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*Australia deployed more than 60,000 military personnel to the Vietnam conflict between 1962 and 1973, of whom 521 were killed.*

CANBERRA, April 28, 2015 AAP

**Australia's war in Vietnam:**

- \* First 30 Australian troops arrived in Saigon in August 1962 to train South Vietnamese troops
- \* The government resurrected national service in November 1964 to increase army numbers in the face of growing regional instability
- \* The key announcement came on April 29, 1965 when Prime Minister Robert Menzies announced **Australia** would deploy an infantry battalion, the first purely fighting troops to go to South **Vietnam**.

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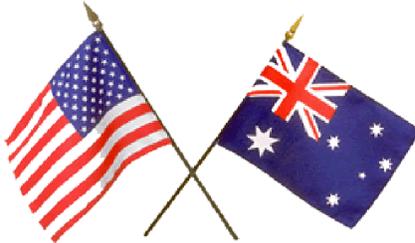
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- \* The force steadily increased, peaking at 8300 in late 1967. More than 60,000 served in **Vietnam**
- \* 414 soldiers killed in battle, with 2348 wounded, with total deaths of 521
- \* Initially popular, **Australia's** involvement in **Vietnam** eventually sparked widespread opposition, especially the use of conscripts
- \* More than 200,000 participated in the first anti-war moratorium marches in May 1970. There were fewer in two subsequent moratorium marches but more arrests
- \* The last combat troops departed in December 1971
- \* **Australia's** war in **Vietnam** remains the most heated and divisive issue of post-World War 2 **Australia**.

**"COURAGE, determination, resourcefulness and unflinching loyalty to mates" marked Australia's Vietnam War experience, Prime Minister Tony Abbott told Parliament.**



**Politics, Down Under**

by John P. Roche

*(The ADA Evening News, Ada, Oklahoma, Tuesday, January 2, 1973)*

The year: 1972. The place: Australia. The occasion: a national election won by the Labor Party. Although much of the campaign focused on economic problems, and on the need to get some new faces—the Liberal Country Party coalition had been in power for a generation—various Labor spokesmen accused the government of having been tricked into involvement in Vietnam. Or worse, of having tricked the innocent Australian people into this “obscene” enterprise. Labor announced that it would immediately withdraw its remaining military assets from Indochina and grant amnesty to conscripts who ducked military service. The Pentagon Papers were loosely cited as “proving” the complicity of the Liberal government in this wicked action.

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The year: 1965. The place Australia. The occasion: a deep sense of national peril founded on a hard reading of Indonesians in the area. Indonesia, then led by the megalomaniac Sukarno, was trumpeting its policy of “Confrontation,” calling for an end to the relics of imperialism in the antipodes, and indeed engaging in warfare with the Malaysians in Borneo. The British did provide the Malaysians with military support, but in fundamental strategic terms the lion's roar was no longer heard in Asia.

Since the World War II Australian statesmen had assumed that if real trouble developed, the United States would be the only nation that could in cold, logistical terms come to their rescue. (As it was sometimes put, reliance on Britain took the “ deep six” — was buried overboard — at the Battle of the Coral Sea.) So — in 1963-65 (and well into 1966, when it became apparent that Indonesia was under new ideological management) the Australians, with their giant, underpopulated continent, looked nervously across the narrow Sea of Timor, and the even narrower Torres Strait, and wondered what a hundred odd million Indonesians might have in mind for them.

It's true there was a treaty (ANZUS) that linked Australia, New Zealand, and the United States in a mutual assistance arrangement. But lately the Americans had been acting rather strangely, notably in the Sukarno-Robert Kennedy deal which (to use shorthand) gave Dutch New Guinea, known now as West Irian, to Indonesia. The Indonesian claim to any part of New Guinea was palpably bogus: at root it was simply based on the Indonesian assertion of sovereignty over all former Dutch possessions in Australasia. (The Australians, it might be noted, held the other end of New Guinea and anticipated border forays from their new neighbors.) However, what disturbed the Australians more than the substance of the Western New Guinea settlement was what they took (with considerable merit) to be a completely cavalier American attitude toward their interests in the question.

Then, after months of indecision and argument, the United States decided in July, 1965, to make a ground commitment to the defense of the Republic of Vietnam. The Australians immediately brightened up. So the Americans were not going to follow the British in retreat from Asia! It hardly took a gang of conspirators to formulate the next step. If the Australians wanted American against Sukarno, the sound thing to do was immediately to demonstrate reliability as an ally by backing the United States in Vietnam. The Australian contribution to Vietnam was, in other words, a down-payment on ANZUS linkage, as was the smaller input from New Zealand.

