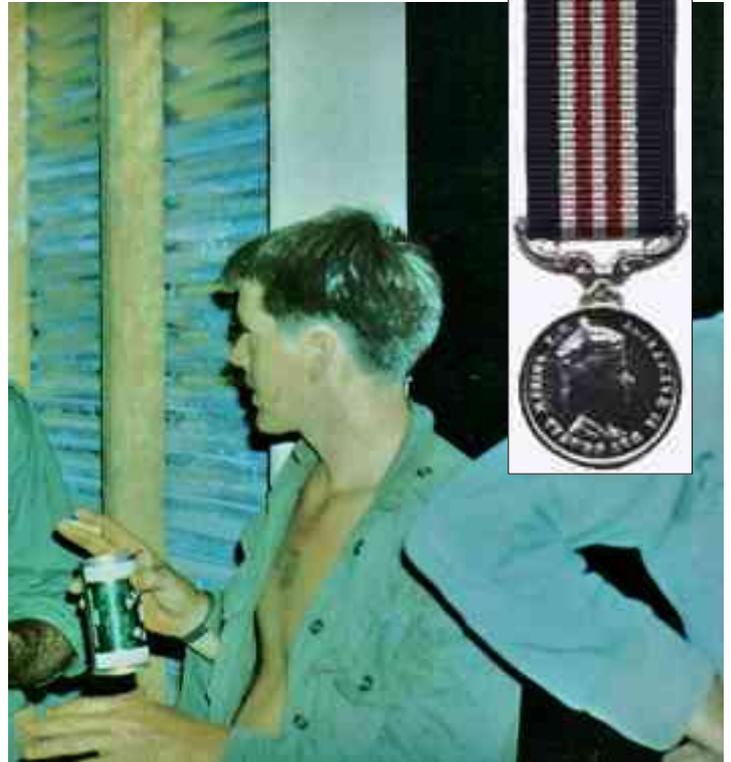
It's difficult to imagine a more stressful situation in which to find yourself. You're surrounded by mates who've been very badly wounded. They need first aid immediately and they need urgent evacuation to medical facilities that could save their lives or limbs. This needs to happen fast, but your training and your experience in-country tells you that the enemy has placed other mines to catch those trying to aid and evacuate the men wounded by the first mine.

The Sapper needs to keep everyone under control (including himself) while he clears safe paths to all of the wounded so that first aid can begin. The Sapper must then clear a path to a suitable landing zone for the "dustoff" medical evacuation helicopter, and ensure the landing zone itself is clear of mines. More often than not, the landing zone had to be rapidly created by the Sappers blowing down a few trees and clearing underbrush.

The young Sappers who took on these awesome responsibilities in mine incidents throughout the Vietnam War were invariably in their early 20's and were usually working in a team of just two men. The "No.2" of the team had probably been in-country less than four months. When these mine incidents took place and the "proverbial hit the fan" these young Sappers were virtually "taking control" over a platoon or even a company until they had removed the threat of mines. That they handled this so well – every time, without fail – is a credit to the indomitable spirit of the Sappers and to their training received both at SME and in-country from team-leaders in the two-man team system.

The first of Gary's incidents happened on 6th March 1970 when Gary was No.1 of a Splinter Team attached to B Company 8RAR. His No. 2 in the Splinter Team was Sapper Paul Scott who had been in country a little over three months.

They had been patrolling for some time on



ABOVE: Sapper Gary Miller enjoys a beer back at the Nui Dat base camp. RIGHT: Sapper Paul Scott was the No.2 of the Splinter Team on both Operations



that day, when Gary was called to the front of the patrol because the Forward Scout had seen something suspicious. Gary investigated and found a partly buried M-16 mine near a log.

The patrol was quite spread out and Gary wanted everyone nearby to remain still while he looked more closely at the device and then at the surrounding area.

"I told everyone in the vicinity not to move until I checked it out", recalls Gary.

"The Gunner from the FO party and a couple of Diggers stayed behind us for protection. While I was checking the mine out, there was a massive



Private Stephen O'Dal of 5 Platoon, B Company 5RAR died of wounds on the day of the mine incident, 6th March 1970

Casualty list from March 6th mine incident

Surname	Initials	Rank	Number	Unit	Coy/PI	Age	Corp	CAT
Bressington	J.	Pte	218583	8RAR	B/5	23	RAINF	KIA
Glover	W.F.	Pte	4720549	8RAR	B/5	22	RAINF	WIA
Harris	G.J.	Pte	4720765	8RAR	B/5	22	RAINF	WIA#
Lade	W.G.	Pte	3795480	8RAR	B/5	22	RAINF	WIA
Mills	B.J.	Cpl	1201929	8RAR	B/5	33	RAINF	WIA
O'Dal	S.J.	Pte	39016	8RAR	B/5	20	RAINF	DOW
Thompson	P.N.	Lt	17150	8RAR	B/5	24	RAINF	WIA

Casualty list from March 15th mine incident

Surname	Initials	Rank	Number	Unit	Coy/PI	Age	Corp	CAT
Danyluk	J.	LCpl	217739	8RAR	B/6	20	RAINF	WIA#
Hazell	D.M.	Pte	218589	8RAR	B/6	22	RAINF	WIA#
McEffer	T.R.	Pte	1734652	8RAR	B/6	21	RAINF	WIA
Rock	P.J.	Pte	2791851	8RAR	B/6	23	RAINF	WIA

Evacuated back to Australia due to wounds

explosion off to my right, followed by a lot of screaming from the same direction.

"I knew straight away somebody had stood on a mine, so I immediately started clearing a safe lane by hand in the direction of the screaming, so that a medic could get to the wounded for first aid."

When Gary reached the site of the mine incident, it was at the edges of a bunker system that elements of the patrol had decided to sweep through while Gary investigated the first mine found near the log.

The mine had been set off by Private John Bressington who was killed by the blast. In all there were seven casualties, including Private Stephen O'Dal who would die from his wounds in hospital later that day. Of the five surviving casualties, by far the worst hit was Private Graham Harris.

"As I reached the edges of the bunker system I came across Private Graham Harris. He was lying on his back, and both his legs had been blown off," recalls Gary.



Private Joseph Danyluk of 6 Platoon, B Company 5RAR was injured in the mine incident of 15th March 1970

Sappers Miller and Scott cleared paths to each of the wounded, then concentrated on clearing to and creating an area from which the wounded could be winched out by helicopter.

