

# 'FOLLOW THE SAPPER'

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Greetings fellow Sappers and Friends.

To all who provided feedback on our previous edition of "Follow The Sapper", thank you. It is good to know that you are enjoying the Newsletter. Please do not hesitate to flick me any stories from your time in the Squadron Group, and any photos that you are happy to have published. It is good to share our stories of days past.

The other positive that resulted from the last edition was being able to connect with some old mates who I had not heard from in years. As has been often stated, the Army and indeed our Corps is like one big family. You can leave it for a while but when you come back to it and to your mates from days past, you can pick up conversation as if you had only seen your mate yesterday. How great is that.

The sales for Brian Florence's book, History of 1 Field Squadron Group, Royal Australian Engineers, South Vietnam 1965 to 1972, have been terrific. The North Queensland Sappers presented a copy of the book to Mrs. Edna Coolburra, widow of Billy Coolburra. Edna was very moved by this gesture.

Bill continues to leave his mark in North Queensland with a lookout named in his honour. According to the Jezzine Barracks Trust, "*Vietnam veteran, the late Bill Coolburra, is also honoured at this site as being representative of Indigenous Australians in the Armed Forces and as a military advisor to the Traditional Owners Group.*" ([www.jezzinetrust.com.au](http://www.jezzinetrust.com.au)). Any visit to Townsville should include a visit to Jezzine, including the Military Museum and the surrounds.

Regards  
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Pictured is NQ Sapper Assn President Mal Edmiston presenting Brian's book to Edna Coolburra. Posing as well is Flo Joe who is an EDD dog and member of the Association. She is also a member of Thuringowa RSL. Also pictured is editor, Derek Smith at the Bill Coolburra lookout.



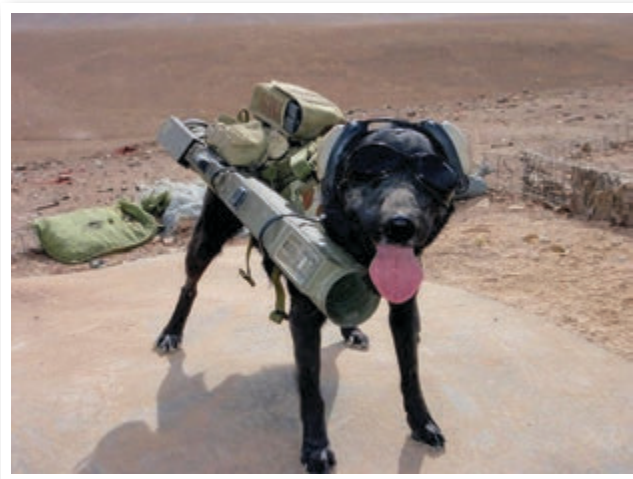
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On a very sad note, Flo Joe succumbed to cancer in April. Her owner, Ian Moss from 3rd Combat Engineer Regiment, will truly miss this heroic and wonderful dog who served three active tours in Afghanistan.

I know all this talk of dogs will please our President, George Hulse, no end but the background story is just as compelling as the bravery in combat of these dogs. Flo Joe was enlisted from the animal shelter in Townsville. On a recent visit to Redcliffe, I had occasion to visit the animal shelter there. Hanging on the wall in the main office was a picture of Sapper Darren Smith with his EDD dog Herbie. Herbie had been recruited from the Redcliffe animal shelter so there was a wonderful connection there with those volunteer staff of the shelter, Herbie and Darren. Darren and Jacob Moeland, along with Herbie, were killed in action in Afghanistan on 7 June 2010 as a result of a Taliban improvised explosive device.

I have also recently visited the Avenue of Honour at Lake Tinaroo. The Avenue honours our fallen from Afghanistan, including our heroic EDD dogs. I took photos and have since passed them to the Redcliffe animal refuge. May these fallen warriors and dogs all now rest in peace. Let We Forget. The picture shows the plaque for our EDD dogs at the Avenue of Honour.




