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8th/9th BATTALION  
THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN REGIMENT

AN ACCOUNT  
OF ACTIVITIES  
IN  
1978







# FOREWORD

By the Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel T. H. Holland.



1978 has been a year of great achievement by 8/9 RAR - achievement made possible by the combined effort of every man in the Battalion and the willing support of the headquarters and all units of the 6th Task Force. Our activities throughout 1978 are recorded in the pages that follow and I know that in the future years we will look back upon them with nostalgia and a justifiable sense of pride.

There have been achievements and support which are not readily apparent in this magazine, however; these are the personal achievements; the sense of fulfillment experienced by the many soldiers who have been promoted, the gaining in confidence of the trainee who has passed his demanding course to gain entry into the finest group in the world - an Infantry Battalion, and the pride of the leader who has led his men through complex and testing tactical exercises are but a few.

The unstinting support, encouragement and understanding of the 8/9 RAR families and friends cannot be exemplified by trophies, is not recorded in after exercise reports and is difficult to depict in a magazine. Nonetheless, the steady and strong support has been present all of the time and has been of inestimable value to us in the pursuit of our profession and in the achievement of our goals. We are all grateful to and thankful for our families and loved ones.

On a personal note, I must say that I consider it a privilege to have served with 8/9 RAR throughout 1977 and 1978. I have enjoyed loyal and indefatigable support, for the companionship and the mutual trust, Marie and I thank all of 8/9 RAR very much indeed.

/While I am sorry



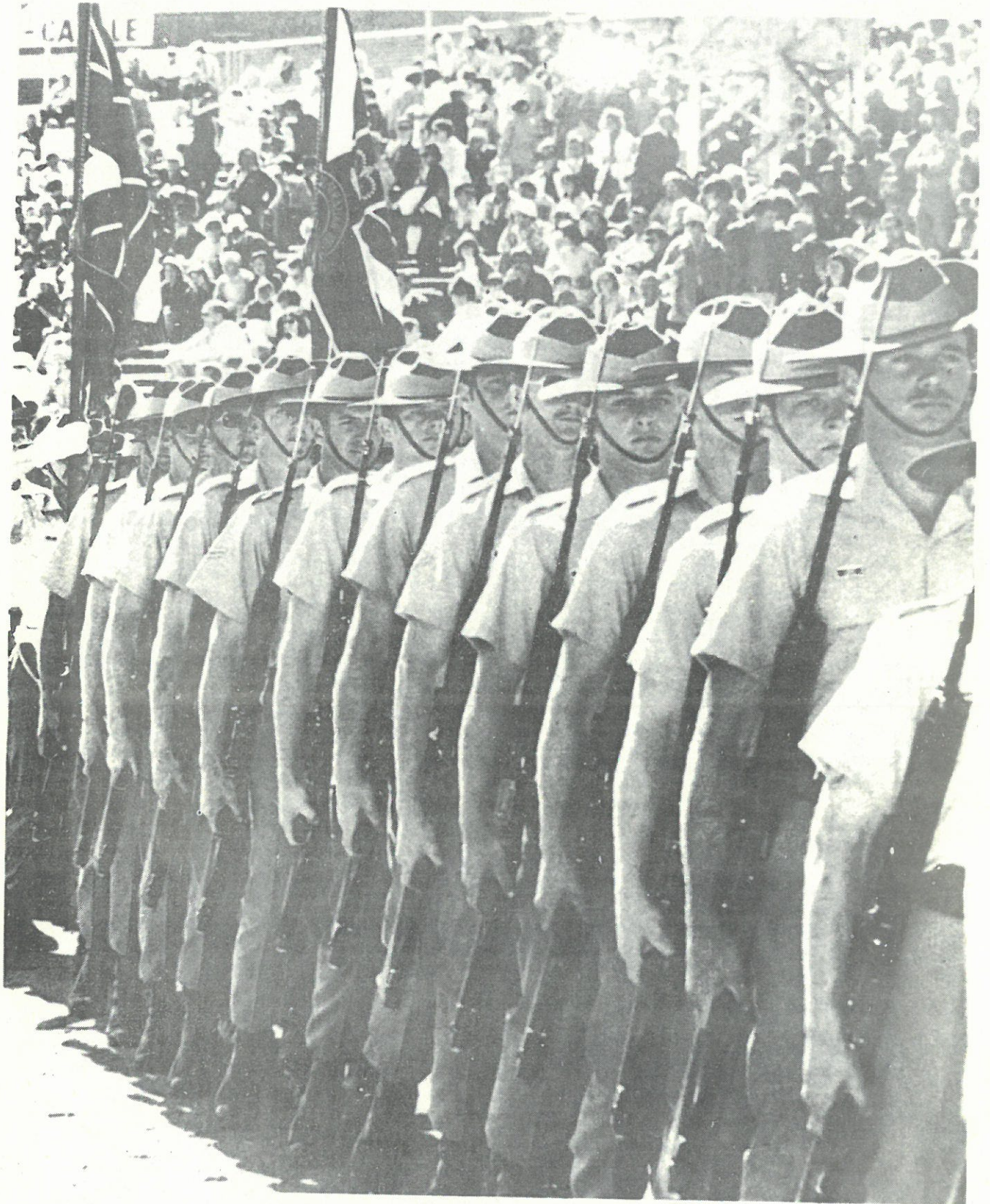
While I am sorry to be going it is pleasing to know that I am to hand over command to a very fine Infantryman, Lieutenant Colonel E. F. (Fred) Pfitzner. I know that you will give him your loyal support and that 8/9 RAR will continue to go from strength to strength.

Good luck and good soldiering.

*Holland*  
(T. H. HOLLAND)  
Lieutenant Colonel  
Commanding Officer







The 8/9 RAR Guard in the Opening  
Ceremony of the Brisbane Show.





"What do you mean - it's Hot....."



# 1978 ACTIVITIES

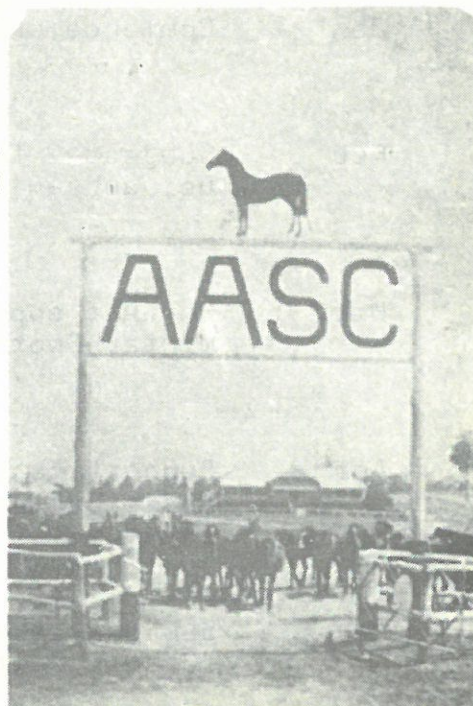
Jan	Commencement of work; unit courses; support to RMC.
Feb	Subject 2 for Cpl and unit specialist courses continue; sub unit training.
Mar	Bn CPX; support to 9RQR; support for Ex "On Drive"; Winter Sports Competition; sub unit training.
Apr	Support to OCS; range shoots; sub unit exercises; Anzac Day and Beating the Retreat.
May	Sub unit training at LWC; 6TF CPX; support for Ex "Copper Coin";
Jul	Ex "Eureka Stockade"; IET Course.
Aug	Ex "Eureka Stockade"; Drill Competition; RNA Show Guard; IET Course.
Sep	Summer Sports Competition; Athletics Carnival; Subject 1 for Cpl Course; sub unit training.
Oct	Unit specialist Course sub unit training; D Coy formed and depart for Butterworth; support to "Barrier Trial"
Nov	RAR 30th Birthday Parade: support to RMC
Dec	Bn handover parade; end of year festivities; Commence Christmas leave.



# ENOGGERA HISTORY

With plans for the Enoggera Stage II Development well underway and the possibility that many of the 8/9 RAR buildings are to be demolished, it is appropriate to reflect upon some of the history that surrounds the present occupants of Gallipoli Lines.

Enoggera, an anglicized adaption of an aboriginal word meaning "place of waters" was acquired for defence purposes in 1908. Instructors from the Australian Instructional Corps established the School of Musketry complete with rifle range. An artillery range was also constructed and a horse remount depot was established.



1912 saw the completion of a number of buildings for the remount section. In 1915 barracks and a gun park for the Royal Australian Field Artillery were constructed. In 1916 these buildings were occupied by 17th Australian General Hospital to care for casualties returning from overseas. A substantial part of the hospital was destroyed by fire in 1919 but the remaining buildings continued in use.

The Artillery range was closed in 1927 when an 18 pound round was fired over the target on Enoggera Hill and into a farm house at the Gap. The rifle range was used for the Queens Medal Shoot and continued in service until 1964.

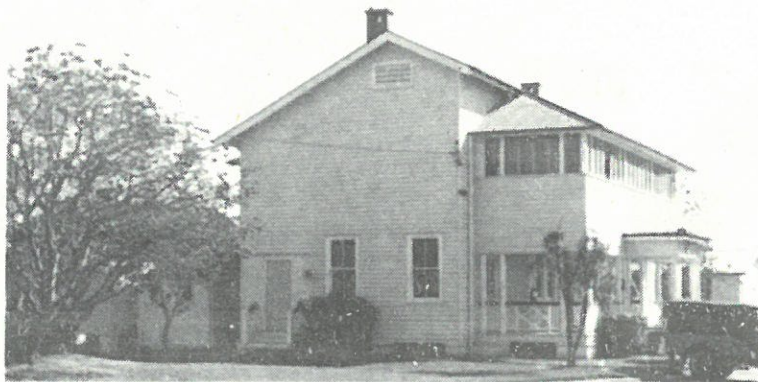
Enoggera was used as a training area for infantry, artillery and light horse units between the Wars and became a depot for the AIF during World War II. The remount depot was eventually closed in 1946.

In the last twenty-five years the buildings have been home to nearly all Battalions of the Royal Australian Regiment. Many of the original buildings have been preserved with the only significant changes being to some interiors and fittings. Despite the proposed redevelopment it is understood that some of the buildings will remain to preserve part of our military history and heritage.





Bn HQ, built in 1915 at a cost of £1610, was used as the officers quarters for No 3 Battery, Royal Australian Field Artillery. During World War I it became a nurses quarters and then the Admin HQ of 17 Australian General Hospital.



From 1919 until the early 1950s it was used as a married quarter. The RSM and Adj't's offices were designed as writing and reading rooms, the orderly room was the mess room and the typists now occupy the kitchen area. The first floor bedrooms are now used as offices by the CO, 2IC and OPS Offr, while the

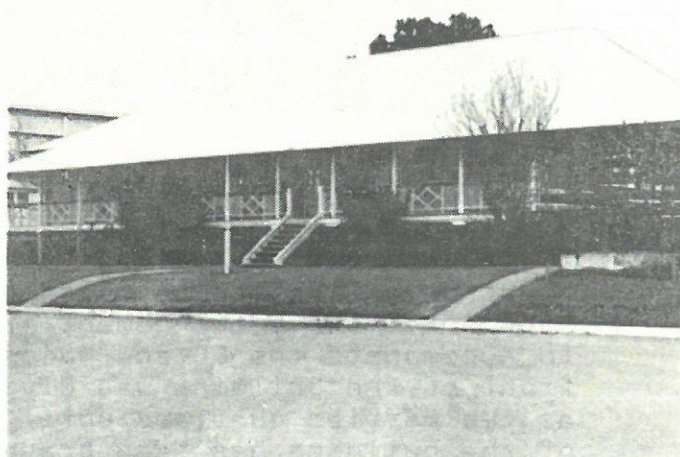
OPS SGT's office was once a bathroom.

The only significant change over the years has been the enclosing of the first floor veranda which is now used as a conference room.

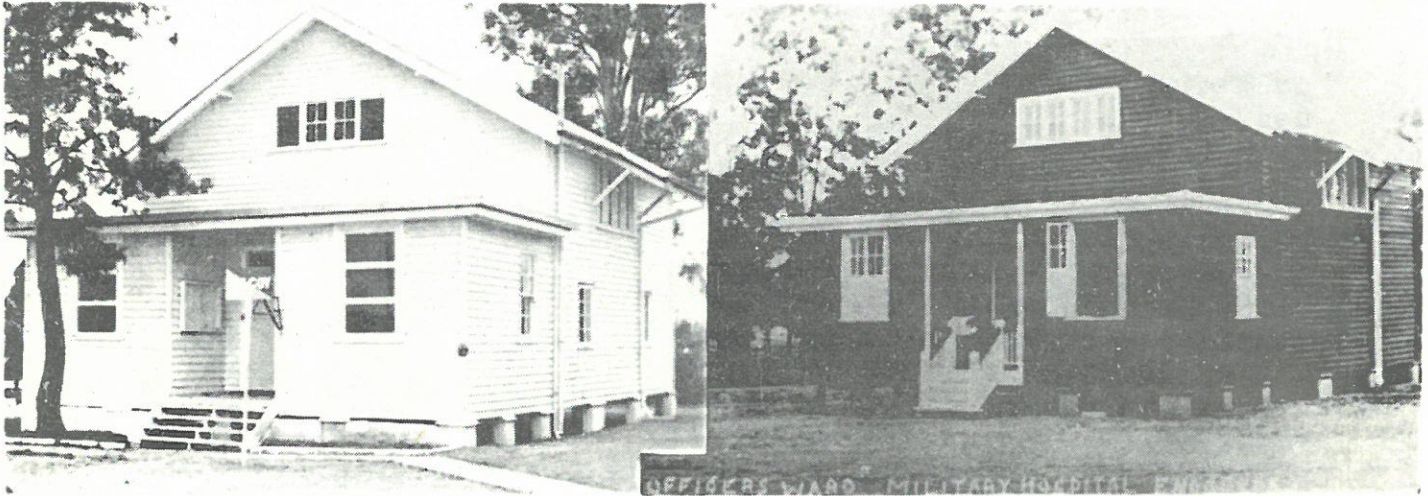


The present Spt Coy HQ was originally the operating theatre complex for the hospital. The corners of the office floors are rounded, and it is believed that this was to minimize dust build up and to facilitate cleaning of the operating theatres.

This building was one of the few to survive the fire that destroyed the Hospital in 1919.







The Trg Coy building was built in 1916 as the officers ward of the hospital. Other uses have included the Northern Command Band and Northern Command Recruiting Unit. Apart from the addition of some windows the building has been maintained in its original form.

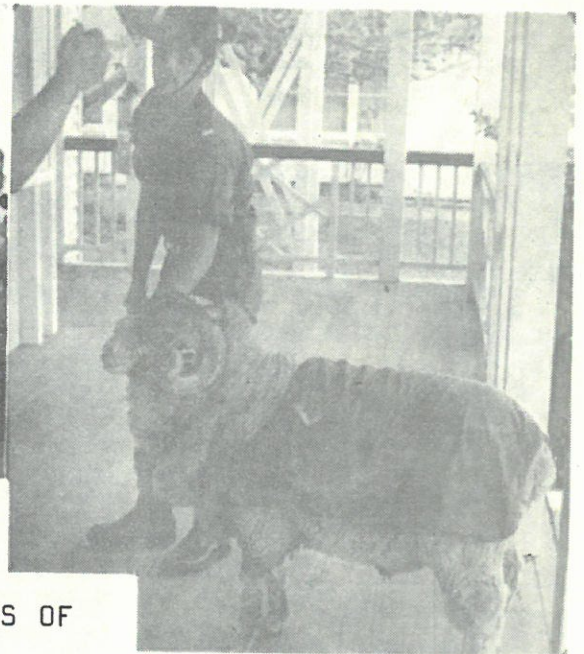


The present officers mess was built in 1912 as single mens quarters for the remount section. It contained a kitchen, dining room and sleeping rooms. The horsemen slept on palliasses on the floor as beds were not provided. Soon after the commencement of World War I it was converted to accomodate the OC and HQ of the remount section. The front of the building was divided down the centre and used as two married quarters until World War II. The exterior of the building has been preserved in its original form and although the front has become the mess bar and ante rooms, the original kitchen and dining room are still in use.





He went on parade...



Got into trouble....



And discussed the  
Military Situation  
with visiting VIPs.

THE ADVENTURES OF  
THE MASCOT  
CPL J. MACARTHUR  
(ALIAS)  
"STAN THE RAM"



Was charged.....



Celebrated his  
eighth Birthday.....



And promoted.....



# OTHER UNITS MASCOTS



Exercises have a way of Cementing many unit associations and such was the case this year with Eureka Stockade. 8/9 RAR felt that some recognition should be given to these associations and as other units did not have the benefit of a mascot, it was decided to rectify the situation.

Procured at great expense, from the Rockhampton dog pound, "Wart" was left in the Bn CP at Raspberry Creek as a present for 6 RAR. "Wart" immediately took to the CO 6 RAR and succeeded in establishing himself with the remainder of 6 RAR.

"Karl Shwartz" was captured singlehanded by LT COL Holland on Townshend Island. A brisk chase along the beach and a tackle that would do any footballer proud soon had this illustrious goat on its way for presentation to 2 Cav Regt. Karl has now been adopted by 2 Cav Regt as their unit mascot.

"Jimmy" a red roaster was obtained for presentation to 139 Sig Sqn. Although a carrier pigeon would have been an obvious choice for a potential mascot it was rightly considered that a bird with a more fighting image, such as a roaster would be more appropriate. Jimmy Roaster has now been installed in pride of place as 139 Sig Sqn's mascot.





"Hey, come back fellas, I promise not to try any  
more crash landings ...."



"Good turnout, but when it's drill with arms  
you should also bring your rifle..."





WOI P. G. Cowan  
Awarded the MBE.

# HONOURS AND AWARDS



SGT M. Holland  
Awarded the BEM and National Medal

## National Medal Recipients

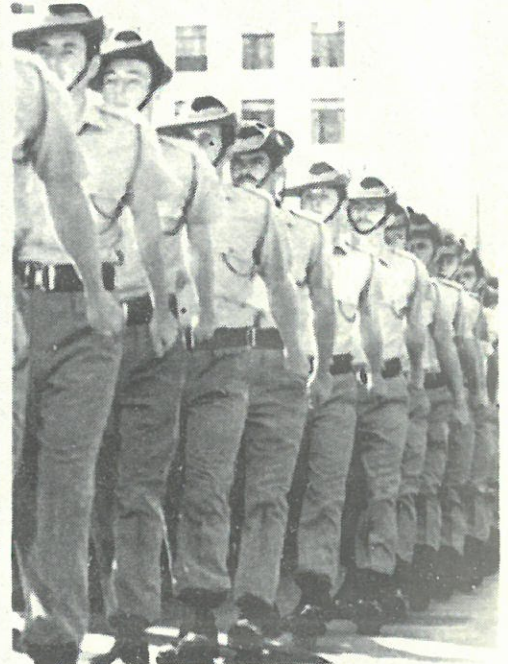
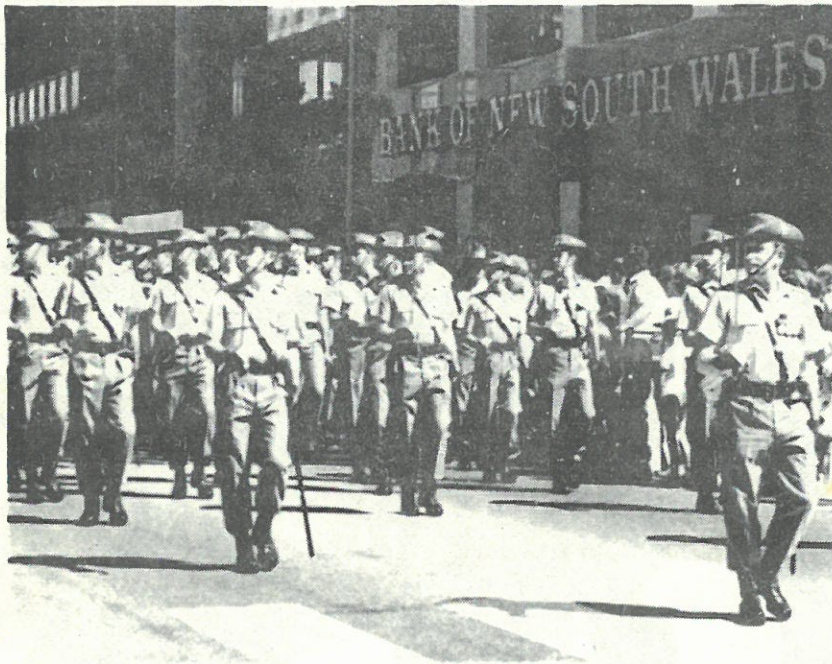
CAPT	A. J. Kirwan
WOI	N. J. Rankin
WO2	T. S. Bourke
WO2	M. R. Justice
WO2	R. Savage
SSGT	W. R. McCutchen
SSGT	W. N. Washington
SGT	A. J. Crook
SGT	M. Holland
SGT	N. L. Sorrenson
SGT	D. R. Johnston
SGT	R. M. Stirling
SGT	K. S. Steven
SGT	L. J. Storan
CPL	R. J. Coggins
CPL	G. A. Newton



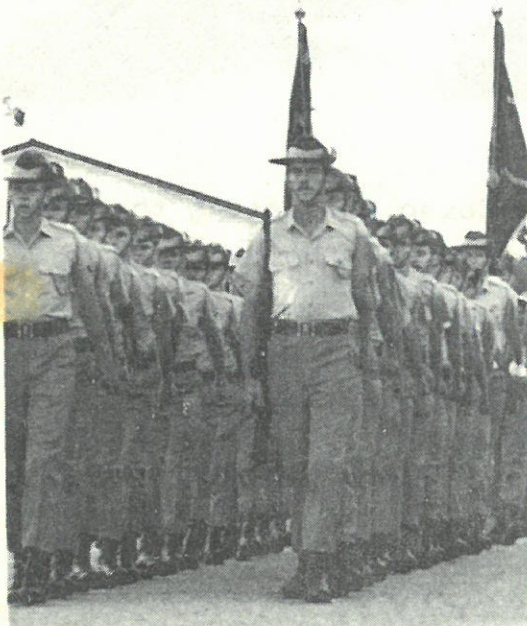


# CEREMONIAL

8/9 RAR participated in many ceremonial activities during 1978. More notable among these were the funeral of LTGEN Pollard in March, the Anzac Day march through Brisbane involving the whole Battalion, the Beating the Retreat in April, the RNA Brisbane Show Guard in August and the combined parade with 6 RAR in November to mark the 30th Birthday of the ROYAL AUSTRALIAN REGIMENT.



Anzac Day 1978.



Beating the Retreat.





The Governor General, Sir Zelman Cowan inspecting the 8/9 RAR Guard during the opening Ceremony of the Brisbane Show.





FF COMD (NZ)

BRIG L. G. O'Donnell  
16 FEB 78.

COMD 1 DIV



BRIG R. Williams  
22 SEP 78.

C of OPS (elect)  
BRIG R. A. Grey DSO.  
27 MAY 78.

DCGS  
MAJ GEN J. Whitelaw CBE.  
5 MAY 78.

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MAJ GEN P. H. Bennett DSO  
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CGS



LTGEN D. B. Dunstan CB CBE  
29 MAR 78.

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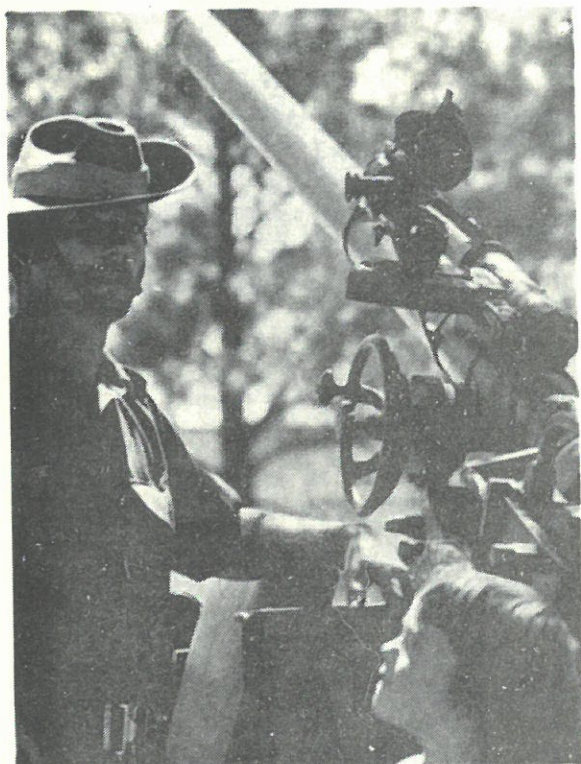


It's easy when you know how

During 1978 8/9 RAR  
ran camps for boys  
and girls and played  
host to visiting  
school children.



