

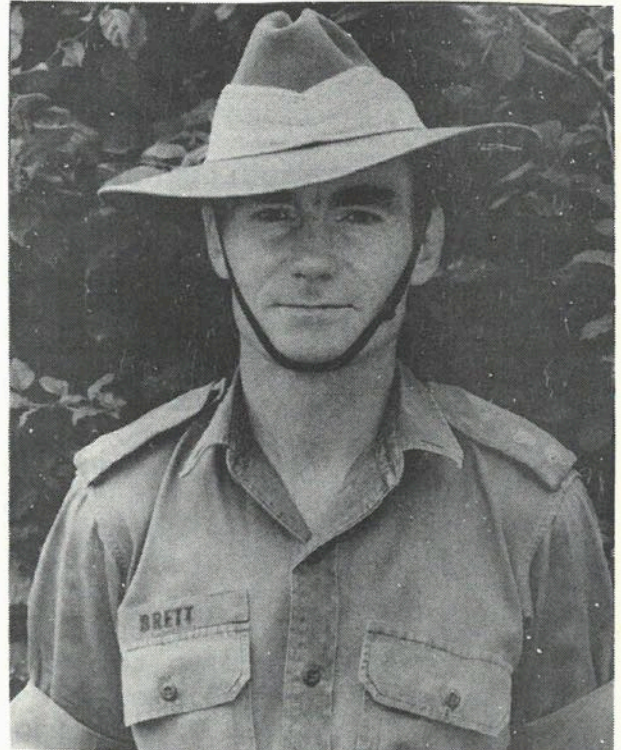




# FOREWORD

by the Commanding Officer,  
Lieutenant Colonel R. Brett

Live firing, patrolling and football have been the high-lights of 1981. It has been a busy, varied, but rewarding year; one which has proven clearly that a 'Battalion' must retain all the capabilities required for war irrespective of manning levels, and that moral support from the Battalion families and friends is essential. The retention of a full range of capabilities in both Administration and Support companies has given the Battalion the power and flexibility to exert maximum effect on the enemy. There has been a heavy cost paid by the Rifle companies, but a cost which has not dampened company spirit or the basic training at platoon level.



Shooting is an essential Infantry skill and doing this in conditions close to those found in battle has been a major part of training in '81. Range practices established the fundamentals in preparation for tactical live firing at section, platoon and company level during Exercise LEADEN LIFT. This led to Battalion level live firing in defence and ambush by day and by night during Exercise SANDY HOLLOW. The other major exercise for the year, KANGAROO 81, proved that patrolling, the aggressive domination of no mans land, harrassing the enemy, denying him information, enables the Battalion to capitalize on enemy weaknesses with minimal losses. In both types of exercises, the Section Commanders performed creditably; irrespective of experience levels their initiative and responsible approach ensured that the job was done.

Manning imbalance has been a formidable problem in '81 and this situation will continue into 1982. The shortfall of soldiers and the movement of NCO and officers, place greater emphasis on Battalion spirit, 'the Regimental family'. Although there is some fierce company spirit the overall Battalion spirit pervades due to the successes and strength of the Battalion.

The move to new lines has some advantages and some disadvantages. We will regain a parade ground, functional buildings and a compact location. However, we will lose our "Rams Retreat" and Soldiers' Mess. A new Rams Retreat will be built behind the Battalion lines; it will be costly financially but rewarding in terms of maintenance of unit identity and morale.

The high levels of participation in Battalion sport permitted the teams to carry on despite the absences of companies from Brisbane. The Rugby Union 'team' (all 53 of them) under Major Gary McKay captured the Grand Final by a magnificent team effort. The Australian Rules team under Warrant Officer 'Grub' McGrath fought through to the Grand Final but unfortunately went  
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down to 6 RAR (...). The Soccer team came good at the end of the season to take out the one day knock out competition. The Hockey team did not make it to "the four" but produced a number of Inter-service players. In '82 we are out to take out all the Grand Finals! I also expect some good wins in summer sports in the pre Christmas season.

The traditions of the Battalion are important and this was reinforced by a most successful Anzac Day celebration; the memories of our forebearers and of those of our Battalion who gave their lives support and encouragement during our march through Brisbane, and reminiscences of those who served for our principles. 'Stan' was promoted Lance Corporal too! The names of those members of 8 RAR and 9 RAR who gave their lives will be commemorated on a plaque in front of the new BHQ.

Our families have assisted in maintaining us as useful and rational persons, their support and care is greatly appreciated. I trust that it is a consolation to families that your men are highly regarded and the Battalion held in esteem.

It is with respect and sorrow that I say good-bye to so many of the leaders in the Battalion who will be leaving at Christmas. In particular the RSM, Warrant Officer Class One Kevin S. Wendt, BEM; his dominating personality, his devotion to duty, his soldierly outlook have been a boon to the Battalion. The Battalion's Second-in-Command Major Kerry Gallagher will depart on promotion and Major Ross Millican the OPSO, Major Clint Ferndale the pamphlet writer, Major Tom Cobley, OC B Coy and Major Bob Breen, OC C Coy will also depart. The CSMs and our traditions will be the keys to our stability.

1982 will be a year of variety. A Coy will go to New Zealand for an ANZUS exercise, B Coy will go to Malaysia for defence duties at RAAF Base Butterworth and some Headquarters elements will go to Hawaii for a Command Post Exercise. The Battalion will be involved in trials with HMAS TOBRUK. In May we will repeat Leaden Lift, in July we will participate in an Infantry/APC/Tank exercise at Battalion level in Shoalwater Bay. September/October will be devoted to supporting the Commonwealth Games then the year will conclude with a Battalion advance and attack exercise in Western Queensland. There will be plenty to do, all requiring the same high level of professionalism and initiative as in 1981 to retain the standards I expect of this fine Battalion.

Thank you all for your work in '81, it has been a honour to serve with you. I look forward to continued successes in 1982 and wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas, a relaxing leave break and a prosperous New Year.

*Kind regards*

*Colt Breen*



# the MASCOT

L/Cpl John Macarthur II



John MACARTHUR the II has now been with the Battalion for nearly two years. 1981 has been a relatively quiet year for him; however, it has had it's rather busy or hectic moments such as area maintenance (Grass Cropping), when it rained, and numerous parades.

John Macarthur II, or Stan the Ram as he is known to the Boys, highlight for the year was beyond a doubt his promotion to LCPL. He was even seen to put \$20.00 over the bar. When asked what he intended to do for ARL he said, he had been considering an overseas trip, but had finally decided on a quiet get away from it all rest, somewhere in the Brisbane area with perhaps an occasional trip to the Gold Coast.





# THE ACTIVITIES OF 81

JANUARY	Returned from ARL
FEBRUARY	Coy and Pl Trg, Long Hai Day 6 TF Ex TRIAD
MARCH	Support to other Units - Tully
APRIL	Sports Carnival, Anzac Day, CTA
MAY	Ex LEADEN LIFT II, Support to other Units
JUNE	Bn Shooting G'bank, EIS
JULY	Bn CTA Trg/Ex SANDY HOLLOW
AUGUST	Standdown/Int Dutyman Course
SEPTEMBER	Support to CGS, Subject 1 for CPL
OCTOBER	Bn Birthday, Bn Cross Country, Ex K81
NOVEMBER	Bn Specialist Courses, Official Opening new Gallipoli Lines
DECEMBER	Victoria Barracks Guard, Farewell Parade, ARL



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**LEADEN, LIFT II  
SANDY HALLOW  
KANGAROO 81**



# EX LEADEN LIFT II

Exercise Leaden Lift II was conducted from 1-15 May 81 and was aimed at improving and testing the battlecraft of the individual and of the Unit as a whole, through the use of the Battalions organic fire power.

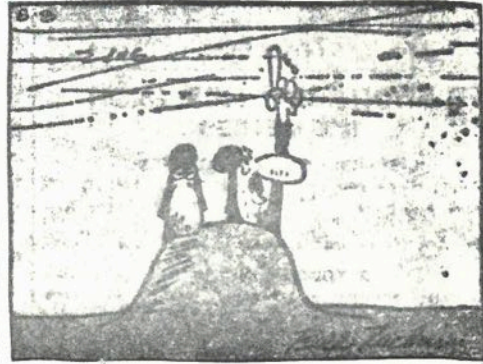
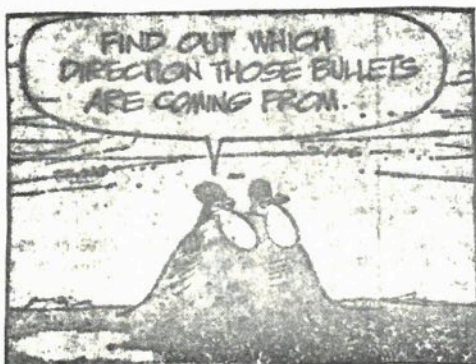
The three Rifle Companies participating began with a two day period of training at the individual and section level before beginning the live firing phase which was spread over three days.

The live firing was designed at four levels:

1. The Individual. Each man threw grenades and shot on a demanding 350 metre Assault Grenade Course. Corporals and senior Privates also practiced Target Grid Procedure by calling for and adjusting the fire of the Battalions 81mm Mortar Platoon.
2. The Section. The rifle sections participated on defence and attack ranges where the Section Commander controlled the fire of his weapons (including the 40mm M203 and the 66mm LAW) in defence and the sections movement in the attack.
3. The Platoon. Every platoon, including the specialist platoons, executed a night ambush of a track or creek line and the Platoon Commander employed his weapons to destroy the enemy in his killing ground which was illuminated by trip flares and M203 illum rounds. The enemy were targets on a pully system designed to move quietly through the ambush sometime during the night.

A special range was constructed for the Anti-Armour Platoon who used 84mm Carl Gustav illumination fired 1500 metres away to allow the rest of the platoon to engage a mock four vehicle convoy.

The rifle platoons also conducted a platoon attack on an enemy section of "pop up" DART targets whose brief glimpses and illusion of movement added realism. The  
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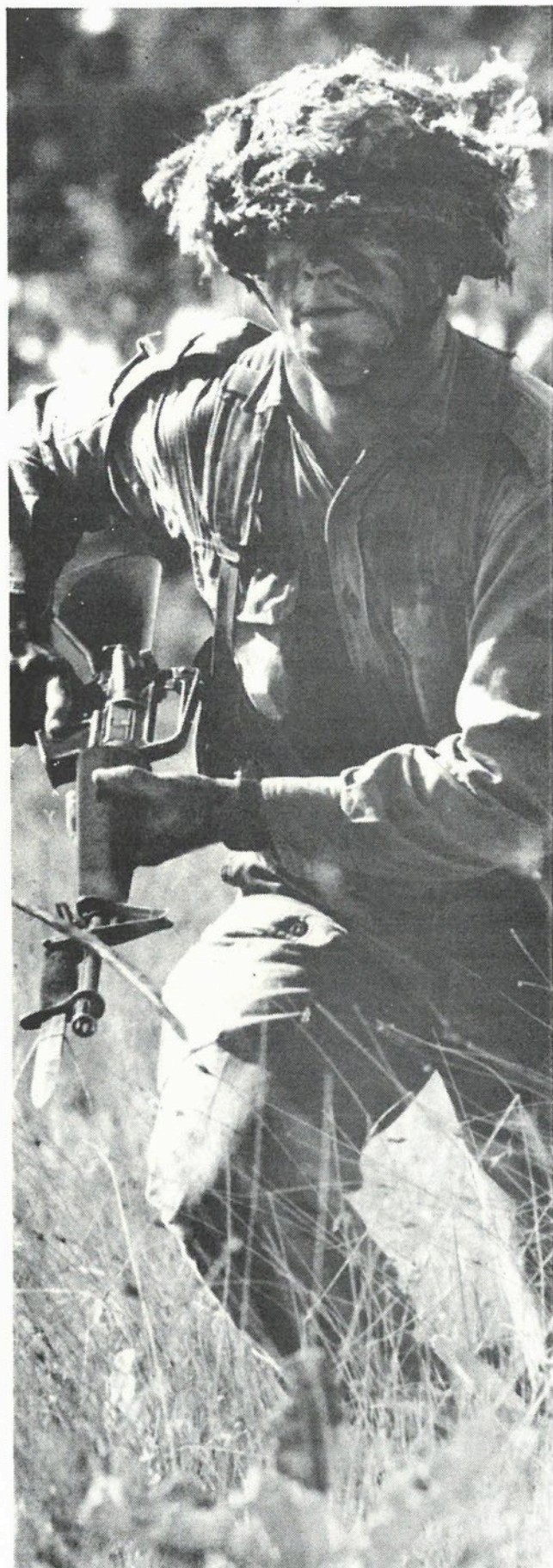




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benefits of this range was in allowing the Platoon Commander to control his Section in the Assault and to co-ordinate his Fire Support. The range was constructed to give a variety of approaches for the platoon to recce and assault from.

4. The Company. The culmination of the live firing was a Company Deliberate Attack in which the Company supported by the MG Pl and Mortar Pl attacked a defended platoon position complete with OHP and dummy enemy. The assault used all the Company weapons including M203mm HE rounds and battle noise simulation was provided by members from 2 FER. Early this year the Rifle Companies went through the Divisional Battle School at Tully and the bayonet lessons taught there were evident during the attack. (As shown in the photograph).