Well, it is now 1972 and Sukarno and his mad dreams have long departed from Australasia. The contingency that realistic men in 1964-65 considered anything but remote was ended by the Suharto regime. And now history is being rewritten to show that Australian cooperation with

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the United States in Vietnam was either stupid or immoral, or both. It is wonderful what you can do with 20-20 hindsight.

**Yanks Are Coming-To Australia; GIs To Get Furlough Down Under** (*Times-Bulletin, Van Wert, Ohio, Wednesday July 5, 1967*)

**By ARTHUR SHOLES, Central Press Writer**

**CANBERRA, Australia** - It is now almost certain that thousands of GIs on furlough from Vietnam will be spending it in Australia. Final details Have been discussed between Australian and American military and civic leaders here.

It is expected that as many as 25,000 American servicemen will be in Australia on furlough at the one time. Leave centers will be Brisbane and Sydney, but Sydney is expected to be the Mecca of most U. S. Servicemen. With its mild semitropical summer and temperate winter, Sydney was the main leave center for U. S. troops down under in World War II.



**This is Manly Beach at Sydney - one of the recreation sites that are sure to appeal to many a battle-weary American serviceman.**

At one stage between 1942-1943 more than one million American servicemen were stationed in Australia.

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"OLDIES" — The middle aged generation to modern youth — recall vividly the "Battle of Sydney" fought in the days of 1942-1944, when the bars were so crowded, and it was almost impossible to get served. Whisky, taxis vanished overnight, and Sydney settled down to a wartime shortage of everything.

However, conditions are expected to be vastly different in 1967. This time the visiting servicemen will be coming in civilian clothes, which will rob them of a lot of the wartime glamour they had for the Sydney lasses.

However, there is no need for alarm among the visiting servicemen that their presence will not be appreciated. In no port or city in the world do American servicemen receive a more vociferous welcome than in Sydney, the "Paris of the South Pacific."

Middle-aged matrons now recalled the nostalgic days of World War II when their girl friends married GIs and went back to the States. At least 10,000 Australian girls were married to American servicemen in those days.

The airlift of American servicemen from Vietnam will begin in September. The visitors are expected to spend annually \$30 million in Australia.

At present American servicemen in Vietnam can go to Honolulu, Japan, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Manila, Bangkok, Singapore or Penang for the rest and recreation leave.

The addition of Sydney and Brisbane to these centers is expected to prove popular with servicemen. Already an American military mission has inspected the facilities which would be available in Australia and has given tacit approval.

Australian servicemen may also be able to take advantage of the U. S. airlift and return home on furlough.

**Tribute To US Troops** (*The Hutchinson News, Saturday, June 1, 1968*)

President Johnson was toasting Prime Minister John Gorton of Australia at a state dinner the other night. "I had a promise from Harold Holt," he said, "that if I lost my job here I could come to Australia and get a job. I wonder, Mr. Prime Minister, does that promise still hold good with you?"

The new Prime Minister promised that it did. He went on to pay a great tribute to American servicemen.

When American troops in South Vietnam have their choice of going to a nearby place for rest and recreation, he said the majority choose Australia.

"They are taken into our homes," explained the prime minister, "and we enjoy them. There's not been a single complaint of untoward behavior by a single American soldier. They have won the respect of the Australian people."

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It is estimated that the United States will spend \$50 million in the hire of commercial transports to take servicemen on furlough to centers throughout the Far East and Australia.

Sydney is now a bustling city of more than 2.5 million inhabitants, with all the attractions that servicemen might require — night life, beaches, luxury hotels, restaurants, motel, sporting and scenic attractions.

Within 20 miles of the city there are 20 surfing beaches. Surfing is popular from November to the end of March, though the keen ones make it an all-the-year-sport.

Sydney has four race tracks, and theaters and cinemas comparable to any, but perhaps, most of all, it has the GIRLS, and these, according to the GIs of 25 years ago, were the finest looking in the world.

