

## *The Year of The Tigers (3<sup>rd</sup> Edition)*

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With the recent publication of the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of *The Year of The Tigers* I would like to acknowledge all those who assisted me in this project.

In response to my requests for materials and information to be considered for the revised book I received over 2,000 photographs, some of which were of excellent quality. Unfortunately many had deteriorated over the past 40 years but there were ample in good condition to provide me with a healthy choice in compiling the new pages. The book has increased in size to a total of about 400 pages including an additional 250 photographs as well as some new information about our involvement in the War (eg, bunker systems, land clearing, pacification in Dat Do, mine incidents, the Tracker Platoon, Assault Pioneer Platoon, MAT teams etc). The background history to the war has been updated and citations for those who were mentioned in dispatches are included, as well as the updating of the battalion's honours and awards. Maps and schematics for the Battle of Binh Ba (Operation Hammer) and for Operation Tong (in Hoa Long) are included. To the best of my ability (from conflicting data) I have corrected the nominal roll of all those who served in Vietnam with 5RAR in 1969-70. A name index and a subject index are now included. Over 450 soldiers also have their names mentioned in either articles or captions to photographs in the revised book.

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