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PATRON OF THE REGIMENT'S NATIONAL MEMORIAL WALK

Major General Stuart Smith AO, DSC

From the Presidents Desk, August 2016



Our Facebook Group is up and running with over 470 members, friends and families already registered. It has assisted many members to find old friends and there have been numerous comments and articles posted so I encourage you to have a look and to join up.

It has been another busy year for all the Committee Members of The RARA (QLD).

We have finally paid off the funding Grants, from both the State and Federal Governments, for the Eternal Flame and for the localised, aluminiumised pews for the Contemplation Building. In fact the Flame has been burning on a number of occasions.

In addition we have received formal approval from the Brisbane City Council that they have agreed to re-name a very large and an appropriate section of Ferguson Park, along Samford Road just opposite the Barracks, and to re-name it as "The Royal Australian Regiment Place". We have successfully submitted a grant submission to the Department of Veterans' Affairs for \$44,000.00 to cover the costs of erecting a Memorial Wall within the Place. That money is now in our account and we are trying to liaise with the Council representatives to get the project going in the right direction.

Today, 27 July 2016, we had a very successful "YULETIDE IN JULY" which was organised by Dave McDonald. It was held at the Samford Valley Hotel and about 27 people turned up. There was no fixed meal and members could arrange their own main course and deserts.

We have the Annual General Meeting coming up on Saturday week, 6 August 2016, at the Old Commander's Officers Mess. It should commence at about 11.30 am but it will be preceded by a meeting of The Royal Australian Regiment Association (QLD), which will then be followed by a meeting of The RARA (QLD) Council.

We encourage all members of The Regiment to join their battalion Associations, as well as The RAR Association (Queensland). We simply need your email address so that we can keep you informed on what is happening, especially what the DFWA and ADSO are doing since the Federal election.

Just contact our Secretary, Greg Decker: secretary.rarassociationqld@gmail.com.

THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN REGIMENT ASSOCIATION(QLD) INC

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2016

Notice is hereby given that all Committee positions will be declared vacant at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Association to be held at approx. 1200 hours Saturday 06 August 2016 at COMD Mess Conf Centre, Gallipoli Barracks, Enoggera, Qld, 4051.

Members attending are asked to arrive at 1030 hours to enjoy morning tea and check their financial status. Only financial members are permitted to vote or stand for election. If you wish to nominate yourself or another person for a position on the Committee, complete the Nomination Form, and submit your form in the prescribed manner.

0900 hrs RARQ Management Committee Meeting

1030 hrs Morning Tea

1130 hrs Council Meeting (All Welcome)

1200hrs AGM RARQ Association

For further enquiries and anyone without a pass who is attending needs to advise the Secretary so he can organise entry.

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LEAD, FOLLOW OR GET OUT OF THE WAY

DUTY FIRST

The Editor acknowledges the support provided by Ray Payne of Veteran's Web, Mick Toal of Duty First, RARA Q Facebook, George Mansford and the Editor of the 6 RAR Assn News "Stand To".

PASSING OUT PARADE 2016



*We honour those
members who have
gone before us*



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Vale Keith Patrick Jordan

On behalf of the 2nd Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment Association we acknowledge the passing of our esteemed comrade Corporal Keith Patrick Jordan. Keith served in 2RAR Malaya 1955-57.

Keith, thank you for your service.

Rest in Peace.

Leo Van De Kamp President 2RAR Association, Inc

RIP Pepe 4th July.

It is with sadness and shock that we advise of the passing of 38808 Garry (Pepe) William Prendergast in the early hours of this morning in John Flynn Hospital on the Gold Coast. Pepe has been in hospital, but this was not an expected outcome. For many years Pepe has been a driving force behind the annual Coral Reunions and maintained an email network for 1RAR 2nd Tour members.

RIP: 29060 WARRANT-OFFICER CLASS 2 THOMAS DEREK NICOL, 2RAR, HQ 1ATF. Sad news from Bob Wallace on the passing of Tom Nicol 20/07/16 at Narrabeen NSW of associated causes. Tom served in Korea and was a veteran of the Battle of the HOOK. Korea (Pte) -17 March 1953 to 11 November 1953

Vale Joe Szabo

Ex Niners & Partners who today attended the Final Patrol for 217752 Joseph George Szabo, WTRFW (AKA Charlie) Coy, 9RAR, condolences to Susana & Family RIP Joe!

Vale RSM Harry E Smith

Sadly we have been advised of the passing on, 2nd June, of 52745 WO1 Henry (Harry) Edward Smith (Rtd). Harry was CSM B COY 1RAR during the first tour of Vietnam.

Sad News from Klaus aka Tank Scheuermann 8 RAR Assn: Harry passed away at Greenslopes Hospital on Thursday 2 June.

Those who attended our association 40th Birthday in 2006 may recall that cold Canberra morning as we all stood outside Olims Hotel shivering, during a brief flag raising where Harry raised the old 8 RAR flag from the balcony of the hotel. He concluded by telling us in a voice mimicking young Mr Grace (from Are You Being Served), that **'We had all done very well'**. As a point of interest, as our last RSM, Harry was the last person to lower the 8 RAR flag back in Oct 1973, prior to the linking of 8 & 9 RAR.

Harry turned 90 in March. Unfortunately he took ill a few weeks ago and deteriorated very quickly.

His humour and dry wit will be sorely missed.



Australian Vietnam War dead Returned.

A repatriation ceremony was held in Malaysia for the remains of 32 Australian servicemen who died in the Vietnam War. The coffins, each draped with an Australian flag, were loaded onto a military plane by Malaysian officers at Subang Air Base on Tuesday morning, as they made the journey to their final resting place.

The 32 servicemen and civilians who were buried in Malaysia's Terendak Military Cemetery, along with the first Australian to die in the Vietnam War, who was buried in Singapore's Kranji Cemetery, are being returned to Australia under the government-funded program. Families of the servicemen and civilians gathered for a private service at the Richmond Royal Australian Air Force Base, before 33 hearses made their way to western Sydney, followed by burial in their home states.

NSW Detective Superintendent Gavin Dengate said. 'The repatriation was about remembering those who fought, endured and died to serve their country'. In May last year, the then-Prime Minister Tony Abbott announced that the government would pay for the repatriation of the bodies. He said the Malaysian government had tended the graves at Terendak with respect but their location in the middle of a military base meant family access was restricted.

