



THE FIGHTING FOURTH



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FOURTH BATTALION, THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN REGIMENT ASSOCIATIONS OF AUSTRALIA

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You are cordially invited to the
Dedication of the Commemorative Plaque to
recognise the sacrifice and service of the members of the

Fourth Battalion, the Royal Australian Regiment

10.00 am, Monday 4 February, 2008

Western Courtyard, Australian War Memorial, Canberra
with

The Band of the Royal Military College, Australia, and
The Australian Rugby Choir

All former and serving members and the families of 4RAR and 4RAR(Cdo)
are invited to the dedication ceremony and morning tea afterwards.

4RAR PLAQUE DEDICATION AT THE AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL 04 FEBRUARY 2008

The 4RAR Associations are to lay a plaque at the Australian War Memorial (AWM) at Canberra on Monday the fourth of February 2008 at 10.00 am. It is requested that as many attend as possible as we are the last battalion association of the Royal Australian Regiment to dedicate a plaque at the Museum in honour of those who served and those who have subsequently died. Major General Jim Hughes AO, DSO, MC; Brigadier, The Honourable David Thomson MC; Colonel Mark Smethurst AM and many other members will be in attendance. Morning tea will be provided. This is a day to be shared by all.

Accommodation will be available at the Australian National University near the AWM and it is suggested that all use this accommodation. The accommodation is good and there are two restaurants available. As requests for bus transport have not been received, transport to and from the AWM will be by own arrangements. This will be a good chance for all to inspect the museum, especially the new post World War Two display which includes Malaya, Borneo, South Viet Nam, Timor, Iraq, Afghanistan and Peace Keeping and to pay tribute to those on the 4RAR Roll of Honour at the museum. Requested dress is jacket and medals and final details be advised as soon as possible.

Accommodation may be booked directly with the ANU (02) 6125 5275 or accomm.unihouse@anu.edu.au. A credit card number is required when booking. We do need the names and numbers of attendees for planning and catering purposes. If attending, please complete the response sheet on page 11.

This newsletter is published in March, July and December by the 4RAR Association, Qld. Articles for publication should be directed to The Editor, 4RAR Assoc, Qld, no later than one month prior to the month of publication.

Presentation of UCG. On Friday 26 October 2007 at Holsworthy, I had the distinct pleasure of representing our members at the official presentation of the Award of the Unit Citation for Gallantry (UCG) to the members of 4RAR (Cdo) who served in Afghanistan as part of the Special Operations Task Group, Operation Slipper.

In a simple but symbolic and historical parade, the Governor-General, His Excellency, Major General Michael Jeffery AC, CVO, MC in his capacity as the Commander-in-Chief of the Australian Defence Force attached the streamer of the UCG to the Regimental Colour and for the first time, the soldiers wore their individual citations on their uniforms.

The parade was also attended by Special Operations Commander, Australia, Major General Michael Hindmarsh AM, CSC; the Honourable Danna Vale MP, Member for Hughes and the Honorary Colonel of the Battalion. The Brigadier, The Honourable David Thomson MC..

The Governor-General officially acknowledged the dedication and skills of the Battalion. In stating that he was extremely honoured to present the award to the 4 RAR (CDO) soldiers for the work that they had achieved whilst deployed in Afghanistan.

His statements were echoed by the Chief of Army, Lieutenant General Peter Leahy AC who said, "You should all be proud of what you have achieved".

No one could have been more proud of the Battalion than the more than 30 former members who stood to attention as the Regimental Colour with the UCG streamer attached was marched past.

During the presentation speech it was announced that the Battalion in 600 days in Afghanistan had had over 300 contacts ranging from minor fire fights to all out battles at

ranges between 3 metres and long range. What was most impressive was that the Battalion had brought all their members home.

Sergeant "A" SG and the now Sgt "B" MG provided the Colour Escort.

I would not be too surprised that in the near future more individual bravery awards will be announced.

Recently returned members of the Special Operations Task Group who have been serving in Afghanistan were also officially welcomed home but the parade was marked with sorrow as details of the death of Sergeant Matthew Locke, SASR, were revealed.

