



The Royal Australian Regiment Association

**National Memorial Walk
Gallipoli Barracks**

Commemoration of the 3 RAR Memorial Garden

22 March 2021



The National Memorial Walk (NMW)

The Royal Australian Regiment National Memorial Walk is a "living" memorial to commemorate those RAR soldiers who have died while serving overseas on operational service with The Regiment. The Walk's motto is *"Keeping the Spirit Alive"*. The Memorial is maintained by a devoted and dedicated group of RAR veteran volunteers affectionally called Dads' Army. Visitors from within Australia and overseas come to remember and reflect in its quiet, leafy surrounds.

HISTORY

The NMW concept originated with WO1 Mick Servos OAM, a Korean War veteran, who after visiting Australian soldiers' gravesites in Pusan Korea decided with the 3 RAR Association to organise a memorial tree grove at Gallipoli Barracks, Enoggera, home to most RAR units that served in Korea.

A NMW Building Committee was formed and in 1966 work commenced with funds provided by public donation, assistance from the Federal and Queensland Governments, Brisbane City Council, RAR State and Unit Association members and the Defence community.

Plantings began on 9th November 1966 with almost 1000 trees planted by members of The RAR Association Queensland, RAR Battalion Associations and their wives and families. The trees donated by the Brisbane City Council were chosen with advice from Greening Australia.

In November 1997 the then Deputy Prime Minister of Australia, The Hon. Tim Fischer (a member of The Regiment and veteran of the Vietnam War) unveiled a plaque to represent the official opening of the NMW.

The Governor General of the Commonwealth of Australia, His Excellency Sir William Deane AC KBE, dedicated the NMW on 22 November 1998 as part of The Regiment's 50th Anniversary.

The inscription on the North and South entrance stones to the Walk says: *"In Australia they will remember me. Here is their spirit in the land that they loved. And here we guard the record which they themselves made"* - C. E. W. Bean, Official War Historian.

And here we, The RAR National Association, accept responsibility on behalf of The Royal Australian Regiment to Keeping the Spirit Alive.

Order of Service

Part A: Contemplation Building

Welcome and Introduction:

by Ted Chitham

Call to Worship

By Padre Lionel Orreal

Prayer of Remembrance

Today, we remember with thanksgiving those who have made the supreme sacrifice for us in time of war. We pray that the offering of their lives may not have been in vain. Today we dedicate ourselves to the cause of justice, freedom and peace; and for the wisdom and strength to build a better world. Amen

The Regimental Prayer:

We, who have served in The Royal Australian Regiment, consecrate ourselves to You by giving ourselves in mind, body and spirit to Your service and to the service of our fellow man.

Cleanse from us everything that could mar this service.

Grant that we may live our lives that at all times we put our duty first.

Help us to think wisely, to speak rightly, to resolve bravely, to act kindly and to live purely.

Give us the courage to defend the cause of justice, freedom, truth and the right to liberty.

This we ask through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer -

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name.

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, for ever and ever.

Amen

Main Address:

By Bob Dabinett

Part B Memorial Garden

Dedication:

By Padre Lionel Orreal

Plaque Unveiling

By Mick Servos OAM

Laying of Wreaths

The Royal Australian Regiment Association
The 3rd Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment

The Ode

By Dave McDonald

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old,
Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn,
At the going down of the sun, and in the morning,
We will remember them”

All: We will remember them

Lest We Forget

All: Lest We Forget

Ode to RAR Veterans

By Dane Christison

We remember our mates who soldiered on,
long after their days in uniform were done.

We honour their service to all those in need,
when Duty First continued, to be their creed.

Bless them dear God, and help them find rest,
alongside their mates, who gave of their best.

And bless us dear God, in the service you expect,
and may we do so with courage, honour and respect.

Last Post

One Minute's Silence

Rouse

The National Anthem of Australia

Australians all let us rejoice
for we are one and free.
We've golden soil and wealth for toil,
Our home is girt by sea.
Our land abounds in nature's gifts,
of beauty rich and rare.
In history's page, let every stage,
Advance Australia Fair.
In joyful strains than let us sing,
Advance Australia Fair.

