

'Canister! On! FIRE!' : A 'Living' History

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(New Info since 26 September 2014: Vol1 p117, f/n 32; p178, fn 45; Vol 2 p66, p68 (twice), p160, p281. Factual: Vol 1 p124. Typos/Editorial: Vol 2, p104.)

Readers of COF are asked at page x to advise the author of any information which can add to the value of the history of Australian tank operations.

The idea is to maintain a parallel document open to all and to incorporate changes in any reprint.

This list can, of course, be printed and inserted in the book as an update and 'errata'.

New Information

Volume 1.

pxii. Para 2. Add footnote at end of first sentence: 'The process of mechanisation at this time involved great uncertainty. An Experimental Mechanised Force was established in Britain to try and cut through the prejudice that existed. To their credit, the Australian General Staff endeavoured to keep abreast of developments. Lt E.W. Lamperd and a warrant officer were seconded to the Royal Tank Corps to complete a twelve month training course, commencing in August 1926.'

pxii. Last para. Add footnote following "1937": 'Wikipedia (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tanks_in_the_Australian_Army) states that the order for the eleventh Vickers Mk VIA Light Tank was cancelled. This is at odds with Hopkins (p22).

pxiii. Para 1. Add new footnote at end of first sentence: '9 Div Cav Regt were equipped with British Crusader tanks in July 1942'.

pxiii. Amend footnote 10 to read: 'Cedric Maudsley Ingram Pearson, AO, DSO, OBE, MC: 24 August 1918--7 November 2012.'

pxiii. Insert new footnote 12: 'The first of the 140 Matilda Mk II tanks released by the UK began arriving in July 1942. This tank "proved to be the only one possessed by Australia which was suitable for jungle operations". (Hopkins, p61.) By August 1943 there were almost 300 Matildas in Australia, however, over one third of them were being cannibalised for urgently needed spares. (*This Day in the RAAC*.)

pxiv. During 1942 around 140 US Marmon-Herrington two man light tanks were received. These were from shipments diverted to Australia after their intended countries of destination were overrun by the Japanese. They were made use of for training.

pxvi. Add to footnote 16. 'It seems that the delay was caused by Centurions being diverted to meet the requirements of British forces in Korea. (Ware, p97.)'

p4. Para 3. Add footnote to third sentence: 'Little had changed since 1941 when poor feedback meant that "the information available in Australia about organizations and tactics in the Middle East was not up to date". (G. Long, *'Greece, Crete and Syria, Australia in the War, Series One, Army', Vol II, AWM, p553*).

p5. Insert new footnote after "realistic preparation" (para 5): The first tank troops to support infantry in the jungles of New Guinea during the Second World War had similar preparation: '2/6th Armoured Regiment was trained for sweeping armoured operations in open country....'. (G. J. Murphy, 'What Have We Learned About the Use of Armour?', unpublished manuscript, 2009.)

p8. Add to footnote 21: Unfortunately lessons learnt in the SWPA during the Second World War had also been forgotten: 'the fighting ... showed what had been obvious from the First World War: prior training in infantry-tank cooperation is essential, learning on the job costs too many casualties and is too slow'. (Murphy, op cit)

p12. Last para. Amend last sentence to read: '... a qualification standard introduced by the then Lieutenant Colonel Charlie Duke during his period as Chief Instructor, Armoured Centre, 1960--63. The first recipient was Captain John Haynes, a staff member appointed as the troop leader for the fifteen students (NCOs) on the first course.

p22. Add to footnote 67: Arthur James Hull: 27 June 1939--4 October 2012.

p25. Add footnote to photo caption: 'The closest tank is fitted with an A barrel, others with B barrels; the latter having a fume extractor fitted at their midpoint to reduce fumes being drawn back into the turret after firing. All tanks sent to Vietnam were fitted with the more modern B barrel'.

p25. Last para. Add footnote at end of last sentence: 'Because war was averted, this decision in principle [i.e. that by Cabinet to act alongside the United States] never had to be implemented...'. (*'Australia and the Vietnam War'*, p197.)

p27. Footnote 85. Delete: 'Both Comets and Centurions saw service during the Korean War'. [Cromwells, rather than Comets, were employed in Korea.]

p29. First para. Amend "VC" to read: 'Viet Cong (VC)' and add footnote: 'Viet Cong is a shortened version of a Vietnamese term originally intended to be a disparaging reference to Vietnamese Communists'.