What impressed me the most was the demeanour and attitude of the officers and soldiers. They are still typical Aussie soldiers with the same attitude to life and service that we had as young Digs. To all those who did not have the opportunity to attend the parade and to meet those that have taken our place, I can assure you that the Battalion is in good hands and that you can be justifiably proud of them.

ANZAC Day. I must make a special appeal to all our members who are intending to march on ANZAC Day. This is a special day for us when we march to remember our mates that can no longer march, to receive the thanks of the nation and to praise the deeds of the Battalion and it's members. It has been noticed and remarked upon, that the current members of the Battalion are always well presented in suits and ties wearing the correct large medals.

I have noticed that the dress of some of our association members does not meet the standards now being set by the current members of the Battalion. I therefore request that all members of the Association intending to march on ANZAC Day wear a coat and tie with large medals. Rifle green berets may be worn by those of us who were not commando. I also re-

quest that children marching with us be suitably attired eg no camouflage suits and that photos of deceased veterans not be carried.

RARNMW. I was immensely pleased with the turn up at our work party at the RAR National Memorial Walk on Saturday 03 November. Twenty members as well as members of other battalion associations, turned up to paint the contemplation building, mow the area and to do general maintenance. Some travelled for more than a hundred kilometres and five members of Victor Company also attended. I think that we may have set a record for attendance. Thanks to all of you for a job well done.

I would like to also thank, the three members who returned the following week to complete the job.

NUI LE Dinner. The Nui Le Dinner was a huge success. 65 members attended and Major "F" an OC of 4RAR (Cdo) represented the CO and gave an inspiring resume of the Battalion's latest achievements. Noel Huish was host to SSgt Frank N. Stein and a 4RAR (Cdo) plaque was presented to Mr Jason Dickens the General Manager of Austral Honda, Brisbane in recognition of and in thanks for, their support.

All 4RAR campaigns and periods of service were represented and the night emphasised the camaraderie of both past and present members and their families. Some came from interstate to mingle with their old comrades and to share a lemonade. Some enjoyed a lot of lemonade but it was a night enjoyed by all.

From the committee, we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year.

Alan Price
President

ROLL OF HONOUR

AND WE WILL REMEMBER



Once again we honour all those who have gone before us. In this brief moment of our time may we consider the stress and strain these men must have passed through before laying down their crosses of life. Enable us, their friends to be worthy of the trust they have imparted unto us on their passing; for theirs was an honourable and noble life. May God grant unto their families His peace.

Jock McGavin July 2007

Antony (Tony) Toghill MBE 09 September 2007

Whakahuihui Vercoe MBE 13 September 2007

Peter Daniels 11 October 2007

Bronwyn Dittman (daughter of Knobby and Nancy) 20 October 2007

Dave Allan 28 October 2007

Peter Finn 31 October 2007

Bruce Warnes BEM November 2007

We only hope that there are none recently which we should have reported
We sincerely apologise if we have been remiss.

To all that have passed in the service of 4RAR, 2/4RAR and 4RAR (Cdo)

Well done, thou good and noble warriors, we will never forget!

LEST WE FORGET.

VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA, CHAPTER 310

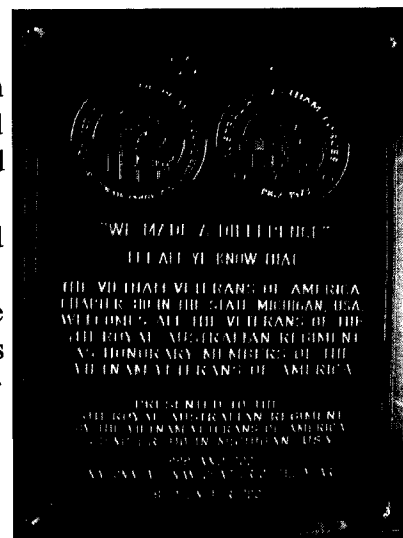
Last year Allan Wood and his wife Barbara visited the University of Michigan in the United States to do some research on a book he is writing. Allan contacted the local Chapter 310 of the Vietnam Veterans of America and introduced himself. When he and Barbara arrived in Michigan they were feted, wined and dined by members of the Chapter as if they were their own. Allan then contacted me and told me of his experience and that the VVA Chapter wanted to learn more about the Aussie exploits in Vietnam. We then put it to the Qld committee that we should offer an affiliation. Chapter 310 accepted and in turn presented us with a plaque of association. We placed each other on our mailing lists. Their details are:

