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*Journey with our
'Sappers'*

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“LCPL Bryant Hansen, the ACB and a Flag”

Date: 11 October 2009. Place: RAE Chapel and Vietnam Memorial. Occasion: A poignant Ceremony and presentation.

The 1st Field Squadron Group Association have gone to great lengths to ensure that the families of those Sappers that did not return from Vietnam have been sought out and presented their appropriate recognition and embellishments.

This is one such occasion – LCPL Bryant Hansen.

Bryant was killed in action in October 1969.

The immediate Hansen family attending included Beverley (Bryants widow), Wayne (Bryants son) and Chris (Beverley’s husband).



Above picture:

The ACB being presented by John Pritchard.

The ceremony was also attended by a few Sydney MEHC members including Allan Preston.

Allan was posted to 1FD Sqn SVN with Bryant.

Left picture:

The Welcome Home Parade Flag was presented to the Hansen family by John Pendergast down at the Vietnam Memorial.

Up until now, the Chapel has been home to the Welcome Home Parade Flag. Here it has been held in trust until it could be united with family.

Whilst at the Memorial, Beverley and Wayne also laid a wreath at Bryant’s plaque – *left picture*.

Once the formalities were finalised, attending personnel adjourned to the RAE Sergeants Mess for a bite to eat and a chance to chat.

It is hoped that Beverley, Wayne and their families won’t be strangers and may be able to join us within the RAE Heritage Precinct again one day.

Writers note: I reckon this is what heritage is all about!



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