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FROM THE COMMANDING OFFICER

As our second year ends I am delighted, as we all must be, with our successes. My aim during the year has been to maintain the standard set by the previous CO, Lt Col Adrian Clunies-Ross. This has been done.

You know my belief that "all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy". This year we reached a fine balance between work and play. Our record of achievement on both the "battle" and sports field will certainly verify it.

Contrary to popular belief we were training for war and NOT the OLYMPIC GAMES. Now there's a thought for our exchange company to Canada in 1976.

For me, the most pleasing aspect of the year has been the keen spirit of competition between companies and, when together as a unit, the intense loyalty to the Battalion. It was this, together with teamwork and professionalism that shone through at Exercise IRON MAN.

To all ranks, my sincere thanks for your support and proof that today's soldier is as good as, if not better, than yesterdays. It is my pleasure to command you.

To the wives and girlfriends, my thanks for understanding that our work does take us away at odd times, even during school holidays. As my wife tells me "the return is worth the wait". I cannot accept responsibility for those men who returned from IRON MAN ready to carry on with its spirit - only time will tell.

During the leave period, relax, have a good time and drive safely. We want you back in 76.

To assemble some well known phrases from the companies, 8/9 RAR should continue in 76 to:

Be ACHIEVERS;

Be PROFESSIONAL;

Be AGGRESSIVE; and

Be QUIETLY SUPERIOR.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

At long last we have been able to produce the Battalion Magazine for 1975. We hope that it will bring back the memories of things good and bad which happened throughout the year. We trust that your feelings have been accurately portrayed; the contributions are all yours.

Next year we will attempt to publish at least two editions. We need your support with light-hearted articles on the things you have been engaged in. We all get great enjoyment from reading of your exploits so please assist us to present the year as you see it.

This magazine is yours; the more work you put into it the better it will be.

We wish a very Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our readers and their families;

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Well what's happened in A Coy this year? Nothing much you might say; not true, not true at all; this year saw A Coy a hive of activity.

Early in the year we had a rest in that delightful summer resort JTC, or is it LWC? Changing the name doesn't change the meaning.

We spent a fair bit of the time away this year visiting such other delightful places as CROWS NEST, GREENBANK, TIN CAN BAY, and of course who can forget RAMS ROAR? I'm trying hard but I still can't.

In between all this we spent our time in camp doing those things which come naturally. Duties and sport. There was a break however in the form of cadet assistance which to most of us was a chance to see how the other half live.

September then saw us all traipse off to our favourite stamping ground at SHOALWATER BAY. A Coy was there pitted against the mighty ? 6 RAR. This was a good exercise, did someone say it rained, which taught us many lessons.

The climax of the year was Exercise IRON MAN. This exercise allowed us to practice our skills in, to what was to many of us, a completely new setting.

Our troubles early in the year with "that" intake, seem to be over. With our present manning we can look forward to a good year in 1976.

COMPANY HEADQUARTERS

COMBAT

CLARK



ALPHA AUDACITY (i.e. If the cap fits, wear it)

You've obviously heard of the saying "BIG JOHN always goes one better." How about attending his first exercise for the year on 1 Sep. Can anybody better that deal?

Battle efficiency is the BEST known test for today's modern soldier. What is the BEST test for the old soldier, for those who can't hack the pace.

Marched into the Coy on 25 Jan 75 to take over a building and now he thinks he's KING of the Coy.

Marched into the Coy on 17 Jan 75, dug his own rabbit WARREN, and now has little bunnies running everywhere.

Heard about the winner of the 2nd Sting, celebrated too much by donating most of his money with his JP mates.

Queen's Medal Shoot finalist very red faced the other day when nearly failed selection for Inter Service Shooting team, has now decided to use shotgun instead.

The local LITCH was gone further aFIELD, by trading in his typewriter for an SLR. Lets be FRANK about this, which is the better job.

The local JP took JACK & SON over the STONE HILL to try out his newly issued weapon, the Charlie Gutsache.

The Phantom who walked over the KING of the castle just to have a bit of wee time for himself.

The trained soldier who goes out on patrol less webbing, rifle and sleeping gear, and keeps asking the KING why he didn't bring out his combat smock.

The sly fox who spends the MAXimum amount of time on rear details.

ONE PLATOON:

HERE IS THE BRONZE ANZAC
MOUNTING HIS SPORTSTER ?



ONE PLATOON NOTES

The big one had an eventful start to 1975. We saw the arrival of a great number of new soldiers and yet another platoon commander. Our new diggers settled in well enough and a few of them even settled in well enough to accompany us on Exercise NON STOP. A few however decided that this wasn't the life for them and decided to go on leave. Pity they didn't ask permission.

From CROWS NEST we went to GREENBANK where great things were to happen (except the scores). We had fun (like PT runs) and long hard dsys on the range. All was forgotten however with the nights at the canteen. Did Smithy and Colbo ever leave it?

Next we were on our way to SHOALWATER BAY and RAMS ROAR. Tontos foot predicted truly and no rain was to be seen. This was a good exercise which saw the rest of the Coy hard pressed to keep up with us. It was also the first time that many of us had seen Gibbo, although he wasn't to join us for a while yet. It was also a fine example of international relations. Well done Tonto, and all that for a kukri.

WANDARRAH BARMAH saw us again head up to SHOALWATER BAY where we played mountain goats in tin cans. This exercise saw us as enemy operating against 6 RAR. We're lucky to have Kev Barry and Al Olding to this day. Both decided that they didn't want to go any further and stopped for a rest; should have told the Pl Comd though.

Not back long and then we were off to Exercise IRON MAN at good old SINGLETON. The **big** one found it hard to hide down there as we only had a few blades of grass. This exercise saw Speedy get his hook and the R-Soles look in amazement at him. Not long after Max also completed his meteoric rise from driver on RAMS ROAR to Cpl by November.

With a good steady crew 1976 offers to be a good year under our new Pl Comd.

DID YOU SEE?

Griffos' score on the MMR at GREENBANK.

Fred recently - neither have I.

The rest of the Coy - Exercise RAMS ROAR.

Scaysie looking ill - he was sober.

Smithie cam up his section - Exercise RAMS ROAR.

Colbo and Grice ~~after~~ the "match" - well done.

Shanks not limping and 66 days leave too.

Lcpl Kretch and his "pot".

CSM A on exercise.

PERSONALITIES:

What about the OC who goes on exercise to improve his chess.

The pain in the arse wiff the wadio.

Speedie walking back from SHOALWATER BAY.

Shanks trying to memorize his regimental number.

Sgt Gibson on a PT run.

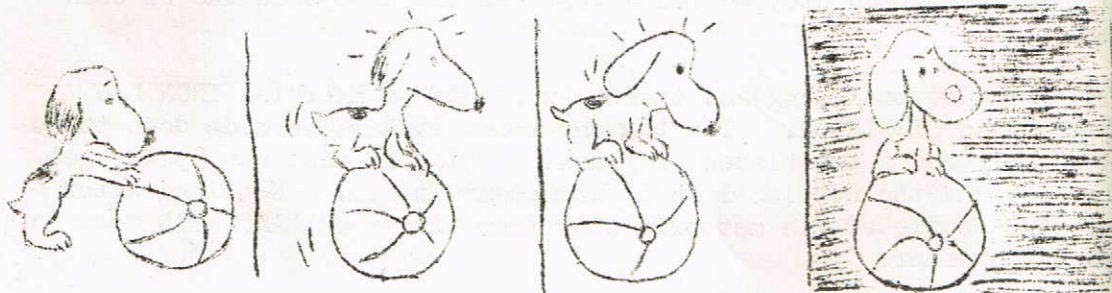
Kretch trying to buy a girdle, could only get a maternity one.

Stoney trying to explain his problems.

The master with his hat and scarf.

Welcome back Rick - from GAILLES roadhouse.

THE MUSHROOM PLATOON



ONCE YOU'RE ON THE BALL YOU'RE KEPT IN THE DARK AND FED ON SH-T

TWO PLATOON

The Adjt was heard to mumble recently that 2 Pl was the only platoon in the Bn that could summarize its entire years activities in two and a half paragraphs. Lets seethats one. It's not that we didn't have anything to say, mind you, it just took the platoon comd three days to find someone who could write.

Some highlights of our training year were: A month at a vacation centre called CANUNGRA; a nine day truck ride (dusty at that) called RAMS ROAR; an exercise in endurance sleeping, card playing and 'stick' book reading called 'WUNDARRAH BARMAN'.

Others included the discharge of 'Mac' Mochalski who some said was in the platoon (when not playing football); Wiltshire-Butler having his tonsils out and couldn't talk for a week (improving everbodys disposition greatly).

The platoon went to SINGLETON for Exercise PAPER MAN and became expert in bi-location, distinguished itself by refusing to carry unnecessary rubbish like food, water, ammo etc and proved that khaki clothing could be effectively camouflaged by rolling in dirt for ten days.

Lt Hannan threw away 240 packets of caramel creamy fudge. Combat Communicator Stockwell had 106 communications failures, all at vital moments, and abused Coy Sig Litchfield on every occasion.

Highlights of the social year were: the consumption of 200 gallons of XXXX.

Several people in the platoon deny that 1975 and 2 Pl existed at all, however, we look forward to a good year in 1976, we might even participate.

TED'S TALES

AND TELL ME SIR
WHAT IS YOUR
ATTITUDE TOWARDS
SOLDIERS



I TREAT THEM
FAIRLY



I HATE THEM
EQUALLY



THREE PLATOON

Well, its the end of another busy year for Three Platoon. After coming back from leave in Jan 1975 we found ourselves in the midst of preparations for a defensive exercise at CANUNGRA. A few of the excess pounds (kilograms) were trimmed off on the exercise as the holes were dug and the dreaded lantana was defeated on numerous occasions, thanks to the ~~awesome~~ tank like efforts of Pl Comd Lt Smith who went through it as if it wasn't there.

On return from CANUNGRA Lt Smith moved to Mortars and was replaced by Lt Kane. A number of soldiers also left the platoon and were replaced by fifteen new march-ins.

After two months training at numerous venues such as, CROWS NEST and GREENBANK we set off to SHOALWATER BAY for RAMS ROAR. Here we engaged in APC riding, truck riding, losing the odd bit of equipment and soldier, and fighting off the hordes of 6 RAR.

RAMS ROAR (Sheep's Bleat) completed we returned to camp for duties and preparation for Exercise NEBA IV. July came and we set forth to do a bit of field firing and - surprise, surprise, a short march out.

Back from NEBA IV for a two day stopover in BRISBANE we then set off to assist the cadets at GREENBANK and thence to SHOALWATER BAY for a short but savage exercise where we once again bloodied the nose of 6 RAR. Cpl Stolte however had a little bit of trouble when he argued with a rather large Canadian who had captured him. After this exercise, (WANDERRAH BARMAN) we had a month to prepare (and play sport) before Exercise IRON MAN at SINGLETON.

IRON MAN was a long and demanding exercise but Three Platoon shone through (especially in the cut-throat department).

All in all 1975 was a demanding but successful year for the platoon and we have high hopes of 1976 being even better.

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A certain member of 3 Pl when told to go in all round defence, walked $\frac{1}{2}$ mile to check out the fence:

The member was easily located by following the oil slick.

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SEEN ON IRON MAN

A Crew Comd of an APC instructed his driver to throw a Grenade Simulator in the first phase of the final assault on Exercise IRON MAN.

Watching, not more than twenty yards away were three wounded "Marini's".

Grasping the grenade simulator in the right hand, the driver released the plastic cap from the body and threw with all his might - of course nothing happened - he hadn't pulled hard enough.

After being beaten around the head and shoulders by the Crew Comd, the driver was instructed to throw smoke, so as to be able to retrieve his blind.

Taking up the smoke grenade, the driver threw, again with all his might - and again nothing happened - he never pulled the pin.

Almost wetting himself with rage, the Crew Comd again beat the driver around the head and shoulders, and ordered the driver to find the smoke grenade and throw it properly. The driver did this and the grenade emitted thick white smoke.

Under cover of the "screen" our "Iron Man" found the simulator and threw with the desired results.

TALK ABOUT DUMB GRUNTS??????????

Signed: Three wounded "Marini's".



"ALAS TEDDY" WE ARE IN FULL RETREAT

8/9 RAR AUSTRALIAN RULES

The 8/9 RAR Australian Rules Team effort fluctuated throughout the season but with a final spirited bid, we defeated 6 RAR for the first time in two seasons in the second semi-final to win our way into our first Grand Final since the linking.