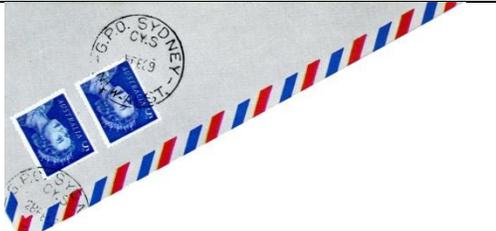
**Yanks that went Down Under  
(From Facebook)**

<b>James Baranowski</b>	<b>Robert Barry</b>	<b>David L. Hoppe</b>
<p><b>Michael Reed:</b> We got shorted one day because the plane broke down in Darwin on the way. Spent one hot Day in Darwin at the Royal Australian Air Base in metal Barracks (no A/C). Airline took us downtown for dinner. I missed the bus so another guy and myself hitch hiked to town and made it for dinner. Good thing We were shorted a day, I was broke by the end of my R &amp; R. We had to take a minimum of \$300 to go and that's all I took. I got a low class Hotel in the King's Cross District since I was only A1C. That's where all the strip Joints and Hookers were. (I didn't get</p>	<p><b>Rich Hennessey:</b> Sydney was great. Actually checked about working there as an Air Traffic Controller. Could have done it but did not because to work for Australian Government I would have had to give up U.S. Citizenship.</p> <p><b>Michael Gilchrist:</b> I went in June of 1969. Since my mother was an Australian war bride ... I got to meet my Grandmother, two uncles &amp; aunts, and a whole bunch of cousins. Took the dinner evening USO harbor cruise. Saw the musical Hair. Stayed mainly at my Uncle's house, but spent a couple of nights at the Gazebo</p>	<p><b>Lou Ruggiero:</b> I got there April 69 Stayed in Kings Cross had a great time.</p> <p><b>John Hennigar:</b> I went Feb 8, 1971. Stayed in Bronte Beach.</p>  <p><b>Michael Gilchrist:</b> When I returned to RVN spent the first night at Cam Rahn at the hooch of some friends (Paul Jensen) who had transferred up earlier from PRAB. While we outside having a couple of beers ... they got their first mortar attack and the sirens went off. Jensen blamed me, saying</p>

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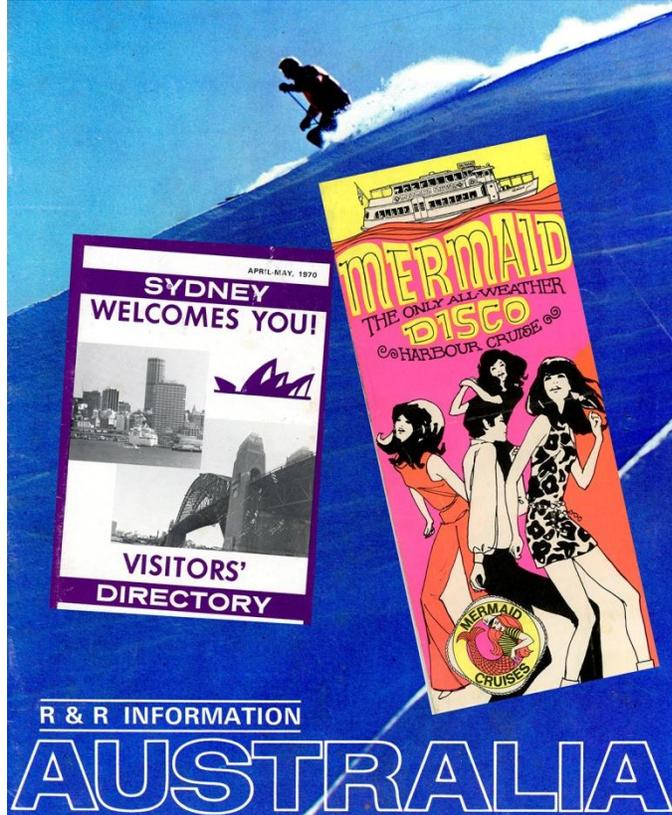
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<p>involved with either of those). Whiskey-A GoGo was within walking distance though. Lots of good looking girls... Another story...</p>	<p>Hotel, in Kings Cross. Got a mini outback tour and a BBQ with family. One of the greatest 7 days of my life.</p>	<p>his transfer was to get away for shit like that.</p>
<p><b>John Ryan</b></p>	<p><b>Ted Trojanowski</b></p>	<p><b>Steve Hughes</b></p>
<p><b>Terry Evers:</b> Went to Sydney in Dec '69. Great time</p>	<p><b>Ken Daggett:</b> Twice.</p>	<p><b>Jim Erixson:</b> I went twice. First time on R&amp;R, the second time on a 30 day free vacation because I extended 6 months at Phan Rang.</p>
<p><b>Steve Hughes:</b> One week in Australia, one week in Bangkok, 3 days in Hong Kong, and 30 day back in the world, for extending 6 Mos. One hell of a time everywhere.</p>	<p><b>Kirk Minert:</b> I went to Sydney &amp; Gilgandra NSW.  James Baranowski: Twice. First time with buddies Jackie Cooper "Coop", Greg Hines and Tommy Tucker. Second time after extending six months</p>	<p><b>Dean Ford:</b> I had plans to go and had 1/2 the money saved. Then I got drunk and lost it all in a poker game. I cursed myself for the remainder of my tour. And never played poker again - 68 yrs old and I'm still avoiding it. Lesson learned.  <b>Robert Barry:</b> yep</p>
<p><b>Charles O McMahon:</b> Went in January 71 for a week then left Phan Rang the next month</p>	<p><b>Richard Ward:</b> I did and had a great time.</p>	<p><b>Walter Herron:</b> Loved every minute of it!!!! (I think)</p>
<p><b>Kenneth Rowsey:</b> Bill Hauptman and I went to Austrailia for R&amp;R 1969</p>	<p><b>Tom Parsons:</b> I went two times. Stayed in Kings Cross both times.</p>	<p><b>Jim Erixson:</b> I meet a girl in Sidney while there on R&amp;R. She was the reason I went back for the free month instead going elsewhere. I was young and stupid back then. Much wiser now.</p>
<p><b>Bob Tucker:</b> I did. I think it was July 70. Left Sidney and went to Kinchloe Creek and stayed on a farm. That is another story!!</p>	<p><b>Jack Cooper</b>  <b>John Reeves</b></p>	

