

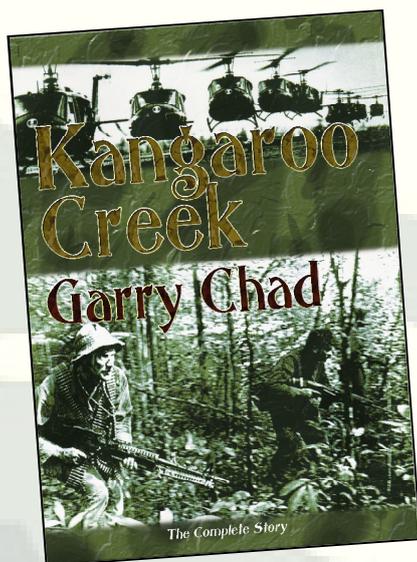
KANGAROO CREEK

THE COMPLETE STORY

By *Garry Chad*

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THIS real-life Aussie adventure story is about two youths. **GARRY CHAD** from outback Australia grew up with close Aboriginal connections, learning of their beliefs, laws and bush skills. He was born in Sydney in June 1941 before travelling to the North West to his home, Kangaroo Creek. His father, Tom, served in World War II in the Solomon Islands fighting against the Japanese.

WANG CHI HOE was born in January 1946 in the seaside town of Dat So, east of Hanoi, North Vietnam— a rice farmer and fisherman. His father, Hoi, had fought against the French with the Viet Min under General Giap.

Both mens' lives are uncanny and paralleled. They were worlds apart culturally and in their upbringing, but both came from rural backgrounds. One day they will collide in the deep jungles of South Vietnam.

Chad served with three different infantry battalions (1st, 6th and 4th Royal Australian Regiment) serving alongside the US 173rd Airborne Brigade, the “Big Red One” division and Kiwis and was wounded in action on both tours.

Wang was in the Viet Cong 5th division. He, like many of the North Vietnamese army, walked the extremely hazardous Ho Chi Minh trail while serving as a ‘filler’ (reinforcement).

“I wanted to tell my story because of the many interesting characters and people with whom I’ve shared many varied experiences in my civilian and army life. Everything in this book actually happened, although there are some small elements fictionalised to add interest and connection, but it is to the best of my memory.”

This epic sharply defines romance, humour, bonding, mateship, bar activities, battles and bravery.

This book is more than a soldier’s life; it goes *beyond* the usual Vietnam veterans’ experiences of mateship, war stories and war history. Sometimes humorous, sometimes brutal, always honest, it tells it as it is—how he felt, what he smelled, what he saw and heard.

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