p29. Add to footnote 97: 'The usefulness of tanks in jungle warfare was something which went unappreciated by MacArthur during his Philippines campaign'. (Murphy, op cit)

p45. Add new footnote after "Callow" (last para): 'John Callow: 1 May 1945--15 May 2013.'

p48. Add to footnote 49: The Model 74C turret was salvaged beforehand.

p53. Add footnote after (ARV): Dozers were assisted in this task when repair teams 'removed the badly damaged hulls of several tanks and used the hulls as improvised towing vehicles'. (Murphy, op cit.)

p59. Last para. Add footnote after "Kapyong Barracks": 'It seems that the Kapyong name was chosen for 1st Armoured Regiment's new barracks (occupied in 1959) because most of the training for Korea done in Australia (some was done in Japan), was at Puckapunyal. 2RAR were based there and had responsibility for training K Force volunteers. Reinforcements for both 3RAR and 1RAR came from Puckapunyal and of course 2RAR departed from there. One would expect that 3RAR would lay claim to Kapyong for their barracks and this was achieved subsequently with the designation 'Kapyong Lines'.

p71. Para 2. Sentence ending in "commitments", add footnote: 'Another suggestion is that Ministers were lobbying for "more favourable terms for the controversial purchase of F-111 aircraft for the RAAF and a stronger statement of American support for the Australian commitment to Malaysia and Singapore". (Edwards, p454.)

p89. Last para. Delete "Mob Siding", insert: Dysart Siding.

p89. Delete footnote 41, insert new footnote 41: Dysart Defence Siding opened in 1941 to serve Puckapunyal and other military camps in the area. It closed in 1987.

p91. Add to footnote 45: John Maurice Maxwell: 25 August 1922--13 July 2012.

p93. Add to footnote 47: Ian George Goss: 3 August 1936--2 December 2012.

p96. Add to footnote 64 before "In September...": 'Land Rover and truck tools were not immune and the Minister for the Army, Phillip Lynch, ordered an immediate inquiry into the thefts'.

p101. Para 2. Insert new footnote after "Bidey": 'Michael Damian Bidey: 26 June 1945--28 February 2013'.

p105. Amend first sentence to read; 'At 55, Gilchrist is believed to be the oldest Australian to serve with a field unit in Vietnam'. Add to end of footnote: 'Joffre James Gilchrist: 12 September 1915--19 February 2013'.

p117. Para 4. Insert new footnote after "immediately available":

'Both twenty-pounder and 105mm were regarded as medium calibre tank guns and it was on this basis that the Centurion was officially designated Tank, Medium Gun (colloquially medium tank). When the replacement for Centurion was being designed, it was decided that there was no longer a need for heavy gun tanks as they could be defeated by HEAT projectiles. It followed that "the terms medium and heavy gun tank should be dropped and replaced by "main battle tank". (UK National Archives, American British Canadian Tank Philosophy Meeting, 26/27 November 1958). While this was the designation used for Centurion's replacement, the Chieftain, the term was sometimes also applied to Centurion towards the end of its service.'

p117. Footnote 32. Amend first sentence to read: 'The full implications of not 'balancing' the 100gal fuel tank are unknown, however, UK experience was that the life of rear roadwheels was reduced by some 40%, (Ware & Delf, p62)'. Add: 'In hindsight, additional belly armour would have been of greater value than the uparmoured glacis plate (as was added to South African Army Centurions as part of the fitting of torsion bar suspension)'.

p118. Add to footnote 37. 'The M2 canister round used by the M3 Light Tank's 37mm gun contained 122 steel balls, 9.5mm diameter. (Murphy, op cit.)

p119. Footnote 42. Amend first sentence to read: 'The only means of penetrating armour at the start of the Second World War was...'. Add the following at the end of the footnote: '(Produced in 1942/3, the final version of the Panzer III (PzKpfw III, Ausf N) was capable of firing HEAT projectiles. See p128 f/n 83.)

p151. Para 3. Add footnote after "engine": 'A sensor on either side of the header tank activated the cutout when the coolant fell too low. "There was a down side to this, if the tank was at funny angles the bloody things would activate, causing a bit of a panic".' (Bob Snape, pc, 11 July 2014.)

p158. Add new footnote after "roadwheels" (end para 2): Australian forces in Korea claimed a 'kill' when a round from a Bren gun 'ignited the long-range fuel drums that the tank [Soviet T34/85] carried on its rear'. (Murphy, op cit.)

