

RAR IN KOREA

OFFICIAL HISTORIES

1-2 KOREA

O'NEILL, Robert – Australia in the Korean War 1950-53

Volume I

Australian War Memorial/Australian Government Publishing Service Canberra 1981

Deals with both political and strategic aspects of Australia's participation in the Korean War.

O'NEILL, Robert – Australia in the Korean War 1950-53

Volume II

Australian War Memorial/Australian Government Publishing Service Canberra 1985

The official history includes Battle Honours, Honours and awards. Casualties, Order of Battle 1 Commonwealth Division.

WAR DIARIES KOREA – Australian War Memorial

<http://www.awm.gov.au/diaries/korea/>

[1 Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment](#)

[2 Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment](#)

[3 Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment](#)

REGIMENTAL & UNIT HISTORIES

2-1 GENERAL

Army History Conference Proceedings 2000

Army History Unit Canberra 2000

A retrospective look at the Korean War with some background relevance to the RAR.

HORNER, David (edited by) – Duty First

The Royal Australian Regiment in War and Peace

Allen & Unwin Australia 1990

Index, bibliography, 525 pages, awards, CO's,

RSM's, Regt Battle Honours and Unit Citations.

This is the initial attempt to produce the first forty five years of history of the Regiment.

HORNER, David & BAU, Jean (edited by) – Duty First

A History of The Royal Australian Regiment.

Allen & Unwin Australia 2008
Index, bibliography, 526 pages,
This is the update of the 1990 edition to 2007.

2-2 JAPAN & KOREA

ATKINS, James J. – The Kapyong Battalion
NSW Military Historical Society 1977
Nominal Roll of the 3rd Battalion The Royal
Australian Regiment Battle of Kapyong
Korea 1951. Includes honours and awards
list (with citations), honour roll, roll of
wounded, and nominal roll.

BARCLAY, C.N. Brigadier CBE, DSO – The First Commonwealth Division
The Story of British Commonwealth Land Forces in Korea, 1950-1953
Gale & Polden Ltd, Aldershot 1954
Honours and awards list, list of First Grade Staff Officers and heads of
services July 1951 to December 1953, list of principal commanders,
Staff and Administration officers as at 28th July 1951.

BATES, Peter – Japan and the British Commonwealth Occupation Force 1946-52
Brassey's (UK) London 1993
Photographs, maps. While this is a history of all the components of the BCOF, there
is sufficient Australian content to justify inclusion. Gives the military and political
history of the units comprising the force and the difficulties they faced.

BROWN, Colin H. – Stalemate In Korea
The Royal Australian Regiment in the Static War of 1952-53
Australian Military History Publications Loftus 1997
The author served as a Coy Comd with 3RAR, 1952-53.
Index, bibliography, 100 pages.
All aspects of soldering in Korea with the RAR are covered.

BREEN, Bob – The Battle of Kapyong.
Army History Centre/Army Doctrine Centre NSW 1995
3rd Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment Korea
23-24 April 1951. Includes citations for awards, casualties
and nominal roll.

BREEN, Bob – The Battle of Maryang San
HQ Training Command (Aust Army) 1991
A detailed account of 3RAR's Battle of
Maryang San during 2-8 October 1951.

BUTLER D, ARGENT A, & SHELTON J – The Fight Leaders
Australian Military History Publications, Loftus NSW 2002

An important book for the Australian Army and the RAR telling the story of three great Australian battlefield leaders of 3RAR in the Korean War – Lt Col C.H. Green, Lt Col I.B. Ferguson and Lt Col F.G. Hassett.

DEPT OF VET AFFAIRS – Nominal Roll of Australian Veterans of the Korean War
Dept of Vet Affairs Canberra 2000
Nominal roll of Australian veterans of Korea.

DENNIS, Peter & GREY, Jeffrey (edited by) – The Korean War 1950-53
Army History Conference Proceedings 2000
Army History Unit Canberra 2000
A retrospective look at the Korean War with some background relevance to the RAR.

EVANS, Ben – Out In The Cold
Australia's Involvement in the Korean War 1950-1953
Australian War Memorial & Dept of Veterans' Affairs 2000
A brief history of Australia's involvement in the Korean War.

GALLAWAY, Jack – The Last Call of the Bugle: The Long Road to Kapyong.
University of Queensland Press, St Lucia Qld 1994
Index, bibliography, 312 pages.
Effectively a history of 3 Battalion, RAR during 1950 and 1951 and covers the service in Japan with BCOF and the British Commonwealth Brigade in Korea, culminating in the battle of Kapyong. Contains a casualty list for 3RAR.

HOOKER, John – Korea – The Forgotten War
Time Life Books (Australia) Ltd 1989
A volume from the Time Life Australians At War Series.

ODGERS, George – Remembering Korea
Lansdowne Publishing Pty Ltd Sydney 2000
A background history of Australia's participation in the Korean War 1950-53. Nominal roll of all participants by unit.

STAFF, DOCTRINE BRANCH – The Battle of Maryang San
3rd Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment Korea 2-8 October 1951
Headquarters Training Command, Balmoral 1991
Photographs, fold-out maps. Essentially the story of one battle but forms part of the history of 3RAR.

SMITH, Neil C. – Home by Christmas
With the Australian Army in Korea, 1950-56
Neil C Smith Melbourne 1990
Includes nominal roll of all who served with details of unit, casualty awards.
Photographs, maps.

TREMBATH, Richard – A Different Sort of War
Australians In Korea 1950-53
Australian Scholarly Publishing Pty Ltd Melbourne 2005
A background study of Australian participation in the
Korean War.

