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1ST BATTALION, THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN REGIMENT

A BRIEF HISTORY

Formation

The 34th Australian Infantry Brigade was formed in 1945 and consisted of three battalions gathered from 6th Division, but which included elements of the 5th, 7th, 9th and 11th Divisions. These Battalions, once formed, were designated the 65th, 66th and 67th Australian Infantry Battalions.

Personnel from the 65th Battalion, later redesignated 1st Battalion, were drawn from elements of 7th Division. They were brought together as a formed unit on 12th October 1945.

Lieutenant Colonel R.H. Marson, DSO, assumed command of the Battalion which commenced immediate preparations for redeployment for Morotai, where 34th Infantry Brigade was being concentrated.

Service in Japan

From 1946-48 the Battalion served in Japan. Besides training, the Battalion carried out guard duty at the Imperial Palace in Tokyo, amongst other places and played a great deal of sport.

Return to Australia

On 22 Nov 48, the Battalion, still known as 65 Aust Inf Bn, held its final parade in Japan before sailing on HMAS KANIMBLA to Sydney where it moved to Ingleburn. Before the end of November the Unit was redesignated '1st Battalion, Australian Regiment'. Again in January the Unit's name was changed to '1st Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment' (1 RAR) following the granting of King George VII Royal assent to the formation of the Royal Australian Regiment.

On 22 Mar 49, a guard of honour was mounted by the Battalion at Victoria Barracks Sydney for His Excellency Sir John Northcott, Governor of New South Wales. This was the first guard mounted by a regular Australian infantry battalion in Australia.

During this period the Battalion trained as a unit; trained reinforcements for Korea and helped in times of civil emergency such as at the Muswellbrook, Minmi and Greta coal strikes where for two weeks a composite Army force worked the mines. The Unit

provided escorts, protection details, cooks and drivers.

Korea 1952-53

In Sep 51, the Battalion was warned to move to Korea. After a farewell march through Sydney, 1 RAR commanded by LTCOL I. Hutchinson, DSO, MC sailed on HMAS DEVONSHIRE for Japan on 18 Mar 52. After training and preparation in Japan the Battalion moved to Korea where it underwent further training at Nam-Myon and Sandok. On 19 Jun 52 the Battalion moved into the line taking over from the 1st Royal Leicesters.

On 2 Jul 52, after vigorous patrolling the Battalion conducted an attack on Hill 227. This operation was called 'Operation Blaze' and the steadiness of all ranks was commended by the Brigade Commander, BRIG Daly. Casualties were 4 KIA and 33 WIA.

On 8 Jul 52, 1 RAR was relieved by 1st Battalion, The Black Watch. The Battalion then moved to Naeochon and on 10 Jul 52 was in position alongside 3 RAR. Patrolling activity was maintained and throughout its stay in the line the Battalion was constantly shelled and mortared.

At the end of September the Durham Light Infantry relieved 1 RAR. The Battalion then moved into reserve and a company was detached to 1st Battalion of the Welsh Regiment to occupy the Yong Dong Hill feature. While the Battalion was in reserve LTCOL M. Austin arrived to take command. In November Operation 'Nescala' was affected successfully - this was the relief of 1st Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment by 1 RAR on Hill 355 (Little Gibraltar).

On 29 Dec, 3 RAR relieved 1 RAR and the unit assumed a counterattack role in the Misan Myon area.

On 21 Mar 53, the Commanding Officers of all three battalions of the Regiment attended a ceremonial hand-over of duties on 1 RAR parade ground at Camp Casey. This was a historical occasion as it was the first time that the three battalions had served in the same area with their new designation, The Royal Australian Regiment.

On 24 Mar 53, the Battalion sailed on the MV NEW AUSTRALIA for Brisbane arriving on 9 Apr 53.

During the nine months it was in Korea, the Battalion added a distinguished chapter to its brief history as a regular unit. Thirty-four of its members were killed and 107 wounded.

Gallantry and devotion to duty were recognised by the award of a total of 46 decorations made up of two DSO's, two OBE's, three MBE's, seven MC's, one BEM, twenty-one MID's and three C and C commendations.