p163. Para 1. New footnote after "a flail tank was required": 'In 2012 the US Army deployed a remote control flail tank to Afghanistan for route and minefield clearance.'

p177. Add to footnote 43: 'The Canadian Army replaced the UK wireless sets in their Centurions with US radios in 1968'.

p178. Line 1. Amend "Syd", to read 'Sid'; add new footnote after "Russell": 'Sidney George Russell: 27 October 1929 -- 28 July 2009'.

p181. Add to footnote 61: 'James Joseph Hill: 28 October 1941--5 August 2013'.

p181. Add to footnote 62: 'The ACV driver at this time was Lance Corporal John (Shorty) George. John Frederick George, OAM: 4 October 1946--9 December 2012.'

p185. New footnote after "Second World War" (para 3): The first occasion in which Australian tanks provided close fire support to infantry was on 18 December 1942 at Buna, New Guinea. (Murphy, op cit.)

p193. Add to footnote 97: 'Britten's gunner was Trooper Bob Everes. Robert Edward Everes: 8 May 1945--20 October 2012'.

p197. Photo caption: delete "L/Cpl Bruce Tarran". (Bruce Tarran has advised that he was not present during the actions at FSB Balmoral.)

p215. Para 5. Add footnote after "...dividends": On 19 June 1968, Lieutenant General Sir John Wilton responded to the Minister of Defence's request for advice as

to how the Centurion tanks were performing in Vietnam: "...the tanks have been successfully employed on a number of operations, and are regarded as a significant contribution to both the offensive and defensive capability of the Task Force". The report noted that "...arrangements are in hand for the movement of the balance [of the Squadron's tanks] in August." (Copy of Minute held by author.)

p236. Footnote 55. Delete "the Regimental Intelligence Officer".

p236. Add to footnote 55: 'While training with B Squadron, he had been on stand-by as an immediate replacement (troop leader)'.

p240. Para 5. Amend "Trooper Arty Booker" to read: 'Trooper 'Arfer' Booker'. (Arthur was called 'Arfer', because of his Scottish accent; later he became known as 'Artie'.)

p246. Add to footnote 89: 'In a rare concession, the history of D445 acknowledges that the "Battalion learnt a bloody lesson at Long Dien ... hanging-on in open terrain that's sandy and waterlogged -- against a heavily-armed enemy with air and artillery support, is a road leading only to defeat". (*The Viet Cong D445 Battalion: their story*, E. P. Chamberlain, self published, Pont Lonsdale, Vic, 2011, p62.)

p251. Para 4. Add footnote to end of last sentence: 'The lack of protection offered by the Centurion's 17mm hull floor was a criticism levelled against the tank following its service with the British Army in Korea where the floor was said to have been "easily distorted by the anti-personnel mines laid by the Chinese". A subsequent proposal to improve mine protection was not adopted (unlike the South African Army).' Ware, p42.

p296. Add to footnote 42: 'Lance Corporal David Izatt (crew commander of the lead APC) was Mentioned in Dispatches for the effective manner in which he took command after the death of his section commander.'

p307. Add footnote after "Trooper Phil Barwick" (para 2): 'Phillip Gregory Barwick: 11 March 1949--11 November 1988'.

p310. Add new footnote after "De Turt (3 Troop)": 'James Francis De Turt: 4 September 1940--25 March 2013'.

p319. Para 2. Insert footnote after "Captain Toll": 'Immediately he had changed, Toll found himself on a helicopter heading to Fire Support Base Julia to take over from Captain Bernie Sullivan'.

p316. Para 1. Delete entire para.

p316. Para 2. Replace first sentence with: "On 16 February, following a report from a hoi chanh, 4RAR/NZ were tasked to investigate two separate caches, one containing rice and the other weapons, located just outside their boundary".

p320. Add to footnote 48: 'The Israeli Army developed a cupola for their Centurions which provided much improved protection and vision for crew commanders.' (Ware, p202.)

p333. Para 1. During a stop at the US base at Long Binh at this time, Craftsman Burriss (ARV) recalls dining on a "new culinary masterpiece called a pizza".

p339. Add to footnote 6: 'British Tank crews during the Second World War also experienced this: "Fatigue made even the most mundane tasks difficult".' (Kershaw, p163.)

p340. Add to footnote 8: 'John Norman Wedmaier: 5 April 1946--17 October 2012'.

p369. Add to footnote 24: 'A Technical Reconnaissance Section existed within HQ MR7, tasked to intercept and obtain Intelligence from US/Australian/ARVN radio transmissions. Six English linguists were involved'.

