

Warrant Officer Class Two Colin Albrighton

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Warrant Officer Class Two Colin Albrighton passed away on 10th June 2004. As most will be aware Col suffered from cancer and had deteriorated to such an extent that he was bed-bound and in much pain.

Col commenced service as a National Serviceman in January 1953 and joined the Regular Army in March 1965. Following training at 1st Recruit Training Battalion and the School of Artillery he was posted to 4th Field Regiment at Wacol, later the unit moved to Townsville. Apart from a few breaks he spent almost seventeen years in the unit.

He was promoted to Bombardier in February 1969, Sergeant in February 1972, Staff Sergeant in August 1980 and subsequently to Warrant Officer Class Two. Highlights of his career were service in Vietnam with 108th Field Battery commencing in June 1967 and two years in Singapore, again with 108th Field Battery, commencing in October 1969. He and his family often reflected on this period as a wonderful time and they made the most of it.

Col was proud of his Army service, being a straight forward no nonsense type who only wanted to get the job done and do it properly. He was especially proud of the fact that he was a member of a Sergeant's Mess for over fourteen years. After a posting to 7th Field Regiment as RQMS he and Carroll returned to Townsville where he elected discharge in 1985.

He was well respected by those he served with both as a senior non commissioned officer and a Warrant Officer Class Two. His funeral was held at the Townsville on Tuesday 15th June 2004.