Service in Australia 1953-54

In 1953-54, service in Australia at Enoggera consisted of training, stevedoring, locomotive driving in the Bowen area, and participation in the Royal Tour. During the Royal Tour a Guard of Honour was provided at Parliament House and street lining was also carried out for Her Majesty the Queen's progress through the city.

Korea 1954-55

On 20 Mar 54, the Battalion commanded by LTCOL N.A.M. Nicholls, marched through Brisbane and embarked on the MV NEW AUSTRALIA for Korea arriving at Pusan on 31 Mar 54.

The Korean War having ended, the Battalion occupied a Peace Camp and spent its time in Korea digging and improving the Kansas defensive line; training; building a new quonset hut camp; parades and sport.

Australia 1956-59

The Battalion, commanded by LTCOL O.D. Jackson returned to Brisbane from Korea in Apr 56.

On 30 Mar 57, 1 RAR was presented with new colours by the Governor-General, Field Marshall Sir William Slim, GBC, GCB, GCMG, GCVO, GBE, DSO, MC, KStJ. The parade was held on the Brisbane Exhibition Ground and was generally claimed as outstanding.

In 1959, the Battalion commanded by LTCOL W.J. Morrow, OBE moved to the Mackay area for a series of exercises culminating in the 1 Inf Bde Gp Exercise 'Grand Slam'.

Malaya 1959-61

On 20 Sep 59, the Battalion embarked on MV FLAMINIA for Malaya. After arriving at Singapore the Battalion trained at Kota Tinggi and moved to base camps at Kuala Kangsar, Sungei Siput, Lasah, Lintang and Grik.

The Battalion began operations on 16 Nov 59 in the Thai/Malay border area in Perak known as 'Operation Bamboo', relieving the 1 Loyals. Access to this area of deep jungle was obtained by helicopter, boat and on foot. Platoons would spend three weeks patrolling then come out to their base camps for 10 days rest, re-kit and re-train. This pattern remained unchanged throughout the 18 months of intensive patrolling. Unfortunately no kills were made but given that the total Battalion area was 210 square miles and the number of CTs between 20 and 30, this lack of success was not surprising. One hundred and seventeen 'finds' were made, some of which promised better things but all to no avail. Dom Ah Soo Chye and Boil Tet Meuw and their men managed to evade all efforts to catch them.

In Jun 61, the Battalion was withdrawn from operations and began intensive training. A series of unit exercises led up to 28 COMWEL Indep Inf Bde Gp's Exercise 'Trinity Angel'.

The Battalion left Penang for Sydney on the 29 Oct 61 on the MV FLAMINIA. Before leaving, the Battalion was presented with a fighting kris by the Prime Minister, and Government of Malaya for its services in the emergency. The Battalion also received silver from its affiliated Field Battery 16 (Sandham's) RA and the Royal Malayan Police; a kukri from 17 Ghurkha Division and a ceremonial kris from the town of Sungei Siput.

Australia 1962-65

At Gallipoli Barracks Holsworthy, the Battalion rapidly built up its pentropic strength which exceeded 1300 in number.

Major field force exercises were held every year in the Tianjara and Colo Putty areas and the Battalion reached a high standard of efficiency. Successive COs were CO K.R.G. Coleman, MC, COL C.M.E. Pearson, MC and COL D.B. Dunstan, MBE. During 1963 1 RAR provided the House Guard at Government House in Canberra during the Royal Tour.

With the passing of the pentropic establishment, 1 RAR split on 1 Mar 65, half of its officers and soldiers passing to 5 RAR which formed in the same lines.

Vietnam 1965-66

While still training at Holsworthy the Battalion was warned in Mar 65 for service in South Vietnam and after rapid preparation departed by charter aircraft and HMAS SYDNEY.

After concentration at the Bien Hoa air base in early June the Battalion was placed under command of the 173rd US Airborne Brigade (Separate) and formed part of the perimeter for the defence of the base. This period saw intensive training with helicopters and APCs and also patrolling with the US troops.