During the Exercise the Specialist Platoons, when not supporting the other ranges engaged in training of their own including the Reconnaissance Platoon which exercised the Battalions Snipers. Another interesting facet of Exercise Leaden Lift II was the return to the RAR of the Vickers MK1 Medium Machine Gun which is used by the Battalion to give realism in training by overhead fire and to practice fire control and co-ordination. It also allows an efficient use of ammunition resources and helps in maintaining the serviceability of the Units GPMG, the M60. The exercise concluded with an impressive firepower display of the Battalion weaponry including White Phosphorus and illumination and the 106mm RCL, an Infantry Battalions only medium Anti Armour Weapon. The display was conducted in the late afternoon and extended into the night.



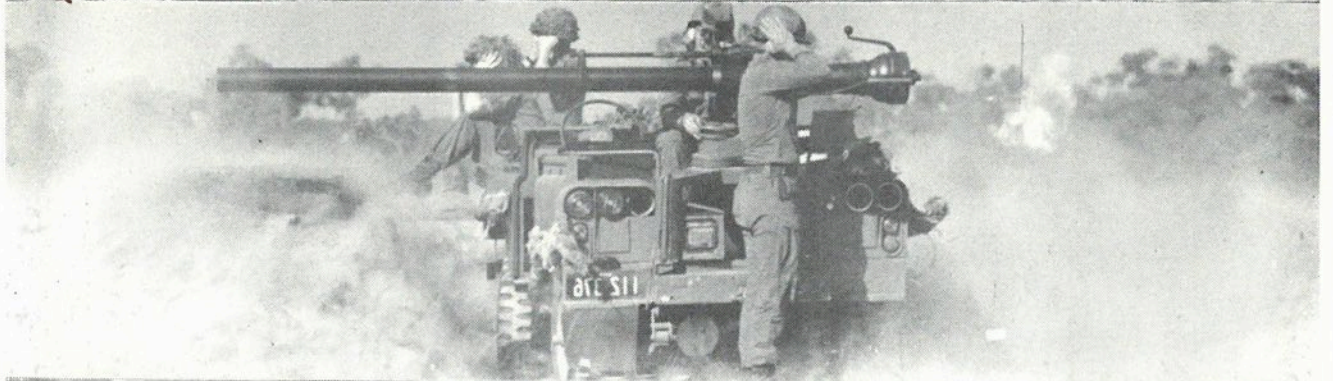




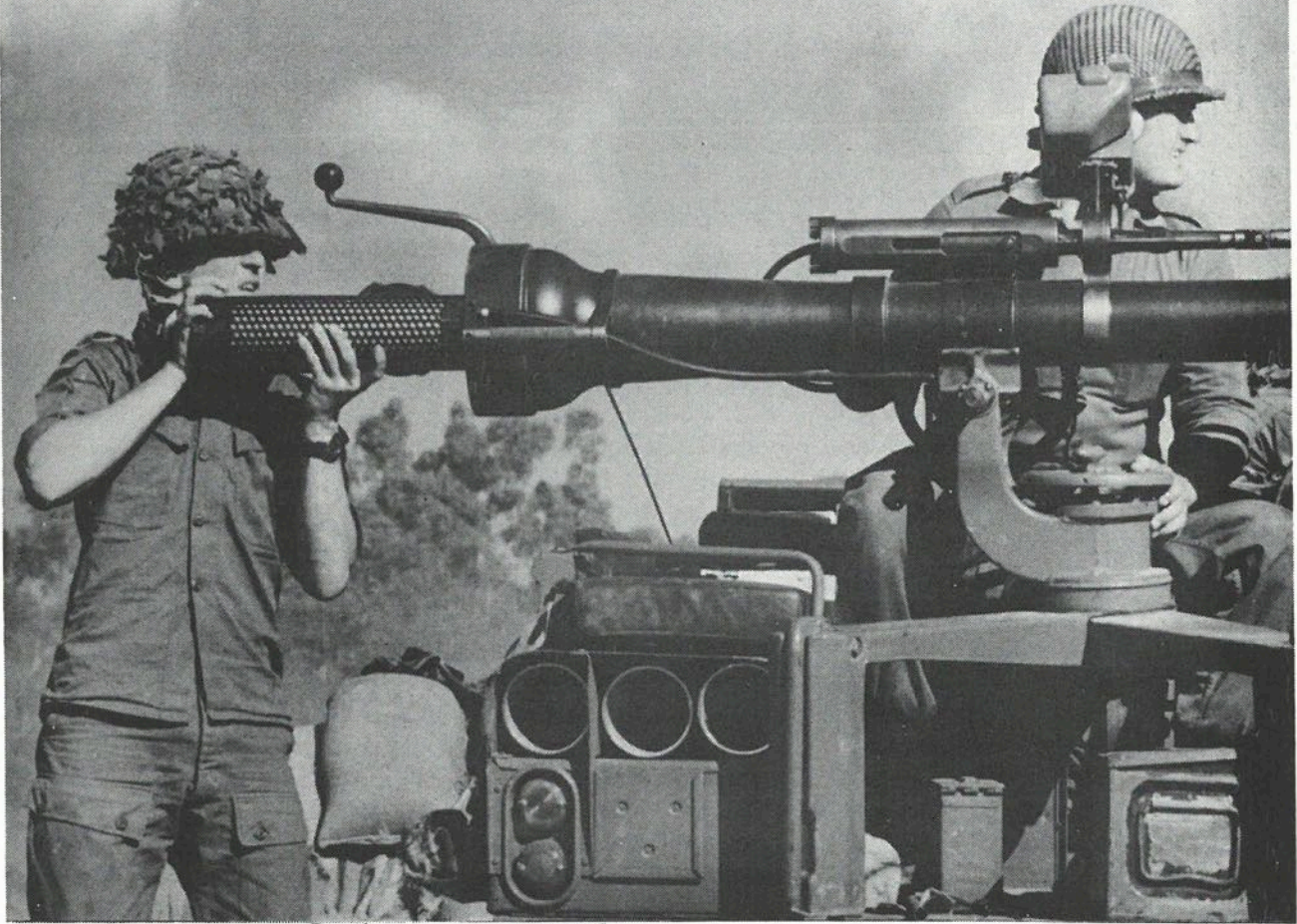
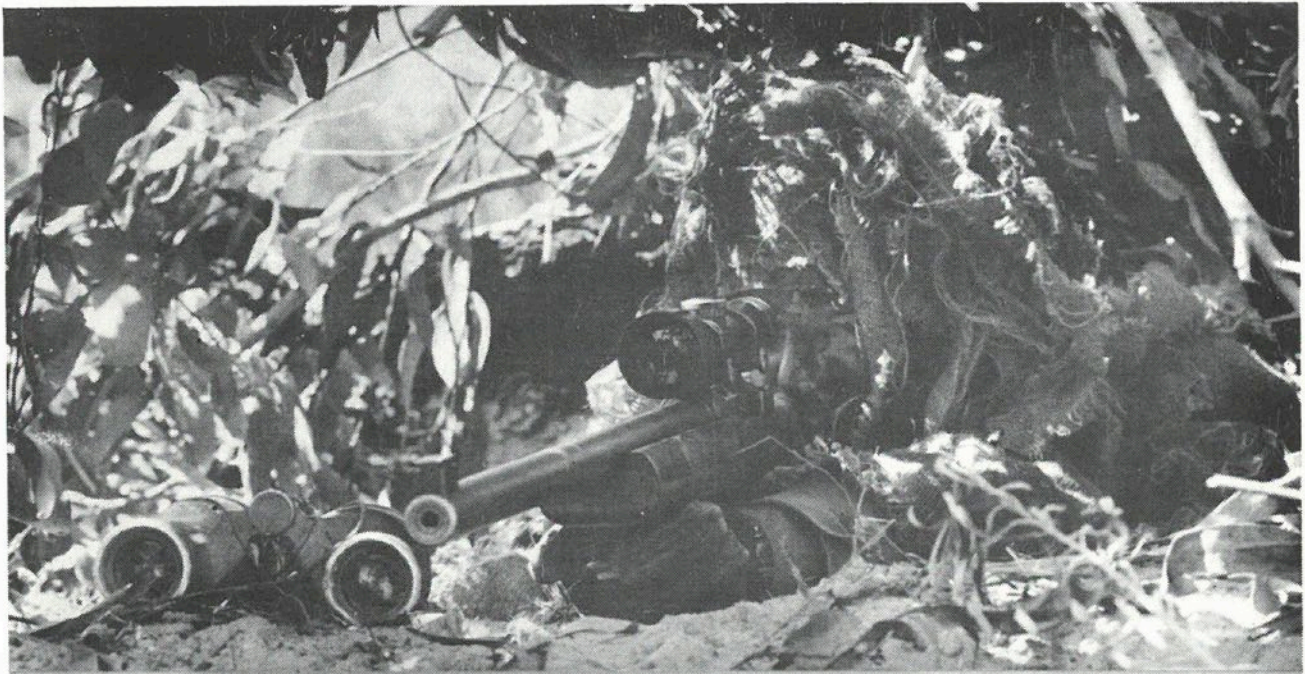




