

WHEN IS A SPADE A SPADE

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Those who have served will recognise the entrenching tool and that when digging a spade is a spade. Gosh how I hated digging all night, during the day and when we were exhausted we still kept on digging.

Now that I have the reader's attention, please note that this article has nothing to do with the entrenching tool other than to dig up the past.

I promised my mate Peter Vlahos and best man, that when I get to 500 yarns and stories I will begin writing my books. Although I have already written approximated 400, I have only published about 374 of them.

I just enjoy writing, I guess I just want to continue contributing to a nation that embraced me and vice versa. I have kept diaries since I can remember and even when I was on guard duty in the Battalions and or in the jungles, I would write my thoughts during my breaks.

Those diaries have been a source of inspiration and provided me with a wealth of information. I know that there will come a time where I shall be repeating myself, forgetting things and yes possible succumb to Alzheimer's if the heart or some other illness does not get me first.

I have approximately three months to go before I venture off for a holiday to Greece; courtesy of my lovely wife Yovanna and I do hope to complete that target.



Apologies to the War Memorial

I have added the 374 articles below which can probably be read by clicking on them. They are a conglomeration of Community, Academic, Military, Political and Family yarns. A few have been published, others have been on blogs, websites and or emailed to selected individuals. Most are on the website so that those overseas can translated them using the translation button.

I am aware that there are some brilliant individuals out there on social media who are better qualified and have already written a number of books and therefore I would like to make it known that I am not in their class and neither am I competing with anyone. Constructive criticism is always welcome and any additions to the articles about clobber digger mates are very much appreciated.

I write from the heart like I always do and with a passion that knows no bounds. My English is not the best at times, my grammar far worse and you can forget about any punctuation on my part. I just keep writing and writing until I am tired. It is as if I am working under a slow burning candle that one day will be snuffed out from the lack of wax. Those who can read between the lines will understand. I promised myself that whatever time we have been allocated for nothing is guaranteed that I will write as much as I can about my cobber, digger, mates, mentors, acquaintances and associates.

I don't expect individuals or readers to understand why I write, nor do I expect any one to agree with me. I have my opinion and will if right defend myself most vigorously. Whenever you come across any errors and there are many, you will just have to forgive me. I have not got a large reservoir or repertoire of words and my vocabulary is limited. Please don't go looking for specific words in attempt to describe me as you will fail. In other words what you read is what you get and you will soon realise how I speak and write are one and the same. I will always call a spade a spade without putting a bloke down or making them feel unworthy; although I must admit there some real bastards out there that deserve a verbal thrashing at our ages. When the articles are read don't expect novels, but what I can say is that all of them are true.

2015 and 2016 for me were years of reflection, treatment and recovery. Not to dwell on what could have been but to ensure that whatever time we have left is not squander in futile objectives that lead to nowhere. I intend to make life more meaningful and worthwhile, worthy of those who had a hand in making me who I am today. Life as we know it can only be sustained by vigilance and with that vigilance comes responsibility. Let us hope that 2017 is a good one.



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