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**Australia Visitor Guides and brochure courtesy of Tom Parsons.**

- The large R&R Information guide contains general information about laws, customs, taxis, telephones, etc., a short history lesson and all of the R&R accommodations in country.
- Sydney Visitors' Directory is specific to information about Sydney.
- The Mermaid Disco Harbour Cruise even promises that if you don't have a date they will balance the numbers, so that you can dance all night.

**RAAF's No. 2 Squadron Has Had an Illustrious History**



**FROM** the battlefields of World War I to the jungles of Vietnam, the RAAF's No. 2 Squadron has had an illustrious history.

The squadron was based in France for much of World War I, flew from bases in northern Australia during World War II and shared an airstrip with the United States in **Phan Rang** in Vietnam during the Vietnam War.

A Canberra bomber, identical to those flown over South Vietnam from 1967 to 1971, shot overhead yesterday to mark the opening of the new No. 2 Squadron headquarters.

Its appearance stirred memories fond and fierce for Fred Guthrie, who served as a ground crewman at Phan Rang from

April 1969.

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Mr Guthrie was responsible for assembling equipment for Canberra bomber pilots before each sortie, but sometimes found himself tucked into the aircraft's narrow fuselage to take part in bombing runs.

"A normal week consisted of three to four attacks by mortars, rocket attacks and sapper attacks, it was pretty scary," he said.

Mr. Guthrie, 57, returned to Australia in 1970 and stayed in the RAAF until 1998, when as a sergeant he retired to Blackalls Park.

He said he was happy to see the squadron had been revived to continue a proud history that began almost 90 years ago.

Neil Keene

*(Newcastle Herald, The (includes the Central Coast Herald). 03/06/2004)*



**No remains found in Vietnam MIA wreckage**

*(Australian Broadcasting Corporation, 23 April 2009)*

**CANBERRA** - Australian investigators have found the wreckage of a Canberra bomber lost in Vietnam in 1970, possibly closing one of the final chapters of Australia's involvement in the conflict.

The Australian Defence Force (ADF) says it has not yet found the remains of the last two Australian servicemen missing in action in Vietnam.

Airmen Michael Herbert and Robert Carver were believed killed when their Canberra bomber disappeared while flying a night mission in 1970.

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Defence investigators announced on Tuesday that they had found the wreckage of the bomber near the Laotian border.

But Major Jack Thurgar says they have not yet found any sign of the servicemen.

"The site is in thick jungle, while no human remains were found during this investigation a number of military artifacts were discovered, including a club badge," he said.

"The badge was unique to RAAF's number 2 squadron."

Defence officials are confident of finding the remains of Flying Officer Michael Herbert and Pilot Officer Robert Carver.

Vietnamese villagers and former Viet Cong soldiers helped the the team to find the wreckage.

Major Jack Thurgar was on the investigation team and says there is evidence the men were still in the plane when it crashed into a mountainside from 20,000-feet.