The program means Australians killed in the Vietnam War now received equal repatriation treatment, following non-retrospective changes to the law in 1966 that stipulated bodies of battlefield casualties be returned to Australia for burial, the Department of Veterans Affairs said.

After Thursday's private ceremony at the Richmond air base, police formed a green light corridor to allow the procession of the 33 hearses to pass through the Parramatta CBD and western Sydney.

The public were given the opportunity to pay their respects and view the funeral procession as it passed through Parramatta. between 12.45pm and 1.15pm.

Re-interment services were conducted across the country in the weeks that followed.



Darwin suburb to be named after Corporal Reg Hillier

PHILLIPPA BUTT, NT News

Reg Hillier was the only Territorian to die on active service in the Vietnam War, and he was farewelled at two funeral services. The Chief Minister Adam Giles has called for a future new suburb, which does not yet exist, to be named Hillier, after the Digger.

In June 1965, Corporal Hillier accompanied 1st Battalion, the Royal Australian Regiment, to Vietnam as a section commander in B Company. He was killed in action on November 29 that year. Only a few days after his death, his father, also named Reg, began the process to get his body returned to Adelaide River. Vietnam Veterans Association NT vice-president Bob Shewring continued the battle with the Government. "We've been fighting for a long time to convince the Chief Minister that (naming a suburb after Reg Hillier) is a good idea," Mr Shewring said.

"When the next suburb is established, it will be fitting that it will be called Hillier in recognition of the only NT Vietnam vet who was killed in service to his country."

Services for Reg Hillier were held at the Christ Church Cathedral, Smith St, and a re-interment was held at the Adelaide River War Cemetery.

Digger finally comes home

The remains of Sergeant Ronald Carroll, a Digger killed in Vietnam, were laid to rest in the Perth War Cemetery in Smyth Road last week. It was the first military funeral at the Nedlands war graves in more than 40 years. He now lies beside four other Australians killed in the same conflict - special permission had to be given to have their bodies interred there.

A former Special Air Service Regiment trooper, Sergeant Carroll left Australia 48 years ago and was killed in action at Bien Hoa Province on August 4, 1968, while serving with D Company 3rd Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment (3 RAR).

Sergeant Carroll was one of 33 soldiers killed in that war whose bodies were originally buried in Malaysia and Singapore.

His remains were among those of 21 Vietnam veterans repatriated from Terendak Military Cemetery in Malaysia recently.

A burial party from 3 RAR in Townsville and former military mates who served with him in Vietnam took part in the burial service, which was also attended by members of his family.

Apart from the five graves for those killed in Vietnam and 16 from World War I, the other 476 graves are from World War II.

ANZAC DAY 2016

SERVICE AT THE HEROES GRAVE MEMORIAL GARDENS, KUCHING

Anzac Day 2016 was the fiftieth anniversary of the arrival of the main body of the Fourth Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment (4 RAR) in Kuching, Capital of the East Malaysian State of Sarawak, at the commencement of its tour of duty in the defence of Malaysia against Indonesian aggression ('Confrontation'). A party of 4 RAR veterans, accompanied by some wives and children and totalling over forty, attended an Anzac Day Service held at the Heroes' Graves Memorial Gardens in Kuching, where a memorial tree was planted and a plaque listing the Battalion's six men who died in the conflict was unveiled. In total, twenty three young Australians died during the Confrontation.

The general outline of activities provided the party with free time before and after the official program. On 23 April, the gathered party had a welcoming dinner at the Pullman Hotel and met those Malaysians who were to accompany us during the trip – Mr Lim from the Sarawak Tourism Federation who had been our contact with government agencies prior to the trip, and Mr Roger Chan of the Australian Business Centre, our local coordinator and contact with the local media. Both these men had wide contacts with government and business in Sarawak and opened many doors for us. Our guide, Michael, was accredited by Sarawak Tourism and a graduate of Adelaide University.



On 24 April, the party travelled by bus to the Bau District, in which 4 RAR operated in 1966. The township of Bau was the location of our headquarters and the reserve company. Following a brief stop in Bau, we then went to our forward company locations at Kampung Gumbang, Stass and Bokah. These visits were amongst the highlights of our trip.

After a long, hot and tiring but very enjoyable day we headed back to Kuching. All were amazed at the welcome we had received but the most outstanding memory was of the locals thanking us for coming to their aid during their hour of need.

On Anzac Day, the service at the Memorial Gardens was followed by a courtesy visit to the Astana (palace) of the State Governor (Sarawak does not have a Sultan as most of the West Malaysian states have). We then had the privilege of being the Governor's guests at a luncheon in our honour, followed by a photo session with the Governor and his wife in the Audience Hall.

Our itinerary on 26 April included a visit to the Semenggoh Nature Reserve, a large area of primary rainforest some forty five minutes' drive out of Kuching, where we were fortunate enough to see two female Orang Utans with their babies feeding and moving freely in this sanctuary. In the afternoon, we journeyed to a resort area at Pantai (beach) Damai on the coast. Here is located the Sarawak Cultural Village, which contains a number of traditional buildings, displays of traditional crafts and a theatre where traditional dancing is performed.



The two wreath layers are WO1 (Retd) Rod Lees OAM and Brigadier (Retd) Rod Curtis AM MC, both of whom served with C Coy 4 RAR. Rod Curtis was awarded his MC for an action in Sarawak





A Summary of the Experience

All members of the party came home with a profound sense of gratitude at the hospitality and friendliness shown to us by all with whom we came into contact. We enjoyed Kuching's atmosphere and particularly the warm welcome we faced in our former area of operations. One overarching memory, however, is the genuine expression of thanks that we continually received everywhere we went for our service in Sarawak in their time of need. As professional soldiers, we had probably never thought of this perspective. I visited a Chinese primary school with Mr Chan and even here, the principal offered the same thanks (during the obligatory photo session). At the hotel, the two Iban security men, both having served in the Royal Malaysian Navy, enquired whether I was a veteran and having confirmed that I was, both shook my hands and saluted me in thanks for my service.

