

AUSTRALIAN GUNNER OBITUARY RESOURCE

Ian Herbert Warren

1943 – 2019

By Christopher Jobson



Ian Herbert Warren was born in 1943 and joined the Australian Regular Army in 1963; he was most commonly known by many as 'Inchy' Warren.

Over the period April 1968 – February 1969 Ian served as a Bombardier Forward Observer's Assistant (FO Ack) in South Vietnam, with 102nd Field Battery, 12th Field Regiment, which included involvement in the Battle of Coral. On his return to Australia Ian was posted, as a Gun Sergeant, to 111th Light Anti-Aircraft Battery at Woodside, South Australia.

In 1979 Ian, as a Warrant Officer Class Two, was posted to the Proof and Experimental Establishment (P&EE) at Graytown, Victoria, as the Range Warrant Officer. The Officer Commanding the Establishment at the time was Major Jim Box, who had been Ian's Forward Observation (FO) officer in South Vietnam, and Ian's acting Battery Commander at 111th Light Anti-Aircraft Battery. Jim Box described Ian as being experienced, organized, professional, very gunnery skilled, and firm, fair and friendly. Ian's postings during his service included 1st Field Regiment, active service in the Indonesia Confrontation, and as a Gunnery instructor at the School of Artillery.

Whilst posted at P&EE Ian and his wife, Delphine, had a married quarter in Seymour, and during this time they mixed-in strongly with the Seymour community. Ian joined the Seymour RSL Club and was a member of the original group of the Club's committee that was responsible for the designing and building of Seymour's magnificent Vietnam Veterans' Commemorative Walk Memorial.

Upon taking discharge from the Army, in 1988, Ian and Delphine remained living in Seymour, but they bought a caravan and for a period became Grey Nomads. Sadly Delphine died in 2007, but he then met Vyvienne and they married in 2016.

Ian was a keen Rugby player, a swimmer, and he also regularly played both cricket and squash.

Ian died in July 2019.