

**Terrence John Properjohn** was born in Tasmania on 11 March 1945, one of three children of Norman John and Amy Myrtle (nee Miller) Properjohn. Terry was called up with the first intake of Nashos on 30 June 1965 as 6708264 and commenced Recruit Training at 2 RTB, Puckapunyal on 30 June 1965. He was selected for officer training at the Officer Training Unit, Scheyville, with the first class (Class 1/65) on 17 July 1965. Along with Cadets Brown, Hayes, McNeil, Tizzard and Wight, Terry was allocated, 16 Section, 6 Platoon, B Company, (Room C1-24) under Captain Clover. In his Senior Term he was the Section Commander of 10 Section, 4 Platoon, B Company, with classmates Officer Cadets Blackman, Rinkin, Sharp and Trevethick under his command. Terry graduated with his class on 18 December 1965, was allocated to the Infantry Corps and posted to 3 RAR. He was due for discharge on 29 June 1967, but 'signed on', transferring to the Australia Staff Corps and given a new ARA number: 61808. Terry served in Vietnam with 3 RAR as the Assault Pioneer Platoon Commander from 12 December 1967 to 2 December 1968.

On 26 February 1969 Terry was posted to 2 PIR in PNG. He was promoted to Temporary Captain on 9 January 1970, prior to returning to Vietnam as an AATTV Adviser on 15 October 1970 with 1/4 ARVN at Quang Ngai and then The Jungle Training Centre at Nui Dat, until 14 October 1971. 8 December 1972 saw Terry posted to the Army Apprentices School. His promotion to Captain came on 15 July 1973. Terry was next posted to the PNG Defence Force Recruiting Unit on 31 January 1975 and returned to 3 RAR for Regimental Duty on 17 January 1977. He was a Provisional Major on 2 July 1979.

Terry died on 16 July 2005, the eve of the fortieth anniversary of the first class marching into Scheyville in 1965. Terry had been ill for short time before returning from Canberra to his home state of Tasmania to spend his last days. He left behind his loving wife and best friend in Jan and two sons David and Andrew. Terry is remembered in the Garden of Remembrance, in Phillip, ACT.



Above right: AWM photograph. South Vietnam. May 1971. Captain Terry Properjohn of Tas (centre), and two members of the Jungle Warfare Training Centre (JWTC) patrol, examine weapons and documents they captured after contact with the Viet Cong (VC), west of the 1st Australian Task Force Base (1ATF), at Nui Dat. Although on a training operation, the patrol successfully engaged a VC squad, killing one enemy and capturing an M16 rifle, several pistols and documents.