Let's see how fast we  
can pull it apart..



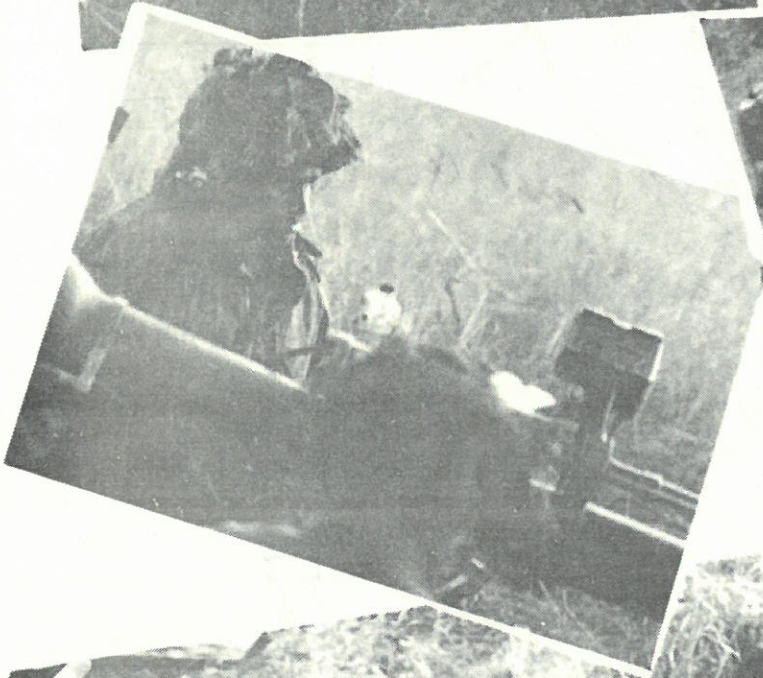
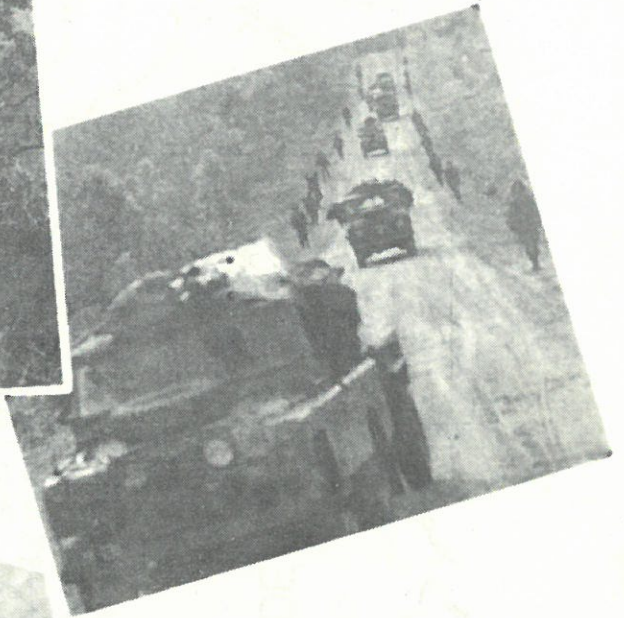
Now, when I was your age



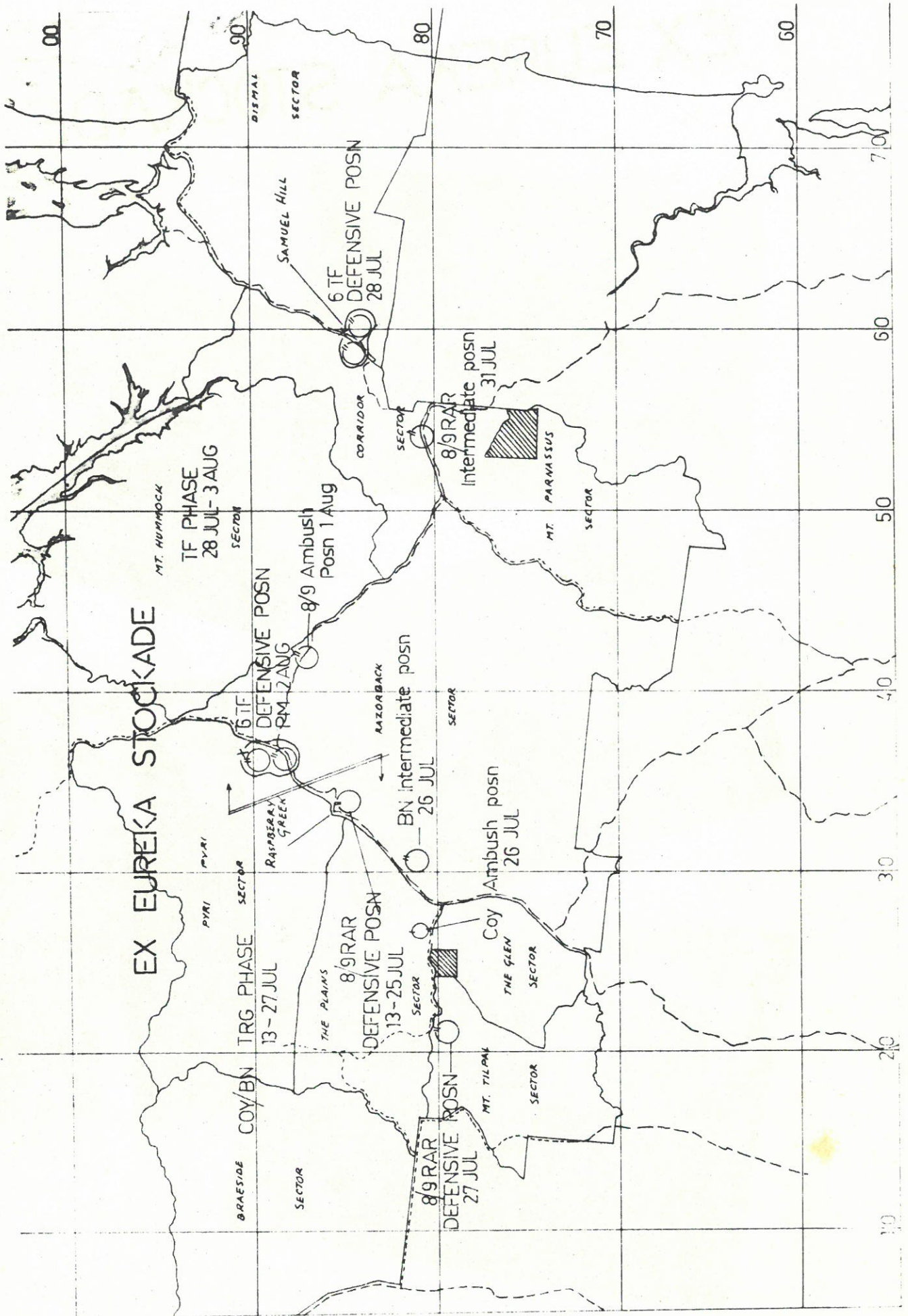
Can I have one for Christmas  
please ?



# EX EUREKA STOCKADE











"You were joking when you said we were marching all  
the way to Shoalwater Bay....."

## MARINE BOY





# EUREKA STOCKADE

EUREKA STOCKADE the major exercise for the year was conducted in the Shoalwater Bay Training Area in Jul and Aug 78.

The exercise was a new concept in training as it provided a task force setting for sub-unit training and unit training culminating in a week long task force exercise.

The scenario depicted 6TF being deployed into the Shoalwater Bay Area to contain an enemy landing at Freshwater Bay. Enemy for the exercise were provided by elements of 4 Cav Regt and 2 Fd Engr Regt.

Our road convoy left ENOGGERA on 9 Jul followed by the main body three days later. The deployment of the main body was uncharacteristically smooth with minimum delays experienced. The absence of the usual three to four hour wait on the edge of an airfield came as a pleasant surprise to all. The road convoy was not so fortunate; incorrect signposting of routes led to confusion and some delays. The inadvertant testing of the amphibious qualities of a landrover was a result of this poor route marking.

13 Jul 78 saw the occupation of the Battalion defensive position at Raspberry Creek. The twelve day occupation enabled the position to be fully dug-in and developed with extensive minefields and wiring. The position was surveyed with the assistance of the survey troop from 1 Fd Regt.

This enabled every pit in the defensive position to be plotted and numbered.

The rifle Coys were involved in APC training, helicopter deployment and patrolling during this period. Spt Coy Pl's were involved in live firing exercises and assistance to other 6TF units. The Pnr Pl, in the absence of promised engineer support, dug-in the CPs, Sig Centre and RAP while Sig Pl laid in excess of twenty-seven miles of wire.

Some impressive live-firing demonstrations were staged and the Battalion played host to a number of visiting VIP's including MAJ GEN M. Bradbury, GOC FF Comd and a group of parliamentarians from the Defence Planning Committee.

23 Jul was a rest day and the, by now "dig hardened" troops enjoyed hot ? showers, barbeques, movies and succeeded in substantially depleting the DPRI stocks of beer.

The Battalion exercise phase commenced on 24 Jul with straffing runs by enemy aircraft. This was followed by probes on our position and attacks by the enemy supported by armour. Comprehensive counter attack plans were initiated and the enemy repulsed on a number of occasions.

On the night of 25 Jul a "relief in place" was conducted with 6 RAR. Despite the blackness of the night and a first time effort for many it proved to be a smooth well executed manoeuvre.



8/9 RAR withdrew and in the early hours of 26 Jul established an intermediate position at Spring Valley. Later that evening the Battalion moved by APC to a new defensive position west of The Plains. The withdrawal was covered by A Coy who together with APC support laid an ambush to successfully thwart the enemy follow up.

On 28 Jul the Battalion was redeployed and occupied Samuel Hill as part of the defensive position. The deployment by up to eight helicopters at a time provided a sight not witnessed since Vietnam.

Despite enemy air sorties and the surprise attack on the CO's recon party in a supposedly safe area the position was occupied by mid afternoon and the familiar digging-in commenced. Despite an active patrolling programme the enemy continued to probe the position. These attempts were repulsed, however with the enemy force building up and air attacks increasing the Battalion was ordered to withdraw to an intermediate position at Pineapple Gap.

Despite enemy interdiction and the destruction of a bridge along the withdrawal route, the Battalion eventually arrived at Pineapple Gap on 31 Jul. The overnight rain did little to assist digging on the craggy features nevertheless once again the Battalion set about the inevitable task.

The tide of battle still ran against 6TF and withdrawal was ordered again. This time however 8/9 RAR was ordered to occupy an ambush position to cover the withdrawal of the task force. With renewed vigour, occasioned by the prospect of giving the enemy some of his own medicine, the Battalion occupied and dug-in the ambush position on 1 Aug. After a night of false alarms, the ambush was sprung. The enemy suffered heavy losses and called in reserves but a quick withdrawal in APC's averted any chance of successful enemy counter attack.

A new main defensive position was established at Mount Alec and by the afternoon of 2 Aug 8/9 RAR was again in conflict with the enemy.

The enemy action intensified and in the early hours of 3 Aug a major enemy assault succeeded in overrunning part of A and B Coys. The planned counter attack by 6 RAR repulsed the enemy force, and at first light on 3 Aug the tactical phase of the exercise ended.

The road convey prepared for the return journey to Enoggera and reclaiming of defence stores commenced. Refurbishing continued over the next two days and on the morning of 5 Aug the main body started for home. Once again the sceptics were astounded when the trucks, aircraft and buses arrived on time and the Battalion arrived back at Enoggera without suffering long delays.



EUREKA STOCKADE - THE SOLDIERS VIEW

The exercise started off unusually well organised in comparison with previous exercises, in that the entire Battalion was transported to the assembly area within the allotted time laid down in the schedule.

Morale was high the following evening as picquets were scarce and beer was plentiful; this of course was short-lived. The next morning we were rudely awoken and sent off on foot to our new position. The diggable ground resembled that of Mt Rushmore. That day we had it easy; we were allotted twelve hours to dig shellscrapes, ten of which were taken up by the hierarchy positioning our pits. Finally we were given the word "you've got three hours to dig down to 4 ft 6 ins or you will be working all night". As moonlight turned into sunlight the glint of thrashing entrenching tools intensified, then we got the word from the top "cease digging". "The CO left his sunglasses back at Enoggera". NB. All digging was done with shovelless entrenching tools, bent pick heads and loose handles.

Finally all was quiet on the western front and the morning admin started; boots were polished, we shaved, weapons were cleaned and inspected and in between we had something to eat. The word went out to give the diggers a rest; work parties were to be arranged by the CSM for wiring, digging CP's and unloading stores in that order. Those left in the position were to finish pits and provide all round defence. Thus the exercise continued for days, with the exception of chopper and APC familiarisation training.

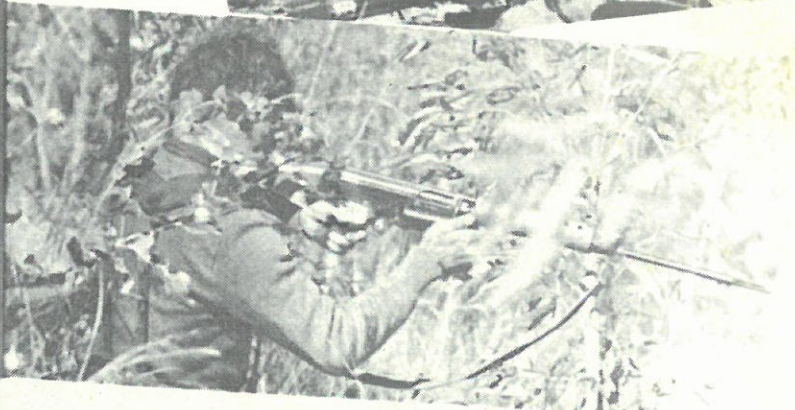
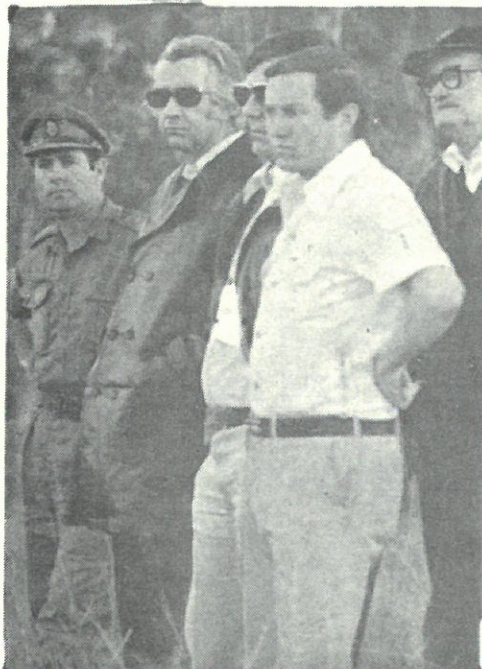
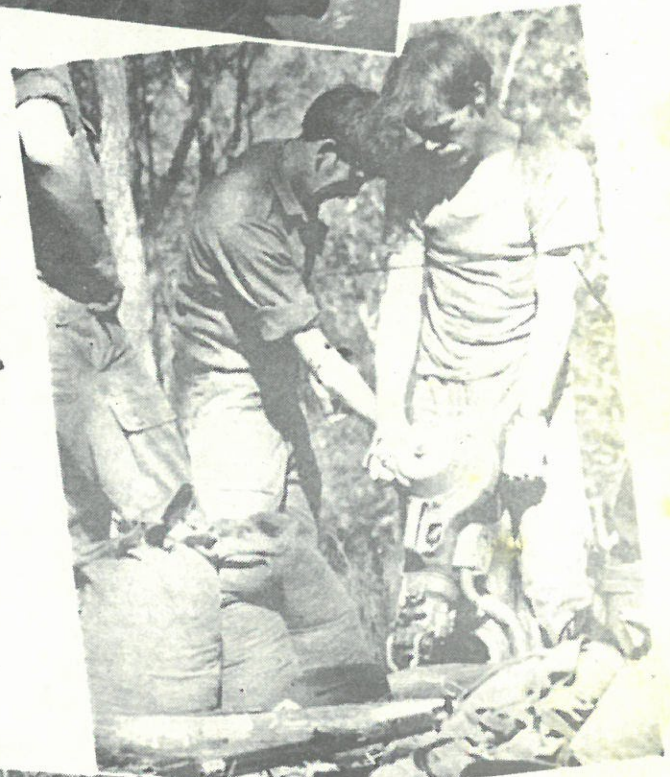
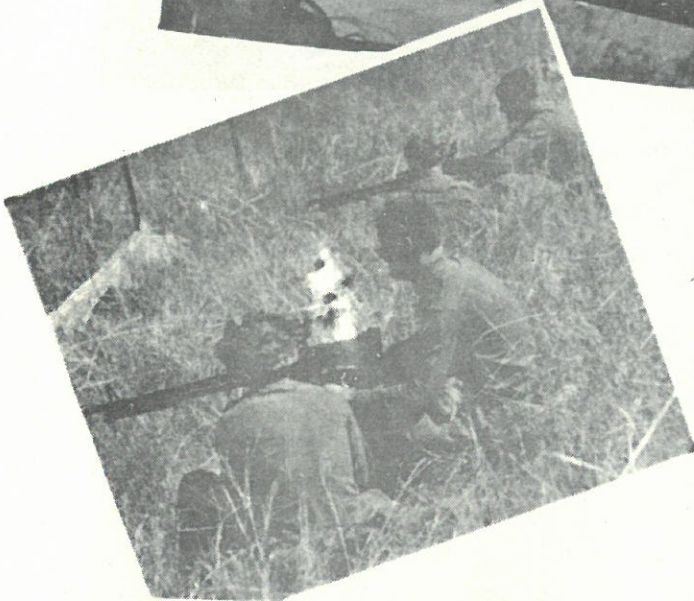
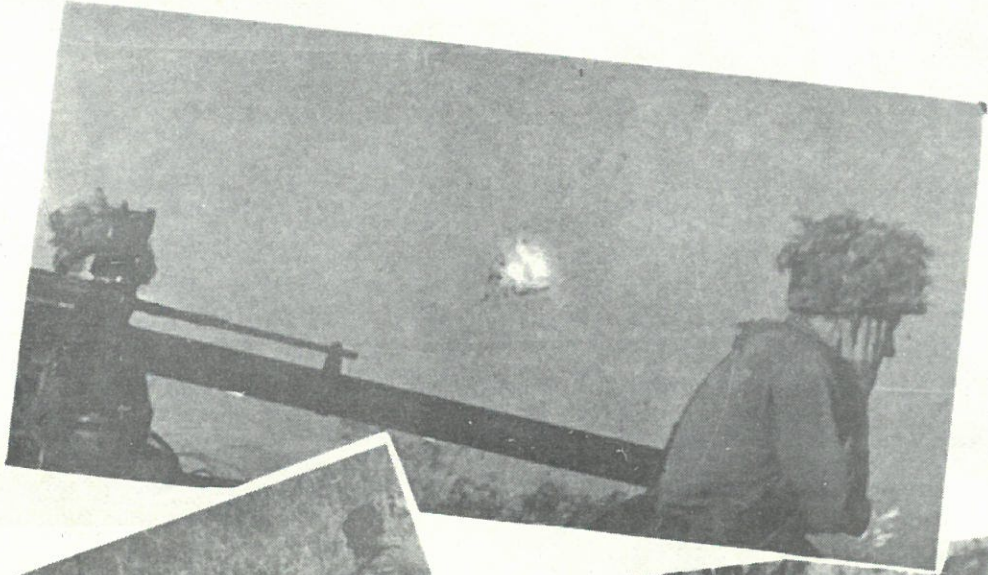
This was exceptionally beneficial for all those involved. Representatives of the Guinness Book of Records have been contacted regarding the embussing of the majority of A Coy and attachments in one APC. Amazing though it may seem to civilians, the Army does take time to compete for supremacy in this kind of great social achievement which only Americans were thought to indulge in, (eg; Billings, Montana USA holds the most people in the phone booth record).

Then from company training we progressed to Battalion training and consequently the men worked four times as hard. During this phase of the exercise some men of the Coy were lucky enough to be engaged as Battalion runners, they got a rare insight into how a perfectly efficient conglomeration of technical minds run a smooth working machine which compared favourably to an inexpensive Timex watch, won at the Ekka. One particular incident stands out in my mind; in between the air alert reds and "stand to and stand downs", true gallantry and bravery were displayed as a shining example to all soldiers of 8/9 RAR when the CO stuck his head out from under the cam net and ordered the runners to bring "Freshly cut fruit cake, and a chair, collapsable one, for use by the Brigardier!"

Then we progressed to the Task Force exercise in which apart from digging, ambushing and withdrawing, the main event was returning home for drill.



# EX EUREKA STOCKADE







Recon Pl  
Filming for  
"The Odd  
Angry Shot".







"These new fertilizers do wonders..."



"We are working on a mortorized version..."



# CHAMPION COMPANY COMPETITION

The 1978 Champion Company Competition was comprised of seven military and sporting competitions contested, within the Battalion, during the year. Scores from the events were weighted to give emphasis to those involving Military Skills.

Maximum participation by all ranks was an important feature of the competition which once again proved its worth as a valuable adjunct to normal training and the Battalion's general preparedness.

The Champion Company laurels went to Spt Coy who achieved five impressive victories, including the prestigious Military Skills, out of the seven competitions. Spt Coy did not have it all their own way however as they were often closely pressed by the enthusiastic rifle coys.

## MILITARY SKILLS COMPETITION

The Military Skills Competition was conducted from 19 to 29 Jun. The competition was designed to test teamwork at section level.

The competition generated great enthusiasm and some sections were seen training at odd hours of the day and night. The competition allowed commanders to assess the standard of their soldiers and served as an intense training period in individual and section skills.

The Champion Section was won by 1 section A Coy led by Lcpl Doug Helmore. The other members of his section were Pte's Warren Fransise, "Tommo" Thomas, "Waira" Williams, "Blue" Muir and "Hobby" Hobbs.

The Champion Platoon award was won by the Pioneer Pl led by LT Mike Saunders. The two section commanders were Lcpl "Gus" O'Neill and Cpl Les Kenneally who received second and seventh places in the section competition. The results were calculated from an average of individual section scores.

## ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

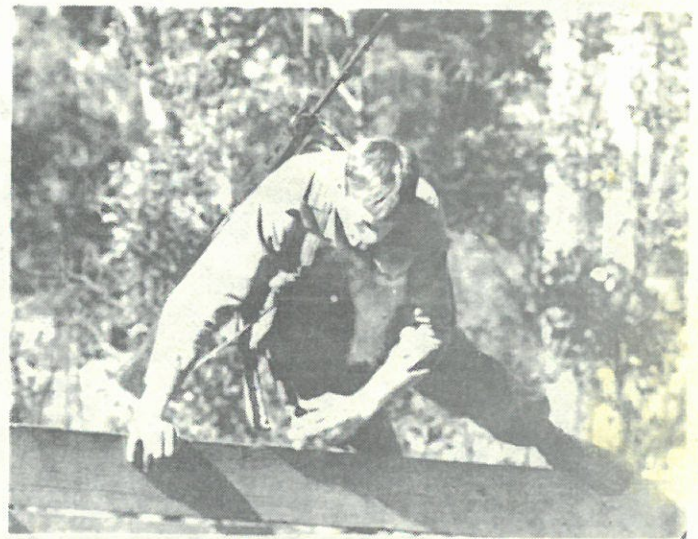
The Battalion Athletics Carnival was staged at Duncan Oval on 20 Sep. The Carnival included all the usual track and field events with the Tug-O-War being staged concurrently.

