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NEWSLETTER OF THE 5TH BATTALION ROYAL AUSTRALIAN REGIMENT ASSOCIATION
ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO — THE SECRETARY — P.O. BOX C60 CLARENCE ST. SYDNEY. 2000

Dear Ex-5 RAR member,

Well at long last your Committee has progressed sufficiently with the 1990 Reunion to produce this, the first of regular newsletters to all members that join the newly formed 5th Battalion (RAR) Association.

Your Committee, duly elected at the meeting held at 5/7 RAR (Mech) on 6/12/88 is as follows:

<u>CHAIRMAN</u>	- John WARR
<u>CO-CHAIRMAN</u>	- Colin KHAN, John HOOPER, K. NEWMAN
<u>SECRETARY</u>	- Ron HAMLIN
<u>TREASURER</u>	- Bob FENWICK
<u>MEMBERSHIP/ PUBLICITY COMMITTEE</u>	- Geoff PEARSON - Brian (Blue) SCHAFER Col COOPER R. MARGETTS (CO 5/7 RAR (MECH))

Over past Reunions (currently held in Sydney each 5 years, which coincide with the Battalion Birthday in March), we have accumulated numerous names/addresses/etc of ex-5 RAR members to move towards the formulation of this Association.

At this time we have approx 700 names/addresses on our computer file (yours obviously one of them and we desperately need funds to carry on the Association.

Each time we send a mailout (newsletter/etc), the cost is approx \$700 (printing/envelopes/letterheads/labels/postage etc), so you can see, with a meagre \$600 to our name at this time, we are unable to afford any future correspondence. let alone operate, without your help.

What we are asking, is for yourself, and as many other ex-5 RAR members as possible to join the Association NOW.

The cost of membership (which carries you through to the 1995 Reunion is \$25-00.

For your \$25-00, you receive a 5 RAR Association lapel badge, plus all newsletters keeping you well informed of all future activities within your State, and any input/articles that you may wish to include within any future newsletter. You also have access to the Association records, should you wish to obtain the address/phone number of any member listed on file.

5 RAR ASSOCIATION TIES

We still have a number of ties left from our initial order, but you had better be quick. If we are to place another order (which may take some months to arrive) we obviously will have to sell all those already held.

The ties is of blue/black colour, with vertical gold stripes and a roaring tiger head suitably positioned, with 5 RAR under.

The cost of the ties is \$15-00 with all profits from the sales going to the Association.

If you wish to order the ties with your membership, the total cost of membership and tie will only be \$35-00 for a limited time only. A saving of \$5-00 on the cost of a tie.

Should you wish to order a tie ONLY, please forward your \$15-00 and the attached order coupon direct to our PO Box listed on the newsletter,

MEMBERSHIP/TIES

Please complete the attached order coupon and forward to the PO Box as listed, and PLEASE give some consideration for the person that is trying to decipher your handwriting.

PLEASE PRINT ALL THE INFORMATION REQUESTED - INCLUDING POSTCODES * PHONES NUMBERS * AREA CODES * to ensure that we waste as little of our time as possible inputting the information onto our computer.