LtCol (Ret'd) Brian Avery

Fifty Years On

It was a gathering for the 50th year
Some old soldier on meeting after such time shed a tear
Common was the greeting "Giddy ya ugly bastards, have a beer"
Far different from today's political correctness, I fear

Smiling faces, strong embraces and excitement said it all
To be again with old comrades, one and all
No matter the genes, religion or lack of it, be it yours or mine
All were beloved brothers who had stood the test of time

Was it so long ago when we did dare
In swamps, paddy fields and smothering jungle every where
When we dreamed of distant futures so far away
Yet tonight as we reflect, it seems such thoughts were only yesterday

Now as the Gathering grows, it makes you feel so young
To hear once more the laughter and familiar songs we sung
Recalling the funny times despite those terrible days so grim
The joy of joshing old mates for past mischief, especially him and him

Gone the howling scream above and then deafening fiery blast
Absent is the cruel metal, whirring, humming; there's silence at last
No more the waiting game and "There's been a change of plans"
Now it's "Drink your bloody beer and keep up if you can"

Time marches on and many chairs are empty; all is so quiet
The light is fading and soon will come the lonely unknown night
Yet always will be the memories until that final hour
Of a powerful and noble loving brotherhood which was ours
George Mansford ©June 2015

Standing Proud and Tall- Fifty Years On

Each year there are gatherings throughout our nation to reflect on our commitment to the Vietnam War. These services coincide with the battle of Long Tan which is used as a focal point for this long and bloody campaign.

No matter when or where our military served in Vietnam, Long Tan represented the challenges, dangers and indomitable spirit of our Armed Forces who held high the ANZAC torch. The battle was a clear example of mateship and team work including all Arms and Services that supported the gallant D Coy, 6 RAR.

Long Tan demonstrated the battle discipline, stubbornness and defiance of the ordinary soldier when confronted with what seemed impossible odds. This page of history was synonymous in character with all clashes during the war, big or small from the very sharp tip of the spear to the dedicated Florence Nightingales waiting for the Dust Off helicopters to arrive with a new wave of casualties

Nor should history neglect the dedicated families during those years who kept the home fires burning despite anxiety and sleepless nights, dreading an unwelcome knock on the door by a grim faced messenger of death

Now in our life's journey we have arrived at the 50 year marker since Long Tan. It is time to remember those who did not come home and so many who thought they had. It is a time to recall so many comrades who have since joined them. It is a time to remind all younger generations of the terrible cost of war, during and long after the last shot has been fired.

It is a time for Politicians to revise their policies in regards those who have served their nation no matter when or where and a time for all veterans from yesterday to be together once more, standing tall and proud.

From George Mansford

The Association is "Keeping the Spirit Alive". It recognises that the Regiment's binding force is that welded by its men who in serving Australia in the Regiment developed an esprit de corps, second to none, for its living and its dead. The Association fosters and keeps that spirit alive through caring for each other in mateship and in remembrance of those who died and are memorialised in the Regiment's National Memorial Walk.

National Memorial Walk

Curator's Report



Report Monday 25 July 2016

A brilliant day with a touch of coolness in the air but fantastic to work in! A top mob of DA men turned up and spruced the Walk up magnificently! Mowing is now back on the agenda as a weekly task and Rod Wyatt took advantage of the time to hone his skills as the regular driver of the ride on mower because Big Pete will be off for a few weeks causing Rod to 'step up to the plate'!

You wouldn't know there was a major incident recently with a fallen white gum as the area is all cleaned up and the only thing missing is the new trees yet to be planted once bought! The area there is actually quite open to the sun now, so more water is required to keep the other new trees 'happy'!

Such was the dedication of all those men who just 'dug in' and got the rehab job done asap!

There was trimming of hedges as well as edges done and the last slip rail was repaired and painted up in the Korean area. Arthur was back blowing the leaves to bits as was Owen in the Contemplation building doing what he does best while Paul (the not so cripple now) was busy making preparation for the installation of the Touch Screen Plaque Navigator at the back thereof!

The shed boys were down their 'boss' as he's recovering from a shoulder operation, but there still appeared to be a lot of work done down there!

Myself and all of the other 8 RAR blokes will be absent for between 1 and 3 weeks because of the Battalion's 50th Birthday celebrations being held in Canberra in the week leading up to the 8th of August!

I personally will be absent for 3 weeks and I've asked Rod (the photographer) to send his pics each week to Dave to send out to you and also to Trevor Dixon (who posts this report on Facebook each week) to post the pics at least. I'd like to keep that going as one day the younger Members/Veterans of the Regiment may find the Facebook page and follow it each week, thus giving them a better insight as to the goings on at the Walk!

As a result of my absence I will also not be able to attend the upcoming RARQ AGM on the 6th of August, so this email is also my report for that meeting as well as for the Spirit! I have advised the Secretary of RARQ (Greg) that I will stand for Curator again if no one else wants to do it!

The Walk in the last 12 months has been expertly managed and nurtured by an extremely dedicated band of brothers collectively called "Dads' Army" and I am honoured to be their leader as they turn up when they can on a Monday morning and give their All to preserving the beauty and peacefulness of this solemn area we affectionately call the "Walk"!

I cannot thank them enough and my words of gratitude I bestow on them each week are NOT just words - I mean it every single time Men and Therese!

The Walk certainly has changed over the years thanks mainly to the foresight and subsequent energy and dedication from Greg Decker who has raised and overseen projects which have enhanced the Walk to such a degree that it is such a joy to behold and maintain the end results such as the new retaining wall in front of the Contemplation building!

We are coping ok at present but a sad fact of life is that we are all getting a tad older and some of the 'heavy' tasks are getting harder to do, so one can only hope that the Battalions will come on stream in the future and join us on a Monday morning offering younger muscles to help us to continue to keep the Walk maintained satisfactorily for our Fallen Mates for all time!

End of Quarterly Report!!

