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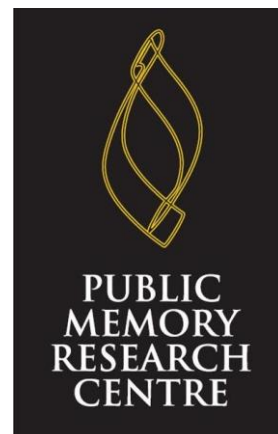
To the launch of the oral history documentary
by
Leonie Jones

“They’ll come looking for you...”
The Battle of Fire Support Base Coral,
Vietnam 1968

With an introduction
by

Professor Chris Lee
&

102 Field Battery veteran,
Vice President 12 Field Regiment (Vietnam) Association
Robert Costello



This is a story of courage and bravery, of confusion and serendipity. It is the story of how on Mothers' Day, 12th May 1968, about 250 Australian regular and national servicemen from 1st Battalion RAR and 12 Field Regiment RAA stood together to fight off a massive North Vietnamese Army attack. And that was just the first night...

It's a forgotten battle from a forgotten war, yet the Battle of Fire Support Base Coral is down in history as singularly the biggest and bloodiest battle fought by Australians in Vietnam. It lasted 26 days, withstood 2 major frontal attacks and 57 separate fire fights... Long Tan lasted four hours.

Coral cost more Aussie lives than any other battle fought in Vietnam. Some say it was an operational stuff-up. No-one doubts the many acts of bravery. And, 40 years on, no-one knows about it.

“They’ll come looking for you”
The Battle of Fire Support Base Coral, Vietnam 1968

Duration: 1x 60 min oral history
Directed by Leonie Jones
Narrated by Edward Foy
Producers: Meanjin Entertainment
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12 Field Regiment (Vietnam) Association
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Room R128 R Block
West Street,
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Light Refreshments will be served