Vietnam Veterans of America

**Washtenaw County Chapter 310, PO Box 322 Ann Arbor, Michigan 48106,
USA**

www.vva310.org

They also conduct a radio programme from the University of Michigan every Saturday morning. Visit them at www.veteransradio.net. Allan was interviewed on the programme on 25 August 2007 for their War Dogs programme. Visit their archives section to hear that programme. The station manager wishes to broadcast stories, anecdotes and histories of Aussies in Vietnam in line with their forecasted topics. If you wish to be part of this, please contact Alan Price and we will see what we can do to organise it. Alan will probably contact some of you shortly as they want to know about the Battle of Nui Le, why we were so good at jungle fighting and just what makes up the Aussie soldier. Stand by!!!!!! If you are visiting the USA, please contact VVA Chapter 310, they would love to see you. They are hoping to organise a team to attend our next National Reunion in 2011.



THE RAFFLE

Congratulations to the winners of the last raffle which was drawn at the Qld Nui Le Dinner on 22 September.

First prize, \$200-Charles Hill, NSW.

Second prize, \$100 - Glenn Smithers, NSW

Third prize, \$100 - Ken Padey, Qld.

Fourth prize, Book-Paul Guy, Qld.

Fifth prize, Book-Stinger Nettlefold, Vic.

Sixth prize, Book-Les Goode, Qld

Gary McKay MC kindly donated three of his books as 3rd to 6th prizes respectively: *Sleeping with Your Ears Open*, *Viet Nam Shots* and *Going Back*.

It takes a special kind of author to donate books as the sale of those books is the author's livelihood. Thank you very much Gary.

The next raffle will be drawn at the Australian War Memorial on 04 February 2008.

First prize \$200

Second Prize \$100

Third prize \$100

It is anticipated that we may have a larger variety of prizes on the day.

Don't forget to complete the form at page 11 and forward your money to the address shown on the form.

Tickets are still 6 for \$10. For those of you serving overseas please convert your money to real Aussie dollars.



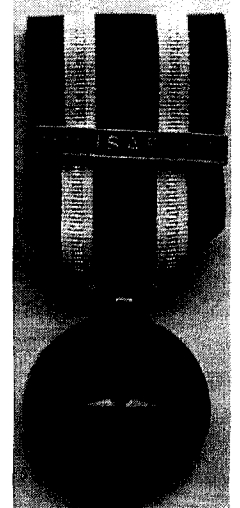
NATO MEDAL TO BE AWARDED TO AUSTRALIAN TROOPS IN AFGHANISTAN

The Chief of the Defence Force, Air Chief Marshal Angus Houston, announced that Australian Defence Force personnel serving alongside their North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) counterparts in Afghanistan will be able to officially accept and wear the NATO medal.

The Commander of the NATO International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) made a formal offer to award the medal to Australian Defence Force (ADF) personnel, and this offer has been accepted by the Australian Government. The NATO medal with clasp 'ISAF' is awarded for 30 days service in Afghanistan in support of the ISAF.

Any ADF personnel evacuated from the area of operations before reaching the qualifying period due to wounding or serious injury as a result of operations will also be eligible to receive the medal. The medal may also be awarded posthumously.

The medal is bronze in colour with a bronze clasp and the ribbon is coloured with narrow blue edges with two white stripes interlaced with gold either side of a central, broad blue stripe.



WELL DONE, THANK YOU AND GOOD SOLDIERING.

MARCHING ON

Unfortunately the Battalion will be losing its two main leaders in the new year.

Lt Col Smethurst AM, will be promoted to Colonel and posted to RMC and the RSM, WO1 Ken Morris will be posted to WO/NCO Wing at Canungra. What a pleasure it has been to become acquainted with these two gentlemen. Both have never failed to support our State Associations. The tales of the recent exploits of our Battalion under their command, leadership and guidance may not be able to be told within the near future but rest assured when it is time for those tales to be told that we, the older generation of the Fourth Battalion, will hold our breath in awe and wonderment.

