



**COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE FOR PRIVATE ROBERT (JOCK) BUCHAN
BIRKHILL CEMETERY DUNDEE
NOON 5TH AUGUST 2016**

Robert (Jock) Buchan was born in Dundee on 11 September 1947 to Robert and Jane Buchan. The family moved to Australia but subsequently returned to Scotland; however, their son returned to Australia to live with foster parents near Perth, Western Australia. He later enlisted in the Australian Army and was posted to the 6th Battalion Royal Australian Regiment in Townsville where the Battalion was preparing for its second tour of duty in the Vietnam War (May 1969 – May 1970). On 11th December 1969, 12 Platoon D Company was patrolling in the Nui May Tao, a major enemy Base Area, when the Platoon contacted an enemy group; during the contact Jock was killed by enemy rifle fire. His body was taken to RAAF Base Butterworth in Malaysia where it was cremated and the ashes then sent to his parents in Craigdallie. They rested there until his mother died in 1988 when they were interred with her.

Minister. Recites appropriate prayers for the fallen.

Fred Fairhead. Recites:

Jock, I have stood on the spot where you died – I now stand on the spot where you lie for eternity, but Jock we have found you mate.

It has been over 46 years since Jock passed from our presence and some 30 years since he was interred here with his mother;

But he shall remain known to us

Just as the stars remain known to the night;

As the stars that shall be bright when we are dust,

Moving in marches upon the heavenly plain,

As the stars that are starry in the time of our darkness.

To the end, to the end, they remain.

Piper. Plays *Flowers of the Forest*

Fred Fairhead. Recites the Ode

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn

At the going of the sun and in the morning

*We will remember them. **Lest we forget***

Laying of wreaths – Piper plays *The Crusaders (Regimental March of the 6th Battalion)*

Minister. Benediction

Party leaves the Graveside (lair) preceded by the Piper playing *The Black Bear (Regimental March of the Royal Australian Regiment)*