



VALE 16529 W02 Bevan W D Filce 27th Mar 1938 - 8th Jan 2013

Bevan passed away in the Launceston General Hospital after a long battle with health issues; his family was present.

Members of the RAA Assoc of Tas will remember Bevan from the late 1960's when he was posted to 16 Field Battery RAA 6 Field Regiment RAA as the ARA CADRE BSM & AIG for a number of years prior to being posted to Vietnam in 1970 and returning to Launceston in May 1971 to 34 Cadet Bn.

Bevan's funeral was held at C T Finney Centre Kings Meadows on Monday 14th Jan 2013 starting at 1230hrs. The service was well attended by relatives, friends plus a good number of our members of the Royal Australian Artillery Association of Tasmania Inc. paying their respects by being present - I noted that everybody was in the C T Finney Centre by the start of the service, nobody was late. Is that a reflection on Bevan's discipline? The service was conducted by Father Mark Freeman who remembers Bevan when he was a cadet at St Patrick's College and Bevan was a WO instructor with 34 Cadet Battalion. When Mark was in Cadet camp his order of dress was questioned by Bevan because Mark was wearing his father's Officers pattern great coat!! Ms Karolyn Lunson delivered the Words of Remembrance about Bevan's life eloquently, followed by a Photo Presentation. Mr Norman Warburton of the Launceston RSL conducted an RSL service followed by Mr Richard Clarke playing the **last post and rouse** on a flugelhorn. After that Colonel Steve Carey delivered the **Artillery Prayer** COL Carey then gave Bevan the order "**Warrant Officer Filce, End of Mission, Rest**", Father Mark Freeman delivered the final Blessing.

Bevan's family thanked those present for their support and attendance and invited all to join them for refreshments in the adjoining lounge area to complete our farewell to Bevan. He now joins Mary who passed away just seventeen months before him. I believe Bevan would have approved of his send off.

A brief summary of Bevan's Military service is as follows:-

Joined the **Australian Regular Army Special Reserve** 4 Apr 1955 to 4 Dec 1961

Transferred to **Australian Regular Army** 5 Dec 1961 to 1 May 1976

Rank on Discharge; Warrant Officer Class Two

Overseas Service

Singapore:	19 Sept 1957 to 18 Oct 1959
Singapore:	14 Nov 1963 to 28 Aug 1964
UK:	29 Aug 1964 to 8 Nov 1964
Singapore:	9 Nov 1964 to 27 Apr 1965
Sarawak:	27 Apr 1965 to 14 Aug 1965
Singapore:	14 Aug 1965 to 20 Oct 1965
New Zealand:	14 Oct 1966 to 6 Nov 1966
Saigon:	4 Nov 1970 to 12 May 1971

Principal Units:

1 Field Regiment RAA
100 (A) Field Battery RAA
A Field Battery RAA
102 Field Battery RAA
12 Field Regiment RAA
6 Field Regiment RAA
4 Field Regiment RAA
Headquarters 34 Cadet Battalion

Awards:

- Australian Active Service Medal 1945-75 with clasps Malaya, Malaysia & Vietnam
- General Service Medal with Clasps Malaya
- General Service Medal 1962 with Clasps Malay Peninsula & Borneo
- Vietnam Medal
- Defence Force Service Medal with First Clasp
- National Medal
- Australian Defence Medal
- Long Service and Good Conduct Medal
- Vietnamese Campaign Medal
- Pingat Jasa Malaysia
- Returned from Active Service Badge

Notes by Norm Andrews, assisted by John McIntee