Blessing

By Padre Lionel Orreal

Conclusion:

By Ted Chitham



The Third Battalion The Royal Australian Regiment



3 RAR was initially formed on 20 October 1945 as the 67th Battalion. The Battalion was intended for occupation duties in Japan and was formed from volunteers from the 3rd, 6th, 7th and 11th Australian Divisions. The Battalion was redesignated the 3rd Battalion of the Australian Regiment upon the Regiment's formation in November 1948. The 'Royal' prefix was appended in March 1949. Its overseas service includes:

Japan - BCOF 1946-1952. The 67th Battalion arrived in Japan as part of the Australian 34th Brigade in February 1946. As with the rest of the (BCOF) occupation force, the Battalion did not encounter any significant resistance or civil unrest.

Korea 3 RAR was Australia's main land force contribution to the UN forces in the Korean War. It arrived in South Korea in late September 1950 to the 27th Commonwealth Brigade and took part in the United Nations offensive into North Korea and the subsequent retreat into South Korea following the Chinese offensive in the winter of 1950-1951. In October 1950 the Battalion distinguished itself at Chongju during the UN northward advance to the Yalu River. Commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Charles Green, it attacked and captured a large North Korean defensive line in a combined arms operation with tanks and artillery. Green was later killed in action. It was one of three units to receive the Presidential Unit Citation (US) after the Battle of Kapyong 22-25 April 1951. 3 RAR remained in Korea until the war ended in 1953 and then returned to Australia in 1954.

Because 3 RAR was the first Australian Army unit in action in Korea and was still in the front line when the fighting stopped, it became known as "Old Faithful" among other units serving there and is still referred to affectionately as such today.

Malaya, 1957 - 1959 The Battalion was engaged on anti-communist terrorist operations during the Malayan Emergency in northern Malaya. Operations began in Nov 57 and as a result many terrorist camps and food dumps were located and destroyed

Malaysia and Borneo 1963 - 1965 The Battalion was deployed to support the Malaysian Federation against Indonesian Confrontation's military actions on the Federation's mainland and Sarawak. In the former, 3 RAR succeeded in capturing more than 50 enemy. In Mar 65, 3 RAR was deployed to Borneo in the state of Sarawak.

South Vietnam - Two Tours

The first during 1967 and 1968 the Battalion was stationed in Phuoc Tuy Province. It took part in several operations and was involved in mine clearing, counter mortar and rocket tasks and reconnaissance in force operations. As the 1 ATF ready reaction force 'A' Company 3 RAR was successful in clearing and securing the nearby provincial capital of Ba Ria during the Tet Offensive in February 1968.

During May 1968, 3 RAR, at FSB Balmoral, withstood two determined assaults by regimental sized North Vietnamese Army units during the Battle of Coral-Balmoral. *As a member of the 1st Australian Task Force (Forward) 3RAR was awarded the Unit Citation for Gallantry for an outstanding and courageous performance during the battles of Coral and Balmoral.*

The second in 1971 when the Battalion returned to Phuoc Tuy Province. During this tour the Battalion took part in several minor actions before returning to Australia in October 1971 after an eight-month tour when the Government reduced its commitments in Vietnam.

East Timor Australia's commitment to INTERFET involved multiple 3 RAR deployments: September 1999, again in April 2002 each in a stability patrolling role. In May 2006 the 3 RAR Battalion Group was deployed to restore order to East Timor as part of Operation Astute. The Battalion deployed at short notice in February 2007. It deployed again to East Timor in 2008 as the Timor Leste Battle Group with the objective to apprehend the rebels that attempted to assassinate President Horta.

Iraq In late 2003, 3RAR provided a reinforced rifle company for security duties in Iraq as part of Operation Catalyst. The company was responsible for the security of the Australian diplomatic mission in Baghdad. From February 2006 to 2007 3RAR provided rifle companies to Bagdad.

The Solomons 3 RAR deployed to the Solomon Islands in 2005 to reinforce the military component of RAMSI (Regional Assistance Mission to Solomon Islands). Renewed violence in March 2006 again saw a company group deploy to the capital Honiara, returning to Australia in May 2006 after a successful mission.

Afghanistan 3 RAR provided a company as the infantry component of the Reconstruction Task Force (RTF) 4. 3 RAR formed the basis of a battle group that was deployed to the country again in 2012 and again in 2017 tasked with mentoring the Afghan National Army.

Middle East deployments. 3RAR is still providing force elements for Australia's contribution to the Middle East.

3 RAR was designated as a Parachute Battalion from 1983 to 2011 and on relocation to Townsville in 2012 became a Light Infantry Battalion before being re-designated in 2017 as an infantry Mechanised Battalion of 3 Combat Brigade based in Townsville.



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