The day produced some excellent efforts by members of the Battalion. No less than four records were broken and one was equalled. Outstanding performances on the day included those of Pte Alex Kovarik from Spt Coy who established two Battalion records (long jump and high jump) on his way to win the Pentathlon and then backed up to run in Spt Coys winning relay team.





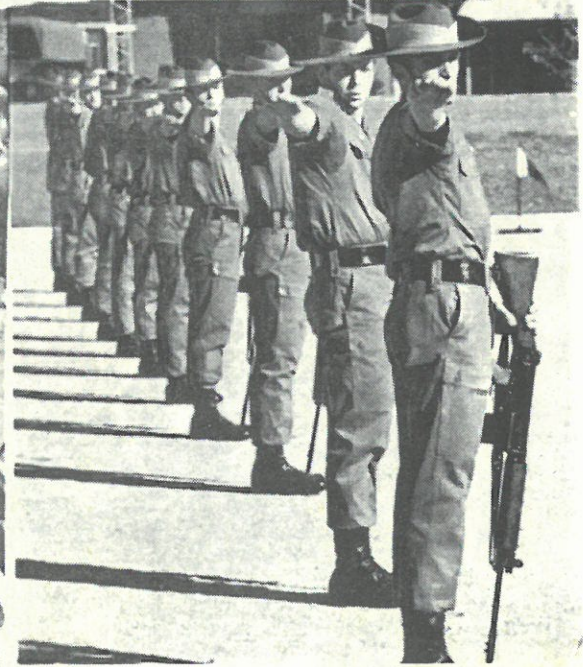
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## DRILL COMPETITION



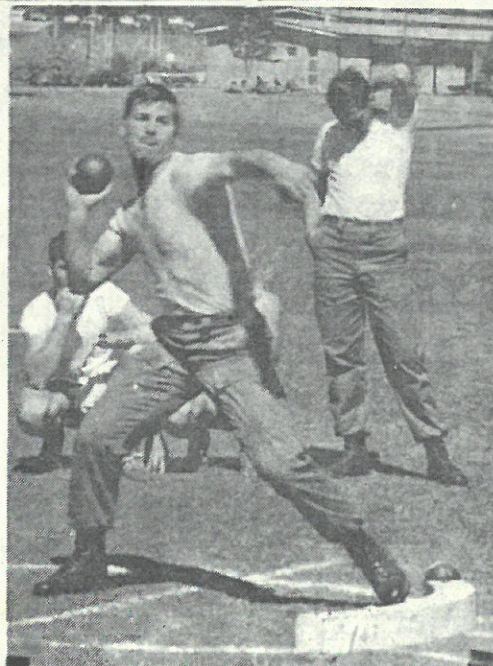
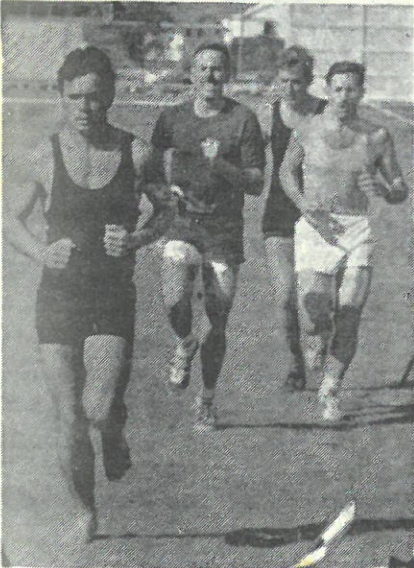
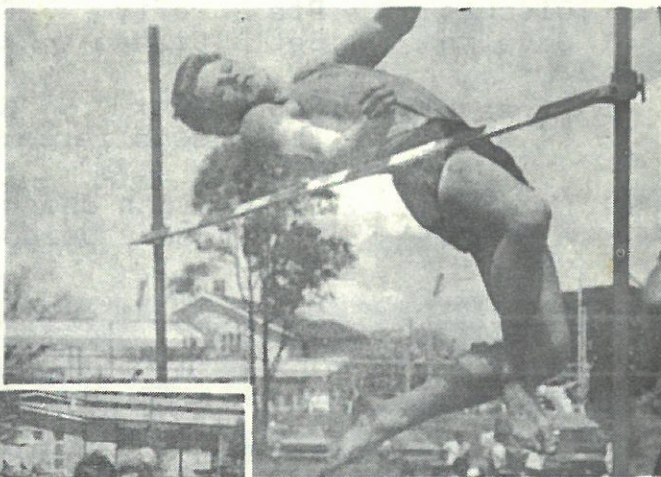
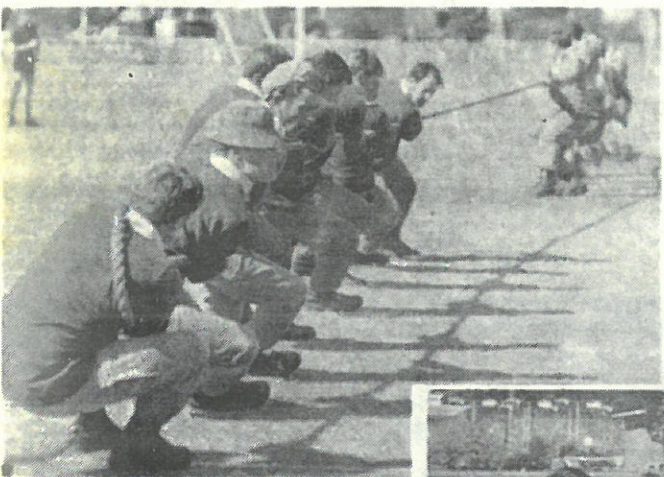
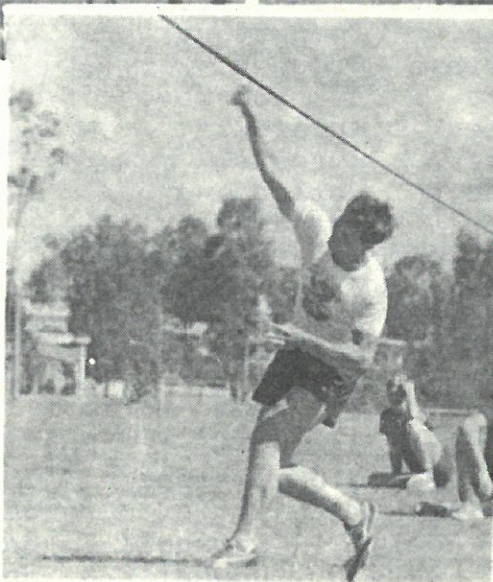
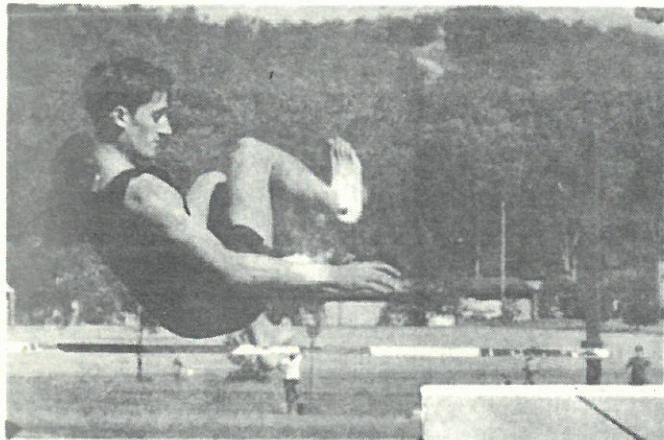


# TRACK AND FIELD RESULTS

100m	Cpl	Abbo	Abberton	C Coy	11.9 sec.
200m	Pte	Vic	Temperton	C Coy	24.5 sec.
400m	Pte	Robin	South	A Coy	55.9 sec.
800m	Pte	Russell	Cornes	Spt Coy	2 min 17. sec.
1500m	Pte	Lance	Nayda	Spt Coy	4 min 37.8 sec.
5000m	Pte	Shane	Mulquinny	Spt Coy	17min 57.1 sec.
1600m	(Medley Relay)		C Coy.		
	2LT	Gerry	Mackin.		
	Cpl	"Wombat"	Mawhinney.		
	Pte	Vic	Temperton.		
	Pte	Gerard	Breugen.		
4x100m	(Relay)		Spt Coy.		
	Pte	Alex	Kovarik.		
	Pte	Brian	Furness.		
	Pte	Steve	Wallace.		
	Pte	Gerry	Braganza.		
4x100m	(Chain of Comd Relay)		C Coy.		
	LT	Rowan	Tink.		
	SGT	Dale	Saies.		
	Cpl	"Mole"	Molyneaux		
	Pte	Norm	Williams		
110m	(Hurdels)				
	Pte	Russell	Cominelli	C Coy	19.6 sec.
Long Jump	Pte	"Zorro"	Zwarecz	B Coy	5.56m.
Triple Jump	Cpl	Fred	Remin	Spt Coy	12.075m.
High Jump	Cpl	Noel	Campbell	Spt Coy	1.7m.
Shot Putt	Pte	Lofty	Goodall	Spt Coy	11.9m.
Discuss	Pte	Lofty	Goodall	Spt Coy	31.85m.
Javelin	Sgt	Graham	Kennedy	Log Coy	47.26m.
Pentathlon	Pte	Alex	Kovarik	Spt Coy	
	(Long Jump record 5.81m and High Jump record 1.7m)			High Jump	
Tug-O-War		Light Weight		Spt Coy	
		Heavy Weight		Spt Coy	





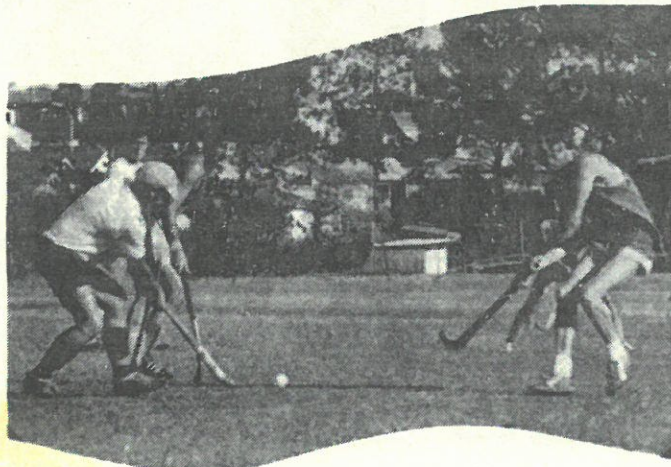




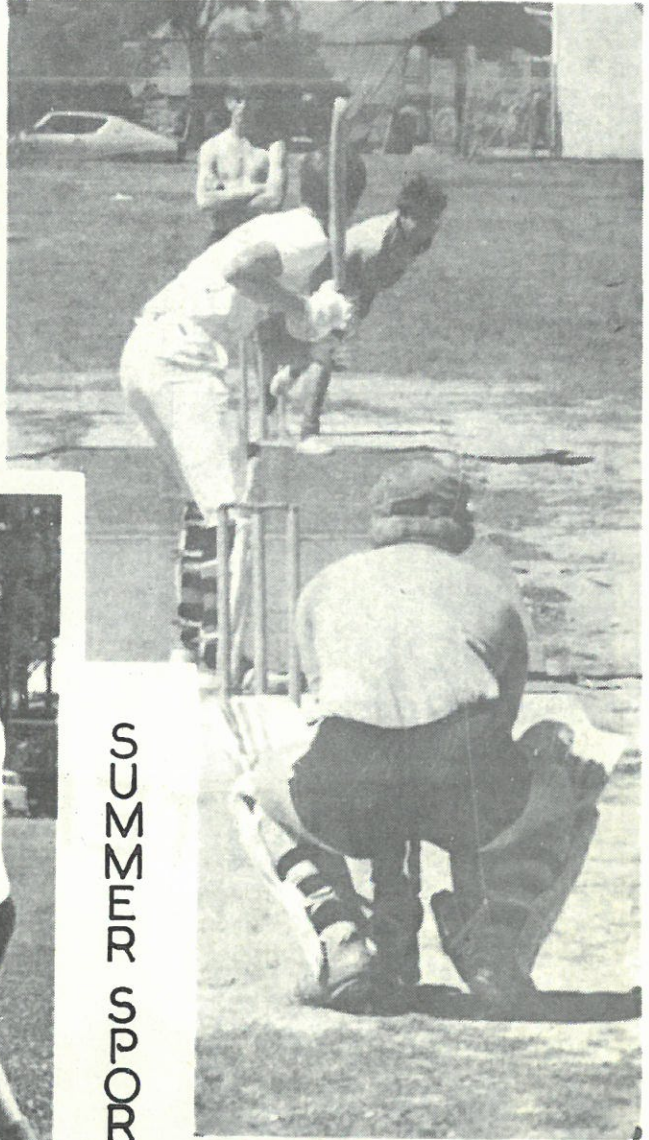


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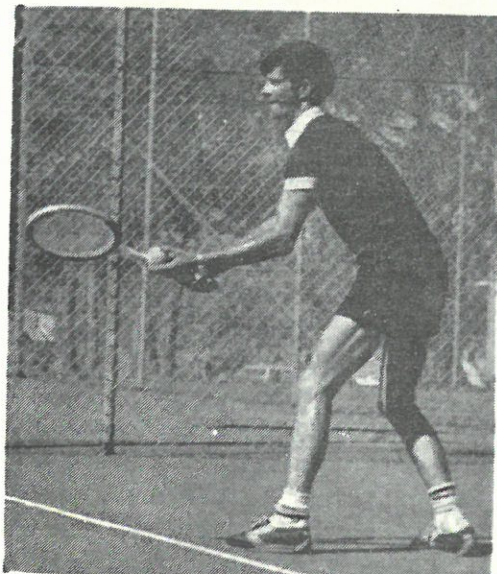
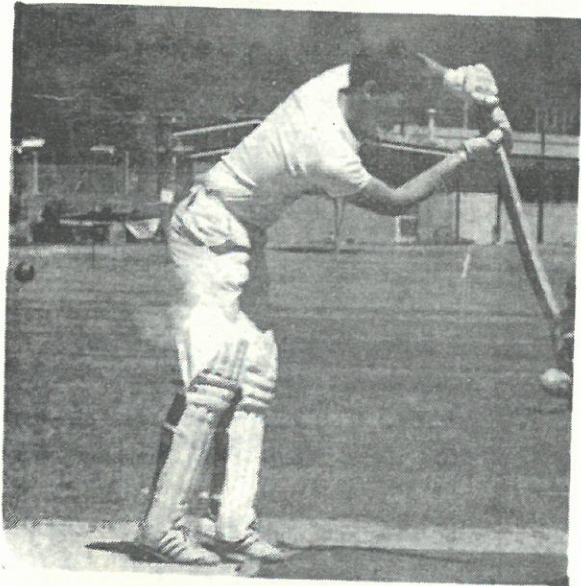
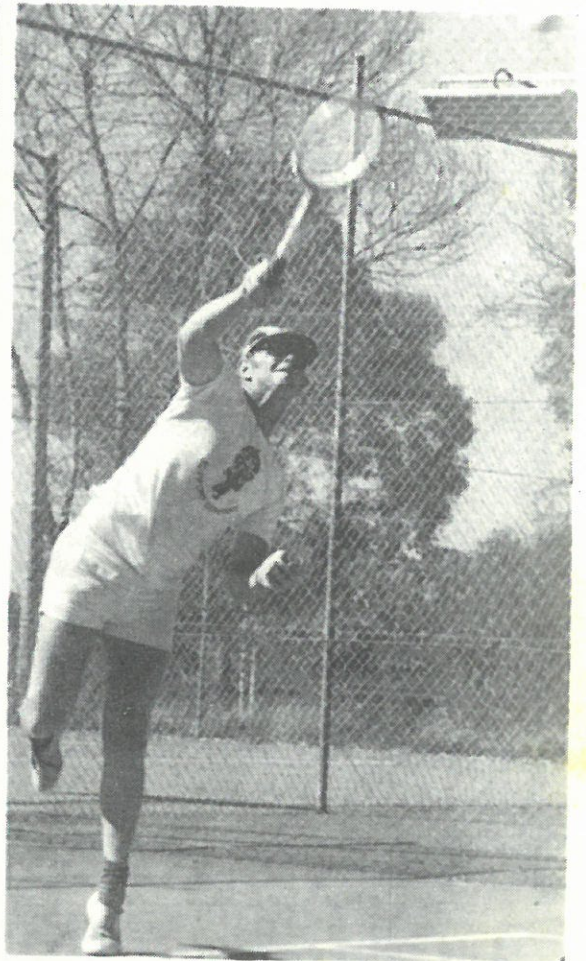
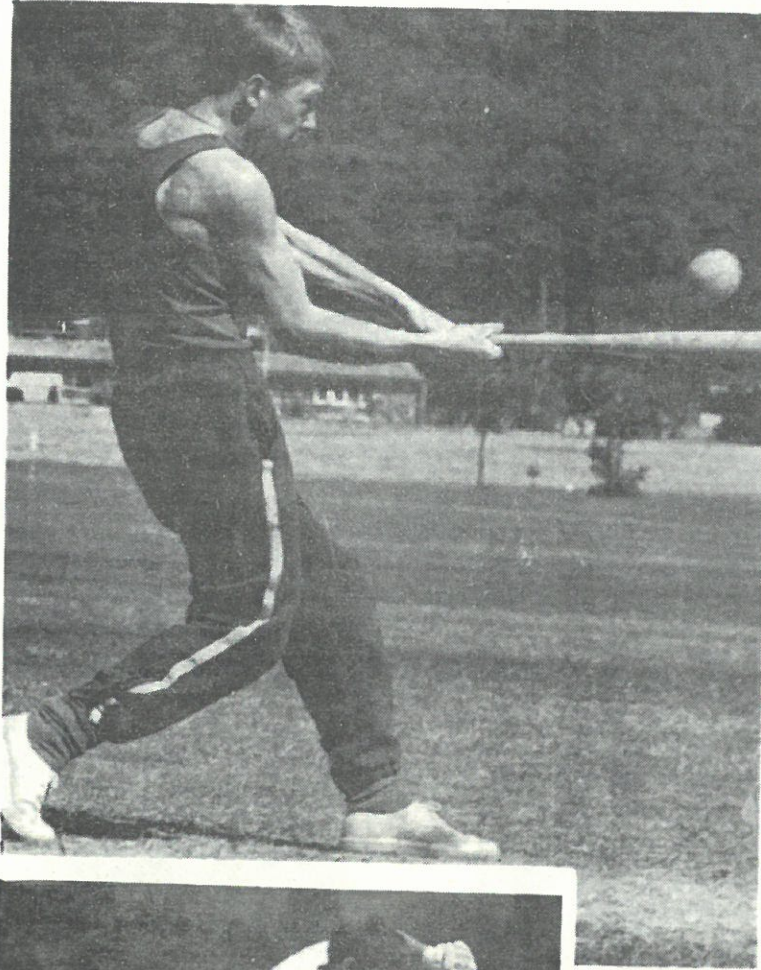




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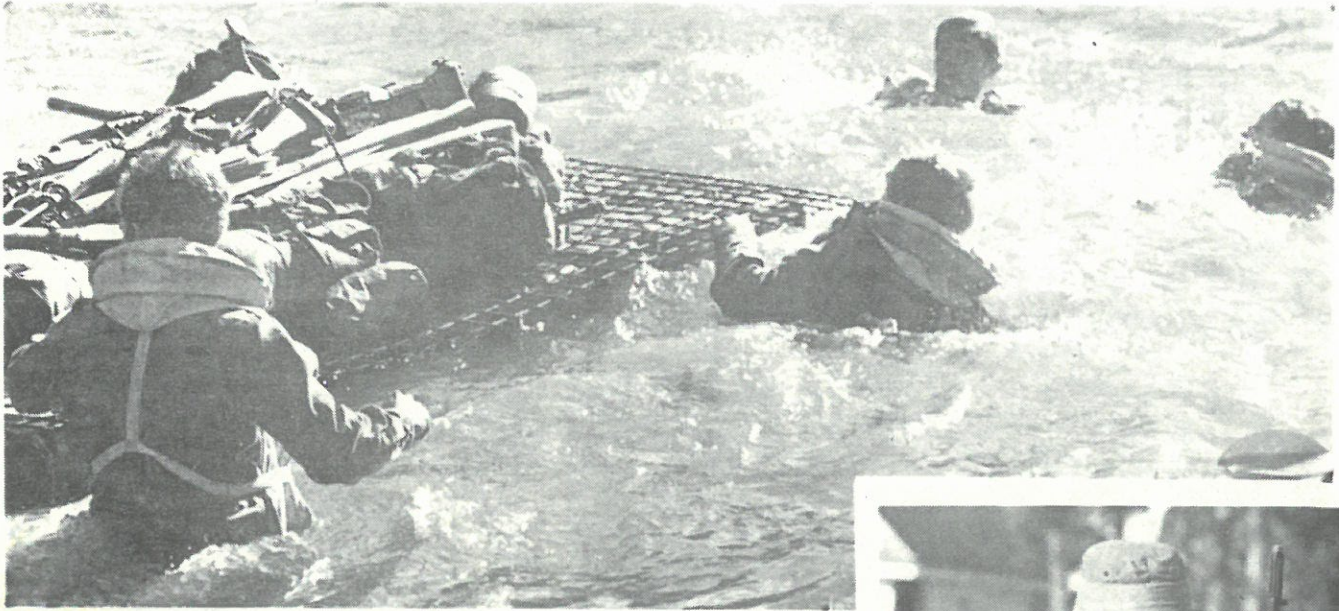






SUMMER SPORT





## MIL SKILLS





CHAMPION COMPANY COMPETITION  
1978 RESULTS

	<u>A Coy</u> <u>Place</u> <u>Pts</u>	<u>B Coy</u> <u>Place</u> <u>Pts</u>	<u>C Coy</u> <u>Place</u> <u>Pts</u>	<u>Spt Coy</u> <u>Place</u> <u>Pts</u>	<u>Log Coy</u> <u>Place</u> <u>Pts</u>
Military Skills	2nd 56	4th 28	3rd 42	1st 70	5th 14
Winter Sports	3rd 18	4th 12	2nd 24	1st 30	5th 6
Athletics	3rd 6	4th 4	2nd 8	1st 10	5th 2
25 Km Run	3rd 6	2nd 8	1st 10	4th 4	5th 2
Drill	3rd 18	2nd 24	1st 30	4th 12	5th 6 •
Shooting	2nd 32	3rd 24	4th 16	1st 40	5th 8
Summer Sports	4th 9	4th 9	2nd 24	1st 30	3rd 18
	3rd 145	4th 109	2nd 154	1st 196	5th 56



## Bn HQ

For Bn HQ the past year has been one of hard work under a strain caused by a staff shortage. Before the close of the year further shortages will occur with onward movement of some of the staff. Fred (Pedro the Grump) Crump is moving to colder pastures at Bathurst to help with the mal administration of the Cadets. We hear that they get snow down there, hope you've got a good supply of Super Glue, Fred. The RSM is not leaving us as soon as expected so the leg irons, wrist manacles and whips will be in use for a while yet.

Sgt Storan has deserted us in an attempt to reach the dizzy heights of officer rank. Pte Luckie, also enterains such aspirations and it just goes to show, you never know your luck in a big city. One can easily understand the causes of Lebanon's problems if you take Lou (Cpl Klinger) Saikaly as your typical white Arab. In the new year with Luckie aspiring to greater things perhaps the R & F section will at last have peace and quiet. If your having troubles with movements, furniture or travel, just drop in and see Col Terry Presland for a truely moving experience. Got welfare problems ask the Asst Adjt and he, with his wealth of wisdom, knowledge and compassion for his fellow soldier, will cheerfully give you the chaplain's number.

