

Southport RSL Sub Branch Newsletter

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REMINDER
Quarterly Meeting
Sunday 14th August
10.30am
Bring your Partner

From the President's Desk

New Timing for Quarterly Meetings. One of the problems we have had over the last few years has been the timing of our AGM. We have to have our AGM minutes sent to District and State before the State Congress (AGM), and having our AGM on the second Sunday in June means we have a lot of trouble trying to get the minutes done and to District and State on time. At a Board meeting held in May of this year the Board made a decision to bring the timing of all of our General Meetings forward by one month.

Therefore, the timing of our Quarterly General Meetings will be as follows:

February, May, August, November.

2022 Sub-Branch AGM. The AGM was held in our new home—the Southport Bowls Club—and was well attended with a total of 27 members present. One member joined us after a long spell in England and was welcomed by all when he gave a brief introduction in the information sharing part of the meeting.

One of the major parts of any AGM is the election of members to fill the vacancies that result from our rotational system of elections. As most of you would know, one of the positions that came up for election was that of President. There was only one nomination for the position, so yours truly is still in the driver's seat. It was the same case for the treasurer position and Michael Burg retained his position.

There was actually a competition for the third vacancy—that of Director #3. The two members that competed for the position were very well respected and qualified for the roll and as a result, a decision was made at an earlier Board meeting that we would re-commission the roll of Director #6 (a position we failed to fill on an earlier attempt). Steve Bloxham was elected to fill the Director #3 position and Warren Hulyer will be appointed to be Director #6.

The meeting lasted for just over an hour, which is a bit longer than previous AGMs. This was bought about by many of the members voicing opinions, suggesting ways to improve the Sub-Branch and generally seeking more details of what has been going on for the past year.

State Congress (AGM). The State Congress was held in Brisbane 25-26 June. As has been the case for the last seven years, it was my privilege to represent our Sub-Branch at the event. This year was a little different when my wife was not able to accompany me.

The actual Congress was due to take place over the weekend, however, many representatives, myself included, arrived in Brisbane on Friday afternoon and were put up in the Ridges Hotel

at Fortitude Valley. This is a very convenient location as it is just across the road from the convention centre where the Congress would take place.

The morning of the 25th involved fronting up to get registered and to pick up all the documentation for the AGM, and the welcome and opening ceremonies. After lunch the business of the day got underway and in contrast to all previous events I have attended, moved through the business in a smooth and efficient way. The most pleasing item of the day was the acceptance of the amendments to the State Constitution, which passed with almost 90% approval.

That evening the Gala dinner was held and all the representatives and their partners got dressed in the finery to attend.

Sunday morning began early with a series of presentations and the question time taking us through until just after noon. Some of the information from these presentations was most interesting with some being advantageous to our Sub-Branch.

The documentation for the AGM will be available for all to peruse at the Sun-Branch office. These documents cannot leave the office.

New Offices. One of the things that we would like to achieve when we move into the new offices will be a total feeling of newness. With this in mind, the offices will be outfitted with new furniture. Our existing furniture will be used for ancillary purposes.

At the recent AGM we were able to display the final plans from our Architect, together with a colour board which showed the proposed colour scheme of the new offices. There were quite positive comments on the display.

We had not given the final go-ahead to our architect until we had signed off on an agreement that could be enforced to cover our occupation of the top floor of the Bowls Club. That document was signed on the 28th June, so we will be pushing ahead with the project.

Appeal for Stories. It has always been my aim to not only provide useful information regarding the comings and goings of the sub-Branch, but I also think the Newsletter is a great way to share stories of our time in the ADF. There have been some serious, not so serious and down-

right funny stories provided by just a few of our members.

So, I would once again like to put out an appeal for stories from our members. They don't have to be long, but if they are, we can print them in serial form. Photographs are also a wonderful way of getting the message across.

Where is all our Memorabilia? I was sure I had written about our collection of memorabilia in one of the recent newsletters, but it would seem I have not. Therefore, I will try to bring you up-to-date with what has happened and what we envisage will happen in the future.