- "Keep your gunpowder dry" - Cheers and Thanks again Men! Paul (Wombat) Gallagher - Curator

THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN REGIMENT - NATIONAL MEMORIAL WALK

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Kilcoy Race Club 3rd Annual Veterans Race Day Saturday, 20 August 2016

The RAR Volunteer Group (aka Kilcoy Diggers) will again be there to assist KRC in the conduct of another Kilcoy Community country race day. On the day, races will be named to reflect the past, recent and on going commitment & service of the Australian Defence Force (ADF)

If you can assist as a volunteer, note the following information:

- from Wed 17 Aug arrive Kilcoy
- Thu 18 Aug - Fri 19 Aug, set up race track facilities (time out taken for Long Tan/Viet Vets Commemoration)
- Assist with conduct of Veterans Race Day/then refurbish facilities
- Lunch provided on Fri 19 & Sat 20 Aug
- 'Free' full camping facilities for volunteers

Limited free camping available for patrons from (1500 Fri 19 Aug to 1200 Sun 21 Aug)

- **BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL - and MUST BE MADE VIA ME** roshjura2@gmail.com M 0419656956

50th Anniversary Long Tan Concert Sunday 21 August 2016

DAK's & Other Friends We'll be going to this concert on Sunday 21 August in Brisbane, and you may like to make a night of it as a DAK group with a block booking? Also, we may do dinner/drinks before, after or both for a night out in the Big Smoke? Con & Jenny Searle will be joining us!

Welcome your thoughts about it and we'll do a block booking for the concert, then discuss the before & after at a later time PLEASE RSVP YEA OR NAE ASAP Regards Rod & Julie

Dad's Army Kilcoy Races

DAK's Volunteers are encouraged to bring along new members. New volunteers do not have to be members of the RAR or indeed, they do not have to be ex-military, so long as they are compatible with the basic DAK philosophy of:

- *happy to work with a like minded group of crocks
- *don't work above or beyond their ability
- *are not too prone to delusions of grandeur
- *are mostly very sociable
- *are able to contribute to the DAK 'ethos'

If you are able to get a group together, your efforts will earn a donation for your Association, Club or Charity (must be military oriented). Even if you can only help out on race day, please let me know as to your availability or contact me for further information. Finally, I ask you to distribute this information widely as you see fit.

DAK Co-Ordinator, Rod Slater 0419 656 956 roshjura2@gmail.com

Never share a fox hole with anyone braver than you.

- 18th June, 1953 -

On this day in Australian military history Australian prisoners of war of the Korean War were released at Panmunjon.

Thirty Australians were taken prisoner in Korea; one of these died while in captivity.



Picture: Four Australian former prisoners-of-war (POWs) at the POW Reception Camp after repatriation from Korea. Left to right: Private R. Parker, 3rd Battalion, the Royal Australian Regiment (3RAR), captured at the Battle of Kapyong; Private A. Poole, 3RAR, captured 25 January 1953; Corporal D. P. Buck, 3RAR, captured 21 January 1951 (the first Australian POW) and Private V. E. O'Brien, 3RAR, captured 25 January 1953.

VETERAN RESEARCH CALLING FOR PARTICIPANTS

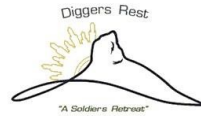
Gallipoli Medical Research Foundation is now calling for participants for its next study, as part of the Veteran Mental Health Initiative. This study will focus on understanding the process of reintegration and psychological adjustment to civilian life following military service.



The study is seeking ex-service personnel who have discharged from the military in the last 10 years, and partners of ex-service personnel who have discharged within the last 10 years, to participate in this research. Participation will include a one-off interview or focus group, and participants can be located throughout Australia. If you or someone you know may be interested, contact the research team on (07) 3394 7657 or PTSD.GMR@ramsayhealth.com.au to discuss participation.

Right: Dad's Army volunteers and partners celebrating Christmas in July at Samford Tavern.

RSL Qld Backs Digger's Rest —A Soldiers Retreat—

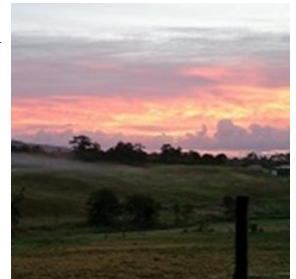


RSL (Queensland Branch) is proud to announce our support of Digger's Rest - 'A Soldiers Retreat'. The Retreat, set on 22 acres in the Sunshine Coast hinterland, provides

a place for respite for current and former ADF members and their families, as well as basic emergency accommodation and camping facilities for those in need of immediate or short-term assistance.

Through these services Digger's Rest - 'A Soldiers Retreat' is meeting a need among the veteran community for a place to take time away from the daily grind of life, which is particularly resonating well with contemporary veterans. Find out more on [their website](#) and [Facebook page](#).

Or Phone Mob: 0488280884 Beerwah Qld



Dad's Army Guides (DAG's) Wanted

The RAR Assn QLD are seeking support from members who may be interested in becoming a DAG!

Duties of the DAG's are basically to give a small presentation and escort various groups who visit the RAR National Memorial Walk at Gallipoli Barracks ENOGGERA.

The benefit of being a DAG is you are able to select a date in advance and your assistance helps take the pressure off the usual one or two members who always turn up to assist. As a member of the DAG's, you won't need to come into the NMW every week, only on selected occasions. There is one particular activity - 7 BDE Work Experience for Schools that has nominated dates as shown : 30 Aug, 27 Sep, 25 Oct, 29 Nov Timings 1300 1430 IF any interested members or unit association members would like to assist please contact Dave McDonald at: 0458 943 212 or email dasue@optusnet.com.au



The Queen's Birthday Honours List 2016



MEMBER (AM) IN THE MILITARY DIVISION OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA

Brigadier Christopher Antony FIELD CSC, Qld For exceptional service to the Australian Army as the Chief Operations and Plans, Queensland Reconstruction Authority in 2011, and as the Chief of Staff of Headquarters Forces Command from 2012. Brigadier Field has consistently and without compromise contributed to the Australian Army as the Chief of Operations and Plans, Queensland Reconstruction Authority; and as the Chief of Staff, Headquarters Forces Command. His exceptional planning, communication and leadership skills ensured the establishment of extensive networks that have enhanced the success of the organisations he has worked with. He has had a significant impact on the transformation and modernisation of Forces Command.