In part, the citation which accompanies Gary's Military Medal reads: "Despite the danger to himself, Sapper Miller immediately set about the hazardous task of clearing safe

lanes by hand to allow access to the casualties from the incident. Undaunted by the knowledge that the enemy normally lays mines in lots of two or more in an area, Sapper Miller meticulously cleared the necessary avenues of approach to the wounded and then proceeded to clear an area from which the casualties could be winched out of the area by helicopter. His complete lack of fear was an inspiration to those who were present."

The second incident which forms a part of Gary's award of the Military Medal took place just nine days later, on 15th March 1970. Gary and his No. 2 Paul Scott were still out on the same Operation with B Company 8RAR, and were with a Platoon they had worked with several times before.

"The patrol had stopped at a clearing where we had an "O Group" and a brew," recalls Gary.

"As we enjoyed the brew, the Lieutenant said he was going to send out a few Diggers to check the surrounding area. I showed him my mine map which

“His response was to say that the mines weren't indicated on his map – and he sent the men out anyway, telling them to stay off the tracks, taking on board the warnings I had given.

“A short time after the small patrol had left our area, there was a loud explosion, followed again by screaming. Once again, realising what had happened, I started to prod, clearing a safe lane to the wounded.”

This time there were four wounded, the worst being Private Douglas Hazell who had stood on the mine while walking across a track junction. Private Hazell eventually lost both legs as a result of his injuries that day.

Sapper Miller continued searching the area and found another M-16 mine.

“I believe, because of the indications on my mine map, that I would have found even more mines if we'd had the time to continue looking,” said Gary.

“But after the medivac of the wounded, we got out the area quickly.”

Again, quoting from Gary's citation for his Military Medal: “Heedless of his own safety, Sapper Miller again undertook hazardous hand clearance of the area. Having cleared safe lanes into the casualties and cleared the remainder of the area for movement, Sapper Miller was not satisfied that he had done all that he could. Bearing in mind the enemy mine practice he relentlessly searched the surrounding area in an effort to find the second or more of the mines, His pursuit of his objective was rewarded when he detected another anti-personnel mine sixty metres from the initial explosion.”

Just a few months before these incidents, on 7th



ABOVE: Sapper Gary Miller uses a mine detector to clear a track for mines while working with the Tanks. Walking behind Gary is the No. 2 of the Mini-Team, Sapper Serge “Eric” Brianski



One of the injured in the March 6th mine incident, Private Bill Glover of 5 Platoon B Company 8RAR is seen here (second from the left) four months later enjoying a break and an ice-cream during a village cordon and search operation

December 1969, Sapper Miller had been wounded himself, by shrapnel from a mortar round. He spent three weeks in hospital recovering from the wound before returning to 3 Troop and the Operations with 8RAR that would lead to his Military Medal.

Gary didn't hear of his

award until he was back in Australia, serving out the last few months of his National Service.

He was eventually presented his medal by Sir Roden Cutler VC, an honour in itself.

The bonds between Sappers and Infantry involved

RIGHT: Gary Miller (left) has an emotional meeting with 8RAR Veteran, Graham Harris who lost both legs in the mine incident on 6th March 1970

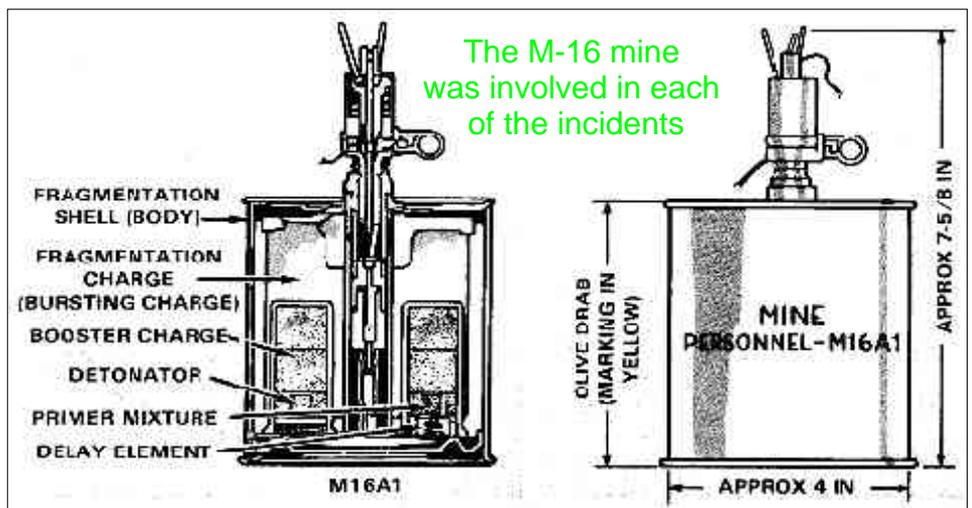


RIGHT: Gary Miller (left) is presented with his Military Medal at an awards ceremony conducted by Sir Roden Cutler VC (right)



together in mine incidents is strong and emotional. In the early 1990's Graham Harris (who had lost both legs in the first of Gary's mine incidents), got up at an Infantry dinner and thanked the "mystery" Sapper who had saved his life and enabled him to go on and have five wonderful children. That Sapper was Gary Miller. The newspapers followed up the story, locating Gary and eventually bringing Gary and Graham together. It was an emotional reunion of two men whose lives had been on the line together.

After the War, Gary needed a distraction from the rather hectic previous twelve months in Vietnam. He renewed his love of surfing and plunged into touring South Africa and many of the world's top spots,



chasing the perfect wave. Eventually reality took hold and Gary returned to Australia to settle down. But behind him always is an incredible story of Sapper courage, recognised not only through his Military Medal award, but also through the comradeship he enjoys from fellow Sappers and from the

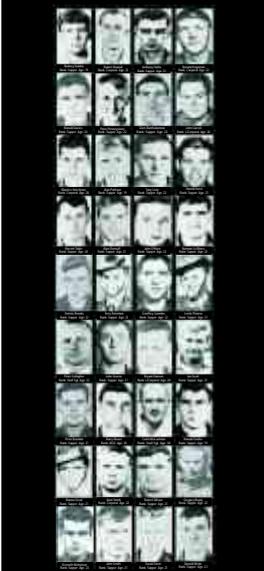
Infantry he worked so closely with.

The closing section of Gary's Military Medal citation reads: "In both instances, Sapper Miller's fearless and relentless application to his task was an inspiration to those around him and was a magnificent example to all".