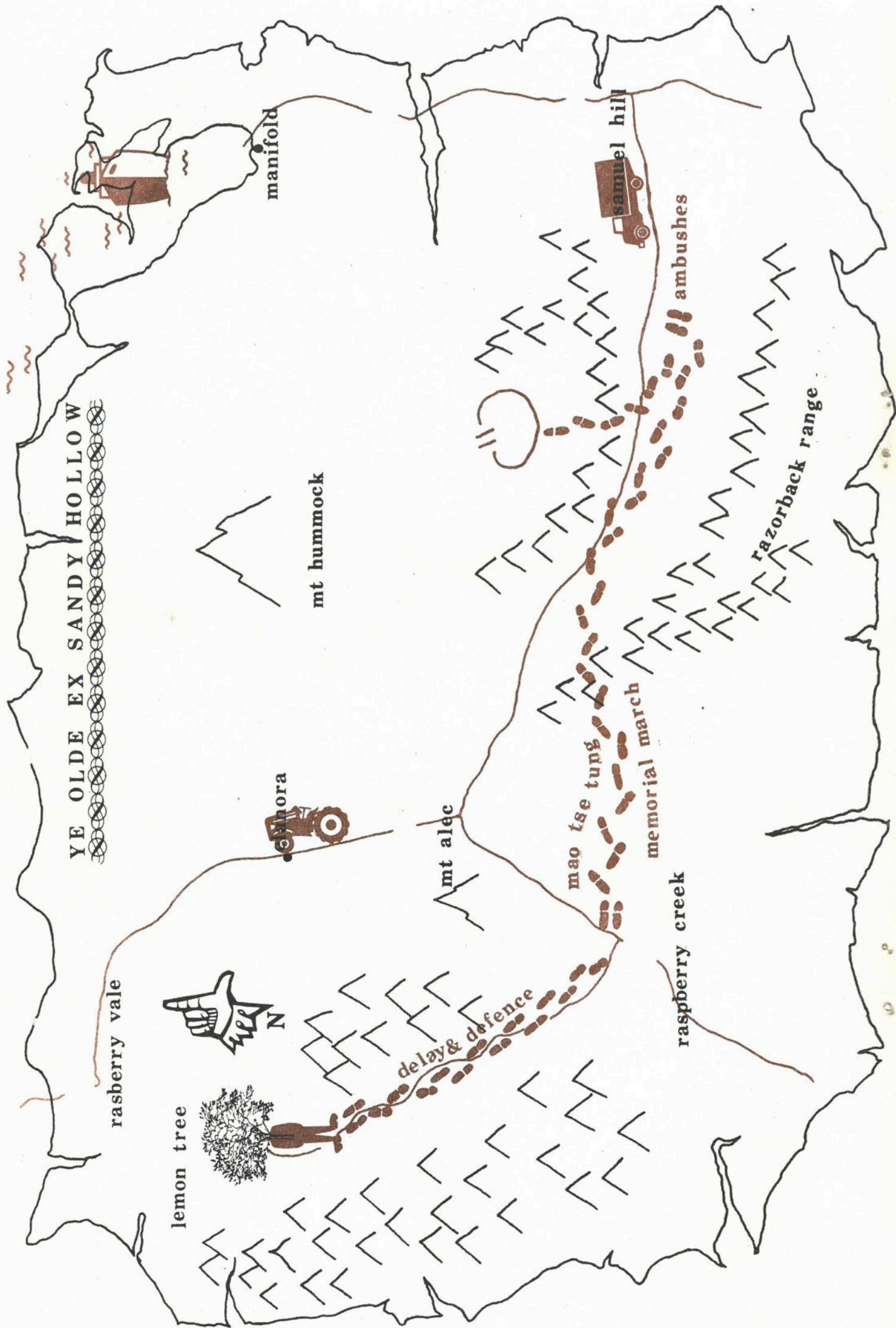




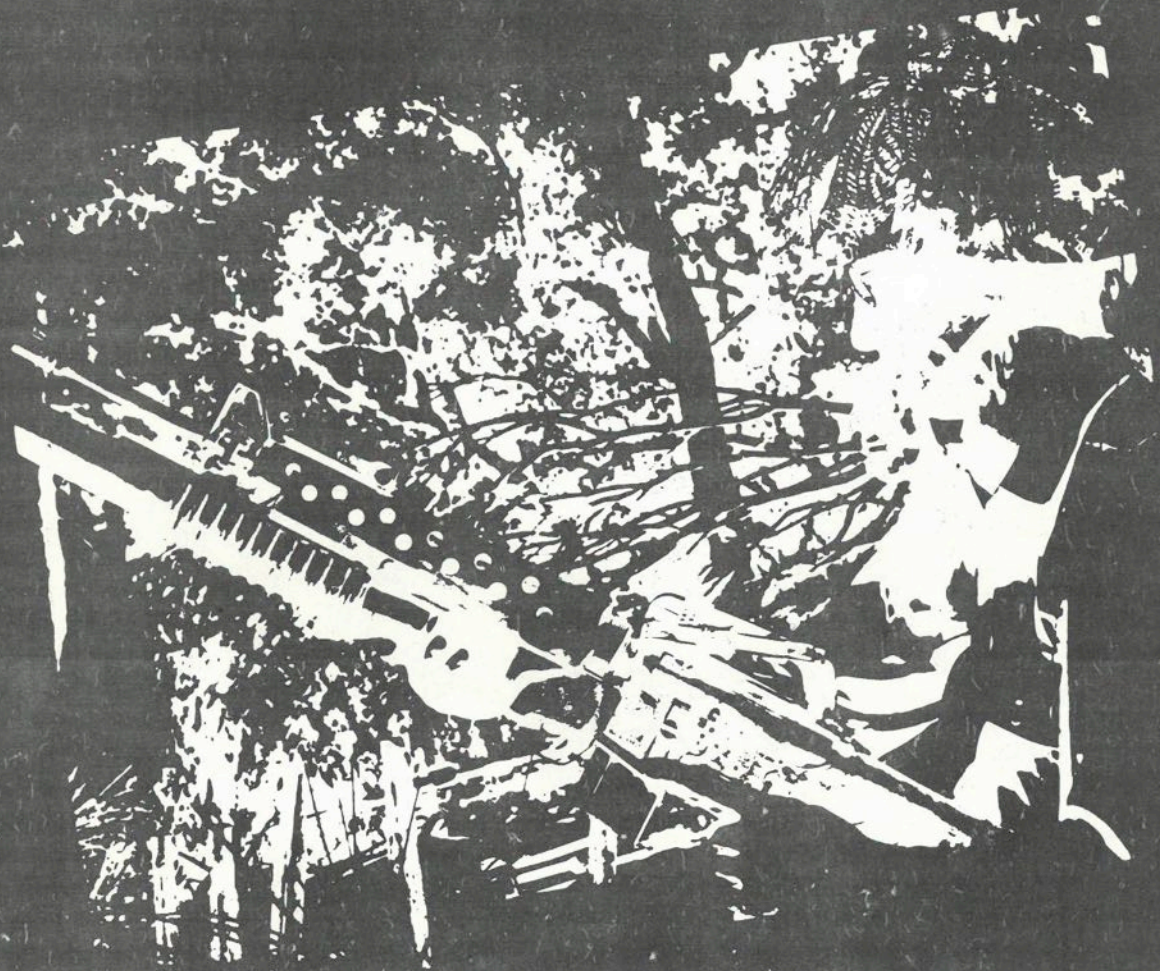
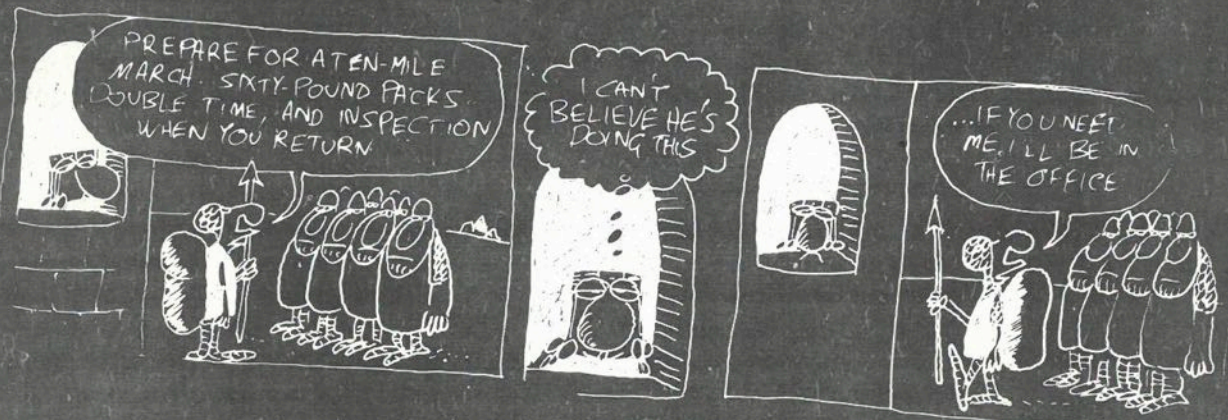












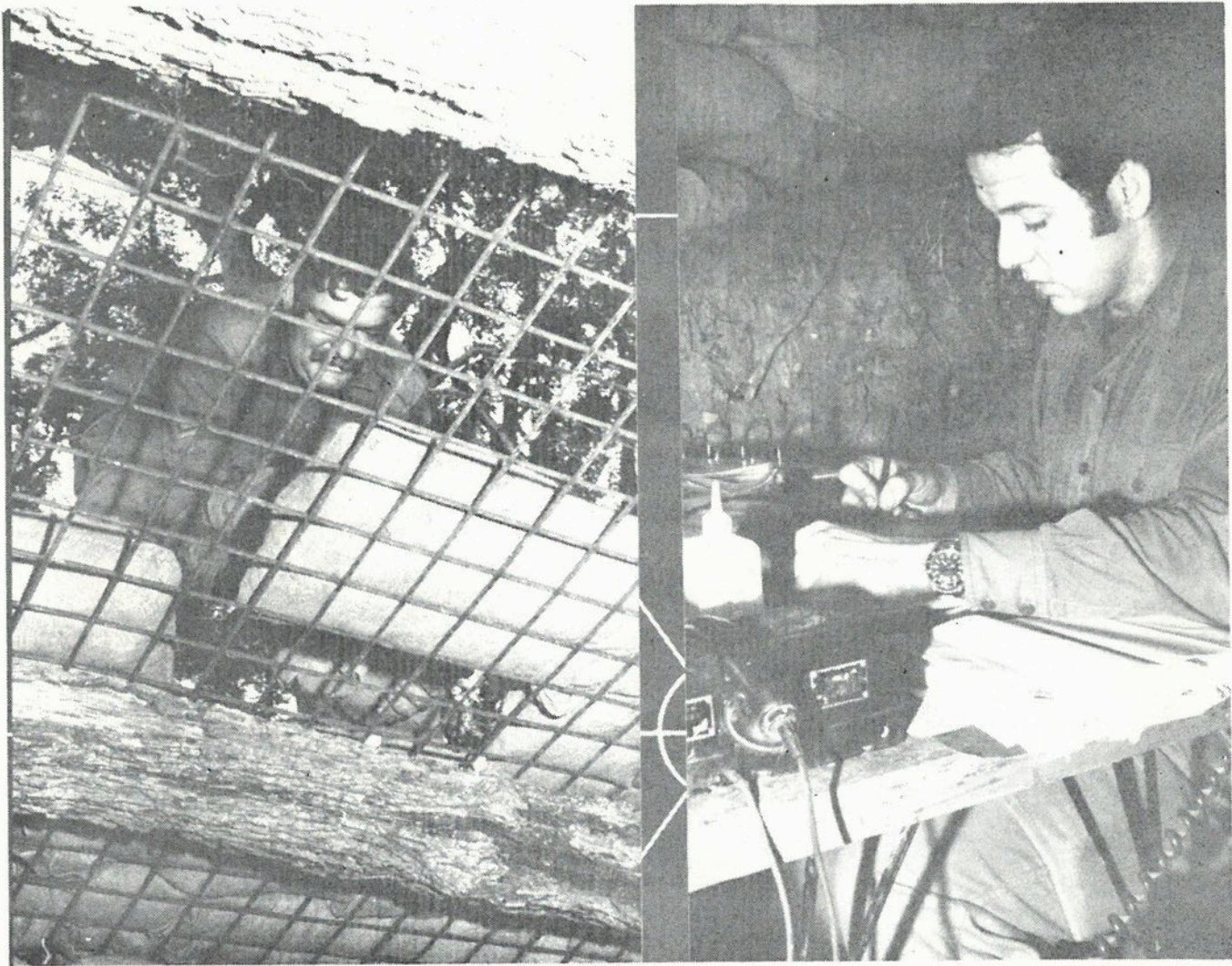


The live firing was the highlight and once the range was clear the Bn fired all its weaponry from the defensive posn by both day and night. Commanders also called artillery and mortars into the FPF and adjusted DF's onto targets.

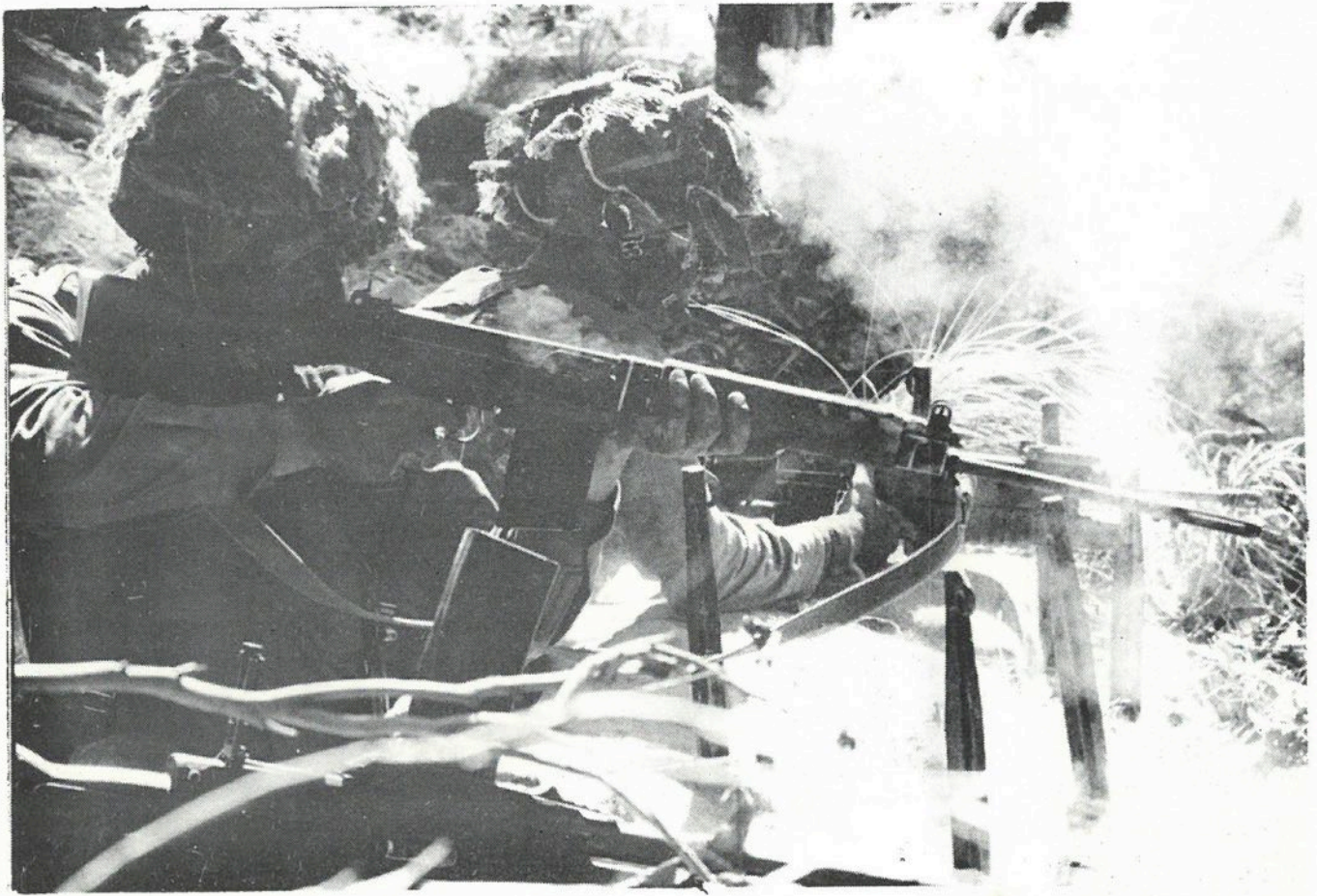
From the defensive posn in the face of overwhelming hordes an orderly withdrawal was carried out and two Bn ambushes were conducted on the advancing enemy, the second being live fired.

After checking the enemy 8/9 RAR set the scene for K81 with the "Mao Tse Tung memorial march" through the ranges to establish a new Bn posn which was reached after two nights and a day of withdrawal and delaying def.

The exercise proved a good rehearsal for K81 as patrolling, defensive routine and "the long march" demonstrated the Bn abilities.

















# Jungle Catering Service

The night of the 13 Jul 81 a formal dinner was required, but not your normal formal, no, we had to do this one in the middle of the war, outside the wire.

We made a tactical withdrawal from our camp in safe Raspberry Creek and headed for the war, out where the enemy want to kill, maim or capture, out where there are 400 Grunts with LIVE ammo. There we were, me and a CPL Cook and two Stewards setting up a formal dinner.

We arrived at our loc (that's Army talk for location) and I thought I'd better find the Dining Room (clever of me ay!). Here I am with my trusty M16 walking through the enemy infested jungle looking for a place to serve my formal. Suddenly, in frnt of me stood a soldier, I knew he was a soldier because he said "Giddyay Sarge, I'm Private Brown". He was dressed in green clothes, well sort of, they were covered in dirt, dust and anything else Mother Nature could produce to make Greens dirty, but, that's not all. He was wearing a bush hat and carrying a weapon just like mine (no dirt, I mean a Rifle) in fact our weapons looked like Brothers. I said to the soldier, "Where are they having this Dinner for the Brigadier?" He said ".....ed if I know, go down this path and you'll find the Bn 2IC, he'll know".

After thanking the nice soldier I proceeded along a narrow natural path in the direction indicated. After walking about 500yds tripping over another 10 soldiers hidden in bushes, falling down two weapon pits, walking through barbed wire and mumbling to myself, "Bloody Grunts", I arrived at the 2IC's tent.