PERSONAL NARRATIVES

3-1 GENERAL

Stories of Australians at War

ABC Books – Australia 2002

Contains short personnel exploits from the Boer War
to Gulf War and Peacekeeping. One story is of a sniper
of 2RAR in Korea, Pte Cyril 'Frenchy' Ray.

ESSEX-CLARK, John DSM – Hassett – Australian Leader

Australian Military History Publications Loftus 2005

The biography of General Sir Francis Hassett includes detail
of his command of 3RAR in Korea during 1951-52 especially
the Battle of Maryang San in October 1951.

LAFFIN, John – Digger

The Legend of the Australian Soldier

The Macmillian Company of Australia Pty Ltd 1986

First published 1959

Index, 296 pages.

The Regiment is briefly mentioned within the context
of The Legend of the Australian Soldier.

PARRY, Bill – We Were There In the RAR

W.O. Parry Immaculate Heart Printhall Baguio City Philippines 2005

True stories about the RAR commitments on active service and
peace keeping missions from the Korean War to the present commitment in Iraq.

PARRY, Bill – Battle Heroes and Humor in the RAR

W.O. Parry Immaculate Heart Printhall Baguio City Philippines 2007

True stories by real soldiers who have done the hard yards in the
Korean War, Malay Emergency, Borneo and Vietnam. Concentrating
on the larger battles fought.

PARRY, Bill (compiled by) – Battles, Heroes & Humour in the RAR

New Baguio Offset Press Philippines 2007

302 pages.

Comprises true stories, humour and poems from at home and abroad,
from Korea to Vietnam. It captures the ethos of life in the Regiment.

PRATTEN, Garth & HARPER, Glyn (compiled & edited by)

– Still the Same

Reflections on Active Service from Bardia to Baidoa

Army Doctrine Centre NSW 1996

Index, 280 pages.

Comprises interviews of veterans of WWII to the mid ninties and includes RAR in Korea, Vietnam and on peace-time operations.

SADLER, Rex & HAYLLAR, Tom – In the Line of Fire

Pan Macmillan Sydney 2006

Explores the nature of combat from the perspective of the men doing the actual fighting. Including Korea and Vietnam.

3-2 JAPAN & KOREA

BARTLETT, Norman (edited by) – With the Australians in Korea

Australian War Memorial, Canberra 1954

Index, biographical notes, 294 pages.

This is a story of Australia's part in the Korean War told mostly by the men who served as combatants or war correspondents.

BLANKLEY, Jack – A Going Among the Mulberry Trees.

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Korea 1952-53. Personal memoir of a New Zealand born Australian who served in Korea as an infantry signaller with 3RAR.

CAREW, Tim – The Korean War

The story of the Fighting Commonwealth Regiments 1950-1953

Pan Books Ltd 1967

(First published as Korea – The Commonwealth at War by Cassell & Co)

Index, bibliography, 371 pages.

The three battalions of the Regiment are individually mentioned along with units of the Commonwealth.

GORDON Harry - The Embarrassing Australian

The Story of An Aboriginal Warrior

Lansdowne Press Melbourne 1962

172 pages.

The first aboriginal to become an officer in the Australian Army. Served in Korea with 3RAR as OC C Coy.

GREEN, Olwyn – The Name's Still Charlie

University of Queensland Press 1993

Biography of Lt Col Charles Green, an Australian hero of WWII and Korea. Covers his time with 41st Battalion (Militia) prior to WWII, the 2/11 Battalion and 3 Battalion RAR in Korea.

Where he died.

MATTHEWS, Bruce – Wild Knights In No Man's Land
Transpress New Zealand 2003

A NZ infantry officer who served with 3RAR as a platoon commander in 1953, provides an interesting perspective of his experience.

O'DOWD, Ben – In Valiant Company
University of Queensland Press St Lucia 2000

O'Dowd, commander of A Company, 3RAR recounts the first 8 months of the Korean War, culminating in the Battle of Kapyong.

PEARS, Maurie & KIRKLAND, Fred (compiled by) –
Korea Remembered

The RAN, ARA and RAAF in the Korean War of 1950-53
Department of Defence Australia 1998
394 pages.

Personal stories of those involved in the conflict including PW.

SMITH N C Lt Col AM- L/Cpl H W Madden GC AIF 3RAR
Lt Col Neil C Smith AM

A short précis on Slim Madden GC Prisoner of War in Korea. Died from maltreatment by captors. The recipient of the highest award made to a soldier of the Royal Australian Regiment

THIELE, Ron – Korea – The Forgotten War, 1950-1953
Parker Pattinson Publishing Douglas Park NSW 2003

A brief history of Australian infantry operations in the Korean War, including personal experience with 3RAR 1951-52.

THOMPSON, Peter & MACKLIN, Robert – Keep of the Skyline
John Wiley & Sons Australia 2004

Focusing on the experiences of Ron Cashman who had just turned 19 when he left to fight with 3RAR in the Korean War.

PICTORIALS

NELSON Robert, MARGAN Frank, BREEN Peter, REID Stuart, EVANS David, –
A Pictorial History of Australians at War
Paul Hamlyn Australia 1970

Provides an overview in commentary and pictures of all conflicts involving Australia up to Vietnam.

RAY, Michael – 50 Years Of Duty
Warrior Press 1995

A photographic record of 1st, 2nd and 3rd Battalions
The Royal Australian Regiment on active service 1945-1995.

AUDIO TAPED RECORDINGS

FILMS, VIDEOS, DVDS