On the 25/26 Jun the Battalion carried out the first of many successful operations against the Viet Cong and afterwards in conjunction with the remainder of the Brigade conducted operations in such well known areas as 'War Zone D', 'Ben Cat', 'The Iron Triangle' and other notorious VC areas.

In Dec 65 the CO, LTCOL I.R. Brumfield, who was later awarded the DSO, returned to Australia for medical reasons and was succeeded by LTCOL A.V. Preece, MVO.

New Year's Day 1966 saw the Battalion on operation 'Marauder' in the 'Terrain of Reeds' then operation 'Crimp' where it was the first unit to air assault into 'Ho Bo Woods'. It was later found that the battalion had in fact landed on the top of the underground HQ of the VC Military Region 4. Many weapons and

some 100,000 pages of documents were found in the tunnel complex which was the deepest and most elaborate found up to that time.

Operations continued till Apr 66 and included two operations with the 1st US Inf Div better known as 'The Big Red One'.

After a visit on Anzac Day by the Prime Minister the Honourable Harold Holt, the Battalion started to prepare for return to Australia.

The result of the tour was 128 VC KIA plus a large number WIA and PW with our own casualties being 23 KIA and 130 wounded.

Decorations for the period were two DSO's, nine MM's and seven MID's.

Australia 1966-68

On the completion of a well earned period of leave 1 RAR again reformed in Holsworthy, this time under the command of LTCOL K.P. Outridge. From Jul 66 the Battalion built up with the integration of the earlier drafts of national servicemen and training exercises in the Holsworthy range area.

This period was punctuated with many ceremonial occasions in which the Unit played major parts, the biggest being a guard of honour in late Sep 66 for Mr Lyndon B. Johnson, the President of the United States.

In Jul 67, the Battalion moved from the old Gallipoli Barracks to the 'Finshchhafen Lines' part of the 10 TF Barracks complex. It was during this move that LTCOL P.H. Bennett assumed command of the unit.

The remainder of 1967 was spent on exercise and leave. In early 1968 preparation for the second tour of Vietnam commenced.

Vietnam 1968-69

After vigorous training in the Holsworthy area, followed by a successful Exercise 'Grass Parrot', the 1 RAR advance party departed from Mascot for Vietnam on 17 Mar 68. The main body, including 130 members who had previously served in Vietnam, sailed on HMAS SYDNEY arriving at Nui Dat on 9 Apr 68 to relieve 7 RAR.

On 3 May 68, after two short operations, 'Pegasus' and 'Blaxland', the Unit commenced 'Toan Thang'. Initial deployment was in the Long Khan province with a later move to FSB 'Coral'. Following a probing attack estimated at battalion strength on 15 May, 'Coral' was attacked on 16 May by a regiment later identified as the 141 NVA Regt. Fierce fighting by the gunners of 102 Fd Bty and 1 RAR repelled the attack. Operation 'Toan Thang' produced 162 VC KIA.

Between July and September, several operations were carried out

including sweeps through the Hat Dich, Tua Tich and Baria areas. Between 28 Sep - 12 Oct the Battalion once again deployed into the Hat Dich area on operation 'Windsor'. This operation was followed by operation 'Capital', a large allied sweep through the north-west of Phoc Tuy province near the Mao Tao mountains.

Operation 'Goodwood' again in the Hat Dich area commenced on 3 Dec. 1 RAR took part on a rotational basis with 9 RAR and 4 RAR until the unit returned home in Feb 69.

Besides these major operations, 1 RAR conducted village cordon and searches, convoy escort, FSPB protection, land clearing protection, extensive TAOR patrolling and company size operations.

The Battalion returned home and marched through Sydney on 28 Feb 69. During its tour, 1 RAR had accounted for 276 VC KIA, and the destruction of numerous bunker complexes and caches, for the loss of 31 KIA and 165 WIA.

Malaysia/Singapore 1969-71

LTCOL J.B.M. Trenerry assumed command of the Battalion on 1 Mar 69 and preparations for the move to Malaysia begun by the 1 RAR Aust Component continued.

