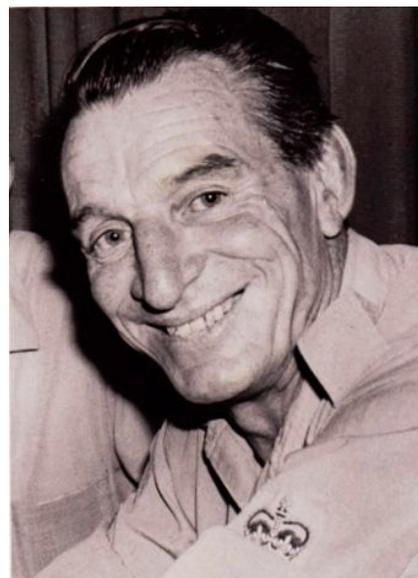


SIMMO
THE BIOGRAPHY OF RAY SIMPSON VC, DCM
One of Australia's greatest soldiers
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The biography of Ray Simpson also known as "Simmo" or "Chudda" is on track to be published in 2013/14. Research has been ongoing since 2009. Its purpose is to honour the life one of our great soldiers. The book will cover his story from his childhood to his death in Tokyo in 1978.

You may be familiar with Simmo's story - born in tough conditions in inner Sydney in 1926, then into a boy's home and indentured labourer as an eleven year old which prepared him for WW2 as an 18 year old. He went on to three continuous years with 3 RAR in Korea, Malaya with 2 RAR. 1 SAS Company, then his three tours with the AATTV. Remarkably 108 months of his service career was spent on active service, 48 of those with the AATTV.

Simpson was a member of the original '62-'63 Team. On his second tour in September '64 he was badly wounded at Ta Ko . He was awarded the DCM for that action, then after his recovery he returned to Vietnam as a civilian and was uniquely signed up 'in country' for his third and longest tour. He was awarded the VC for his gallantry in two actions on the 6th and 11th May 1969 involving the recovery of a badly wounded Mick Gill (who died later that night) and also Jock Kelly on the 11th. He was also awarded the US Silver Star and Bronze Star for these actions.

The authors would like to contact members of the Team or the family of men who served with Simmo who may have stories/anecdotes/photo's/documents on him. Any contact with him in Vietnam, or elsewhere, even a small incident or meeting with Simmo will help complete the puzzle eg his time in late '69 with VDAT's at Dinh Tuong Sector or his time at PSDF Baria in Phuoc Tuy. If anyone knows of Simmo's time in Malaya with 2 RAR that would be of great help also.

The authors wish to thank the Team members and families who have already contributed to a greater understanding on the life and times of Simmo.

All the profits from the book will go to the Australian SAS Association and Legacy.

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