p378. Para 1. Insert new footnote after "Nation": 'Christopher George Nation: 7 March 1947--10 July 2014'.

p385. Para 1: Amend "Trooper Arty Booker" to read: 'Trooper 'Arfer' Booker'. (Arthur was called 'Arfer', because of his Scottish accent; later he became known as 'Artie'.)

p389. Para 2. New footnote after "extremely dangerous": 'In December 2011, the Australian Army ordered four route clearance systems to help deal with the IEDs encountered in Afghanistan. Included in each system were two Husky protected route clearance vehicles and two Bushmasters with mine roller attachments.'

p395. Para 1. Delete last sentence. [There were actually five tanks with 4 Troop at FSB Virginia: 24, 24Alpha, 24Bravo, 24Charlie and 2ZroDelta, 2ZeroEcho would have brought the troop up to full strength.]

p399. New footnote, Edward Donald Spargo: 22 November 1936--2 September 2012.

p406. Add to footnote 52: '(which is now in private ownership and being restored)'.

p407. Add footnote to caption of second photo: 'The hole on the right is that made by the turret bin securing bolt being ripped out when the bin was blown off'.

p424. One infantryman nearby experienced quite a surprise when the grenade thrown by Joe Dziedzic exploded ... he had not heard Joe's shouted warning!

p424. Footnote 111. Add 'On 17 July 1969, a hoi chanh identified himself as a platoon commander with D440 (Heavy Weapons Company). He said that he had "lost" a 75mm RCL at Binh Ba. (HQ 1ATF Diary, AWM 1/4/160).'

p428. Add to footnote 120: Recently translated, the history of D440 confirms that the Battalion were tasked to co-ordinate with 33 NVA Regiment to attack Binh Ba. The captured 75mm RCL belonged to the D440 RCL Platoon. (*The Viet Cong D440*

Battalion : Their Story (and the Battle of Binh Ba), E. P. Chamberlain, self-published, Point Lonsdale, Vic, 2103.)

p467. Amend photo caption to read: '...(L to R) Troopers John Meredith (16) and Murray Madden, Captain Colin Toll'.

p492. The driver of 88Hotel at the time was Craftsman Trevor Smith. He recalls that "when we got back to the Dat, we filled out reports for a long time".

p514. Para 2. New footnote to be inserted after "Captain Jim Hull" to read: 'In terms of manning, Toll took over from Hull as 2IC and Streeting replaced Toll as TechO'.

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p40. Add to footnote 38: 'Edward (Ted) Norman Beazley: 7 August 1947--27 May 2012'.

p46. Insert at the start of footnote 52: Sergeant Rob Hunter's APC Section (33) were in support behind the others.

p84. Para 2. Acts of kindness were often shown to Australian service personnel; e.g. Second Lieutenant Warren Hind went to Hong Kong on R&R; he and another Australian soldier met someone in passing who turned out to be a police inspector, this led to them being shown around the island in a police car.

p50. New footnote after "clean break" to read: 'Lieutenant Brennan's tank was right in front of [our APCs] when he backed out of the scrub. It was shot to pieces, there wasn't a bin, antenna, or periscope that hadn't been shot off or penetrated by a round of some sort'. R F Hunter, pc, 15 November 2012.

p66. Add to footnote 141: Peter Moore, operator on 2Bravo, commented recently: "One could say we were exhausted, I think we all were still running on adrenalin and when this started to lessen, emotions took over when we realised exactly what we had just experienced".

p68. Change footnote 150, replace the first sentence with the following three: 'Murphy and a number of infantry, including the Officer Commanding D Company, Major Mal Peck, were thrown from the carrier by the blast. The Troop Leader's operator, Corporal Erik Frisken, was also wounded, as were a number of infantry travelling inside. Apart from Graham, who was 'dusted off', the other wounded were able to remain on duty.

p68. Add to end of footnote 150: 'The damaged APC was towed by a Centurion to a point from which it was recovered by a tilt-bed trailer (see p59) to Nui Dat'.

p104. Para 5. First sentence. Add footnote after "2Alpha": 'In 2014, this tank (ARN 169064), callsign 22Bravo at Binh Ba (Vol 1, Chapter 13), is in private ownership and

being restored. It is also the subject of a one sixth scale model:
<http://www.armortek.co.uk/Forum3b/viewtopic.php?f=23&t=3931&start=240> .