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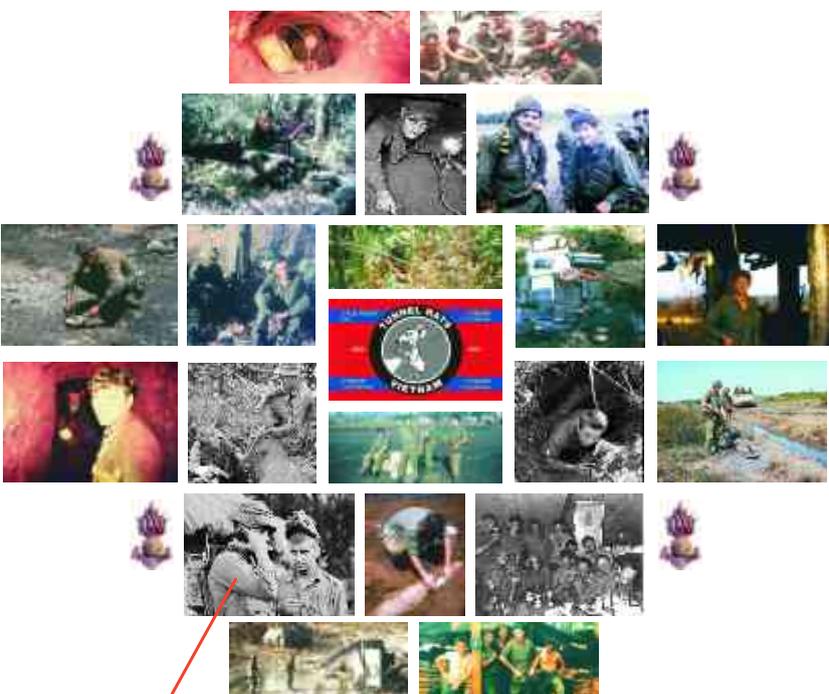
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The 'Tunnel Rats' led an odd life, usually being attached in two-man teams to Infantry and Armoured units instead of working together as a troop or squadron.

When attached to Infantry units, these two-man teams were called 'Splinter Teams'. If attached to Armoured units they carried mine detector and flack jackets and were called 'Mini Teams'.

An early task for the Tunnel Rats was the laying of minefields, an exceptionally stressful job, particularly when laying those mines fitted with anti-lift devices.

However, the main role for the Tunnel Rats was to carry out their specialist tasks: mine and booby trap delousing, tunnel and bunker searching, demolitions and bomb disposal - while attached to the Infantry and Armoured units for four to six-week long operations.

In addition to normal packs, food, water and sleeping gear, they carried a torch, a 9mm pistol, detonating cord, safety fuse, explosives, detonators mine-incident maps, pliers, tape, - and lucky charms!

The casualty rate amongst these men was high, with 36 Killed in action during the war. In one 12 month period alone (June 1969 to June 1970) 12 were killed and 36 wounded, a total of 48 casualties from just 120 men operating as Tunnel Rats - a casualty rate of close to 40%

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Battle of Binh Ba 40th Anniversary

Sappers who were deployed on operation HAMMER, the Battle of Binh Ba 6th to 8th June 1969 are invited to attend the 40th Anniversary commemorations on the 5th and 6th June in Canberra. The 5 RAR Association is co-ordinating the event and the Federal Government is supporting the commemorations along similar lines to the 40th Anniversary commemorations of the Battle of Long Tan, Balmoral and Coral, albeit on a smaller scale.

Australian casualties – 1 Killed in action and 8 wounded (5 RAR). Viet Cong and 1st Battalion 33 NVA Regiment – 91 killed in action

Sergeant Brian London was awarded the Distinguished



Conduct Medal (DCM). The battle was won by the successful co-operation between units and sub units of the Task Force. It is remarkable given the battle conditions and, the strength of the enemy that more Australians were not killed or wounded in action.

Albert Palazzo, in Australian Military Operations in Vietnam records that 5 RAR had

'sapper support'. The Tunnel Rats Association has details of sappers from 7 Section 2 Troop 1 Field Squadron being choppered to Binh Ba at the commencement of the battle and returning to Nui Dat at the completion of the operation. However, we urgently need details of other sappers who may have participated in Operation HAMMER who would be eligible to attend the forthcoming commemorations in Canberra.

Ted Podlich (2 Tp 68/69) has been designated the contact person, so please contact him with any relevant information and he will pass it to the 5RAR organizing committee:

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Secret raids supplied Sappers with free booze

By Peter Krause - In Memory of Gordon Green

This story is legendary amongst the men who served with 1 Troop, 1 Field Squadron in Vietnam in early 1971, but it deserves wider publicity here in Holdfast as a reminder of the courage, cunning and resourcefulness of Field Engineers in action.

Just across the road from 1 Troop's lines at Nui Dat was the Military Police unit, including a POW compound with its well-photographed sign offering "Bed, Breakfast, Bodyguards and Running Water". The MP unit features heavily in this story of Sapper ingenuity.

The Hero of this adventure is Sapper Gordon Green, known to his mates as "Greenie" and to some, particularly those in authority, as 'Bloody Greenie'. Greenie could make a big deal out of the most trivial piece of crap, with passion, while the really important things didn't feature or get a mention.

This adventure all started when Greenie and myself came into camp after a long Operation, and as usual we arrived with a real thirst on us. Arriving late and missing our issue of beer tickets, we faced a bleak night on the dry. We naturally checked all the usual stashes for some sly grog, but to no avail.

Personally, I never had any chance of hiding grog in my tent – "The Old Happen Inn" because my tent mates were two big West Australians who were rather keen on a beer. One of them Brute Carrol, had an uncanny nose for planted grog. Brute could knock down a can of beer with the same conviction, dedication and speed of a parishioner taking communion at Mass on Sunday. He was sometimes found fast asleep, surrounded by a mountain of empty cans.



ABOVE: The MP's Provost Corp compound was right alongside 1 Troop's lines.

RIGHT: Sapper Gordon "Greenie" Green in his tent at Nui Dat, and seemingly under orders to brush his teeth



As our "dry night" progressed, Greenie and I could not help noticing that right next door, the MP's were having a piss up. "Here is our chance", says Greenie (who was not a big drinker himself). "We'll go over and see if these wankers will invite us in for a beer, as we're such good neighbours!"

At this stage we should point out the fact, that nobody, and we mean nobody in the Army ever spoke highly of the MP's.

Despite being sober, driven by my thirst for a beer, I went along with this crazy idea – although somewhat hesitantly.

So Greenie pumps himself up to his full size, looking akin to an overgrown stick insect with a green hat on, all enhanced by a big deep voice with attitude.