What can one say about the Adjt, it is 26A time you know. The Boogie Woogie Bugle Boys of the top floor will be losing their head wind with SGT Dave Millar pushing off into world of Cut Lunch Commandos. Ops, mops and tops will no longer possess the dry wit of MAJ Webster when he departs our company for Staff College. Judy Suiter and Co have been a pretty mixed lot this past year, but on the whole have managed to keep churning out the work at 8 words a day. Good going girls, you'll break the ten a day barrier yet. Mick Newton, in case some one has'nt told you barbeques are an outside activity. We should be able to find the pay office more easily now. Sgt John Jansen, cam cream and "Gung Ho" in tow has gone off to SASR. It is rumoured that after four years of correspondence study on the quiet, all members of Intelligence Section have passed out with honours from Humphrey B Bears School of Higher Education. Now perhaps they'll get their Goo's and Gaa's in the correct grammatical sequence.

Perhaps when the Chief and Sgt Monty return we can clear up the mystery of exactly what panning dishes and rock picks have to do with promotion and education courses.

We also bid a sad farewell to one of our true sportsman. An all time champ at leg wrestling and undefeated goat tackler. It will seem strange without the junior officers limping around, victims of another bout of leg wrestling with "You Know Who". Officers of LWC, cringe, for your time has come. Contrary to popular belief, short men with moustaches and slouch hat fixations can play the bugle.

Seriously, though, throughout the year, Bn HQ has worked hard, and have been glad to do so in the interests of all the members of the Battalion. We are looking forward to the next year and hope to keep our service up to a high standard.

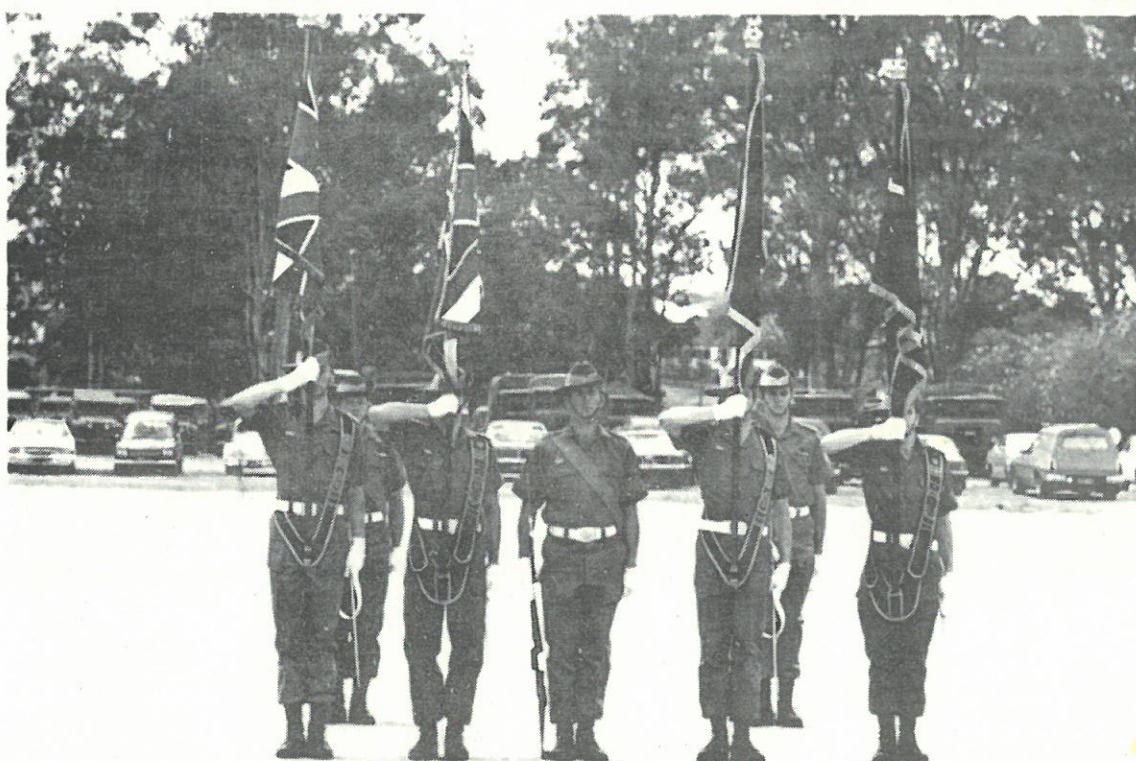




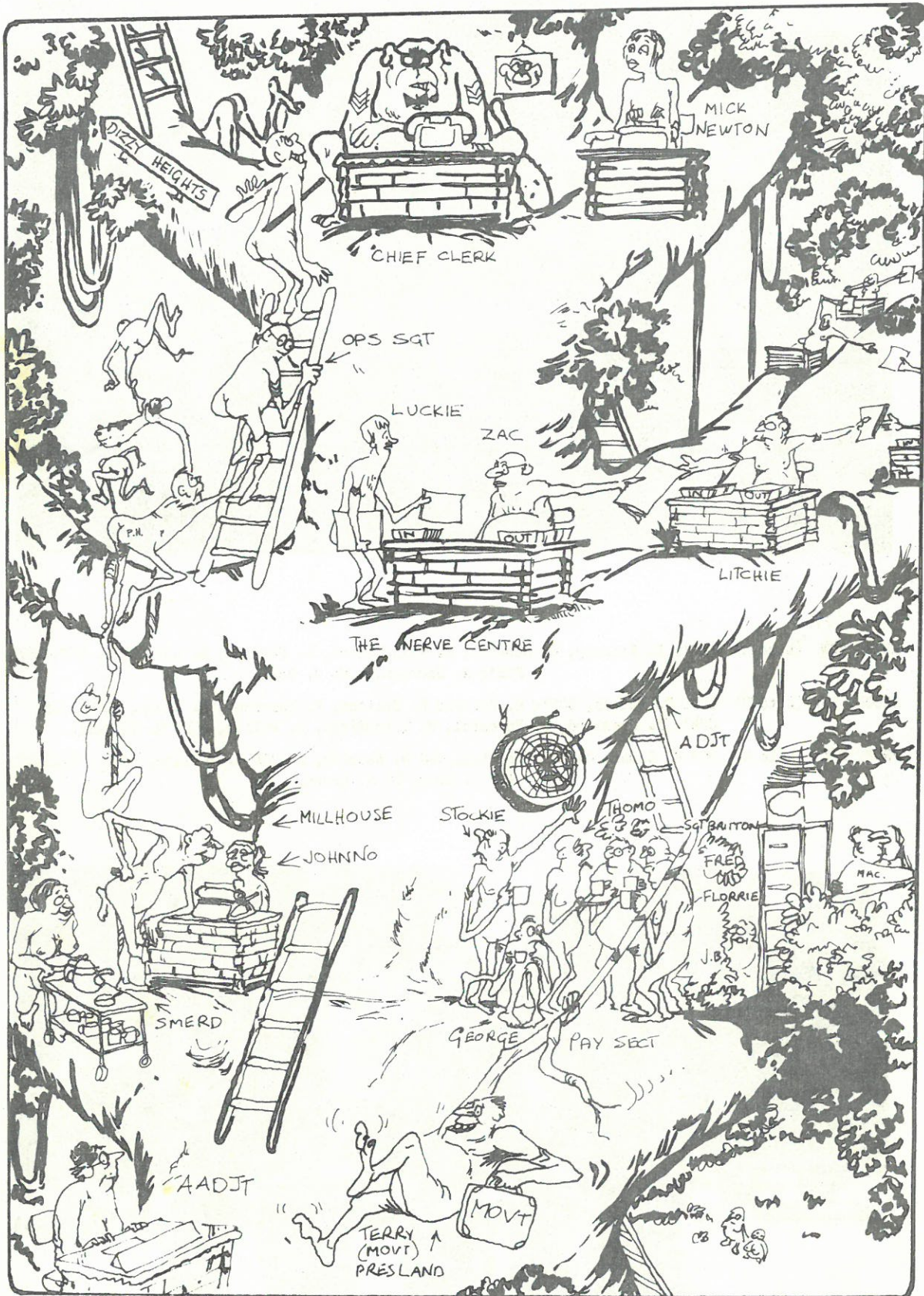
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PTE's A. Smerdon, LCPL J. Bell.

SECOND ROW (L to R) LCPL P. Waters, SGT's M. Holland R. Britton, P. Harrower, P. Crump, D. Miller,  
CPL's T. Presland, J. Forestal, W. Litchfield, N. Wallis, LCPL R. Tindall.

FRONT ROW (L to R) WO1 P. Cowan, CAPT R. Ormston, MAJ D. Webster, LT COL T. Holland, MAJ G. Ellis,  
CAPT C. Gray, LT S. Brown.





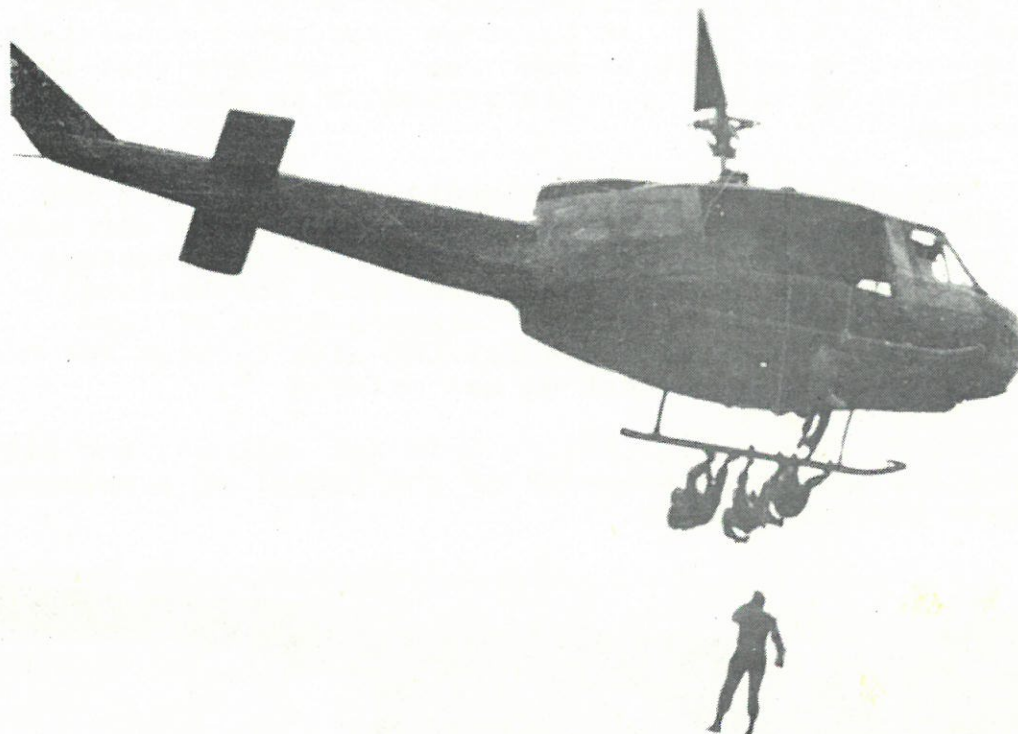




# A Coy

1978 finished early for A Coy (or Groucho's Guerrillas as we have become known lately) with the formation of the Butterworth Coy. In the eight months we have had together there have been many interesting activities and experiences; the spirit of the Big A will undoubtedly weather through the C Coy attachment.

The first half of the year was dominated by the training for and involvement in Exercise "Copper Coin" in Cook Town. This entailed operating in a CRW environment in close country against SASR and provided a pleasant respite from normal, conventional operations. Rappelling training was conducted on the premise that we would use the skill in Cooktown; the instructors Sgt's Brown and Sales coached us through cliff and helicopter descents. An excellent demonstration of free fall rappelling was given by Cpl Darcy (Med Pl) who knocked himself unconscious on the helicopter skid and fell 100ft to the ground. The OC, who didn't know the identity of the casualty, became most annoyed when his cries of "Medic" were continuously unanswered.



Exercise Copper Coin has a particularly fond spot in our memories because of incidents such as the "Boy Wonder" boxing demonstration in the streets of Townsville, the loss of weight sustained by Cpl Beattle "Your getting paid to get killed" Bailey when his Pl attempted to set a fasting record on Mt Misery and the major achievement of the Pl which managed to have the Coy banned from nearly all of the Army messes and most of the Civilian bars in Townsville.



Lcpl Doug "Tapworm" Helmore led the winning section in the Battalion Mil Skills competition despite the vigorous "Superior or Protest Coy" attempt.

Exercise Eureka Stockade was best remembered because of the flawless moves into the exercise area; the troops could not understand how an exercise could possibly start without substantial delays from the RAAF. The Coy established an excellent working relationship with the various APC troops and managed to practice for an attempt on the Guinness Book of Records, "Cramming" record. We were convinced that the absence of enemy around "Groucho's Crossing" defensive position resulted from his fear of the obviously well prepared defences particularly the attention to header and stretcher details; however Pte "Bam Bam" Whitlock still claims that an "enemy massed attack" prompted him to fire his GPMG.

Cpl Dan Kelly was most embarrassed to report the loss of his torch down the A Coy latrine, Pte Cheyne's enthusiastic attempts to retrieve it were unsuccessful. Despite his weapon pit digging attempts, there is no truth to the rumour that CAPT Simpson has gone into the swimming pool construction business. The soldiers were most impressed with the dedication of the logisticians, who, to test the resupply system, broke up 24 hour ration packs and brought meals forward one at a time.

The final activity involving all of A Coy was the summer sports competition; at least we produced a consistent result in sporting activities each year. We hope that the Adjut continues to vet A Coy reinforcements to ensure they are not sportsmen.

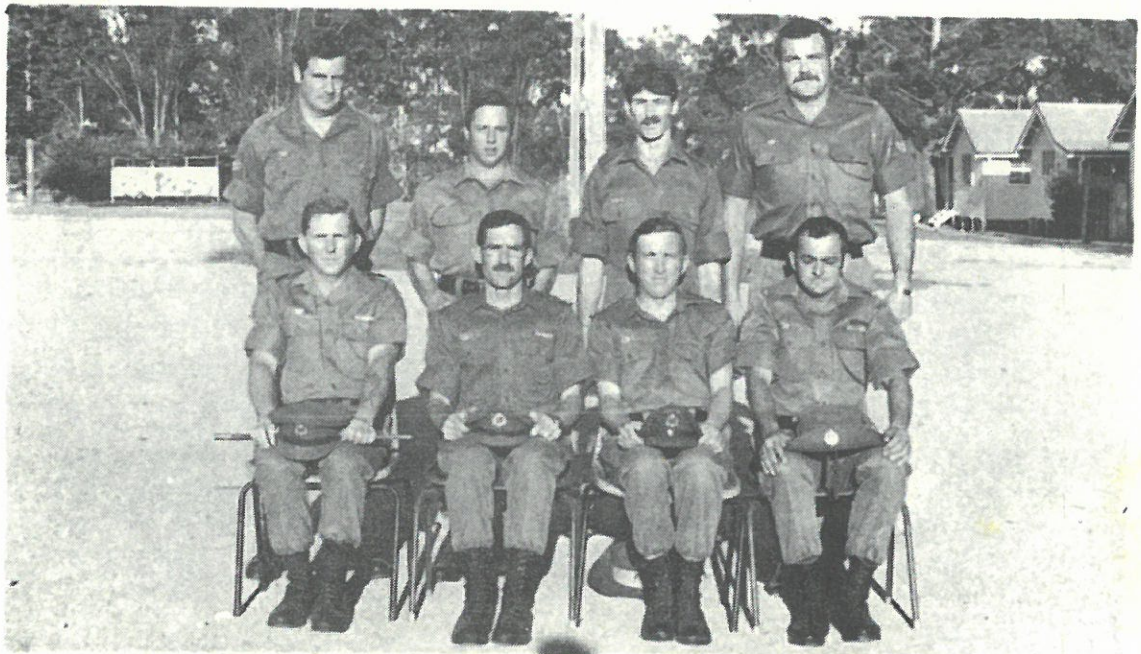
Some of the isolated incidents of note during the year included the Lynch, Stannard and Gillespie sign carrying leopard crawl through the WRAAC barracks. The reteething of SSGT "George" Washington (to be used only for smiling) and the McGregor / Graetz incident where a B Coy officer borrowed a land rover from the A Coy CHQ area to look for his missing vehicle and found that he was driving it.

The OC (Groucho), CSM (its gold not yellow), and all ranks of A Coy wish the remainder of the Battalion a rewarding end of year and Xmas period.





# CHQ



REAR ROW CPL A. W. McClymont, PTE G. R. Walkate, PTE M. Moran, CPL J. P. Thomas,  
FRONT ROW WO2 R. A. Luckman, MAJ P. S. N. James, CAPT D. W. Simpson, SSGT W. N. Washington.

# 1 PL



REAR ROW (L to R) PTE M. Bell, PTE G. Lynch, PTE J. Hobbs, PTE B. Jackson, PTE D. Powell,  
PTE K. Thomas, PTE M. Fowles, PTE G. Norman, PTE H. Lennings, PTE R. McDonald  
PTE C. Hannan, PTE J. Whitlock, PTE A. McKenzie.

FRONT ROW (L to R) PTE F. White, LCPL S. Page, CPL J. Bailey, CPL S. Whittaker, LT M. Fogarty,  
SGT T. Davis, CPL A. Olding, LCPL E. Watters, PTE P. Muir.

ABSENT  
ON COURSE

LCPL D. Helmore, PTE K. Williams, PTE I. Anderson.



## 2 PL



REAR ROW (L to R) PTE's S. Salt, M. Mitchem, S. Carstairs, S. Maloney, B. Sammons, N. Ashby, R. Spector, P. McCurdy, P. Dixon, M. Briggs, G. Vickery, M. Stannard, B. Griffin, G. Elston, L. Foggon, P. Croft, J. Potter.

FRONT ROW (L to R) PTE E. Tulic, LCPL O. Millard, LCPL S. Dudley, CPL S. Jarvis, LT M. McGregor, CPL D. Kelly, CPL H. Graetz LCPL J. Van Krimpel, PTE S. Cran

## 3 PL



REAR ROW (L to R) PTE's M. Lonergan, R. Walter, A. Lucken, D. Salmon, R South, W. Francis, D. Holland, R. Vine, R. Sutton, S. Gillespie, M. Stewart, P. Mau, M. Blunt, A. Rogers.

FRONT ROW (L to R) PTE's M. Burgess, A. Foster, LCPL G. Jackson, SGT E. Weaterall, 2LT B. Bell, CPL G. Love, LCPL R. Jukes, PTE's G. Veness, K. Curthony.

ABSENT CPL's K. Wallis, M. Pearson, PTE's B. Macrae, N. Mathews.



## B Coy

We began the year with a number of excursions away, 6 Pl to Tasmania to show the Army Reserve how its done. In fine form we veterans demonstrated fire and movement over 600 metres (the A Res APCs dropped us 400 metres short!), showed the Taswegians how to deploy infantry from helicopters and on one occasion 2LT Phoenix demonstrated how to take out an APC single handed with fixed bayonet and a signaller in reserve.

The range practises for the year began with field firing using the Trilux Sight and most of us came to the conclusion that it is a fine piece of equipment. It is robust, can be dropped out of the back of a truck and still not break, and is also readily identifiable by civilians! The trials continued over a number of weeks and were a satisfactory introduction to shooting for 1978.

The grapevine informed us that support was required for the OCS field exercise at Yarram in that most sunny state of Victoria, and soon afterwards the official word blessed 4 Pl with the task. On the day of departure Maj Howlett farewelled the Pl with a tear in his eye as the last troops of his Coy departed.

A gigantic base camp had been established for the admin support, directing staff and cadets. It included an ASCO (complete with boozier) and a semi-permanent bath unit. Lcpl Pilkington's section took out the Tactics Prize by infiltrating a Pl harbour, asking the pirquet where Pl HQ was and taking half his section in and "brassing them up". Cpl Cross and Lcpl Wicks took out the navigation prize as their section never became lost, or geographically misplaced, they were just plain hard to find. They were in the right position everytime (we confirmed that afterwards) but somehow the cadets always missed them. We came to the conclusion that their camouflage must have been excellent.

Sgt Roach almost won the Annual Mullungdung Beer-can Throwing Contest (8/9 Vs OCS) but lost by 1 point to a dropshort, the exercise passed all to quickly and finished with a weekend in Melbourne.

A local TV Station organised a Caboolture to Mt Cootha run, To aid a telethon. A team from 8/9 RAR entered, however these were not to be the only TV stars. B Coy decided to provide some extra support. In an impromptu moment Cpl Solomon who had just come off guard gathered some of his merry men (Pte's Mathews, Gelberg and Tomlinson) and decided to help out. The oncoming guard donated a couple of dollars each and the duties in the ORs mess also helped out. After an hour and a quarter of hard running in greens and webbing the intrepid band gained the top of Mt Cootha panting and puffing furiously. After the 6 o'clock news the four were put before the gleaming lights of stardom and interviewed. All the civvies seemed to think it quite incredible that humans "could run that far with all that gear on "-No explanations were given. The run raised \$105 and a special thanks is extended to those who gave donations.



The training programme moved us to Land Warfare Centre where the two week exercise began with a week of physical conditioning and field craft revision. Levers Plateau was the venue for the second week and the highlight was a Coy attack; unfortunately the enemy seemed to alter their disposition after every Coy O Group.

Some unforgettable moments at Levers were:-

- Seeing Brisbane by night from the QLD/NSW border,
- A recon by the OC and OC 4 Pl, who managed to become separated, OC 4 Pl walking into the enemy camp for DS help & the OC doing the same some 90 mins later each believing the other lost in the "J".
- Dropping a rock over the edge during the walkout and NOT hearing it land,
- Jumping off perfectly good towers into COLD water,
- The obstacle course,
- 2LT (T/Maj) Phoenix who led the Coy attack in absence of an OC (Never mind Mike. Dien Bien Phu was a disaster too),
- The 8/9 RAR Special affects Department for breakfast, lunch and tea,
- The 8/9 RAR Music Department for piped music on the CO's visit.
- 11 Fd Ambulance for the high altitude breathing apparatus on the walkout,
- All the dudes and spiddlers from LWC.

After some welcome stand-down we flew to Childers State Forest and Ex "Inner Circle". We sharpened the old skills by rediscovering weapon pits and other pleasures of defence. For instance, how hard rock gets when one uses an entrenching tool, the knack of running a gun picquet with a Pl strength of eight (easy - you just put the Pl Comd and Pl Sgt on the gun for three hours) and how to dry shave without removing your cam cream. Could'nt understand why Sgt Perry called those blokes "\*+!!+\*? grubs".

Brigadier O'Donnell also visited the position and was treated to a new use of sandbags by the anonymous ?\*!! who put a lighted cigarette butt in his rubbish bag before taking over the gun.

Apart from those incidents which make life exciting (patrols, digging, stand to etc) the weather was good and on the whole the exercise went well. CHQ again demonstrated their superior map reading and navigational skill by beating the lead Pl to an RV, the Pl in question having had a 60 min start.

The continuing saga of Bravo Coy in the field - Ex Eureka Stockade OR The Days Of Our Lives. Firstly we would like to relate a story of unfounded and very unnatural circumstances. We all figured there was something very wrong when the plane left Amberley on time, there wasn't even time for the traditional "Hurry Up and Wait", which is the normal procedure under these circumstances. Rockhampton soon appeared beneath us in the noon day sun and rumours began to spread of aircraft waiting for us on the ground ready to ferry us further north. Our worst fears were realized when the rear door opened and the glare of the sun stung our eyes - for there on the strip, engines running were the Caribou's waiting for us.



There was great discontent among the troops "What No Hurry Up and Wait"?, they said!

Finally after another thirty minutes of groaning engines and aerobatics stomach, we came down to our destination, at last, it looked as though we were going to do some serious stuffing around. Alas, the trucks arrived and we were moved to that feature at Raspberry Creek where we dug, and dug and dug.....

Team work was an essential part of the exercise as we had many new members on the team. It was not uncommon to see a digger explaining the finer points of the game and what we are striving for - a team effort that can work and work well no matter what the task. Remember knowledge is a wonderful thing - lets spread it around as it develops commonsense and initiative, the ingredients of success. Besides, not all of us can be witty enough to write on the B Coy Graffiti board "The Phantom is a Fag".

