

**5716343 James Albert Reid**  
**June 24 1948 – February 14 2105**



Sadly we have been notified of the passing of another 5 RAR digger – Pte **Jim Reid**. Jim was suffering from a long term illness, and died in hospital in Perth, surrounded by family.

Jim joined the Army as a National Serviceman – part of the 14<sup>th</sup> intake in 1968. After Recruit Training he volunteered for Infantry Corp, and was soon posted to the Reinforcement Unit in Nui Dat, South Vietnam.

Following heavy casualties to 7pl C Coy 5RAR Jim was posted to this platoon in August 1969. He immediately volunteered as the forward scout for 1 Section. He immediately proved himself in this demanding role. Jim had keen senses, an appreciation of variations in vegetation that didn't fit, sharp reaction times, and above all, courage in spades.

In January 1970, 7 plt ambushed a well-worn track in very steep and rugged terrain. The ambush was sprung when heavily laden and armed enemy soldiers moved up the track. Following a fierce fire fight, the enemy withdrew. Jim was part of the clearing patrol, and was shot at close range by a well concealed wounded enemy soldier. His wounds were serious. He soon returned to Australia for further treatment and ultimate recovery.

After being discharged from the Army, Jim trained as an electrician. He spent many years in the Pilbara in WA with his young family, and subsequently lived and worked in a number of countries in South East Asia. Jim's humour was a defining trait of this fine soldier and father.

Jim is survived by his loving wife Chuynyakorn Reid (Chunny), sons Rob, Brad, Jamie, Clay, numerous grandchildren, and his sisters Dot and Ann, and brothers Henry, John and Charlie.

A funeral service was celebrated for Jim on Friday February 20 2015 at Pinnaroo Memorial Park Padbury, Perth. Two of Jim's 7pl mates Alex "Hippy" Koppen and Andy MacDougal attended the service.