After two major exercises, 'Jumping Wallaby' and 'Sheer Hell', the unit withdrew from Malaysia, joining the Selarang garrison in Singapore in Dec 69 as part of 28 COMWELL Indep Inf Bde Gp.

The unit remained in Singapore until Jul 71 when it returned to Lavarack Barracks in Townsville. LTCOL Hodgkinson assumed command of the Battalion on its return to Australia.

Australia 1971-1992

On 24 Dec 71, personnel were recalled from leave to assist in the clean up operation after Cyclone Althea. The Battalion manned a Relief Control Centre and was mainly responsible for the Townsville area and Magnetic Island.

During 1972, 1 RAR undertook several exercises culminating with 'Treble Charge' in Papua New Guinea.

LTCOL P.N.B. White, MC, assumed command in Jan 73. During 1973, 1 RAR provided the enemy for the 3 TF Exercise 'Temple Tower'.

1974 saw 1 RAR committed to several major exercises. 'Duty Hike' was conducted in North-West QLD and 1 RAR provided enemy on 'Kangaroo 1' assisted by a company of US Marines.

In Dec 74, LTCOL White handed over command to LTCOL K.A. Patterson. In 1975 1 RAR sent companies to Singapore, Canada and Hawaii and in return hosted companies from Britain, America and Singapore.

On Jul 76, the Governor-General, His Excellency The Honourable

Sir John Kerr, AK, GCMC, KStK, presented 1 RAR with new Colours at a parade at Lavarack Barracks.

On 10 Jan 77, LTCOL K.A. Patterson handed over command to LTCOL I.J.C. Hearn.

On 16 Dec 78, LTCOL Hearn handed over command to LTCOL P.W. Beale, DSO, MC.

On 10 Dec 80, LTCOL Beale, DSO, MC handed over command to LTCOL Caligari. In 1980 1 RAR became one of two Townsville based battalions of the Operational Deployment Force.

LTCOL B.J. Caligari handed over command of 1 RAR to LTCOL P.J. Cosgrove, MC, on 14 Jan 83.

The latter half of 1983 saw the majority of 1 RAR as the enemy for Exercise 'Kangaroo 83'. The exercise was conducted in the Pilbara region.

LTCOL P.J. Cosgrove, MC, handed over command of 1 RAR on 13 Aug 84 to LTCOL J.D. McAloney, MC.

In 1986 1 RAR won the prestigious Duke of Gloucester Cup. Later that year the team went to England to compete in, and subsequently win, the British Army's Cambrian Patrol contest. 1986 also saw 1 RAR deploy on Exercise Kangaroo 86 to central QLD.

LTCOL J.D. McAloney, MC departed 1 RAR on 5 Dec 86 handing over to LTCOL J.P. Salter, MC.

On 21 May 87 1 RAR received orders for deployment during the Fiji crisis for Operation 'Morris Dance'. B Coy, under command of MAJ B.A.R. Scott, was flown onto Norfolk Island and embarked on HMAS TOBRUK. Cross decking then occurred between other RAN Ships. As B Coy was not called on to assist the evacuation of Australian Nationals and Expatriates, shipboard routines continued until 3 Jun 87 when B Coy returned to Coral Lines over a number of days.

Between 2 Apr and 28 Apr 88 1 RAR despatched two officers and 15 soldiers for the RAR Royal Guard as part of the Bicentennial celebrations. Guards were provided for Buckingham Palace, St James Palace, The Tower of London, and Windsor Castle. The contingent commander was LTCOL J.P. Salter, MC.

On 10 May 88, and coinciding with the twentieth anniversary of the Battle of FSB Coral, 1 RAR was presented with new Colours by the Governor-General, The Right Honourable Sir Ninian Stevens, AK, GCMG, GCV0, KBE. This parade was attended by some 400 veterans.

On 8 Dec 88, LTCOL J.P. Salter, MC, handed over command of 1 RAR to LTCOL J.D. Petrie.

During 1989 1 RAR deployed by both air and road to the Northern Territory for Exercise Kangaroo 89. Major activities were conducted at Daly River, Mataranka, and Beswick.