Flo Joe in 2008 on active duty, Afghanistan. Photo from 'Mutt Muffs' <http://www.safeandsoundpets.com/flojo.html>



Flo Joe in 2013 wearing her North Queensland Sappers Association jacket.

I question not your commands  
 I follow faithfully wherever you go  
 I pledge my loyalty no matter what  
 I share the danger of your domain  
 and will readily lay down my life for yours...  
 ...for in this moment we are as one



*Dedicated to the Explosive Detection Dogs.*

MERLIN 437EDD KIA: 31-08-2007	RAZZ 409EDD KIA: 21-09-2007	ANDY 452EDD KIA: 23-11-2007	NOVA 472EDD KIA: 23-10-2009	HERBIE 476EDD KIA: 07-06-2010
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## The Padre and the Crucifix

This event may be known to some. Sappers from 1 FD SQN may even have been present at the time. The story begins during 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) Battalion Operation Ross in October/November 1969. Elements of the Battalion were operating in the vicinity of the Xuan Son garden area near Binh Gia. With the troops was their padre, Chaplain Bill Mills. Here is his story from a newspaper at the time.



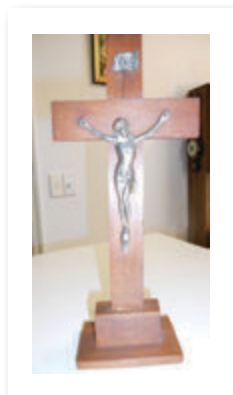
The picture is from the history of the Battalion, Volume 2, 1967- 1970, Times Printers Sdn Bhd, Singapore. The Commanding Officer is Lieutenant Colonel David Butler. The RSM is WO1 J.A. Cruickshank. The Battalion held a Memorial Service at Long Tan Cross to remember the fallen at the Battle of Long Tan in 1966. The memorial was held on 18th August 1969. Chaplain Mills was there. He returned to Australia in 1970 but sadly passed away in 1971.

Moving forward now to 2014, I recently visited my Mum who is a resident of Ballycara Retirement Village in Scarborough, Queensland. We had attended a church service there where the minister mentioned that I was visiting and that I did volunteer work in Vietnam. After the service I was approached by Mrs. Margaret Mills, also a resident and the widow (of 40 years) of Chaplain Bill Mills. She later came to my Mums

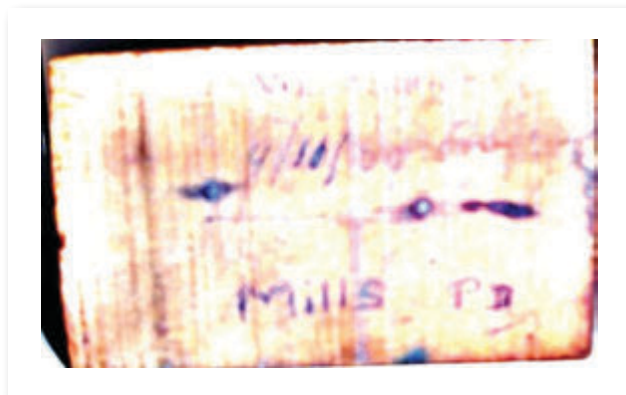
for coffee and told me the story of the crucifix and gave me a copy of the newspaper article. She then produced the actual crucifix. That just blew me away.



Margaret with the Crucifix



The Crucifix



The base, marked by Chap Mills and dated 9 November 1969

Margaret very kindly gave her consent to tell this amazing story and use the photos. She also kindly provided me with a few funny cards from her late Husband's correspondence while he was serving in Vietnam. To add to all of this, the next evening I attended a dinner at the Village and sat next to a lady who told me her son had served in 6 RAR in 1969. I was able to put her in touch with Margaret. Bill would have been that lady's son's padre. 6 degrees of separation!



AND BE EXTRA CAREFUL WHEN YOU CLOSE IT

This is one of the cards sent to Margaret by her husband during the Vietnam War. He probably bought it from an American PX. Did you ever send one of these to a loved one back home?