Expecting to see a grotty little Major in dirty Greens, picking his nose and scratching his ear, I entered saying "The SGT Cook Sir, here to serve your Formal".

To my surprise I saw a clean Gentleman in starched Greens sitting at a table with his hands in the attention position studying a map of the troop deployment. I immediately checked the outside scene to be sure I was in the bush and not in his office at Enoggera, but all was safe. He replied "You can serve it in here at about 1830 hrs". I quickly translated that to 6.30 pm (clever little me).

My answer was "Here Sir?"

He said "Yes SGT"

I said "In this tent Sir?"

He said "Yes SGT".

Quickly looking around the tent I noticed some small things like, no lighting, a small lean of about 45° in the floor towards the enemy position, you know, little things that don't really matter.

I then left the tent and looked for a position to set up to serve. There was one place left that was fairly level and didn't have a Grunt full hole in it, and that was between two tents, one of them being the Dining Room. There was plenty of room to serve, all of 18" and the only problem was to try and get a table and the CPL Cook into 18" as he is all of 30" across.



I then left the peaceful weapon pit hill and proceeded to the road to find my truck and stores, again on the way up tripping over trees and hidden soldiers, falling into holes and mumbling "Bloody Grunts".

Nearing the roadway I observed the RSM merrily eating his ration pack, sitting in the grass enjoying the beauty of Mother Nature and then he spoke "Bit different than Engineers SGT?" My answer being, "A bloody lot different Sir" and immediately after mumbling, "Bloody Grunts".

I arrived at the road and informed my keen and dedicated workers of the situation. It took us about 10 mins to contain the good CPL.

Then we started the removal of the stores to the Dining Room. During one trip I was confronted by a Grunt SGT and the following conversation took place:

Him "Stand To"

Me "Ay?"

Him "Stand To"

Me "Your Joking?"

Him "No"

Me, with a hot box on one shoulder and a bowl in the other hand "Like This?"

The day was saved by a CAPT. He said "They can't stand to with this crap going on".

I could see me and the good CPL sitting in a hole in the ground aiming a fully laden hot box in the direction the enemy may approach. But we survived. The stores were carried down and the Dining Room set up with red serviettes, place mats, the works. A light had been placed in the tent which enabled us to see what we were doing.

The meal went off well, but, we had to fight off some ration pack eating Grunts to prevent them eating the meal.

After the meal the task of carrying the stores back to the truck in the dark.

After five trips up and down the mountain side, three broken legs, two exhausted chefs, two Stewards still Baa-ing like mountain goats, we returned to our safe home.

(SGT RAWLINGS)  
CATR PL







# EX KANGAROO 81

The exercise began on the 10th with the advance road party moving to the SWBTA to set up the rear echelon area. Further road parties moved up between the 12th and 18th Oct. By the 18th a large Bn conc area was complete in the Samuel Hill area. The U.S. Aggressor Coy (G Coy) moved into the exercise area on the 19th. The Americans quickly made their presence felt by trading US caps for clasp knives and greens for cans. Relationships with the visiting coy were good. Although some Americans were worried about drop bears, hoop snake and giant wombats (as big as 44 gal drums) the Aussie diggers assured them that nobody had been attacked for at least three exercises. The tactical phase of the exercise began on the 19th Oct when the companies "flew" into the Plains airfield and were then moved by APC to their defensive posns. Bn HQ and G Coy occupied the Palmers Ridge area with B Coy to the north and A Coy to the west on the Stanage Bay road. C Coy "Dagger Force" were mounted in APC's and operating on the eastern side of the range, against the MAU (Marine Amphibious Unit).

All coys worked well on the ex. They achieved the Bn aim of dominating the battlefield with professional skill and a strong 'guts' effort. 3 TF was successfully delayed at Palmers Ridge by 8/9 RAR (8012 Para Bn) and forced A Coy 1 RAR to surrender due to heavy cas (approx 75%) and a serious lack of water. The ODF tactics were confusing to 'begin with; however, the Battalion soon got a grasp of them and began inflicting heavy cas on the Blue Force.

Whilst the Bn tactically advanced back to the Lemon Tree defensive posn, Dagger Force continued their onslaught against the MAU, giving ground only after fierce battles. C Coy worked well against the sophisticated weaponry and equipment of the MAU and delayed their advance successfully.

The coys finally regrouped as a Bn at Lemon Tree on the 29th Oct and dug in, a posn that was not detected by Blue Force until the 1st Nov. The expected TF attack on our posn never arrived and the coys were sent out to meet the advance of the Blue Force. After strong resistance by the Orangeland Forces on the 1st Nov a cease fire was called and the exercise came to a quiet end. Refurbishment of the training area began and fresh rations were once again enjoyed by the diggers. The last of the troops arrived back in Brisbane on the 9 Nov to the new 8/9 RAR buildings at Enoggera Barracks.



# HIGHLIGHTS OF K 81

A coy attack on 1 RAR "sect"

The USMC way of patrolling  
digging?  
eating

Recon Pl Comd 2LT 'Polly' Farmer captured three  
times

Blue force reaction to Gas  
equipment

LETTER BOMBS

6 Pl lost patrol but found fishing hole

PW questioning and interrogation

Jack Daniels visit to 3 TF

IO disappearance/emergence 3 TF HQ

C Coy stampeding Marines

CPL Nagle lost his packs

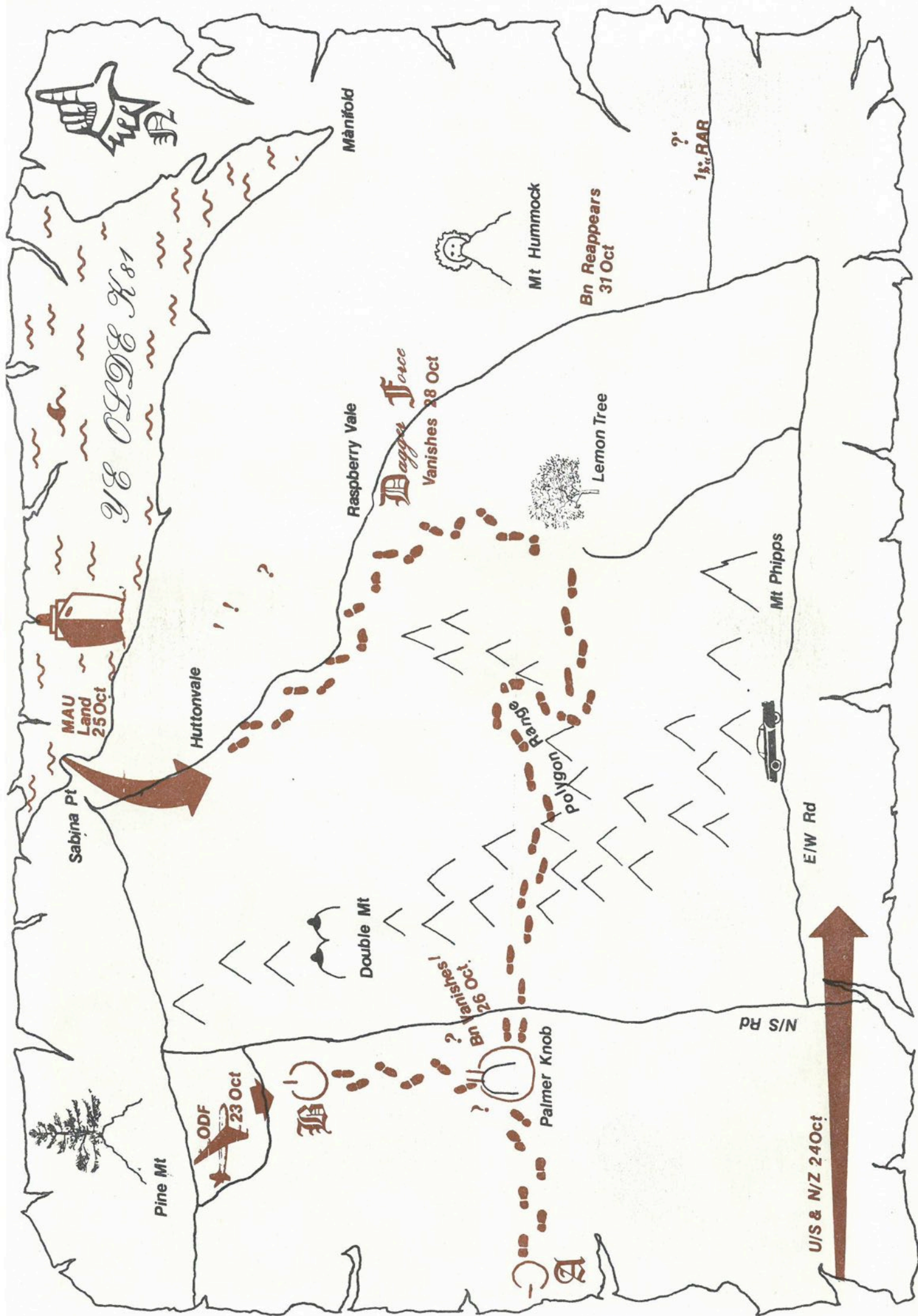
A Coy capture of EW det

De Jersey's section counter attack on  
NZ Pl























# VISITORS

FEBRUARY

MAJGEN H.E. Wolff, COMD U.S. Army  
Western Command

MARCH

MAJ Abdul Aziz Bin Pawanchik

APRIL

GEN Sawarkhan - Vice Chief of Army  
Staff Pakistan Army

MAY

SGT Chuck Lalone

JULY

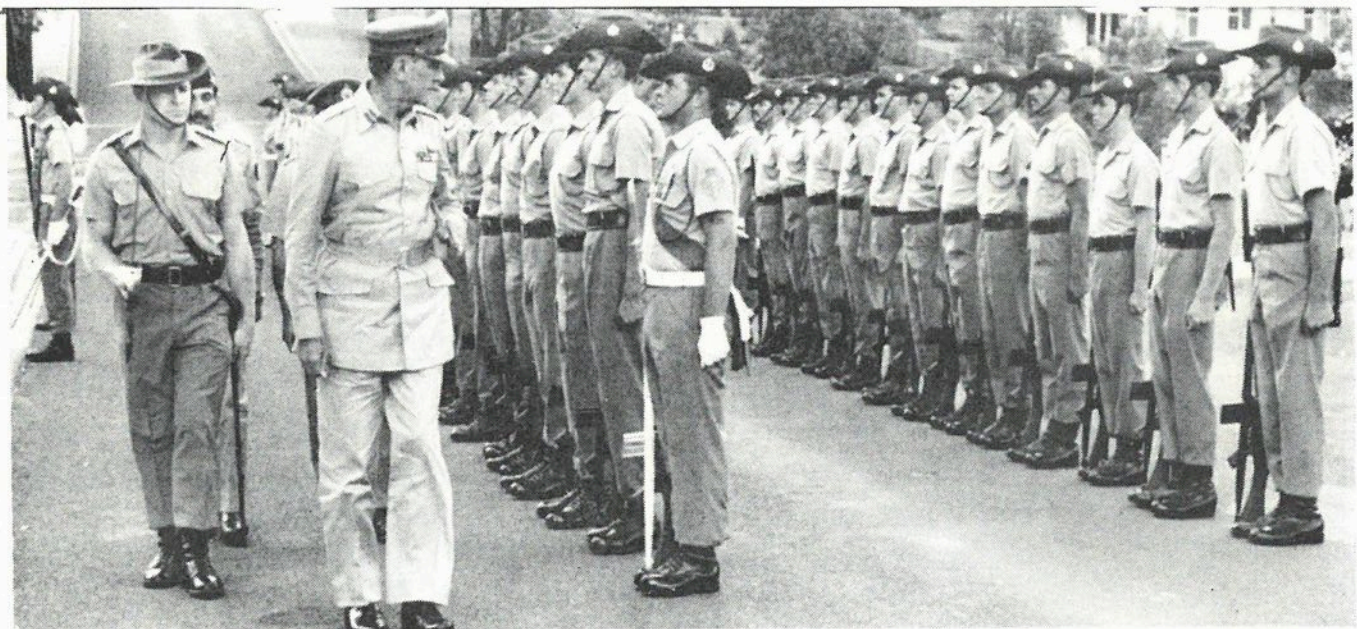
CGS Visit - LTGEN D.B. Dunstan, CB, CBE

AUGUST

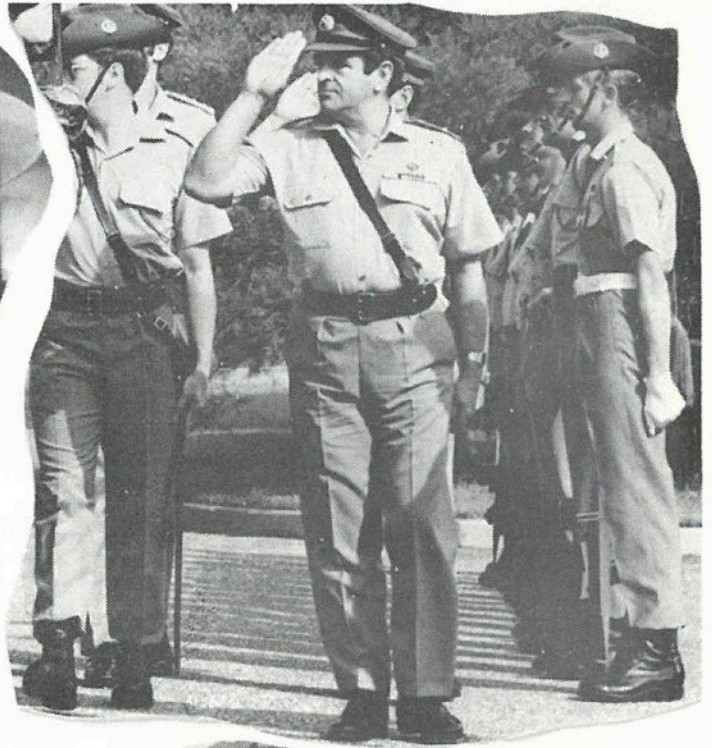
2LT Charles McGrath  
SGT Mick Cronin

OCTOBER

USMC "Aggressor Coy"



