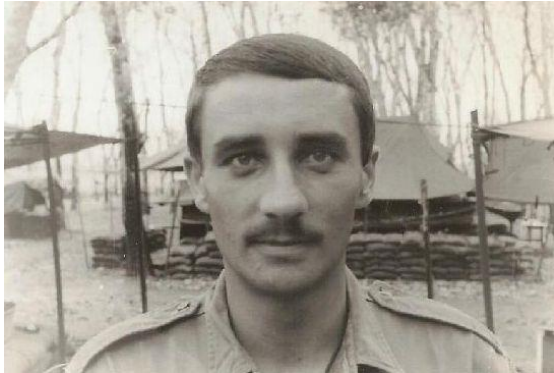


**Deceased - Terrence was a Platoon Comdr. In 1RAR, 1967
1968 tour. He was shot in a contact near Da Nang, 24th November 1968**

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TERRY LANGLANDS' FAMILY RECEIVES HIS MEDALS from Toni Myers



Terrance Edward Langlands was born the third son of Dulcie and Harry Langlands, a brother to Harry and Dennis, at Wallsend NSW, on 13th February 1945. He completed his secondary education at Booragul High School, where he entered the new High School in the first Year 1 class and where he went on to become School Captain. Before volunteering for National Service and entering the Army he was employed as a Clerk at B.H.P. He graduated 31 in Class 2/67 at OTU and was allocated to Royal

Australian Infantry. On leaving OTU he was posted to 5 Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment at Holsworthy, NSW.

Helen Langlands was two days older than Terry and married his older brother Denis in 1967. Terry was late to march in to Puckapunyal because he had been Best Man at their wedding. Terry and Helen had a close bond and it was Helen who “played Mother” at the OTU Graduation Ball in October 1967 when she pinned on Terry’s 2Lt. Pips. Terry was unabashed at the comments “*and that Langlands is your MOTHER*”? He affectionately called Helen “Sis” and wrote to her frequent and long letters when he was posted from 5RAR to Vietnam. During Terry’s OTU days, Helen and Denis lived in two bedroom flat in Clovelly and remember ‘loaning’ the lounge room floor to OTU guys, especially Ray Robinson, for many sleepovers.



On 23rd April 1975 Helen and Denis had a baby boy named David, and it is David who is particularly interested in his Uncle’s life and is seeking to get to know his Uncle through the letters and photos sent to Helen, the memories of his friends and mates and the memorabilia from Terry’s schooldays and time at 5RAR before being posted overseas to 1 ARU. David has read with interest the article in the November 2008 OTU Class 2/67 Newsletter “The Brindle” (named in memory of Terry.) Further he has taken an interest in the Operation Capitol II in which Terry was KIA on 24th November 1968 while serving with 1 RAR, reading “The Brindle” article by Neil Weekes to confirm much of what he understood.

David “Ned” Gray, after making contact with Helen and David, discovered that Terry’s full entitlement of medals hadn’t been issued to the Langlands Family and decided it was timely

to have Terry's medals issued and mounted for David to wear to ANZAC Day 2009: forty years after Terry's death. David Langlands has worn Terry's two Vietnam medals at Dawn Services since 1986. These two medals were presented to eleven year old David by Sir William Keys O.B.E. MC, on Saturday 13th.September 1986 in Newcastle at the annual Remembrance Day service and dedication of the Vietnam War Memorial and Roll of Honour.

In the process of 'finding and contacting' the Class of 2/67 members it came to notice that a lot of the class had memorable stories, memorabilia and strong memories of 2786939 LANGLANDS: Terrance Edward 2Lt. and thanks mainly to the happy photographing of Terry himself there has come to light a lot of photos from Helen of OTU Class 2/67 and later in Vietnam.



Toni Myers, wife of 2786649 MYERS: John Richard Maldon, offered to Court Mount the medals upon reissue from Awards and Decorations, and although cutting it fine and receiving the medals from David Langlands on 7th April 2009, was able to mount the medals and complete an Honour Board frame-up together with other pieces of memorabilia for presentation to Helen and David Langlands.

On Monday evening, 20th April, on behalf of Class 2/67, John and Toni Myers (left) attended a family dinner with Helen Langlands (right) and her partner Eric, David Langlands (centre) and his wife, Rowena and their young daughter Amber. Helen lives at Castle Hill just down the Old Windsor Road from Scheyville. It was an evening to remember forever and as soon as we arrived we were aware we were with very caring and loving people. David and Helen allowed us the privilege of sharing their memories of Terry and we hope John was able to give them an insight into memories of Terry. Helen did say a couple of times *"to think that for forty years there were a whole group of guys out there who knew and cared for Terry. The family, and latterly, David and I, didn't know the group knew Terry so well and cared"*.