

Chronicle of events

- 21 May 1968** Main body of battalion boarded HMAS Sydney at Brisbane and sailed for South Vietnam.
- 1 June** Battalion arrived at Vung Tau and took over from 2RAR. V Company occupied Horseshoe.
- 2 June** W and V companies came under command of 4RAR, later to become 4RAR/NZ (Anzac)Bn.
- 3 June** Battalion began familiarisation training and patrols. B Company TAOR patrol claimed battalion's first kill.
- 5 June** Prime Minister of Australia, Mr. J. G. Gorton, and Mrs. Gorton visited battalion. Battalion's first operation, Operation Redwing.
- 14 June** Airmobile training in Binh Ba rubber.
- 16 June** Battalion deployed by APC and air into AO Thredbo and commenced Operation Kosciusko.
- 21 June** Operation Kosciusko finished and battalion returned to Nui Dat.
- 22 June** First man in battalion killed in action—Pte Wickman, V Company.
- 24 June** Deployment by air to AO Birdsville for Operation Toan Thang II. FSPB Concord occupied.
- 28 June** First Australian soldier in battalion killed in action—Pte Barnett, D Company.
- 1 July** C Company replaced V Company on Horseshoe.
- 18 July** Battalion moved by air to AO Wagga and started Operation Merino.
- 24 July** C Company, 1RAR, joined battalion for first battalion attack since Korean War.
- 25 July** Operation Merino ended and battalion returned to Nui Dat.
- 31 July** Lt Col R. H. Smith RNZA, Commander New Zealand Forces in Vietnam, and Lt Col K. C. Fenton RNZE visited battalion.
- 1 August** V Company established FSPB Avenger. W Company established FSPB Hague for land-clearing operation, Operation Lyre Bird in AO Warburton.
- 4 August** B Company joined W Company at FSPB Hague.
- 13 August** D Company deployed into Nui Dinh. V Company returned to Nui Dat.
- 15 August** V Company established observation posts and commenced patrolling in area of Nui Nghe.
- 20 August** D Company replaced C Company on Horseshoe.
- 29 August** Lt Col J. Brooke MBE, Commanding Officer 1RNZIR, visited battalion.
- 1 September** Col P.H.G. Hamilton OBE, New Zealand Force Commander FARELF, visited battalion.
- 5 September** B and W companies relieved on land-clearing operations and returned to Nui Dat.
- 7 September** Battalion commenced Operation Innamincka in AO Ilbillee.
- 8 September** Col F.F. Saunders, Chief Secretary of the Salvation Army, visited battalion.
- 12 September** Operation Innamincka finished. Battalion deployed to AO Tuggerah for Operation Hawkesbury. Messrs D.C. Seath, H. Watt, A. Highett, V.S. Young, and R.M. Barclay, members of the New Zealand House of Representatives, visited the battalion.
- 15 September** Operations in AO Tuggerah finished. Battalion moved to AO Canowindra.
- 18 September** Maj Gen J.F. Cape CBE, DSO, Master General of Ordnance, visited battalion.
- 19 September** C Company accidentally strafed by USAF aircraft, resulting in 14 wounded.
- 21 September** Col B.S. Savage MBE, Director of Army Recruiting, visited battalion.
- 24 September** Operation Hawkesbury finished and battalion returned to Nui Dat.
- 28 September** W Company deployed to AO Mustang for Operation Sceptre. Lt Gen Sir Reginald Pollard KBE, CB, DSO, Colonel Commandant Royal Australian Regiment, and Col D.S. Thomson MC, Director of Infantry, visited battalion.