

## Sick Parade.

If you know someone who is a bit crook,  
let us know so we can give them a shout out.



Bob Hambling (BH) got in touch, he said, A lot of blokes will remember **Bob White** (BW) who was a Radtech Air and who was commissioned sometime in the late 60's and eventually retired as a Group Capt. Earlier this year he was diagnosed with bowel cancer and could not obtain the required radiation and chemo treatment in the Coffs Harbour area where he now lives. He and wife Edith came to Brisbane for about a month for this treatment which knocked Bob around severely. After the chemo, he returned to Coffs for some home-recovery and then it was back to Brisbane for an operation to remove the tumour (3 Oct). BH says that the operation went better than they could expect and BW is very positive and hopes to be playing footy and surfing again by Christmas.

We all wish you well and a speedy recovery, Bob.

Steve Hartigan advises that:

1. **Roy "Nugget" Hibben** is seriously ill following a stroke. Nugget, who was awarded the Companion of the Distinguished Service Order, is well known to many. He served with 77 Sqn (Korea) flying Mustangs and was Commanding Officer of both 5 Sqn (Fairbairn) and 9 Sqn (South Vietnam May 69 – May 70) flying Iroquois. He is presently in Wollongong Hospital. As all will appreciate the family is rather preoccupied and have asked that their privacy be respected and no contact be made via the family home or the hospital at this stage.



The Hibben family has advised that Nugget has shown some improvement and is expected to be able to commence rehabilitation treatment in the near future.

Our thoughts and best wishes are with the family for Nugget's speedy recovery.

2. **Peter Drury** is also seriously ill and has been in intensive care at the St John of God hospital in Subiaco for some time now. Peter was with 9 Sqn in Vung Tau from Nov 1970 to Nov 1971. His illness resulted from a surgical procedure that unfortunately all went wrong and serious infection set in. Gus Gribble, who is the Treasurer with the RAAF Vietnam Veterans Association of WA tell us that it looks like Peter is now on the down hill run, as it looks like he is just starting to show the first signs of recovery.



Once again, our thoughts and best wishes are with the family for Peter's speedy recovery.

John Sambrooks advises that all round good bloke **Barry Sharman** suffered a heart attach on Saturday 18 October, and at the moment is resting comfortably in hospital. Barry's wife Lyn told John that Barry will undergo by-pass surgery on Wednesday 22 October. Barry was a sumpie and did two tours of Vietnam from Nov 65 to July 66 and again from Oct 68 to July 69.

Barry - we all wish you well and a speedy recovery.