Fitness and availability of players early in the season hindered efforts to get on top and play consistent football. The teams little men did a big man's job and by mid season 8/9 RAR was a premiership flag threat.

The only teams in the competition were 8/9 RAR, 6 RAR, 1 Fd Regt and 4 Cav Regt and Enoggera Combined, occasionally. Team standards and the lack of umpiring ability did little for the game. An improvement will have to be made if we are to have any chance in Inter State Combined Services games.

In July, South Qld sent a team to Townsville to play North Qld, from this the Army Team was picked to play RAAF. 8/9 RAR had a large representation consisting of Capt Barry Ryan (Coach), Cpl Des Blazely (Captain), Cpl John Jeffers, Lcpl Jeff Jose, Lcpl "Blue" Nancarrow, Lcpl Mick Jaworski, Pte Rod Goodall, Pte Gary Francis, Pte Dennis Wollington, Pte Mick Wakefield and Pte Ray Elford. Unlucky omissions were Pte Randy Kay, Lcpl Don Mitchell and Pte Gary Gibson.

The 8/9 RAR players acquitted themselves exceptionally well with Jeff Jose, Dennis Wollington and Rod Goodall being outstanding. All but two of the players made the Army Inter-Service side and were all responsible for the regaining of the Inter Service Aust Rules Cup.

With the return of these players from the northern tour 8/9 RAR produced hard, fast and determined football for the remainder of the season, confirming that tougher competition produces better footballers. 8/9 RAR lost only one more game - The Grand Final.

We were not disgraced, we matched 6 RAR kick for kick, bump for bump until after three quarter time when 6 RAR's extra weight and big men around the ground gained them the three quick goal advantage that was to seal the game.

It was a satisfactory year, considering that our small 8/9 RAR team battled bigger and heavier teams all year and most times came out on top with their speed and determination. A feature to note is that in the past two seasons we have lacked big men and backs, this disability must be rectified if we are to win a final.

Congratulations to our ruckman Rod Goodall who was judged 'Best and Fairest' for the season. It was a just reward for the man who carried the brunt of the heavy work as our biggest player. Congratulations also to our State Combined Service representatives, Jeff Jose, Rod Goodall, Mick Wakefield, Gary Francis, Dennis Wollington, Mick Jaworski and Gary Gibson and a special mention for Rod Goodall and Mick Jaworski who were selected in the Australian Services Team. Surely an unbeatable ruck/rover combination. In two years running the Battalion has produced seven players for the State Team.

Special thanks to all players, who stuck by the team throughout the season, especially those from BRAVO and COBRA who provided the bulk of the team.

"NATIONAL GAME"

Now thatta me and Guiseppe isa naturalized, we thinka maybe we shoulde see de sporta all Australians watch. So we gosa to de Melbourne Cricket Ground to watch de football, 'cosa there isa no cricket.

When we is alla made into sardines we look arounda de ground anda see de big banners hanging on de fence witha "We lova You Cats" ana "Bulldogs are Besta" written on them. We isa happy that Australians likea de animals so much.

De football match is played by de fellas thata comesa running onto de grounda werarin' a ski jumpers. Some of these fellas musta looka after the ground 'cosa they starta bending down and picka upa de grass.

Also comes onto the grounda de fella what ownsa de ball witha four bodyguards. He weara nearly alla white excepta for hisa socks whicha black, and showsa he isa not racially prejudiced.

He is called many things by de sardines but mostly he isa called Yamug. We also find out thata he likesa to be eating pies.

Two guys callede de captains, they goesa off together anda have a game ofa two up. They coma back to de centre and point their armsa in directions opposite. De mobs wearing de ski jumpers getta confused anda wander all over de place.

When de two captains tella Yamug the result ofa de two-up, he getsa mad, and throwsa de ball away de mobs in de ski jumpers try to getta it. Then Yamug chases them until one of de mobs catches de ball for Yamug. Yamug isa so happy, he whistles.

Butta de fella what catches de ball isa only teasing Yamug and isa bit nasty, 'cosa he kicksa de ball at one of Yamug's bodyguards. Now Guiseppe anda me, we thinka that Yamug shoulde getta himself a new bodyguard, 'cosa thisa one waves two flags to surrender.

De ball goesa into the crowd and she roars 'cosa Yamug can now have his balla back. They givea it to another of Yamug's bodyguard 'cosa they don't trust de one witha de flags. De crowd she isa good judge, fora this other bodyguard runsa with de ball to Yamug and givesa it to him.

Somea people start to getta bored with all this. Guiseppe tella me that a couple of the sardines isa so bored thata they practice their mathamatics on a bigga board behind us.

Whena I turnsa around, I seea thata onea startsa to do hisa sixa times tables.

De other isa counting bottoms. Guiseppe say that thisa isa probably 'cosa we are ina southern hemisphere. Ina northern hemisphere we isa alwaysa counting heads.

One man next to us callsa out something nasty to Yamug, anda so Yamug throwsa his ball away again. I tella thisa fella to be a bita more kind, buta he turnsa round anda looksa me in the face and saysa "Whose side you on?" When I tella him "Yamugs" he saysa to watch it, soa, we do.

Somebody saysa that thisa rude fella isa one-eyed, buta when he looksa me in de face I ama sure he hasa got two.

De sardines feela sorry for Yamug anda sends for the police to standa on the edges of the grass to preventa de mobs in ski jumpers froma stealing Yamug'sa ball. This again doesn't saya much for Yamugs bodyguard.

Buta then the air raid siren she sounds, anda de ski jumpers mobs letta Yamug getta his ball aback. De crowd she isa so happy she roars.

De police seema to know about Yamug's poor bodyguard 'cosa they walk witha Yamug and his bodyguard offa the field. Somea of the crowd isa still unhappy witha the flag wavers, anda boo at them asa they leave witha Yamug.

Asa we leave, I tella Guiseppe we better not bringa any money nexta time, 'cosa I hearda the blokes saying we wasa robbed!





The New Year found B Coy Gp on duty at RAAF BUTTERWORTH, MALAYSIA. The Coy had flown over in early Dec 74 and by the New Year were well into stride and just about had the base organised.

During the tour we engaged in many varied activities, military, social and sporting. On the sporting and social scenes we were soon well known for literally "laying" the opposition in their tracks.

On the playing fields the Coy Rugby League and Australian Rules Teams proved supreme. Our adaptability was soon apparent with players of both codes swapping to and fro to ensure that the best combination ran on. The league side were undefeated in the local competition and earned a reputation as a "hard" team. The Australian Rules Team retained the Army Coy Vs Butterworth Shield and really turned it on winning two of the matches by margins of around 90 points. The real measure of both teams ability is best shown by recording that our successors at Butterworth failed to win a match in either code during their three month tour. We also entered a basketball team in the RAAF competition and they joined right in the party and were undefeated in our time there. To all concerned on the sporting front, well done, in particular to Lofty Wendt for Rugby and to the multiple starters, notably Terry Barnes, Rod Doran, Jeff Jose, Darryl Matthews and Al Cummins.

Overall, the Coy sporting fixtures were a highlight of the tour. Coy funds came to the party and the rest of the Coy "spectating" were always kept in good voice by the odd can of "Anchor". It always tastes better when it's free.

On the work front our activities were necessarily limited by the available areas, but with some adjustments training continued. Three composite Pl Groups ventured down to "PULAU" and each had a weeks refresher of good old CRW in the dripping green "J"; Lovely!! All concerned learned or relearned old lessons and at worst enjoyed the change of scenery; in particular the scenery on the wind up night in "Singers".

Our worthy??? Support Coy element assisted in providing varied training and the "Shaky Six" became expert watersmanship soldiers. It would have been nearly impossible to spend any more time at Merdeka Beach than the old six did.

On the social scene the pace was fast and furious. Hearts (and that's not all) were won and lost with startling speed. The profits of several bars and hotels skyrocketed as the big "Bravo" did its thing; and did we ever do it in style.

A few social ponder points:

Who ran into 98 pounds of fighting fury in the Officers' Mess garden?

Who was the first "married" home every night, used to take off like a startled stag with tongue out?

How is "David" these days Lofty?

Which Pl Comd thought he was "set" but went down to a determined "white ant" counter attack?

All good things come to an end and all too soon (for some of us) it was March and time to move on. Back we came to BRISBANE and off on a well earned ARL after an arduous couple of months. Someone likened it to an extended R & R.

After ARL it was back to the grindstone? - or was it the dreaded RAMS ROAR. We successfully trained our new Coy Comd "Reynard the Red", (alias "The Quick Brown Fox"). At least he has something going for him as his better half is a "sandgroper".

RAMS ROAR roared - we groaned - and OC Admin was in distress as we drove on. Another exercise handled with consummate ease by "The Professionals".

The latter half of 75 saw B Coy involved in many major activities, on the work front Exercise NEBA IV and IRON MAN were to the fore with duties running a close second. Sporting activity reached a peak in this period with the "professionals" providing the guts and backbone of most Unit Teams.

During these months the "Champion Company" competition warmed up as the thought of another hard tour at BUTTERWORTH got through to the Coy. Results to this date have been good with Bravo producing good steady across the board results.

Some highlights of the competition to date were Bravos defeat of the so called "unbeatable" Admin Coy at cricket, well done JJ and crew, and the big win over "Cringe" Coy at Aust Rules; not much was heard from the mob up the road for some time after that.

To all Coy members who took part "Well Done", the points are on the board but we are not there yet and really have to throw in the big effort in the coming events if we are to savour the delights of "Pulau Pinang" in 76.

Individuals who rate a note on the sports front for outstanding efforts are Al Cummins - ASRU 75, Bob Cross - Aust Amateur Champ 75 (watch out Ali), Gary Gibson - Qld Combined Services Aust Rules 75.

Exercise IRON MAN was the first "Dash" run for the Coy for some months, after the dig in period Bravo was soon into the swing of the exercise and performed at their normal high level. One of the highlights of the exercise was the vigorous "Counter Attack" launched by Bravo 8/9 against Bravo 5/7. It certainly astounded one attached visitor ("Pom").

On return from the exercise Big Bravo had a well earned rest and commenced preparations for RMC. They certainly picked the right coy to go and teach the cadets - the Bravo wheels are all OCS Graduates.

On reflection the year has been both busy and interesting for the Coy. Faces come and go but the body remains. To all past and present members, thank you for a job well done and watch us "mix it" in 76.

"Be Professional"

1975 was ushered in by 6 Pl in the bars of Transfer Rd, Penang. The trip to Malaysia has been perhaps the highlight of our year. Left to our own devices, we were able to work toward and then maintain an aim in a CRW setting.

January is best remembered for our trip to JOHORE. Survival training and our mansions in the jungle spring to mind. We remember patrolling, the "going", and catching our enemy in bed. A week in the jungle deserved our afternoon and night in SINGAPORE. We recall the Pl parade in Bugis St and the morning after.

February saw us back in BUTTERWORTH. Watermanship at MERDEKA BEACH was always welcome training. We remember the battle practices at SEMELING, pistol shooting, afternoons at the pool, the daily run beside the airstrip and the run-walk-crawl up PENANG HILL. We miss Singh, our boot boy, the cheap shopping, and the shorts, dog tags and bush hat.

March came and our tour was almost complete. With many memories we left BUTTERWORTH in a Boeing 707 on 10 March 75. ARL was soon to follow and no sooner had we put back on our green skin, than we found ourselves winging our way to SHOALWATER BAY.

RAMS ROAR? - well, it certainly was "different". I overheard the comment "What are we supposed to be training for - a war, or the Olympic Games".

The second half of the year started off fairly quietly for the platoon after Exercise RAMS ROAR with the main activity being the inter platoon Sports Competition in which 6 Platoon took an early lead.

A break in the sport was called for Exercise NEBA IV at WIDE BAY although the Coy could only supply composite platoons. The exercise was an educational and enjoyable experience for the Pl. After NEBA IV it was back to the Inter Pl sport and after totalling the points 6 Pl came out winners by a large margin.

At this stage during the year Lt Gary Stone our Pl Comd for the past eighteen months was transferred to Bn HQ to assume the job of Intelligence Officer. The Pl wishes Lt Stone and his wife Lyn all the best. Our new platoon comd 2Lt GALLAGHER assumed command just prior to Exercise IRON MAN during which a lot of sleep was lost but a great deal learnt.

The Pl is preparing to go to CANBERRA as Enemy for RMC in their final exercise and thence on leave.

The composition of the Pl has not changed over the months and the same old faces still appear every morning to do the job - and do it well.