On the 16th February this year, we received a judgement in our case against the Memorial Club (now called SoPo) regarding our eviction from the premises, which was in our favour and carried with it a substantial compensation amount. Like spoilt little boys, the management of SoPo almost immediately demanded that the Sub-Branch remove all of the remaining memorabilia from there. Their letter of demand gave us ten days to get the job done. Four of the days in that ten-day period were weekends and to top it all off, the State was just coming out of a very bad flood which was tying up a great many of the removal companies.

An exchange of letters occurred between the opposing lawyers resulting in an extension of the date for completion of the move to the 18th March. In fact, the final load did not leave SoPo until the 22nd March. It is amazing the amount of "junk" that we had stored in the basement storeroom. It was this that took a great deal of our time and effort to sort out.

There was another problem that caught us somewhat off guard. In order to store all of the remaining property, an additional storage compartment had to be hired from National Storage at Bundall. We then discovered that none of the existing display cabinets would fit into the storage area—they were too high and wide. We therefore called on the services of some of the SEAKs members to help pack up the items into smaller boxes, and they did a marvellous job. A decision was made to have the existing display cabinets broken up and disposed of.

In our new premises at the Bowls Club, we are having all new our display cabinets purpose built to fit in the spaces we have available. They should hold all of our existing memorabilia and

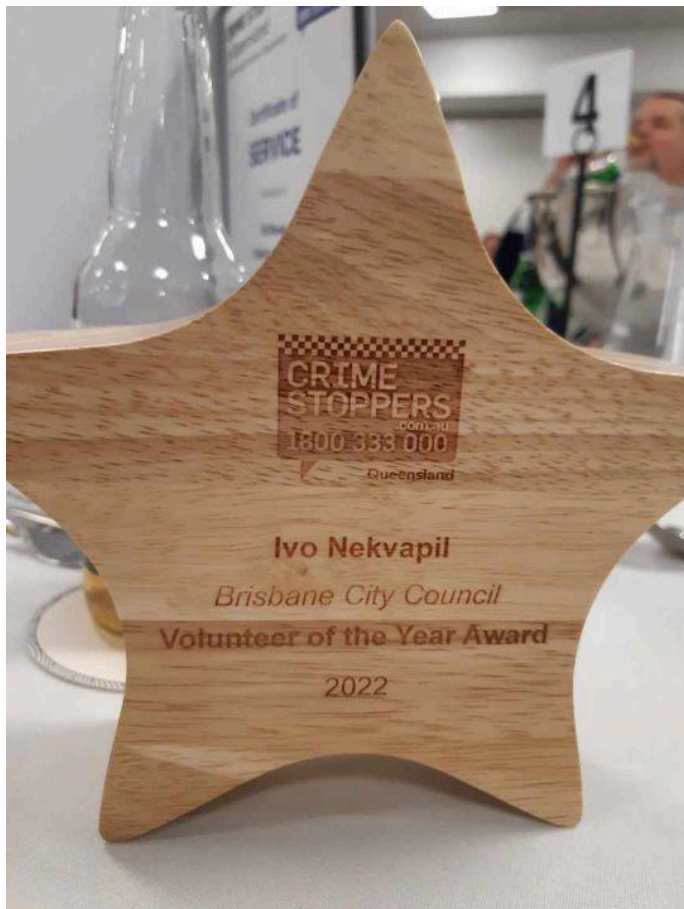
have room to spare. Unfortunately, we will not have much wall space left to hang pictures, so we will be asking other Sub-Branched if they would like some.

Volunteer of the Year

It is always nice to learn that someone's efforts in volunteering have been recognised. One of our members is always the first to put up his hand when we ask for people to sell our badges and poppies twice a year. But this person volunteers in an additional way by attending the Southport Park shopping centre as a volunteer Justice of the Peace.

It was a couple of months ago, now, that the volunteering that Ivo Nekvapil does was recognised by the Brisbane City Council. He was presented with the rather special award of being the Volunteer of the Year for 2022.

The Plaque shown in the photo below was in recognition of his service to the community.



I have many hidden talents.
Just wish I could remember where I hid them.