Not only have these two warriors and the warriors under their command, upheld the traditions and improved upon the glory of the Battalion; they have cemented the name and the reputation of the Battalion in the histories and records of other Armies of other countries all over the world. The Fourth Battalion, the Royal Australian Regiment (Commando) are known throughout the world as the "professionals" and Lt Col Smethurst and WO1 Morris have played a large part, as have the previous COs and RSMs, in developing the reputation of the most unique unit in the world.

Under their leadership, the Battalion has defeated the enemy in every contact. They have either removed or reduced the enemy's will and capacity to fight and they have developed friendships with the local populations. They have not lost a warrior and they have brought them all home again. Gentlemen, that is an amazing feat unparalleled in the history of the RAR. You will be greatly missed but you will always be a part of 4RAR and of the Association. Thank you and well done.

We wish the new CO, Lt Col Paul Kenny and the new RSM, WO1 Darren Hunt, all the best in their new postings as we wish well all those who are marching into and out of the Battalion in the New Year and of course, those who continue to serve.

Keep your powder dry and your hatchet sharp.

Duty First.

EMU BOB

8/9 RAR RE-RAISED

8/9 RAR was officially re-raised on the Battalion's birthday on 31 October 2007 and will be accommodated at the Gallipoli Barracks at Enoggera, Qld.

A re-raising ceremony was held on Monday 27 October. At the moment they have a posted strength of around four but have already been warned for operational service.

To: All members past and present of 8/9 RAR.

From: All members past and present of 4RAR.

Welcome home. You have been greatly missed. Duty First.

MEDALS

There appears to be some confusion about when miniature medals should be worn. There is only one occasion when miniature medals should be worn and that is with evening dress eg black or white tie (bow tie) with dinner suit, tuxedo or tails. Evening dress does not mean "in the evening" but the formal attire normally expected to be worn at formal evening functions.

A dark lounge suit worn with a white shirt and black bow tie is more than acceptable in some less formal cases.



CURLEY'S DIARY

The Diary of 43266 Pte Ian (Curley) Henshall 6 Section, 11 Platoon, D Coy, 4RAR from 17 April 1966 to 26 August 1966, including the Battalion's tour in Borneo.

We left Curley and 11 Platoon getting ready for their first operational patrol on active service. Now, four days after that patrol, Curley continues.

Tuesday 03 May 1966

Owing to the fact that we couldn't take any writing material on patrol. I have to write the next four days from memory.

We departed "Bokah" at 0730 after rushing around test firing weapons and priming grenades. Usual panic.

We went first to a kampong (village) called Rasau 1, which was about 6 thousand yards from Bokah. On the way there we patrolled through the lalang but being cool we didn't have the heat to worry about. Of course we were on the look out for bare breasted women. We didn't see any at Rassau 1 and had lunch there at approx 1300 hours. Those ration packs are garbage.

After lunch we moved to our next place but due to an error we ended up on the wrong track in the lalang. Hell it was hot. Thank God it rained. Anyway, we backtracked and found the right track but it was too late to move so we hutchied up in an old storage shed.

Wednesday 04 May 1966

After a pretty good nights sleep we got off on the right track. After a long days march and much sweat we arrived at hill "169". This is an established observation post (OP). Nothing interesting to report here as all that happened was just plain hard work.

It rained that night so we had plenty of water. It seems that I talk a lot in my sleep so the boys say.

Thursday 5 May 1966

After leaving 169 we once again went on the wrong track. This was not so good as we had to backtrack, which included some bloody big yamas (hills). After a while we found the right track. Maybe it seems that we make a lot of mistakes but I think it was mainly due to the maps, which aren't very accurate.

After much climbing in which I expected to see J.C. [we were that high] we arrived at crossing point "1672". (Known and possible border crossing points were allocated numbers which made them easy to identify in reports and for calling in artillery fire.) This was right on the border. As a matter of fact the track running along the ridge line is the border.

Anyway, we reached here at about lunchtime. This is where we spent that night. From this position we could overlook Indon land (Indonesia). In fact we watched with the field glasses. I felt like a Peeping Tom. It was a magnificent view. As far as the eye could see was a flat carpet of trees or so it looked. One or two kampongs (villages) could be seen but they were too far away to distinguish any movement.