Aircraft familiarization is always a delight to the intrepid troops, especially when you have a number of people unfamiliar with them. Being slung under an Iroquois for the first time can be a fairly unnerving experience. Now if we combine that with a couple of fun loving pilots and a swift thinking OC and a rival Coy absent from their normal location .....Hmmm. A certain soldier thought it looked fairly simple being winched into a helicopter but when twenty feet from the deck, the chopper started to disappear towards the horizon he must have had second thoughts.

Well now, Chuckles Coy's latrine site was a flimsy construction of hessian and wood, the downdraft of a chopper at the hover is considerable. In short the latrine was flattened and that Pte soldier came to a rather ungraceful landing on the thunderbox. The last we saw of the latrine was when a sunray minor came doubling down the hill shaking his fist - luckily we couldnt hear what he was saying over the downdraft of the chopper. The exercise went well and we became experts in line laying.

Eureka Stockade came to an end - it was even rumoured that B Coy would be given engineer assistance to fill in the pits on the hill at Raspberry Creek. Engineers are always handy people to have around and we were delighted to hear that the "Gingerbeers" had blown up our position and reconditioned the hill. Oh they blew it up alright!!!! - All over Shoalwater Bay, including the thunderbox. Never mind, we all had fun playing hopscotch among the sewerage whilst filling in the pits with the aid of a bulldozer.

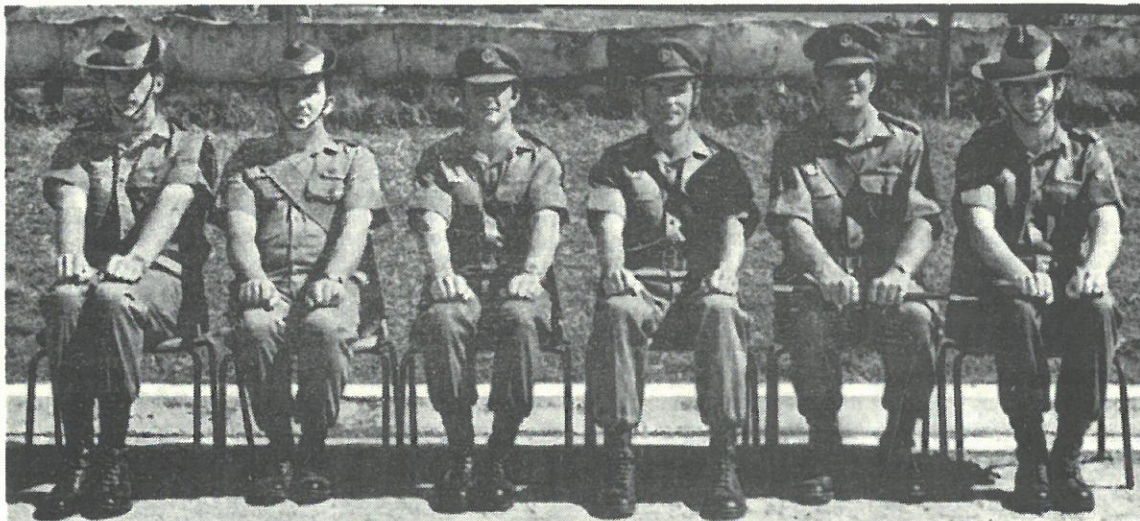
1978 has seen some new faces, we extend a welcome to Sgt Whittington, Sgt Kirkpatrick from the Irish Guards and also our new marchins from Trg Coy.

Unfortunately many of our personalities are leaving us to go to D Coy and that, very hard to take, Malaysia trip. We extend our sympathies to a representative number - Capt Ryan (Muscles), Sgt Perry (Shrapnel), Cpl Webber (Our



conditions of service representative) and LCPL Kay. Looking back, its been a tremendous year and we look forward to the challenges we have yet to met. Without a doubt B Coy was ready for WAR!

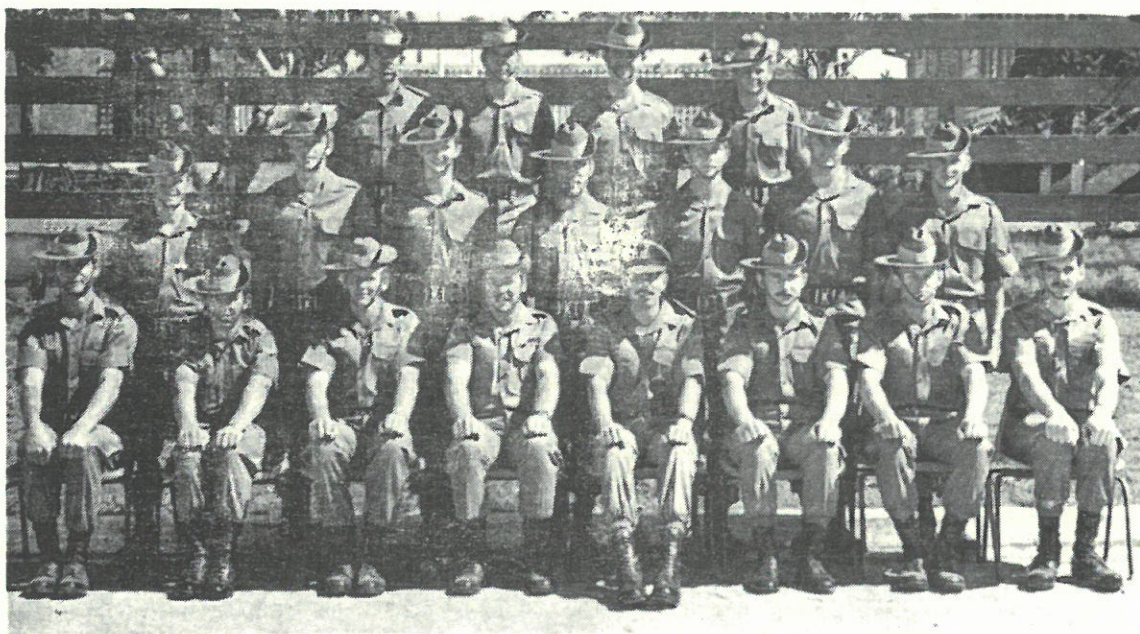
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ABSENT PTE B. Hansford, PTE J. Gardiner, PTE B. Blackburn.

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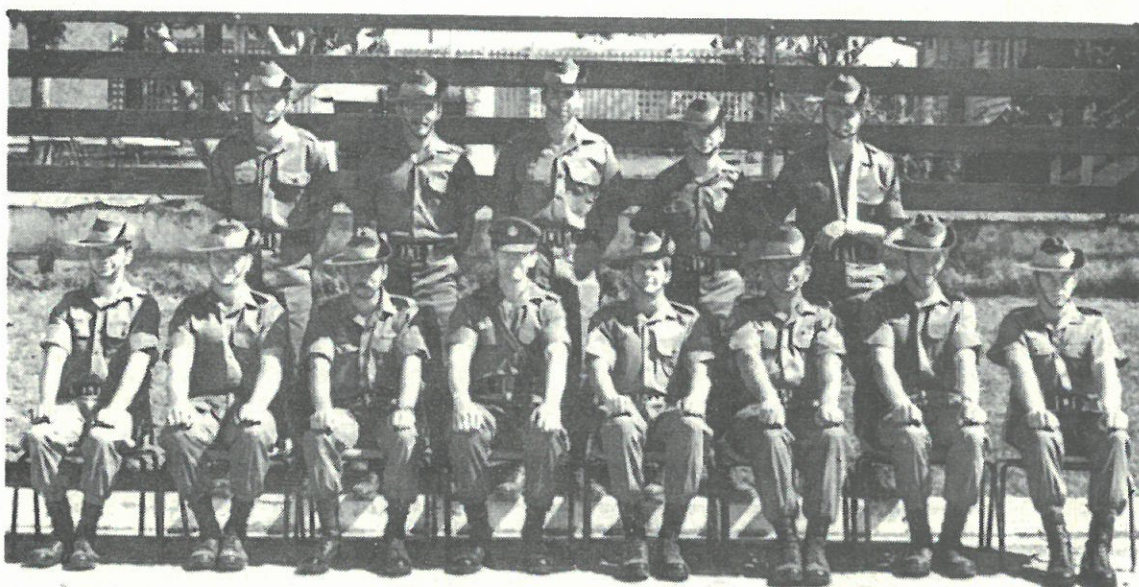
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ABSENT SGT G. Perry, LCPL W. Pilkington, PTE's A. Gelberg, G. Stilwell.



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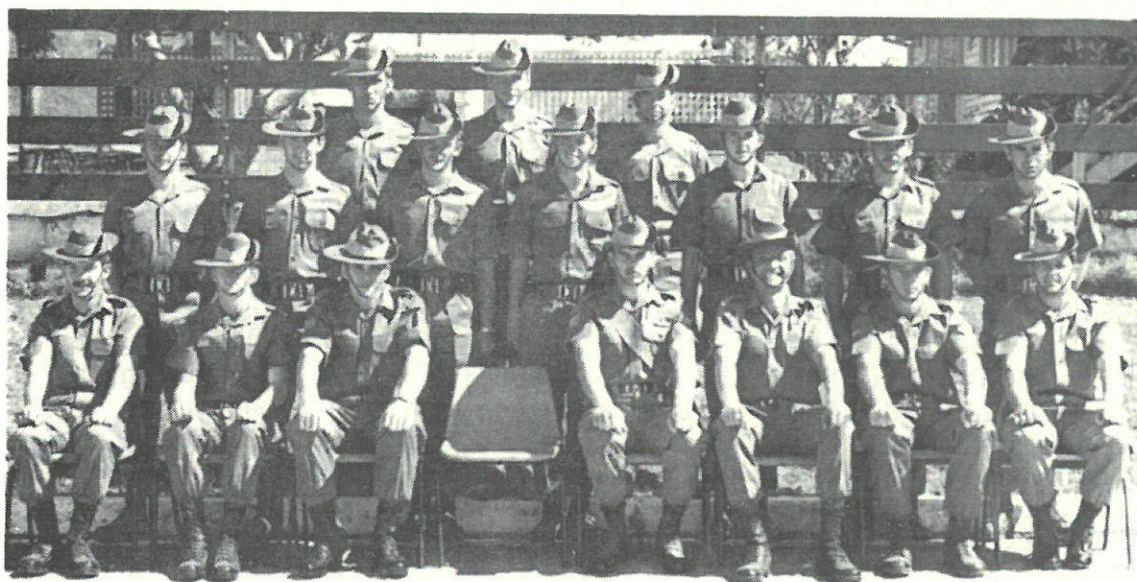


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CPL R. Anderson, PTE's N. Reid, S. Lebrun.

ABSENT SGT A. Roach, CPL A. Whiting, LCPL I. Dibben, PTE's G. Breedon, D. Jeffries,  
PTE's G. Nimmo, C. Robertson, D. Tomlinson.

# 6 PL



REAR ROW (L to R) PTE's D. Lockwood, J. Jeavons, M. Sugg.

CENTRE ROW (L to R) PTE's G. Hanning, A. Martin, G. Milton, W. Ball, B. Firth, N. Roddan,  
M. Murray.

FRONT ROW (L to R) PTE G. Degruessa, LCPL G. Kellner, CPL M. Boyle, SGT J. Whittington,  
CPL L. Guilfoyle, LCPL C. Hanley, LCPL V. Geary.

ABSENT 2LT J. Pheonix, CPL P. Weber, PTE's C. Bock, S. Cahill, G. Glover, J. Daniec.



## C Coy

1978 started slowly, the first couple of months were frustrating as a mixture of courses and the need to provide training assistance to other units curtailed the start of the training year. As a result of this most of the training in February/March was done with the new mini Pls - Pls so small that it was possible to move one in a Land Rover!

Late in March the Coy acted as enemy for 9 RQR. Despite the driving efforts of Sgt Sales on the exercise rec-on, the exercise went well. 9 Pl's defensive position was well hidden as a result, only the odd unshaven ration resupply driver was seen until the final phase of the exercise. A steady stream of prisoners were taken, as much to break the boredom as for any military purpose. This didn't go down very well and 9 RQR withdrew behind a wire fortress for the duration of the exercise. It would seem that the allocation of defence stores for the reserve is a little more generous than it is for us.

A move to sunny Spring Mt for exercise Three Corner followed. 8 Pl's patrolling improved considerably after they discovered a set of webbing and a flagon of sherry! Did Ace and Mol become misplaced during this exercise?

Coy training really got underway at LWC. It was a hard two weeks but the Coy performed well under pressure. Did anybody see:- The CSMs rifle? Anything on the way back from the boozers? The OCs fruit cake? Heartbreak or Levers and like it?

Exercise Rorks Drift followed. A quiet area with a nice local pub. By far the best part of the exercise was the drinking session during the thunderstorm on the last night. Norm was a little fragile the next day and missed a chopper ride home.

Is it true the Battalion is to be awarded the 1stAIF crossed shovels with blisters for its part in Eureka Stockade? "Two Dogs Dunny", the Wheelens Rover and 8 Pls pit cramming all helped break the monotony. Memorable events include the casevac chopper arriving before our first contact, 2IC with a shovel, 9 Pl always in reserve, 7Pls exchange with the Mortar Pl and Comminellies letter to himself.

The arrival of the IETs caused a major Coy reorg. They did well and after a full six days in the bush were let loose on the Battalion for Eureka Stockade. Despite this separation they always managed to regroup for work parties, picquets, Bn runners and other exciting duties. Pte Box proved to be quite a poet and song writer.

The Coy again showed that it was a major force on the sporting field. Good all round performances by all members produced the results that are expected from C Coy. In that Winter Sports Competition we won the Rugby and the Aust Rules and gained a close second in the Soccer. C Coy thus came close to Superior Coy. Late September saw the Coy on the sports fields again, this time for the summer sports carnival. A fine first in Badminton was balanced by a last in Basketball.



Second in Volley Ball, Tennis and Softball with thirds in Cricket and Squash helped us to Second overall again.

To fill in time the Coy won the Drill Competition and gained a first and second in the two 25 Km runs. Socially it was a quiet year with the odd informal barbeque and of course the Coy caberet in June.

Next year brings some major changes with Maj Hodge, Capt Stone, WO2 Percy, Sgt's Smith, Wollner and Sales all leaving the Coy. In summary, a sometimes frustrating year, but one in which C Coy performed in a manner that all members, can be proud of.

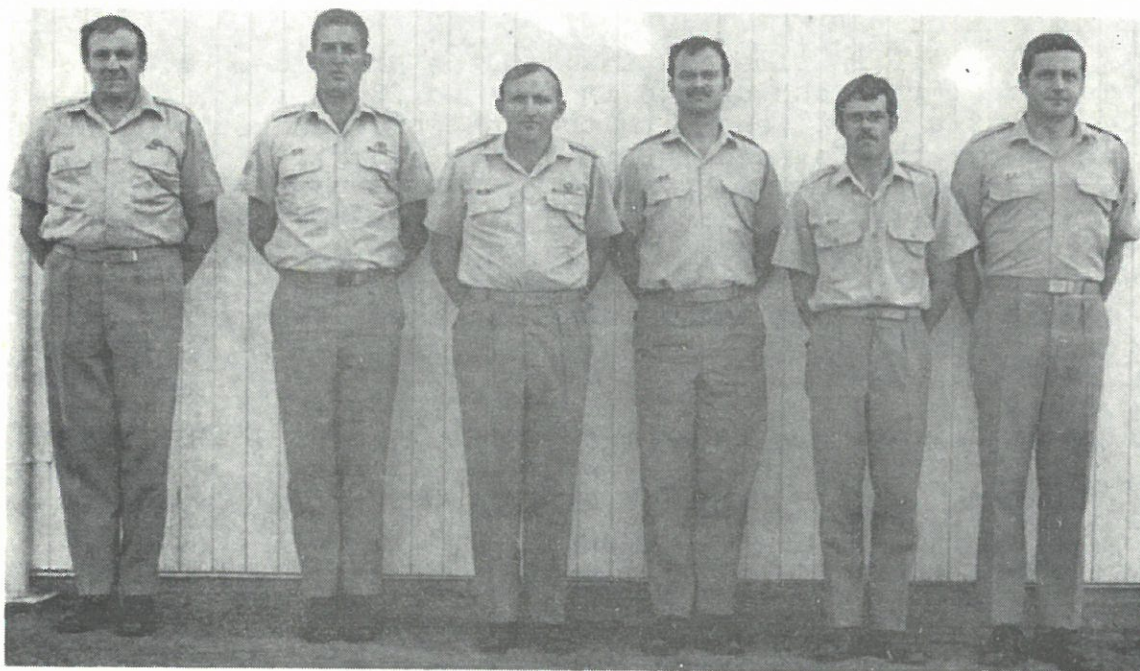
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"Now if we are to win the Drill Competition what you need is plenty of practice"



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CHQ



(l to R) SSGT R. Searl, WO2 R. Percy, MAJ B. Hodge, CAPT M. Stone, LCPL J. Butler,  
CPL A. McClymont.

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REAR ROW (l to R) PTE's S. McCall, A. Paul, LCPL J. Butler,  
FRONT ROW (l to R) PTE C. Wadey, CPL C. Patterson, PTE V. Temperton, LCPL R. Garousse.



## 7 PL



REAR ROW (L to R) PTE's G. Lewis, G. Wilson, W. Quinn, G. Steele, R. Cominelli, N. Carlisle.

FRONT ROW (L to R) PTE T. Reynolds, CPL B. Charles, LT G. Mackin CPL G. Langdon, PTE S. Wigmore.

## 8 PL



REAR ROW (L to R) PTE's A. Reekie, R. Nelson, I. Clist, R. Parata, K. Kennelly S. King.

CENTRE ROW (L to R) PTE's M. Sanders, J. Clarke, J. Thomas, R. Brown K. Rivett.

FRONT ROW (L to R) CPL J. Abberton, LCPL F. Meyer, LT R. Tink, LCPL E. Howard, LCPL G. Hughes.



# 9 PL



4th ROW (L to R) PTE's G. Sheperd, G. Breugem, L. Nagele, P. Shopis, S. Richardson.

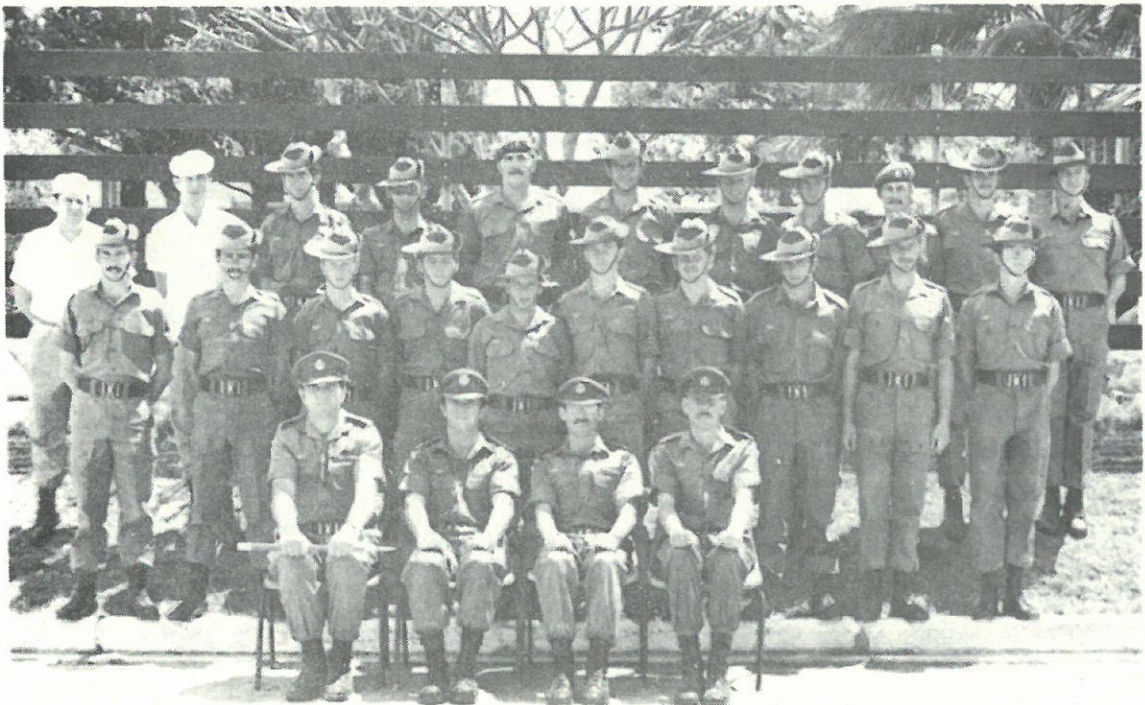
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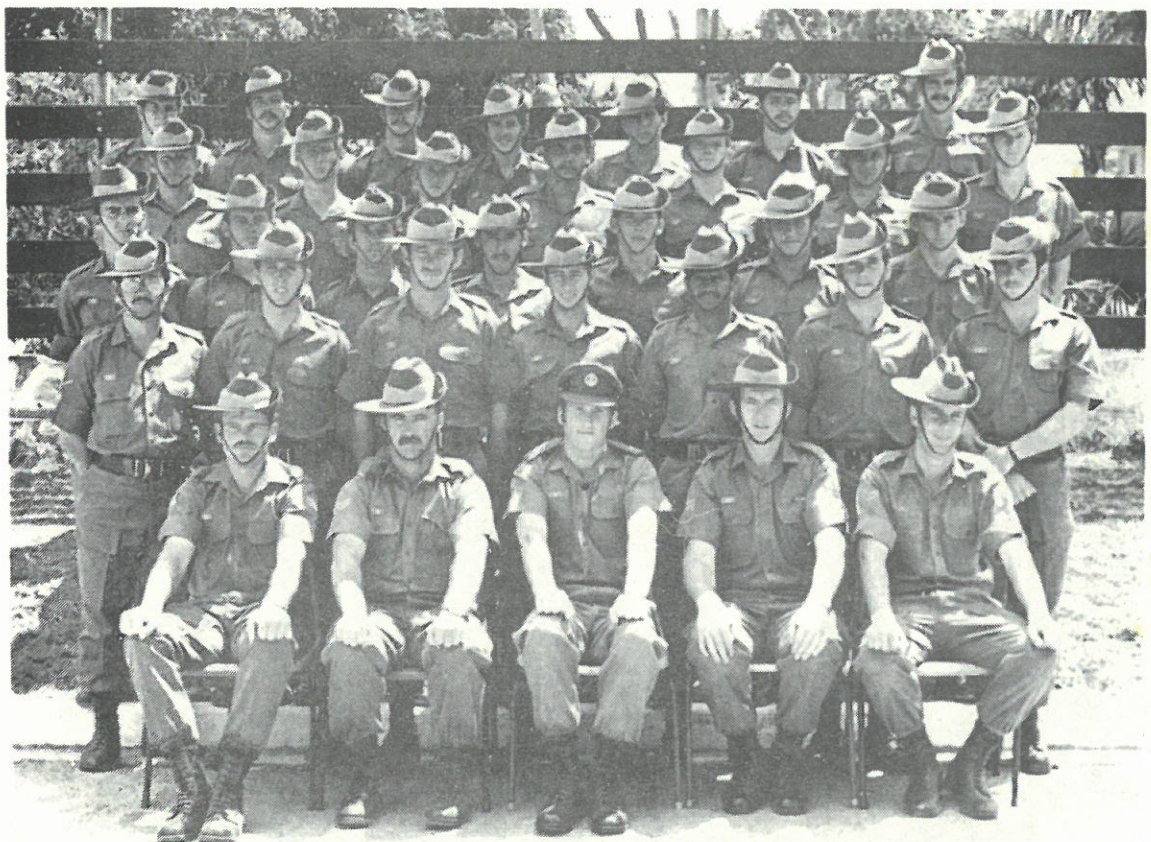
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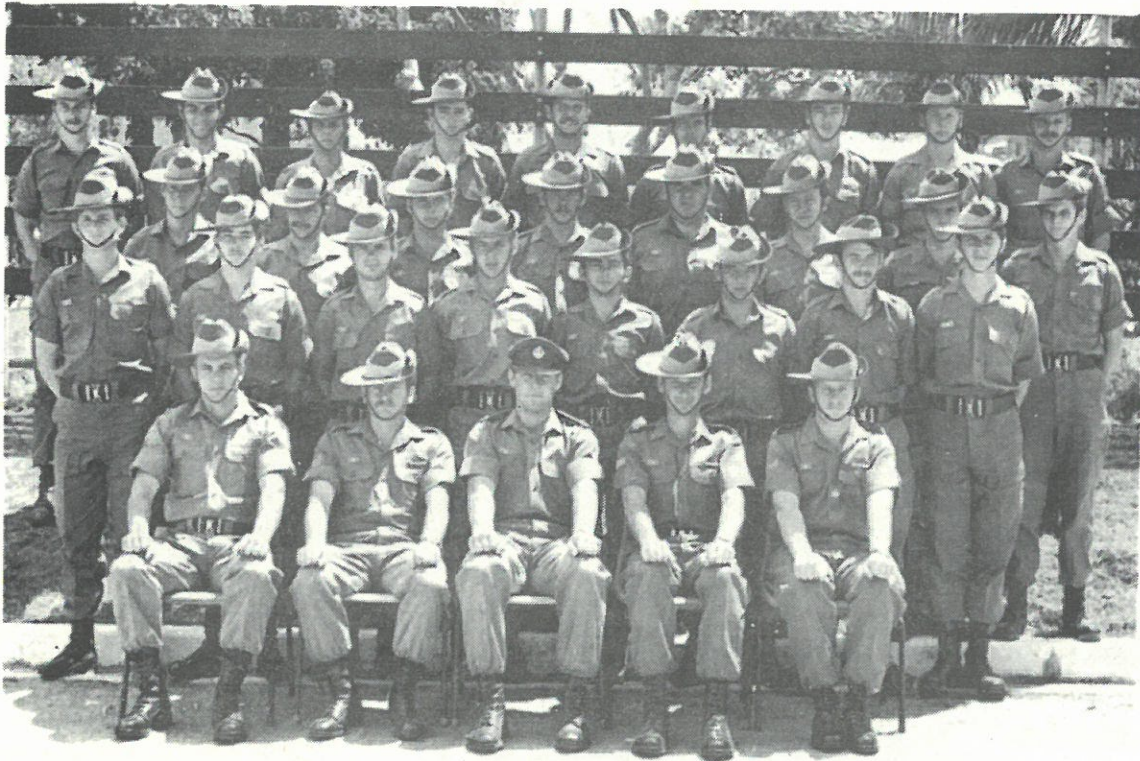
# D Coy



By the time you read this we will be well and truly enjoying ourselves in Butterworth and surrounding areas. We thought we would include these photo's as most don't have the opportunity nowadays to see what full strength Coys and Pls look like.







