

SIGNALS INFORMATION UPDATE

40TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIONS BATTLES OF CORAL and BALMORAL

11 to 13 May 2008



Update Introduction

Invitations from the Government for the National Reception (12 May 2008) in the Great Hall, Parliament House should be posted by mid April. At this stage over 1000 people will be attending including 75 Signals Veterans/Partners. All located Signals involved in the Battles will receive an invitation. If you advised you were not coming but can, contact the Signals Subcommittee ASAP.

The other Corps Commemoration Dinner (13 May 2008) at this stage will have over 400 attendees.

Note: Signals Veterans attending the 3RAR activities later in May 2008 should stay in touch with the 3RAR Association and/or Tom String 02-63742273

Events and Activities

Signals Meet and Greet

2 pm, 11 May 2008

Olims Hotel. Bar/Carton Room. Any problems call Ebony Forward 0419-334535

- Meet old mates
- Make new mates
- Collect commemoration nametags
- Update on final information for commemoration arrangements, etc

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National Reception Hosted by PM (by invitation only)

6 pm, 12 May 2008

National Reception hosted by PM/DVA., Great Hall, Parliament House

Security: Please allow time to be processed. Suggest arriving 5-5.30pm

Men: Coat, Tie and Medals (full size). **Women:** After Five and Medals (full size)

Cocktail Party Format

Speakers: Gen Sir Phillip Bennett (CO, 1RAR from the Battles)

Brig Jim Shelton (CO, 3RAR from the Battles)

Remembrance Service

10 am, 13 May 2008

Remembrance Service hosted by DVA/Australian Army, Vietnam Memorial, ANZAC Parade.

Army Guard, including Centurion Tank plus 4 Guns plus

MC: Maj Gen Morrison

Speaker: Lt Gen Sir Donald Dunstan (Deputy Task Force Commander, 1 ATF and Battle Commander)

Signals Banner to be included. Two veteran volunteers required to carry the banner

Wreaths: Veterans Norm Munro (OC, 104 Sig Sqn) and Ron Still (SSM, 104 Sig Sqn) will lay a wreath on our behalf. Our VIP's will also be laying a wreath. Others?

Other Corps Event – Canberra (Includes Signals)

HQ 1ATF including D&E PI, Engineers, Signals, 161 Recce Sqn, TFMA and others

6:30 pm, 13 May 2008

Other Corps Commemorative Dinner, Ainslie Football and Social Club

Note: Transport to and from the above venues is being arranged. More at the Meet and Greet on the 11 May.

Attendees

Surname	First	Wife/Partner	Unit	Remarks	Accom
Arnold	Graham	Maxine	104	(21C)	Olims Hotel
Ball	Alan	Diane	104	Bally	Olims Hotel
Baum	John	Betty	104		Olims Hotel
Bennett	Malcolm	Joan	104	Mal	Private
Bilsby	Ralph	Rosemary	104		Olims Hotel
Chell	Trever		110		TBA
Clohesy	Phillip	Adrienne	104	Phil	Olims Hotel
Crosthwaite	Ian	Joanne	104		Olims Hotel
Cunneen	Paul	Mary	104	Gunna	Olims Hotel
Dawson	Robert		110	Smokey	Private
Dell	Tassie	Beth	104	Tassie	South Motor Park

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Ellis	Dave	Helen	104		Carotel Caravan Park 3RAR Reunion also
Fergusson	Malcolm	Jan	104	Bluey	Carotel Caravan Park 3RAR Reunion also
Gamble	Rowan	Nancy	104	Stretch	Carotel Caravan Park
Hare	Denis	Colleen	104	Rabbit	Olims Hotel
Hopper	Trevor	Philip White	17 Const Sqn	(Carers)	Olims Hotel
Hutton	Hugh	Margaret	104	Scottie	Olims Hotel
James	Robert	Rhonda	104	Huey	Olims Hotel
Kiely	Patrick		104	Pat	Olims Hotel
Koosache	John	Diane	104	Suitcase	Olims Hotel
Laycock	Scott	Beverley	104	Scotty	Olims Hotel
Lohrisch	Allan	Sandra	104		Best Western Tall Trees Mo
Lowick	Robert	Sue	104	Bob	South Motor Park
MacDonald	John	Maureen	110		Olims Hotel
McHale	Lyn	Frank	104	(Guest)	Olims Hotel
McIntosh	Raymond	Noreen	110	Ray	TBA
Montefiore	Stanley	Joy	104	Monty	TBA
Munro	Norm		104	(OC, 104 SVN)	Private
Murray	Peter	Chris Moore	547	(OC, 547 SVN)	Private
Palin	Rodney	Sue	104	Rod	Olims Hotel
Rochester	Terrence		104	Rocky	Olims Hotel
Rowe	Robert	Lyn	104	Bob	Olims Hotel
Short	Ken	Narelle	110	Shorty	Olims Hotel
Smith	Kevin	Robyn	104	Kev	Olims Hotel/ 3RAR Reunion
Still	Ron	Shirley	104	Blue (SSM)	North Bourne Lodge
Taylor	John	Barbara	104		South Motor Park/ 3RAR Re
Tiernan	David		104		TBA
Trewartha	Ken	Dian	547		Private
Twining	Ken		104	(Radio Tp Comd)	Olims Hotel
Wojciechowski	Wally	Anne	104	Wally	Olims Hotel
Zagon	Steve	Claire	547	(2IC)	Private

NOK Special Guests

The younger sister (and her husband) of Sig Alex Young (KIA at FSPB Coral on the 16 May 1968) will be joining us at the commemorations as our special guest. Please make Lyn and Frank McHale very welcome.

VIP Guests

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Signals were allowed three VIP guests and the subcommittee has made arrangements for the following to attend:

Maj Gen Paul Irving and Mrs Irving. Paul is the Senior Col Comdt, RASigs
Brig Michael Miford, AM and Mrs Miford. Michael is the Head of Corps, RASigs
Maj David Jenkins. David is the current OC, 104 Sig Sqn, 1CSR

Please make our VIP's very welcome and introduce yourself.

MIA's

The following known Coral Veterans have not yet been located;

37360 **Leslie Stuart (Les) DOUGLAS** (104 Sigcen) - Last locstat Pakenham, VIC Bamaga, QLD
1200768 **Alan James (Thomo) THOMSON** (104 Tech) – Last locstat Bald Hills, Beachmere QLD

Any ideas or information on their location and contact details, please contact the Signals Coral/Balmoral Subcommittee.

Special Signals Web Site

Special web site for Signals with name lists, after action report and other info plus photos from the battle at:

<http://coral-balmoral.au104.org>

We hope to add some photos of the activities at the commemorations and a few veteran photos to the special web site after in late May. Take your camera and assist.

Signals Coral/Balmoral Subcommittee

Contact details for the Signals Coral/Balmoral Subcommittee is as follows:

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Neil Horn	02-61612706 (RASigs Assoc ACT)	nlcmh@webone.com.au

Ebony Forward

If you get to Canberra, thinking about deploying to Canberra or have an issue or concern.

Call "Ebony Forward" 0419-334535

The Deputy Commander of 1ATF in 1968 wrote later. *"For a period of approximately three weeks the task force was exposed to some of the heaviest fighting seen by Australians in Vietnam. Throughout these engagements' and a number of subsequent attacks by fire, the signals squadron not only held their ground but continued to maintain communications".*