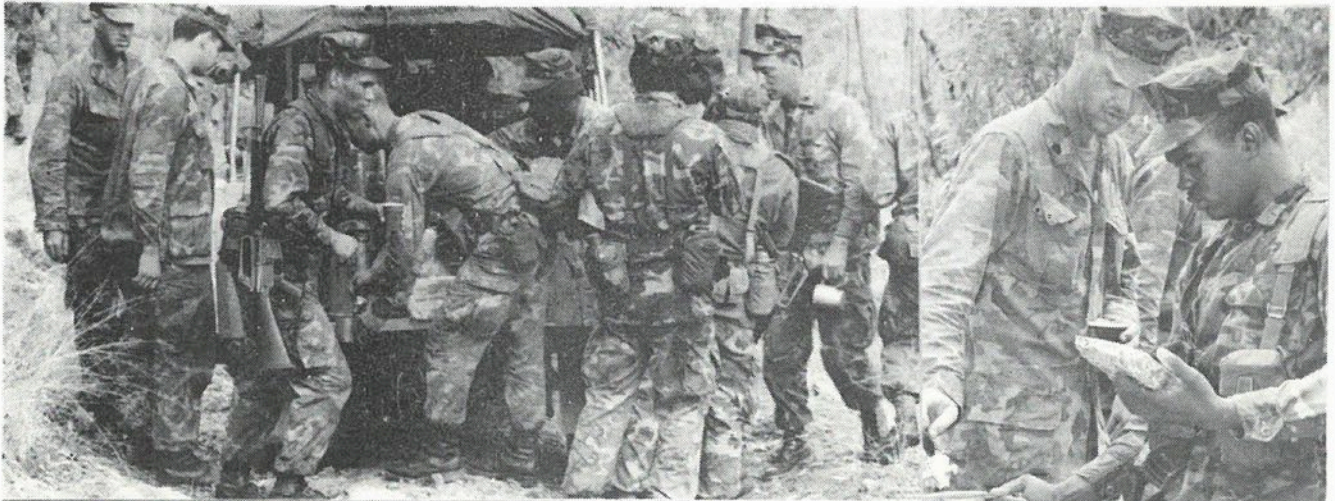




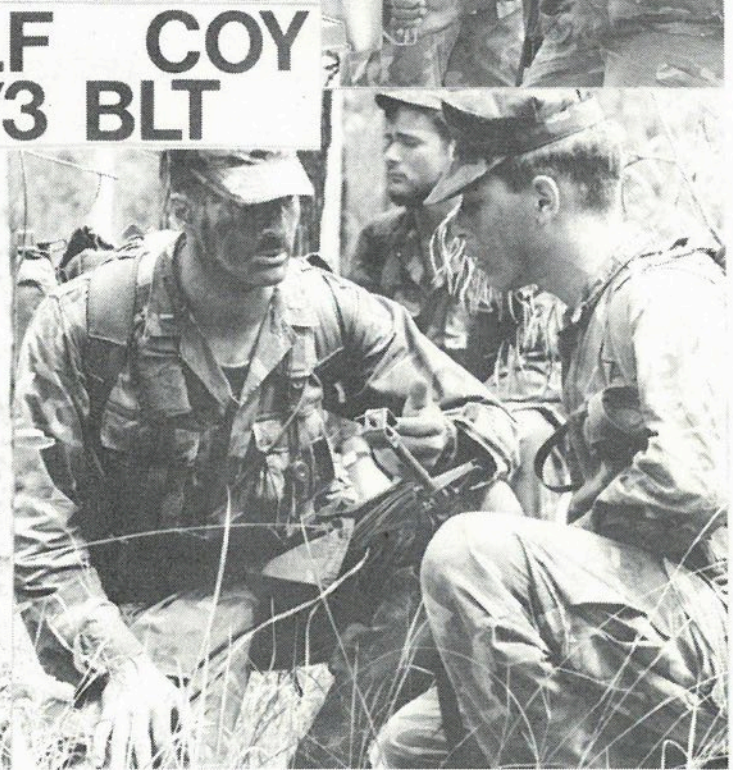








# GOLF COY 2/3 BLT





# awards



## National Medal

MAJ K.C. Gallagher

WO2 P.P. Buttigieg

SGT K.D. Morton

## Rhodesia Medal

SGT P.C. Watts

SGT C.A. Kennedy

SGT H.J. Wallis

SGT D.J. Kelly

SGT A.R. Olding

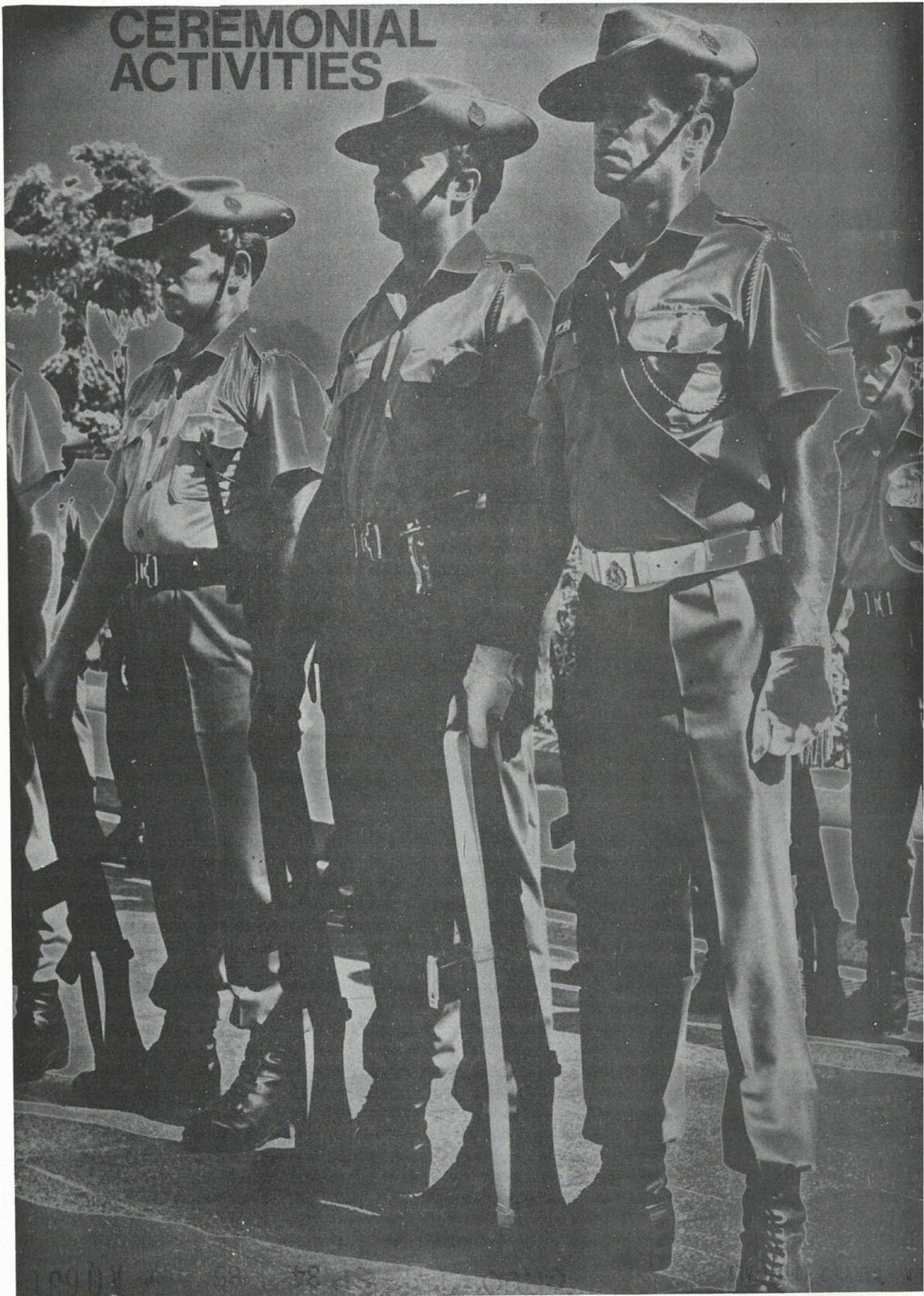
CPL U. Cochrane

CPL V.J. Geary





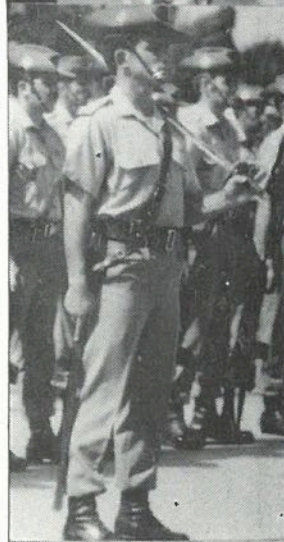
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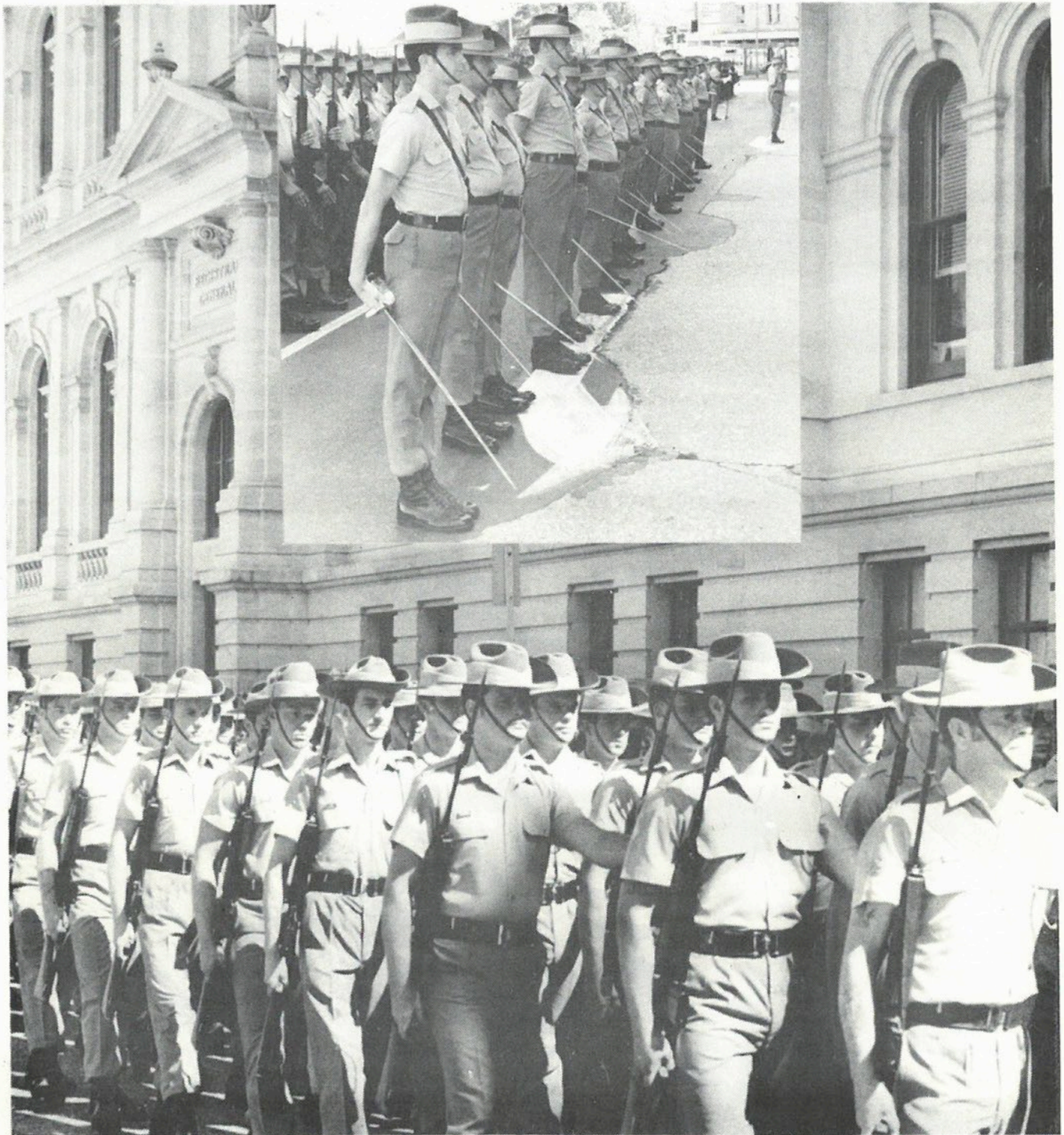