Things were pretty busy in the month between our formation and departure. DP1 checks, field exercises, PT and a steady stream of briefings has kept us all on the go. We appreciated the help that the rest of the Battalion gave us in this period. We wish you all the very best for Christmas and look forward to seeing you again in February.





# Trg Coy

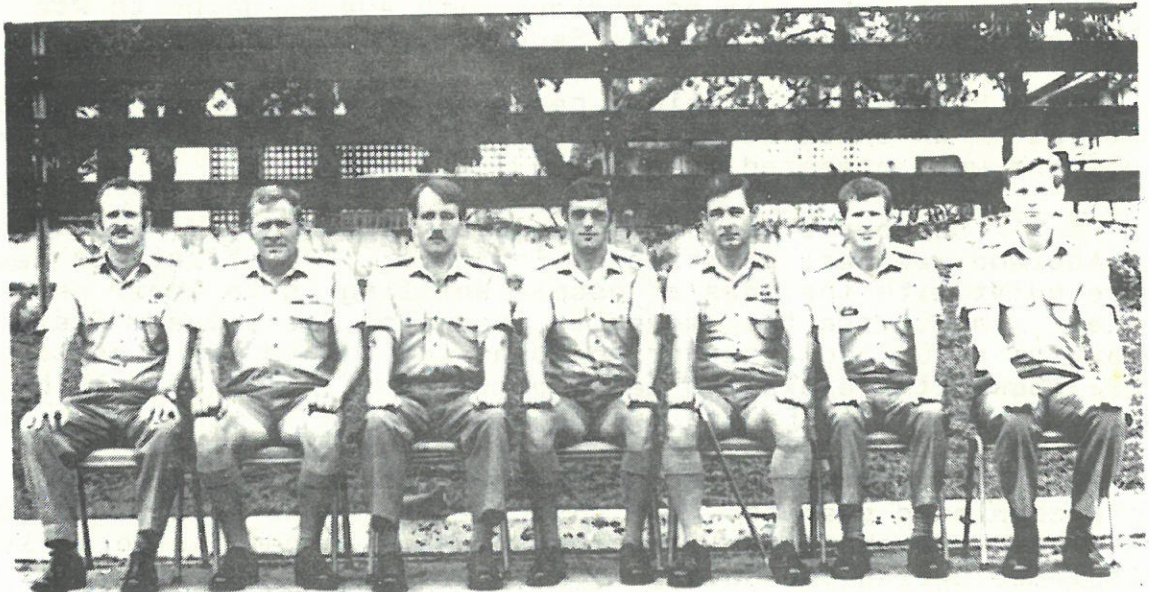
The beginning of the year brought an almost complete staff turnover and heralded the start of yet another course for Trg Coy, 1/78 Subject 2 for Cpl. The limited time available for course preparation was overcome by the enthusiasm of both staff and students alike as they set off to enjoy the delights of Greenbank and Esk holiday resorts. The ideallic days of instruction and nights full of more intellectual persuits gave way to periods of extreme torture as the staff devised new and devious ways to destroy the students in the Esk training area.

Nevertheless the students escaped by the end of Febuary and the remaining Trg Coy staff commenced plans to subdue the rest of the Battalion with the organization of the Champion Company Competition. The effectiveness of these plans was evidenced by the number of officers seen hobbling around after the Winter Sports week.

Not satisfied with this we launched into a number of presentations and the May camps for girls and boys (you too can spend a week in hell and survive). All this was too much for our 2IC, Capt Gray who departed for a life of secrets and subversion as the IO and our two LTs, Mortensen and McGregor who fled to the rifle Coy's. Undaunted we carried on and with the help of reinforcements (LTs Underhill and Abbott) we embarked upon the momentous task of moulding IETs into real soldiers.

In an effort to assist with weed eradication on the parade ground we ran a Subject 1 for Cpl Course and then set about preparing for the influx of IETs at the end of the year.

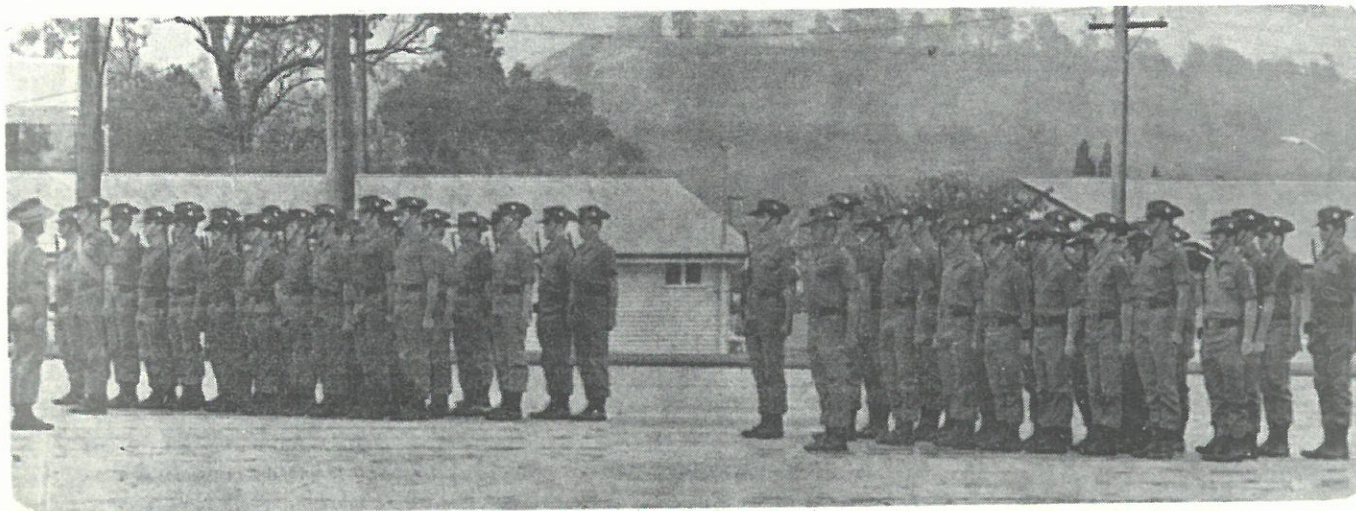
Christmas will also see many departures as Maj Edwards WO2 Savage and 2LT Abbott head off to the rifle Coys and LT Underhill leaves on posting, however we that remain look forward to a new year of activity and welcome those who will be comming to help run the real workers of the Battalion.



SGT B. Read, SGT K. Steven, LT M. Underhill, MAJ J. Edwards, WO2 R. Savage, 2LT J. Abbott, PTE B. Fahrner.



# IET COURSES



Three IET Courses were conducted during the year with the first two starting in May and June with the final course in December.

The honour of running the 1/78 course went to C Coy. Despite last minute changes to members, the course eventually got underway in May and as the weeks progressed those "horrible little men" developed into keen hardworking teams. With the initial training and exercises over, the course was split up amongst the rest of the Battalion for Eureka Stockade. Despite their lack of experience the IETs acquitted themselves well and it was encouraging to see the older soldiers willingly assisting them and offering good advice.

The course was not without numerous incidents that always managed to make things interesting for the staff. Some notable IET achievements included; getting Mol lost (again!), letting George ambush Mol and almost causing Abbo to lose his stripe before he even got it. The course combined with the 2/78 IETs for the marchout held in good parade weather (no you can't take an umbrella on parade) with awards going to Pte Clarke (Best Soldier) and Pte Saunders (Most Improved).

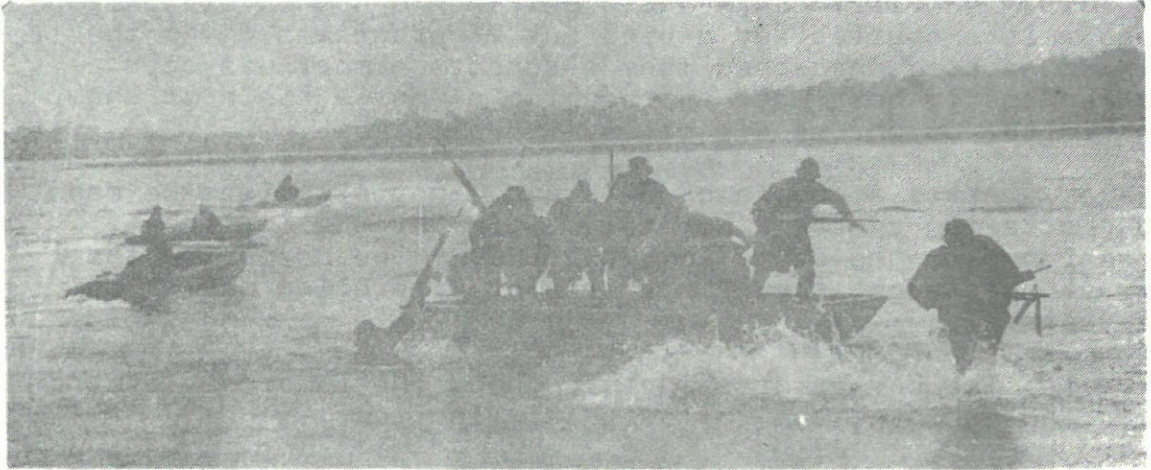
Hurried preparations began in Trg Coy in Jun for the arrival of an expected 50 IETs. Fortunately we remained flexible and were prepared when only 21 arrived.

The course was conducted over nine weeks of glorious Queensland weather, starting at Enoggera. The first two weeks were quiet with the mass of people settling in to their new role. The course then moved to Greenbank for a weeks field training at D Block and Spring Mountain. This was a particularly full week with relaxation being provided at night by cold beer, a hot fire and Pte Fowles awful jokes.

P1 tactics were taught and practiced, and the range work completed over the next three weeks. The P1 started to develop some character, and characters, with some temporarily misplaced during the navex.



The final exercise was conducted at Wide Bay and included all the phases of War. Unfortunately the sunshine continued much to the chagrin of all concerned. Once the exercise was completed, however, the rain came in buckets full, and the watermanship training was much more realistic. This was especially found by those such as Pte Greendyke who decided to disembark before the assault craft had stopped and landed in about 6 ft of water. Naturally it continued to rain the whole of the rest day.



The next day was followed by a weeks field firing, in fair weather, which included ambushing, defence, fire and movement, sneaker and section attack. The shooting was of a good standard, the crabs consumed at the completion of the week was even higher.

The final week of the course included a days helicopter familiarisation at Amberley. The usual wide eyes were present on those travelling in the stokes litter for the first time. but none so wide as Pte Powell in the sling who had never flown in any aircraft before.

All were predicably soaked at the Marchout, but the standard of parade was excellent. Prizes presented for the course went to Pte Mitchem (Best Soldier) and Pte Bell (Most Improved).

As the magazine goes to print, preparations are under-way for the 3/78 IETs who are due to march in at the end of the year. Already this course has achieved a record; namely the most number of excuses by the most number of potential course staff for why they can't be involved in an IET course over Christmas.





# Spt Coy<sup>-59</sup>

## SUPERIOR IN SEVENTY EIGHT

At the kick off for seventy eight, we welcomed Maj J. E. Longworth and WO2 T. S. Bourke along with 29 new faces to the Coy.

The first month and a half was spent involved with specialists courses and a vigorous PT programme. As the winter sports approached many a support member was seen donning sports gear, and approaching a sports field to show the Battalion why we are called Superior Coy.

After a couple of CPXs and minor exercises we made the Battalion aware of our role. In May the Coy was dispatched to the other Coys for LWC. The grapevine still has it, we taught them finer arts of soldiering whilst at Canungra.

The Coy progressed throughout the remainder of the year and achieved the following distinctions;

Champion Coy

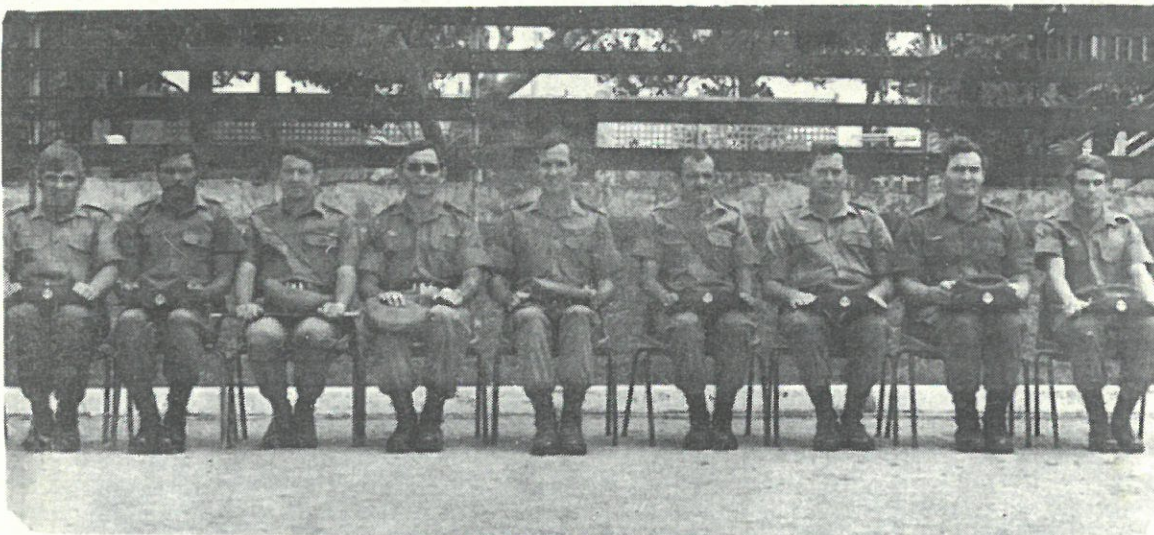
Winter Sports Champions

Military Skills Champions

Summer Sports Champions

The individual Pls have their own stories to tell.

## COY HQ



PTE M. Collins, LCPL R. Pickering, WO2 T. Bourke, CAPT P. O'Donnell, MAJ J. Longworth, SSGT W. Washington, CPL G. Kelly, PTE'S G. French, C. Smith.



# MORTAR<sup>60</sup> PL



FOURTH ROW (L to R) CPL M. Foster, PTE's A. Halpin, S. Hockley,  
 THIRD ROW (L to R) PTE's F. Speechley, S. Mulquiny, L. O'Keefe, A. Van Der Stoep, D. Heger.  
 SECOND ROW (L to R) SGT A. Millar, PTE's R. Hong, L. Rogers, CAPT M. Campbell, LT J. Robbs,  
 PTE F. Finch, SGT F. Harris.  
 FRONT ROW (L to R) CPL G. Lewis, CPL J. McGrath, LCPL A. Arnold, SGT A. Willson, PTE C. Smith,  
 SGT R. Brias, CPL P. Orth, LCPL N. Hawes, L. Payne.

The year of 1978 was a good year for mortars. At the start of the year we ran a (very successful), mortar course. I am told a few course members played with poker dice, it seems the mortar men walked away with full pockets and grins from ear to ear.

Our Pl was then involved in Coy winter sports in which they did well. No, Fred is not going to coach Collingwood next year and Sully is sticking to rugby, not boxing. During March we deployed to Esk during which "The Fish" alias the MLO was PR man for the locals as well as acting as snake charmer. Throughout April and May we were rifle shooting at Greenbank, and ran a successful CPOs course at Enoggera.

The Pl ventured to LWC with a rifle Coy and acquitted themselves well. It was said Cpl Orth was beaten by a nose on the confidence course "HOW" ? In June we went to Singleton for Pl and military skills training. One thing we did learn was how to eat stews, in many different ways, compliments to Charlie the cook. Our live firing down there cleared the cob webs, and a Happy mortarman should not be so keen, as choppers are expensive. It would have upset SGTs Moose, Fred and PTE Mulquiny also!



From Singleton, we went to SWBs exercise "Eureka Stockade" for the culmination of our training. Whilst there we left the rifle Coys for a live firing shoot, during which we tried our hardest to burn the place out. On returning we took part in the RNA Guard for the Governor General and starred in the summer sports. The Pl wishes the members going to Malaysia a good trip and those staying, "Good Duties".

A few Quips and Quotes from Mortars.

\*Mack - its fatties not bubbles club.

\*Mert - rovers don't climb trees.

\*It was said Orthy looked quite green after a chopper ride.

\*The MLO didn't really mean to leave the director there, did he ?

\*Pepes party was a real "Write off", one car wrecked 2 DUI charges.

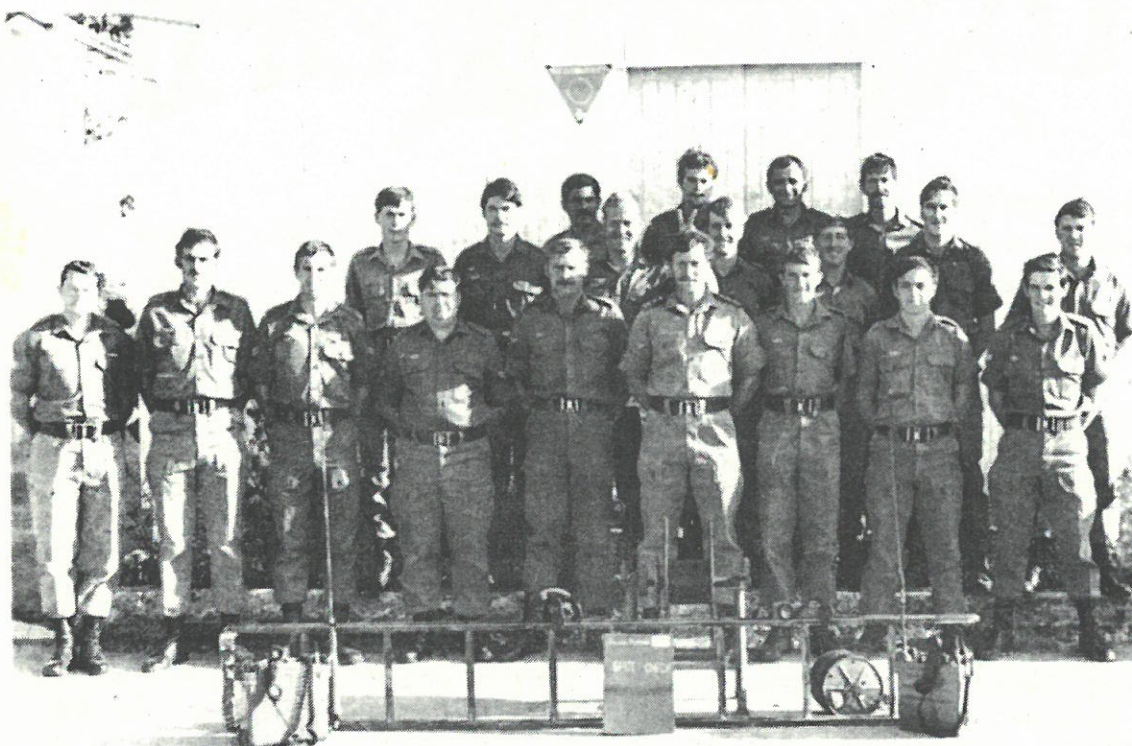
\*Quike O Group by our boss, bring a bed.

\*Arty using Mortars Illum, what next.

\*For Pnrs, the Mortar is an area weapon.

The Pl had a good year and we are looking forward to 1979 with anticipation.

## SIG PL



REAR ROW (L to R) PTE's C. Hazelman, G. Carter, LCPL M. Mayer, PTE K. Stick.

CENTRE ROW (L to R) PTE A. Molloy, CPL C. Austin, PTE's R. Poulter, T. Berg, R. Hickson, G. Virgin,  
LCPL E. Wells,

FRONT ROW (L to R) SGT J. Turner, CPL's J. Crossland, N. Campbell, M. Vogler, LCPL W. Leo,  
CAPT P. Schmitt, PTE's P. Mitchell, C. Henderson, CPL B. Beaton.



For Sig PL, 1978 commenced with the 1/78 Basic Sig Course. The confirming exercise being a road runner which spread the course over most of South Eastern QLD. There is no truth in the rumour that the Bn Comms Offr and the Radio SGT included in a week, long bobbin throwing contest with some tree climbing on the side.

The Pl waded into the year supplying support for the rifle Coy's, Bn CPX, 2 x TF CPXs and a short trip to LWC. By June it was obvious that Spt Coy was due for R & R so off we went to Singleton where, displaying amazing adaptability, the Coy quickly came to grips with the MASH type existence offered at very reasonable rates in NSW at this time of the year. The hectic programme allowed Sig PL very little time for leisure, however the long days were followed by even longer nights watching training films such as "Alice in Wonderland", and "Black Emmanual". It was good to see a strong attendance by the younger officers, however even though it was cold, we do not think it warranted the wearing of greatcoats with hands in pockets accompanied by the heavy breathing, seen at most of the movies. The projectionist is still suffering from "Rerun Fever", following several requests from the German Gentleman in the front row to "Play it again Sam".

Once again it was time to pit our skills against the lesser endowed of the Battalion in the annual Military Skills Competition.

