



IN MEMORY OF

Barrie Martin

Jaki Daley writes, My name is Jaki and I am the eldest child of Frederick Barrie Martin (SQNLDR F B Martin). My father has recently passed and upon going through his belongings I found your name and contact email on a list of people he knew.

Hence my email to you to let you know of his passing on 22 January 2015, he died in a nursing home from B Cell Lymphoma and is greatly missed by his wife, family and friends.

Barrie had been in the Algester (southern Brisbane suburb) Nursing Home. He had Lymphoma and Dementia and had been ill for some time. Barrie was a RAAF pilot and served in 35 Squadron Vietnam from May 1969 to April 1970

Walter Davis Hardy OBE

Walter Hardy died on 09 January 2015, aged 104. He had turned 104 on the 6th January. Walter Davis Hardy retired from the position of Warden of the [RAAF Academy](#) in January 1976 after 28 years of dedicated service. He had been associated with what had become the RAAF Academy from its very beginning. As a RAAF Education Officer he took part in planning the syllabus of the RAAF College when it was formed in 1947 and acted as its Director of Studies until the first course entered in 1948. Later in that year Squadron Leader Hardy resigned from the Air Force after ten years on active service to take up the newly created civilian position of Senior Lecturer specializing in scientific and technical education. He served at the College as Director of Studies from 1954 to 1960 and as Warden of the academy until his retirement. Hardy was appointed an Officer in the Order of the British Empire (OBE) in 1961 for his services to the Royal Australian Air Force College.



Walter was Director of Studies of the RAAF College and then Warden of the RAAF Academy (essentially the same position) from 1954 to 1975. This long tenure ensured that he was well-known by many cohorts, indeed generations, of Air Force officers. His was a dedicated and professional approach to academic life, which led him to struggle against declining academic standards at Point Cook from time to time.

Sadly he was admitted to hospital the day after his birthday



He was buried on the 15th January from St James Catholic Church, North Road, Brighton (Vic).

Ray J Arlott.

Terry Tsikleas advises that he noticed in the "Last Post" section of the magazine " Vietnam Veterans Peacekeepers & Peacemakers " December 2014 edition, that LAC RJ Arlott A17234 (2 Sqn) has passed away. No other details were given.

I assume this was my old friend Ray Arlott whom I first met in Phan Rang, Vietnam (April 1967 to June 1967) and later in DFAT Comms area.. Also I served with Ray in the Australian High Commission in Suva, Fiji where he was the Comms operator. He was then married to his beautiful wife from Thailand and had two children, a boy and a girl. I went boating with them on many occasions.



Back L-R: Bernie McDermott, Bruce Neave, Col Metcalf, Len Rose, Bob Platt, David Roe, Gordon Bassett, Roy "Dutchy" Heaslip, Ray Arlott.

Front L-R: Lloyd Meredith, Clarrie Brown, Noel Vinson, Bruce Weston, ?? Robertson, ?? Wood, Col "Limpy" Mallett, Mick Fargher.

Ray was a Telegraphist and was on 66 Telegs



Steven Muir

Richard (Rick) McAllan advises that Steven Muir ex 25 Radio Appy recently departed on the 27th December, a sad loss for our app course. Sorry, no further details at hand.

Doug (Tromby) Moller.

Ernie Gimm advises that Doug (Tromby) Moller, ex WOff Rad, had passed away on the 31st December 2014 aged 84 years. Doug is survived by his wife Norma, children Anne, Dale, Geoff, Liane and Janelle. A private cremation was held on 6th January 2015.

Marie Farrell.

Marie Farrell's daughter, Robyn Ingham, advised that her Mother, Marie Farrell, wife of the late WOff "Bumper" Farrell, passed away on Tuesday 13th January. Her funeral was held on Thursday 22nd January at Burleigh on the Gold Coast. Following the service, Family and friends were invited to the Broadbeach Bowls Club, Surf Parade, Broadbeach.

Ken Dicker

Malvene Dicker advises that her husband, Ken Dicker, passed away on the 18th January 2015. Ken had a lung disease, he had never smoked a day in his life.



Geoff Fahlbusch.