MEDAL (OAM) OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA IN THE MILITARY DIVISION

Australian Army Major Wayne Joseph GIDDINGS, ACT For meritorious service as the Staff Officer Grade 2 Soldier Combat Ensemble and Engagement, Land Systems Division and as the Staff Officer Grade 2 Separations, Directorate of Soldier Career Management - Army. Major Giddings deep professional knowledge, ethical decision making and dedication to duty have seen him achieve outstanding outcomes for Army in the development of enhanced soldier combat systems, and in the management of Army's most complex and sensitive soldier separation cases. Major Giddings' exceptional leadership, his embodiment of Army's values and dedication to duty represent the very best traditions of the Australian Army and the Australian Defence Force

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"The Spirit" — Your RAR Association Qld Newsletter, recalling and celebrating your service in Australia, Korea, Malaya, Borneo, Vietnam, Singapore, RCB Malaysia, Rwanda, Cambodia, Somalia, East Timor, Timor Lest, Bougainville, Solomon Islands, Iraq, and Afghanistan. Duty First



The Flags Vung Tau South Vietnam

The “FLAGS” was a good meeting place in the center of Vung Tau...

For the troops, Vung Tau was the port of arrival in South Vietnam, the place from which supplies and mail came, the home of a well-equipped hospital, and the place from which they began the much-anticipated trip home. During their tour it was also somewhere to get away from the war during brief periods of rest and convalescence (R & C). The Peter Badcoe Club, named for Major Peter Badcoe, VC, provided recreational facilities, including the Harold Holt Memorial Pool where men could cool off in the tropical heat. The nearby beach, complete with surf-lifesaving club, proved another popular swimming place and venue for inter-unit competitions.

Vung Tau was also popular with the Americans and large numbers of Australian and American servicemen patronised the numerous bars and cafes in the town. Military Police and naval Shore Patrols monitored the curfew and regularly visited the various ‘drinking holes’ to rescue or restrain servicemen when necessary. It was rumoured that the VC also used Vungers for R & C.

Thanks To Bob Meehan Gold Coast War Museum



Squizzy Swaysland finally pulled the pin after many years service in the Regiment. Seen here celebrating his retirement with several former members of 5/7 RAR at the Grand Central Hotel Brisbane.

“Something to Think About”

From Bob Meehan Gold Coast War Museum

Roy “NOBBY” Dittman is a mate of mine, we served together in Delta Company 4 RAR, both in Townsville and Vietnam, We spoke today on the phone. Nobby told me that the last few years had been difficult for him. His wife died earlier this year and their daughter died last year from an autoimmune disease. Despite all of that and his memories of Vietnam, Nobby is an engaging and very likeable individual. I would like to present a poem his daughter wrote some years ago about her ‘experience’ of the Vietnam War. With Nobby’s permission, I have included it here for you and in testament to all of those wives, mothers, children and family members who suffered with our Vets as they navigated coming home from conflicts around the world. There is certainly a ripple effect and another reminder of why we say each year, ‘Lest we forget’.

I am The Strangest Veteran of a War I Did Not Fight

(By Bronwyn E Dittman)

For those who served in Vietnam and my dad was one of them, who never left the war behind but brought it home with them.

The pain, the fear, the anger
That they were all forced to feel
Came home with them as luggage
A burden too large to bare.
Why is daddy so sad?
Have I been bad or done something wrong?
Why won't he look at me?
I feel I don't belong
What makes him look so far away?
What haunts him in his thoughts?
If I were just a better child, and never made a fuss
Do you think that that would bring Daddy back to us?
What have I done to make him turn away and cry
I would give up everything to know the reason why
He is laying on the bed right now
Just staring at the wall
My Mum just says everything is fine
Just go outside and play
But I see the pain that's in her eyes
I know she is telling lies
I know that in my deepest soul
The fault is all of mine
Why won't my Daddy smile and cuddle me?
As I grew up and learnt about the ghosts that haunt my Dad
The horrors seen in battle in some far off distant land
Still doesn't give me solace for the child in me feels blame
Though never have I served in war or been to Vietnam
I still feel and suffer from the pain that war brought home
To see my Dad wake up at night screaming from bad dreams
To know there are things that haunt him still
That I will never know
Leaves me with my burden of seeing
My Daddy hurt so.

2 RAR SECOND TO NONE

THE BATTALION REPORT

The Battalion will lay-up their old colours in the All Saints Chapel at Lavarack Barracks in September. In conjunction with the Laying-up, the Battalion will exercise its right of Freedom of the City of Townsville which will be conducted on The Strand and there will be a Battalion Ball as well. All over 3 days. No word yet on what celebrations are planned for Battalion Birthday, if any.

Current CO will be posted out at the end of the year. New CO is named but no indication of the current CO's posting.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the Association is open to any person who has served in 2 RAR after 16th October 1945; past members of 66 Bn AMF; 2 RAR; 2/4 RAR; 2 RAR/NZ (ANZAC); 2 RAR MTF 3; and all ranks currently serving in 2 RAR.

Classes of Members: Ordinary, Associate, Honorary & Life

AGM, COMMEMORATION & REUNION 2016

The AGM will be held on Sat 29 October 2016 in the ANZAC Room Tweed Heads & Coolangatta RSL, the Commemoration Service at Chris Cunningham Park (under shade), and the Annual Reunion at Twin Towns Services Club.

2 RAR HEADS FOR LARGEST MARITIME EXERCISE

Townsville soldiers once again found their sea legs as they embarked in one of the Navy's largest vessels to participate in Exercise Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) off the coast of Hawaii. Troops and vehicles from 2 RAR boarded the landing helicopter dock HMAS Canberra for a 3 month deployment during which the ship will take part in her first international exercise.

Twenty-seven nations, 45 ships, 5 submarines, more than 200 aircraft and 25,000 personnel will participate in the exercise, which runs until August 4.

RIMPAC 2016 is the 25th exercise in a series that began in 1971.

Editor's Note; Somebody said to me the other day that I had it wrong it should be: "Second To One"

"Second to None" Deployed to Malaya 1955

On 2nd April 1955 the Prime Minister announced that 3,500 servicemen would be sent to Malaya. The 2nd Battalion main body of 800 men arrived in Malaya on MV Georgic on 19th October 1955 just one of 134 different units from the Commonwealth that served in the 12 year period.

An estimated 1000 guerrillas remained in the jungle from a 1950 total of 11,000. The second Battalion became part of the 28th British Commonwealth Brigade along with the 3rd Malay Regiment and 1st Royal Scots Fusiliers. In the early years the Malayan Communist Party (MCP) leaders ordered atrocities against the Malay population. It is believed this violent approach by the MPC was one aspect that contributed to a British/Malay victory.