"There was a large debris field of perspex canopy ranging in size from two millimetres to seven millimetres in thickness so that it would appear that the canopy was intact when the aircraft crashed so the physical evidence is that they did not eject and the people on the ground claim that they did not find the crew," he said.



**Cricket Match Coming up...**

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UNCLAS SUBJECT CRICKET MATCH

1 GREETINGS BE IT KNOWN THAT THE UNDEFEATED CMM UNTIED CMM AND UN SCORED UPON 8<sup>TH</sup> TACTICAL BOMBARDMENT SQUADRONS CRICKET TEAM HEREBY CHALLENGES THE SPECTACULAR 2 SQUADRONS CRICKET TEAM ON 15JUN69 AT 1400 PD

2 BE ADVISED THAT WITH THE SUPERIOR SKILL AND CUNNING OF THE HIGHLY EXPERIENCED “YELLOWBIRD” TEAM CMM UNDOUBTED DEFEAT WILL REIGN UPON THE “MAGPIES” PD

3 WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS MATCH PD AND CMM ALSO LET IT BE KNOWN THAT IT WILL BE IN COMPETITION FOR THE “INTERNATIONAL PHAN RANG CUP”

4 SHOULD QUESTIONS ARISE CONCERNING ARRANGEMENTS AND DETAILS CMM CONTACT CAPT CARLTON DOLWICK CMM EXT 2207 OR 2989 PD THE “YELLOWBIRDS:

HAVE LONG AWAITED THIS MATCH

BEWARE OF OUR SECRET WEAPON “SUPER BALLER”

KENNETH S SMITH CMM LT COL CMM USAF

COMMANDER

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**Everything’s Cricket  
Aussies Belt Yanks, 103-6**  
*(Seventh Air Force News, 16 July 1967)*  
By Sgt Douglas L. Christy

PHAN RANG — It was a jolly good day for cricketeers of Number Two Squadron, Royal Australian Air Force, as they thrashed the 8th Tactical Bombardment Squadron "Yellowbirds," 103-68, to win the "Battle for the Cinders" here recently.

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The Aussies declared for themselves the self-proclaimed title as cricket champions of Southeast Asia after winning the one inning of cricket. A regular match is two innings.

**The "Cinders" trophy is made of the starting cartridge from an Australian Canberra bomber with a 20mm cannon shell for the handle. It is named after the Ashes," the traditional name for the trophy presented at the Australia-Great Britain cricket championship matches.**

The Aussies taught the Yellowbirds cricket as part of friendly sports rivalry between the two squadrons. Both units fly their respective versions of the Canberra bomber from Phan Rang AB and are the only units of their kind in Vietnam.

The Yellowbirds started at bat with the leadoff man, Bob Townsend, Ocean City, N.J., scoring 25 runs. Dennis Craig, Jackson, Calif. was second high scorer with eight runs.

The 8th met tough bowling, with the Australian's Bob Sivy, Ipswich, Queensland, bowling three wickets while allowing only five tallies.

In their half of the inning, the Aussies sent Dave Palmer, Adelaide, South Australia, to bat. He scored 27 runs before retiring himself. Nevil L. Duus, Brisbane, Queensland, was second high scorer with 20 runs.

**The cricket field consists of two stumps or wickets made, of three short, vertical poles each and placed 22 yards apart. At each wicket stands a batsman, one of which bats at a time.**

The bowler is like baseball's pitcher. He hurls the ball with a straight arm throw from one wicket, aimed at the turf in front of the batsman so it will bounce before he hits it. If the bowled ball hits the stump, the batsman is out and the bowler scores a wicket.

When the batsman hits the ball or the ball is missed by the catcher, the batsmen have the option of running. Each time they safely run the distance to the other wicket, they score a run. By hitting the ball outside a designated area, the batsman can be credited with automatic runs.

However, he can be called out if a fielder touches the stump with the ball before the Batsman reaches the stump's safety zone. He can also be called out if his hit is caught on the fly by one of the fielders, who are positioned around the wicket.

A team has 11 players, each of whom bowls while his team is in the field. An inning is over when ten of the 11 batsmen are out.

