

List of Names of RASigs at FSPB Coral (Balmoral)

104 Sig Sqn

Advanced Party/Step-Up Station (By Chinook – 12 May 1968)

Maj Norm Munro – OC (Maj) – Also at Balmoral
L/Cpl John (Suitcase) Koosache (WIA – 16 May) – Radio Operator
Sig Phillip (Phil) Clohesy – Radio Operator
Sig Rowan (Stretch) Gamble (WIA – 13 May) - Linesman
Sig Terrence (Rocky) Rochester – Linesman
Sig Anthony (Bum) Aikman – Driver/Batman - Deceased

Main Body (By Chinook and Road 13 May)

Capt Graham Arnold – 2IC
W02 Ron (Bluey) Still - SSM
Lt Frank Elrington - 2Lt Admin Officer
Sgt Lawrence (Gunna) Cunneen - Sgt CommCON (Codes for TF Comd)
Sgt Scott (Scotty) Laycock – Sgt Q

Lt Ken Twining – Lt Radio Tp Comd
Sgt Max Hardy – Radio Tp Sgt
Sgt John Taylor – Radio Sgt
Sig Ian Crosthwaite (WIA – 16 May) – Radio Operator
Sig Ken Greenwood – Radio Operator
Sig James (Jimmy) Crighton – Radio Operator
Sig John Baum – Radio Operator (TF CP)
Cpl Allan Lohrisch – Radio Operator (TF CP)
Sig Bernard Gibson – Radio Operator (TF CP)

Sgt David Thompson – Line Sgt
Sig Michael Evans – Linesman
(Line also manned the SWBD)

Cpl Leslie Douglas – Comcen
L/Cpl Malcolm (Mal) Fergusson – Comcen (Radio Op)
Sig Hugh (Scottie) Hutton - Comcen
Sig Ralph Bilsby - Comcen

Cpl Tassie Dell – Cook
(Tassie competed his tour with 12 Fd Regt leaving 104 in July 1968)

Sig Stanley (Monty) Montefiore – TG Mech
Sig Alan (Thomo)Thomson – Tech Elec
Sig Patrick (Pat) Kiely – Driver
Sig Alan (Bally) Ball – Driver
Sig Robert (Bob) Lowick – GD

W02 Mick Moylan – F of S - Deceased
Sgt Sidney (Danny) Kaye – Sgt Comcen - Deceased

Cpl Harold (Harry) Hope – Comcen? - Deceased
Sig Alex Young (KIA – 16 May) – Linesman - Deceased
Sig Robert Ezzy – Linesman - Deceased
Sig Ken (Blue) McDonald – Radio Operator – Deceased
(Part of John Koosache Radio Det)
Sig John Glazebrook - Deceased

Replacement/Additional (shortly time after 16 May)

Cpl Denis (Rabbit) Hare – Draughtsman
Cpl Dennis (George) Donohue – Radio Operator
Sig Ken Cox – Radio Operator (TF CP)
Sig Malcolm (Mal) Bennett – Linesman
Sig Robert (Huey) James – Linesman
Sig Rodney (Rod) Palin – Linesman
Pte Wally Wojciechowski – Cook

104 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
Sig Gordon Robertson – Radio Operator
Sig David Ellis – Radio Operator
Sig Gordon Sanderson – Radio Operator
(David and Gordon came in a few days after the deployment)

Engineers

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

161 Independent Reconnaissance Flight (Based at Phu Loi)

Sig David Tiernan – Radio Operator
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VHF Retrans Bearcat

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Radio Operator to hold bridges for tanks

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

US Army LO Radio Operator

Sig Peter Liddle – Radio Operator
(LO Officer from Armour at Supporting US Army FSPB)

547 Sig Tp (By Air)

First Det (Inserted by Air deployment)

Sgt Jim Brill – (Det Comd) – Deceased?

Sgt Fred Hawkes

Cpl Tom Williams - (Int Corp)

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

Sgt Ken Trewatha - (Det Comd)

L/Cpl Snowy Turner - Deceased

Cpl John Hunter (Int Corp)

LO's (*)

Maj Peter Murray – OC

Capt Steve Zagon

* In/out number of times – Couriers product from both Dets back to Nui Dat for Analysis.
(Some detailed in the Unclassified History of 547 – Page 15 – Second para from bottom – Info not correct)

110 Sig Sqn (Road with Main Body)

RR Det

Malcolm (Mal) Stevens – RR Det Comd

Sig John McDonald - Tech Elec

Terrence (Terry) Scott – Tech Elec (Email from Blue Brown – Confirmed via Mal) ?

Barry Sullivan - Deceased

HF RATT Det

Trever Chell – Det Comd

Ken Short – OKR (Replacement because someone got sick after 2-3 days)

Robert (Smokey) Dawson

David Cockrane– Deceased (Medevac ?)

LO

S/Sgt Graham (Doc) Orchard (Delivered codes to FSPB Coral)

**Note: FSPB Coral evacuated by airlift and road convoy on 5 Jun 68
Road overnight at Bearcat arriving Nui Dat 6 Jun 68**