# List of Names of RASigs at FSPB Coral and Balmoral – Updated August 2021

### 104 Sig Sqn

# TF Advanced Party/Step-Up Station (By Chinook (Step-Up) and Huey (TF CP) – 12 May 1968)

Maj Norm Munro – OC (Also at Balmoral for small period)

L/Cpl John (Suitcase) Koosache – Radio Operator (WIA – 16 May) Deceased

Sig Phillip (Phil) Clohesy – Radio Operator

Sig Rowan (Stretch) Gamble – Lineman (WIA – 13 May)

Sig Terrence (Rocky) Rochester – Linesman

Sig Anthony (Bum) Aikman – Driver/Batman Deceased

Cpl Terry (Tab) Hunter – Radio Operator (TF CP)

L/Cpl Graham Christie – Radio Operator (TF CP)

#### Main Body (By Air (Chinook and Huey) and Road - 13 and 14 May)

Capt Graham Arnold - 2IC

W02 Ron (Bluey) Still - SSM Deceased

2Lt Francis (Frank) Elrington - Admin Officer

Sgt Lawrence (Gunna) Cunneen - Sgt Commcon (Codes for TF Comd) Deceased

Sgt Scott (Scotty) Laycock - Sgt Q Store Deceased

2Lt Ken Twining – Radio Tp Comd Deceased

Sgt Max Hardy – Radio Tp Sgt Deceased

Sqt John Taylor – Radio Sqt

Sig Ken Greenwood – Radio Operator

Sig Ken (Blue) McDonald – Radio Operator Deceased

Sig Allan Trezise – Radio Operator Deceased

Cpl Allan Lohrisch – Radio Operator (TF CP)

Sig John Baum – Radio Operator (TF CP)

Sig Bernard Gibson – Radio Operator (TF CP) Deceased

Sig James (Jimmy) Crichton – Radio Operator (TF CP)

L/Cpl Michael O'Connor – Radio Operator (Brig Radio Op) Deceased

Sgt David Thompson – Line Sgt Deceased

Sig Michael Evans – Linesman Deceased

Sig Alex Young – Linesman (KIA – 16 May)

Sig Robert Ezzy – Linesman Deceased

Sig John Glazebrook – Linesman Deceased

(Line also manned the SWBD)

Sgt Sidney (Danny) Kaye – Comcen Sgt Deceased

Cpl Harold (Harry) Hope - Comcen Deceased

Cpl Leslie Douglas - Comcen

L/Cpl Malcolm (Mal) Fegusson - Comcen/Radio Operator

Sig Hugh (Scottie) Hutton - Comcen

Sig Ralph Bilsby - Comcen

Sig Ian Crosthwaite – Comcen (WIA – 16 May)

Sig Malcolm Greenhalgh - Comcen

#### Cpl Tassie Dell – Cook

(Tassie competed his tour with 12 Fd Regt leaving 104 in July 1968)

W02 Mick Moylan – F of S Deceased

Sig Stanley (Monty) Montefiore – TG Mech

Sig Alan (Thomo) Thomson – Tech Elec Deceased

Sig Patrick (Pat) Kiely – Driver

Sig Alan (Bally) Ball – Driver

Sig Robert (Bob) Lowick – GD

#### Replacement/Additional (After 16 May)

Capt Peter Hamilton (Comcen Troop, Comd)

Cpl Denis (Rabbit) Hare – Draughtsman (Sector Defence)

Cpl Dennis (George) Donohue – Radio Operator

Cpl Peter Blackman – Tech Elec (Send to Balmoral to repair 3RAR Swbd)

Sig Gordon Sanderson – Radio Operator (3RAR replacement later at Balmoral)

Sig Ken Cox – Radio Operator (TF CP)

