

DAVID FRENCH - BIOGRAPHY



Dave French, MTF-2
2010-11

David French enlisted in the Australian Army in January 1996 and after completing Officer training via the Australian Defence Force Academy and Royal Military College was allocated to the Infantry Corps and posted to the 5th/7th Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment as a Rifle Platoon Commander in Charlie Company. David spent three years with the Battalion and deployed to East Timor in 2001/2002. After completing his posting as A/2IC Delta Company took on staff postings as Adjutant of the 4th/3rd Battalion, Royal New South Wales Regiment, as a Special Operations Watchkeeper and a student at the School of Languages. He also deployed to Iraq during this time on the Australian HQ.

David returned to Darwin and posted to the 5th Battalion in 2008. He re-raised Bravo Company after the split of 5 and 7 RAR and deployed to East Timor under then LTCOL Jake Ellwood as the Plans Officer and Adjutant. On returning from East Timor David was promoted to MAJ and assumed command of Charlie Company. He commanded this company on operations in Afghanistan in 2010/11 and as part of preparations established close ties with the Association who subsequently supported the men of Combat Team Charlie throughout the deployment. On return to Australia David served for the next 12 months as Operations Officer, planning and coordinating the Battalion for service as the Ready Battle Group - the first time this role had been done outside of 3 Brigade. After this role David attended Staff College and was posted to Army Headquarters where he retired as a LTCOL in 2016. David currently resides in Canberra, is married to Elizabeth and father of two mad-keen cricketers in William and Jacob.



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