He knocks on the MP's door. "Excuse me" says Gordon to this big bugger of an MP who

looked like the Head Honcho. "I couldn't help noticing you blokes are having a party and I thought you might invite us in for a beer".

The big man Warrant Officer MP says "What! Who the hell are you?". I start backing off into the darkness, but Greenie persists. "I'm from next door", says Greenie like someone expecting to be invited in for a cuppa. "Thought you might invite us in for a beer – a good neighbourly thing to do".

"Piss Off – get out of here!" was the MP's reply. I slink deeper into the shadows, Greenie departs mumbling obscenities about dickhead MP's, bad neighbours, selfish bastards and so on. Little did I or the boss MP know then, but

Greenie was actually casing the joint. Shortly after lights-out that same night, Greenie slinks into my tent, decked out for a SAS Patrol. He says – “The MP's are all pissed and asleep – we can check the joint out for some spoils”.

Reluctantly I tag along. Greenie calmly opens the door of the MP's hut, runs a torch over the room, and says in his normal foghorn voice – “This bugger's asleep, come and have a look at this”. Well, bloody hell, what a sight - an icebox full of cartons. Greenie tosses me a carton and takes one for himself. Too bloody easy.

This was 1 Troop's moment of discovery of 2 BOD (Beer Ordinance Depot), and the MP's beer supply got raided unnoticed regularly from then on. Gradually we became more professional, more brazen, eventually using the troop wheel barrow which held an easy 2 cartons. In time there was quite a track worn from 1 Troop to 2 BOD.

Bloody good lurk. We had no idea how the Military Police accounted for their beer supply, but we felt at this rate we could raid their beer indefinitely – that is until Greenie decided to raise the bar on one particular run.

For some reason known only to himself (remember he wasn't really a big drinker), one night he decided to make a big hit. In preparation the Troop wheel barrow had its tyre pumped up and its bearing oiled (a squeaky wheel was unnerving during the getaway phase).

Then it was off down the now well-worn track to the MP's Camp. “Load er up” says Greenie – 5 cartons, then back for another 5, and just to make sure, 5 more cartons. There wasn't much left behind.

The following night when the MP's went for their nightly ale – they suddenly found they were



TOP: MP's on full alert - “Where's our bloody beer?”
 BOTTOM: L to R, Gordon Green, Jim Weston, Des Curtis, Don Stringer and Peter Krause, at a reunion in 2007

on very hard rations. For some reason they got all dark and nasty about the missing beer. We on the other hand could think of no more deserving recipients of the chilled cartons than the lads of 1 Troop.

Things got a bit hectic in 1 Troop for a day or two, but they never found their beer, as it was well hidden in the Troop training tunnel. We believe the MP's had to start doing all night piquet like everyone else, but in their case to protect their beer rather than the base perimeter.

It is with great sadness I tell this funny and true story. Gordon Green, our mate and our comrade, lost his courageous fight with cancer earlier this year, not long before his 61st birthday – far too young.

I will always remember Gordon as a true blue Australian larikin with tremendous courage, along with complete dedication to the job at hand.

In 1 Troop many years ago, as well as now, you could not have had a better mate to be by your side.

It saddens, frustrates and frightens me that with Gordon and his brave and dignified fight for life – I couldn't do a damn thing to help, other than be by his side.

Gordon we salute you.

Editor's note: Peter Krause, the author of this piece was one of the get-away wheel barrow drivers on various 2 BOD raids.

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A Message from the heart

Sapper Albert Eyssens proudly served as a Tunnel Rat with 1 Troop in 1968/69, today he expresses his concern for the future of the Old Sappers Association, formed by Sappers from World War One and World War Two

I believe that unless we act fast, a very sad event will be upon us very soon, the complete passing of the Old Sappers Association into the past.

The Old Sappers Association was formed in 1934 by ex-Sappers from the First World War. Their numbers were then boosted by those returning from the Second World War

The Old Sappers Association is like the RSL, it is unit neutral and Conflict Neutral. All it requires is that you served in the army in a Engineering Unit and that you are no longer a serving member of the armed forces, i.e. Be an Old Sapper.

The Old Sappers Association will be holding their 75th AGM in December 2009. This is a great achievement , but it might be the end of an era.

The membership is literally dying out very fast, it is in need of new young members, like us to rejuvenate it. The ages of the founding members are 80 years and above, of which there are not too many remaining. With these members at the age that they are, the Old Sappers Association will not exist in 10 years time.

The old timers would love to see the Vietnam Sappers amongst them, to talk to us, to find out how it was for us, and for us to talk to them, for us to carry on the tradition of the Old Sappers Association, so that it will still be there in another 75 years.

The Old Sappers Association has a room for its memorabilia and social functions located in the Oakleigh Barracks, North Road, Huntingdale. The Army has



In July 1945 in the Wewak area, New Guinea, Sappers of 2/14 Field Company, RAE, attached to 2/8 Infantry Battalion, view the results of their work, a Japanese bunker they've blown up near the summit of "The Blot".

given them the use of the Barracks for perpetuity. I do think though that should the Association no longer exist, they will claim the room as theirs, even though the Old Sappers Association paid the Army \$40,000:00 to have the room included when the Army moved the Engineers depot from Swan St Barracks to Oakleigh Barracks, Victoria.

I am trying to encourage the Vietnam Tunnel Rats Association members to support the "Old Sappers Association by becoming dual members, as I have done.

No matter how hard we may try, because of our ages, and the fact that the Vietnam Tunnel Rats were formed in 2004, in 75 years the Vietnam Tunnel Rats will also not exist, but we can if we also became Associated with the Old Sappers Association. If we actively get involved in the Old Sappers Association, because of its neutrality, the Old Sappers

Association could live forever, and then there would be a place for our Vietnam Tunnel Rats banner to be stored with all the other Unit banners, for the future Sappers to see.

As we are the next generation of Sapper, we are all eligible to be members of this great Association. I invite and encourage all members of the Vietnam Tunnel Rats Association to also become members of the Old Sappers Association. The Old Sappers meet each month at Oakleigh Barracks, the 74th AGM will be held on the Sunday 14th December 2008 at 12:00pm, all Sappers are welcome to meet the very interesting members, and have a beer or two with them.

For more information on the Old Sappers Assoc, call Jim Muir, President Ph: 5995 4277 or the Honorary Secretary, Jim Crosling Ph: 9438 2273.

