

## Warrant Officer Class One Leonard William McMullin

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Warrant Officer Class One Leonard William McMullin passed away on Sunday 15th August 2004 after succumbing to a brain tumour. Len was born on 12th September 1940 and I first met him when serving in the early 1960s with 5th Field Regiment (CMF). He rose to gun sergeant in the Ipswich (then Q) battery before enlisting in the Australian Regular Army in 1963. After 1st Recruit Training Battalion and the School of Artillery Len was posted to 1st Field Regiment at Holsworthy. Twelve months later he was promoted to bombardier and in 1965-1967 went to Malaysia/Singapore with 'A' Field Battery. Returning to Australia and promotion to sergeant, Len joined 102nd Field Battery as a gun detachment commander and moved with the new 12th Field Regiment to Vietnam in 1968-1969. Still with the 12th in 1971, he completed a second tour in South Vietnam as a signals sergeant. A posting to 1st Field Regiment followed and he was promoted to staff sergeant signals supervisor in 1972.

Len returned to the Army Reserve - to 11th Field Regiment - as a warrant officer class two sergeant major instructor in gunnery in early 1975. When the 5th and 11th Regiments amalgamated later that year, Len served on with the 5th/11th Field Regiment. In 1976, the 106th Trials Battery was raised within 4th Field Regiment in Townsville to evaluate US medium and field guns. Len was appointed the Battery Sergeant Major and served with the 106th till the trials were completed and the battery disbanded in late 1977. Warrant Officer Class Two McMullin then moved to Headquarters Battery 4th Field Regiment for another 12 months before returning to Brisbane and the 5th/11th Field Regiment Len was promoted to warrant officer class one in 1982 and became RSM of the 5th/11th till he took his discharge on 10th April 1983.

Mr McMullin decided to try his hand on a pastoral acreage with cattle near Laidley to the west of Brisbane. He also won the cleaning contract at the Artillery's Milford Street Depot in Ipswich so was able to keep in contact with the military.

Vale Leonard William McMullin - summoned to the Great Gun Park up above just before his 64th birthday. Rest in peace, old Gunner.