## Presidents Report May 2014

Planning for our two events in 2015 is well on its way. The Association will celebrate the Centenary of the landings at ANZAC Cove with 1 FD SQN in the Darwin area (Palmerston) on 25 April 2015. More details below. Our reunion will take place at Twin Towns Services Club in a similar format to that of our 2013 reunion. See registration details on page 4 of this "Follow The Sapper".

### ANZAC Day 2015

This will be a "keep it simple" exercise. Details are:

1. *Thursday 23 April 2015. Meet and Greet commencing at 1700 hrs until 1930 hrs at the Palmerston RSL. Palmerston is about 20 minutes drive south of the Darwin CBD along the Stuart Highway. Palmerston is a Defence Force friendly city and accommodates numerous Defence families in its suburbs. There is ample parking in the Palmerston city centre with good parking right next to the Palmerston RSL. The Palmerston RSL has allowed us to set up a greeting area inside their doors where we can tick off names and folk may purchase our merchandise.*
2. *Friday 24 April 2015 commencing at 1000 hrs. Assemble at the Palmerston RSL to catch a bus to Robertson Barracks. The cost of the ticket per person is \$10-00 for the two-way trip and this includes a donation to assist 1 CER in gratitude for the lunch they are putting on for us. Please be aware that 1 CER have SPECIFICALLY requested that WE DO NOT drive our own cars on to the Base. The unit will not have the resources to escort every civilian car into their lines. However, they can accommodate a bus load of visitors at a time.*
3. *Friday 24 April 2015 commencing at 1130 hrs. Memorial Service in the 1 CER Commemoration Garden. The Association together with 1 FD SQN and 1 CER will ensure that the names of our fallen brothers "Liveth For Evermore". Following the Memorial Service, 1 CER will host the Association for a barbecue lunch. After lunch, we will be treated to exhibitions of current combat engineer and EOD equipment and techniques plus a familiarisation with the Abrams Tank and other armoured fighting vehicles. At about 1530 hrs, we will return to the Palmerston RSL by bus.*
4. *Saturday 25 April 2015. A "Gunners Breakfast" is on offer at 0430 hrs at the Palmerston Sports Club. Dawn Service at the Palmerston RSL memorial garden commencing at 0600 hrs. We will have our Association banner there and will lay a wreath.*
5. *Saturday 25 April 2015 ANZAC Day march. Assemble at 0930 hrs at the Palmerston RSL car park. "Quick March" will be at about 0950 hrs and we will be marching with all members of the current day 1 FD SQN. There is a Morning Service at the RSL after the march. Temperature is about 30C with high humidity. Short sleeved shirts with collar, or polo shirts with collar and full medals are acceptable. The march lasts for about 15 minutes or so. After the march, we are invited to the Palmerston RSL for our post march gathering. Disperse at your leisure.*
6. *I thank our member on the ground in Darwin - Ian Muir - for all his dedicated work in helping us with this event. Ian is a well informed Darwin local who advises us all to book accommodation early because there are major construction tasks scheduled for 2015 in the top end and accommodation will be at a premium - even in caravan parks. A good reference is [www.booking.com/Darwin-Hotels](http://www.booking.com/Darwin-Hotels)*
7. *We really need to get an idea of numbers so that we can organise transport and catering etc. If you intend coming to the ANZAC Day march in Darwin, please advise me of your full name and the number of people (total) in your group.*

**Please, send your details to me at: [eddsniffer@optusnet.com.au](mailto:eddsniffer@optusnet.com.au)**

### Memorial National Flags

At the 2009 reunion, we decided to commemorate every one of our fallen brothers lost to both the Vietnam and Afghanistan Wars. We did this using the affirmation "Their Name Liveth For Evermore". Our Association continues to do this by conducting a Memorial Service as an integral part of our reunion. As each fallen hero's name is called, one of our members, carrying the Australian National Flag, comes forward and represents our fallen brother. For many years, we recorded that we had 36 Sappers lost in 1 FD SQN GP RAE in Vietnam. However, when I was conducting some research on their names, I discovered that there were 37 Sappers lost to that war. We have corrected this anomaly and all 37 heroes are called during our Memorial Service.