p104. Para 5. Second sentence. Add footnote after "driver": 'Trooper Barry Kappler'.

p104. Para 5. Add footnote after "track guard": 'Although the suspension unit was also a 'write off', it was still possible to half-track the tank. Once completed, 2Alpha was driven back to NDP Brigid where it was repaired by a FRT.'

p108. Para 4. The driver of the ARV was craftsman Adrian (Gomer) Probert. Not being able to get his seat to retract, he recalls that he slid down in the drivers compartment as far as he could.

p109. New footnote, 'John Allan Gebhardt: 10 June 1948--6 October 2012.'

p121. Para 1. Add footnote after "the tanks themselves": 'Such unofficial painting was not a practice approved of by A Squadron's OC'.

p159. Add to footnote 54: 'The South African Army subsequently added belly armour to their upgraded Centurions (Olifants).'

p160. Para 3. Add footnote to the end: 'Eddie Tricker, a member of the D&E Platoon at the time, advises: "We first arrived at the Song Chua River on 2 September ... while we were there, a team of engineers had to build a mini bridge from the East bank to shorten the width of the river at the crossing point (the river was too wide for the length of the bridge that bridge layer tank carried). This work required deliveries of large timber beams by slung-load under a Chinook. Over the next few days they placed upright beams and timbers into the river [and] built a wooden frame out into the river. They may have even used the small dozer to push earth into this frame".'

p190. Add to footnote 2: 'Punchy was also a very skilled rugby player, leading the A Squadron 4/19PWLH team to victory in the Puckapunyal region championship in 1962.'

p197. Add to footnote 19: 'Kemble's APC section cleared a landing pad and then helped load the casualties onto the Dustoff: "the pilot said he was overweight and that we had better pull back just in case ... it [the helicopter] groaned into the air with our wounded". (G. Kemble, email, 21 July 2014.)

Page 260. Add to footnote 33: 'During Second World War desert operations, the British Army found that oil mixed with sand frequently blocked tank radiators. Nearly 50 years later, Centurions deployed during the Gulf War experienced the same problem',

p202. New footnote after "struck 3Alpha's muzzle" to read: 'The possibility that the HE round might have exploded is beyond belief; amazingly, however, the arming distance for the fuse was unknown by crews. Rather than there being a minimum safe distance to protect those close to the point of firing, close-in explosions were experienced which suggest that the round was armed very soon after leaving the

muzzle. In retrospect, a different fuse should have been provided for the engagement of targets in dense vegetation.

p203. Add to footnote 31, 'Robert Keith Hill, MC: 12 February 1932--20 December 2011'.

p204. Add to end of footnote 38: '5 Troop, C Squadron was unique, however, as by sequential numbering 5 Troop would be in B Squadron'.

p260. Add to footnote 33: 'The UK had modified the engine and transmission covers of Mark 8 Centurions to improve cooling almost fifteen years earlier.' (Ware, p63.)

p223. Para 3. New footnote after "...of APCs" to read: '84 Section (Second Lieutenant John Muir) which had been ambushing nearby the night before'.

p281. Para 4. Add footnote at end: 'The mount for the commander's machine gun included an arm which enabled the gun to fire at high elevations in an anti-aircraft role. Theoretically the arm also allowed the gun to be fired from below armour at ground targets, however, this proved to be impractical in Vietnam and the arm was removed'.

p292. Add to footnote 94, 'Bernard Peter Flynn: 21 May 1947--30 December 2012.'

p309. Add to end of last sentence of footnote 49: '...War; the tank decision being made in 1962 (NAA file A6059, 6/441/59).'

p310. Para 1. Add footnote to sentence ending "...driver's compartment": 'As soon as his feet hit the ground, Cameron drew his 9mm pistol ... just as quickly he realised how useless it was and returned it to its holster. This sentiment was also that of the British during the Second World War: '...the revolver does not provide sufficient protection to tank crews'. (Kershaw, p133.)

p320. Add footnote to caption: 'The badge at the base of the flagpole was of a number cast from a mould taken from a wooden carving by the late Sergeant Harry Young (Q Store, 1st Armoured Regiment, 1960s).'

p334. New footnote after "stump" (para 1): This was a common problem experienced in New Guinea during the Second World War: '...tanks repeatedly became stuck on tree stumps or logs hidden in the grass'. (Murphy, op cit.)

p335. Insert new footnote after "Byrne": Similar infantry/tank communications difficulties existed during operations in New Guinea. (Murphy, op cit.)

