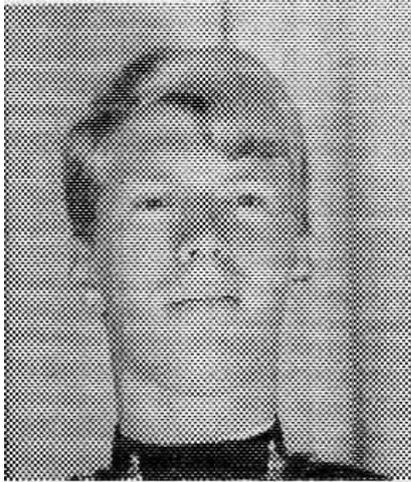


## 2710 Tony McKenna, Kapyong Company



On graduation from Duntroon I was allocated to the RAA and headed off to spend three months on the Young Officers' course at the School of Artillery at North Head. On completion of the course I was posted to 1 Fd Regt based at Wacol in Brisbane where I spent 1973 as a Section Commander in 101 Fd Bty and 1974 as GPO 105 Fd Bty before being posted again at the beginning of 1975.

This new posting saw me as SO3 Trg/Air HQ 6TF at Enoggera for the next two years followed by a move to Perth at the end of 1976 on appointment as Trg Offr 7 Fd Bty at Karrakatta. During my time there I chose to embark on a career in 'civvy' street and left the Army in December 1977.

I spent the next eight years in a number of roles with BP Australia in WA, living in Merredin and Albany as the local Territory Manager and then back to Perth as a Project Manager installing computers in country fuel depots. This position saw me transferred to Melbourne in 1986 to take on a national role in support of this project and subsequently as a Business Analyst on the project team developing the next generation system.

After 15 years with BP I moved on and spent the next five years at Lockwood, mainly as Customer Service Manager. Finally I spent 15 years as Customer Service Manager then Marketing Services Manager at Grand Battery Technologies until early retirement in 2013. I got restless after 6 months and started at the Sandybeach Community Centre in Sandringham where I am currently the Transport Co-ordinator. This position also includes the roles of Driver and Support Worker for programmes directed towards Seniors and people with age related conditions.

During my working career I quickly found that there was not a big calling for a qualified gunnery officer so I undertook part-time study for nine years at Monash University where I gained a Bachelor of Business (Management) and a Master of Business (Marketing).

Twice married, I have two daughters, two step-daughters, and six grandchildren – two boys and four girls. They are spread between Port Macquarie, Adelaide and Perth which leaves us all to ourselves in Melbourne.

I have been a Rotarian since March 1999, currently as a member of the Rotary Club of Beaumaris.

