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The 9th Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment joined the 1<sup>st</sup> Australian Task Force in South Viet Nam in November 1968. Its tour of active duty was covered in the first book '9<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment – Viet Nam Tour of Duty 1968-1969 – On Active Service' and is not revisited here.

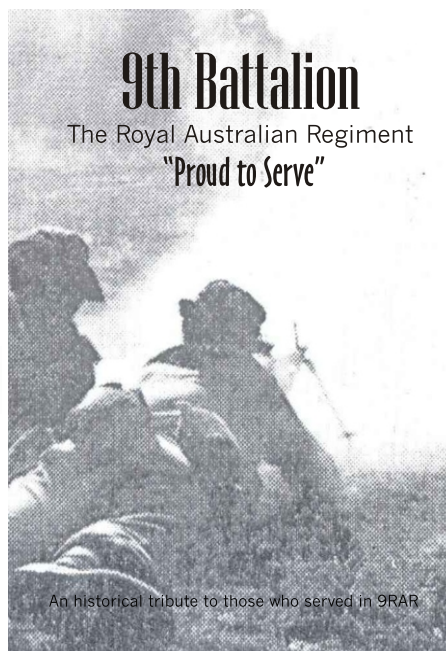
This book is the final chapter in the short but proud history of 9RAR. It provides an historical sketch of the Battalion after its return from South Viet Nam at the end of 1969 until its Colours were 'laid up' and its name was removed from the Order of Battle.

In this book we follow the path of the Battalion as it prepares to return to South Viet Nam. We look at the motivation, the training and the expectation of an infantry battalion trained for war. We reflect on the reinforcement system in use at the time. We recall the disappointment expressed by members of the Battalion when they learned that they would not see combat. We learn how they coped.

We look at the lives and fortunes of some members who served with 9RAR and seek out where they are now. We also include anecdotes from members of 9RAR who share some of their soldiering experiences. Finally, we recount how reunions became an important part of many members' lives and how the state branches of the 9RAR Association emerged to meet this requirement.

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