"Then, after a short acclimatization period at Minden Barracks and a 2 day patrol in the jungle of Penang to sharpen the troops skills, in January 1956 2RAR proceeded to the Malay mainland and commenced operations in Kedah for a short time and then to Perak where the MCP were most active. The patrols can only be described as frustrating and debilitating. The Malayan jungle was some of the most formidable in the world, completely shutting out the sun and sky, creating a stifling humid heat. In some places a patrol would cover a mile in about four hours and in some cases where thick bamboo was encountered, even longer. Each soldier had to take turns chopping away with a machete. Huge fallen trees needed to be climbed over and fast running streams forded, every effort taxed the overheated body to the limit and was only eased by small sips of water from a small water bottle. The weight you carried in food and ammunition varied but was always excessive and caused exhaustion.

The medics conducted sick parades and treated everything from cuts, abrasions, lancing boils, tinea, blisters and bullet wounds. There were additional hazards such as malaria, scrub-typhus, jaundice, dysentery, jungle ulcers, prickly heat, foot rot and ringworm and then there was the enemy. Medical equipment was basic, with some supplies like sutures and needles, scalpels and other instruments. We had to fight for morphine which we eventually received, calamine lotion was a cure all as was iodine and antibiotics."

The lot of an infantryman was forever thus.

Leo Van De Kamp President 2RAR Association, Inc

Second To None... Reunion

"This is an early warning to advise that a 2RAR reunion is planned for 18-20 May 2017 to be held in Brisbane. All those who have served with 2RAR and 2/4RAR and their families are invited to attend. Full details will be distributed in due course and will also be made available on the 2RAR Association website www.2rar-association.com.au "

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ADSO ALLIANCE OF DEFENCE SERVICE ORGANISATIONS

ADSO REPORT: POST FEDERAL ELECTION 2016 – VETERANS: THE FORGOTTEN FORCE?

ADSO which exists to protect your service entitlements is being ignored and forgotten.

This is evidenced by the fact that our [2016-2017 ADSO Policies and Objectives](http://adso.org.au/images/ADSO_Policy_Objectives_AL3_18Apr16.pdf) document, (http://adso.org.au/images/ADSO_Policy_Objectives_AL3_18Apr16.pdf), released to all Politicians and Parties in April 2016 with a request to tell us their policies in relation to our objectives and release others they intend to include in their 2016 Election Veterans' Policies statement did not draw any response from the major parties until days before the election: ALP 15 days and LNP 7 days. And then both parties ignored our major issues: Restoring veterans' disability payment obligations; and removing the discriminatory provisions of military superannuation schemes.

Here is our policies comparison. We have compared the Parties released veteran policies to our ADSO objectives in this Status Table.

VETERAN POLICY STATUS: 29 JUNE - ELECTION DAY - 3

ADSO Objective	Comment	LNP	ALP	Greens	Jacque Lambie Network (JLN)	Veterans Party (ADVP)	Australian Liberty Alliance (ALA)	Katter's Australian Party (KAP)	Nick Xenophon Team (NXT)
1	DVA Culture & Processes	Yellow	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Red	Yellow
2	Veterans Disability Payments	Red	Red	Yellow	Green	Green	Green	Red	Red
3	Military Super	Red	Red	Yellow	Green	Green	Green	Green	Red
4	Military Covenant	Red	Red	Red	Green	Green	Green	Red	Red
5	Homeless Veterans	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Green	Green	Red	Red
6	Life Cycle Health	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Green	Green	Red	Red
7	Mefloquine & Tafenoquine Toxicity	Yellow	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Red	Red

	About 70% or more of ADSO objective/s adopted in announced veteran policy or written commitment given to implement or review.
	About 50 - 70% of ADSO objective/s adopted in announced veteran policy or written commitment given to implement or review.
	Less than 50% adopted and/or NO Veteran Policy announced - AS OF TODAY'S DATE

The Election result means further avoidance of veterans' issues by the ALP and LNP in the House of Representatives but has greater potential for support of those issues from a new look and strengthened cross bench. ADSO will actively engage with the cross bench in both Houses of Parliament to ensure they all are correctly briefed on our objectives.

ADSO's objectives focus on two core matters: the Parliament's breach of contract (specifically on superannuation and veterans' disability payments) and its failure in its duty of care (DVA and Health) responsibilities.

Further evidence of the Government and the Oppositions neglect of veterans' issues is the additional sub-set responsibilities given to the Minister for Veterans Affairs (Dan Tehan) and Shadow Minister (Amanda Rishworth). Tehan is a four hatted Minister with three additional responsibilities: Minister for Defence Personnel, Assistant for Anzac Centenary and Assistant for Cyber Security. Rishworth is two hatted with responsibility also for Defence Personnel.

Is it any wonder that we feel denied ignored and forgotten. Who represents us in Cabinet?

ADSO now prepares for greater direct action to engage with the Parliament, the Defence Community and the Australian people and quantify your financial and protective loss.

Help us to Help You. Here's How at <http://adso.org.au/> or contact me. Ted Chitham Mob; 0418 733 887



APPRECIATION AND THANK YOU FOR A CAR PROVIDED TO VETERANS CARE BY ALF VOCKLER Ex 2 RAR & IPP

I just wanted to express my gracious appreciation to Alf Volkler for providing Veterans Care with a vehicle to assist us in visiting Veterans and families in need. He has given us this wonderful Toyota Celica. The picture shows our Mental Health nurse Kirsten Wells and Psychologist Caitlin Proctor (both Vets themselves) and of course the car they are now using . Thanks Alf !! Cheers Padre Gary Stone

If anyone wishes to contact Gary about his most recent "Project" Veterans Care you can do so at gary@veteranscare.com.au

Thales F 90 Carbine

Thales has been awarded a AUD100 million contract to deliver 30,000 new-generation bullpup assault rifles and around 2,500 integrated rifle grenade launchers to the Australian Defence Force Initial batches of the new rifle are being issued to the 1st Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, with deliveries to the rest of the service to follow