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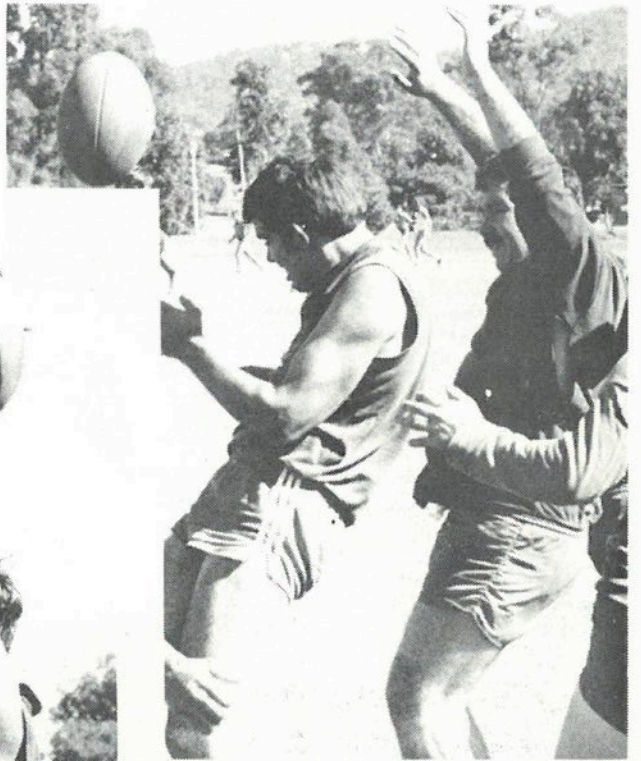




# INTER-COMPANY WINTER SPORTS COMPETITION













INTER-COMPANY WINTER SPORTS  
COMPETITION RESULTS

R U G B Y

TEAM	WON	DREW	LOST	FOR	AGAINST	POINTS
B COMPANY	4	-	-	59	10	10
A COMPANY	3	-	1	34	17	8
SPT COMPANY	2	-	2	17	28	6
ADMIN COMPANY	1	-	3	15	35	4
C COMPANY	-	-	4	9	44	2

H O C K E Y

TEAM	WON	DREW	LOST	FOR	AGAINST	POINTS
ADMIN COMPANY	4	-	-	17	2	10
B COMPANY	3	-	1	18	3	8
SPT COMPANY	2	-	2	12	2	6
C COMPANY	1	-	3	3	12	4
A COMPANY	-	-	4	2	10	2

S O C C E R

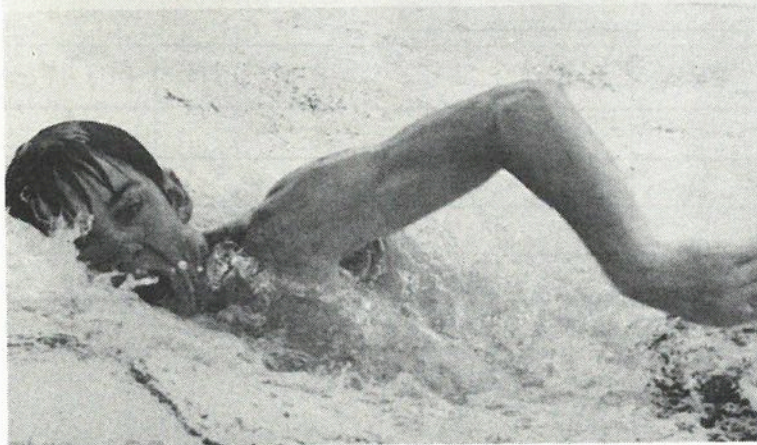
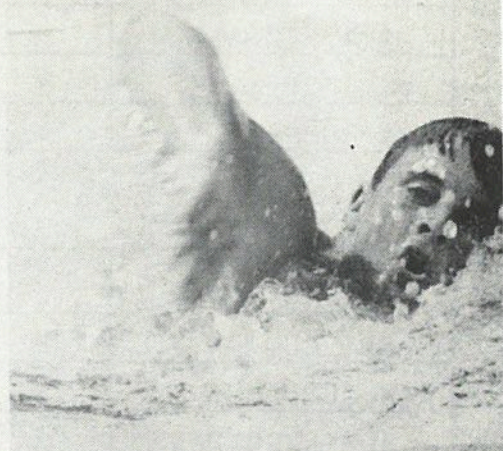
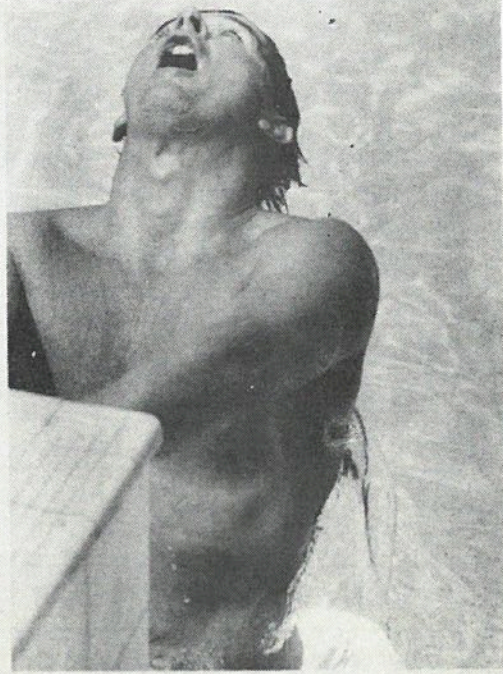
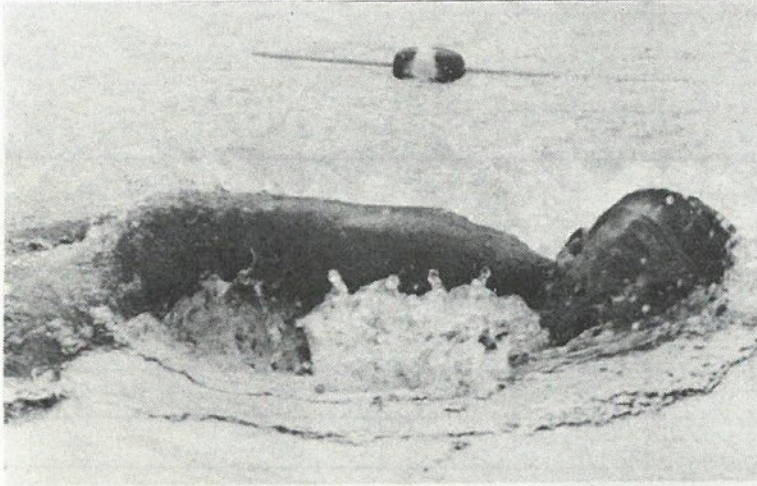
TEAM	WON	DREW	LOST	FOR	AGAINST	POINTS
SPT COMPANY	4	-	-	19	-	10
A COMPANY	3	-	1	19	1	8
ADMIN COMPANY	2	-	2	8	4	6
B COMPANY	1	-	3	5	9	4
C COMPANY	-	-	4	2	23	2

A U S T R A L I A N R U L E S

TEAM	WON	DREW	LOST	FOR	AGAINST	POINTS
B COMPANY	4	-	-	419	75	10
ADMIN COMPANY	3	-	1	336	136	8
A COMPANY	2	-	2	189	244	6
C COMPANY	1	-	3	118	290	4
SPT COMPANY	-	-	4	86	359	2



# Swimming and Waterpolo





# RUGBY UNION



In the 1981 Season the Battalion Rugby team built on its experiences from the previous season and formed itself into a hard and formidable unit. Good turn outs at training and a lot of sacrifice of personal stand-down time exemplified the spirit the whole squad possessed. The team had a total of 53 players turn out this year and yet because of courses, work commitments and exercises we only managed twice to field two teams on the same day. However, the standard of play improved each week and all of the squad knew the style we wanted to play. The team only lost two games during the year (see result table below) finishing second on the comp ladder, and saved its best game for last when they won the TOOMEY SHIELD in the magnificent Grand Final against Police.

8/9 Rugby now has set the standard and there is no reason why the team cannot continue next season to display the Rugby played this year.

Attendance at training, physical fitness and team work win games and if we stick to those principles we can keep the shield for years to come.

As the Captain/Coach I would like to thank not only the players who gave so much this year, but in particular SGT Peter Watts and his bride Lorraine for keeping our jerseys whiter than white; SGT Greg Recker who made sure we always had the cold drinks ready after the game and made 8/9 Rugby the social scene of Duncan Oval. My thanks go also to our many supporters who kept us going when we needed a bit of barracking.

/Results



8/9 RUGBY 1981RESULTS

Wed 8 Apr 81	8/9 RAR 9	d	1 Base Wksp	3
Wed 22 Apr 81	8/9 RAR 32	d	6 RAR	4
Wed 29 Apr 81	8/9 RAR 22	d	1 Fd Regt	0
Wed 20 May 81	8/9 RAR 47	d	4 Cav Regt	6
Wed 27 May 81	8/9 RAR 0	lost to	Darling Downs	14
Wed 10 Jun 81	8/9 RAR	d	RAAF	(Forfeit)
Wed 17 Jun 81	8/9 RAR	d	Navy	(Forfeit)
Wed 29 Jul 81	8/9 RAR 19	d	LWC	3
Fri 31 Jul 81	8/9 RAR 18	d	131 Div Loc Bty	4
Fri 7 Aug 81	8/9 RAR 9	lost to	Police	19 (1st Semi Final)
Mon 17 Aug 81	8/9 RAR 18	d	Darling Downs	3 (Prelim Final)
Wed 26 Aug 81	8/9 RAR 16	d	Police	8 (Grand Final)

Games Played 10 Won 8 Lost 2

Points for 190 Against 64

Placed 2nd on competition ladder

Winners of Grand Final





# RAMS ROAR

# PREMIERS 1981









# SOCCER

The 8/9 RAR Soccer team started off the season rather slow with a few silly loses which should have been won. Then there was a new face on the scene, SGT Robin McGloin, who took over as Coach. Although a lot of the regular players were away on courses and bush work the team started to combine and form a bit of team work and for the second half of the season, we only lost two games and finished in fourth spot on the ladder out of 15 teams.

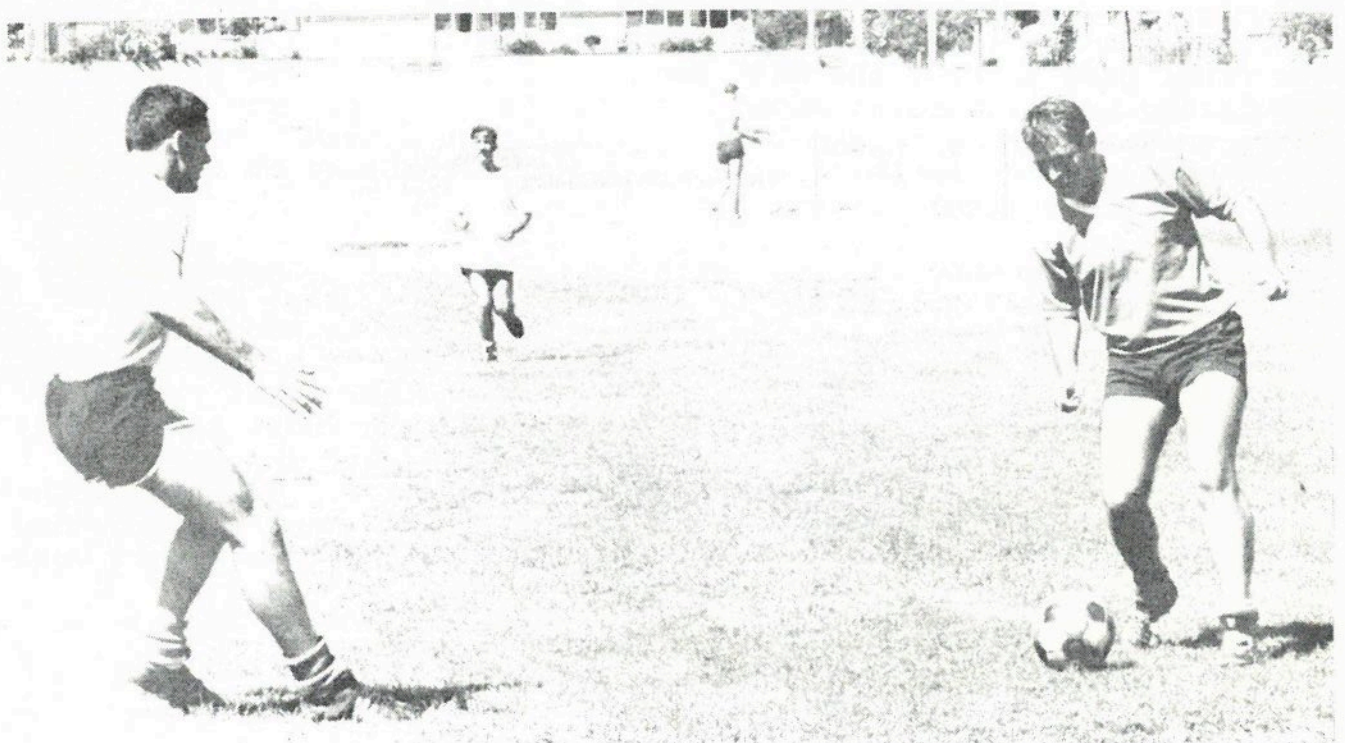
Friday 14th August a squad of 20 players was taken to Bulimba to compete in the annual knockout competition. After 30 minutes of fast and hard soccer, 8/9 RAR brought the trophy back to where it rightfully belongs!

All players deserve a mention for their efforts and support.

George Kellner who was in devastating form scored goals, also supported by Peter Hanlon, Peter Law, Chook Currie and Mick Payne who also scored on the day. The defence in Pommy Horton, Tomo, Scotty McNicol, Williams, Hickson, Finch, Parker and Furnis who combined together with Pommie Marshall in goals to keep the opposition out. The only injury of the day was Pommie Marshall who colided with an opposing player resulting in two fractured ribs and continued to play the semi final and final.