In my case, I was not able to fit in at the RAE Vietnam Association, nor the Vietnam Veterans Association. I had been at a loss, about my place in society, until I joined the Vietnam Tunnel Rats Association. 1 Field Squadron, 1 Troop, was my home for 12 months. I marched on Anzac days from 1990 to 1997, but it was always a hollow experience. When I marched with you on Anzac day and had lunch with you guys, it was like coming home to 1 Field Squadron.

I hope to be a member for the rest of my life. I also will be a member of the Old Sapper Assoc for as long as they last, therefore I am again asking you for support of a very worthy cause.

Yours Truly
Albert A. Eyssens
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TASSIE HERE WE COME!

It's all happening! The first national reunion of Vietnam Tunnel Rats is locked in to commence on the 1st of April 2009 - the 43rd anniversary of 1 Field Squadron's arrival in Vietnam

The reunion is for men of all Troops – 3 Field Troop and 1 Troop, 2 Troop and 3 Troop of 1 Field Squadron – plus of course our former leaders, the men who served as OC or SSM of the Squadron. Wives, partners and family members are of course welcome.

Early indications are that every man and his dog are going to be there. We expect the numbers of attendees to be huge, giving us all the best opportunity we've had to see many of our Troop mates since the Welcome Home Parade in Sydney. Don't miss this one!

Essentially it's a four-day event, kicking off with a big welcome dinner on the evening of 1st April. Those with more time on their hands can stay on longer than four days, with a variety of Tassie tours on offer.

This is no "Mickey Mouse" affair, the organiser, Norm Cairns (3 Troop 67/68) has pulled out the big guns, and we have many VIPs attending, including the Governor of Tasmania, His



Excellency The Honourable Peter Underwood AO, the Premier of Tasmania, Mr. David Bartlett MP, the Leader of the Opposition for Tasmania, Will Hodgman MP.

We are also inviting some key serving members of the Army in Tasmania, and depending on their availability and operational commitments, hope to have current serving representatives from SME and our beloved 1 Field Squadron in attendance. Shine your shoes, clean your fingernails and practice your salutes lads – they might be recruiting!

In addition to the opening dinner on Wednesday April 1st, highlights include; individual

Troop Dinners at various hotels on April 2nd; a memorial service at the Hobart Cenotaph on April 3rd followed by a buffet lunch and all-Troops together reunion at the Hotel Grand Chancellor; a variety of optional tours on April 4th including to Anglesea Barracks and Military Museum; and on Sunday April 5th a lunchtime informal get together and farewell function at the Mercure Hotel.

Table arrangements at the two dinners

There are two sit-down dinners with allocated tables and seating. These are the Reunion Dinner on 1st April and then the individual Troop dinners on 2nd April. We realise that you want sit with your Troop mates, so on the booking form for each of these dinners you'll have the opportunity to specify exactly where you want to sit in terms of your Troop and your year of service (67/68, 69/70 etc).

All of the above dates and venues have been confirmed.

Registration forms are included with this issue of Holdfast. There are two dinners and two lunches which are integral integral parts of the Reunion and your one payment of \$220 covers all of these.

Drinks at each event are at your own cost, and very reasonable charges for beers, wines and soft drinks have been negotiated for us.

In addition to the lunches and dinners there are various optional tours and activities which you can chose to participate in or not.

All appropriate information regarding these optional tours and activities will be provided early in the New Year. In the meantime, to secure your spot, you need to book and pay for your Reunion participation using the booking form with this issue of the newsletter. Do it now!

Families of our fallen comrades

We are talking with close relatives of several of our comrades who were killed in action in Vietnam, with a view to having them attend the Reunion. We feel this will be valuable and rewarding experience for them, and us. If you have any contact with families of our fallen comrades, we encourage you to invite them to attend. We suggest they select seats at the Dinners sitting with the men who served with their loved one. Bookings can be made using the same form as your own booking.



The Designated Boozer

This is a key part of every reunion. It's a place you can drift into at any time and find some mates to have a beer and a chat with. The Theatre Royal Hotel, 31 Campbell Street is our Designated Boozer. Look for the Tunnel Rats banner above the front door. Our hosts are Mike and Mala Crew. Mike, ex RAN is a serving Qantas pilot and Mala, a barrister. If you want to be close to the action, accommodation is also available.

The Shamrock Hotel, 195 Liverpool Street is

highly recommended as an alternative boozer. Publican Ron Stokoe is ex RAN as well and assures us that he will keep the tucker up and turps flowing! they also have accommodation available.

Special hotel rates

You need to book your own accommodation. A list of recommended hotels, follows. Mention the Tunnel Rat's Reunion to receive the room rate discounts we have negotiated on your behalf.

All of the selected hotels are located in the centre of the city and within a few minutes walk of each other. The exception is Wrest point, which is a \$10 taxi ride from the city centre. We strongly suggest that you book your accommodation as soon as possible.



Hotel Grand Chancellor

1 Davey Street Hobart

Ph: 03 62354535

www.ghihotels.com

Free call 1800753379

Mountain room \$170 per room/night

Harbour room \$205 per room/night

The Old Woolstore Apartment Hotel

(self contained apartments)

1 Macquarie Street Hobart

Ph: 03 62355355

www.oldwoolstore.com.au

Free call 1800814676

1 bedroom apartment \$186 per night

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Fountainside Hotel

Corner Brooker Avenue and Liverpool Street
Hobart

Ph: 03 62342911

Double room \$130 per room/night

Queen Suite with cooking facilities \$169 per night

Wrest Point Casino Hotel

410 Sandy Bay Road Sandy Bay Hobart
Ph: 0362250112

www.wrestpoint.com.au

Mountainside room \$124 per room/night
Water edge room \$150 per room/night
Tower room mountain view \$182 per room/night
Tower room harbour view \$195 per room/night

Mercure Hotel

156 Bathurst Street Hobart

Ph: 03 62326255

Superior twin or queen room \$129 per room/night

www.mercure.com.au

Free call 1300 656 565

Theatre Royal Hotel

31 Campbell Street Hobart

Ph: 03 62346925

www.theatreroyalhotel.com

Room with ensuite \$120 per room/night
Room without ensuite \$100 per room/night

Shamrock Hotel

195 Liverpool Street Hobart

Ph: 03 62343892

Single rooms \$60 per room/night
Twin rooms \$80 per room/night
Double rooms \$80 per room/night
Ensuite room \$90 per room/night

The following caravan parks are in close proximity to Hobart:

Treasure Island Caravan Park

(15 minutes from Hobart)

1 Alcorso Drive Berridale

Ph: 03 62492379

NOTE - this park would be the easiest to access if travelling from the Devonport Ferry Terminal. Travelling time from Devonport to Hobart is 3 to 3.5 hours.