What might seem strange to many of our members is that the committee experienced frustrating issues with the acquisition of National Flags. We approached the RSLs and local political MPs requesting sufficient flags to cover all the names including 1 FD SQN GP Vietnam and all Sappers lost to the war in Afghanistan. Promises were made and then broken. The committee had to scramble for flags at the last moment in order to keep our commitment to our lost mates.

This problem has been solved permanently. Committee member, Bob Pfeiffer, using his initiative, saw a "special" at a supermarket helping their customers to celebrate Australia Day. They were selling standard size National Flags for less than three dollars each. He bought 60! The Association has reimbursed Bob. We will never have to beg for National Flags again. **Thanks Bob.**

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## 1 FD SQN RAE Marching Banner

For those of us who attended the reunion in 2013, you might recall that the committee ran a survey on whether or not to change our banner. We suggested that our marching banner should reflect the history of 1 FD SQN and be inclusive of all veteran and current serving members of the unit - not exclusively Vietnam veterans. The vote came in 67 votes to change and 12 against. The committee went ahead and designed the banner below.

The President visited Darwin in November 2013 and met with the CO and RSM 1 CER, OC and SSM 1 FD SQN and the Darwin RSL. They were happy with the banner. There was a difference between the banner shown to 1 CER/1 FD SQN and the banner below. This came from comment from a committee member who stated that we should leave some space at the bottom right corner of the banner for deployments of 1 FD SQN into future operational Areas of Operation when they come (as they surely will).

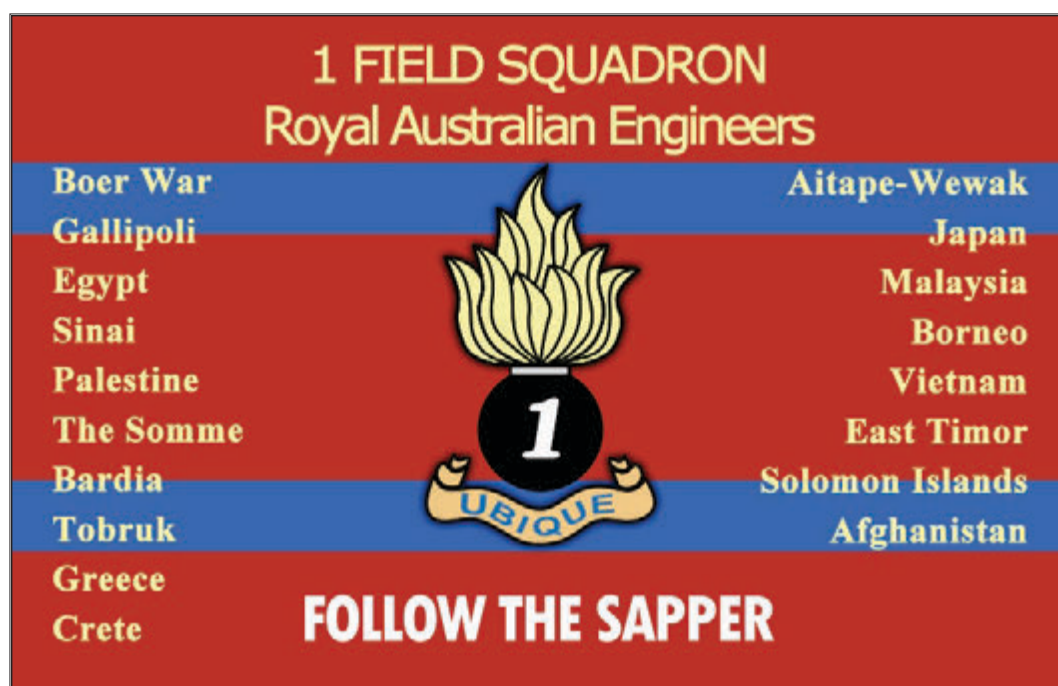
You might like to know that the choice of place names on the banner relate to those sites which are significantly important locations in the history of 1 FD SQN. eg. the place name "Japan". This is where 2/1 FD COY Sappers marched out of Wewak New Guinea, at the end of WWII, and into 28 FD COY in Japan. 28 FD COY was redesignated 1 FD SQN and that unit identifier carries through to today. Hence its inclusion. So, the place names are not "campaigns" nor are they "battle honours", they are significant historical sites of 1 FD SQN going back to the Boer War.

