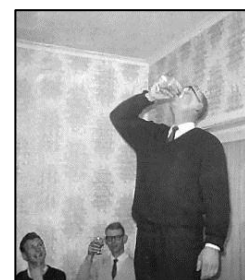


Your say!



John Beattie.

Claire Morrison writes, “My name is Claire and I live in the UK. I am researching some family history for a friend of mine, in particular, I am trying to find some details regarding John Ryan Beattie mentioned in your magazine. Unfortunately we have not been able to find anything about John apart from this link with the RAAF, so any information your readers may be able to provide would be very much appreciated.



We know he was born in Scotland and left England in 1966 with his wife and son aged 3. We are also aware he may have served in Vietnam (as a Radtech with 9Sqn 1970-71 tb) but this is the only information I have. Do you have any other information which may be of use to us? Or could you perhaps direct us to any Australian websites which may hold more information? I would be most grateful for any assistance you can help with. Many thanks.

John was a helluva nice bloke who unfortunately died back in 1984 at age 50, far too young. If you can help Clair with **any** info, please get in touch with us and we'll put you in touch with her - tb.

Black Goonie

Grant Hicks writes, he says: “Great mag, I enjoy it, even if I was an airframe fitter. A question for some of your members, I was in Butterworth around 1970, working on the Canberra bombers, we also looked after the RAAF C-47's. Late one afternoon we had a black C-47 arrive with a crook engine, there were no markings of any kind on the aircraft, just black paint, the RAAF supplied a new engine, fuel and other things, then we were told the next day it didn't happen, just wondering if anyone else remembers what didn't happen.

Keith Aiton

We heard from Gary Aiton, he says, “Hello. I am a current serving member in the ARA. I got this email link off former RAAF communicator, now a civvy, Syd Nagle, who also works in the same building as me. My father, who passed away in 1996, served for 20 years in the RAAF as a Radio Technician, with postings alternating between Darwin and Melbourne as well as a posting to Butterworth in the late 1950's. I was enquiring to see if I could obtain copies of any Mess or magazine photos that he might have been in to give to my aging mother Noela (now

86) who lives by herself. Or perhaps there might be photos that could be sent to me via email so I could show her on the computer. We lost all our belongings in cyclone Tracey in 1974. I recently managed to collect some of his medals after confirming his entitlement with the Directorate of Honours and Awards....

His regimental details were A23888 Warrant Officer Keith Francis Aiton. I know it was a long time ago it's a long shot, but any assistance would be appreciated.

Thanks.

If anyone can help with photos or knew Keith Aiton, please get in touch with us and we'll pass on the data to Gary - tb.

Jack Humphries.

John Christophersen writes, Hi, re [Vol 26, Page 3](#), I was wondering if there was anyone who knew Jack Humphries who was on No1RTC(G) in the late 1940s early 1950s. I would really appreciate knowing if he is still around and if so, where to make contact. Mr Eddie Young posted the photo again in volume 34 page 18 - do you have contact details for him. He was in Darwin, Northern Territory around 1951. I believe they would be well into their 80s. Looking forward to your response and thank you in anticipation.



Janine Jeansch.

Phil Patterson (ex 143RTC/162RTC; 35sqn) writes, Hi, re [Volume: 30, Page: 19](#). Regarding the enquiry from Dave Claydon about a female trainee on a course between 136 RTC and 141 RTC. Her name was Janine Jeansch, and I'm pretty sure she was on 140. She graduated as a TELSTECH, and later married John Head, who was a RADTECH (Air, I think). Keep up the good work.

CISCON Mustering

Jeff Schofield (ex-EDPOP and CISCON) writes, Re [Volume: 37, Page: 3](#), Just to clarify details regarding the CISCON Mustering. The new mustering was officially formed on Jan 1 1994, and all CISCON Basic and Post-Graduate courses were taught at Ciskon Training Section at RAAF Wagga from this day until they moved to the School of Signals at Watsonia in 2001. Regards, Jeff Schofield

Osama Bin Laden was living with 3 wives in one compound and didn't leave the house for 5 years.
It is *now* believed that he called in the Navy Seals himself.

WRAAFS.

Colleen Nazareth writes, Dear Sir/Madam, I am about to begin my PhD in History. My research and writing will be the history of the WRAAF 1951-77..... I often see stories, messages etc. from some of the ex-WRAAF members. I would be very interested to hear from any of the ladies that may want to be a part of this project. I will be looking for participants to interview and I would like to try and get some photos etc. I expect to begin the project in June. Would it be possible to include my details in the next issue of the newsletter? I would appreciate any help that you may be able to give me. Thank you. My contact details are as follows:



Colleen Nazareth email: cathy1964@bigpond.com

Army Kiowa.

Ron "Buck" Taylor says, I have a copy of a photo of an Iroquois recovering an Army Kiowa (A17-015). The Iroquois was A2-376. That's about all I know about the photo, I would like to know when it happened and where it happened. When I get all the info I would like to present it to our local RSL Sub-Branch in Narooma NSW.

If anyone has some info on the event, please contact Ron via email at bucknmarg@southernphone.com.au



Graeme 'Father' McKeown

Last issue we initially had a notice of the demise of Graeme McKeown, thankfully, it was incorrect and it was very quickly pulled. Laurie Lindsay saw the notice, before it was removed, and told us he remembers "Father" from time gone by, he says, "back In 1969 when I was at Pt. Cook, and after a dining-in night, Father decided to observe one of the good-looking WRAAFs preparing to retire for the night. To do so, he had to climb one of those pine trees outside the mess. Unfortunately for him, it broke and he rode it to the ground. He arrived back in the bar still in full mess kit, covered in pine needles and a little soberer than when he left."

The Mexican maid asked for a pay increase. The wife was very upset about this and decided to talk to her about it. She asked: "Now Maria, why do you want a pay increase?" Maria: "Well, Señora, there are tree reasons why I wanna increaze." "The first is that I iron better than you." "Wife: "Who said you iron better than me?" Maria: "Jor huzban he say so." Wife: "Oh yeah?" "Maria: "The second reason eez that I am a better cook than you." Wife: "Nonsense, who said you were a better cook than me?" Maria: "Jor hozban did" Wife increasingly agitated: "Oh he did, did he???" Maria: "The third reason is that I am better at sex than you in the bed." Wife, really boiling now and through gritted teeth. "And did my husband say that as well?" Maria: "No Señora.....The gardener did." Wife: "So how much do you want?"