No. 23 (City of Brisbane) Squadron Honour Roll AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT 29th MAY 1940

By
WOFF (Retired) George Hatchman
No. 23SQN Assn. Historian

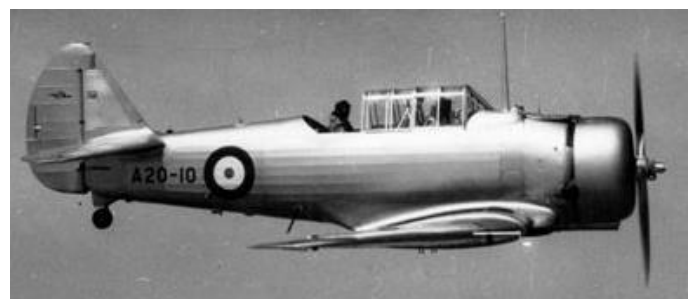
On the 26th Aug 1939, No. 23 Squadron relocated from RAAF Richmond NSW to the Archerfield Airfield west of Brisbane to form the first operational RAAF Unit in QLD, and was equipped with 4 Avro Anson Light Bombers, 1 Tiger Moth and 4 Wirraway aircraft and titled, "No. 23 (City of Brisbane) (GP) Squadron".

WW2 commenced in Europe just 5 days later on the 1st Sep 1939.

Many young Australian men had rushed to enlist in the RAAF to train as pilots for the excitement and adventure that flying aircraft offered. However, to gain experience as a confident aviator meant many laps and circuits plus tactical and cross-country training exercises and so it eventuated that on the 29th May 1940, two young Aviators of No. 23 SQN departed from Archerfield Airfield in CAC Wirraway Aircraft A20-15 for a training navigation manoeuvre over the Southport area. They were;

FLGOFF Kevin Ansell Goman, (U/K) a 22 y/o Pilot from Perth WA, the son of Ansell Arthur William (WW1 Veteran) and Madge Marshall Goman of Perth WA, and

WOFF Percy James Pritchard (3097) a 22 y/o Observer from Collingwood VIC, the Son of Percy Dowdall and Hilda Eliza Pritchard of Kew VIC.



RAAF Wirraway

As their aircraft lifted off both these young men must have been exhilarated with the thought of the day's flying adventure of the tactical

navigation training exercise ahead but soon after arrival over Southport, the aircraft was observed to turn and fly a short distance back towards Brisbane and then above Queens Park, ‘swoop’ to 100 feet above the ground and then ascend into a ‘barrel roll’. The Wirraway failed to come out of the roll and nose-dived crashing into a fence between two palm trees on private property on the Esplanade and burst into flames. Both young men perished.

No. 23 Squadron Operational Records for that day, 29th May 1940 briefly state:

“A20-15 crashed at Southport 10:00 hours. Pilot Officer K.A. GOMAN and Warrant Officer PRITCHARD P.J. both killed. Aircraft destroyed by fire”.

FLGOFF Goman was cremated at Mt Thompson Crematorium and is commemorated on the QLD Cremation Memorial in Lutwyche Cemetery Brisbane. WOFF Pritchard was buried in Coff Plot, Section BBA, Grave 68, Melbourne General Cemetery Carlton VIC.

While these young men never saw combat action, their loss of life was a consequence of training for the defence of Australia and was a tragic loss to both the RAAF and their families. They are now perpetually remembered with dedicatory respect in the ‘esprit’ of our No. 23 Squadron Battle Honours.



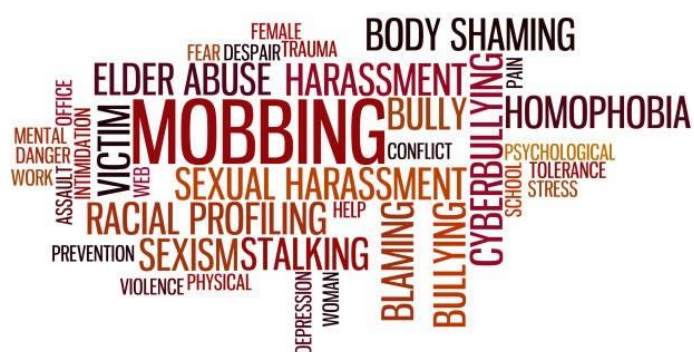
“The capital of Holland is ‘H.’”

Elder Abuse

By Peter Boyes OAM

This time, I would like to bring a very important issue into the light and discuss what Elder Abuse is and to give you the information so that you may ask a very important question: “Am I experiencing Elder Abuse?” or “Is my friend experiencing Elder Abuse?”