Congratulations to Peter Hanlon, George Kellner, Frank Finch, Pommie Marshall who were selected for inter-service team, who won the Qld competition. Unfortunately due to the broken ribs PTE Marshall was not able to play.

A thanks to all who participated this year and with an early start next year see if we can't bring back both trophies.





# HOCKEY

Training was under way early in 1981. It was apparent we faced a big task as most of the team who played in the Grand Final last year had been posted. We didn't let that deter us and Captain/Coach CPL Bob Carney quickly had us training hard with MAJ Les Boag as the Hockey Officer and LT Dave Morrison as vice captain.

The first event was the inter company sports competition in which both B Coy and Admin Coy got through undefeated to meet in the final game. It was a great climax to a good competition and in a fast, hard and clean game Admin Coy came out winners 2 - 0 to take the Hockey Trophy.

We were then into the South Queensland Services competition and started off with good wins against 11 Sup Bn/1 Base Wksp and the Combined Sigs team. The absence up forward of SGT Fred Remin, who was on exchange in Hawaii, started to show in our next game against 6 RAR when we had most of the play but could only draw. We had many corners from which we failed to score and only goaled once from many shots. In our next game the Police team surprised us when they scored two early goals. We fought back hard and had all the play in the second half but could only net the ball once. Against 1 Fd Regt we looked set to win when we led 1 - 0 but they scored in the last few minutes to draw the game. We should have won and will always wonder how we took 17 short corners without scoring from them.

The CO joined us in a good win against the Combined Womens team. At last we took advantage of our great defence and scored from the many opportunities in the (for the uninitiated that's the scoring zone which is in a 16m radius of the goal net). Immediately after that game we had to play the Composite Units Mens team because they had previously deferred. The game was tough and we were unhappy (a polite understatement) with the umpiring. We did miss many shots and had two goals disputedly disallowed. In the last few minutes they scored from a penalty to win the game. Our final game against the RAAF team resulted in another draw. Bob Carney has nightmares about hitting the goal post and Darren Doyle shakes when he thinks of the easy one he missed. Another win would have seen us in the finals which we just missed by one point in a very close fight for the final four.

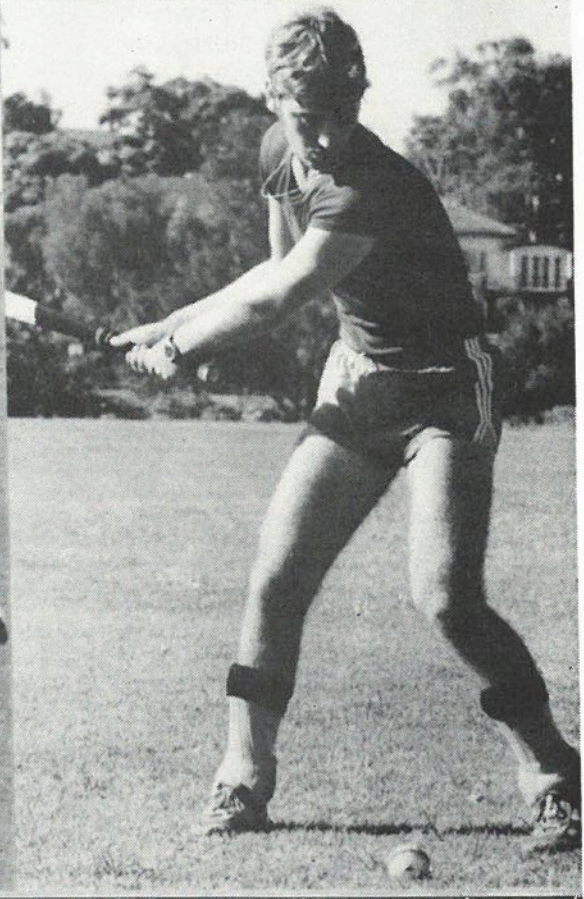
We finished the year with the least goals scored against us and the highest percentage in the competition. That was a great testimony to our superb defence. During the year we had either Steve Kennedy or "Porky" Vogler as goalie and mostly Murray Rigg and Steve Higgins as backs. Bob Carney had another great year and won both the unit and South Queensland competition "Best and Fairest" awards. Murray Rigg won the "Most Consistent" award and Darren Doyle collected the award for "Most Improved". Mario Mayer gave the team good administrative back up. Despite missing the finals we had a good year and will be back again next year. The players this year were:



CPL	Carney
LT	Morrison
LT	Kennedy
PTE	Rigg
CFN	Higgins
LCPL	Sugg
LTCOL	Brett
MAJ	Boag
PTE	Doyle
SGT	Wolfenden
PTE	Lechner
PTE	Armit
PTE	Hockley
PTE	Newman
CPL	Gill
CPL	French
CPL	Vogler
CPL	Baldrey
PTE	Wilkins
LCPL	Mayer









# AUSTRALIAN RULES

The Battalion first XVIII finished runners up in the Australian football competition behind 6 RAR.

Once again we were front runners for all of the season but injuries came thick and fast during the final matches.

WO2 'Grub' McGrath (Coach) and LT Ross Boyd (Supervising Officer) are being posted. We wish them well in the future; however, the sport is doing well in the Battalion and is in great shape to bounce back to the fore next year.

Congratulations must go to PTE Chris Parker who won both the Unit and Competition Best and Fairest award. Other players to do well and were ever reliable were Peter Morrison, Peter Phelan, Billy Pole, Geoff Hughes and Denis Roe.

The statistics tell the story. Those that aren't mentioned are the managers, trainers and runners who have always been there to cheer us on. We would all like to thank those who consistently helped out: Fred Harris, Jonesy, Terry Davis, Hutch, Thomo and Bruce De Jersey. The game would not be the same without you.

## THE SCORES

8/9 RAR	5. 5. 35	def	Sigs	4. 7.31
8/9 RAR	6. 4. 40	def	6 RAR B	3. 2.20
8/9 RAR	14.24.108	def	11 Sup Bn	3. 6.24
8/9 RAR	19.19.133	def	1 Fd Regt	1. 2. 8
8/9 RAR	9. 7. 61	lost to	6 RAR A	13. 7.85
8/9 RAR	11. 9. 75	def	Sigs	5. 4.34
8/9 RAR	19.19.133	def	5 Tpt Sqn	1. 0.-6
8/9 RAR	13.10. 88	def	4 Cav Regt	6. 9.45
8/9 RAR	21. 6.132	def	6 RAR B	8. 6.54

## 2nd Semi Final

8/9 RAR 10-5 lost to 6 RAR 10-10

## Preliminary Final

8/9 RAR 13-16 def 4 Cav Regt 9-13

## Grand Final

8/9 RAR lost to 6 RAR

1st Q	1. 2. 8	5. 7.37
2nd Q	6. 4.40	7. 7.49
3rd Q	7. 6.48	14.11.95
4th Q	11. 3.74	17.15.117



BEST AND FAIREST

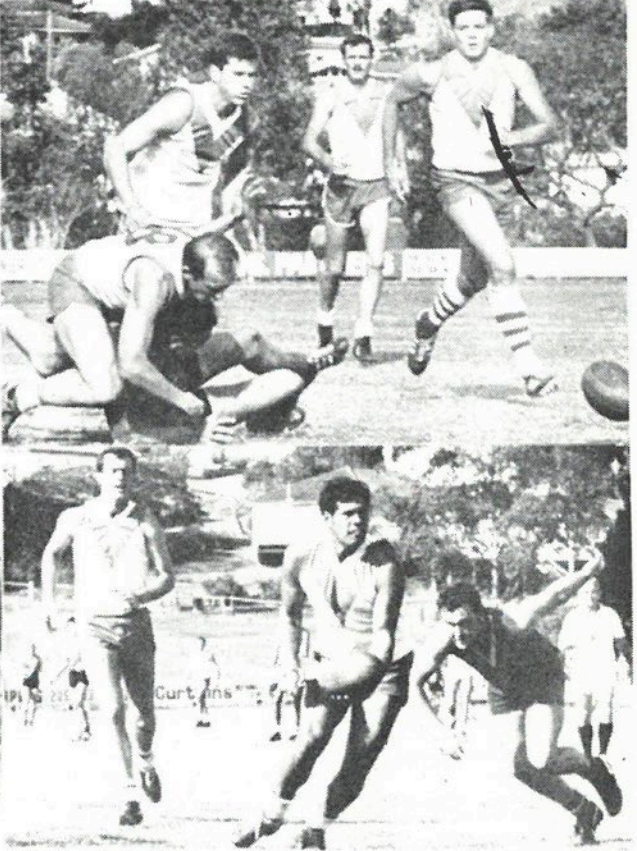
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Boyd	3 1	4
Brudenall	3	3
Chadwick	3	3
Gibbs	3 3	6
Lewis	1	1
Long	1 2 3	6
McTaggart	1	1
Mitchell	1	1
Morrison	2	2
Parker	2 1 3 3 1	10
Phelan	3 2 2	7
Pole	2 2	4
Roe	2 2 1 1 1	7
Shepherd	3	3
Smith	2	2
Van Der Stoep	2 2	4

Best and Fairest	C. Parker	10
Runner Up	P. Phelan	7
Most Consistent	D. Roe	7



PTE Chris PARKER  
Best and Fairest







# SQUASH

1981 saw a squad of approximately 15 members participating in the Battalion Squash Squad.

Generally competition during the year was low key with the majority of competition being internal based on a 'Ladder' or 'Round Robin' format.

External competition in the form of friendly games with 11 Fd Amb and 4 Cav Regt provided an appreciated change in competition. External competition in earnest began with the introduction of the SQ Area Inter-unit Comp which was conducted during the months of Apr-Aug 81. 13 teams of varying ability were vying for positions in the finals. 8/9 RAR however failed to reach the coveted final four and finished a creditable seventh on the ladder.

The outlook for 1982 looks good. Expertise in the form of WO2 Bill Davis and WO2 Norm Kelly, both competition players, will be available to provide advice to oncoming players. 6 TF intend to sponsor a Task Force Comp and it is mooted that the Inter-unit Comp conducted for the SQ Area will again be on.

Keep your eye on the ball in '82.



Squash O!

'I SEE THAT YOU ARE GOING  
TO PLAY SQUASH WITH  
THE CHIEF AGAIN!'



# BADMINTON

The 80-81 Badminton season got off to a rather slow start, however after the squash and tennis Reps finally culled out their top players it left quite a few racquet sporties without a sport to represent. This caused a sudden influx in the numbers of the Bn Badminton Team. In fact our numbers increased from about ten regulars to around twenty five members. Due to drastic equipment and court shortages the "would be" talent of all the BADDIES could not be fully exploited. The undisputed champions of the 80-81 season were the following players:

WO2	Zammit	Bn HQ
CPL	Montefiore	Spt Coy
PTE	Vaijalainen	Bn HQ
LCPL	Smerden	Bn HQ
PTE	Stodhard	Admin Coy
PTE	O'Donahoo	Spt Coy

and a few others whose names I am unable to spell. (Makes me wonder where the sport originated). Of course we have a booby prize for enthusiasm and it goes to CPL Goodall, C Coy and LCPL Lambert, Admin Coy.

With the same amount of player support and possibly a little more DPRI support the 81-82 badminton team will evolve into a force to be reckoned with.

In conclusion I would like to mention that contra to popular belief badminton is not a sport for the limp of wrist. I would also like to throw out a challenge to all those people under this misconception. We would more than welcome the presence of any such persons at any of our training sessions. However, due to the unavailability of equipment any acceptors will be required to supply their own kit. A reasonable racquet will sit you back about \$15.

# BASKETBALL

The Battalion Basketball Squad had an enthusiastic start to the year in anticipation of competing in the Enoggera Area Basketball Competition. A competition which unfortunately never eventuated. The players, however, kept their enthusiasm and had to be content with training on Monday and Tuesday mornings tempered with the occasional hurriedly organized scratch match at the Task Force Gymnasium.

The second half of the year promises much more with the inclusion of the battalion team in the Enoggera Area Basketball Competition.

A little hard work, mixed with the enthusiasm shown so far this year, should result in the battalion doing well in what appears will be a strong competition.



# TENNIS

After a convincing victory in the area competition in 1980 the 8/9 RAR team was overlooked by the competition organizers in 1981 and did not secure a birth in the competition in the summer of 81. There were a few despondent tennis players seen around the battalion area during the summer for a late entry into the competition could not be organized. We played a few games against 6 RAR but generally sports days saw us playing internal doubles tennis.