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**You’re Ruddy Out, Made - Pilot Officer Richard L. Allchin, Brisbane, Queensland, of Number Two Squadron, Royal Australian Air Force points to the stands for the benefit of Lt. Col. Albert J. Britton, Nashua, N.H., of the 8<sup>th</sup> Tactical Bombardment Squadron “Yellowbirds.” Colonel Britton had a wicket scored against him and Allchin decided to give the Yellowbird some friendly directions to the bench. (USAF PHOTO BY SGT DONALD B. DIRKSING)**



**Aussies and Yank teams compete for the Cinders Trophy, Phan Rang, 1969. The Yank captain, Thomas Gates holding the cricket bat along with the Aussie captain, Bob Howe with hat on the right side holding the cricket bat along with a beer mug for the victor. The teams spent days together before the match with the Aussies teaching the Yanks how to play cricket.**

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**War ready Aussies. Tom Grieves, center, with the others unidentified.**

**RAAF Squadron 2 Honoured** *(ABC Regional News, Nov 30, 2012)*

The most highly decorated Squadron in the Air Force, Williamtown's Number Two Squadron, will this morning be honoured for outstanding operations.

Hundreds of RAAF personnel will rally at the base for the Military Parade and the reconsecration of the Squadron, which is home to the Wedgetail aircraft.

The Squadron has earned the Queen's appreciation for outstanding operations in battles, including both World Wars.

Wing Commander Paul Carpenter says the Governor-General Quentin Bryce will be part of today's parade.

"Two Squadron formed in 1916 and has seen service in the Western Front, the Pacific, Darwin, Malaysia, Thailand and Vietnam over quite a long period of time," he said.

"And the Squadron's also been recognized with the United States' Presidential Unit Citation and other awards. Very proud of the team and also the past members are very proud."

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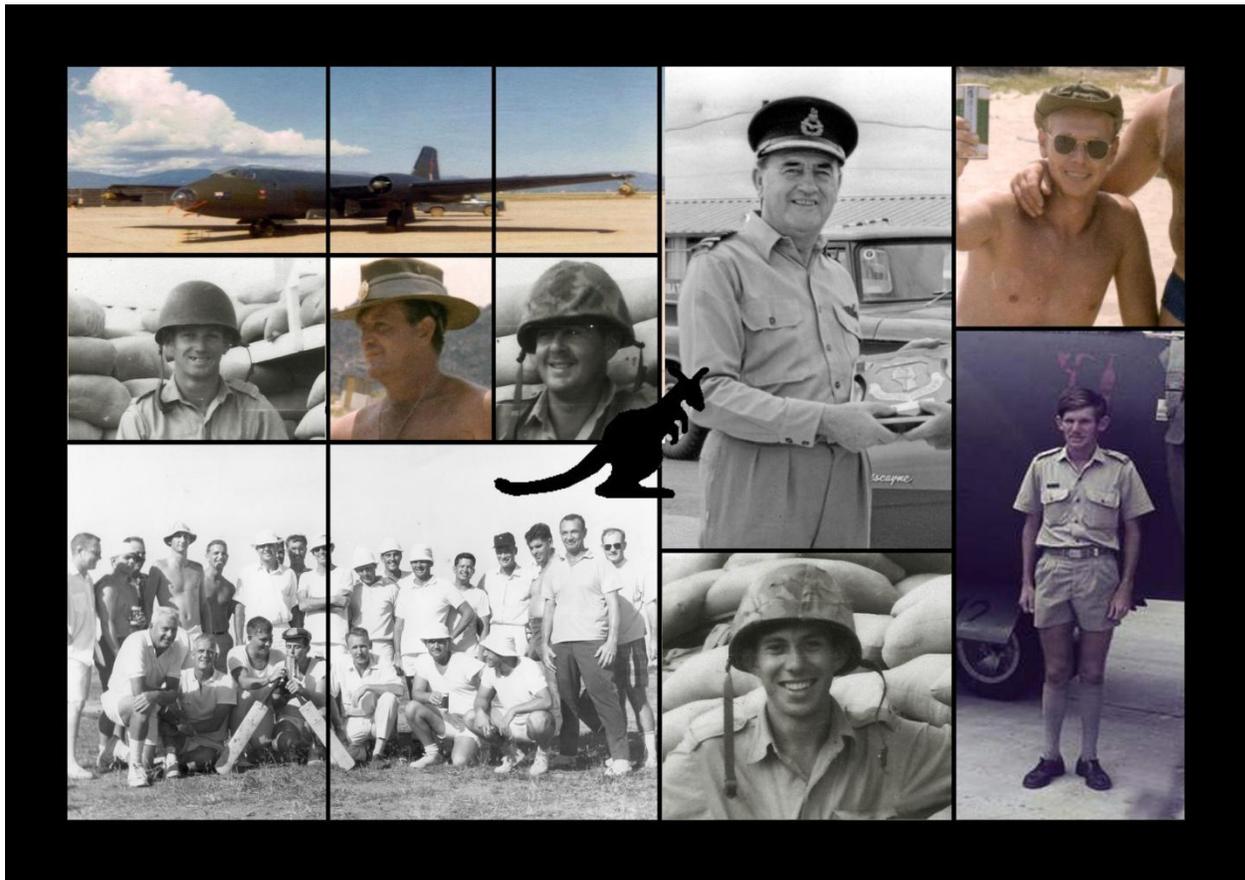
Wing Commander Carpenter says the Squadron's new ceremonial flag has been inscribed with an additional three battle honours for service in Thailand and Malaysia between 1958 and 1966.