Barilla Holiday Park

(15 minutes from Hobart, 5 minutes from the airport)

75 Richmond Road Cambridge

Ph: 0362485453

We have not contacted these parks to obtain special rates.

We advise you to book your accommodation early as we expect big numbers at the reunion. Do it now so you don't miss out on your choice of hotel or serviced apartment.

Programme of events**Wednesday 1st April**

1700 hrs. Registration and pre dinner drinks at the Tasman Room, Wrest Point Casino.

1900 hrs. Reunion Dinner in the Tasman Room (Dress neat casual) including presentation on the Tunnel Rats by Jim Marett.

2100 hrs. Ceremony for our Fallen Comrades.

Thursday 2nd April

Optional bus trip to Port Arthur. Anticipated departure time 0900 hrs, returning approximately 1700 hrs. More details to follow as fares are confirmed. Free day for those not going to Port Arthur.

1830 hrs. Individual Troop Dinners. Each Troop has been allocated to a specific hotel for their dinner, and all hotels will be offering the same menu. Select your hotel according to the Troop you served with, and book to sit at a table from your era (your year/s of service).

Friday 3rd April

1100 hrs. Memorial Service at the Hobart Cenotaph followed by buffet lunch and all-troops together reunion at the Hotel Grand Chancellor.

**Saturday 4th April**

A free day to visit Salamanca Market or Tour Anglesea Barracks and Military Museum. A small charge will apply for the Anglesea Barracks tour. Further information to follow.

Sunday 5th April

1200 hrs. Informal get together and farewell function at the Mercure Hotel.



REGISTRATION FORM - DO IT NOW!

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Latest list of Tunnel Rats

Here's our updated list of former Tunnel Rats from 3 Field Troop and 1 Field Squadron RAE, Vietnam 1965-71. This is not a complete list, it is simply a list of all the men we have been able to find and make contact with. If you can help with names and numbers, please contact our "Master of The List", Graeme Gartside on 08 8725 2845, or by mail to Graeme Gartside, 9 Park Street Mt Gambier SA 5290 or by email: hawthorn@anson.com.au

LISTS ARE NOW ALPHABETICAL



3 Field Troop (1965-66)

Peter Ash 02 6771 4623
Ian Biddolph 02 4472 9434
Alan Christie 07 5494 6628
Brian Cleary 07 5500 6363
Alan S Coleman 07 3283 6689
Bill Corby 07 5502 1193
John "Tex" Cotter 07 4723 1244
Des Evans 07 4128 2390
Wilfred Eyles 02 4390 0150
Ray Forster 07 3409 1907
Geoff Green 03 6272 8167
Barry Harford 08 8088 4371
Sandy MacGregor 02 9457 7133
Frank Mallard 08 9377 4560
Keith Mills 07 4770 7267
Warren Murray 03 5728 3341
Bernie Pollard 08 9248 3178
Ross Thorburn 0408413204
Alan Tugwell 08 8552 5229
Bill Unmeopa 08 9300 5561
Snow Wilson Jnr 02 6649 3998

OC's 1 Field Squadron

John Kemp 02 6288 3428
Rex Rowe 0419 251 420

1 Troop (1966-67)

Dick Bentley 08 8386 2334
Nick Burgerhof 07 3271 1592
Ray Burton 08 8268 4575
Joe Cazez 07 3710 8102
Alan S Coleman 07 3204 7401
Graeme Cook 02 4390 5159
Mick George 02 6882 8574
Alan Hammond 0423491091
Cul Hart 02 4392 0912
Neil Innes MM 02 9875 2962
Ken Jolley 02 6624 4066
Barry Kelly 07 4661 2898
Peter McTiernan 02 6557 5211
Gavin Menzies 02 6584 7257
John Olsen 0414433341
Ron Rockliffe 02 9789 4302
Trevor Shelley 0419784954
Kevin Smith 03 9787 1506
John Thompson 0732168906
Ross Tulloh 0418223345

1 Troop (1967-68)

Henry Baggaley 07 5433 0482
Reg Bament 02 6948 2524
Bruce Bevan 02 9580 3327
Neville Bartlett 07 4055 9871
Bob Coleman 03 5342 0941
Ross Comben 08 9535 2273
Jack Green 07 3278 8719
Ray Kenny 07 3881 3648
Peter Koch 04 3822 3100
John Neal 02 9982 6694

Clive Pearsall 03 9459 4470
Alan Rantal 03 9434 2031
Peter Sheehan 03 9390 2834
Jim Trower 0418842744



1 Troop (1968-69)

Phil Baxter MM 02 4625 6213
Peter Carrodus 02 9759 6383
Ken Ford 02 6645 2738
Max Goiser 02 9792 1765
Peter Hollis 02 6581 5401
George Hulsey 07 3399 7659
Robert Laird 03 6356 1748
Brian Lamb 02 6059 6947
Kent Luttrell 0408387641
Kerry McCormick 03 6344 5291
Tom Smith 07 5594 4659
Colin Spies 07 4743 4676
Garry Von Stanke 08 8725 5648
Cliff Truelove 02 6495 7844
Ken Wheatley 07 4774 0045
Bob Woolley 03 6264 1485
David Wright 03 9435 4131

1 Troop (1969-70)

Kevin Atkinson 08 9041 1571
Larry Batze 07 4033 2025
Alan S Coleman 07 3283 6689
Paul Cook 02 4946 5321
Garry Degering 03 9796 0136
John Felton 07 4661 8679
Graeme Fletcher 0408822489
P. "Guts" Geisel 07 4092 1735
Terry Gleeson 03 5623 2886
Trevor Kelly 08 9538 1184
Des McKenzie 07 5448 3400
Les Slater 08 9361 0603
Max Slater 0412 772 849
Vic Smith 07 4124 5943

1 Troop (1970-71)

Mick Augustus 07 3205 7401
Eric Banfalvi 07 3201 8234
Dan Brindley 02 6643 1693
Ian Cambell 03 9870 0313
Bruce Fraser 07 5499 0508
Peter Krause 02 6723 2835
R Loxton 0419944755
Barry Mel drum 03 5427 1162
Roger Newman 07 5450 6054
Dennis Pegg 03 6229 9294
John Pritchard 02 9626 3376
Garry Shoemark 02 6546 6778
Garry Sutcliffe 07 4684 3229
Donald Stringer 07 4151 2659
Paul Taylor (NZ) (64)42990915
Terry Ward 02 6566 6163
Jim Weston 02 4987 7179
John Wright 03 6398 6211

