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Lest we forget:

Kokoda trekkers mark diggers' wartime struggle

THREE Campbelltown residents are this week struggling through the mountainous jungles of New Guinea in a special pilgrimage along the Kokoda Trail.

Retired army major Charlie Lynn, of Bradbury, is leading the small group across 120km of remote highlands wilderness to mark the 50th anniversary of the battle for Kokoda in World War II.

It was here in 1942 that Aussie diggers overcame rugged terrain and lack of firepower to halt the Japanese advance.

Charlie's group — which includes 20

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trekkers and a supporting crew of Papuan guides and porters — left Kokoda on Friday and is now two-thirds through the journey.

On Friday, the eve of Anzac Day, they will arrive at Bomana War Cemetery at Port Moresby and participate in the Dawn Service the next morning.

A Vietnam veteran, Charlie has made the Kokoda pilgrimage before, in honour

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CHARLIE Lynn (centre) keeping fit on a walk through the Georges River bushland with two other local members of his Kokoda group, Adrian Blinman and Harry Lamerton