Neil Hunter advises the passing of Geoff Fahlbusch (4 TMT) in Adelaide. We don't have a lot of details, but do know that his funeral service was held on the 30th January 2015.

Leslie Eden Stapleton.



Ernie Gimm advises that Leslie Eden Stapleton passed away on the 21st January 2015. Leslie's Funeral Service was held in Fremantle on Wednesday 28th January 2015.

Mick Mutton

Clive Luckman advises that Mick Mutton died peacefully last Sunday, 22nd March, 2015, after a long illness. He was aged 69 years. Mick joined the RAAF as an apprentice and became an aircraft electrical fitter. He served in Butterworth, Malaysia, and in Vietnam. He did the Indonesian course at the RAAF School of Languages and was posted to Defence Signals Directorate (DSD) in the 1970s.

Mick started a BA at Melbourne University while at DSD then elected to go back to working as an electrical fitter and was posted to Williamtown, NSW, as a Sergeant. From there he was commissioned in the Intelligence category. When he left the RAAF he worked at DSD as a civilian. He was particularly proud of being sent by DSD to the Army Staff College at Queenscliff. After DSD he retired in Geelong. He was very active in the Air Force Association and the Sunraysia Vietnam Veterans association in Geelong.

He was buried in Geelong on the 26th March 2015.

Group Captain Trevor Storer Fairbairn. DFC.

Dave Grierson advises the peaceful passing Group Captain Trevor Fairbairn DFC (retd) on the 8th of April 2015. He was in his 94th year. His funeral was held at St Andrews Brighton on Saturday 11th April, 2015, at 2.00 pm.

On the 17th May 1956, as a Sqn Ldr, Trevor Fairbairn was awarded the DFC for his service in Malaya during the emergency. He will be remembered by many as being the first operational CO encountered after graduation, when he was the boss at 38 SQN. He brought out the first caribou from Canada, but it didn't survive long, short landing at Nowra on the 01st July 1964. Most of the first few tourists in RTFV served under him while at 38, as did many who went from 38 to 36 Squadron.



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All ready to be "retired", Dakotas of 38 Sqn are overflowed by the first three of 18 DHC Caribous after they arrive at Richmond after their delivery flight from Ontario on 22 April, 1964. The trans-Pacific delivery flight was led by the OC Wng Cdr Trevor Fairbairn who was met at Richmond by his namesake, Minister for Air, David Fairbairn.

Terry Matthews.

Graham Hickman advises the passing of Terry Matthews who was 17 Appy at Wagga. Terry was at Wagga with other kiwis, Brian Hill, Vern Guy, Brian Jardeen and Ian Frazer.

Terry died at his home in Waipu, New Zealand. At the time of his death, he was employed on the civilian staff as the RNZAF Base Auckland Maintenance Wing Executive Officer, a position he held since 22 Nov 11. Previously he served in the RNZAF as an Engineering Officer from 09



Jan 62 to 04 Oct 93, rising to the rank of SQNLDR. He was previously employed as a civilian employee from 11 Sep 97 to 30 Jul 99 and as a contractor between 12 Sep 99 to 07 Nov 03.

Kev Martin

John Sambrooks advises the passing of Kev Martin, airframe fitter, who served with RTFV in Vietnam from April 1965 to April 1966. Unfortunately, we don't have any further details.

Bevan Schmidt

Bob Hambling advises the passing of Bevan Schmidt who died suddenly of some kind of heart attack, on the 23rd March. His funeral was held on Tue 7 Apr at the Mater Dei church at Ashgrove (Brisbane).

As newlyweds, and recently posted to Laverton, Bevan and wife Annie lived in a holiday cabin at Torquay. Getting to Laverton was a challenge, so a group of us organised a car pool. For some unknown reason, it was hard to get Bevan out of bed, so one guy would run a stick along the corrugated iron wall. When it was my turn to drive my Holden utility we had to put Bevan in the freezing back on an old mattress under the tonneau cover. He was unfazed about being the last man to cross the railway line and slept happily all the way. Bevan trained as a RADTECHG in the early 1960's and later became an Education Officer and spent some time at Radschool in the early 1980's.

Bob says he called in to see him in January and we chatted for an hour or so and he seemed fit and well then so his death came as a bit of a shock