

## ***Irish Corner***

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Two Irishmen making a letter bomb

PADDY— Do you think I've put enough explosives in?

MICK— Dunno ,open it and see,

PADDY —But it will explode.

MICK—Don't be dumb Paddy, it's not addressed to you.

GOTTA LOVE THE IRISH!!!!?????

### **SICK PARADE—CROOK—NOT FEELING 100%—RECOVERING**

Neil Latemore—tells me he is feeling better after bypass surgery.

Ian Mackay—new knees —second lot –grease and oil change-on mend.

“Father” Bourke—taking things quietly after heart op--out of form in

Beer dept—could be a furphy? Form declared for February.

“Spike”—sick of Doctors—get well old fellow—we need you up and about. on the improve.

Kerry Jaques-on the improve. Fishing the go!

“Roo”—out and about.

Willie Killick—you all knew him—not travelling too well!!!

NEED YOU FELLOWS TO KEEP ME INFORMED!!!

STAY IN CONTACT WITH ONE ANOTHER!!!!

### **BATTALION BIRTHDAY JUNE 2010**

Good cross section of old and bold soldiers attended—”Butch “Buttigieg is now Vice President ,so get behind the “B” Coy connection and support him.

Tex Howarth is President—he was president before Graham Smith—5 years ago!

Saw one Ned Heslop singing away at the BBQ after the service—was really trying to get onto “Aust –You Have Talent” show—gave a good display and he thought no one noticed????? GO NED!!!

Subscription to STAND TO—\$75 for 4 copies per year for next 6 years.

The Association decided to hold a reunion in Perth in 2 years time—more details as it comes to hand

### **6 B A T T A L I O N N E W S**

6 RAR are overseas at the moment as the 6th Battalion Battle Group (1st Australian Mentoring Task Force-Afghanistan).

Remember they are facing the same perils we did 40 years ago and putting their lives on the line—does anything change for the infantry ????

The Battalion plan to have a book published of their time in Afghanistan.

### **TO THE BATTALION.**

Keep up the good work ,stay safe ,we await your return.

## **EMAIL /POSTAGE of Phantom Notes**

Following on from the April edition of the notes the response from you all was great and hopefully we can hold costs down so it does not affect the number of issues per year. If for whatever reason you change address or email please let me know—nothing worse than having produced something and having it bounce back—dead money and time spent !

Having trouble opening Phantom Notes? -just email me and I will send a hard copy.

## ***MEMBERS FUND RAISER***

Owing to the success of our members LUCKY NUMBER we will hold a draw — the same format as Feb 2010.

- 1— first \$10 of any donation will place that member in the draw.
- 2—currently 140 odd get the Phantom Notes
- 3 —1/3 of the monies collected will be returned to a single winner
- 4 —Drawn on the night of Meet & Greet
- 5—no names ,no pack drill—I will be the only one who knows amount in draw,  
Your \$10 or greater donation—confidential
- 6— Feb 2010 draw helped defray costs—excellent.
- 7 —Have a master list from 2010 ,so same number in 2011.

***KEEP THE DONG (\$) ROLLING ALONG***

### **RAFFLE PRIZES NEEDED FOR 2011**

Lucy Johnson (wife of “JONO”) is painting a photo of 4 Pl who were about to go out on an overnight ambush—lot of detail and a very challenging artistic task. Lucy hopes to have it completed for 2011.

As an extra incentive to the members fund raiser—5 tickets as a bonus to possibly win this great prize and take part in all the raffles drawn.

### **MERCHANDISE FOR SALE**

Phantom Plaque	1 only	\$35	including postage
Phantom Badges	6 only	\$6	:: ::
Phantom Cards	10	\$1	with badge

Just a reminder —you will need one of these cards or take the risk of having to shout if not able to produce. Scramble for wallets when one was produced at Bribie this year —all over having to shout extra beer/drink

## **Banking arrangements**

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**BANK — HERITAGE BUILDING SOCIETY**

Name of Account    Bribie Reunion

BSB                    638070

Account              0120 89524

Any donations, purchases or raffle monies please make the money order/cheque payable to

**BRIBIE REUNION**

post to              DA Thomas PO Box 3270,  
Victoria Point West Q 4165

Phone 07 38290790    mob 0412 748347.

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### **New Military Medal proposed—The Redland Times 6/8/10**

A New military medal for fallen servicemen and women would be introduced by a Coalition Government,

Member for Bowman Andrew Laming said.

Mr Laming, the LNP candidate, announced along with Shadow Defence Minister David Johnston and Shadow Defence Parliamentary Secretary Stuart Robert the new medal last week.

Mr Laming said the new medal would “fill the gap” in the existing medal system, as the US, Britain, Canada and New Zealand already have one .

“The families of our fallen soldiers currently receive no special recognition for the loss of their loved ones and deserve acknowledgement,” he said.

Mr Laming said the commitment to a medal ended a “50 year campaign to recognise the ultimate sacrifice in war”, and thanked long time advocates Ted Harris and Kay and Kerry Danes for their work. The medal would also be retrospective, and presented to the next of kin for all Australian Defence Force personnel killed during their service since 1948.

Labour candidate for Bowman, Jenny Peters said the Government was working on a similar proposal and welcomed consultation with the Opposition and the defence community to finalise a medal .END /article.

**\*\* I understand moves are afoot to have a medal for those WIA\*\***

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**\$1.5m raised for Agent Orange victims**

**HÀ NỘI** — About VNĐ30 billion (US\$1.5 million) has been raised throughout the country for Agent Orange victims since the Việt Nam Agent Orange Victims Association (VAVA) launched an appeal on July 10.

The money will be used to build 55 rehabilitation centres, provide scholarships to and create jobs for Agent Orange victims.

VAVA expects to raise up to VNĐ60 billion (\$3.1 million) by Agent Orange Victims Day on August 10. — VNS

# General Secretary honours war martyrs and invalids

**HÀ NỘI** — Party General Secretary Nông Đức Mạnh praised the great contribution made by war invalids and martyrs to the country's revolutionary cause and development while meeting them and their relatives in Hà Nội yesterday.

"What the country has today is a result of the bone and blood of war martyrs and invalids," Mạnh said. "They have set and continue to set a bright example for the younger generations."

The Party leader also handed out gifts on the 63rd War Invalids and Martyrs Day today.

Mạnh asked the city's Party committee and local authorities to continue providing support to the war invalids, martyrs and



Party General Secretary Nông Đức Mạnh (left) visits veteran Nguyễn Văn Lây in Hà Nội. — VNA/VNS Photo Đinh Xuân Tuấn.

their relatives.

He also praised the efforts of city authorities to assist heroes and their relatives.

A series of activities are being held up and down the country to mark the day.

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## General Secretary honours...

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The central committee of HCM City's Youth Union, in collaboration with the Ministry of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs, has organised a week-long series of events to mark the contributions made by war martyrs and invalids to the

country's development, such as burning candles, and tidying war martyrs' cemeteries across the country.

In addition, officials and youth members presented gifts to families of war martyrs and invalids and Vietnamese heroic mothers.

This is the second year

candles and other activities have formally been held at war martyrs' cemeteries and their relatives' homes.

Meanwhile, a ceremony was held during the burial of the remains of 93 war martyrs who died in Cambodia in the southern province of Tây Ninh yesterday.

The province also pre-

sented gifts worth VNĐ500,000 (US\$26) each to 563 Vietnamese heroic mothers and military heroes.

Other provinces across the country also laid wreaths and burned incense at martyrs' cemeteries and distributed gifts to heroic mothers and families of war invalids and martyrs. — VNS

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