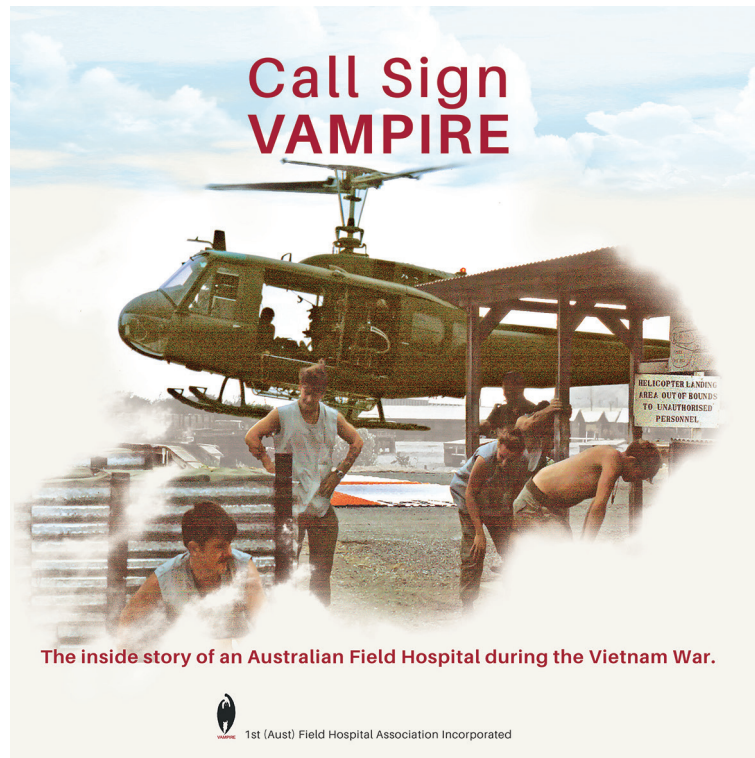


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Call Sign VAMPIRE

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The inside story of an Australian Field Hospital during the Vietnam War is told through a compilation of operational facts interspersed with the personal experiences of those who served and the patients who passed through the hospital doors into their care.

Call Sign VAMPIRE provides a window into the frenetic world of a military hospital in a war zone through evocative and sometimes confronting, imagery. In this environment time was of the essence and life often hung in the balance.

The wounded *"They were scared, frightened, shocked and they weren't coping. Generally, when the chopper landed, they weren't coping. No. They were in shock, incoherent and it was no good asking them what had happened, or where they'd been, because twenty minutes before they were in contact with the enemy....."* Ron Nolan

At 1 Australian Field Hospital the battle for life and limb was often challenging and intense.

Medical services provided by the hospital that the survival rate, for the wounded arriving at the hospital alive, was 99%. This success rate still stands today as a truly remarkable achievement.

Our book is a celebration of the dedication, temerity and care of a unique bunch of Australians, thrown together to get on with the job of treating the injured and wounded. A consequence of the Vietnam War.

Our hope is that the readers of **Call Sign VAMPIRE** gain an insight into what it meant to go to a war that polarised public opinion and impacted the physical and mental wellbeing of so many young soldiers and personnel dealing with the consequential casualties and despair.

We also hope that you come to understand that as young Australians we were so proud to have been part of a unit that, as Roger Nation remembers *"..... welded together to form a team of world class standard"* and why our camaraderie has continued to this day.

The Production Team