The President checked with the RSL and it does not have a set of written conventions for what goes on to marching banners on ANZAC Day. I was just asked to make sure that the information on the banner was non-political, non-religious and not morally offensive. I showed a copy of the proposed banner to the Darwin RSL committee members and they had no problem with it.

If you are a financial member of the 1 FD SQN GP RAE Association and you would like to suggest amendments to the proposed banner please contact the committee at any of the addresses given in the contacts page of the newsletter. Closing date for comments is 1st October 2014. This will give us the opportunity for consideration of the suggestions and the lead time needed to have the banner made in time for ANZAC Day 2015.

Follow The Sapper

George Hulse  
President  
May 2014



## PLEASE SIR WE'RE LOST

By Derek Smith

In 1971 I was posted to 1 FD SQN GP as the orderly room sergeant. I held this position in 1969 as well. I was also the troop Sergeant of the HQ Troop. I suppose one could call me the chief POGO. On occasions, even pogo's could find themselves in hairy situations. This was one such time.

In 1971 one of our duties, much like guard duty back home, was to go on TAOR (Tactical Area of Responsibility) patrols. Patrol strength in 1971 was one NCO and four men. The SAS coordinated these patrols. One of the SOP's (Standard Operating Procedures) we had was that if the radio (AN/PRC 26 = Army Navy/Portable Radio Communicator) broke down, and they usually did, probably with a flat battery, two members of the patrol would return to an RV (rendezvous) point.

The deal was that the SAS chaps located on top of SAS hill at Nui Dat would be diligently observing the RV for just such a contingency. They would then come down to the RV with a replacement radio and the lads would return to the patrol position. Too easy.

Well of course we got into our position, not far beyond the Task Force perimeter wire when the radio went on the fritz. SOP. Two lads back to the RV get the replacement radio and back to our position. 20 minutes maximum. Piece of cake.

Not quite. Some considerable time passed. Nothing. What has happened to the lads? Have the VC infiltrated the area and slit their throats? We are in a spot of bother. We need to communicate somehow to the SAS that we have a problem. But no radio. Ah! But we do have flares. So I pop a parachute flare. That was bound to attract major attention. Wrong. So after three more flares I am getting very concerned. We are now two or so hours on. Has the Task Force been over-run? Are we the only survivors? Best be prepared for the worst. I form all round defence (with all three of us) and we are ready for anything.

Suddenly there is a noise coming from our front, the direction of the enemy. This is it lads! But still we have SOP's, must challenge before opening up on the enemy. My somewhat shaky voice utters, "Halt. Hands up. Who goes there?"

Ttttwwwo f\*\*\*\*\*g sappers. We're bloody lost. We haven't got a f\*\*\*\*\*g clue where we are. Let us in.

Relief all round. No slit throats. The lads had become totally disoriented and had been wondering around for all that time. Looks like we need some navigation training. No problems. But what about the flares? Well, when we went back to the SAS the next day for a de-brief, they reckoned that as there were sappers out there, we were just larking around. And what about the rest of the Task Force? Surely someone was concerned. Seems not. Just goes to show how much faith folks have in the RAE.

I guess this wasn't funny at the time, but on reflection now, I can't help having a bit of a laugh.

The following is an extract from the Nui Dat News (NDN) dated 15 June 1971.  
We tried to keep things light but our editorial skills were probably a bit lacking.

*Love Lorne Column*

Dear Del,  
I have been in country now for three weeks without a Beach Annex, R&R or R&C or even a swan, and every time I look at the photograph of my fiancée, I get a queer feeling. Do you think something is wrong with me? Signed REO

Dear REO,  
You poor boy. This is very serious and should be dealt with by an experienced person such as a social worker. I can recommend one to you. He is Pappa Sahn C/- Tabu Bar, Vung Tau. For a modest sum of 4000 piaster's he will cure you overnight. This cure however is not permanent and treatment should be repeated periodically every four weeks. Signed DEL



21 Support Troop in 1969, prior to going on patrol.



Des Stritzke & Derek Smith of 21 Support Troop inspect remains of a crashed chopper.