We look forward to 1976 with high hopes for 6 Platoon, and for the Bn.



SECURITY CHECK AS WE'D LIKE
TO SEE IT



1975 saw the revival of hockey as an inter unit competition. Teams were entered by 6 RAR, 1 Fd Regt, 11 Sup Bn, Qld Police Academy and 8/9 RAR.

6 RAR were hot favourites for the season having seven players who had represented Qld Army in the inter-service side. The competition was close fought throughout the season, with no clear competition leaders. 8/9 RAR fielded two teams and with the last match of the round over our A team was to eliminate our B team from the final four.

In the first semi final 8/9 RAR's 'A' defeated 11 Sup Bn, playing a fast attacking game. This put us into the final against 6 RAR.

The final proved to be a defensive game for us and halves Fred Remin and Mick Humphries ran for a solid 70 minutes attempting to thwart the strong attack of 6 RAR. Goalie Brian Vesper stopped some punishing drives by 6 RAR forwards and remained cool throughout. Over the entire 70 minutes our forwards held the ball for only about 10 minutes and in that time Barry Henley, Wayne Bown and Gary Stone scored to give us a 3-2 victory.

The Grand Final came on 1 Oct and to the applause of B Coy, 8/9 RAR took the field against the Qld Police Academy. The ball flowed well throughout the game and 8/9 RAR put in some good attacking moves. Pte Wayne Bown struck home the first goal with a smash hit at the a ball crossed by left wing Gary Stone. Police scored to equalize and in the second half Fred Remin picked up a loose ball and smashed home the winning ball, giving 8/9 RAR the South Qld Area Premiership.

In addition to the Premiership 8/9 RAR was also represented in the South Qld Army Hockey Team by Maj Warren Griffin, Lcpl Mick Humphreys and Lt Gary Stone. Lt Stone also gained selection to the Qld Army side who defeated Qld RAAF in the inter-service series.

Overall our teams owe their success to the flexibility of the players, most of whom when required played in several different positions before a workable combination was achieved. In 1976 we look forward to seeing new players take the field with us to fill gaps left by members marching out of the unit.

The inter coy winter sports series 22-26 Mar 76 will be the basis for selection for the 1976 teams and all interested in playing in 76 should look for a position in their company team in that competition.

Material Source: Official History of Australia in the 1914-18 War. Vol 1. The Story of Anzac. C.E.W. Bean

The scheme for the Australian Imperial Force was completed by General Bridges and Major White on August 8th 1914. The State of Victoria was directed to form the 2nd Infantry Brigade of the 1st Division. This Brigade was to consist of four battalions to be numbered 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th.

Queensland, being one of the less populous states was directed to form one of the battalions of the 3rd Infantry Brigade to be numbered the 9th Battalion. The other battalions of this Brigade were numbered and drawn from the following states:

10th Bn	-	South Australia
11th Bn	-	Western Australia
12th Bn	-	Half from Tasmania and the other half from Western Aust and South Aust

For this reason the Brigade was known as the All-Australian Brigade.

After training in Egypt both battalions were to see their first action at Gallipoli. The 9th was the first to land and to engage the Turkish Army, landing in two waves at 0530 hrs on April 25th 1915. The 8th came ashore sometime after 0730 hrs. On January 8th 1916 both Bns were withdrawn when the allied evacuation was completed.

The 1st Division then returned to Egypt prior to its leaving for France where it served until the end of the war. In November 1918 the AIF Battalions were broken up and disbanded in their countries of operations and the men brought home for discharge.



8/9 RAR BOXING CLUB

Club History

The 8/9 RAR Boxing Club was formed on 1st November 1973, based upon the members of 8 RAR Boxing Club. The Club is affiliated with the Queensland Amateur Boxing Union and abides by the QABU Constitution.

Membership

The Club maintains an active membership of 30 all ranks and is self supporting financially.

Activities 1974/1975

The season started slowly for the club this year with many fighters, who did very well in 1974, returning for one reason or another. Members throughout the year have travelled throughout the state and interstate to fight bouts of the Amateur Circuit. May 75 got the season off to a start with fighters from the Battalion doing very well at Southport. In June 75 the club staged one of the biggest tournaments held in Queensland for many years. Many National and Queensland Title holders took part. In September 1975, two members of the club, Lcpl B. Cross and Lcpl G. Weller, were entered into the Queensland Championships, the results were a victory to Lcpl Cross and Lcpl Weller a close runner up. The most notable victory of the year must be the fine effort by Lcpl Cross taking out the Australian Title in Hobart.

To wind up, the 1975 season a competition was held between 6 RAR and 8/9 RAR. This competition was first commenced in 1974 and was initiated to promote boxing within the Task Force. The shield was won in 1974 by 8/9 RAR (7 bouts to 4). It was retained again this year (5 bouts to 4). The individual winners were Pte Snowy PAYNE, Pte Dave WALDRON, Pte Rick COLLIER, Pte Rod PEARCE and Lt Andy HARRIS.

During 1975, 8/9 RAR produced the following individual results:

- Australian Welterweight Champion.
- Queensland Welterweight Champion.
- Runner up Queensland Middleweight Champion.
- Runner up Queensland Light Heavy weight Championship.

The retiring President of the club Maj R. TUCKER wishes to thank all boxers and supporters for their help during the season and wishes Maj J. CAMPBELL and all members the very best for the future.

CHAMPION SPORTSMEN

This year saw the sportsmen of the Battalion excel on the sporting field. Outstanding among these were:

Australian Rules	Pte Rod GOODALL
Athletics	Lt Peter GUMBLEY
Boxing	Lcpl Bob CROSS
Cricket	Sgt Glenn WILLMANN
Hockey	Lcpl Siegfried REMIN
Rugby	Cfn Glen ROBERTS
Soccer	Lcpl Ray MAWHINNEY
Swimming	Pte Hans VIERBEEK

These names will be recorded on the Unit's Honour Board.

SUMMARY OF BATTALION ACHIEVEMENTS IN SPORT

RUGBY: Grand Final between 1st and 2nd Teams.
Inter-service Reps:
Lt Greg Smith, Cpl Kim Mongan, WO2 "Lofty" Wendt,
Cpl "Dolly" Dyer, Pte Alan Cummins.

AUST RULES: Runners up in Grand Final against 6 RAR.
Inter-service Reps:
Cpl John Jeffers, Cpl Des Blazely (Capt), Lcpl
Jeff Jose, Lcpl "Blue" Nancarrow, Lcpl Mick Jaworski,
Pte Rod Goodall, Pte Gary Francis, Pte Dennis
Wollington, Pte Mick Wakefield, Pte Ray Elford.

SOCCER: Undefeated all season. Unable to qualify for finals
because of bad organisation by 1 Pd Regt (how ironical).
Inter-service Reps:
Sgt Chris Butler (Capt), Cpl "Griffo" Griffiths,
Lcpl Ray Mawhinney, Pte "Jock" Mitchell.

CRICKET: Early in season: Four wins, 1 Draw from 5 games
so far.

HOCKEY Grand Final winners against Police Academy.
Inter-service Reps:
Lt Gary Stone.

ATHLETICS: Won inter-unit competition defeating LWC and 4 Cav
Regt.
Inter-service Reps:
Lt Peter Gumbley, Sgt Chris Butler, Cpl "Dolly" Dyer,
Cpl Des Blazely, Bdr "Paddy" Elliott, Pte Pratt.
'C' Coy Lightweight Tug-O-War Team:
This small group collected: Five Firsts
Four Seconds
One Third
Cpl Des Blazely selected as top athlete for carnival,
(again).

SWIMMING: Runner up in inter-unit competition Feb 75 to 1 Avn
Regt.

BOXING: Won annual tournament against 6 RAR in Nov 75. Bn also
boasts the current Australian Welterweight holder
Lcpl Bob Cross.

TENNIS: No inter-unit competition, however, Lcpl Jeff Hallam
selected for inter-service competitions.

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AGGRESSIVE

2/8TH AND 2/9TH BNS 2ND AIF

Material Source: Australia in the War of 1939-45 "To Benghazi".

On 15th September 1939 the then Mr Menzies announced that a division was to be formed for overseas service as an AIF. The division was to be numbered the 6th; - the 1st to 5th divisions were militia. The 6th Division would be formed on the lines of the old 1st Division of WW 1, and each battalion would be pre-fixed with the number two.

The old state responsibilities for raising these units were carried on and thus were 2/8th and 2/9th formed. The 2/8th went to 17 Bde and the 2/9th to 18 Bde. Both these battalions fought together in the early actions against the Italians prior to German intervention in North Africa.

The 18th Brigade was detached to England in the pre-invasion scare of 1940 and was replaced in the 6th Division. With the rapid build up of Australian volunteers, further divisions were formed and 18 Bde went to the new 7th Division.

These two divisions after gaining much battle experience in Greece, Crete and Syria were withdrawn to Australia prior to El Alamein to meet the threat to Australia of Japanese forces in PNG; and were to fight in the South West Pacific Area until VJ Day.

17 Brigade

2/4th Bn
2/8th Bn
2/11th Bn

18 Brigade

2/9th Bn
2/10th Bn
2/12th Bn

After the war the 2nd AIF battalions numbers and battle honours were absorbed into area named regiments and finally into the State CMF Units. Both 2/8th and 2/9th Bns maintain old comrade associations.



ANZAC TRICK

(Sung to the tune of an old Korean War Song)

Chorus
We were in Brisbane
Having lots of fun
When the war broke out in Alice
And they handed us a gun
Now we're fighting for Colonel Teddy Chitham,
Teddy Chitham, Teddy Chitham, yes were fighting
for Colonel Teddy Chitham

We left here from Amberley
It wasn't very nice
We didn't come to Alice
To eat your bloody rice
But to fight for Colonel Teddy Chitham
Chorus

When we landed in old Alice
We were based at Traeger Park
The local population
Was very bloody dark
Now were fighting for Colonel Teddy Chitham
Chorus

Now 34's at the airport
And 32's on the run
31's out in ambush
And 33's having fun
Now we're fighting for Colonel Teddy Chitham
Chorus

Now Max is on the rampage
Des and Squizz are on the dry
Bugger this war in Alice
It would make a grown man cry
Now we're fighting for Colonel Teddy Chitham
Chorus

Now Blueys still in ambush
And Roger's on the run
Smithy's at the airport
And Doug is having fun
Now we're fighting for Colonel Teddy Chitham
Chorus

Dutchie's in the CP
And Billy's on the dry
Bluey's still in ambush
I think he's going to cry
Now we're fighting for Colonel Teddy Chitham
Chorus

We've landed back in Brisbane
And the boys have gone on leave
But we will remember Alice
And the things we did achieve
Now we're back with our Colonel Teddy Chitham
Chorus

7 PLATOON NOTES

The magnificent seven leapt into the second half of 1975 in its normal aggressive manner; being the striking force of the Cobra it has to keep the belly (8 Pl) and the tail (9Pl) in their place. However, enough of inter platoon rivalry, we know we are magnificent and that's it.

Highlight of the year in both camp and bush was the Pl Comd, Lt "Bluey" Mawson picking up two lots of seven days for nefarious deeds. Other highlights were: Pte "Lofty" Goodall fouling up his drill at his first A; the ambush in the ditch about 20 miles out of ALICE SPRINGS which filled up with water when it rained; Cpl Bob Stevens spotting an SAS patrol while attempting to ~~chut~~ a bird Mick Jaworski finally being promoted to Lcpl; "Dolly" Dyer getting his second stripe back; Jack Selmes dobbing the Pl Comd in to the CO at a Coy party for not asking the CO for Jack's citation, which the Colonel had borrowed; Jack Selmes again making sure that everyone from OC down has got their BILSOM; "Mac" MacAllister's reaction when told he was becoming Pl Sig; Mick Jaworski tripping over Kim Mongan's head at the IRON MAN booze up; "Johnno" Johnson barely escaping with his life after he came home boozed and broke the Pl Office windows; Bob Millikan's exceptional ability to dig a weapon pit; the sudden disappearance of the Skipper's and Jack's good friends Pte Sweeney, Doonan and Hoey.

Anyway that's enough highlights for 6 months, here are a few of the things we would like to see, hear, don't like hearing and a few guess whos:

Things we would like to see:

Kim Mongan getting his nose broken playing Rugby.

A guard roster during duty week that doesn't change.

Bob Millikan in a new set of civvies.

Billy McCutchen with shoulder length hair.

The CSM in a grubby set of greens.

"Lofty" Goodall not asleep on stand down day.

Jack Selmes digging as he did on IRON MAN after a night on the booze.

