



### **AN ODE TO A SPECIAL CLAN**

*Servicemen of Australia are a very special brand  
They go about whatever task to protect their home and land  
But Vietnam was a different thing, there were very few volunteers  
As men were called to go to war, their families left in tears*

*They were sent away to a foreign land and it didn't take them long  
To find how hard their task would be against the Viet Cong*

*But diggers being what they were, they didn't mind a blue  
They fought for long, they stood so strong and their casualties were  
few  
But every war has a battle, producing a special clan  
This time its Delta Company 6 RAR and the Battle of Long Tan*

*Those men outnumbered greatly, most feared all could be lost  
But the fighting Anzac spirit saw victory, but sadly at a cost*

*For when it was all over 18 did not return  
To the Land they loved Australia and the families they did yearn*

*Alas these years hereafter, mate and families fight in vain  
To seek the recognition that would help to ease the pain*

*But the mates who fought beside them at the Battle of Long Tan  
Will ensure that bond between them all, part of that special clan.*

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