On 12 May 1990 1 RAR celebrated the Battle of FSB Coral with the battalion conducting an Airmobile insertion onto the battalion parade ground utilising SA-70 Blackhawk and Iroquis gunships. In Jul 90 a rifle section commanded by CPL P. Marsh, from 1 RAR won the Duke of Gloucester Cup.

On 4 Jul, The Battalion was presented with the US Meritorious Unit Commendation in recognition of its outstanding service while part of the US 173rd Airborne Brigade in South Vietnam 1965-66.

In Jan 91, LTCOL D.J. Hurley assumed command of the Battalion. The year saw many exercises, including Kangaroo 92, concentrating on low level operations, Services Protected Evacuation and Amphibious Operations.

Somalia Jan - May 1993

On 17 Dec 92 the Battalion was warned for duty in Somalia to provide the basis of a Battalion Group, in support of Operation 'Restore Hope'. After a short period of pre-deployment training the Battalion was deployed to Somalia by HMAS TOBRUK, HMAS JERVIS BAY and charter aircraft, leaving behind a small rear party.

After concentrating on Mogadishu the Battalion deployed to Humanitarian Relief Sector (HRS) Baidoa in the Southern Central region of Somalia. Here the battalion established a secure perimeter at the Baidoa Airfield and assumed control of the HRS from the US 3/9 Marine Battalion on Jan 93. The Battalion initially worked under the operational control of the US 10th Mountain Division until 2 Mar 93 when it returned to under command of HQ Australian Forces Somalia.

On 23 Jan 93, the Battalion conducted its first of seven major operations. Operation 'Red Dawn', was a company cordon and search of Buurhakaba and was the prelude to the Battalion's rapid expansion and domination of the HRS.

On 17 Feb 93, the Battalion had its first of 11 contacts with Somali gunmen. These in conjunction with cordon and searches and some 1100 foot patrols resulted in seven gunmen KIA four WIA and 70 Somali handed to the Auxiliary Security Forces. In addition, the Battalion confiscated 935 weapons of various types and ensured the safe delivery of 8311 tonnes of humanitarian relief supplies.

On 14 May 93, the Battalion handed responsibility for the HRS to the French element of the United Nations Force. 1 RAR returned to Australia on 22 May 93 and marched through Townsville to a

rousing welcome home by the people of the city.

East Timor October 2000 – April 2001

On 25 October 2000 1 RAR Group took over the role of the Australian Battalion of UNTAET (commonly referred to as AUSBATT) from 6 RAR, commanded by LTCOL John Caigari. The 1 RAR Group was comprised of 15 elements. The group included an average of 1062 personnel, 29 armoured fighting vehicles, 238B vehicles, 40 C vehicles and 4 Blackhawks. The Area of Operations (AO) was named AO MATILDA and stretched over 1500 sq km of East Timor.

The Group's mission was to provide security to the people of East Timor so that civil infrastructure and government systems could be re-established under the guidance of the UN in order to help the East Timorese transition to an independent nation. The operations of the 1 RAR group resulted in one Militia KIA and one friendly WIA. Other minor contacts with suspected militia occurred however militia casualties could not be confirmed due to the close proximity of the contacts to the Tactical Coordination line (TCL).