Jack Selmes promoted to Sgt.

Things we would like to hear:

At Coy O Gp: "8 & 9 Pl will be the assault platoons, 7 will be reserve.

Billy McCutchen singing "Tip Toe Thru the Tulips" in "Tiny Tim" style.

"Seven Platoon is magnificent" (By the CO and OC (we know it but do they).

"Dolly, Stevo, Jack, we've got the easy job" (Pl Comd at 2.3.75)

Things we don't like hearing:

"31 move to GR....."

(10 minutes later) "31 move to GR....."

There will be a nine miler on Friday.

"If you blokes don't get out here on parade we'll have another one at 1900" (Jack Selmes).

"Holy Snapping Ducks..t Pte you're on an A4"
(Pl Comd on inspection).

"Start Digging"

"Seven Pl will be the assault platoon" (Coy O Gp).

Guess Who?

"Hey Jack, I reckon we are at Grid..... , where do you reckon we are?"

"31 that's a Roger - Over" "Jeez Skipper a blokes trying his best and all he gets is rubbished"

"Our mission should we decide to accept it, is to"

"Who hasn't got their BILSOM"

"Hey Boss, I've got to go to Rugby/Cricket Training"
(Depending on time of year).

The person whose waistline diminishes rapidly in the bush and reappears after two beers.

Has a bum like a bucket.

"Hey Boss, get out of the assault line"

In conclusion we would like to wish all the best to Cpl Bob Stevens and Lcpl "Darby" Matthews who are taking the plunge into marriage over the Christmas break.

9 PLATOON NOTES

1975 has been a good year for the Platoon, it was ragged looking in February but by November it had turned into a mean fighting team. This was due to the effort put in by all members of the Platoon and the enthusiasm of the Platoon Comd and the Platoon Sgt.

During the year the Platoon lost Cpl Sales (Inf Centre), Lcpl Lonie (Discharged), Pte Biar (Discharged), Pte Bowhay (Disch), Pte Lubcke (3 RAR). We gained Cpl Farmer (Inf Centre), Lcpl McLain and Pte Millhouse (LWC) and also Pte Pholi (1 RAR).

The Platoon, with the Coy, visited SHOALWATER BAY, ALICE SPRINGS and SINGLETON. Despite the name of "the dead centre" we found ALICE SPRINGS alive and wet.

Seen during the year:

Three soldiers pinned down near an ablutions block at GREENBANK - in their right element according to the rest of the Platoon.

Cpl Mongan revisit the platoon on one of his rare absences from the Combined Service Team.

7 Section and a NZ SAS Ptl capture an SAS Ptl at ALICE SPRINGS and "accidentally" knock over their brews.

8 Section and an SAS Ptl fighting over the same sleeping spot - 8 Section won.

The Pl Comd leading the enemy straight into 8 Section - after being captured with his sig.

Baldwins Hill - home of the platoon for eight nights. The Hill, where we were frozen, flooded and starved, but not beaten.

The Platoon library on IRON MAN - lovingly handled and eyed.

Cpl Farmer drive sideways around corners at ALICE SPRINGS.

The Abbs running for the hills when the mobile ptls reacted along the bed of the Todd River.

The SAS Officer when Sgt Brown pulled him off his motorbike by the neck.

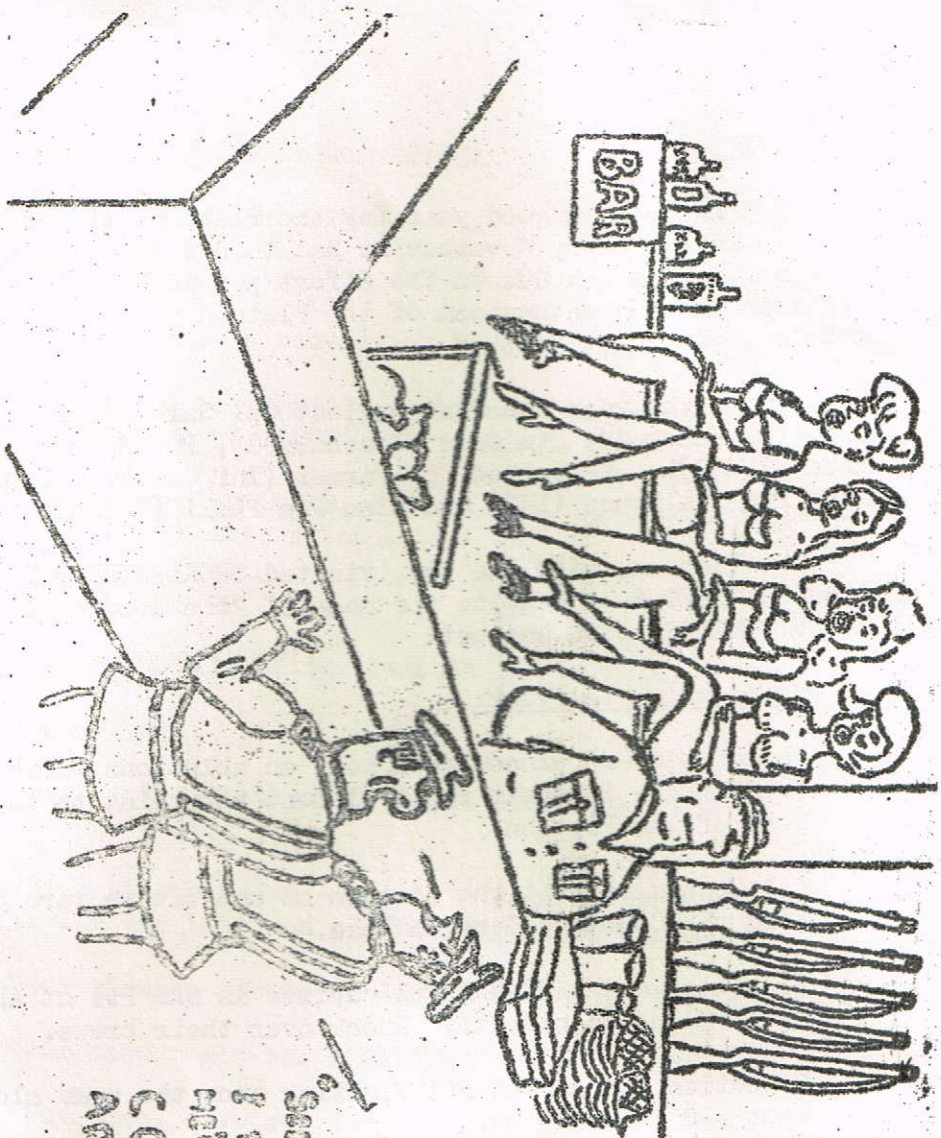
Cpl Mongan throw the smoke grenade into an enemys brew on the big counter attack.

Cpl Mongan apologize when he found the enemy was 6ft 2.

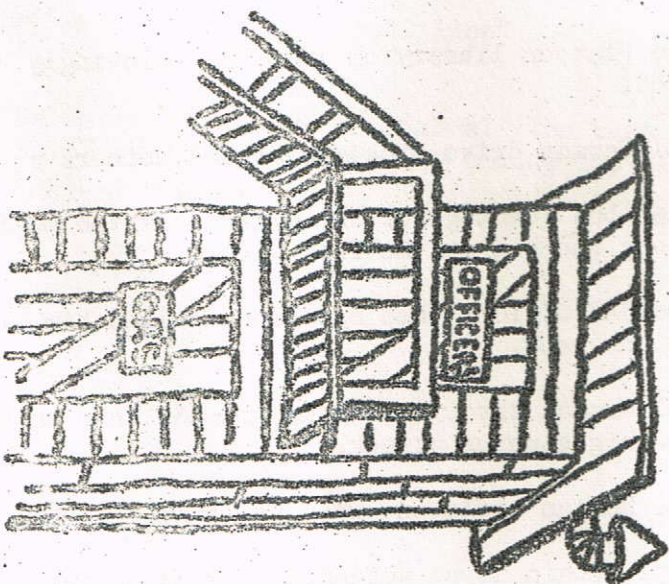
Lcpl McLain as he defended himself against a 3ft rock python with a three inch pocket knife.

All in all 1975 was a good year for 9 Pl.

"C GOY Q"



"See, don't
I tell you
he's the one
C Q in the
Army."



ITS THE SAME OLD
CHAIN OF COMMAND
WHEREVER YOU GO!

AMUSING ANECDOTES FROM COBRA COY

During enemy counter-counter attack on C Coys position:

En Umpire to C Coys unbiased umpire Capt Tom Cobley:

"Stop resupplying ammo and telling them what to do"

Capt Cobley was unable to reply as he was directing arty on the Coy net. (In all fairness to Capt Cobley Umpire Control had instructed him to slow down the en rate of advance).

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Heard during attack on c/s 32's screen position:

CSM (5/7 RAR) to Digger (5/7 RAR)

CSM: "Fire that M72"

Digger: "I have Sir"

CSM: "Well reload the bloody thing".

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After contact on IRON MAN during which 8Pl C Coy 1 RAR was annihilated:

En Pl Comd to Capt Barry Ryan (unbiased Umpire):

"What have we struck?"

Capt Ryan (Gleefully)

"Only a Coy plus with a Cav Tp"

En Pl Comd (Dejectedly)

"Oh"

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Did you see?

The Roofing Nail near 8 Pl lines - Wombat in his new bush hat.

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Heard on Coy Net on ANZAC TREK during the dark of night:

"31A this is 31 - Did you copy 3's last to me (Ref SAS)"

"This is 31A - No - I havn't got a notebook or pencil"

3's Sig was none other than Pte Bob "Flash" Millikan.

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Amusing Anecdotes: (Continued)

Heard on ANZAC TREK after lone survivor of SAS Patrol had eliminated seven sleeping personnel from 7 Pl:

"3 this is 31 Dead Sunray speaking".

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Copy of c/s 31 Goffa Run at ANZAC TREK:

- 22 pkts Marlboro
- 4 pkts Kool
- 2 pkts Craven A Special Mild
- 4 pkts Albany Trim Size
- 6 pkts Drum
- 6 papers
- 2 Bic Lighters
- 3 pkts Gillette II Razor Blades
- 17 cans of Coke
- 4 cans Orange
- 3 Cadburys Energy Chocolates
- 9 pkts Arnotts Chips
- 1 large pkt peanuts
- 9 loaves of bread
- 3 lbs Butter
- 1 Beef & Olive Pizza
- 1 Ham & Pineapple Pizza (To be delivered to Sunray 32)

The result was a "brain snap" by acting Pl Sgt Cpl Jack Selmes and CC C Coy Major Bill Elliott. Consequently C Coy now receives only Goffas of any type and smokes of any type.

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A certain person in C Coy was sat on his backside by a civvie bird at the cabaret put on by Alice Springs RSL when he rather blatantly tried to find out, on the dance floor, what colour panties she was wearing. No one remembers his name but it has a certain ring to it.

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Lcpl Mick Jaworski, Cpl Bob Stevens, Cpl "Dolly" Dyer and Lcpl "Darby" Matthews shelling 5/7 RAR and 3 RAR by watching the "Sally Man's" rover as it went around en positions.

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Lt "Bluey" Mawson giving a spot on grid reference after scarpering two and a half clicks on the run during the withdrawal from the screen on Exercise IRON MAN - WONDERS WILL NEVER CEASE.