2 Troop (1966-1967)

Richard Beck 07 3208 5808
David Buring 02 6254 6689
Ron Cain 02 6586 1412
Graeme Carey 02 6056 0997
Terry Gribbin 03 9727 1839
Alan Hammond 0423491091
Bill Harrigan 08 9447 1127
Peter Hegarty 07 4169 0372
Graeme Leach 07 4777 8627
Ken McCann 03 5985 3276
Rod McClennan 07 3267 6907
Noel McDuffie 0427051678
Bob McKinnon 07 3267 0310
Peter Matthews 03 6250 3686
Mick Shannon 08 8552 1746
Stan Shepherd 0412 232 197
Bob Sweeney 08 9248 4432

2 Troop (1967-1968)

M. Ballantyne 08 8298 2515
John Beningfield 07 4778 4473
Peter Bennett 0418915550
Dennis Burge 08 8281 2270
Kenneth Butler 0414897889
Harry Cooling 07 4778 2013
Garry Cosgrove 02 4845 5153
Peter Fontanini 0438 881 940

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John Goldfinch 02 6674 0855
Paul Griffin 07 4162 5235
Ron Johnston 07 3351 1609
Eddie Josephs 0417882491
Lew Jordan 03 6397 3261
Ray Kenny 07 3881 3648
John Killey 02 4228 4068
David Kitley 02 4735 4991
Robert Knowles 08 9535 6416
Bernard Ladyman 08 9795 7900
Warren McBurnie 02 6687 7030
Stephen McHenry 08 9344 6939
Eric McKerron (Silent number)
Dave McNair 08 9725 2821
David Matulik 07 4055 1915
Tony Parmenter 0417856877
Brian Rankin 07 4775 5095
Hans Rehorn 03 5623 5572
Andrew Rogers 08 8087 5671
Mick Rowbotham 03 9439 7566
Geoff Rowbotham 02 6342 1292
Brian Sheehan 03 9336 3137
James Smith 0413 669 087
"Snow" Wilton 08 9752 2935

2 Troop (1968-1969)

Janis Atrens +371 2944 6521
(This is Janis's mobil e in Latvia)
Bob Austin 02 6644 9237
Ross Bachmann 07 5495 1443
Don Beale 02 6236 8267
Richard Branch 07 4947 1044
Harold Bromley 03 9726 8625
Peter Brunton 03 5156 5531
Jim Castles 02 9639 2941
Harry Claassen 07 3273 6701
Peter Clayton 0418 823 266
Rod Crane 08 9530 3083
John Douglas 08 8376 3788
Robert Earl 02 4990 3601
John Gilmore 08 9795 6847
Stan Golubenko 03 9361 2721
Paul Grills 07 4162 5235
Geoff Handley 03 5593 1791
Ross Hansen 07 3202 7540
Ray Jurkiewicz 07 3886 9054
Brian Lamb 02 6059 6947
Phil Lamb 08 8564 2001
Wayne Lambly 07 3851 1837
Darryl Lavis 08 8263 9548
Peter Laws 02 4942 8131
Bud Lewis 07 3881 1230
Rick Martin 02 6928 4253
Bill Morris 08 9384 2686
Don Nicholls 02 9579 4126
Colin Norris 02 4627 1180
Terry O'Donnell 03 5334 3443
David Pannach Overseas
(Hong Kong 0011 852 9646 4131)
Ted Podlich 07 3862 9002
Daryl Porteous 07 4973 7663
Mick Weston 07 5444 3307
Ray (Phil Iip) White 03 9740 7141



2 Troop (1969-1970)

"Arab" Avotins 07 4129 8012
Bruce Bofinger 02 4861 5715
Frank Brady 02 6555 5200
David Brook 03 9546 2868
Jim Burrough 03 9885 8285
Ron Coman 07 3355 7279
Kevin Connor 0408 748 172
Garry Cosgrove 02 4845 5153
Arthur Davies 07 3408 1556
Frank Denley 02 6571 2056
Roy Elbourne 02 4868 1493
Grumpy Foster 07 4041 2321
Graeme Gartside 08 8725 2845
Doug George 03 9889 2116
Greg Gough 0417 911 173
Brad Hannaford 08 8389 2217
John Hopman 02 9398 5258
Chris Koulouris 02 4952 6341
Bill Lamb 0418 424 208
Mick Lee 07 5543 5001
Marty McGrath 02 6059 1204
Jim Mottet 03 9824 4967
Bob O'tery 03 5199 2516
Bevan Percival 07 5537 1577
Pedro Piromanski 08 9306 8169
Ian Pitt 03 5349 2018
Jack Power 07 4955 3761

Colin Redcliffe 02 9673 0597
John Ronaldson New Zealand
Brian Scott 07 3204 5691
Peter Scott (219) 02 4341 3782
"Roo Dog" Scott 07 5522 1976
Les Shelley 07 3264 4041
Jimmy Shugg 08 9776 1471
Bob Smith 07 5456 1194
Mick Van Poeteren 03 9435 0383
Gerry Walbridge 03 9803 4223
Dennis Wilson 08 8892 2671
Stephen Wilson 07 5538 2179

2 Troop (1970-1971)

Bruce Arrow 02 6288 3872
Mick Bergin 03 5974 2175
Graham Besford 03 9439 2661
Mal Botfield 02 9872 2594
John Brady 02 6888 1192
Keith Burley 07 5543 0990
Peter Cairns 03 6267 4646
Brian Christian 07 4778 6602
"Sam" Collins 08 8262 6107
Ron Cook 03 8787 7377
Jock Coutts 08 9279 1946
Bill Craig 08 9530 1008
Denis Crawford 03 9497 3256
John Crocker 07 3206 7995
John Cross 02 4757 2273
Robin Date 03 9783 3202
Tom Dodds 040672260
Des Evans 07 4128 2390
Bruce Fenwick 02 4977 3530
Ray Fulton 03 6288 1176
David Gammie 02 4365 2696
Ziggy Gniot 0418 885 830
Bob Hamblin 08 8672 3930
Cec Harris 02 6629 3373
Paddy Healy 02 4930 7541
Kevin Hodges 08 8322 2619
Paul Jones 02 6231 5963
Chris Koolen 03 5237 1147
Kevin Lappin 07 3273 8614
Gary McClintock 07 4788 0123
Peter McCole 03 5155 9368
Bob McGinn 07 5426 1597
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Gary Sangster 0409 522 099
John Scanlan 02 4967 6830
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John Smith 0400032502
Roy Sojan 08 9926 1235
John Stonehouse 08 9653 1895
John Tick 04 3898 7262
Steve Walton 07 3261 9446
Terry Wake 07 4786 2625
Dave Young 02 4283 3439

