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MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

Battalion 'Firsts'. 3 RAR has the honour of being the:  
first into action, Korea Sep 50. First ten Regimental Battle Honours won by 3 RAR (Sariwon to Maryang-San);  
first to be awarded the US Presidential Distinguished Unit Citation (Kapyong); and  
First RAR battalion into Sarawak during the Indonesian Confrontation, Mar 65.

The Colours. On Kapyong Day 1956 at the Sydney Domain, The Queen's and Regimental Colours were presented by His Excellency The Governor-General of Australia, Field Marshal the Viscount Slim, KG, GCB, GCMG, GCVO, GBE, DSO, MC. New Queen's and Regimental Colours were presented to 3 RAR by His Excellency the Governor-General Sir Ninian Stephen AK, GCMG, GCVO, KBE at Holsworthy on 24 Apr 85, during the Kapyong Parade. The Colours serve as a constant reminder to all members of 3 RAR of their duty to their Sovereign and their Country. Although the battle honour Kapyong is a regimental honour, 3 RAR is the only unit which celebrates Kapyong Day, 24 April, and is the only battalion authorised to carry the Kapyong Streamer. The Kapyong Streamer is of blue silk with the word 'Kapyong' emblazoned in white on it. It is the symbol of the granting of the Distinguished Unit Citation by the President of the United States. The Streamer is flown from the colour pike of the Regimental Colour, at all times when uncased. The only exception to this is on Kapyong Day when the Streamer is affixed by a dignitary invited to do so by the Commanding Officer.

The Presidential Distinguished Unit Citation. The Distinguished Unit Citation was presented to 3 RAR by the President of the United States of America. It is worn at all times by those who served with the battalion in the Battle of Kapyong, and by others whilst actually serving with the unit. The Citation is represented by the blue pennant on the Regimental Colour and by the blue rectangle which is worn above the right breast pocket.

Battle Honour - Maryang San. The 3 RAR action to capture Hill 317 (Maryang San) as part of operation Commando, was recognised in April 1994 by the granting of Maryang San as a Regimental Battle Honour

Individual Award. The highest individual award for a soldier

serving as a member of the Battalion is the George Cross, awarded posthumously to Private H.W. (Slim) Madden whilst a prisoner of war in Korea. His memory is perpetuated by the naming of the soldiers' club at Holsworthy - The Madden Club.

Unit Affiliations:

The Battalion has special bonds with the following units/organisations although not formally allied:

2nd Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (2 PPCLI),

16th Field Regiment Royal New Zealand Artillery (16 RNZA),  
A Field Battery 8th/12th Medium Regiment,

2nd/3rd Australian Infantry Battalion Association, and  
Korea and South East Asia Forces Association.

The affiliation with 2 PPCLI and 16 RNZA are of note as they date from the Battle of Kapyong, where 3 RAR was also associated with Coy A 72nd Heavy US Tk Battalion now designated 1st Battalion 72nd US Armour. The affiliation with A Field Battery 8/12 Medium Regiment continues to be close as that battery is in direct support of the Battalion and previously supported the Battalion in Morotai, Malaysia and Vietnam.

Band. The band was used as stretcher bearers from Kapyong onwards in Korea and only six returned alive. The band was reformed in 1955 but disbanded in 1967 prior to service in Vietnam. The present Scottish pipes and drums were raised in 1969. Royal Assent was obtained in 1974 for the 3 RAR Pipes and Drums to wear the Royal Stewart Tartan, and band dress similar to the Scots Guards.

RSM's Piper. The senior pipe corporal is appointed RSM's piper and as such plays at all Sergeants' Mess functions and other functions as directed.

Regimental Marches. The Battalion regimental march is 'Our Director'. It has always been with the Battalion although the official march from 1955 to 1960 was 'Kapyong', written by the Australian composer Alfred Hill. Company inspection tunes (Brass Band) were introduced in 1960, and company pipe tunes were introduced with the raising of the Pipes and Drums in 1969. 'Highland Laddie', the quick march of our allied Regiment and Scots Guards, is played to march on the colours. Other marches are:

Brass Band   Pipes and Drums   Slow Time

3 RAR - Our Director	Our Director	
A Coy - Skye Boat Song	Green Hills of Tyrol	Westering Home
B Coy - With a Little Bit of Luck	When the Battle's O'er	Skye Boat Song
C Coy - By Land and Sea	Cock of the North	My Lodgings in the Cold, Cold

		Ground
D Coy - Oh! What a	Bonnie Dundee	My Home
Beautiful Morning		
Spt Coy - Greensleeves	Black Bear; Horn Pipe	Road to the
		Isles
Admin Coy - Toledo	Wi' a Hundred Pipers	Wi' a Hundred
		Pipers

Regimental and Battalion Ties. The Regimental tie is of rifle green woven silk with a repeating miniature gold regimental badge motif. It may be worn by all present and past members of the RAR. The battalion tie is woollen and is a miniature of the Royal Stewart Tartan, identical to the kilts of the Battalions' Pipes and Drums and the tartan of the Scots Guards. The Battalion tie may be worn by all present and past members of 3 RAR.

Kapyong Day Parade. The Kapyong Steamer is ceremonially affixed to the Regimental colour each Kapyong Day by a Kapyong veteran, and the Kapyong citation and Kapyong Prayer, are read by appropriate persons selected by the Commanding Officer. A copy of the Kapyong Prayer is attached at Appendix 8.

Honorary Member of 3 RAR. Mr Choi Yung Kil, the Korean who served for so many years with 3 RAR in Korea, was made an 'Honorary Member' of the Battalion on 24 Apr 69.

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KAPYONG DAY PRAYER

Almighty God, maker of heaven and earth, hear our prayers this Kapyong Day, as we remember the gallant deeds of those members of this Battalion who won for us the high unit distinction which we honour.

Please grant to us the same strength and will you gave to those who fought and died during the action in Kapyong. It is the same strength and will that has been displayed in Malaysia and South Vietnam. Give to those who paid the supreme sacrifice, eternal rest.

Let us not forget the relatives, and friends of our brothers who fell in Korea, Malaysia and South Vietnam. May they derive great satisfaction from the deeds of their loved ones who gave their all for the cause of freedom. Comfort them, O Lord, and help them. May we be your agents ensuring help to them in time of need or distress.

Look down in mercy upon us; forgive our sins; Fortify us in the day of battle. Grant we beseech Thee, O Lord thy tender mercy of this the 3rd Battalion of the Royal Australian Regiment; Bestow on us your grace and kindness so that we your humble servants may rightfully serve you, O God; our gracious sovereign; and our country.