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Sunray 3 to Sunray 31

"Carry out your normal morning tasks (clearing creek line)
- Over"

Sunray 31

"Already done it returning from night loc - Over"

Amusing Anecdotes (Continued)

Sunray 3

"Well do it again - Over"

Sunray 31

"Mumble - Mumble - Guts groan - Roger Out"

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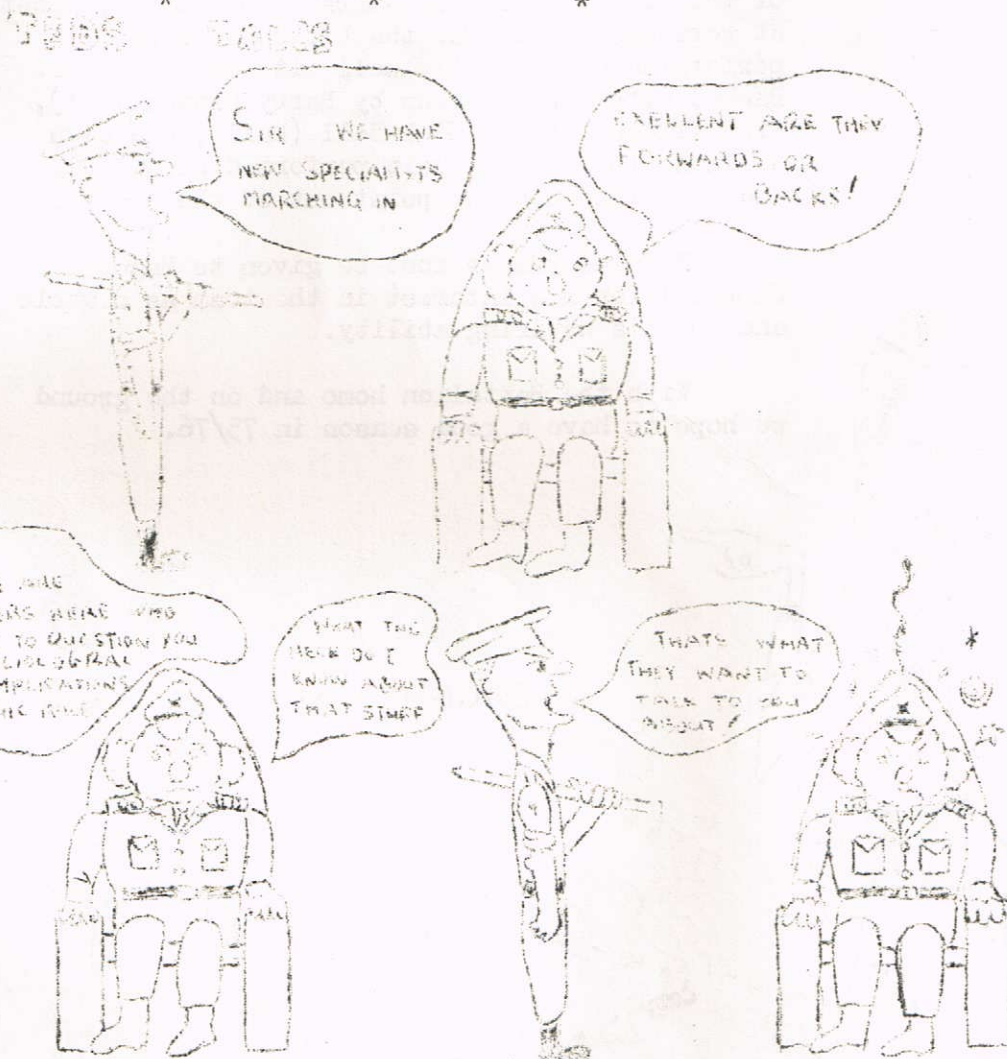
Sunray 3 to Sunray 31

"There is a suspected en coy in your area - Over"

Sunray 31

"No problems - we'll put the gun on the high ground
and play it by ear - Out"

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8/9 RAR CRICKET 74/75

The season was marred by the early departure of B Coy to the land of our "Asian Friends" (Penang) taking five of the better unit cricketers with them.

Though demoralized, the Battalion rallied in true "Grunt" spirit and started the season with a resounding loss, however, rallying again the following week the Bn annihilated the mighty Jungle Training Centre, now the Land Warfare Centre, by scoring in excess of 200 runs and then dismissing them for 20 all out.

This was followed by three losses which were only by a couple of runs. The Battalion then finished the season with four victories.

The Battalion had a good season even though the absence of B Coy lowered its capabilities. Of the players left Jim Garrad (Now Officer Cadet at Portsea) was by far the best all rounder, performing consistently well with bat and ball. Backed with performances by Barry Canton (bat), Fred Vincent (bat), Mick Bell (ball), and Glen Willmann (ball), the unit performed creditably and only finished one point out of the seri's.

Special thanks must be given to Major Campbell for his interest in the team as a whole and for his umpiring ability.

With the Battalion home and on the ground we hope to have a good season in 75/76.



CAUGHT IN THE COVERS!



8/9 RAR CRICKET 75/76

For once, the Battalion has had a Coy Competition prior to the season's start and this led to the formation of The 8/9 RAR Cricket Club and a constitution also has been written; result: two games, two wins and this is the best ever start to a season for the unit.

In the first game the unit came to grips with Brisbane Sigs and defeated them resoundingly. The next game was against 1 Base Workshops at Bulimba and the Battalion defeated them with wickets and time to spare.

With three matches to play prior to Christmas the unit is looking forward to starting 1976 with five wins under it's belt.

The unit will only do well with support from players and spectators as well, so, spend your "sporties" watching cricket and remember XXXX is there at the end of the days play.



"DEEP THIRD MAN"



BOWLING A MAIDEN
OVER!

"NEXT TIME AN INSTRUCTOR
ASKS WHAT IS ALL
ROUND DEFENCE"

DON'T SAY
GRASS!



THE INFANTRYMAN'S PRAYER

1. The D Inf is my Section Commander, I shall not ride;
2. He maketh me to leopard crawl through green pastures;
3. He maketh me trudge through the still waters;
4. He weareth out my feet, and leadeth me along the paths of jungles for ambushes sake.
5. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no DS for my Aide Memoire is with me, My pack and my rifle they comfort me.
6. I shall send scouts before me to detect the presence of mine enemies;
7. I annointeth my head with steel, my cup runneth over.
8. Surely my gun and rifle group shall follow me, And I shall run, down, crawl and observe all the days of my life.



PIPES AND DRUMS!



A VETERAN PLATOON COMMANDER'S XMAS STORY

There are strange things done 'neath the Vietnamese sun
But the thing that locked my jaws
Was the night 'neath the moon
When my bloody platoon
Gunned down Santa Claus

It started off right, just another night
You had to spend in the dirt
Security was out, 360 about
With fifty per cent alert

We had eighty-ones and naval guns
Our tanks were track to track
A Claymore or so
And an Arty FO
And DFs back to back

I froze where I stood, 'cause out of the wood
Eight horses came charging along.
Though this may sound corny, them mustangs were horny
My first thought - mounted Viet Cong!

They were coming our way
In what looked like a sleigh
You never know what they'll use
Our flares had tripped
Our lids had flipped
And our tripmines blew a fuse

Then just like in the movie shows
We let him close, then shouted "Who Goes?"
The answer we got, believe it or not
Was three hearty "Fo Ho Hos"

Now these troops of mine
Have seen some time
And they've done some things back-arse-ward
They may be thick
But I'll tell you a trick
They knew that wasn't the password

The claymores roared
The eighty-ones soared
The naval guns raised some hell
A bright red flare flew through the air
We even fired our rifles as well

He either had guts
Or that man was nuts
Or I'm a no good liar
He dropped like a stone in the killing zone
And round passed the word "Cease Fire"

We went out and took a real good look
Our memories started to race
Your mind plays games when it comes to names
But we never forget a face

He was dressed in red
And he looked well fed
Older than most we've seen
He looked right weird
In that long white beard
With stumps ~~where~~ his legs had been

He hadn't quite died
When we reached his side
But the end was clearly near
We knelt down low and he said real slow
"Merry Christmas and Happy New Year".

Our cools were blown
Or we would have known
When that light in the east we'd seen
We thought it was flares
And it had to be theirs
Or the damn things would have been green.

I picked up the hook and with a voice that shook
Said "Niner", "give me Sunray and quick"
"Sunray" I said "hang onto your head
We've just greased old Saint Nick".

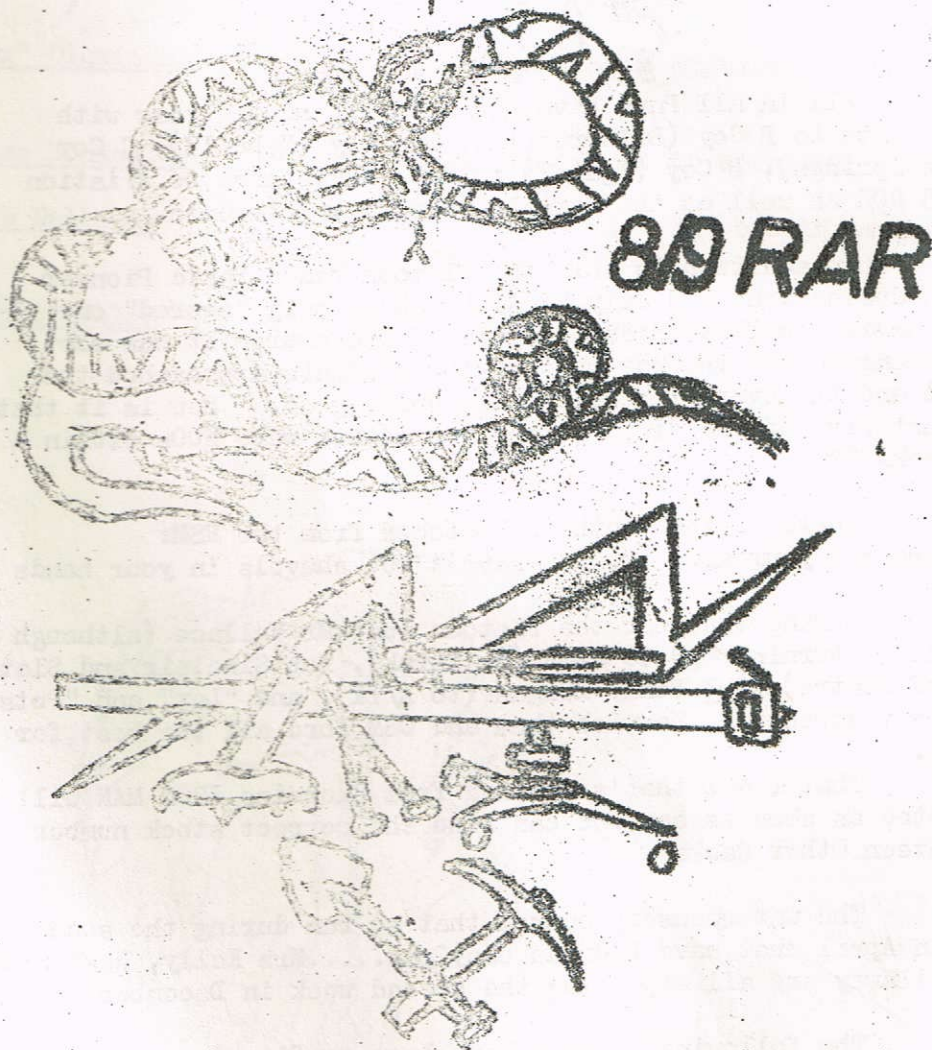
Now the CO's cool, he's nobodys fool
To him the message was strong
That if the word got out there was little doubt
He wouldn't be getting his gong

"Just get him up here and we'll play it by ear
Make sure that he's got a tag
Dismantle his sleigh, drive those reindeer away,
And bury that bloody toy-bag"

Now by and bye the kids may cry
'Cause nothing is under the tree
But the word came through
From Int (so it's true)
That Santa had gone VC

There are strange things done 'neath the Vietnamese sun
But the thing that locked my jaws
Was the night 'neath the moon
When my bloody platoon
Gunned down Santa Claus

SUPPORT
COMPANY



QUIETLY
SUPERIOR

ASSAULT PIONEERS



All in all Pnrs have had a fairly hectic year with commitments to B Coy (Butterworth), Trg Coy (Neba IV), C Coy (Alice Springs), B Coy (Again?) to RMC, assistance to Aviation and 25 RQR as well as the normal exercise commitments.

In addition to this the Platoon ran a Basic Pioneer Course during June and July. Although we only "scored" one addition to the Platoon as a result of the course it was most refreshing to see the way most of the students approached the course and the overall results were quite good. How is it that at least five of the diggers from the course were NCOs within a few weeks???

Quote of the Month for October from the RSM:
"OK Pnrs get your arms up, you havn't got shovels in your hands now!"

During the year the Platoon lost Mr Wallace (although he just keeps turning up) to SASR (we think), Bob Sinclair and Slats (to Inf Centre), Cpl Benny Morgan (to A/Tk), and "Lex" and "Pots" (to civvy street). We wish them and CSM Lord all the best for the future.

That L & D that's pending from Exercise IRON MAN will be completed as soon as someone can find the correct stock number for a "Canteen Other Ranks".

The watermanship course that we ran during the second week in April must have been an easy one.....Mrs Kelly, Nesteriak and Dallaway are all expecting the second week in December?

The following rumours have been confirmed:

Bill Prior does put his foot down when he stops his bike.

The stocks of footpowder in the Pnr store have diminished since Paul Reil's return.

Ansett ANA's profits do rise every time Yogi gets a long weekend.

Al Roach is the best Duty NCO in the Company.