Low flying chopper snapped by Derek Smith in 1969 from the top of an APC.

## DRAFT History of 1 Field Squadron

Royal Australian Engineers

1890 - 2009

The 1st Field Company (1 FD COY) was established in July 1890 as a part of the NSW Corps of Engineers, based at Victoria Barracks in Sydney. The unit sent three officers and several NCOs to support other Corps during the Boer war in South Africa, 1899-1902. In 1902, the Australian Army order of battle shows that the 1st Field Company had on its establishment two elements. One element was mounted to support the more mobile horse mounted units, and a dismounted element which was established to support conventional operations based on foot soldiers of infantry units. In 1902, the mounted element of the unit had not yet been raised.

In Australia, from July 1902 until September 1907, the term "The Corps of Engineers" was used to describe Army Engineers. From September 1907 until January 1936 the description changed to "Australian Engineers". On 31 January 1936 the title "Royal Australian Engineers" was granted to the Corps.

In 1914, World War 1 was declared and 1 FD COY was deployed to Egypt. On 25 April 1915, 1 FD COY was a part of the lead element of the Australian and New Zealand forces to land at Gallipoli. The leading boat had scarcely touched the beach when Sapper Fred Reynolds of 1 FD COY was shot and killed before he was able to jump over its side. He is officially the first Australian soldier to be KIA at Gallipoli on that historical morning. After the Gallipoli campaign, 1 FD COY returned to Egypt where it conducted training and received reinforcements. In 1916, the unit embarked for the Western Front, disembarked at Marseilles in France and travelled by train to the battlefields of The Somme in Belgium and France.

While 1 FD COY was training in Egypt in late 1915, its second element was raised as a mounted unit to support

the 1st ANZAC Mounted Division (Light Horse) with the nomenclature of 1st Field Squadron (1 FD SQN). This unit saw action in Egypt, Sinai and Palestine. It supported the infamous Australian mounted infantry charge at Beersheba.

At the end of WWI in 1918, 1 FD COY and 1 FD SQN returned to Australia and remained on the Australian order of battle as militia units although the 1 FD SQN element was well below its establishment strength.

In 1939, World War II was declared and 1 FD COY mobilised as the 2/1st FD COY. This nomenclature followed the convention of numbering all units of the Second Australian Imperial Force (AIF) with the prefix of 2/the unit designator. 2/1 FD COY served in the Middle East supporting the campaigns at Bardia, Tobruk, Greece and Crete. Returning to Australia in 1942, 2/1 FD COY re-trained for jungle warfare and was deployed to New Guinea in early 1943. In 1944 and 1945, 2/1 FD COY supported combat operations in the Aitape-Wewak campaign.

1 FD SQN was brought up to full strength in 1943, trained in jungle warfare, and deployed to New Guinea. 1 FD SQN was a part of the Australian Military Forces (not the AIF) and therefore did not need the prefix of 2/ before its designator. 1 FD SQN supported some engineering works at Milne Bay and by co-incidence was deployed to the Aitape-Wewak campaign at the same time as 2/1 FD COY, undertaking similar combat engineering duties.

At the end of WWII, both units were disbanded. Many members of 2/1 FD COY were transferred to the 28th Field Company (28 FD COY), located in Japan supporting the British Commonwealth Occupational Forces. 28 FD COY returned to Australia on 24 September 1948.

At the end of WWII, the Australian Army conducted a review of its units and unit designators. Part of this review resulted in 28 FD COY being redesignated as 1 FD SQN and all references to RAE FD COYs terminated. In 1949, 1 FD SQN was re-established at Casula in NSW, and in January 1950, was deployed to the Woomera Guided Missile Range, South Australia. In December 1950, 1 FD SQN re-deployed from Woomera to Wacol in Queensland and constructed accommodation for Australia's first National Service scheme. At the end of the Korean War in 1953, the Australian Army conducted another review of the ORBAT which resulted in 1 FD SQN being disbanded again.

