



# **Royal Military College of Australia**

## **Duntroon**



**Class of 1972**

*Mates Forever*

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Graduation**

## Proposed Sections:

### In the Beginning...

List of Classmates 1969-1972

Fourth Class photos?

### Fourth Class – 1969

Notable events

Anecdotes

Photos

### Third Class – 1970

Notable events

Anecdotes

Photos

### Second Class – 1971

Notable events

Anecdotes

Photos

### First Class – 1972

Notable events

Anecdotes

Photos

### The Graduates

List of Classmates

## Profiles

A profile page for every classmate – we want 100% of graduates and all of those who were part of the class.

Information provided by each Classmate (to be restricted to one page):

- Photo – then
- Photo – now
- CSC No., Full Name, Company to be in page title
- Included in narrative:
  - Graduated from RMC/Portsea (mm/yyyy) or departure from RMC
  - For graduates:
    - Corps
    - Rank Attained
    - Honours and Awards
    - Year of Retirement/Discharge
    - List of Postings/Appointments – just the notable ones
    - Civilian positions held since service if applicable
  - For non-graduates:
    - Post-RMC career
    - Highlights and achievements
- Academic Qualifications
- Family, other relevant hobbies, activities etc
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An example is below – noting this is not Berry's final version! The colour of the name bar at the top is of the Company:

Kokoda – Green

Alamein: Maroon

Gallipoli: Royal Blue

Kapyong: Black

## 2666 David Cran, Gallipoli Company



After graduation in 1972 into the RAASC and following initial basic transport officer training (I was allocated to RACT after its formation in June 1973) I undertook a wide range of command, regimental, training and staff appointments in the fields of personnel, materiel, logistics and operations, commanding at Lieutenant, Captain, Major and Lieutenant Colonel levels.

I attended the Royal Military College of Science in 1982, the Australian Army Command and Staff College in 1985 and the Joint Services Staff College in 1991. I obtained a Master of Management Studies, Master of Defence Studies, Graduate Diploma in Strategic Studies, Graduate Diploma in Administration and a Bachelor of Arts.

I was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) in 1991 for service to the Australian Army in the field of logistics and for service to the Army community.

After retirement from the Australian Regular Army I joined the Commonwealth Public Service in the Department of Defence working in the fields of international engagement and policy, intelligence analysis and reporting, strategic logistics and finally curriculum development and delivery (as Directing Staff) in strategic studies.

For three years, I held various positions in South East Asia and Pacific Branch of International Policy Division before transferring to the Defence Intelligence Organisation. I was appointed as the Director, Defence Logistics and Infrastructure Analysis and then became the Director of Indonesia and East Timor Section. A highlight of this time was working as a DIO analyst during the fall of Soeharto and then the leadup and deployment of INTERFET. The closest I got to operational deployment was a visit to East Timor as an intelligence analyst in 2001.

After four years with DIO, I was appointed as Director, Strategic Logistics Requirements and Analysis in Strategic Logistics Branch, Joint Logistics Command and subsequently the Director of National Logistics. My final appointment in the APS was at the Australian Defence College, developing a new strategic and operational command module for the Defence and Strategic Studies Course.

I retired from the APS to establish my own consultancy business, undertaking consultancies for Army to improve equipment availability, the Department of Immigration to develop country engagement strategies, the Department of Health and Aging advising on logistics support to health care in remote communities and a review of the Asia Pacific Civil-Military Centre of Excellence. In January 2008, I took up a contract with the Centre for Defence and Strategic Studies as a Syndicate Director and this was renewed for 2009.

Post regular Army service I spent most of my subsequent 22-year Army Reserve doing history research tasks and reporting for the Army History Unit - until Army decided that I was too old and decommissioned me in 2018 – although I have yet to be formally advised of this!

Trish and I married on Thursday 14 December 1972 two days after graduation – a big week as Trish turned 21 on the Monday. We have three daughters and now five grandchildren. Trish qualified as a teacher and subsequently specialised as a teacher of English as a Second Language.



## In Memoriam

We salute our Mates who have been called to higher service:

Vic Hunt - date of death unknown

Bob Cronin - 14 November 1983

Peter Tonkin - 21 February 2002

Roger Elston - 9 March 2008

Peter Overstead - 2 June 2010

Mike Braithwaite - 28 May 2012

John Barwick - 22 October 2013

Rick Franklin - 19 January 2014

Greg Thomas - 15 June 2018

Stewart Snell - 30 October 2019

Ian Callan - 21 December 2020

Larry Park - 31 January 2021

Richard Carter - 2 April 2021

## Glossary

If required to explain acronyms etc.