Bear Sawtell has not given up drinking.

PIONEER PLATOON QUOTES

- Cpl Allan Roach - "gotta be the worlds biggest"
- Cpl "Bear" Sawtell - "Sells tents to Mortar Pl at discount prices"
- Cpl "Stew" YowYeh - "Not going to any more Christening parties if they are going to last any more than two days"
- Cpl "Ox" Olexienko - "..... but 29 $\frac{1}{2}$ minutes past seven is before 7.30am"
- Lcpl Les Kenneally - "..... now about my standown"
- Pte Bob Dallaway - "Having trouble fitting work in around the high tides"
- Pte "Rabi" Welch - "If I dig five pits, to stage three before lunch time, can I standown on Monday?"

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ANOTHER YEAR HERE AND I'M QUALIFIED
FOR PIONEERS!

SIGNAL PLATOON NOTES

1975 was a year of changing faces (and frequencies) in Signal Platoon. In January, the Radio Sgts position was taken over by Sgt Tony Fryer and Sgt George Buckley departed for Inf Centre. Later in the year, the RSO, Capt (now Maj) Barclay left to take up a posting in 6 RAR and Capt O'Neill took hold of the reins. Whilst this change was taking place, Sgt Glen Rashleigh left us to go to DSU Wacol (POGO) and was replaced by Sgt Norm Sorenson.

Cpl Dave Hall departed from sunny? Qld to take his chances in sunny??? Woodside SA with 3 RAR and Cpl John Mills took his chances as a civilian. We gave John six months before re-enlisting but due to an argument between his car and a light pole we may see him back much sooner.

Promotion-wise Signal Pl had quite a good share this year with "Porky" Vogler reaching the dizzy heights of Corporal and Howard-Osborne attained NCO class again as Lcpl. With this change in rank structure appointments within the Battalion were also altered and it was noted on Exercise IRON MAN that the CO no longer had difficulty seeing around his radio operator. It was also pleasing to see Norm Walliss sporting Lcpl stripes on his shirt once again.

Sig Pl took part in some very successful activities during the year, not the least of which was a Road Runner exercise in April. This comprised a high frequency communications exercise over ranges of from 300 to 800 miles. Following this came Exercise AUST LINK, an exercise involving all battalions of the Regiment and SASR in an Australian wide link up.

It was gratifying to note that the splendid record that 8/9 RAR shows on courses was upheld by members of the Pl. On the Advanced Operators Course 7 members filled positions in the first ten (including first) and 4 others gained third, fourth, sixth and seventh on the RSO's Course.

Congratulations are extended to Bruce "Babs" Beaton on the arrival of an addition to his family. Don't worry Bruce, not much longer now.

Anyone considering a posting to Sig Pl should take note of the following requirements:

1. Must be able to read and write.
2. Must be able to lift 30lb without contracting a hernia.
3. Must be able to bend without blacking out.
4. Under all conditions MUST be able to speak without slurring his words.
5. Must have access to an unlimited supply of literature for the CP on exercises.

ANTI TANK PLATOON NOTES

Once the Platoon was formed, an intensive training period followed in which the new anti tankers set out to master their new weapons. In addition to the Carl Gustave the platoon was equipped with four M206 Cannons, perhaps more commonly known as the 106mm HAWs. The Anti Tank Course culminated with a major range shoot at TIN CAN BAY. The standard of weapon proficiency was high and it was not surprising that the Platoon soon adopted the motto "NUN QUAM FALLIMUR MISS"; for those who don't read Latin, "WE NEVER MISS".

In early May the Platoon looked like man packing the 106's on Exercise RAMS ROAR. We did several fitness runs across Enoggera Mountain carrying logs to prepare ourselves for combat. It is rumoured that one crew was clocked at 35mph by MPs and the crew comd had to do some fast talking to avoid a speeding ticket. Finally we were confident that we could "run down" the best the Australian Armoured Corps could put against us on the exercise.

At the eleventh hour the Q system came good with four landrover "sports cars" on which we mounted the cannons. The Platoon headed off to RAMS ROAR brim full of confidence. The Anti Tank Platoon was attached to the enemy group for the exercise and operated mainly against 4 Cav Regt sub units, including APCs and Cav Tps. We enjoyed the contest and took every opportunity to practice deployment drills, tactical sighting, ambushing and "tank hunting". The short wheel based landrovers proved to have good cross country ability and we found that we could compete favourably against M113 type vehicles in the terrain of Shoalwater Bay. We found that, provided plenty of time was given to reconnaissance of the proposed contact area and preparation of camouflaged fire positions was carried out, we were able to engage the Cav sub units before they were aware that we were in the area. By mutually sighting our cannons and taking advantage of natural obstacles we were normally able to effect a withdrawal after contact without suffering casualties. The exercise was most enjoyable and there was time to practice some of the arts of survival including a spot of tactical fishing.

During June and July the Platoon continued training on the anti tank weapons. We were hampered in our efforts by the shortage of 106mm ammunition for the cannons but were able to conduct several shoots with the 84mm Carl Gustaves and the .50 calibre spotting guns on the 206 Cannons.

Up to the end of June the Platoon has expended several thousand dollars worth of ammunition, including 60 rounds of 106mm of various types. We also managed to consume our share of XXXX Stubbies during the more relaxed periods after range practices.

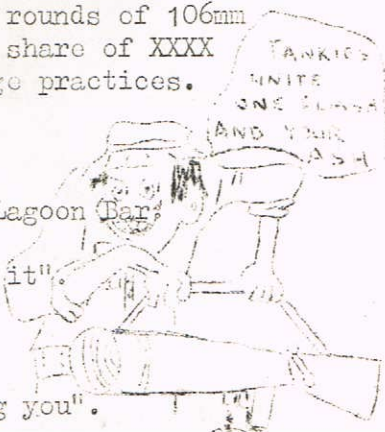
Anti-Tank Platoon Funnies

Lcpl "Moll" to young "lady" sitting at the Sleepy Lagoon Bar:

"If I have another drink I'll be feeling it".

Young "lady" to "Moll":

"If I have another drink, I'll be letting you".



Anti-Tank Platoon Funnies (Continued)

Pte "Mac" McCarthy was stopped in front of the Bn parade ground one afternoon kicking a tortoise to death. When the RSM asked him "What are you doing?" Mac replied quick as a flash "Well Sir, its been following me around all day".

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Pte Toohey, otherwise known as "Fang" stood outside CHQ one day lounging in the afternoon sun and said:

"This job is a piece of heaven

I havn't done a thing since half eleven"

The CSM overheard him and replied with a little verse straight from Wordsworth:

"Hickory Dickory Dock

You'll be on guard at four o'clock".

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Who was the Cpl from Anti Tank Pl who has been playing golf for three years now and has raised his handicap to 38. When spoken to he said he could WEATHER it ALL.

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One member drove his car into a creek last week. He must have been a DICKson.

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Pte Glarvey received so many letters when in hospital that he had to store them on the cart ledge.

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Sunray Spt Coy to Sunray Minor AT Pl at 0800 hrs.
"Could you give me your trg programme for the next two weeks, all ranges and training areas required for the next six months and carry out a 100% Stocktake on Mor Pl - Have return to me by 0915 hrs (same day)???"

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Who was the new member in AT Pl, who, when asked what dates he wanted his ARL replied "Can't take it this year, I'm going on a course"???

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A certain Captain from Spt Coy when not saluted said he would not STANDFord it.

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Members from Anti Tank wish our CSM farewell and good luck in civvie street; LORD help us when he is gone.

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All members from the Platoon welcome new member to the platoon, hope he is not as wet behind the ears as the MURRAY.

TRAINING GROUP

Training Group has reached the end of yet another successful year.

During 1975 we have had many new arrivals and several departures from the group; numerous Battalion exercises, which would not have been successful without our assistance, were also completed.

On the departures side Sgt "Stew" Keys and Cpl Fred Harris have rejoined the Mortar Platoon, Cpl "Bunny" Hare (Screw) is now a member of the law in the RP Section, Cpl Allan Roach returned to Pioneers, Cpl Rod Slater has gone to Inf Centre. Others to leave us included Sgt Norm Sorenson who is now one of the senior heads in Sig Pl, Sgt Errol Rasmussen has rejoined Anti Tank, Sgt (WO2) Cliff Savage to CMF at Armidale, Sgts Roger Dale, Glen Preston and Pte Russell Philpot to Admin Coy, Cpl "Taffy" Lloyd to RACP, Sgt Glenn Willmann to Int Section. Pte Ray Elford is now a fireman with "ginger beers", WO2 Powell A/Tech and thence to Inf Centre and last but not least our illustrious leader Capt Flynn has joined the United Nations Peacekeeping Force and is now somewhere in Pakistan thriving on a diet of curried rice.

Thanks fellas for a job well done.

And now to welcome our new arrivals; Capt Cobley has joined us to further his career from the PIR, Sgt Ray Bowman from DSU, Sgt Barnes from B Coy, Sgt Ken Stevens and Cpl "Goobs" Goubareff from Inf Centre, Cpl Laurie Storan has given up square bashing at 1 RTB to join us and Cpl "Darts" Dury has joined us from Mortar Platoon.

The Battalion exercises held during the year were a great success:

RAMS ROAR:

Nothing very exciting happened as we only supplied the Umpires.

IRON MAN:

The Bn CP was held together by Pat Dury and "Moose" Millar with Tony Seychell as the security picquet on the CP entrance. Bruno Flematti was out in the field with B Coy. Ray Bowman was controlling AT/MG Pl and "General" Mason devoted his time to organising and controlling Head Pl (Sigs).

NEBA IV:

A great success for the Group; we spent the entire 5 weeks away compared with the other Platoons' extensive tour of 5 days. We must convey our thanks to Pnr Pl for their helpful assistance. During NEBA IV the people of Gympie were repeatedly thrashed on the dart board by "Darts" Dury and his sidekick "Moose" Millar. The local fishermen at Tin Can Bay were cracking up as most of our members were hauling tonnes of fish out of the bay, almost putting the locals out of a job. Norm Sorenson had a bad habit of sleeping in his car by the roadside.

Training Group conducted many courses during the year and received (naturally), outstanding results from each course. Courses conducted included Marksmanship and Coaching, Subject B for Cpl, Subject A Sgt/Cpl and Loading and Lashing.

The task of Corps Trg within the Battalion also fell to us and we were also responsible for the organisation of the RUR/Gurkha Shoot at Greenbank.

A five day recon to Shoalwater Bay for NEBA V provided fresh fish and a good suntan for all those who participated.

We wound up the year by conducting the Battalion Military Skills Competition. In all it was a long, fairly hard but successful year for Training Group. It was made successful by the active participation and enthusiasm of the entire Group and we hope that 1976 leads us on to bigger and better things.

RUGBY - 1ST XV

After a slow start the Battalion 1st XV had a most successful season. We lost one game to 11 Sup Bn, this when a large number of our players were in Sydney with the Qld Combined Services side. A major factor in the success was the team work and understanding built up over the past few years when many of the players have played together.

Kim Mongan and Al Cummins were both selected for the Australian Services side. An unfortunate accident to Al Cummins prevented him from going to the side. Greg Chamberlain made the Australian part of the tour as a replacement forward but was not included for the New Zealand trip.

There were some fine performances by other players during the year and from a team view none better than lightweight second row/lock Greg Roberts. His ability to win the ball and feed it cleanly in all phases of the play was a great asset to the side.

Team Captain "Lofty" Wendt was always a tower of strength and his dedication to fitness an example which many others could do well to follow.

The front row of Terry Johnston, Bob Brooks, Harry Monaghan, was strong and had the experience to overcome most oppositions. They were able to win a major share of the ball in most games.

Back row forwards, Mick Bell, Greg Smith and Greg Chamberlain all had fine games and it says a great deal for the others that Greg Chamberlain was a reserve for the Grand Final.

The back line started the year well, but injuries and Service commitments took their toll and they were rather slow and disjointed in the last few games.

Rod Doran at half back had some good games and also covered the five eighth job well when called upon to do so. Kim Mongan used the tactical kick to great effect and led the backs well. Marty Smith played everywhere and gave great service. Dolly Dyer finally found his kicking boots for the Grand Final and it's to be hoped he keeps them for next year also. Murray Paton at full back was very safe under pressure and attacked well from that position.

Many other players contributed to the team effort and in no small part our success was due to these players.

The second side were also of great help and being able to call on reserves who were match fit eliminated many of the weaknesses that plagued other teams in the competition. It is to be hoped that training commitments allow a second side to be fielded again next season.