In 1960, the Australian Army created the "Pentropic Division". This reorganisation of the Army necessitated the re-establishment of 1 FD SQN, again at Casula, co-located with the School of Military Engineering (SME), Steele Barracks in Moorebank Avenue, Casula.

The SME at Casula was established in May 1940.

Between 1961 and 1965, 1 FD SQN spent a great deal of time constructing roads and training area facilities in the Colo-Putty military training area near Singleton in NSW. Included in this period, from 1961 to 1972, 1 FD SQN provided a Troop initially based in Malacca, Malaya, and later in Singapore in support of operations, exercises and engineering projects in North Borneo, the Malay Peninsular and Thailand.

In 1964, RAE units were deployed to a road construction task in Sabah, in North Borneo. The 184 Km road was constructed, under very difficult circumstances, by a number of RAE units on a six month rotation. 1 FD SQN contributed to this project from 2 December 1964 until 19 June 1965.

## Draft History of 1 Field Squadron - Continued

3 Field Troop of 1 FD SQN was deployed to the War in South Vietnam and arrived in Bien Hoa Province on 28 September 1965. When the Australian Task Force was established at Nui Dat in Phouc Tuy Province, the remainder of 1 FD SQN deployed and arrived at Nui Dat on 9 June 1966. The unit was expanded to include 21 Engineer Support Troop, a plant troop, HQ troop, and an expanded RAEME Workshop. In addition, the three combat engineer troops each had an establishment of two officers, a staff sergeant, a sergeant, three corporals, three lance corporals and Sappers to a strength of 65 all ranks. The unit was designated as "1 FD SQN GP RAE". The unit returned to Australia in 1972 as a part of the Australian withdrawal from the Vietnam War, and was re-located to Holsworthy.

In early 1972, 1 Field Engineer Regiment (1 FER) was established at Holsworthy and 1 FD SQN became a part of that unit. In March 1993, the unit changed its name to 1 Combat Engineer Regiment (1 CER). In late 1999, as a part of the Army's increased presence in the North of Australia, 1 CER re-located from Holsworthy to Robertson Barracks near Darwin in the Northern Territory.

From late 1999 until late 2002, 1 FD SQN supported operations and civil aid projects in East Timor by deploying a Troop at a time, on a rotational basis. They were employed on road repairs, water purification and constructed strong points within the Australian AO. In 2002, 73 personnel from 1 FD SQN were formed into an Battalion Engineer Group and attached to 5/7 Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment. During this deployment the Sappers were employed on humanitarian aid, construction of infrastructure for the East Timor law enforcement agencies and backed up their infantry mates with supplementary infantry patrols.

From April to August 2003, the Sappers supported the Royal Australian Navy in boarding and searching suspected illegal entry vessels including boat handling tasks.

1 FD SQN was deployed to Afghanistan on a number of missions including support to the 1st Mentoring and Reconstruction Task Force in 2006/2007 and then again in 2008 on an eight month rotation.

