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ROD ELLISON

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It is my very sad duty to report that on Tuesday 11th December in Wagga-Wagga (NSW), RLIRA Australasia Branch member Rod Ellison suffered a massive heart attack, and without regaining consciousness, slipped away early this morning (Saturday 15/12/2007) to join the band of our other "fallen" Saints.

Our deepest sympathy goes to Rod's wife Jayne, and their adult children, Lorien & Kyle

Being a born & bred Aussie, Rod was one of RLI's "Foreigners" who, believing Rhodesia was being unjustly dealt with by the majority of the world, went to Rhodesia to aid in a "just cause".

Rod had distinguished service with RLI, having seen the majority of his service in 1 Commando where his outstanding combat leadership abilities were such that he steadily rose through the ranks and ultimately, became a commissioned officer. In the closing days of 1980, Rod was appointed OC of Support Commando.

As the ranking member present, earlier this year Rod led the RLI Contingent in it's proud march through the streets of Sydney at the Branch's inaugural Anzac Day reunion.

I had the opportunity of talking at length to Rod a number of occasions after the 2007 reunion during which, Rod strongly expressed how proud he felt that (via the reunions) the memory of what RLI once was, and what the unit achieved, was not simply being allowed to fade away into oblivion and thus, was planning to attend the Brisbane 2008 Anzac Day gathering.

I will miss you Rod, you were a good soldier and friend - Humbala Garshly old son.

Rod's funeral will be held in Wagga Wagga at a time & date yet to be set, but, probably early next week - further information will be emailed as details come to hand.

For those RLI who may be able to attend Rod's funeral, Jacket/Tie and RLI Beret would be appropriate wear.

Regards,

Tony Young

They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old,
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn,
At the going down of the sun, and in the morning,
We will remember them.