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THEATRES OF SERVICE

FROM	TO	COUNTRY	BASE	Bde/Div/TF
Oct 45	Feb 46	Dutch East Indies	Morotai	34 Aust Inf Bde
Feb 46	Dec 48	Japan	Fukayama	34 Aust Inf Bde
Dec 48	Mar 52	Australia	Ingleburn	1 Indep inf Bde Gp
Mar 52	Apr 53	Korea		28 BRITCOM Bde, 1 COMWEL Div
Apr 53	Mar 54	Australia	Enoggera	1 Indep Inf Bde Gp
Mar 54	Apr 56	Korea	Peace Camp	28 BRITCOM Bde, 1 COMWELL Div
Apr 56	Sep 59	Australia	Enoggera	1 Indep Inf Bde Gp
Sep 59	Oct 61	Malaya	Perak State	28 COMWEL Indep Inf Bde Gp
Oct 61	May 65	Australia	Holsworthy	1 Div (Pentropic)
May 65	Jun 66	Vietnam	Bien Hoa	173rd US Airborne Bde
Jun 66	Mar 68	Australia	Holsworthy	10 TF/1 Div
Mar 68	Feb 69	Vietnam	Nui Dat	1 ATF
Mar 69	Dec 69	Malaysia	Terendak	28 COMWEL Indep Inf Bde Gp
Dec 69	Jul 71	Singapore	Selarang	28 COMWEL Indep Inf Bde Gp
Jul 71	Dec 92	Australia	Townsville	3 Bde/1 Div
Jan 93	May 93	Somalia	Baidoa	US 10th Mtn Div HQ Australian Forces Somalia

May 93		Australia	Townsville	3 Bde/1 Div
Oct 00	Apr 01	East Timor	Townsville	INTERFET

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COMMANDING OFFICERS

65 Aust Inf Bn

22 Oct 45 - 25 Apr 48 LTCOL R.H. Marson, DSO, ED

65 Aust Inf Bn

26 Apr 48 - 5 May 49 MAJ T.E. Archer, ED (administering
Command)

1 AR/1 RAR

6 May 49 - 3 Jan 51 LTCOL J.L.A. Kelly, DSO

1RAR

04 Jan 51 - 01 Apr 51	LTCOL D.L.B. Goslett, MC, ED
02 Apr 51 - 06 Jul 51	LTCOL F.G. Hassett, DSO, OBE
07 Jul 51 - 01 Nov 51	LTCOL I.B. Ferguson, DSO, MC
02 Nov 51 - 20 Oct 52	LTCOL I. Hutchinson, DSO, OBE, MC, ED
21 Oct 52 - 01 Oct 53	LTCOL M. Austin, DSO
02 Oct 53 - 24 Jan 55	LTCOL N.A.M. Nicholls
25 Jan 55 - 21 Jan 56	LTCOL G.B. Coobes
21 Jan 56 - 26 Mar 57	LTCOL O.D. Jackson
27 Mar 57 - 04 Dec 58	LTCOL W.J. Finlayson, MVO, OBE
05 Dec 58 - 28 Jun 60	LTCOL W.J. Morrow, OBE
28 Jun 60 - 29 Oct 61	LTCOL S.P. Weir, MC
12 Nov 61 - 25 Jul 62	COL K.R.G. Coleman, MC
26 Jul 62 - 15 May 64	COL C.M.I. Pearson, MC
16 May 64 - 28 Feb 65	COL D.B. Dunstan, MBE
01 Mar 65 - 03 Dec 65	LTCOL I.R.W. Brumfield, DSO
03 Dec 65 - 10 Jun 66	LTCOL A.V. Preece, DSO, MVO

11 Jun 66 - 14 Jul 67	LTCOL K.P. Outridge
15 Jul 67 - 01 Mar 69	LTCOL P.H. Bennett, DSO
01 Mar 69 - 15 Jul 71	LTCOL J.B.M. Trenerry
16 Jul 71 - 21 Jan 73	LTCOL I.R.J. Hodgkinson, MBE
22 Jan 73 - 03 Dec 74	LTCOL P.N.D. White, MC
04 Dec 74 - 10 Jan 77	LTCOL K.A. Patterson
10 Jan 77 - 16 Dec 78	LTCOL I.J.C. Hearn
17 Dec 78 - 09 Dec 80	LTCOL P.W. Beale, DSO, MC
10 Dec 80 - 14 Jan 83	LTCOL B.J. Caligari
15 Jan 83 - 13 Aug 84	LTCOL P.J. Cosgrove, MC
14 Aug 84 - 14 Dec 86	LTCOL J.D. McAloney, MC
15 Dec 86 - 14 Dec 88	LTCOL J.P. Salter, MC
15 Dec 88 - 14 Dec 91	LTCOL J.D. Petrie, AO
15 Dec 91 - 14 Dec 93	LTCOL D.J. Hurley, DSC
15 Dec 93 - 14 Dec 95	LTCOL R.J. Martin
14 Dec 95 - 14 Dec 97	LTCOL M.A. Kelly
14 Dec 97 - 14 Dec 98	LTCOL M.D. Bornholt
14 Dec 99 -	LTCOL J.C. Caligari