Firstly, it is important to define what constitutes elder abuse. Elder abuse is a single or repeated act, or lack of appropriate action, occurring within any relationship where there is an expectation of trust which causes harm or distress to an older person.



There are a variety of acts that may be considered as constituting Elder Abuse. These are separated (broadly) into six types: physical abuse; sexual abuse; emotional abuse; financial/material exploitation; neglect; abandonment; and self-neglect.



So, what is the most common type of elder abuse? It may be surprising that elders are more likely to self-report financial exploitation than emotional abuse, physical abuse, sexual abuse, or neglect. Psychological abuse is the

most common type of elder abuse, according to the National Centre on Elder Abuse [NCEA].

Financial abuse is the most difficult type of elder abuse to prove. There are usually no witnesses involved, and the crime is committed completely out of the victim's sight. Moreover, physical evidence takes the form of bank records and receipts, which the abuser controls.

While a variety of circumstances are considered elder abuse, it does not include general criminal activity against older persons, such as home break-ins, 'street muggings', or 'distraction burglary', where a stranger distracts an older person at the doorstep while another person enters the property to steal.



Neglect may be obvious or passive – the failure by a caregiver to provide a person with the necessities of life including, but not limited to, food, clothing, shelter, or medical care, because of failure to understand the person's needs, lack of awareness of services to help meet needs, or lack of capacity to care for the person.

So, what should I do if I suspect elder abuse?

Elder abuse is distressing, and finding someone who understands the sensitive and confidential nature of the issue can help you in deciding what to do if you suspect an older person is being mistreated or exploited.

Remember that physical and sexual abuse are criminal acts. Other types of abuse are assessed on their particular circumstances. Where it is appropriate, ask general questions about the person's wellbeing and their relationships. Blame and judgement are never helpful. Listen to what the older person says and be understanding. Understand that older people are often hesitant to cause trouble, as they may

feel ashamed or worried about possible consequences.

Often, an older person feels protective of their adult children who may be mistreating or exploiting them. The adult child may have drug or alcohol dependency, mental health issues or difficult circumstances or challenges that are contributing to the abusive situation. An older person is more likely to accept help if they think their adult child's needs will be considered and addressed.

If they are unwilling to get help, provide them with emotional support and offer contact details of support services should they want them later. Keep checking in on them where possible. It's important that an older person feels in control of the help seeking process.

What is the reporting process for elder abuse in Qld? Call the Elder Abuse Helpline (9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday) for free and confidential advice for anyone experiencing elder abuse or who suspects someone they know may be experiencing elder abuse. Phone 1300 651 192. If a crime is happening now, call Triple Zero (000). If not, think Policelink 131 444. You can also visit your nearest police station.

Photos obtained from <https://www.istockphoto.com/>

Yours Aye,
Peter Boyes OAM



“Don't blame me. I was cleaning his cage and he flew up the pipe.”

Vietnam Veterans' Day 18th August 2022

Australians and the Vietnam War. The Vietnam War was Australia's longest military engagement of the 20th Century.

The arrival of the Australian Army Training Team Vietnam in South Vietnam during July and August 1962 marked the start of Australia's involvement in the war.

By the time the war had come to an end, almost 60,000 Australians served during a decade of conflict between 1962 and 1972. Tragically, 521 of them died and 3000 were wounded.

Battle of Long Tan. The Battle of Long Tan was a significant moment in Australia's war in Vietnam.

On 18 August 1966, in a rubber plantation near the village of Long Tan, Australian soldiers fought one of their fiercest battles of the war.

The men of Delta Company, 6th Battalion Royal Australian Regiment, faced a force of some 2000 North Vietnamese and Viet Cong troops. The battle was fought in wet and muddy conditions during a heavy tropical downpour.

By the end of the day, 17 Australians had been killed in action and 25 were wounded, one of whom died a few days later. This was the largest number of casualties in a single operation since the Australian Task Force had established its base at nearby Nui Dat the previous April.

On this day, we commemorate all the battles fought by Australians in Vietnam, from large-scale operations to platoon and section-level encounters. We remember the sailors of the Royal Australian Navy who supported land operations, and members of the Royal Australian Air Force who served in combat and transport roles.

