

# 2ND BATTALION, THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN REGIMENT ASSOCIATION

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### THE BATTLE OF THE HOOK

On 9 Jul 53 2 RAR relieved the 1st Battalion, The King's Regiment around 'The Hook' feature, the left flank of 1 COMWEL Div. The Battalion was subjected to intermittent artillery, mortar and infantry attacks leading up to the battle of 'The Hook' on 24, 25 and 26 Jul 53.

Coinciding with attacks on 7 US Marine Regt, on the Battalions left, 2 RAR was heavily attacked with artillery concentrations and infantry during the night of the 24th and the early hours of the 25th. The reserve company from 1 Durham Light Infantry (DLI) came under command 2 RAR at midnight. The enemy objectives were the features 'Boulder City' in the US Marine Sector and 'POINT 121' in the 2 RAR Sector. All attacks were repulsed with heavy enemy casualties by the morning of the 25<sup>th</sup> and the reserve company from 1 DLI was withdrawn.

The enemy resumed heavy attacks on the Marines and the 2 RAR sector during the night of the 25th. D Company, 3 RAR came under command at 0100 hours and again a company from 1 DLI was warned but did not move up. These attacks were again beaten back with severe enemy casualties and major attacks ceased by the morning of the 26th. For its performance under these attacks 2 RAR won the battle honour 'SAMICHON'.