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Oct 45 - Jun 46	W01 J.B. Percival, MBE
Jun 46 - Dec 49	W01 C. Scholes
Dec 49 - Oct 51	W01 G.L. Hart
Jan 52 - Mar 52	W01 J.B. Percival, MBE
Mar 52 - Jul 53	W01 W.R. Smith
Jul 53 - Aug 53	W02 L.E. Brennan, MBE
Aug 53 - Aug 55	W01 P. English
Aug 55 - Mar 56	W01 T. Scott-Holland, MM
Mar 56 - May 56	W01 P.Z. Stephenson
May 56 - Mar 57	W01 G.H. Knowles
Mar 57 - Aug 60	W01 F.G. Buchanan
Aug 60 - Apr 63	W01 W.H. Jones
Apr 63 - Nov 65	W01 J.D. McKay, MM
Nov 65 - Jan 66	W02 J.G. Currie, MBE
Jan 66 - Jun 66	W01 W.J. Birkett
Jun 66 - Jan 70	W01 D.C. Dalton
Apr 70 - Jan 73	W01 J.G. Currie, MBE
Jan 73 - Dec 74	W01 D. McGregor
Dec 74 - Nov 76	W01 B.H. Cox, MBE
Nov 76 - Nov 78	W01 K.W. Hergenhan
Nov 78 - May 80	W01 R.J. May
May 80 - Feb 82	W01 W.A. Webber
Feb 82 - Dec 84	W01 B.A. Smith
Dec 84 - Dec 86	W01 T.E. Wass
Jan 87 - Dec 88	W01 R.J. Milham
Jan 89 - Dec 90	W01 R.B. Dabinett
Jan 91 - Jan 93	W01 G. Chamberlain

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Jan 93 - Dec 94	W01 J. Sales
Jan 95 - Dec 96	W01 S. Griffiths, OAM
Jan 97 - Dec 99	W01 M.Tugwell, CSM
Jan 99 - Dec 00	W01 S.Ward, OAM
Jan 01 -	W01 A.Gilman

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ALLIED REGIMENT - THE GRENADIER GUARDS

Origin

While in exile, Charles II in 1656 raised a regiment from his fellow exiles, which he called the 'Royal Regiment of Foot Guards'. This unit fought against Cromwell's English Army at the Battle of the Dunes, near Dunkirk, France on 24 May 1658.

After Charles' restoration the Royal Regiment of Foot Guards was left in Flanders, was neglected by its monarch and suffered privation. In 1664 the Regiment was called to England and in 1665 was amalgamated with a regiment raised to protect the King on the disbandment of the Cromwellian Army in 1661. The title was then the 'Kings Regiment of Foot Guards' (or 'First Guards'). In 1815 the designation of the Regiment was changed to 'First, or Grenadier Regiment of Foot Guards' in commemoration of the defeat of the grenadiers of Napoleon's Imperial Guard at Waterloo.

Battle Honours

The following Battle Honours are those carried on the Queen's and Regimental Colours:

Tangier 1680, Namur 1695, Gibraltar 1704-05, Blenheim, Ramillies, Oudenarde, Malplaquet, Dettingen, Linchelles, Egmont-op-Zee, Coranna, Barrossa, Nive, Peninsular, Waterloo, Alma, Inkerman, Sevastopol, Tel-el-kebir, Egypt 1882, Suakin 1885, Khartoum, Modder River, South Africa 1899-1902.

Marne 1914, Aisne 1914, Ypres 1914 and 1917, Loos, Somme 1916 and 1918, Cambrai 1917 and 1918, Arras 1918, Hazebrouck, Hindenburg Line, France and Flanders 1914-18.