	Caliber	Length	Barrel Length	Weight	Rate of fire	Magazine
F90 carbine	5.56x45 NATO	700mm	407mm	3.25 kg	850	30 rds
F90	5.56x45 NATO	802mm	508mm	3.39 kg	850	30 rds

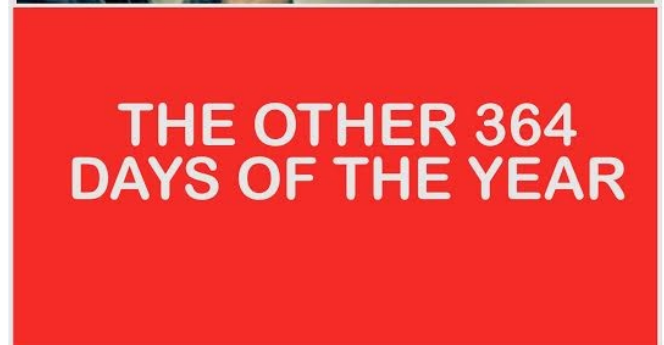
RSL Queensland Extends Support To 3rd Brigade

RSL (Queensland Branch) have formalised their support of 3rd Brigade’s Human Performance Framework, which is designed to enhance the resilience of soldiers and support families by delivering personal and professional development, recovery and rehabilitation, community engagement, welfare support, and education services. Working with 3rd Brigade in Townsville extends the reach and financial support of RSL (Queensland Branch), and will directly assist serving Defence personnel and their families.



As part of this support, RSL (Queensland Branch) State Vice President Ewan Cameron handed over a new dual cab vehicle and kayak trailer to Brigadier Chris Field of 3rd Brigade to assist in transporting troops and equipment from the Soldier Recovery Centre. The presentation coincided with Townsville Defence Community Forum, a 3rd Brigade initiative that works to enhance cooperation with external service providers in order to ensure that service personnel and their families in North Queensland are provided the best level of support.

With thanks to RSL Runner July



Operation Long Tan: 17/18 August 1969

(Amended Extract from A Duty Done Addendum 2016 by Fred Fairhead)

Following the conclusion of *Operation Mundingburra* on 15 August 1969, 6RAR/NZ (ANZAC) Battalion returned to Nui Dat and immediately commenced preparations for a new operation commencing 17 August, ie *Operation Long Tan*. The concept for this operation had been under consideration for some time involving as it did a ceremony on 18 August at the site of the 1966 battle including the erection of a memorial cross. Because of the possibility of enemy being in the area, eg subunits of *D445 VC Battalion* which randomly roamed through the area of the Long Tan Rubber Plantation, the operation had to be conducted as a normal tactical operation.

At 2 pm on 17 August A Company (*Maj PL Belt*) air assaulted into a Landing Zone (LZ) that was about 500 metres south of the LZ used to evacuate casualties on the night of the battle in 1966. D Company (*Maj IT Stewart*) with under command the Assault Pioneer Platoon and the Anti Tank Platoon followed and both companies moved to secure the area, especially to the north of the proposed location of the Cross (+) – see map opposite.

The Cross was to be erected on the site where 11 Platoon had fought so courageously and lost so many casualties during the Battle of Long Tan. The Cross was manufactured in concrete by the 6RAR/NZ Assault Pioneer Platoon (*Sgt AC McLean*), weighed about 200 Kg and was two metres high.

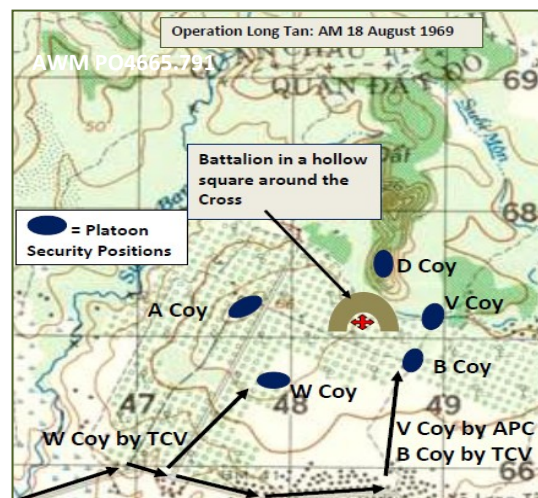
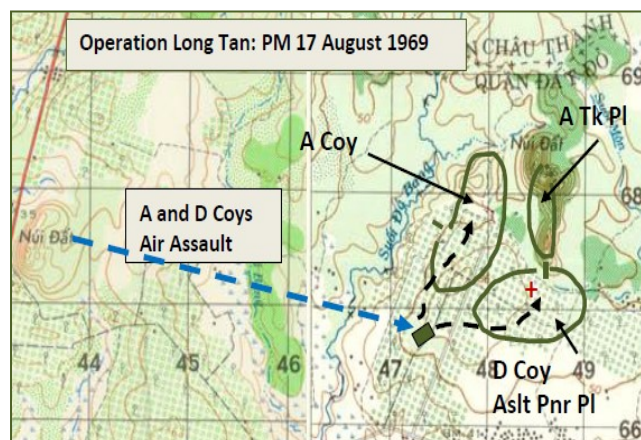
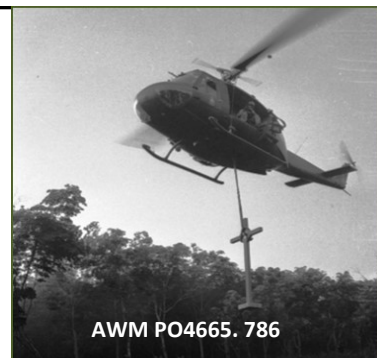
Early on 18 August 1969, the remaining Rifle Companies and Support Company moved to the area. V Company (*Maj LJ Lynch*) led the move in Armoured Personnel Carriers (APCs) followed by B Company (*Maj MJ Harris*) and W Company (*Maj LG Williams*) in Troop Carrying Vehicles (TCVs), ie trucks – see map opposite.

On reaching their designated areas the companies occupied a harbour position and then moved to the area of the Cross to form a ‘hollow square’. Each company left a reinforced platoon behind to form a security screen around the area of the Cross.