"The consecration ceremony is a very historic ceremony for all military and it's certainly a historic moment for the Squadron," he said.

"We've got a proud history dating back 96 years.

"We're the most highly decorated Squadron in the Air Force.

"We'll be adding three new battle honours from Thailand and Malaysia to our current standard."



## **World Leaders Are Gathering To Honor Harold Holt’s Memory**

**CANBERRA. Australia (A P )** — The greatest assembly of world leaders ever to meet in Australia shaped up Tuesday as presidents, prime ministers and a future king undertook long journeys to attend memorial services for Prime Minister Harold E. Holt.

President Johnson embarked on the 10,173-mile flight in an unusual gesture of respect for his steadfast ally in the Vietnam War who vanished while swimming near Melbourne Sunday.

Prince Charles, heir to the British throne, and Prime Minister Harold Wilson will attend the memorial service to be held in Melbourne Friday . For the 19-year-old prince, who went to school for a time in Australia, it is a first assignment as a representative of his mother, Queen Elizabeth II.

John McEwen, who was sworn in Tuesday as interim prime minister, told the nation in a television broadcast the congregation of world leaders was a major tribute to Holt.

In addition to Johnson, leaders of four other Vietnam war allies announced they would attend the service. They are President Nguyen Van Thieu of South Vietnam . President Ferdinand E. Marcos of the Philippines, President Chung Hee Park of South Korea and Prime Minister Keith Holyoake of New Zealand.

Prime Minister Thanom Kittikachorn of Thailand also will attend.

There was speculation that those allied in the Vietnam war would hold informal talks with Johnson and Australian leaders about conduct of the war. The White House in Washington said Johnson had no plans for a Vietnam summit.

There was talk in Washington however, that Johnson might go from Australia to Vietnam to visit U.S. troops.

It was assumed in Australia that Johnson would sound out Holt’s political heirs on their future policy in Vietnam, where Australia has 6,000 troops.

McEwen said advantage would be taken of the presence of the leaders to discuss “ great matters of mutual interest. I have asked my Cabinet colleagues to be available.”

“ I am sure this would have been Mr. Holt’s wish,” McEwen said , adding that his interim government would not change any defense or trade policies of the Holt government.

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About 1,000 extra police were being assigned to Melbourne from others areas to cope with the crowds and aid security arrangements for the Friday noon memorial at St. Paul’s Anglican cathedral.

Security arrangements for Johnson are likely to be as tight as for his tour of Australia in October, 1966.



**A Royal Australian Air Force Pilot explains his B-57 Canberra to his U. S. Air Force Counterparts.**

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**Ky Turns Aussie Hostility Into Cheers With Answers** (*Charleston Daily Mail, Charleston, West Virginia, Wednesday Evening, January 18, 1967*)

**CANBERRA, Australia (AP)** With miniskirt demonstrators chanting “one-two-three, go home, Ky,” South Vietnam’s premier charmed his way into Australia’s capital today and pacified a news conference of tough and at times hostile questioners.

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Premier Nguyen Cao Ky and his wife arrived in Canberra for a nine-day visit to Australia and New Zealand during which members of the opposition Labor party have pledged to stage demonstrations against the war and his visit.

Fielding every question at the news conference with smiling urbanity, Ky:

1. Insisted that his visit was not to bolster his regime but to thank the people of Australia for their sacrifices in behalf of his country.
2. Denied that Adolf Hitler was his hero, that he had ever fought for the Vichy regime in France (“I was only 12 years old.”) or that he had ever taken part in the Algerian war for France.
3. Reaffirmed his intention to visit the United States after the constituent assembly finishes writing a constitution for South Vietnam. He said the trip would probably be at the end of this year.
4. Said he has no objection to the Viet Cong’s National Liberation front participating in negotiations to end the Vietnamese war “so long as they are part of the Hanoi delegation.”