A day to say 'thank you'. On Vietnam Veterans' Day, we pause and reflect on the bravery, teamwork and endurance that Australians displayed throughout the war.

It's a day when we recognise all who served in Vietnam. We honour those veterans who:

- lost their lives during battle
- returned home wounded, ill or injured
- lost their lives in the years since they returned
- still carry the physical and emotional scars of their service

We also pause to reflect on the impact of service on our veterans' families.

Commemorating Kokoda 80 Years On



This year we mark the 80th anniversary of arguably one of Australia's most significant campaigns of the Second World War and the War in the Pacific. The Kokoda Trail Campaign was a four-month struggle beginning with the Japanese arrival in Papua in July 1942.

From July 1942 until November of the same year, WWII came to Australia's doorstep as the Japanese pushed south into Papua New Guinea. With the Japanese strategy set on taking Port Moresby by a track that ran over the Owen Stanley Range, it became clear that something had to be done.

The distinctly young group of soldiers, those not in Europe or Africa were sent and embarked on this monumental task. Though younger and generally more inexperienced, the courage of the diggers and the alliance with the PNG nationals saw this unlikely victory come to fruition.

Some of the most desperate and vicious encounters of the Australian campaigns occurred along the Kokoda Trail. Along this tight track, the Australians and the Japanese fought numerous engagements at Kokoda, Deniki, Isurava, Eora, Efogi, Templeton's Crossing, Ioribaiwa and Oivi-Gorari.

Those who served in Kokoda successfully repelled a Japanese invasion force in appalling conditions. Fighting and engagements continued for over four months until November 18, 1942, when the Australians reached the Kumusi River.

The engagements and fighting on the Kokoda Trail saw the deaths of more than 600 Australians with a further 1,680 wounded.

This year we mark the 80th anniversary of the Kokoda Track and honour those who served.

Current Board Members

John Riebeling – **President**
Ken Orr – **Deputy President**
Michael Burg – **Treasurer**
Rodney Tagg – **Secretary**
Claude Palmer – **Director #1 & Advocate 3**
Sandra Riebeling – **Director #2**
Steven Bloxham OAM – **Director #3**
Kevin Lloyd-Thomas – **Director #4**
Peter Boyes OAM – **Director #5**
Warren Hulyer – **Director #6**

Sometimes, not saying anything is the best answer. You see, silence can never be misquoted.

New Director Steven (Steve) Bloxham OAM

Steve joined the Royal Australian Navy in April 1972 as young 15-year-old Junior Recruit. While in the RAN, Steve had many interesting roles and postings, including HMAS Hobart and his last ship HMAS Yarra before changing branches to the Naval Police in 1981.

Steve officially paid off in 2013 with the rank of Chief Petty Officer Naval Police Coxswain, after 21 years' full-time service plus 20 years' service in the Reserves.

Steve moved to country Victoria in 2013 and was President of the Terang RSL Sub Branch from 2014-2021 before returning to the Gold Coast in 2021.

Steve was awarded the Shrine of Remembrance Medal (Victoria) in 2017 in recognition of the contribution in boosting community knowledge and understanding of the service and sacrifice of Victorians in war and peacekeeping efforts. In 2021 Steve was awarded an OAM for his service to veterans and their families and continues to support them in volunteer roles.

Steve now volunteers at the Gold Coast University Hospital and Abri Aged Care during

the week days and is now a Director with our RSL. Steve is passionate with military research and is going back to Belgium after 4 years to catch-up with his mates and do what he enjoys there and that's getting involved in battlefield archaeology.

Steve has suggested that if you go to Belgium, is to visit a good friend of his Johan Vandewalle. He owns Anzac Rest (Bar and Museum) on the edge of the old battlefield of Polygon Wood, about 6km from Ypres. Steve now looks forward in his new role as a Director and to support our Club in enhancing the promotion and delivery in our future goals.



“Whaddya mean, ‘Which one is ours?’”

LOVE THE IRISH

Bloke at a horse race whispers to Paddy next to him, "Do you want the winner of the next race?"

Paddy replies "No tanks, oi've only got a small yard."

A coach load of paddies on a mystery tour decided to run a sweepstake to guess where they were going.....

The driver won £52!

Joe says to Paddy: "Close your curtains the next time you're making love to your wife. The whole street was watching and laughing at you yesterday."