The Grand Final showed the depth of talent in the Battalion as the 1st and 2nd side played off. The seconds, unable to win much ball against a taller and heavier pack defended well, but were finally worn down and the firsts were comfortable winners.

The Future

The Battalion side and in particular many of its young players must not rest on their laurels. Too many players are content to be half fit and this is not good enough. With more individual training on skills and fitness the standard of play could be raised. With the prospect of more games with Services sides there is a reward for those prepared to work hard to gain the skills required.



The 1975 Rugby season started off in a big way last April especially for the 8/9 RAR 2nd XV. With only one division this season competition proved tough with all teams battling for the ultimate distinction of playing in the GRAND FINAL.

Our team was not given much chance of standing up against the tough and younger opposition. It is now a well known fact however that we had what it takes. Everyone became aware of this on the afternoon of August 20th when we took the field against the 8/9 RAR 1st XV and whilst we didn't win we certainly had them worried for most of the 80 minutes. Tempers flared that day and even Rod Slater upset a "Lofty" forward.

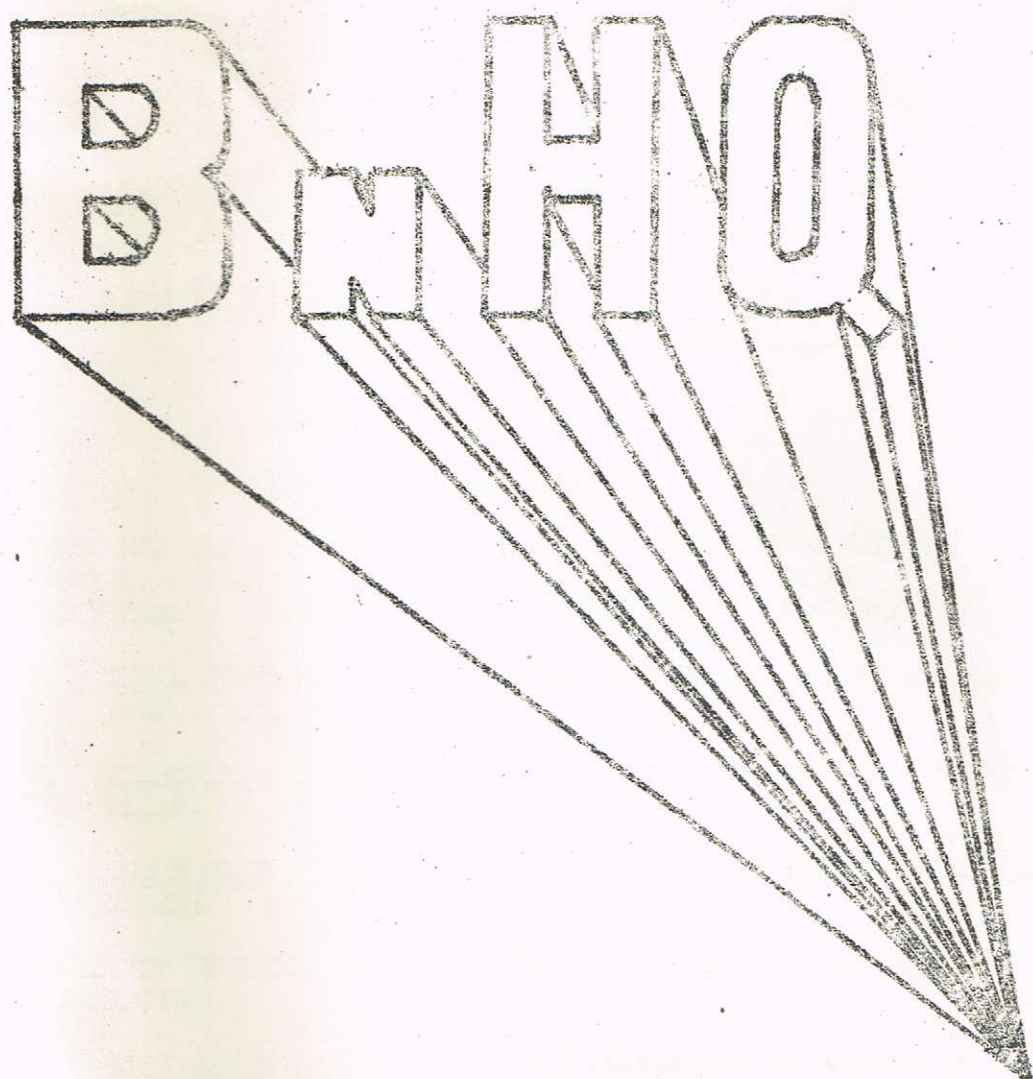
The highlight of the competition was our steady climb up the ladder, defeating, and sometimes annihilating, the opposition as we went. It started with a close win over 11 Sup Bn with a controversial try scored by Dave Bennett and a fine field goal by Rod Pierce who could only kick goals when we really needed them. Jack Selmes took a hard knock that day and did not know, who he was, where he was, or even how he got there.

Next it was up to OAKLEY to face Aviation, that day "Flash" Wayne Pratt set Glenn Willmann up for tries on four different occasions but sent him a forward pass each time. We still won the game by 40 odd points.

Then came the game that we regarded as one of the most important, the long awaited clash with 6 RAR. We were all in top gear for that one with coach Garry Hunter getting the "killer" instinct into us at training. He did everything but wave a yellow guernsey in front of us and we have a feeling he was even thinking of that.

Next came the semis when JTC fell victim to us; this carried us into the finals against 1 Fd Regt. What a game that was, we played 20 minutes extra time before we finally won the match by only one point. Then, we were into the Grand Final and one wonders what would have happened if the Arty boys beat us and had gone into the game against the 8/9 RAR 1st XV.

It's all over now, but there is next season to come and rest assured the "Old Fellas" of the 2nd XV will be up at the top again.





WANTED -- DEAD OR ALIVE

THE TEDDY GANG

THESE MEN ARE DANGEROUS AND ARE TO BE TREATED WITH EXTREME CAUTION. THEY ARE KNOWN TO OPERATE AS A GANG OR AS INDIVIDUALS. TOGETHER THEY HAVE BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR:

1. THE LAGOONA MASSACRE where George NEBA was killed for the fourth time.
2. THE BLEATERS BOMBINGS which reduced a RAMS ROAR to a SHEEPS BLEAT.
3. THE SINGLETON SMASHINGS which reduced an IRON MAN to a BRASS MONKEY.

TO ASSIST IN THEIR CAPTURE WE PRINT INDIVIDUAL CRIMES AND DESCRIPTION:

1. ALPHONSE THE APE, wanted in 3 states for the murder of the WANDERING BARLANT and in two states for the CANUNGRA CAPERS.
2. BRAVO THE BUTCHER, an international criminal wanted by Interpol for the MALAYSIAN MAYHEM. Recent incidents in Canberra suggest he has returned to Australia.
3. CHARLIE THE CARVER, a sly slimy man recently returned from a reign of terror against the peaceful inhabitants of ALICE SPRINGS.
4. SAM THE STRANGLER, a man of many roles always ready to support and lend a hand.
5. ANDY THE ADMINISTRATOR, this unscrupulous character is the brains behind the gang; he is the man who organises them and keeps them supplied.

BEWARE THESE MEN ARE DANGEROUS.

BATTALION HEADQUARTERS NOTES

1. Personalities - Best Known For:

CO

- a. His hair being taller than he is.
- b. Having his hair cut (hair number 136508).

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- a. His high cultural tastes (e.g. the movies on IRON MAN).
- b. His unbiased political views.

Ops Offr

- a. His simple, easy to understand Patrol Programmes.
- b. His vista-vision, all singing, psychedelic display board.

Adjt

- a. His fast tongue that can't keep pace with his brain.
- b. Those eyes.
- c. His RIGHT WING.

Chief Clerk

- a. The desperate paper shortage (down to the last 500 reams).

2. Comments from the Coys:

OC A Coy

A Coy won't be in this week we're all on stand-down (Still?)

OC B Coy

"I'll get back to you after the O Group".

OC C Coy

"C Coy don't tell nobody nothing". (And don't we know it!).

OC Admin Coy

- a. "Have you got a minute" (60 minutes later).
- b. "I have a small problem" (60 minutes later).
- c. "Admin Coy haven't received that yet, but"

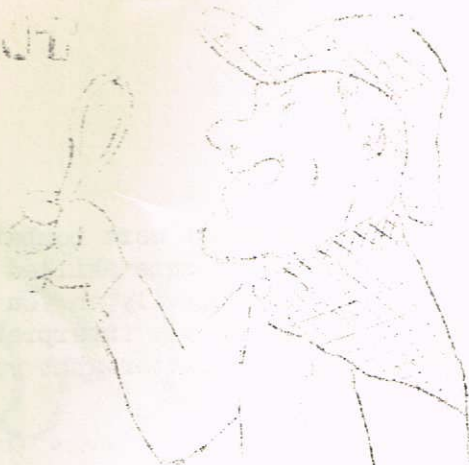
3. Points cleared for release to the Coys!

- a. For those that can't tell the difference between the RSM and his pacesstick - the RSM is the thin one in greens.
- b. The unit postie (Cpl Reynolds) is looking for a new image. 'Peddling Ted' is endeavouring to slim down his paunchy protuberance and get fit at the same time, (Rifle Coys take note) by riding a push bike to WORK. Asked how long it takes to get home, he won't say, but it is interesting to note that his bike is fitted with lights for night riding.
- c. Rumour has it that there was a punch up on the way to IRON MAN involving a STRONG clerk.
- d. The A Adjt has officially denied that he is resigning to take up employment as a Security Checking Officer.
- e. Would the real OC Spt Coy please wear a uniform and organise HDA to Major for Lcpl BUTLER.
- f. For A Coy - An A88 is not an application to travel anywhere in the world.
- g. How many O Groups does B Coy really have?????
- h. Who steals all of Admin Coy's paperwork?????

MERRY XMAS AND A WELL ADMINISTERED NEW YEAR

UNIT

SECTION



The Int Section has seen quite a few changes in faces this year. Sgt Jim Blundell marched out and was replaced by Sgt Glenn Willmann earlier in the year and more recently Lt Peter Gumbley has been replaced by Lt Gary Stone. Cpl Peter Harrower has remained as Intelligence Cpl and by the end of the year our Unit Photographer Pte "Blue" Brechin, and draftsman/unit magazine cartoonist Pte Bob Maguire will be the only Pte soldiers in the Section. Next year we look forward to receiving reinforcements to join us in what we find is an interesting and varied job.

We were given our first professional training in our main task - combat intelligence - at the School of Military Intelligence at Canungra in August this year. We were to realize from this course, that intelligence is really involved with the assessment beforehand of all the courses that an enemy might take. On receipt of information from our own patrols we can look for a pattern which may indicate an enemy's most likely course of action. To assist us to piece together this pattern every piece of information can help and the seemingly insignificant piece of information that you have may be the final piece we need to complete our "jigsaw puzzle".

Even when you patrol and find nothing you are providing valuable information. In building up our "picture" we find ourselves doing a lot of radio intercept, air photograph analysis, map marking and evaluation of patrol and other reports.

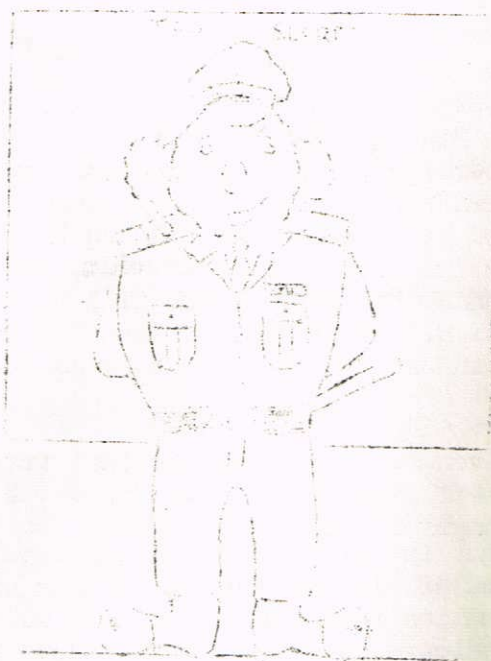
We aim to serve you, to do this we pass intelligence information to help you in your task, as quickly as possible. Knowing the enemy's intentions will enable you to be better prepared and will help you to react faster and possibly catch him with his pants down.

On Exercise IRON MAN we manned our own Intelligence CP continually in order to collect every piece of information on our own and the enemy's radio nets. This information was recorded, evaluated and passed back to you in the form of a daily intelligence summary.

