

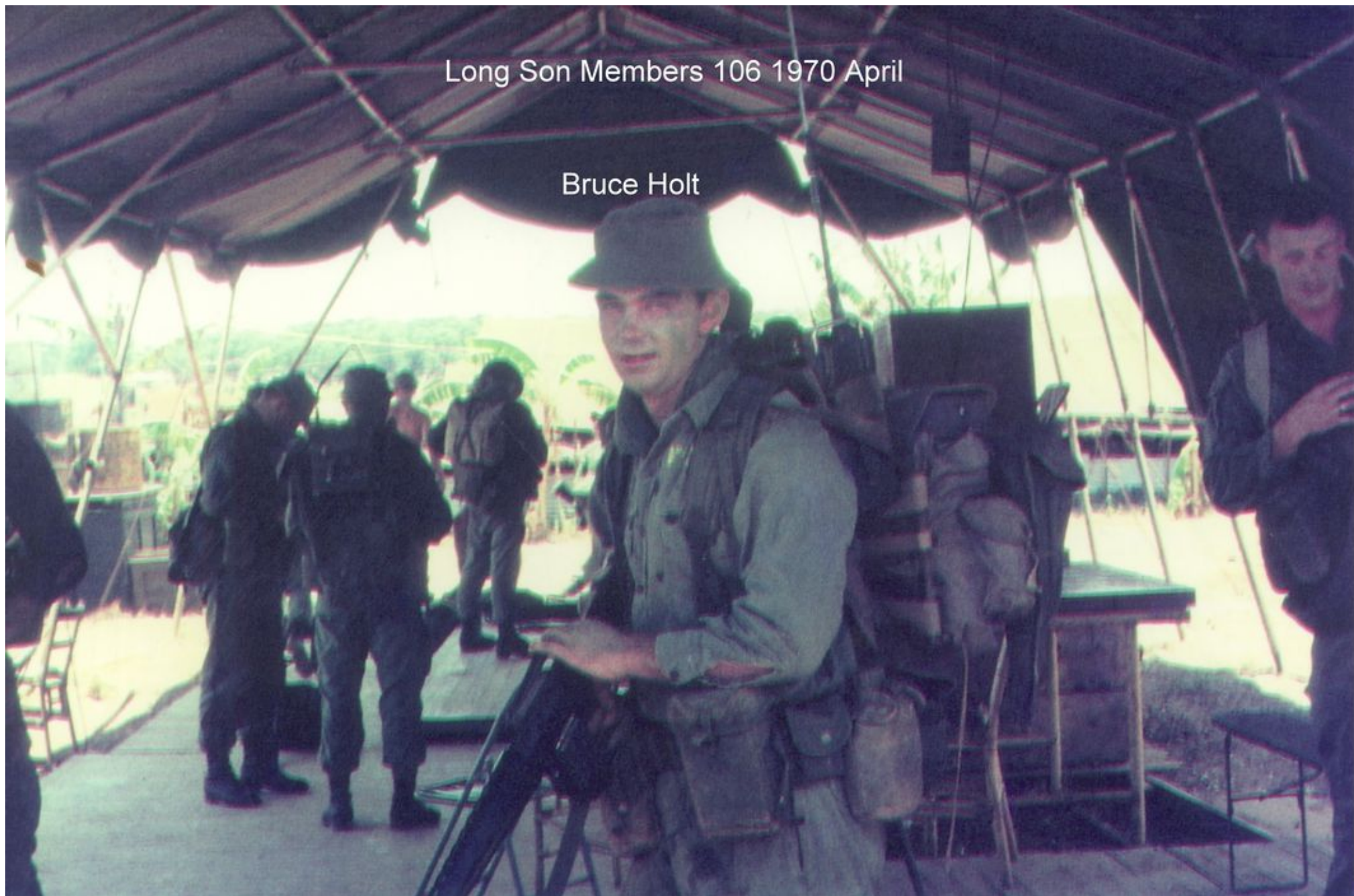
BRUCE HOLT

LONG SON MEMORIES

From SVN

Long Son Members 106 1970 April

Bruce Holt





Loading up for Long Son

Doug Goetze











Long Son









On way to long son





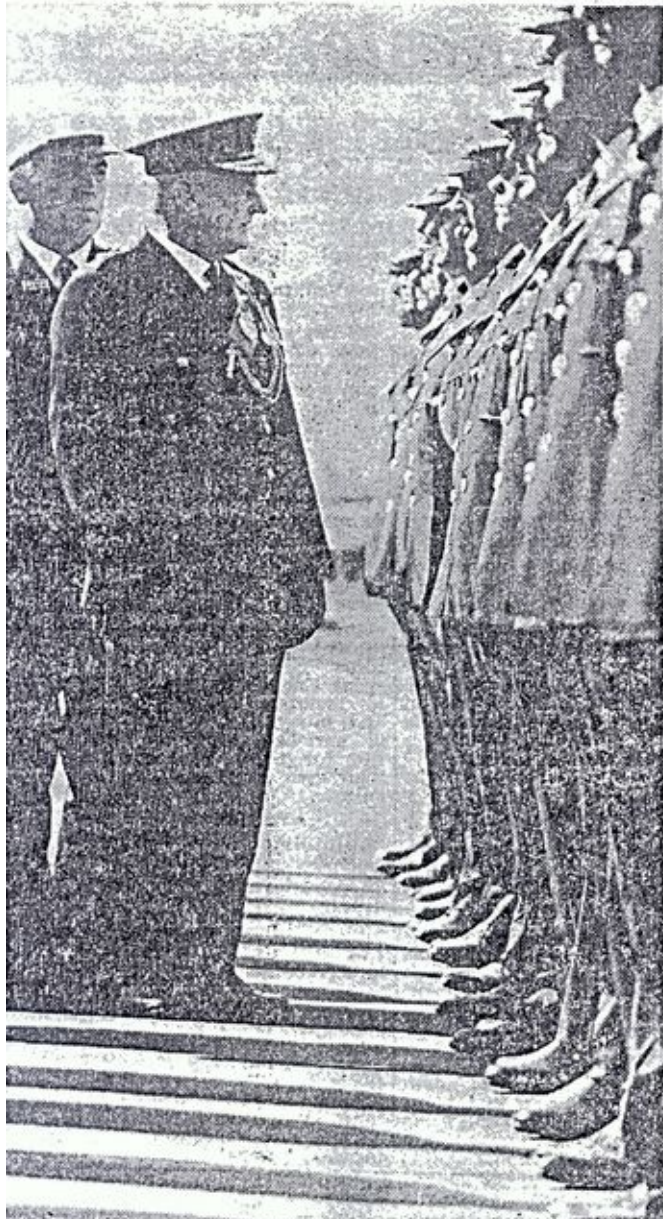
Bruce Holt 18th April 1970 Ready for Long Son





Bruce Holt Long Son island 23 April 1970 morning after contact





## AUST. TROOPS IN ACTION; KILL 4

SAIGON, Fri.—Australian troops have killed four Viet Cong and wounded a fifth in the past 24 hours in the Phuoc Tuy province.

The Viet Cong were killed in four separate skirmishes.

Soldiers of Alpha Company of the 7th Battalion opened fire on two Viet Cong as they moved along a dry creek bed about ten miles east of Nui Dat. They killed one, capturing a Chinese-manufactured AK47 rifle and a pistol.

The battalion's Bravo Company ambushed two Viet Cong moving near the River Rai, north-east of the task force base.

The Viet Cong fought back with rocket-propelled grenades and small-arms fire. One guerilla withdrew under fire, leaving the other man dead.

The first Viet Cong killed was the victim of a night ambush south-east of Nui Dat.

Early today members of the 7th Battalion killed a Viet Cong armed with an AK47 rifle.