The Brass Plaque on the Cross reads:

‘In memory of those members of D Company and 3 Troop 1 APC Squadron who gave their lives near this spot during the Battle of Long Tan on 18 August 1966. Erected by 6RAR/NZ (ANZAC) Battalion 18 August 1969’

Before the Battalion had concentrated D Company and the Assault Pioneer Platoon had located and secured the position of the Cross which was to face south. The Cross was then flown in by RAAF Helicopter.



The Cross was erected by the Assault Pioneer Platoon.

The dedication ceremony then commenced with the sun shining down on the Cross and the Honour Guard drawn from veterans of the Battle of Long Tan –and with the ‘hollow square’ visible in the tree line.



After the ceremony the rifle companies returned to Nui Dat and the Anti Tank Platoon (Tracker Platoon) (2Lt JB Neervoort) remained as the ‘stay behind’ before also returning to Nui Dat

Epilogue

It was evident in 1969 that people were confident the South would win the war against the revolutionary North because to preserve the integrity of the Cross it was suggested at the time that it included an inscription on the reverse side dedicating it to the men of 275 VC Regiment who lost their lives during the battle. The suggestion was robustly rejected and maybe it wouldn't have made any difference anyway because after victory by the North in 1975 the Cross was removed. Indeed it is quite possible the Cross and most certainly the Brass Plaque had been removed even before the Task Force left Nui Dat in November 1971.

The Cross was rediscovered in 1987 by Terry Burstall (*Note 1*) on one of his many visits to Vietnam in the 1980s. It was in a shed in the redeveloped village of Long Tan, a couple of kilometres to the south east of the 1966 battlefield. The original village had been resettled in 1966 in advance of the Task Force occupation of Nui Dat. The Brass Plaque was missing but was presented to Terry by Vietnamese officials in Dat Do. He could have brought it back to Australia but correctly decided it and the Cross should stay together.



Terry had hoped that both could be removed to Australia in return for a donation of medical supplies by the Australian Government for a local hospital. For reasons which are obscure this did not happen and the Cross and Plaque were eventually relocated to the Dong Nai Museum in Bien Hoa where it remains, though it was temporarily loaned to the Australian War Memorial in 2012 (see below). A replica Cross now stands at the original site where with prior approval, commemoration services may be conducted.



Right: The replica Cross on 5 October 2015. Nui Dat 2 can just be seen on the far left.
Photograph courtesy of Bianca Signorelli

Left: The original Cross in the Dong Nai Museum in Bien Hoa
Photograph courtesy of Ross Ellis



Note 1 Terry Burstall served briefly with 1RAR and then as a Rifleman in 12 Platoon, D Company 6RAR in 1966/67. At the Battle of Long Tan he was second scout in 9 section 12 Platoon. Terry has written extensively about the Vietnam War: ‘*The Soldiers Story*’, 1986; ‘*A Soldier Returns*’, 1990; and, ‘*Vietnam the Australian Dilemma*’, 1994, all published by University of Queensland Press. I drew on the second regarding the discovery of the Long Tan Cross.

RAR ASSOCIATION (QLD) INC CALENDAR

Aug - Dec 2016

6 Aug	Management Committee Mtg & AGM & Combined RAR Unit Assn's Mtg	Enoggera
18 Aug	6 RAR Long Tan 50th Anniversary Commemorative Service	Enoggera
18 Aug	Vietnam Veterans Day	
TBA	Ex Trojan Trek POC Deakin Gary Stone TBC	South East Qld
21 Aug	Vietnam Veteran's Commemorative Concert Hosted by 6 RAR Assn	Convention Ctre Bris
23 Aug	HQ 7 BDE Work Experience	Enoggera
28 Aug	Veterans' Cup Race Day RAR Supporters Crew	Kilcoy
2 Sep	Rifleman's Lunch Mooloolaba Surf Club 1200	Mooloolaba
12 Sep	Management Committee Meeting	Enoggera
13/20 Sep	HDQ 7 BDE Work Experience NMW (TBC)	Enoggera
17 Sep	4 RAR Nui Le Dinner POC Alan Price apriced4@bigpond.net.au 07 32737973	TBA
2-4 Oct	RAR Corporations AGM & National Council Meeting	Adelaide
7 Oct	Rifleman's Lunch Mooloolaba Surf Club 1200	Mooloolaba
8 Oct	6 RAR Association Lunch Grand Central Hotel	Brisbane City
9 Oct	Kilcoy Showcase Race Day Dual Gallops & Trots RAR Supporters Crew	Kilcoy
15-16 Oct	Ex Stone Pillow Supporting Wounded Heroes Dorrington Park	Ashgrove
17 Oct	Management Committee Meeting & NMW Sub Committee Meeting	Enoggera
22-30 Oct	Veteran's Health Week Theme "Social Connection"	Various
25 Oct	HDQ 7 BDE Work Experience NMW (TBC)	Enoggera
11 Nov	Remembrance Day McDowall State School	NMW
14 Nov	Management Committee Mtg & AGM & Combined RAR Unit Assn's Mtg	Enoggera
19 Nov	RAR Annual Birthday Function	RARA Qld
19 - 20 Nov	Infantry & RAR Muster	Jimna QLD
22 Nov	RAR National Memorial Walk 18th Birthday	Enoggera
22 Nov	HDQ 7 BDE Work Experience NMW (TBC)	Enoggera
23 Nov	Regiment Birthday	
5 Dec	Management Committee Meeting & NMW Sub Committee Meeting	Enoggera
11 Dec	Kilcoy Christmas Cup Day Dual Gallops & Trots (TBC) RAR Supporters Crew	Kilcoy
12 Dec	Dad's Army End of Year Function BBQ (Subject to change.)	NMW

BATTALION BIRTHDAYS

4 RAR 1 February 1964	5 RAR 1 March 1965	6 RAR 6 June 1965	8 RAR 8 August 1966
2/4 RAR 15 August 1973	7 RAR 1 Sept 1965	1 RAR 12 October 1948	2 RAR 16 October 1948
3 RAR 20 Oct 1948	8/9 RAR 31 October 1973	9 RAR 13 Nov 1967	5/7 RAR 3 Dec 1973

RAR 23 November 1948

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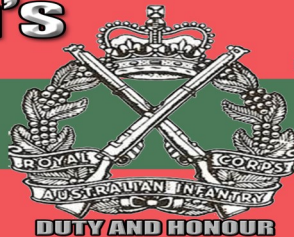
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