p343. Insert new footnote after "however" (para 4): An example of the important role of tanks in the withdrawal is that of the covering force action undertaken by the 7th Armoured Brigade (M3 Light Tanks) during the British retreat from Burma in 1942. (Murphy, op cit.)

p347. Para 2. Add new footnote at end of first sentence: 'Bans by the Painters' and Dockers' Union and the Federated Enginedrivers' and Firemens' Union prevented the

loading of Centurion tanks onto MV *Jeparit* early in 1970. The tanks held by Forward Delivery Troop, coupled with the transport capability of Army's LSMs, alleviated the situation until it was resolved by negotiations led by the Commonwealth Department of Labour and National Service' (Personal Papers of Prime Minister Fraser, NAA, M63, 22.)

p352. Add to footnote 32: "The remaining officers and men of C Sqn departed from Vietnam between 15 Sep and 7 Oct 71. The last man to leave was the OC LAD (Capt H. Percival)". Notes on C Sqn Second Tour Vietnam, Dec 70--Oct 71, P. W. Bourke. (Copy held by author.)

Factual Errors

Volume 1.

pxii. Para 2. Delete "two years later". Hopkins states that the tanks arrived in 1929, but this is disputed.

p23. Footnote 72. Delete "had six-pounder anti-tank guns" and insert 'had 120mm Battalion Anti-Tank (BAT) guns'.

p37. Delete (*literally 'hill small'*) and insert footnote after "Nui Dat feature" to read: 'Literally hill [of] dirt/earth; another meaning being, bare hill.'

p41. Para 1. Amend "1 APC Squadron" to read: '1st APC Squadron' (and subsequently).

p64. Footnote 121. Amend the first sentence to read: "While the protrusion of the new fuel tank resulted in the longer tow ropes which came with the bridgelayers (fitted with the 100 gal fuel tank when delivered in 1961) being sought after by crews, it was found that the existing 30 foot (9.1m) tow rope could be made to fit (albeit only just).

p104. Para 2. Amend "Detachment Forward Delivery Troop" to read: 'Detachment, 1st Forward Delivery Troop' (and subsequently),

p124. Last para, Amend "1 Independent Armoured Squadron Workshop" to read: 1st Independent Armoured Squadron Workshop' (and subsequently).

p523. Replace first two paras as follows:

"On 14 December, Major Rooks tasked the HQ Section of 2 Troop B Squadron 3 Cav to find a place where the Suoi Lup (to the north of Barbara) could be crossed. As all of 1 Field Squadron's mini-teams were already allocated, Staff Sergeant Paul Ryan took it upon himself to respond, in company with Sapper Chris Brooks. Three 'carriers' were involved: 2Zero Bravo (Second Lieutenant Craig Mitchell), 29Juliet (Sergeant David Roberts) and 29Mike (Corporal Nick Weir). Ryan, who had almost completed his twelve months, was glad that it was a routine reconnaissance. While negotiating a damp gully on the way back (104), however, Mitchell's 'carrier' hit a mine.

Estimated at around 23kg of explosive, one of the largest to be detonated by an M113A1, the force of the blast threw the vehicle into the air, causing it to land upside down (105). Despite desperate efforts to free him from under his hatch, the driver, Trooper Doug Voyzey, was KIA.(107) Mitchell and the two engineers were wounded, Ryan being medevaced to Australia six days before he was due to finish his tour."

104. The crossing had been used by the 'carriers' on their route out. Before using it again, the track marks were checked to ensure that they had not been disturbed. Mitchell's 'carrier' was the second through on the way back; the mine exploding under his left rear track.

105. With both mini-team members wounded, Trooper Les Dunstan (Weir's driver) immediately cleared a path with his bayonet to the upturned vehicle.

106. Voyzey had been a member of 12/16 Hunter River Lancers (CMF) before transferring to the ARA. An annual award, the Voyzey Trophy, is today presented to the outstanding junior NCO in 12/16 HRL.