When the premier had met every question with a combination of wit and forthrightness there was a burst of enthusiastic applause.

Ky held to the stand he took at the Manila conference of “temporarily accepting” the partition of Vietnam if the Communists stopped the war but conceded that he had never abandoned the hope of some day reuniting the country “in Freedom.”

Asked what would happen if the Communist won he replied bluntly: “Then we will be slaves of Red China - that would be our fate.”

In his opening remarks, Ky praised the fighting prowess of the Australian troops in Vietnam and movingly thanking the people for their sacrifices on behalf of his country.

Some 700 trade unionists and students turned out to protest Ky’s visit with placards denouncing him as a fascist, a killer and “baby burner.”

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**The Face of Viet-Nam - The Land & the People (Part 4)**

**WHAT’S FOR DINNER?**



Rice, fruit, vegetables, fish, sweetmeats and other meats are all to be found in Viet-Nam's markets. (Top) A housewife chooses the day's vegetables. (Below) A young woman's Don Ganh baskets provide complete lunches for sidewalk customers. (Above) When sales are slack, there's time to discuss the news. (Right) Farmers bring their loads of produce to the market.



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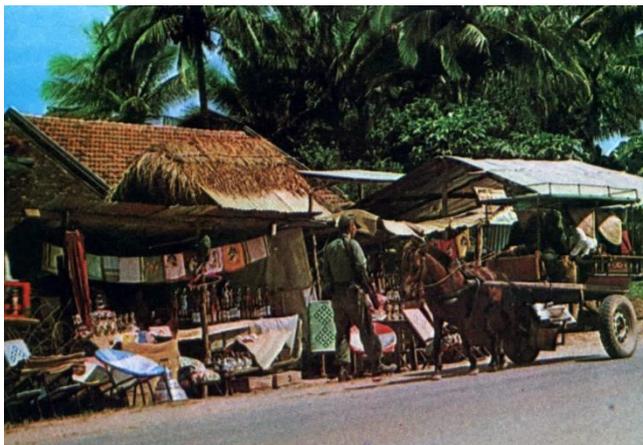
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**IN THE LARDER**

Fresh fruit and vegetables are always available—bananas, tomatoes, pineapples, mushrooms, cucumbers and many others. Meat (pork and beef), shellfish, and river and ocean fish go with the inevitable rice. (Right) Everything for dinner in a crowded square



Pavements are hard, and sometimes the farmer's feet get tired!



Sugarcane goes to market, together with sacks and baskets of other produce. This farmer may be heading for the kitchen of the modern hotel on the square. (Left) In contrast, here is a roadside market near An Khe.

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Side one depicts the country, Phan Rang, Happy Valley, the dates of the base and most importantly all the nations that served there. Side two remembers all who served there, and stresses the fact we did indeed return with honor. The dragon and the palm trees signify the country of Vietnam. And finally the ribbons demonstrate that were earned with honor! The above rendering is just that and the process



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**Order your challenge coin now. Price includes postage.**

<b>MAIL ORDER PRICE* LIST</b>		<b>Total Amount to remit</b>
<b>Each</b>	<b>Price</b>	
1	\$6.56	<b>\$6.56</b>
2	\$7.00	<b>\$14.00</b>
3	\$7.22	<b>\$21.66</b>
4	\$7.44	<b>\$29.76</b>
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7 or more call for cost.		

Send Check or money order for the exact amount to **Jack Anderson, 826 72<sup>nd</sup> St. SE, Auburn, WA 98092**. Please make check payable to **Happy Valley Reunion**. Because of the high cost of manufacturing these coins we are going to need your money up front and will have to amass sufficient funds to have coins made. Your understanding is appreciated and we will do everything to insure prompt delivery after the coins are manufactured.

*\* Price includes a \$.50 profit for the Phan Rang AB Reunion fund.*

**Buy 10 or more coins for only \$4.44 Ea.**

Coins must be paid for now with pickup at the Phan Rang AB Reunion in Oklahoma City in October.

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Here's more information about the Sheraton Oklahoma Downtown Hotel

- Guestroom rates do not include the current city/state occupancy tax
- Room rates are \$129 single and double, triple rate \$159 and quad rate \$189
- Included are two full breakfast buffets, a \$32 value
- Check in time: 3:00 pm; Checkout time: 12:00 pm
- Individual cancellations without liability: 5 days prior to arrival
- 24-hour Sheraton Fitness by Core Performance (NBA certified)
- Free WiFi in all guest rooms and lobby

**[Click here to make your hotel reservation.](#)**

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