Dunkirk 1940, Mont Pincon, Nijmegen, Rhine, Mareth, Medjez Plain, Salerno, Monte Casino, Anzio, Gothic Line.

1ST BATTALION, THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN REGIMENT**MASCOT**

The first mascot of the 1st Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment was a black Shetland Stallion named Septimus. He was enlisted into the Battalion in 1951 at the age of four years. He was presented by his owner, Mr J. Abrahams of Camden Park Stud, New South Wales.

Septimus enjoyed a colourful career until his death in April, 1967. As with any other members of the Army, Septimus had his records maintained at the Central Army Records Office in Melbourne. These records are now held in the unit museum. His conduct sheet was marred by at least three charges and further unrecorded offences including the attempted biting of Sir John Lavarack, the Governor of Queensland, in 1953. Septimus was a Corporal Group 5 1/2 and his Regimental Number was H201. He now lies buried at the Hawkesbury Agricultural College.

The second unit mascot was a white Shetland Stallion, Septimus Secundus, Regimental Number H202. He also was presented by Mr Abrahams on 12th October, 1967. Whilst the battalion was serving overseas in Vietnam, Malaysia and Singapore, Septimus Secundus was quartered at the Hawkesbury Agricultural College and arrived in Townsville on 29th September 1971. He quickly became a prominent figure in the life of the unit and the district being entered in local shows with highly successful results. Septimus Secundus' conduct record was similar to that of his predecessor and he is well remembered for his frisky nature particularly on Ceremonial Parades. He was accidentally killed on 1st July, 1977 whilst returning from the Ayr Show where he had won more ribbons. He now lies buried near the flagpole in 1 RAR and his Show prizes are on display in the Battalion Museum.

The present mascot, Septimus Tertius, is a grey Shetland Stallion and was purchased, with the generous help of Mr Abrahams, from Mr M. Roper's stud in Toowoomba, Queensland, in August 1977. He was immediately flown to Townsville and enlisted in the Army on 16th August, 1977 with the Regimental Number MA0089D. He is noted for having the same temperament as his forebears.

At the CORAL DAY Parade in 1979, Septimus Tertius was promoted to Lance Corporal by the then Chief of the General Staff, Lieutenant General D.B. Dunstan, CB, CBE.

Approval was given on 4th June, 1982 for the promotion of

Septimus Tertius to the rank of Substantive Corporal. He received his new badges of rank from Colonel R.H. Marson, DSO, ED, Retd, during a special ceremony held at 1 RAR on the Battalion's 37th Birthday, on 12th October, 1982. Colonel Marson was the first Commanding Officer of the Battalion.

Throughout the eighties Septimus Tertius was entered in many shows and competitions amassing numerous awards. His performance on the show circuit has been second to none.

8. In 1991 he lost his right eye after developing an infection. In August 1992 he attended unit conducted promotion courses for Sergeant; being named the Student of Merit on both courses. During the Battalion's 47th Birthday Parade in 1992, Septimus Tertius was promoted to Sergeant by the GOC 1st Division, MAJGEN P.M. Arnison, AO. On the Battalion's 48th Birthday, Septimus Tertius will formally retire and hand over the mascot responsibilities to his son MA349 Private Septimus Quartus. Septimus Quartus was kindly donated by the Everdale Park Stud of Mareeba.

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1ST BATTALION, THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN REGIMENT

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

Battalion Firsts. 1 RAR has the honour of being the: first into Vietnam, May 65. First to serve in a US Bde (173rd Airborne); first into Singapore, Dec 69; first to have a mascot; and first Battalion to be deployed on operations since Vietnam. Somalia Jan 93 - May 93.

On 1 Mar 65, 1 RAR, then on the pentropic establishment, split half of the Battalion's members forming 5 RAR. When 8 RAR was raised on 8 Aug 66, 150 members of 1 RAR were transferred to the new Battalion.

On 4 Jul 91, 1 RAR was presented the United States Meritorious Unit Commendation (MUC). It was awarded in recognition of outstanding service while part of the US 173rd Airborne Brigade in South Vietnam, 1965-66.