

In grandpa's steps

Kokoda remembered as PM unveils memorial

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SYDNEY Swans player Brett Kirk got off the plane at the Kokoda Plateau and was shown two memorials to the Japanese soldiers who fought there.

The footballer, whose grandfather, Wally Moras, had fought on the trail was keen to see some reference to the Australian servicemen, but couldn't find anything.

"I couldn't believe it," he said about the trip to Papua New Guinea two years ago. "I was absolutely disgusted."

The battles along the Kokoda Trail have been sadly neglected by history and Australian governments, but tomorrow Prime Minister John Howard will set about addressing the error by unveiling a monument at Isarua to the Australians