Having proved our prowess with rifles and tactics, Sig PL then sailed forth, with the rest of the Battalion in its wake, to Eureka Stockade. This year we were lucky in that we managed to find a stretch of QLD. coast - line not been sold for peanuts, and promptly set up our own resort. It was easy to see by the standard of films that we were not in NSW. It is hoped in the future that we can get our share of the good films. The exercise was a great benefit to our Pl and our sister Sig Pl, as we did most of their work also, twenty seven miles of line laid in two grid squares is not bad. The exercise ended on a busy note with the Pl working long hours at peak efficiency. Congratulations to Wayne (Have Tele - K Will Travel) Poo who managed to get himself hooked.





REAR ROW (L to R) PTE's S. Wallace, P. Marshall, I. Scott.

FRONT ROW (L to R) PTE's G. Howard, R. Scaysbrook, P. Reynolds, D. Anders, G. Ewart, M. Gonsalves,  
M. Hennessy, B. Furness.

With a new Platoon Commander at the helm, LT Mike Saunders, the pioneers began preparing for the recruitment of new talent to fill the remaining vacancies in the platoon. It was suggested that not only should they pass the initial canteen training, but by running a Basic Pioneer Course, duration seven weeks, we could add a little background knowledge as well. With heavy emphasis put on the latter requirement we ended up with Burt, Bill, Dave, Pom, Wally, Ewie and Ferny. We passed around the Green, whilst we planned our next phase.

With some assistance from B Coy we took our happy little group up to the tropical rain forest of Canungra to brush up on our Rifle Company Skills. Here we welded together a good tight team ready to take on all commers. Over a sip of brown, we waited with anxiety for phase two training.

To stop any rot seeping in, a modest bridge was erected in Frazer's Paddock, requiring only basic Pioneer skills. Not to waste a good winter, we packed up our kit and headed for Singleton, where we took up residence in Camp "Quarry". Using this as a firm base, we set about constructing a Coy CP position, complete with weapon pits. Any chance of starting cold was alleviated with a spate of PT beforehand, normally at 0545 hrs, thus proving the old adage, "what you don't see, wont hurt you", (Scaysbrook 78). With the Coy position completed we invited the "Tube" Pl to do their best. We still cannot believe the story of 250 blinds. A quick demolition on the Coy position covered their embarrassment. This type of training moulded the Pl into an efficient, quick, task type, force. But it had one drawback, it seemed, this type of training can effect the old memory box; note books, cigarettes and other items of interest were misplaced, by a certain member of the Pl he's coming good.



Phase three, (back in Enoggera); a round table conference was held to discuss a forthcoming event. With the aid of a few browns, the plan was set, give LT Saunders, SGT Martin, Les Kenneally and Keith Kirley their heads, and us doing our normal. We should be a fair contender in the Battalion Military Skills Competition. Decision carried - Plans executed - Competition Won! With a first and second placing in two competitions, suffering from high morale, and on an ego trip we waited with baited breath Phase four.

"Eureka Stockade" - Engineer Support, They really rhyme, don't they? This is one exercise that should remain in the backs of our minds for some time. Four CP positions, one Signals Centre plus a new hospital. A pat on the back from SUNRAY NINER. A night of R & R at Camp Growl, (on our best behaviour of course), (refreshments) raised our spirits again, Bill, and a slightly used bladder. "RSM Sir, something or someone was in the right place at the right time!"

With a small break back at Enoggera, we came under command of Training Coy, to freshen our skills on watermanship and range practices. An interesting week, testing the flexibility of the Pl in watermanship, and reminding us that unless basic soldiering is practiced constantly, along with specialist training we become rusty. Fishing can also be included in this category, we were lucky to have Pom with us to show us how it's done.

We doubt if the Pioneer Pl will forget the thirty-third week of this year. Three members wore extras two wore charges, and one was told to draw his pay and get out. Indeed it was a black week.

We then approached Phase five, the phasing down of the Pl. With a commitment to Malaya, and changes in command, we wait to start fresh next year. So once again we wish to farewell our Pl Comd LT Saunders good luck and good fortune in the future, from the rest of the Pl. Our only advice to your problem, is that you could offer a finders fee.

Now may we leave you with this quote.

"O', WHAT MEN DARE DO! WHAT MEN MAY DO!"

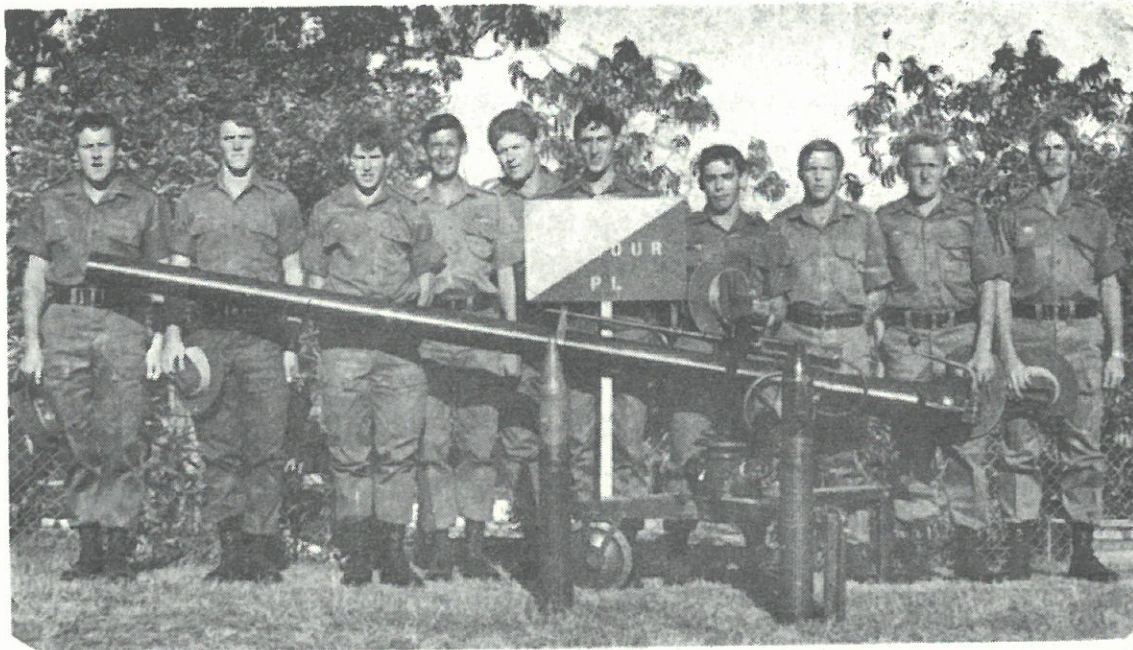
WHAT MEN DAILY DO, NOT KNOWING WHAT THEY DO!"

- SHAKESPEARE -





# ANTI <sup>-65-</sup> ARMOUR PL



2LT R. Hill, PTE's G. Jier, R. Cornes, K. Thompson, R. Goodall, A. Kovarik, J. Lang, J. Turner,  
PTE J. Carvolth, CPL S. Remin.

Anti Armd Pl bid a fond farewell to LT MacIntosh (Jock Strap), Cpl now SGT Dyer, Sandy "Survival" Saunders as well as Rick, Frank, Clarkie and Jim Molyneaux, we all wish them the best.

We then welcomed to the Pl, 2LT Wrong Hill.

This year was an eventfull one with an Anti Armd course from which we recruited some badly needed reinforcements for the Pl. We then played enemy for 4 Cav and taught them all about navigation aids. Pte "Fingers" Kovarik made his debut in the hall of fame. This was followed by the Coy exercise at Singleton, where we taught a certain Pl all about Illumination, and a wet lesson was learnt by us on navigation by night.

Eureka Stockade was notable for a number of incidents including those of the nameless "sports car" driver who took off so fast that his crew was left behind. No we weren't having a competition to see how many soldiers we could run down in the Raspberry Creek defensive position. By the way who was it that firstly bogged his own vehicle, then eagerly assisted the recovery crew in getting their vehicle bogged also? They say there are no "Hills" in swamps.

On return from the exercise Lcpl Duncan was admitted to hospital and we all now breathe a sigh of relief to know he survived 1 MIL's experiments.

Our end of year activities included a joint Anti Armd course with 6 RAR and the loss of many of our Pl to the Butterworth Coy. Speaking of losses the single girls of Brisbane will soon be in mourning as "Fingers" Kovarik is taking the "plung" and getting married.



We look forward to a well earned break at Christmas  
and to hopefully an ammunition filled 1979.



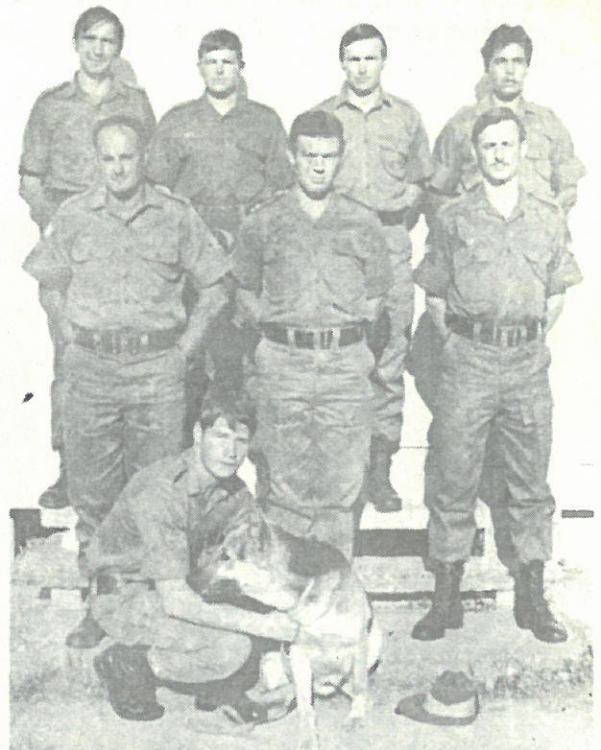
"Sometimes we need more than two shots...."

## RECON PL

REAR ROW (L to R) PTE's V. Saunders, C. Bradford,  
S. Braun, G. Braganza.

CENTRE ROW (L to R) SGT A. Burgess, 2LT W. Williams,  
CPL P. Dixon.

FRONT ROW (L to R) PTE's K. Taylor, Remy.





The recon year started with a Patrolling Techniques Course which proved most interesting. Some valuable information was gained from the multi coloured instructors from Lang Handcocks Army. It was also a transition period from mild mannered Cpl "Pop" Burgess into a tough, hard nosed Q man (obviously taking lessons from Staff Thompson). The year progressed with a sprinkling of Range Practices and field excursions. There is no truth to the rumour that the Pl SGT was the only SGT to complete the 1/78 Basic Para Course even if his last jump was without equipment.

We lost Ron Turner, one of the inaugural members, to the officers mess, the discussions have never been the same, however he was replaced by several clean cut gents from the rifle Coy's. Formal congratulations should go to SGT A. V. Burgess on his promotion and should be now known as SGT "No equipment turtle" Burgess.

The second half of the year began with a change of command from LT S. Brown (who said his farewells quietly) to 2LT W. Williams. The change over occurred during Spt Coy's Nebe exercise at Singleton where the Pl took part in several range and patrolling exercise. Other training activities during the exercise included Dico's detailed study of ant behavior which caused him discomfort and provided an amusing interlude for the rest of Pl.

On return to Enoggera we were greeted by a new reinforcement Pte Remy, "German Sheperd Patrol Dog". The dog immediately became the focal point of the Pl and caught the admiring eye of the RSM. Such phrases as "Yo Remme", "OC Dogs", "Mungral Lovers" and "Bark Bark" were becoming common phrases around the Battalion. The dog has great aff affection for officer's and NCOs car tyres.



PTE REMY

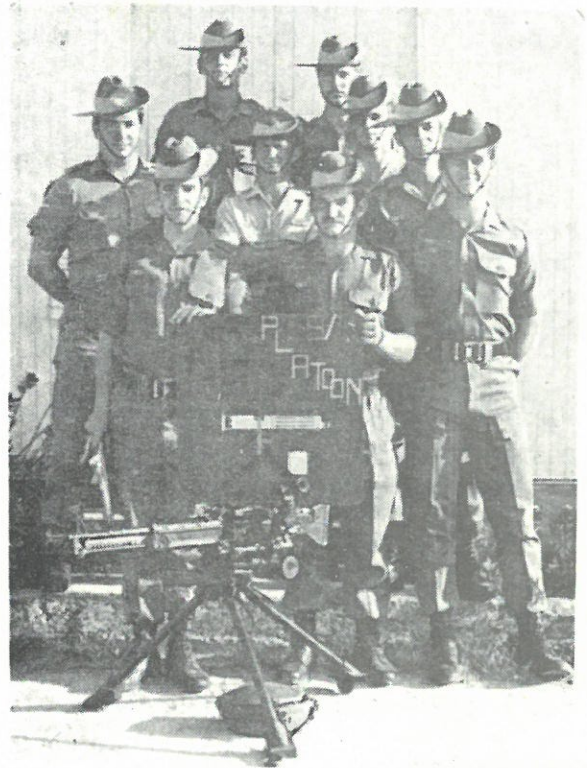
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IN ACTION



# MG PL

REAR ROW (L to R) PTE's H. Lodewickus, K. Gunn,  
CENTRE ROW (L to R) LCPL M. Payne, SGT T. Osmond,  
PTE's L. Nayda, F. Klischat,  
FRONT ROW (L to R) CPL R. Richardson, PTE's W. Livesay,  
K. Horton.



1978 saw the Pl commence the year with a gun numbers course. Fourteen students discovered that there was more to the M60 than they ever thought. Deployment and siting exercise, aircraft recognition, camouflage and concealment (from the air) and fitness training were just a sample of the activities conducted by the Pl during the year.

We believe that our small band of warriors are second to none in the Battalion (in keeping with the "Superior" approach to soldiering). SGT "Ozzy" Osmond has helped us through with flying colours.

Notable records achieved this year included;

- \* CPL Watts the Battalion record for the most number of courses.
- \* PTE "Blue" Rowe the Superior Coy roadside fertilization record for his efforts during the 25 Km route march training.
- \* CPL Richardson for breaking his siamese ties with "Pop".



During exercise Eureka Stockade the Pl conducted successful reconnaissance patrols against 6 RAR and acted as early warning for the Battalion during the Task Force Phase.

In the later stages of the year great emphasis was placed on rappelling training with the Pl being placed in the limelight during the filming of the "Odd Angry Shot" and various RAAF demonstrations. Rappelling training continued during the 2/78 Reconnaissance/Surveillance Course which was conducted in Oct.

Due to the Butterworth commitment the strength of the Pl was reduced but we still managed to fit in some Sniper Training in preparation for the conversion to the "Parker Hale Sniper System".

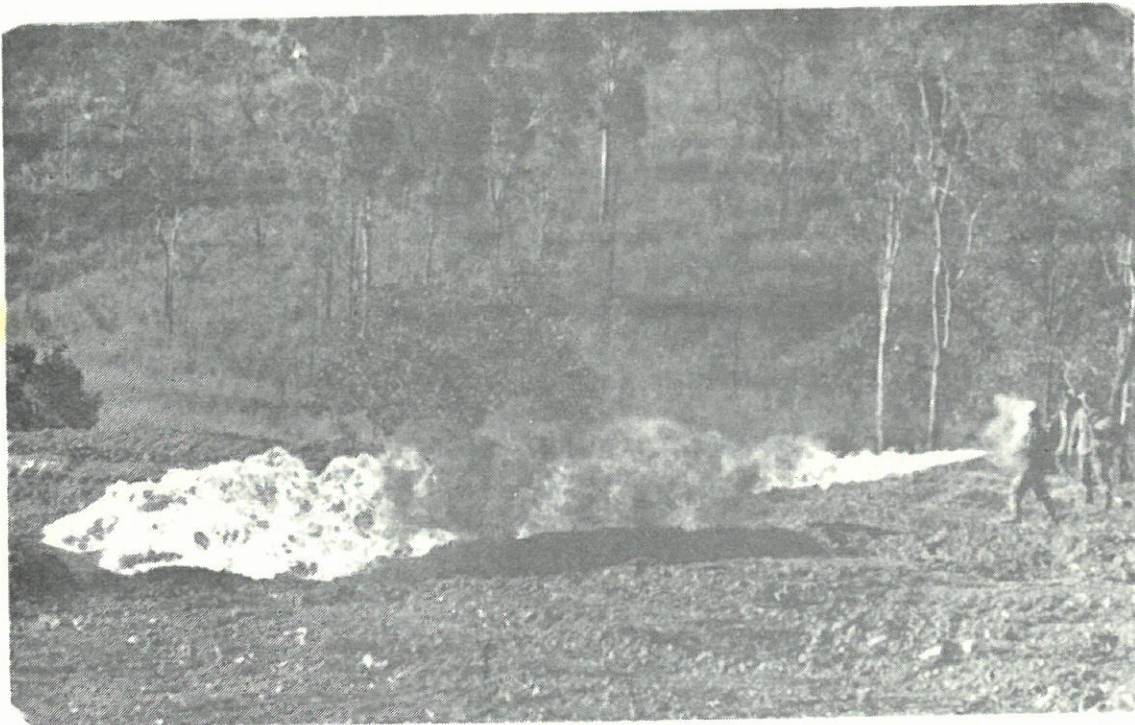
Superior Coy proved their worth, by not taking stand/down straight away and instead practicing drill for the RNA Show. The Parade was reviewed by the Governor General and went over well with the spectators.

FAREWELLED

CAPT	Simpson
CPL	Cochrane
CPL	Wolfenden
LCPL	Atkinson
PTE	McCauly
PTE	Tindall
PTE	Hoskins

WELCOMED

CAPT	Schmitt
CPL	Crossland
CPL	Vogler
LCPL	Woodcroft
PTE	Wain
PTE	Mitchell
PTE	Henderson
PTE	Fraser-Chitticks



As quoted by a certain Pl Comd

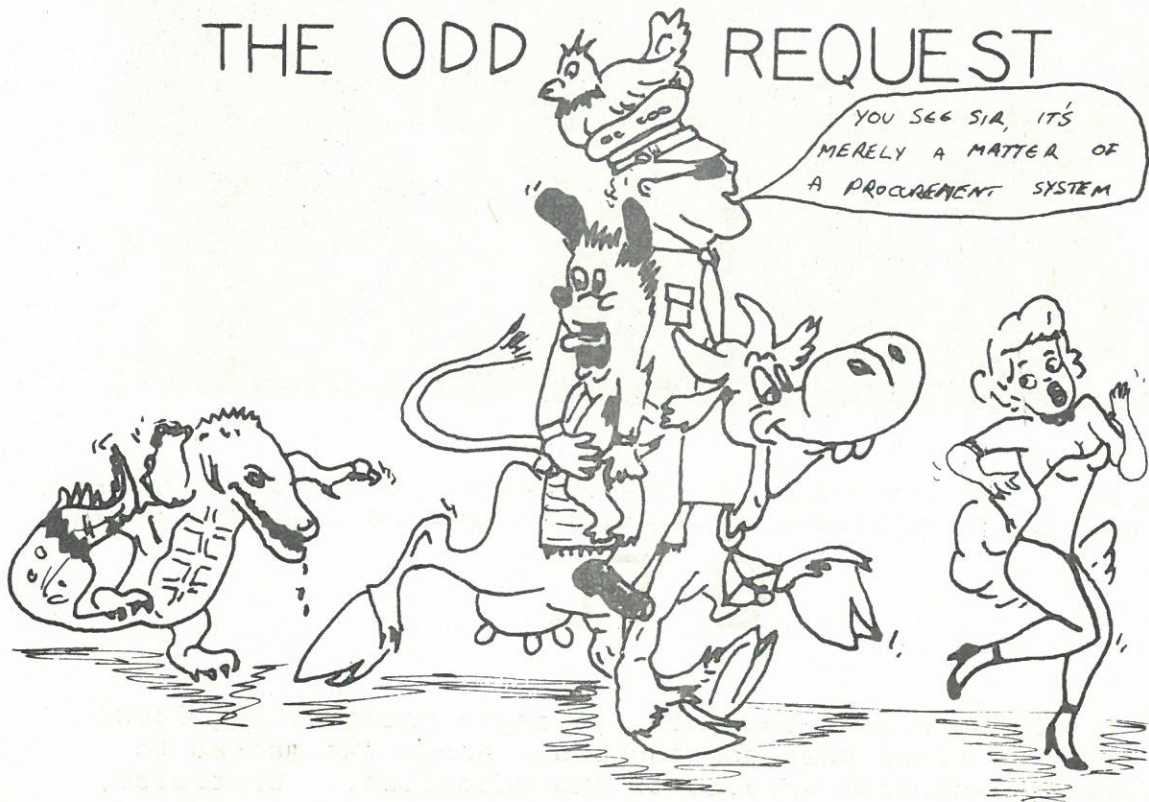
"One role of Infantry is to destroy ground."



# Log Coy

"Anything, Anywhere, Anytime - with Minimum Fuss".

## THE ODD REQUEST



In '77 the name changed.  
In '78 the sign outside the HQ changed.  
Who can predict the changes in '79.

Apart from training day and night, seven days a week for the Military Skills Competition and Inter Company Sports, Log Coy did support the team in '78. Naturally, the rules and dates were "weighted" against the favourites, but a wooden spoon is a much more practical piece of kit than a trophy.

A novelty in '78 was the daily Coy parade. An ad hoc event (not to be confused with the fortnightly pay parade) that generally occurred between the hours of 0730 -0830 and was attended by most of the soldiers most of the time but not all of the soldiers all of the time. Big Chief Log is still trying to catch the demon who drops 200 cigarette butts daily while attending the parade. He is, however, confident of smoking him out by the end of the year.

Chief Log's T-Shirt now holds pride of place in Big Chief Log's office after thirty days continuous service on Ex Eureka Stockade. It is inspected daily for infestations by the Hygiene Squad and is available for public viewing by appointment - no feeding allowed.

We could not think of a more fitting conclusion to our contribution than a thank you to Billy. After more than a Quarter of a Century of Regimental Service, Billy McCutchen, a most respected personality in the Regiment has departed. Log Coy says "Thanks for the memories Billy and God Bless".





REAR ROW (L to R) CPL B. De Jersey, CPL R. Maguire, PTE A. Green, CPL G. Newton, LCPL K. Lawrence,  
FRONT ROW (L to R) WO2 R. Luckman, MAJ T. Taylor, CAPT N. Norton, SSGT G. Dunne, CPL R. Stockwell,

## Q PL

In an era of economic strangle holds by Log Comd, the Q Pl has risen head and shoulders above the masses to provide an excellent service to the Battalion. Criticism, by a few, towards the Pl or "The system" often stem from a lack of understanding of the controls imposed on us.

1978 has been a very hectic year for the Q Pl. Apart from stopping the Coy's from becoming bored by supplying a record number of spotchecks and recounts, we have carried out two 100% stocktakes (one including CES) and two 100% Barrack Stores stocktakes.

This year the Q Pl has been fortunate to have received excellent support from Bn HQ and most of the Coy's. Hence the morale of the Pl has been, and continues to be very high.

Sporting events have been squeezed in wherever possible and representation has been good. The Pl has featured in Inter - Coy Soccer, Aust Rules and Rugby (Hop-a-long Curley breaking onto the scene) with strong representation in Athletics, Tennis, Squash and Badmitton. Pte Sohler was selected in the Inter-Task Force Rugby Union.

"Hails and Farewells" this year have been frequent with 2LT Brockhall replacing LT Croft as AQM, WO1 Dunn replacing WO1 Rankin as RQMS and SGT Godfrey replacing SGT Daleas Tech SGT. We also farewelled Pte Khan, Pte Diffy, SGT Sorrenson, Lcpl Philpott and CPL Cooper. We will be sorry to farewell Capt "Curley" Kirwan who has been Quarter-master for 3 years. "Curley" has done an excellent job in slowly getting the Battalion more "Q" conscious and results are now starting to take shape. In summary, 1978 has been a good year for the Pl and 1979 promises to be even better provided we still have the support behind us.





REAR ROW WO1 K. Dunn, 2LT T. Brockhall, LCPL P. Ashton.

CENTRE ROW PTE's S. Stothard, P. Sohler, LCPL J. Crisp, SSGT A. Crook, CPL H. O'Brian.

