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Major Karl Heinz Doehrmann RAA JP Retired.

Karl was born on 15th June 1933 in Freiburg-Breisgam (Black Forrest) Germany.

He was the son of Wilhelm & Margaretha Doehrmann. His father was the Conductor of the Southwest German Philharmonic Orchestra which led to Karl's love of classical music, which remained with him for the rest of his life.

A graduate chemical engineer from Isny-Allgau University in Bavaria, he worked in the oil industry from 1954 to 1958 for an American company in Libya. When he returned to Germany he was employed by American Express in Munich.

Karl married Joan on 3rd July 1959. They migrated to Australia in 1962 with two of their children.

Karl enlisted in the Australian Army in October 1963. He had a long and distinguished career in the Army, including two tours of duty in South Vietnam and was wounded in action in August 1966 just one day prior to the Battle of Long Tan. He was an Artillery Surveyor beyond renown and an excellent Sound Ranger. During his second tour of Vietnam Karl was recalled to Australia and commissioned as an Officer.

His many postings during his service included the School of Artillery at North Head as an Instructor and also in Development Wing. He was also posted as BK, 130 Gun Locating Battery RAA. He further served as a Staff Officer in Papua New Guinea from November 1970 till February 1974. Karl's last posting was as Officer Commanding, District Support Unit, Randwick NSW.

On retirement he was offered the position as Corrective Services Commissioner for NSW. There would be a lot of prisoners letting out a sigh of relief that he didn't take on this role.

He died in the North Gosford Private Hospital on Monday 10th August 2009. He is survived by his wife Joan and his three children, Bianca, Michael and Margrit.

Major Karl Doehrmann was well known throughout the Royal Regiment of Australian Artillery. His comrades will miss him and we are poorer for his loss.

To Joan and his family we extend our sympathies for the loss of your husband and father.

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Kevin R. Maker JP, Kevin Browning OAM & Margrit Dutton compiled this tribute.