3 Troop (1966-67)

Wilfred Eyles 02 4390 0150



3 Troop (1967-68)

Ken Arnold 02 6974 1181
Chuck Bondas 08 9330 3490
Bruce Breddin 0418766759
Norm Cairns 03 6267 4629
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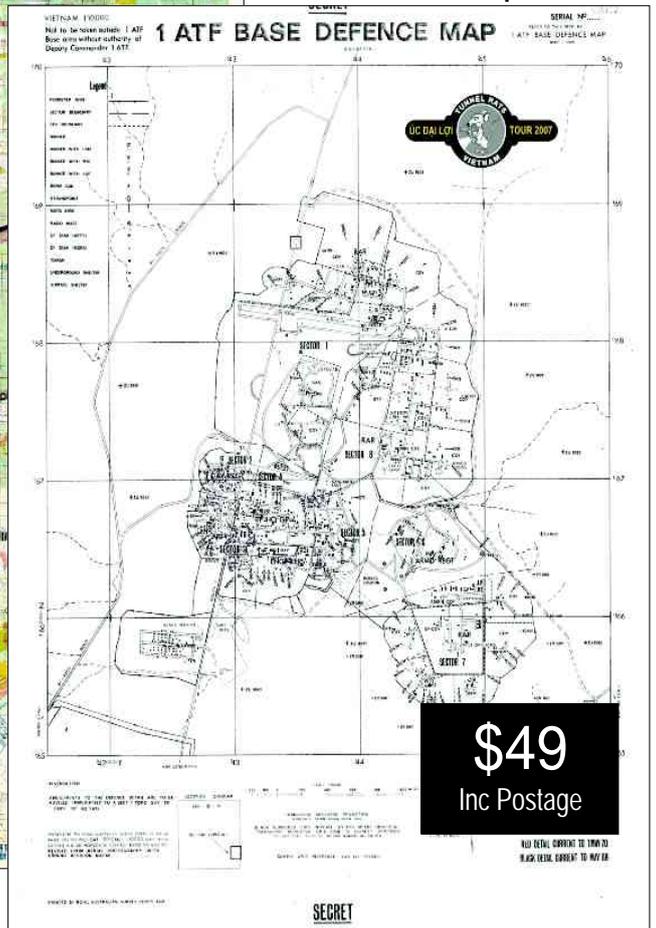
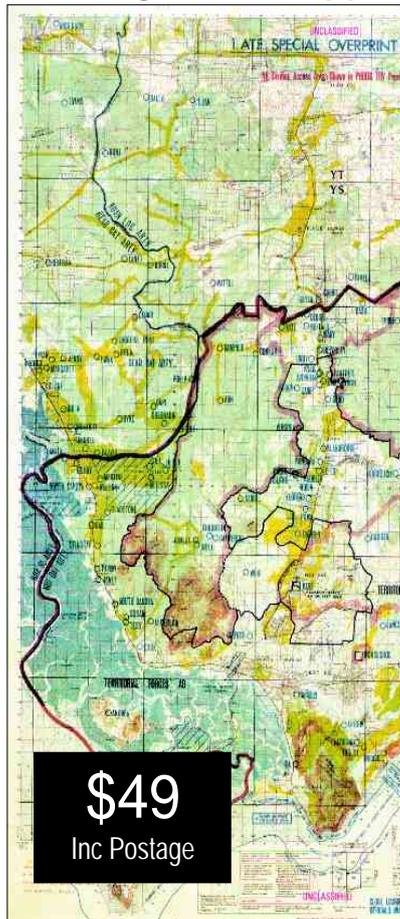
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- Tony Bower-Miles 0412 317 306
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 - Chris Miller 07 4653 0457
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 - Brenton Smith 08 8388 5501
 - Gordon Temby 08 9757 2016
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Australian area of Ops map showing all fire support bases

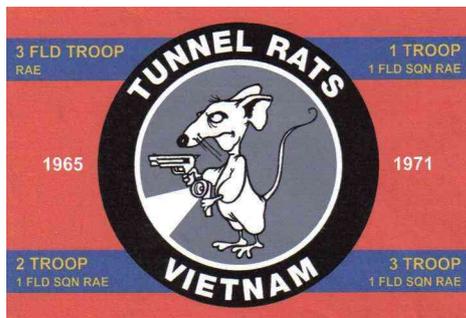
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 - Les Shelley 07 3264 4041
 - Gordon Temby 08 9757 2016
 - David Wilson 07 3855 1370
- Three Troop (1971-72)
- Ron Byron 02 6653 4791
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Don't worry if you haven't got your membership card

To avoid production nightmares we are only making the membership cards in one batch each year.

All memberships fall due on February 28th and all the new cards will be issued to paid-up members shortly after that date.

Members who have paid "off season" at some time during the last six months will have been receiving the newsletter and will also be issued their memberships cards after 28th February.

In the past we've had a policy of sending the newsletter to every former Tunnel Rat we've found. It was worth it just to pull us together again and get some communicating going.

Unfortunately the cost of doing this became too much and we

now need all former Field Troop members to cough up in order to keep receiving the newsletter.

The superb personalised "Tunnel Rats" membership card below is provided for those who join:



Who can join?

The Association was formed for all who served with one of the Field Troops. Membership is exclusively for men who served in Vietnam with either 3 Field Troop or 1 Troop, 2 Troop or 3 Troop of 1 Field Sqn. This is not an attempt to exclude, but to bring together the Field Engineers. Other units are free to form their own Associations.

Why we formed the Vietnam Tunnel Rats Association

Our status seemed to be getting a bit blurred. It had reached the point where any Engineer who served in Vietnam was calling himself a Tunnel Rat. The members

of the Field Troops fought alongside the Infantry plus they performed their additional tasks of mine and booby trap detection and clearing, plus bunker and tunnel searching and demolition.

By wrongly claiming Tunnel Rat status, some men from non-field Troops have begun to blur the line defining the unique role of the Tunnel Rats. If it became generally accepted that all Engineer units in Vietnam were Tunnel Rats, then our status would be reduced. Nobody has a right to do that. We should not allow anybody to diminish something we are so proud of. The forming of the Association is not an elitist thing, it is simply intense pride in what we did and a move to protect our status.

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