Sig Malcolm (Mal) Bennett – Linesman

Sig Robert (Huey) James – Linesman

Sig Rodney (Rod) Palin – Linesman

Sig Donald (Don) McKenzie - Comcen

Pte Wally Wojciechowski – Cook

#### 104 Sig Sqn with other Units

#### 1RAR Radio Det (Deployed to FSPB Coral)

Cpl Rod Lumb – Radio Operator (Det Comd)

Sig Robert (Bob) Parkyns – Radio Operator

Sig Kevin Smith – Radio Operator

Sig Robert (Rob) Rowe – Radio Operator

# 3RAR Radio Det (Deployed to FSPB Coral to FSPB Coogee and then FSPB Balmoral)

Cpl Bob Ellis – Radio Operator (Det Comd) – Medevac

Sig Tom Spring – Radio Operator (CO, 3RAR) Deceased

Sig Gordon Robertson – Radio Operator

Sig David Ellis – Radio Operator

(Gordon Sanderson came in a few days after the deployment to Balmoral)

#### **Engineers**

(Two confirmed with 1 Fd Sqn by George Hulse - Names?)

#### 161 Independent Reconnaissance Flight (Based at Phu Loi)

Sig David Tiernan – Radio Operator

#### **VHF Retrans Bearcat**

(104 Sig Sqn Radio Retrans Det – Redeployed to Coral as Retrans was not needed)

#### Radio Operator to hold bridges for tanks

Sig Peter (Rosie) Thorne – Radio Operator (22/23 May 1968 with 3 Cav)

#### LO Radio Operator

Sig Peter Liddle – Radio Operator (LO Officer at Supporting HQ/FSPB/)

## 547 Sig Tp (By Air)

#### First Det (Inserted by Air deployment)

SSgt Jim Brill – (Det Comd) Deceased Sgt Fred Hawkes – Op Sig Deceased Cpl Tom Williams - (Int Corp)

#### Second Det (Replaced First Team by Air after 5 days)

Cpl Ken Trewartha - (Det Comd)
Sig Raymond "Snowy" Turner – Op Sig Deceased
Cpl John Hunter (Int Corp)

#### LO's

Maj Peter Murray – OC
Capt Steve Zagon – 2IC (Int Corp)
(Both In/out number of times – Couriered product from Dets back to Nui Dat for Analysis)

## 110 Sig Sqn (Road with Main Body)

#### **RR Det**

Sgt Ray McIntosh – RR Tp Sgt – during setup for first few days Deceased Cpl Malcolm (Mal) Stevens – RR Det Comd Deceased Sig John MacDonald - Tech Elec Sig Barry Sullivan – Tech Elec Deceased

#### **HF RATT Det**

Cpl Trever Chell – Ratt Det Comd Sig Ken Short – OKR (Replacement because someone got sick after 2-3 days) Sig Robert (Smokey) Dawson Sig David Cochrane (Medevac) Deceased

#### **Cipher Codes**

S/Sgt Graham (Doc) Orchard (Delivered May codes to FSPB Coral)
Cpl Kevin (Chook) Fowler ((Delivered June codes to FSPB Coral) TBC

# Note: FSPB Coral evacuated airlift started late on the 5<sup>th</sup> June and road/air convoy on 6<sup>th</sup> Jun 68. Road overnight at Bearcat arriving Nui Dat 7<sup>th</sup> Jun 68

#### Updated, etc

4 May 2016 - Deceased marked [All]
6 Aug 2018 - Don McKenzie name added [104]
20 Oct 2018 - Scotty Laycock and Mick O'Connor (Deceased) [104]
14 Dec 2018 - SnowyTurner (Deceased) [547]
29 June 2021 - Bernard Gibson, Tom String and Alan Thomson (Deceased) [104]
9 August 2021 - Ray McIntosh (Deceased) [110]
9 August 2021 - Kevin Fowler name added (Photos in AWM) - Role? [110]
2 Jul 2022 - Ron Still (Deceased) SSM
2 Jan 2024 - Allan Trezise (Deceased)