Volume 2

p31. Change all references to Second Lieutenant Cumper to Lieutenant Cumper

p66. Para 4. Amend "11.50am" to read "11.45am".

p105. Photo attribution: delete "Bill Barlow", insert "Wayne Burton".

p270. Para 2. Amend "Fire Support Base Cherie on Courtenay Hill (also the site of 1ATF HQ)" to read: "Fire Support Base Cherie at the base of Courtenay Hill (the site of 1ATF HQ)".

p370. Delete * next to "Weigall D R"

'Typos'/Editorial

Volume 1:

piii. Before "John Atkins", insert "Ray Arthur".

piii. Amend Nobby Clark, to read: "Nobby" Clark.

piii. Amend "Jim De Turt" to read "the late Jim De Turt".

piii. Replace "Farrari", with "Ferrari".

piv. Amend "part of story...", to read "part of the story...".

piv. Amend "As well thanking...", to read: "As well as thanking...".

pviii. Para 2. Amend second sentence to read: 'Highlighting the significance of these lessons is a formidable challenge.'

pviii. Para 2. Last sentence. Amend "significance" to read: 'importance'.

pxiii. Move footnote 12 to end of footnote 11.

pxiv. Diagram 1. Amend "MK II" and "MK VIA", to read: 'Mk II' and 'Mk VIA'

p7. Amend "Even movement within NSW was often denied" (footnote 19) to read: 'Even movement between NSW and Victoria could be too expensive'.

p8. Split second para into two, the new para starting "Unfortunately".

p29. Amend "NVA" to read: 'North Vietnamese Army (NVA)'.

p38. Amend "50m across" to read '500m across'.

p68. Amend "possiblity" to read 'possibility'.

p90. Insert full stop between "positions" and "Sullivan".

p90. Footnote 43. Amend "4 Base Workshops" to read: "4 Base Workshop".

p101. Para 1. Move footnote number [74] to immediately follow "leaguer".

p125. Caption. Amend "Jures" to read 'Juers'. (Also Index page 535.)

p141. Footnote 19. Insert comma after "AWM".

p147. Para 2. Amend "Fortunately CO 3RAR" to read 'Fortunately the CO 3RAR'.

p163. Para 4. Amend "mini team" to read 'mini-team'.

p174. Footnote 25. Delete "that".

p182. Para 2. Delete comma after "bulldozer".

p194. Para 1. Amend "twenty pounder" to read 'twenty-pounder'.

p221. Para 3. Amend "east of Nui Thi Vai hills" to read 'west of...'

p291. Para 3. Amend "(east of the Long Hais)" to read '(west of Nui Dinh)'.

p266. Para 2. Amend "in growing crops" to read: 'in growing them'.

p280. Para 3. Amend; "a crossing was found over a creek" to read: 'a place was found to cross a creek'.

p290. Para 3. Amend "together with D&E Platoon" to read 'together with the D&E Platoon'.

p298. Para 6. Amend "Battalion" to read 'battalion'.

p299. Para 3. Amend "Troops" and "Troop Leaders" to read 'troops' and 'troop leaders'.

p302. Map 17. Amend "Julie" to read: 'Julia'.

p322. Para 3. Insert full stop after quotation mark (and before footnote 60).

p378. Reverse image of barrel.

p379. Para 1. Amend "23 Alpha" to read '23Alpha'.

p408. Para 2. Delete commas after "Bennett" and "enemy"; insert semi-colon after "enemy".

p418. Para 2. Delete comma after "Arrowsmith".

p419. Para 1. Amend "Troop" to read 'troop'.

p431. Para 4. Amend "Balance" to read: 'Ballance'. Same for Index (page 531.)

p433. Para 1. Amend "came so fast" to read 'came out so fast'.

p434. Last Para. Amend "Troop" to read 'troop'.

p436. Para 2. Amend "Troop" to read 'troop'.

p475. Para 2. Amend "Troop Leader" to read 'troop leader'.

p478. Para 3. Amend "Troop" to read 'troop'.

p488. Para 4. Amend "skillfully" to read 'skilfully'.

p515. Para 3. Amend "Troop" to read 'troop'.

p528. Insert 'ACV Armoured Command Vehicle' after AATTV. (Also p359 Vol 2)

p528. Amend 'AFV Armoured Fighting Vehicle' to read: AFV Armoured Fighting Vehicle and Australian Force Vietnam. (Also p359 Vol 2)

p528. Insert 'AP.....Ammunition Point' after AO. (Also p359 Vol 2.)

p528. Reposition "CP" after "COMAFV". (Also p359 Vol 2.)

p529. Amend "Royal Australian Electrical and Mechanical Engineering Corps" to read 'Royal Australian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers'. (Also p360 Vol 2)

p529. Insert 'RAE Royal Australian Engineers' after "RAAC". (Also p360 Vol 2)

p529. Reposition "RAR" after "RAEME". (Also p360 Vol 2.)