Paddy says: "Well the joke's on them because I wasn't even at home yesterday."

Southport RSL Sub-Branch WEB Site www.southportrsl.org

On the 17th June our new WEB site went live. It is still in its embryo stage and over the next few months will be populated with all sorts of information and news.

We owe our new WEB site to the efforts of our very new Board Member—Steve Bloxham. He made the suggestion at our AGM that we might like to have our own site and that he was willing and able to do the job.

Sub-Branch General Meetings	
Quarterly	14 Aug 22
Quarterly	13 Nov 22
Quarterly	12 Feb 23
AGM	14 May 23
Quarterly	13 Aug 23
Quarterly	12 Nov 23

Poppy Service



Although it is not a pleasant thing to talk about, I would like to remind all of our readers, especially those that are looking after our aging and frail veterans, that when the time comes, the Sub-Branch offers a service that goes a long way to honouring the service that he or she has given to our country by putting on the uniform of our Defence Forces.

Please contact the Sub-Branch office for any further information. **(Phone 0484 280 750)**

You Have to Love the British By John Riebeling

On one of our trips overseas, Sandy and I found ourselves in the much-visited village of Chipping Campden. We actually visited this town on more than one of our visits to England.

We really enjoyed the town, visiting many of the shops along High Street and enjoying some wonderful scones and tea in one of the quaint cafes.

On this particular occasion we were another couple on a self-drive tour. As anyone who has done any touring in Great Britain or Europe, it generally cost money to make use of any public toilet. So, when I found a toilet in one of the side streets that was “free”, I decided to take advantage. The toilets were nice and clean, perhaps because of the sign over the urinal.



The Notice

*Chipping Campden is a market town in the Cotswold district of Gloucestershire, England. It is notable for its terraced High Street, dating from the 14th century to the 17th century. ("Chipping" is from Old English **cēping**, 'market', 'market-place')*

**I said I was good at making decisions.
I didn't say the decisions I make were good.**

Veterans' Morning Teas

All members, their carers, partners and volunteers are welcome to come to our Veterans' Morning Teas. They are held at the Southport Bowls Club every **third** Wednesday of the month, commencing at 10:00 am.

**17 August
19 October**

14 December*

**21 September
16 November
18 January 2023**

***Note: The December Morning Tea will be on the second Wednesday of December.**

Falkland's War 1962 30th Anniversary of the Vulcan Bombing Raid



With the 'Black Buck 1' bombing raid against Port Stanley Airport on the night of 30th April/1st May 1982 showing a watching world that Britain had both the capability and the resolve to mount such an audacious strike attack, Argentinean forces occupying the Falkland Islands knew they were about to face a committed enemy and could come under attack at any moment. The 'Black Buck' raids required the use of a complex airborne refuelling plan, involving as many as eleven Victor tankers to get a single Vulcan over its intended target and seven such operations would ultimately be planned. 'Black Buck 6' was mounted in an attempt to take out Argentinean anti-aircraft radar installations on the Falkland Islands and would see Avro Vulcan B.2 XM597 equipped with four AGM-45 'Shrike' missiles for the task. Loitering over Stanley Airfield for 40 minutes in an attempt to try and get radar operators to turn on their equipment, two missiles were eventually fired and a Skyguard fire control radar unit destroyed, but with lack of fuel now a major concern, the Vulcan headed back to rendezvous with a waiting Victor tanker over the ocean.

Unfortunately, the Vulcan's refuelling probe broke during the transfer procedure and the aircraft's Captain was left with just two options - ditch his aircraft in the ocean, or attempt a divert to land at Rio de Janeiro Airport. Heading for Brazil, the aircraft put out a mayday call and requested an immediate fuel critical landing at the nearest airport. At the same time, crew members threw sensitive documents into the ocean and attempted to ditch the two remaining

Shrike missiles prior to landing, but despite their best efforts, one simply refused to release. Controllers in Brazil were becoming increasingly irate and would not grant authority until the aircraft identified itself and its airport of departure, also scrambling a pair of fighter jets to intercept the approaching aircraft. After several minutes of increasingly heated conversation, the Vulcan Captain informed the controller, 'We are a British aircraft low on fuel, with a loss of cabin pressure and we are from Huddersfield!' Finally cleared to land, the Vulcan touched down with so little fuel remaining that it would not have had enough to make a circuit of the airfield, but significantly with a single Shrike missile still attached to its pylon. With the aircraft now impounded, the crew would have some difficult questions to answer over the next few days.