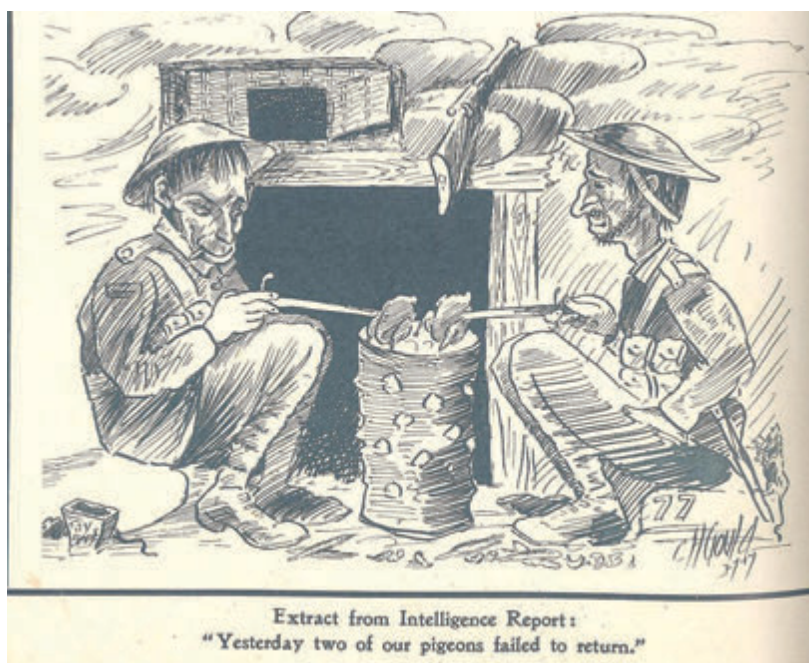
In October 2009, 1 FD SQN GP RAE provided disaster relief and humanitarian support to Western Sumatra after the magnitude 7.6 earthquake struck the area on 30 September 2009.

**Please Note:** The CO 1 CER, LTCOL Mick Say, has commissioned an Army Reservist to collate the unit's history from 2003 to the current time. When this assignment is completed we will update this history. More to follow.

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## A Bit of Trench Humour

This little pearl came from a publication, *From the Australian Front*, Cassell and Company, Melbourne, 1917. I reckon they were Sappers







1 Field Squadron Group  
Royal Australian Engineers Qld Inc.  
28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> August 2015

### 2015 FAMILY REUNION REGISTRATION FORM

#### Personal Details

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Address: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

'Nickname' or

Preferred Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Partners Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Required for ID Tags at Reunion) (Required for ID Tags at Reunion)

Other guests attending - Number ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) Preferred guests names: \_\_\_\_\_  
It is preferred by the Executive Committee that all Members Guests are over the age of 18 years.

#### Cost of Events

**Cost: \$150.00 per person.**

Covers all events, Friday Meet and Greet, including Saturday Memorial Service and  
Saturday Evening Family Reunion Banquet and Sunday Luncheon

#### Payment Details

Please accept my Registration for:

Number attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Method of Payment:  Cheque.  Money Order.  Direct Deposit into account.

When making a Direct Deposit, ensure you mark it '**Reunion**' and then you're '**Family Name**'  
Heritage Building Society: **BSB 638-070. Account No: 10045570.**

Amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make cheques, money orders payable to: **1 Fd Sqn Gp RAE Qld Inc.**

**All registrations to be pre-paid by Friday the 14th August 2015**

(This is a huge catering event. Much goes on behind the scenes, therefore

**'No Late Numbers will be taken—DEFINITELY.'**)

Please send this Registration Form to:  
2015 Reunion Treasurer  
1 FD Sqn Gp RAE Qld Inc.  
P O Box 703 WARWICK QLD. 4370.  
e-mail: info@1fieldsappers.org

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(Confidential if ticked)  (Confidential if ticked)

Residential Address \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Private Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_  
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Veteren's Service Details or other appropriate information. (If possible)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Service No. \_\_\_\_\_

Period of Service: From \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Active Service: Yes  NO

Unit/Units \_\_\_\_\_ Which Country Served for? Australia or Other \_\_\_\_\_

Which duties? ( F.E, Plant, Mine Clearing, etc. ) \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Year is 1st July to 30th June in each year. Fees are accepted until 30th September, in accordance with the Association's Constitution. Unfinancial members will not be able to vote at the Annual General Meeting.

New Member Entrance Fee	\$ 10.00 (Once Only - Inclusive of Association Badge.) *Lost Badge \$5.00 each
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 35.00</b>

MEMBERS SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_



## MEMBERSHIP 'RENEWAL / UP-DATE' FORM

\$25.00 per year. (1st July to 30th June)

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Wife/Partners Name \_\_\_\_\_  
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EXTRA or 'LOST' Membership Lapel Pins Required, please tick - How many?  \$5.00 each P&H included.

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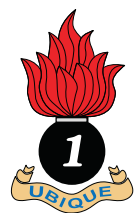
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