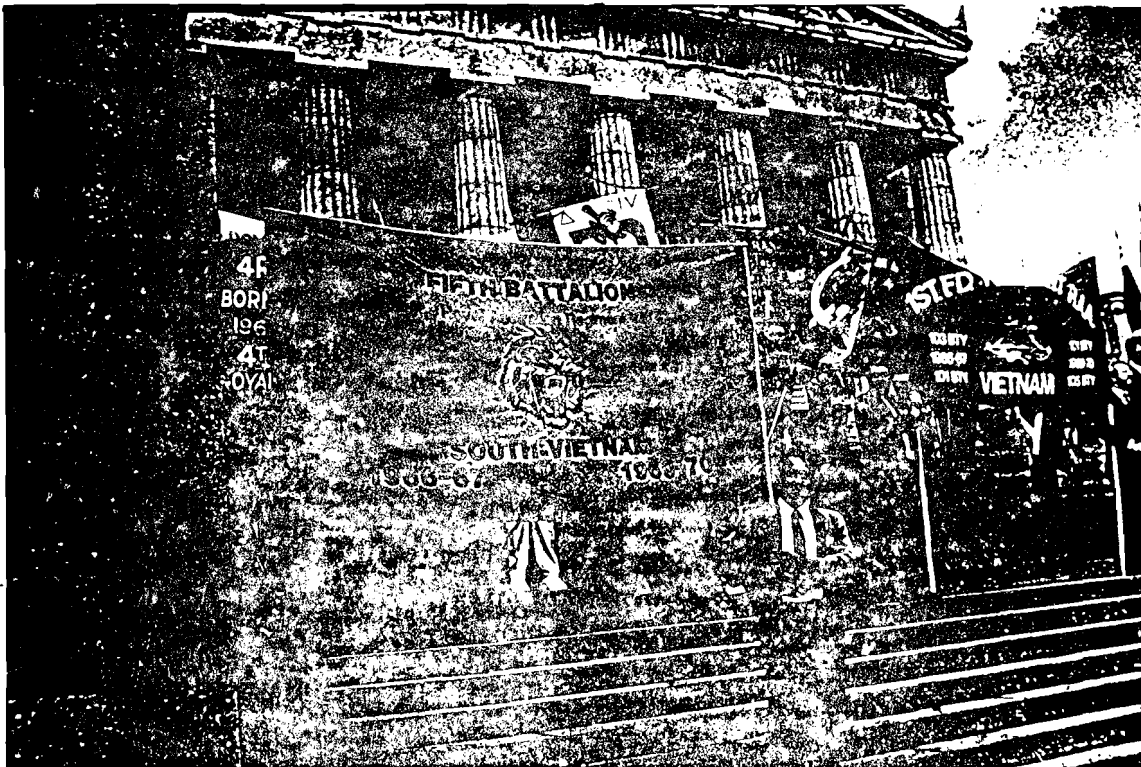
SRAR BANNER

Early last year, a number of Sydney based members arranged for the making of a SRAR banner, which has been used for the last Sydney Anzac Day March, and the Vietnam Veterans International Reunion in Melbourne.

It would be ideal to have similar ones made (or alternatively, another design) for each State to enable them to use it for similar occasions.

Please give us your thoughts on this, bearing in mind that the cost of the Sydney banner was well over \$400-00 not taking into account the poles and associated materials, which was provided by those people that originally paid for the banner.

A copy of that banner is hereunder for your comments-



5/7 RAR (MECH)

For those that don't know, the 5th and 7th Battalions merged some years ago. (Now known as 5/7 RAR (Mech) and are housed in the same barracks at Wileworthy).

The Battalion is now fully mechanized, with all the infantry sections having an APC to assist their movements, but also to service and look after.

The Battalion is known as 5/7 RAR, The Mechanized Tigers, and we have been extremely fortunate to have enjoyed a close association with them over recent years.

So close in fact, that the ID has offered us the total facilities of the Barracks for our 1990 Reunion.

Now before you old whingers start to complain, the Army is not what it used to be, they even serve first class food.

The arrangements, thus far for that Reunion are as follows:

Dates - Friday 2nd ()
 Saturday 3rd) MARCH 1990 --- SYDNEY
 Sunday 4th ()

FRIDAY 2ND - Memorial Service and Wreath Laying Ceremony at Regimental Square, followed by a get together within close proximity to the City at a venue to be advised.
 ** The Battalion will provide a colour party and escort, together with Pipes & Drums.

SATURDAY 3RD - DAY FREE for personal get together/shopping/etc.

EVENING Regimental Dinner at 5/7 RAR (Mech) (MEN ONLY). A separate Ladies function is not planned at this point in time. The Battalion can handle approx 500 diners for a Buffet style meal, and 350 approx for a full sit down Regimental Dinner. We obviously require formal advice of numbers attending to enable us to order the food/wine and type of function needed.

COST

It looks as though the total cost (food/drink/etc) will be no more than \$25-00 per head.

SUNDAY 4TH -

Full Battalion Parade/Drum Head Church Service 5/7 RAR (Mech) followed by a full open day at the Barracks

We are certain to have Quintus II with us at the Parade.

The Battalion boast their own Museum, Sportsmans Club, Recreational Club, and we can assure you that you and your family will have a most enjoyable day. All the APC's will be on display, and the kids (as well as big kids) will be able to have rides. It is also envisaged to have small bore shooting venture patrols, flying fox/etc. A Bar-B-Que lunch will be provided, which should cost no more than \$5-00 per head, or \$10-00 per family.

TRANSPORT

There is now a Railway Station right at the entrance to 5/7 RAR (Mech) and we can assure you, we will arrange either buses or military vehicles to fill the gaps.

ACCOMMODATION

At this stage, we encourage as many members as possible to endeavour to stay with friends, but we will also have a limited (male only) accommodation within the Barracks, with a number Hotels/Motels (which we will advise you at a later date) where discounts will be offered to members and their families.

INTERSTATE

TRAVEL

As with previous Reunions, we will again endeavour to obtain some form of group discounts with either Australian Airlines or Ansett. More about this in future newsletters.

The Committee would like to make this Reunion (The 25TH) the best yet, and would appreciate your thoughts on the program so far.