Eventually, a high-level diplomatic deal was struck to release the Vulcan and its crew, with a fully fuelled up aircraft allowed to head back to Ascension Island on 10th June 1982, in return for spare parts for Brazilian military Lynx helicopters. The covertly supplied Shrike missile remained in Brazil. Avro Vulcan B.2 XM597 had a new refuelling probe fitted at Wideawake Airfield and flew back to RAF Waddington on 13th June. The aircraft is now preserved at Scotland's National Museum of Flight at East Fortune, East Lothian.

The amphibious invasion and occupation of the Falkland Islands by Argentinean forces on 2nd April 1982 resulted in military planning which had already been taking place in Britain increasing in pace dramatically. In addition to assembling a powerful naval Task Force, planners were also exploring ways in which they could prevent the main airport at Port Stanley from being used as a base from where Argentinean strike jets could operate from, with their fleet of ageing Avro Vulcan B.2 bombers seen as being the only option for such a mission. As the Vulcan was scheduled for service withdrawal later that same year, the use of these Cold War sentinels for this huge undertaking would not be without its challenges and was underlined by the fact that the aircraft didn't even have all the bomb rack components they were going to need for the task - these had to be bought back from the scrap metal dealer they had previously been sold to. The aircraft would also have to be given an in-flight refuelling capability if this plan was to be a

viable one, so this was a time of feverish activity at Vulcan stations. On 29th April, just two weeks after training had begun, the first two Avro Vulcan bombers left RAF Waddington and set out for Ascension Island, arriving nine hours later having flown non-stop to Wideawake Airfield, refuelling from supporting Victor tankers twice each during the flight. On the night of 30th April/1st May, 'Operation Black Buck 1' saw Vulcan XM607 bomb the runway at Port Stanley, which was at that time, the longest-range bombing mission ever attempted.

In an attempt to neutralise Argentinean anti-aircraft radar installations operating at Port Stanley Airport during the Falklands War, the RAF mounted the sixth of their long-range 'Black Buck' missions, sending Avro Vulcan B.2 XM597 carrying four AGM-45 'Shrike' anti-radiation missiles to undertake this specialised task. Loitering over Stanley Airfield for 40 minutes as they tempted radar operators to turn on their equipment so they could be targeted, two missiles were eventually fired and a Skyguard fire control radar unit destroyed, but with lack of fuel now a major concern, the Vulcan headed out to sea and a rendezvous with a waiting Victor tanker.

The refuelling procedure did not go to plan and a broken probe left the pilot with just two options - either ditch the aircraft in the ocean or attempt an unauthorised divert to Brazil. Heading for Rio de Janeiro airport, the Vulcan broadcast a mayday call requesting an immediate fuel critical landing, whilst at the same time attempting to jettison the two unused Shrike missiles, along with the many sensitive documents they had on board. Safely landing, but with so little fuel left they could not have stayed in the air for a minute longer, the Vulcan touched down with one of the Shrike missiles still attached to its pylon, creating an embarrassing international incident as the Falklands War raged on.

My wife asked if she could have a little peace and quiet while she cooked dinner...

So, I took the battery out of the smoke alarm!

USAF Citation for The No 2 Squadron, The Royal Australian Air Force



The Citation Read:

The Number Two Squadron, Royal Australian Air Force, distinguished itself by especially meritorious service in support of military operations against opposing armed forces in Southeast Asia from 19 April 1967 to 31 May 1971.

During this period, the Number Two Squadron flew over 11,900 combat sorties in all areas of the Republic of Vietnam in support of the airwar conducted by the United States Air Force.

Although its aircrews were exposed to intense ground fire, surface-to-air missile barrages, adverse weather, and hazardous terrain, the Number Two Squadron maintained a superior combat record and conducted its operations in a manner that contributed significantly to the mission of the Free World Military Forces in Southeast Asia.

The distinctive accomplishments of the Royal Australian Air Force Number Two Squadron reflect great credit upon itself and the Royal Australian Air Force.

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