The OP had already been established so we just moved in. The picquets (sentries) were sent out as always, but I think that things over here are a bit different to training.



No stand to when one would expect it, just a straight change over from day to night routine. Smoking in bed. This should not have been on. I bet it will be different on the other side and no mozzie net. We thought it would rain. There was all the indications but it didn't so we had to cart water from a creek below. The water on our side of the border is brown due to the pigment in the ground but it is still quite good to drink, we hope! Time will tell. They say that the Indon's water is very clear. We should know on the next operation.

There was one remark, which made me laugh that day. As "1672" was our OP we decided to clean up the area. Ken (Ken Heard) said that he walked all the way to the border just to emu bob it. That, in his own words, was how he earned his gong.

Friday 06 May 1966

We left our OP at the usual time of 0630 hours. For the first 2,000 yds we really moved up one hill after another, just like mountain goats. That little nip of rum helps a lot. Finally we left the border and started down.

That's where our trouble started. Over rocks, rotten logs and creeks. Chis (John Chislett) at one stage met a python on the same route. Someone had to give way so Chis sent it somersaulting into a bloody big hole.

While crossing the creeks I happened to step on a rotten log. I fell into the creek. I didn't mind being wet myself as I was already drenched in sweat but all my gear in my pack got wet and it was bloody heavy. Also my rifle got a dunking, which didn't do it any good except to wash the mud off. We estimated that we would hit a track early at the bottom of the ridge. That didn't happen. We scrub bashed all day only reaching Rasau 1 at 1830 hours. They reckon there are plenty of tracks in the hills but we couldn't find them.

Water wasn't a problem and I drank about 5 or 6 bottles of water. I have to as I sweat a lot so I need a lot of water. At the kampong we saw a few bare breasts but I think we were too tired to worry much about them.

Before we left Rasau 1, we had another nip of rum then it was heads down bums up and 6,000 yds to home with only an hour of daylight left. We really motored and were over the worst before dark. However we still had the swamps to go through. I tell you it's no joke walking in swamps in the dark; down to our hips in some parts. Quite a few times I went down, I felt like swearing out loud but I refrained, but it was hard.

We reached Kampong Bokah at about 2100 hours. While passing through we all

perved on a woman in a hut. She had a beautiful pair of breasts.

We finally made our base, unloaded weapons and de-primed grenades. Had a beautiful tea of steak and eggs. The movies were already on when we got home so after dinner, they re-ran it for us.

The movie was Operation Crossbow and everybody booed when Sophia Loren got shot. What a waste of a good body!! I enjoyed watching the movie and drinking my two cans of beer. I made bed about 0100hours and boy was I tired!

All told from 0630 to 2100 hours, we walked about 21,000 yds. The whole 4 days we walked about 50,000 yds.

Looking back on the patrol, it sure is necessary to have a sense of humour when the going gets rough. One incident which came to mind and which I forgot to relate was Mousey Davidson's episode with his fish.

It seems that while filling his water bottle at a creek, he caught a fish and decided to take it back to camp. So he put it in his water bottle a few hours later he stopped to see how it was going. It was all right, and so alive it jumped out of the bottle, so Mousy said, "I'll penalise the little bastard" and he screwed the top on again. Another two hours CB (Confined to Bottle).

Saturday 07 May 1966

Today was an easy one. We got out of bed at 0900 had breakfast and test fired our weapons. Then it was clean up of all gear, ready for the next operation. We had an FFI (Field Fitness Inspection). My feet had a few blisters and my testicles had been burnt by anti-mite.

At the moment all the section are sitting around talking about various topics as usual (they do a lot of this) and the latest furrphies. Ken, as is his usual self is talking garbage. Oops! it's bickie time.

Continued next issue.

EMU BOB**AUSTRAL HONDA**

If you are contemplating buying a new car please contact Jason Dickens of Austral Honda in Brisbane. It does not matter where in Australia you live Jason will present you with a deal that will satisfy your requirements and he can deliver a vehicle to you anywhere in Australia. No, we do not receive a kickback or spotters fee or anything like that.