Aside from combat intelligence we have been busy in camp with a variety of tasks. We have made a Battalion pictorial scrapbook of the year's events. We maintain the Battalion Library which not only has all the current training pamphlets but also has many interesting and informative magazines from other countries and armies. Our photographer "Blue" Brechin develops and prints all unit photographs in our dark-room. We have provided drafting support to many groups within the Battalion ranging from construction of visual training aids to all forms of posters and printing work.

Next year we look forward to a lot more combat intelligence training in barracks so that we can become more skilled in the interpretation of information. We rely heavily on you to provide us with this information, which, when correctly interpreted, will give you the advantage over your enemy no matter what your task.

TOP SECRET
NO FORN DISSEM



GENTLEMAN I HAVE
ASSIGNED YOU HERE
TO DETAIL OUR TACTICS
FOR THE FORTHCOMING
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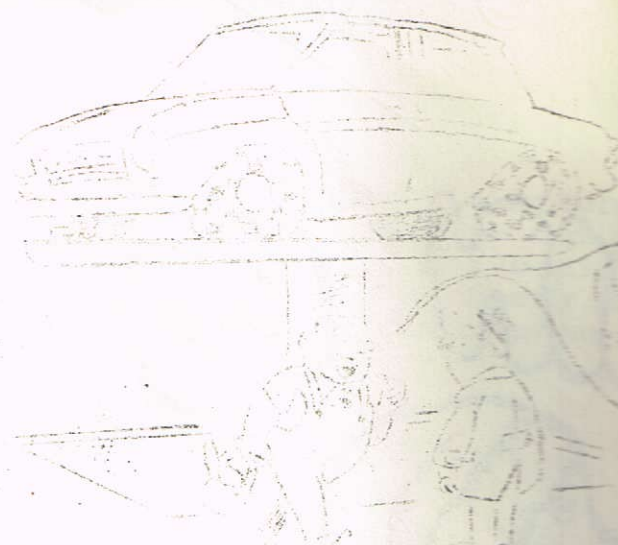


GENTLEMAN IT IS OF
THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE
FOR THE "BACKS" TO
HAVE A TIGHT DEFENCE
AND TO PASS THE BALL
OUT QUICKLY



ADMIN GUY





Alarm Coy, along with the rest of the Battalion has had a very busy year, with the Coy providing the usual essential services which are taken for granted until they are not provided. Don't let anyone fool you - Infantry Battalions just do not function without Pogos like us. We are of course very modest and unassuming about the excellent service we provide.

This year has been eventful, with much being learned, particularly on Exercise IRON MAN and PANS WOLF. I rather than repeat myself read on into the star shaded and action packed platoon notes.

A special mention must be made within these lines with regard to the Shropshire Cadet Competition. I hear there were many red faces and empty ballots after the conclusion of the events.

To all members of Alarm Coy and in HQ who participated in all teams (winning and losing) which gave Alarm Coy a win in both Winter and Summer Sports we must offer a special thank you and well done. We must also offer congratulations to Sgt. Jay for their fine display of sportsmanship. The following, but if you require help to train your team for next year we would be only too glad to assist - for information contact Capt. Strong of HQ.



CATERING PLATOON NOTES

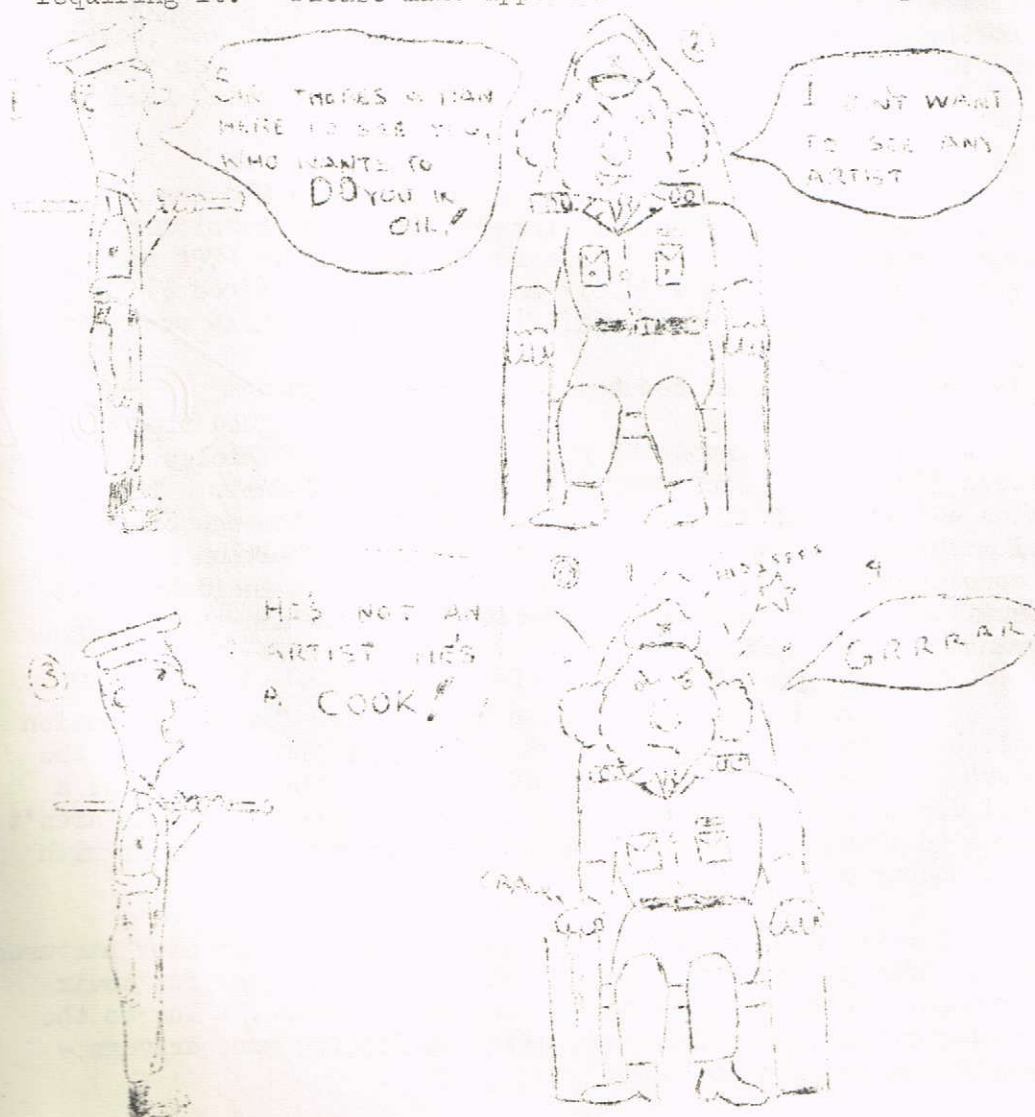
Fun and games were had by all on Exercise IRON MAN. Some of the cooks failed to handle the amber fluid, but assured us that this was only because someone was sabotaging their drinks.

Reference the rations which were sometimes not forthcoming till all hours from Supply - a very good job was done by all concerned on our side. The "Elf" and his merry "Mice" managed again to stir it up but were quickly subdued by the "Top Cat".

Another "Cassius Clay" in Cat Pl who threw out the challenge to all concerned was taken to hospital for his trouble, he kept loading with his big mouth.

The new approved uniform for the "Top Cat" is a long white robe with a halo and silver star, also an operation was effected (the removal of a certain "T" shirt) from a certain "babbler".

The members of the Catering Section are prepared, after facing the angry hordes with only hotboxes and their ladels for weapons to give combat training to any members of the Battalion requiring it. Please make appointments with "Mini Top Cat".



O PLATOON ACTIVITIES

Under the leadership of the Quartermaster, Capt Fletcher, the Platoon have almost completed an active and rewarding year. The supporting role in exercises RAMS ROAR, NEBA IV and IRON MAN have tested the employment of the platoon and each member has gained valuable experience from his participation in these exercises.

The Platoon was well represented in the sporting activities of the unit:

Cpl	Stewart	-	Tennis
Lcpl	Hughes	-	Cricket
Sgt	Kennedy	-	Hockey, Badminton
Sgt	Paulsen	-	Hockey
2Lt	Walsh	-	Squash
Pte	Francis	-	Australian Rules
Cfn	Simpson	-	Rugby Union
Cfn	Roberts	-	Rugby Union

There have been a few new faces in the Platoon this year. 2Lt Walsh took over from 2Lt Poldoja who is now with 25 Sup Pl at Holsworthy and Sgt Dale took over from Sgt Godfrey as Tech Sgt. Other new members were SSgt Preston, Pte Battersby and Pte Philpott.

With the Christmas leave period almost upon us, the Platoon will leave for a well earned break, ready to commence its support to the unit in 1976.

OLIVE DRAB CAB OVER NOTES:

With 75 drawing to a close, this may be a good time to look at the achievements of the year. In 75 unit vehicles travelled 330,000 miles and used 33,000 gallons of fuel. The unit vehicles did not have any major accidents. When the age of the vehicles and the posted strength of the Transport Platoon is taken into consideration this is not a bad effort. Those accidents that did occur involved personnel not posted as drivers and these were of a minor nature anyway.

Too many things happened during the year for us to mention them all here but one thing worthy of mention is the assistance the Coys gave to clean vehicles after IRON MAN, many thanks Coys for a job well done. It was even heard said by one digger "Drivers aren't the pogos we thought they were" (A profound and true statement with which we concur heartily).

For the members of the Platoon moving on to greener pastures we who are left to "hold the fort" wish you all the best for their new postings, whether it be civvy street or elsewhere. Due to the number of postings we will be interested in finding more drivers - anyone wanting to join the pogos?

8/9 RAR BOXING CLUB

Club History

The 8/9 RAR Boxing Club was formed on 1st November 1973, based upon the members of 8 RAR Boxing Club. The Club is affiliated with the Queensland Amateur Boxing Union and abides by the QABU Constitution.

Membership

The Club maintains an active membership of 30 all ranks and is self supporting financially.

Activities 1974/1975

The season started slowly for the club this year with many fighters, who did very well in 1974, returning for one reason or another. Members throughout the year have travelled throughout the state and interstate to fight bouts of the Amateur Circuit. May 75 got the season off to a start with fighters from the Battalion doing very well at Southport. In June 75 the club staged one of the biggest tournaments held in Queensland for many years. Many National and Queensland Title holders took part. In September 1975, two members of the club, Lcpl B. Cross and Lcpl G. Weller, were entered into the Queensland Championships, the results were a victory to Lcpl Cross and Lcpl Weller a close runner up. The most notable victory of the year must be the fine effort by Lcpl Cross taking out the Australian Title in Hobart.

To wind up, the 1975 season a competition was held between 6 RAR and 8/9 RAR. This competition was first commenced in 1974 and was initiated to promote boxing within the Task Force. The shield was won in 1974 by 8/9 RAR (7 bouts to 4). It was retained again this year (5 bouts to 4). The individual winners were Pte Snowy PAYNE, Pte Dave WALDRON, Pte Rick COLLIER, Pte Rod PEARCE and Lt Andy HARRIS.

During 1975, 8/9 RAR produced the following individual results:

Australian Welterweight Champion.

Queensland Welterweight Champion.

Runner up Queensland Middleweight Champion.

Runner up Queensland Light Heavy weight Championship.

The retiring President of the club Maj R. TUCKER wishes to thank all boxers and supporters for their help during the season and wishes Maj J. CAMPBELL and all members the very best for the future.

RAP (MASH) 8/9 RAR

Since the formation of 8/9 RAR a few changes have been noticed with the Medics of the Battalion. We welcomed Cpl John GROGAN from PNG and three of the originals, Bluey COLE, Jeppo, and Bob TAYLOR have been promoted to T/Cpl.

We are proud to have with us Dr Jim PYE who has been our "Doc" for the past 18 months, but due to illness has been having a "sickey" for the past two months. We now look forward to him having a speedy recovery and to having him back with us next year.

By a unanimous vote Pte T has been awarded the 1975 "Chit of the Year", and if he shows up in 76 we will endorse a chit to authorize him to put in at least one week's work for the year.

Since the start of the TV show "Emergency" we have been confronted with some amazing aches and pains. For the digger in A Coy we can arrange a vasectomy but not a hysterectomy as sex change operations are beyond our scope. The digger in B Coy did not have Vaginitis and finally for the WO Caterer, we wish to assure him that having a haircut IS NOT as painful as having your appendix removed.