Soldiers from the 6th Battalion yesterday returned to Nui Dat from a three-battalion operation to pack their bags for their return to Australia next month.

The 7th and 8th Battalions are continuing the operation, which is aimed at the destruction of a regional Viet Cong force.

### FOUR CAPTURED

Earlier this week a patrol of Australian army engineers and ordnance

engaged and a number of Viet Cong leapt out into the mangroves. Four were captured. Two of them had been wounded.

So far this month, Australian troops have killed 44 enemy and captured seven, taking 44 weapons.

In CANBERRA the names of four Australian soldiers wounded in action on Wednesday in Phuoc Tuy province were released.

The soldiers, members of the 7th Battalion, all received shrapnel wounds.

They are:— Pte A. J. Howarth, of East Dundas, N.S.W., condition satisfactory; Cpl. J. W. Lawson, of Hampton, Victoria; Pte R. J. Bye, of Lakemba, N.S.W.; and Lieut. K. Metcalf, of Minto, N.S.W.

A fifth soldier involved in the same incident, Pte R. E. Hughes, of Port Augusta, S.A., previously reported wounded and in a very serious condition, has died in hospital at Long Binh.

### More Americans

WASHINGTON, Fri: The population of the United States increased by 154,000 last month to an estimated 204,663,000, the Census Bureau said yesterday.—A.A.P.