p529. Amend 'RCL Recoilless (anti-tank weapon)' to read: Recoilless Rifle (anti-tank weapon). (Also p360 Vol 2)

Volume 2:

p9. Para 3. Amend "as soon the" to read: 'as soon as the'.

p13. Para 1. Amend "Troop Leader" and "Troop Sergeant" to read: 'troop leader' and 'troop sergeant'.

p22. Line 5. Replace semi-colon after "Support Troop" with a comma.

p23. Para 3. Delete "offshore".

p24. Line 4. Replace "to stop to so that" with 'to stop so that'.

p39. Para 1. Amend "the braking system was" to read: 'the brakes were'.

p39. Para 2. Close bracket after "1969".

p47. Footnote 57. Replace "no longer had any" with 'no longer any'.

p49. Para 4. Amend "was more easily" to read: 'this was easier'.

P49. Footnote 74. Amend "suggest" to read: 'suggests'.

p56. Quote. Remove italic, viz. amend "1970" to read: '1970'

p60. Footnote 118. Insert full stop after "p 133".

p64. Quote. Amend "History" to read: 'history'.

p65. Footnote 136. Amend "was undertaken.' pc," to read: 'was undertaken'; pc,'.

p66. Footnote 140. Amend "1970 (AWM, S03048)." to read: '1970. AWM, S03048.'

p67. Para 1. Amend "Trooper Moe Burgess," to read: 'Trooper Merrick (Moe) Burgess,'.

p68. Para 2. Amend "Unfortunately mines were to cause more casualties that day" to read "Unfortunately this was not the only mine incident that day".

p70. Quote. Delete full stop at end.

p70. Para 1. Insert comma after "mines".

p72. Footnote 3. Insert 'unofficially' after "obtained".

p78. Para 2. Amend "Troop's" to read 'troop's'.

p86. Quote. Amend "mechanisc" to read 'mechanic'.

p88. Footnote 49. Delete "Ibid", insert: '<http://docsdiaries.tripod.com>'.

p92. Para 1. Delete "concept", insert 'idea'.

p98. Footnote 9. Delete "R. Savage" and both < >.

p104. Para 1. Amend "No so" (line 4) to read: 'Not so'.

p109. Footnote 42. Amend "Vietnam War, it penetrated" to read 'Vietnam War. It penetrated

p127. Para 2. Amend "engaged them" to read 'spotted them'.

p128. Footnote 19. Replace with 'Ibid'.

p136. Para 1. Amend to read "Battery C' and 'Battery A' (rather than C Battery and A Battery).

p146. Amend "liasion" to read 'liaison'.

p148. Footnote 8. Insert comma after "that".

p162. Para 2. Amend "Province" to read 'province'. (Same, p163, paras 2 & 3; p196, para 1; p203, para 1;

p155. Para 3. Amend "Lieutenant John Burrows" to read: 'Second Lieutenant John Burrows'.

p177. para 2. Amend "he brought 1 Troop" to read 'he ordered 1 Troop'.

p193. Para 3. Amend "intented" to read 'intended'.

p214. Footnote 11. Amend "Operation" to read: 'operation'.

p222. Footnote 33. Delete "much".

p231. Para 4. Delete space after "RAEME".

p237. Paras 3 and 4. Amend "Patterson" to read 'Paterson'.

p239. Footnote 25. Add after "Fedorowytch": (serving on his second tour).

p252. Para 1. Amend "ready reaction ambushing" to read: 'ready reaction/ambushing'.

p256. Footnote 24. Amend "Norm Baker" to read 'Arthur Baker'.

p270. Footnote 19. Amend "Section" to read 'section'.

p277. Footnote 39. Amend "R529-1-25" to read 'R529/1/25'. (Same, p279, footnote 44; p281, footnote 50; p284, footnote 64; p285, footnote 70; p286, footnote 75; p290, footnote 90.)

p278. Para 3. Amend "Troop pushed ..." to read 'troop pushed ...'.

p291. Para 3. Insert comma after "fighting pits".

p344. Para 2. insert full stop after "...ships! ".

p360. As for p529 above.

p361. Replace "Bellot" with 'Bellott'.

p363. Amend "Diwell B T" to read: 'Diwell B J'.

p386. Amend Index entry for "Corporal Reeves" to read: 'Sergeant Reeves'.

p386. Indent "Recuperation (R&R)".

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- (ii) Include references to 4 Base Workshop and 106 Field Workshop.

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