FRONT ROW SGT G. Norris, PTE R. McCauley, CPL R. Creswick, PTE C. Mugridge, CPL T. Nesteriak.

## CATERING PL

1978 was much like any other year; we continued to feed the Bn by day and by night, over all kinds of terrain, and all kinds of weather. (with all kinds of food too).

Exercise Eureka Stockade provided the highlight of our feeding programme and produced such innovations as our modified field equipment including gas ranges and grill plates operated on LP gas, and our improved Bain Marie. The exercise was also a time for formal affairs as we were required to provide a CQMS Dinner in the field. The dinner was a roaring success, (unfortunatly the Governor General could not attend) and everybody enjoyed themselves, including SGT Sheridan, who had his dinner at his own convenience. The exercise also proved that troops prefer not to see what they are eating as was evident from reports recieved after we fed the Bn in the dark (any reference to mushrooms will be ignored).

Another activity during the year was the Anzac Day Function and to assist any member who is contemplating feeding 560 people the menu was as follows;

### MENU

#### CHINESE BAR

Beef Curry  
Combination Chow Mein  
Pork Maa Mee  
Chinese Steak Fingers  
Sweet and Sour Fish with Fried Rice

#### SAVOURY BAR

Cocktail Frankfurts  
Swedish Meatballs  
Fried Kabana  
Pluto Pups



CONTINENTAL BAR

Hungarian Goulash - Macaroni  
Crumbed Chicken Pieces  
Crumbed Fish Pieces  
Open Hamburger

PASTRY BAR

Assorted Pizza  
Saus Rolls  
Cornish Pasties  
Curry Puffs

SALAD BAR

Colation of Cold Meat  
Hawaiin Colslaw  
Potatoo Salad  
Salad Vegg in Season

SWEET BAR

Apple Slice  
Cheese Cake

The Pl has had its share of drama as well - some of the more notable were;

The Million Dollar Cook.

PTE Goodwin IA after only four days on the job.

The Incredible Hulk, SGT Fallis, is on a diet, and

PTE "Butch" Bastow was married but only after being "Blackballed" and chained to the flagpole during his Bucks Party.



REAR ROW (L to R) CPL C. Rump, PTE's C. Martin, I. Hamilton-MacLaren, W. Burns, N. Castens,  
CPL T. Skinner, PTE's S. Dell, G. Lewis.

CENTRE ROW (L to R) PTE D. Hay, CPL A. Ashford, PTE's T. Bastow, B. Vesper, LCPL R. Bennion,  
PTE R. Gardham, CPL D. Bird, PTE S. McKay, CPL C. Bennett, CPL A. Jubb.

FRONT ROW (L to R) PTE C. Baldrey, SGT G. Fallis, SGT W. Sheridan, WO2 M. Justice, SGT K. Steckelbruck,  
LCPL R. Baldock.



The Pl Claims that they could train a new Pl Comd in one week poved groundless and even twelve months later he is still wondering aimlessly muttering about Rugby and Boxing.

" Cass" Crook managed a sharp schuffle rally in the peace and condemned himself to a life of Bent neck and a Bridle of red Biro's. Many young sulbetons breathed a sigh of releif when they discovered that the only obstacle to their endless transport was a confrontation with an angry Rat.

The Pl kept exercises to a bare minimum using various excusses, such as "EIS inspectors have grounded everything through to" we work more Saturdays and Sundays than anyone else puts in on exercises. Fairly credible excusses but the Battalion would have to agree that the timely award of waves of trucks on Ex Eureka Stockade saved many a stomach from collapsing internally.

A few old faces slowly disappearing, Harry Bayne has moved to the ORs Mess, where he's steadily getting a bit of his own back. Peto Jones has become a long haired civilian as has Dallas Tidyman. Ian Comslie has defected to RAEME, apparently he was over exposed to this way of life during his stay in transport and sort an "alternative" lifestyle. Finally the old man of transport Geoff Hallam has packed his bags for Sydney. He claims he will lift the Army Reserves to greater heights, but we suspect a plot of large proportions. Good luck in your new job Geoff.

All in all a good year for the Pl, we enjoy our soldiering too! The Pl is looking forward to the arrival of LT M. A. Saunders. Perhaps they will have more success with an officer who has attended the first all arms TOCOs course. Merry Christmas and we will be back with a vengeance next year.



FRONT ROW (L to R) PTE G. Pascoe, PTE I. Lincoln, LCPL I. Lee, CPL G. Hallam, CPL G. Palmer, PTE B. Essex.  
REAR ROW (L to R) PTE's M. Efford, L. Coombes, D. Howie, R. Olive, E. Hawkins, G. Hicks, M. Khan, B. Darko.



Well here we are again with another look at your beloved hard working RAP.

A lot has happened since we last wrote for the newspaper; like many of our members have left us, CPL Taylor now at 1 Mil Hospital, CPL Newton now at 2 FER and CPL Castle who was selected for a six month course (holiday) in Melbourne. PTE Carnell also deserted us to go to a minor Battalion (3 RAR) and CPL Darcy who found repelling unconscious style, a bit too much and took his discharge,

But as you know we still have some of the old gang down here, Hot Lips Henderson (RAP SGT) Radar Jones and P & R Boyde who are feeling the pressure of getting everyone in the Battalion to DP1. (Those needles don't really hurt all that much). This year has been very busy with IETs, Cooktown and Eureka Stockade complete with underground RAP. Radar Jones has drawn the lucky straw, and is off to sample the cultral delights of Malaysia with the Butterworth Coy.



REAR ROW (L to R) CPL C. Jones, PTE S. King, SGT R. Henderson.  
FRONT ROW (L to R) PTE P. Marshall, CPL S. Boyde, CPL A. Castle.

The Pipes and Drums were in great demand throughout the year. We gave support to the rifle Coy's by way of providing stracher bearers and occasional advice on tactics. We also got together now and then to play as a band,

Our fame, if not our fortune, has spread far and wide as we were required to play at venues as far North as Bundaberg, and South as far Grafton. Altogether most of our members have valid recollection of the forward journeys to these venues, the return trips always seem a little hazy.

Intinerant Pipe Major visited us on occasions throughout to lend his moral support; this was most gracious

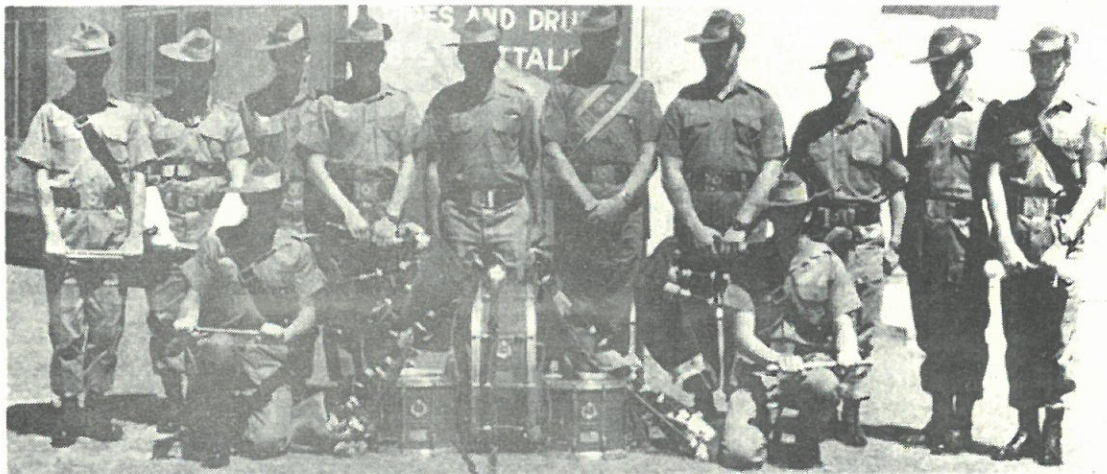


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Members "Hoy-ing" out of turn will be posted to the Pipes and Drums for 6 months. A donation of a bigger Base Drum for "Sparrow" would be appreciated, as he is now able to manage the present one resonably well.

Engagments this year included;

28 Apr 78	Beating the Retreat, Marchout WO's course
1 Jun 78	Spactic Children's Association.
2 Jun - 5 Jun 78	Ballina NSW.
28 Jun 78	LWC Officers Mess.
Jul 78	Eureka Stockade (Yes we took pipes).
13 Aug 78	South West Pasific Association.
25 Aug 78	Ballina NSW.
28 Aug 78	WO's Marchout LWC.
31 Aug 78	IET Marchout, 11 Sup Bn Birthday, party Greenbank School Fete.
29 Sep 78	Tingara.
7 Oct 78	Enoggera State School.
3 Nov - 5 Nov 78	Kyogle NSW.



PTE's J. Campbell, G. Williams, L. Pure, CPL C. Laurenson, SGT G. Black, SGT G. Kennedy, CPL C. Nelson, PTE V. Parkinson, PTE's K. Parkinson, K. Bryan.

KNEELING G. Pearce, G. McIlroy.

## SPEC SPT PL



REAR ROW (L to R) CFN E. Irvine, CFN K. Mitchell, CFN G. Mason, CPL J. Connell, CFN L. O'Brien, CPL F. Bartos.

FRONT ROW (L to R) CFN R. Rasmussen, CFN W. Morris, SGT K. Morton.



# SPORT

Once again training and support commitments, together with our major exercise in the middle of the year, prevented 8/9 RAR from achieving overwhelming success in inter unit sports. Nevertheless Battalion teams acquitted themselves well and the dedication of both players and officials is applauded. A number of 8/9 RAR sportsmen also featured in Australian Combined Services and Inter Service teams including Aust Rules, Hockey and Water Polo while our Boxers did well in open competition.

# SQUASH

8/9 RAR entered a team in both the A and B Grades of the South Queensland Squash Competition with mixed results.

The A Grade team, despite difficulties, such as finding time to travel to venues which were as far-a-field as Toowoomba, Land Warfare Centre, and Capalaba, carried home the Trophy after defeating 11 Sup Bn in what can only be described as a hard Grand Final.

The B Grade team who fought gallantly, but were well outclassed, were less successful. There was no inter-unit competition or squash ladder run within the Battalion in 1978, however, it is hoped to rectify this deficiency next year.

Team Members were:-

A Grade;

SGT	Sampson
CHAP	Tinkler
MAJ	Ellis
MAJ	Taylor
CAPT	Norton

B Grade;

MAJ	Webster
CPL	Litchfield
PTE	Searle
PTE	Fraser-Chitticks

# AUST RULES

The ball was bounced and we plunged ourselves head long into the battle for the 1978 flag. Things looked good, we won the first four games but we had to hand in our socks and boots for webbing and rifles, and our finals hopes started to slip away. Though Link "The mouth" stayed behind, whilst we headed for the big vast Aust Rules field in the scrub, his efforts with rear details footballers were to no avail. We met 6 RAR and they won by a goal; it was a bone of contention I might add.

After our return from bush we got stuck about it but our grip on a finals seat was slipping. Due to the lack of hard core support, interest was lost, Link "The mouth" left and we were stuck on a Hill, to coach with advise from LCPL Gerry Moody,



(our leader). Unfortunately though we had run out of time.

We had a full team for our last three games and in our last game we won a sound victory against finals prospects, 2 Fd Engr Regt. The consistant players for the year were Lcpl's Moody, Jawowski, Abberton and Huges performed well backed up by Bugs Butler, and Commo who helped us out when we were down.

Now the year has ended we look forward to a better year of football in 1979. To quote a famous fighter "Let's Hook In".

## WATERPOLO

"Can you swim?"

"Oh ..... Dog - paddle a little, but ....."

"Good! Wanna play in the Battalion water polo team?"

"Oh .... 2 don't think ....."

"Fine! You're a forward. Hat on! In the water!"

And so, with sweet innocence the 8/9 RAR water polo team was formed and lithefully entered the inter-unit competition. It would have gladdened the tender heart of the Marquis De Sade to see the enthusiasm with which our naive and inexperienced team attacked the opposition. Lee Watters, relatively new to the delicacies of this non-contact sport, soon mastered the subtle arts of the underwater kick and punch, thus becoming a valuable and solid player throughout the season.

Other notable and consistant performer's of the watery wrestle were; Vic Temperton, goal keeper extra ordinaire (ably assisted in the shallow end by Capt Dave Hudson); Shonky Furness, complete with fearsome countenance "Wombat" Mawhinney, and LT John Robbs.

Despite the perennial problems of exercises and duties, the team was able to reach the semi-finals, delivering on route, a coup de grace to last seasons winners, 1 Avn Regt. Unfortunately it was a much depleted 8/9 RAR team that contested the semi's against the eventual winners, 6 RAR (even mauling their CO was to no avail). The Battalion was represented in the winning Army inter-service team by LT John Robbs who will travel to New Zealand with the touring Queensland Services Water Polo Team.

The teams thanks go to those who participated and to those who spectatored. You are all encouraged to support the fine gentlemanly sport of water polo in 1979.



# BOXING -79-



REAR ROW (L to R) SGT H. Kirkpatrick, PTE's P. Daniells, P. Te Moni,  
CPL R. Cross, CPL J. Bailey, WO2 R. Luckman.

FRONT ROW (L to R) PTE J. Hannan (6RAR), PTE D. Tomlinson, LT M. McGregor,  
PTE N. Williams, LCPL N. McAllister.

This year witnessed a strong revival of boxing interest in the Battalion. A spectacular tournament was staged under LT Given's management in March with both professionals and amateurs participating. A feature of the evening was an exhibition bout between Hector Thompson and Ian Looker. A number of keen boxers notably Bob Cross and Dave Tomlinson continued to keep the sport alive throughout the year by staying in training and participating in tournaments around Brisbane.

Eventually the club reformed in September and SGT Kirkpatrick (Long Look exchange NCO from the Irish Guards and ex British Armed Services Heavyweight Champion) and WO2 Luckman spent an intensive four weeks preparing the fighters for a tournament in Kingaroy. The dedication of those members who attended the boxing camp was outstanding and all eight fighters performed creditably in the tournament on 29 Sep. Wins were recorded by Norm Williams, "Pat" Hannan, "Beatle" Bailey and Paul Daniells, while Dave Tomlinson earned the title of "Best Loser" of the night for his courageous performance. A final tournament is planned for later in the year as a culmination of the clubs activities and if current trends are any indication, 1979 has the makings of another good year for boxing.





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'CHAIRMAN OF THE MESS'

The above photo was taken at the informal, formal presentation of the 8/9 RAR Sergeants' Mess Barber's Chair (Security Bar Stool) to SSGT W. 'Billy' McCutcheon on his promotion to unofficial Chairman of the Mess. For service above and beyond those normally expected throughout his most colourful career. With great dignity the chair was accepted and within Mess Tradition, has been passed on by Bill to WO2 M. Justice on the sad occasion of Bill's departure to greener pastures.

Left to Right

SGTS M. Holland, P. Crump, E. Weatherall, V. Burgess, SSGT L Smithson (Chairman SSGT W. McCutcheon)



'LISTEN YOUNG FELLOW, WHEN YOU GET TO MY SIZE  
YOU CAN SIT IN THIS CHAIR TOO!!'

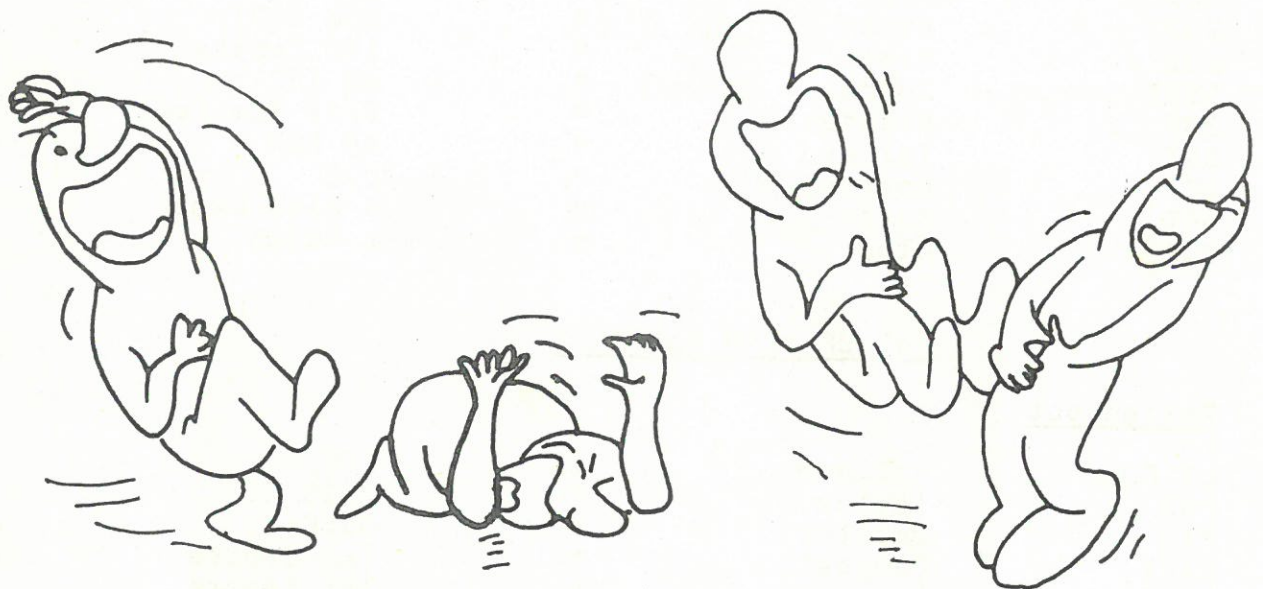
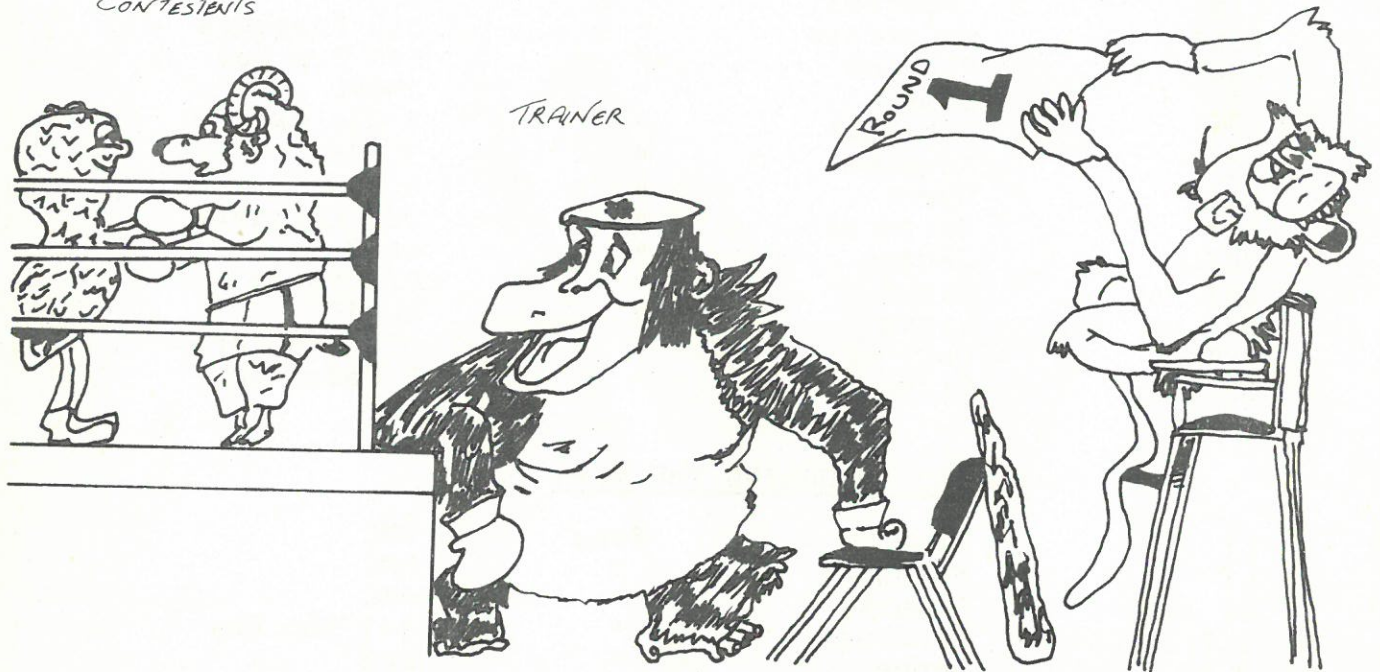


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# POSTINGS

## POSTED OUT DURING THE YEAR

CAPT	Hudson	to	2RNSWR
CAPT	O'Donnell	"	OCS
SSGT	McCutchen	"	DSU Enoggera
SSGT	Preston	"	511 Sup Coy
SGT	Dale	"	1MDPD
SGT	Johnston	"	4 Cav Regt
SGT	Monaghan	"	3 RAR
SGT	Dyer	"	6 RAR
SGT	Sorrenson	"	DSU Enoggera
SGT	Jansen	"	SASR
SGT	Brown	"	Discharge
SGT	Lynch	"	UL 1MD
SGT	Wollner	"	DSU Enoggera
SGT	Crump	"	2 Cadet Gp

## POSTED IN DURING THE YEAR

LT	Tink	from	RMC
LT	McGregor	"	RMC
LT	Fogarty	"	RMC
2LT	Brockhall	"	141 Sup Coy
2LT	Jones	"	OCS
2LT	Abbott	"	OCS
2LT	Mortensen	"	OCS
WO1	Dunn	"	42 RQR
WO2	Savage	"	2 ARU
WO2	Mair	"	UL 1MD
WO2	Astin	"	DDO (AO)
WO2	Piper	"	Inf Centre
SSGT	Dunne	"	40 IRC
SGT	Britton	"	8/12 Mdm Regt
SGT	Telford	"	49 RQR
SGT	Godfrey	"	LWC
SGT	Morton	"	1 Base Wksp
SGT	Clewly	"	4 RNSWR

## END OF YEAR POSTINGS

### Posted out

LT COL	Holland	to	LWC
MAJ	Taylor	"	JSSC
MAJ	Webster	"	JSSC
CAPT	Campbell	"	Inf Centre
CAPT	Simpson	"	Inf Centre
CAPT	Stone	"	42 RQR
CAPT	Kirwin	"	HQ 1DIV
LT	Brown	"	HQ 1 MD
LT	Underhill	"	4 Trg Gp
WO2	Bourke	"	RMC
WO2	Percy	"	HQ 1DIV
SGT	Smith	"	10 IRC



Posted in

LT COL	Pfitzner	from	JSSC
MAJ	Williams	"	D Inf
CAPT	Gibson	"	2 DIV FF Gp
CAPT	Smith	"	UL
CAPT	Mancell	"	41 RNSWR
CAPT	Long	"	4 Trg Gp
CAPT	McClelland	"	DSG Puckapunyal
CAPT	Lewis	"	3 RNSWR
WO2	Burns	"	1 Trg Gp
SGT	Rowe	"	CARO

FAREWELL NOTES

It is with sadness that we bid farewell to our CO for the past two years, LT COL T. H. Holland. That characteristically wry humour and sense of unit pride that he has instilled in all of us will be missed. Sir, we wish you and your family all the very best as you depart for LWC.

At the same time we welcome our new CO, LT COL E. F. Pfitzner and look forward to his leadership in 1979.

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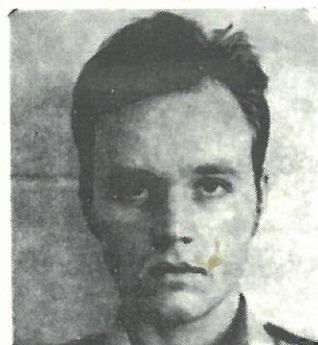
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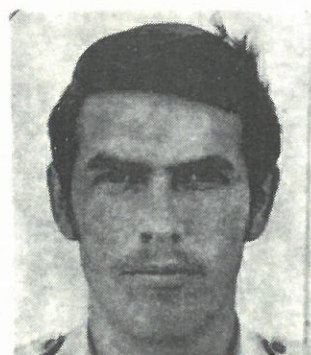
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"Now about that hat..."



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