Jason and Honda have elected to support us because of the magnificent history of the Battalion in serving Australia.

Jason is also married to Lynda, the daughter of Noel Kelly, one of our Borneo and Vietnam blokes who stayed in the Army. Jason knows that if he does not give us a great deal that Noel, in collaboration with his daughter Lynda, will place Jason on a restricted drawing rate. (If you get what I mean).

See the ad on page 8, give Jason a ring, talk to him, see what he can do, but at least give him an opportunity. I will be driving my new Honda Accord to Melbourne and if anyone wants to take it for a test drive then feel free. *We may all benefit from the support from Honda in the future.*

Honda, they are sponsors of ours. Ring the bell!!



**FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE
4RAR/4RAR (CDO) ASSOCIATION, NSW**

It hurts to see the long list of the departed in this issue and we pray that the families and friends of those listed will accept the condolences of us all. We will miss them as they were part of our battalion family as well.

The good news is that Brigadier Thomson is out of hospital and back swimming with the dolphins again. He attended the 4RAR (Cdo) parade when they were presented with the Unit Citation for Gallantry but he has lost a bit of weight. Judy however, is attempting to fatten him up and knowing Judy, she will succeed.

The parade for the presentation of the UCG was a simple but sharp parade and we all felt a sense of pride when the UCG streamer was attached to the Regimental Colour by the Governor General.

There are approximately ten sons of sons of the battalion serving and I only wish that I could name them.

The day culminated in the beverage tent being emptied of its contents pretty sharply and most of the Battalion members continued their celebration in Sydney later in the night and into the night.

The museum opened during the day and many people remarked on the quality of the displays. It looks as if it will be mid 2008 before we can move into the old BHQ building which will give us a far better area to add to the displays and to perpetuate the history of the Battalion. We do have a problem with keeping up with the history of the battalion because all the young Diggers keep adding to it every day but they have contributed to the modern day displays by donating their battle trophies and we are thankful.

The Battalion will be in excellent hands after the changeover and we wish you all the best in the coming year and in your duties. We also wish those that will be away from their families and loved ones over Christmas a very merry but safe Christmas and New Year. To all those enjoying the Christmas and New Year period at home we wish you all best wishes.

Garry Heskett
President

**FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE
4RAR ASSOCIATION, WA**

Greetings to all in the East from us in the West.

Annual Luncheon. The Annual Luncheon will be held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, St Georges Terrace, Perth at 1230 hours on Sunday 17 February 2008, two weeks later than usual because of the National Reunion. The Luncheon will be preceded at 11.30 am by the Annual General Meeting. We would like as many members as possible to attend, even if you cannot stay for the luncheon.

Amongst the matters to be decided are: 1. Acceptance of revised constitution. 2. Election of committee, some of us have been serving for 30 years, others may be pleased to see the back of us; volunteers please. 3. Financial Report. 4. Proposal to apply for incorporation. All financial members for 2007 will be eligible to vote, un-financial members may vote after paying their \$10 annual subscription at the meeting. All members on our address list will receive a separate Notice of Meeting and Agenda early in the New Year confirming all details.

Membership. We currently have 189 members on our list, 86 are financial, 80 are un-financial and 23 are lost or moved interstate. WA members please note, annual subscriptions of \$10 are sent to Toad who updates the roll before passing the money to our Treasurer, Chris Clarke. Raffle Tickets are only issued with the National Newsletter from Queensland Branch. Tickets and money should be returned to them. The raffle pays for the newsletter costs and any extra is returned to us to assist our funds. We would like to thank Queensland for their initiative in this matter and for all the work Al Price does to produce this excellent publication. It is great to be kept in touch with all that's going on.

Our compliments of the season to all, may you and your love ones have a safe and Merry Christmas and a bright, healthy and happy New Year. See you in Melbourne.

Toad Fletcher
Secretary

**EMU BOB
THE VIETNAM YEARS**

This book is a must. Written by Michael Crawford who was the producer of the ABC TV series, 'Australians at War'.

The Vietnam Years is the truthful story of that war; from the vicious fighting of jungle patrols, told in gripping, graphic and honest detail, to the families separated by confusion and anger as anti-war protests mounted.

With a film makers eye and a detail for truth and accuracy, Michael has done his research. He has spoken to hundreds of veterans and their families in private. He has eavesdropped on diggers relating their experiences over a beer and he has sat down with the wives, and families of the Diggers to get the true story. He has successfully separated the mud from the clay and the facts from the furrphies.

This book should be read by every soldier, family member of a soldier, school child, teacher, politician and journalist.

At last, Michael presents the truth about the Vietnam war as a whole, the soldiers who fought it and the families who lived it. Some soldiers that he spoke to only realised the personal difficulties of their families after reading the interviews of their wives in the book.

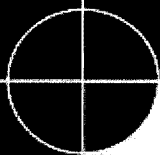
On reflection, would we have done it any differently—I doubt it. We were soldiers in 4RAR, bloody good ones and bloody proud ones.



ACTIVITIES CALENDAR 2008-2009

This feature will be amended from time to time as details are confirmed and additional functions listed.

Date	Event	Remarks
06 Dec 07	4RAR(Cdo) Dining Out Night	Holsworthy, NSW. The dining out of the CO, RSM and Special Operation Commander, Australia. Former Officers and Senior NCOs invited (No Spouses or guests). Dress: Black Tie/Dark Lounge Suit with miniatures. No accommodation available. 1900hrs for 1930 hours. RSVP 23 November 2007. Contact: <i>Garry Heskett 0414 512 302 or garryheskett@aol.com</i>
28 Jan 08 to 01 Feb 08	4RAR National Reunion	Melbourne, Vic. Contact: <i>Joe Tite (03) 9435 6726, or fayeandjoe.tite@bigpond.com, or www.4rar.com.au</i>
01 Feb 64	Anniversary: The Raising of 4RAR	Woodside, SA. Due to the exodus of Queenslanders to Melbourne for the National Reunion a birthday and commemorative service will not be held at Enoggera this year.
01 Feb 95	Anniversary: The delinking of 2/4RAR to become 2RAR and 4RAR	4RAR re-raised at Holsworthy, NSW.
01 Feb 97	Anniversary: 4RAR re-rolled as Cdo	Holsworthy, NSW
04 Feb 08	Dedication of 4RAR Plaque	Australian War Memorial, Canberra. Contact: <i>Noel Fairley, (07) 3856 2490 or nfa11827@bigpond.net.au</i>
17 Feb 08	4RAR Assoc, WA. Annual Luncheon and AGM.	Hyatt Regency Hotel, St Georges Terrace, Perth at 1230 hours on Sunday 17 February 2008. Contact: <i>Toad Fletcher (08)9758 7640 or tfletcher@wn.com.au</i>



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Families of deceased members of the battalion are encouraged to join and consideration for membership may also be given to former and serving members of any unit or branch of service with an accepted close relationship with 4RAR and 4RAR (Cdo).

Full name:
Spouse's name/ Deceased member's name:
Address:
Telephone number:
Email address:
Dates of service in 4RAR, 4RAR (Cdo), 2/4RAR etc :

Please send to:

- Qld— The Secretary, 4RAR Assoc, Qld. PO Box 802 Aspley, Qld 4034
- NSW/ACT—The Secretary 4RAR/4RAR (Cdo) Assoc, NSW. 37 Oscar Ramsay Dve, Boambee, NSW 2450
- SA—The Secretary, 4RAR Assoc, SA. 17 Canis Ave, Hope Valley, SA 5090
- WA— The Secretary, 4RAR Assoc, WA. 1/14 Station Rd, Margaret River, WA 6285
- Vic, Tas, NT and International—The Secretary, 4RAR Assoc, Qld. PO Box 802 Aspley, Qld 4034

THE AUSTRALIAN WAR MUSEUM

I will/will not be coming to the 4RAR Plaque Dedication Ceremony at the Australian War Museum on Monday 04 February 2008. I accept that I am required to manage my own accommodation and transport needs.

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

I will be bringing _____ guests.

Guest's Full Names: (Please attach list if required)

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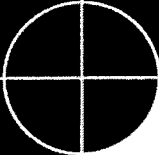

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