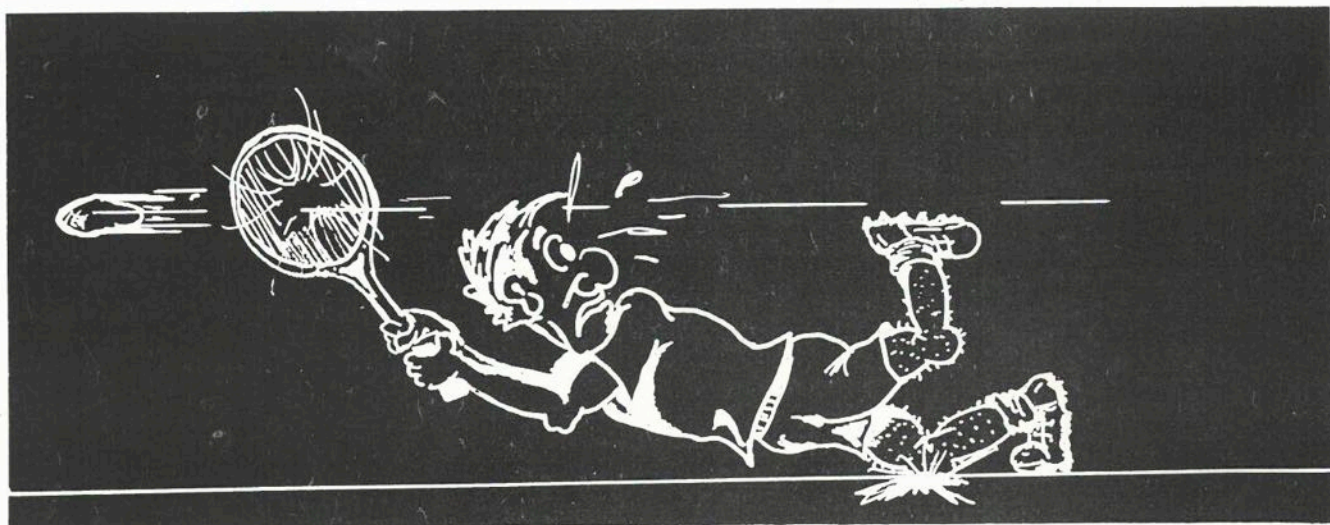
There was an apparent wide support for tennis within the Battalion for it became a winter sport in early July. The RQMS organized a competition within the battalion and we regularly saw such notables as Admin Coy and Anti-Armour Platoon thrashing it out in this competition. There were also a few diehards from the Rifle Coys who rounded out the numbers and provided a greater variety of players.

Unfortunately our late start as a recognised winter sport limited our development and Sandy Hollow cut short some promising careers on the tennis circuit. I did hear, however, that a few ropefuls from the Admin Coy lunch time tanners managed a game or two during the exercise.

We have recently plunged back into the summer sports arena and there are some new faces on the courts of a morning. It is good to see a number of newcomers to tennis out of a morning adding competition for some keenly interested players who have set their sights on the area competition for 1982. There are enough players around to possibly field a few teams in the competition which is usually strongly contested by all units. We hope to see a good showing next year.

Things we would like to see in '82:

- a. more tans in the lunch time tanners team,
- b. the supervising officer play tennis, and
- c. all the registered tennis players in the battalion turn up and play tennis.





# CRICKET

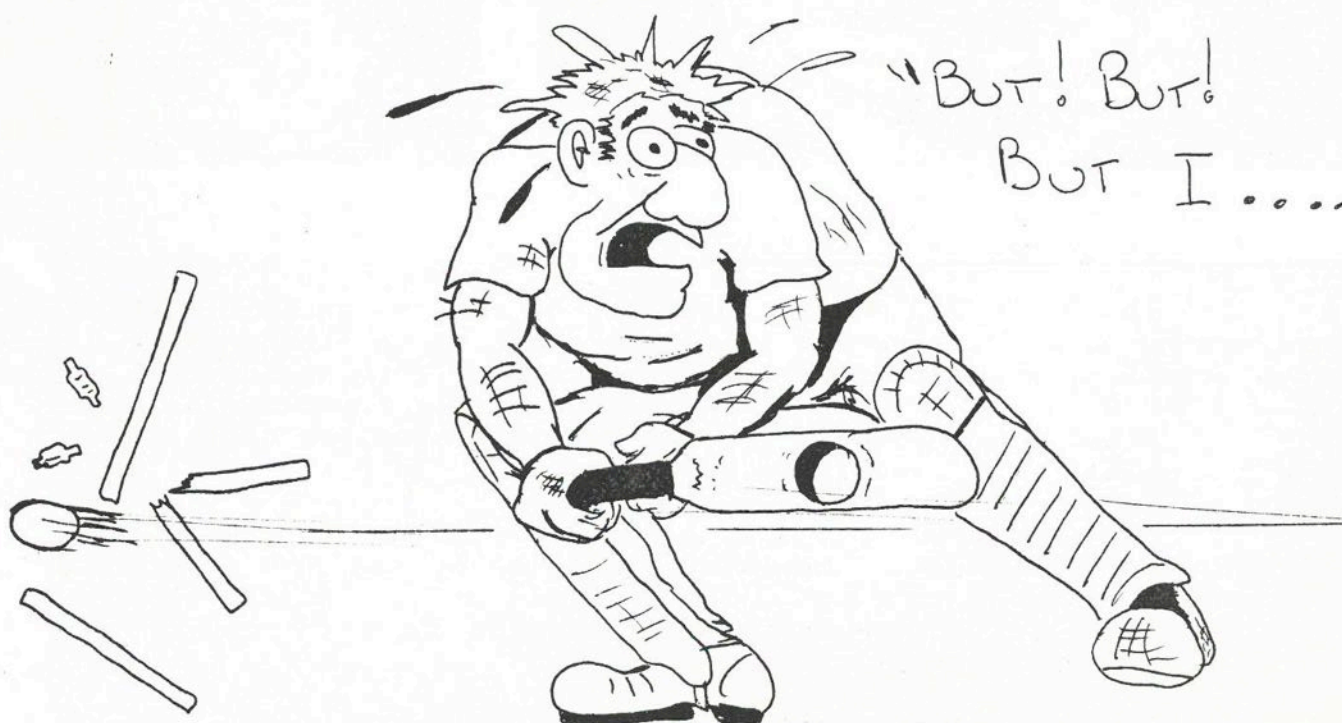
The 8/9 Cricket Team were placed fifth on the competition table at the end of the season which was a very creditable performance as exercise commitments took many fine players from the team in the second half of the season.

Led by CPL Frank Finch the team showed fine team spirit throughout the long competition and there were some fine performances. They beat 6 RAR by 50 runs and 1 Field Artillery Regiment by 130 runs in the first two games of the season and had success against Enoggera Area, by 120 runs, 2 Fd Engr Regt by 50 runs and LWC by 7 runs and 4 Cav Regt by 40 runs.

There were some fine individual performances. LCPL Borretts figures would make Dennis Lillie blush with tallies such as 6 wickets for 7 runs against 6 RAR, 8 wickets for twelve runs against 1 Fd Regt and 6 wickets for 52 runs against the Police Academy. He was well supported by the other team bowlers PTE Winton, CPL Finch and PTE Gathercole. LCPL Borrett topped the bowling averages with 48 wickets for the season at a cost of 5.1 runs per wicket.

The batsmen also produced some fine performances, CPL Finch scored 50 runs against 2 Fd Engr Regt and 37 runs against Enoggera Area as well as proving a very consistent scorer in all games. CPL Noel Reid scored 69 runs against 4 Cav Regt and PTE Mick Rielly, who topped the batting averages with 25 runs scored 20 runs against Bulimba and 53 runs against 1 Fd Regt.

Overall it was a good season and the keenness and enthusiasm shown by all the cricketers promises good things for the 1981/82 season.





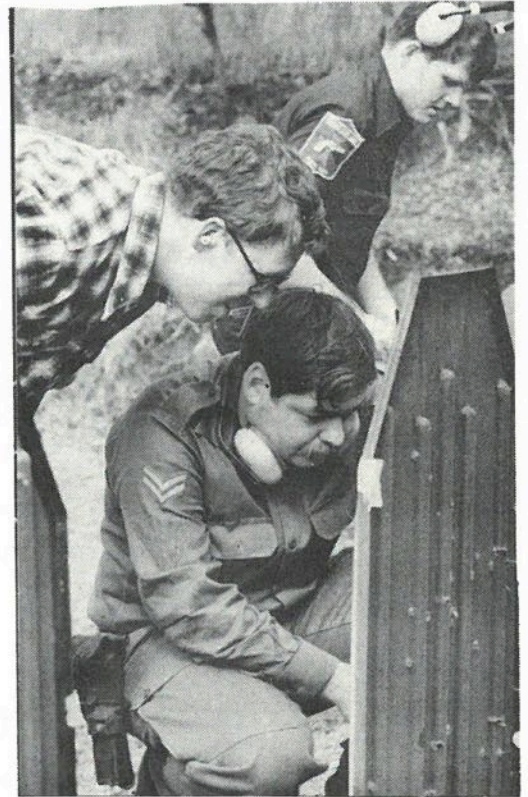
# PISTOL CLUB

## 8/9 RAR Combat Pistol Team (CPT)

Although pistol shooting is a relatively new sport in the Bn, it is growing in popularity. At the beginning of the year we had one team and now there are four teams with many reserves.

The 8/9 RAR CPT conducts range practices every Wednesday for practice and once a month competes in the Army Inter-area Pistol Comp where Team 1 and 2 are coming 2nd and 3rd respectively.

On Monday and Tuesday mornings all members interested in the sport will report to the sporting rep at the 25 mtr ranges Enoggera where we will embark on something more physical.



## Brisbane Army Area Pistol Club (BAAPC)

The BAAPC would like to extend an invitation to all members of 8/9 RAR who are interested in pistol shooting to attend their range practices every Wednesday with the aim of joining the Club.

After a probationary period permission may be given to obtain a Pistol Club shooters license and your own Pistol.

Once accepted by the Club a member may compete in the end of year shoot with a \$1000 worth of prizes to be won.

Cheap reloaded ammo is available for the most popular Calibres at Club prices.

Range practices include Combat, Silhouette (Falling Plate), Plinking and a combination of all.



# BOXING



The units boxing team has been working hard at getting themselves fit. Although they have not fought in a competition yet, the future looks quite promising, with possible fights against 1 Field Regiment and the Police, in early October.

CPL Bob Cross fought in civil competition at Festival Hall in early May and won on a points decision over Lou Hurst who is the N.S.W. Junior Light Middleweight Champion.

## Well Done Bob

CPL "Knock-em-Down" Nagele has had several wins this year although the fights are not officially recognised by the unit or the Queensland Amateur Boxing Association, as they were conducted at "Pigs Ville". The RSM did take some interest in the results.







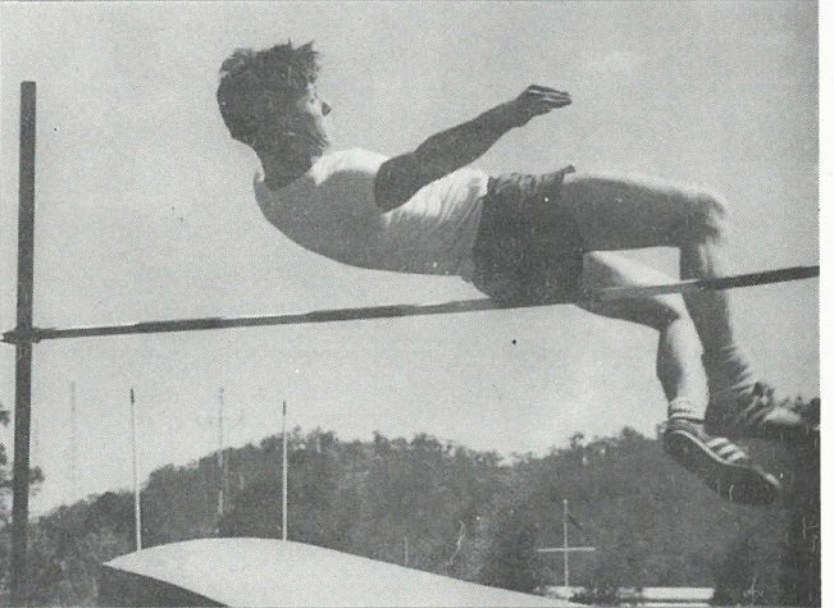
# ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The athletics carnival for 1981 was held on Duncan Oval on the 5th October after a postponement from the week prior due to training requirements. Initially it had been intended to stage our own "Battalion Games" at the Queen Elizabeth II Stadium, Nathan, but our alternate date conflicted with the SGIO Games.

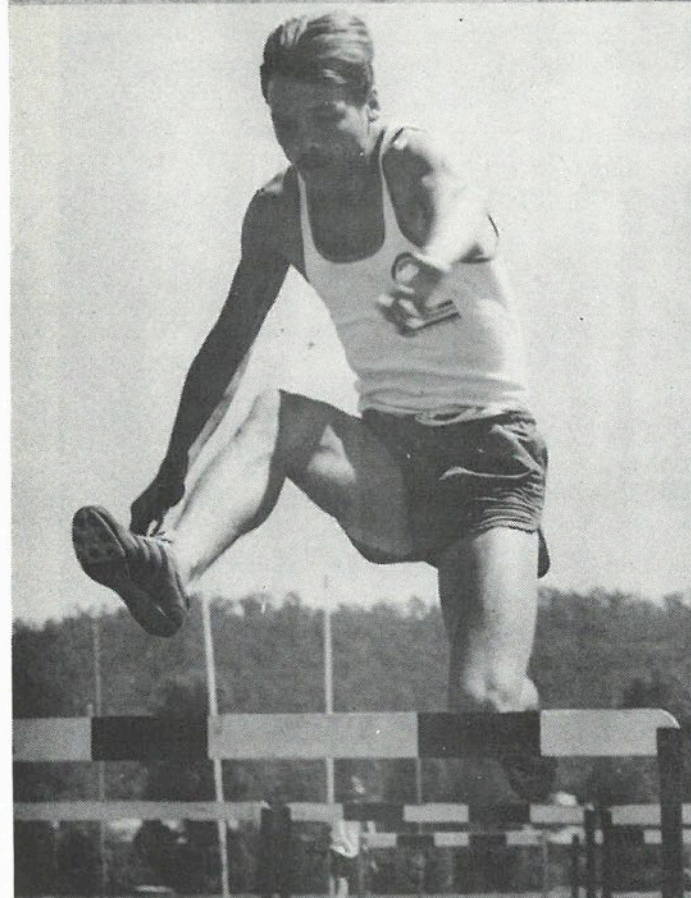
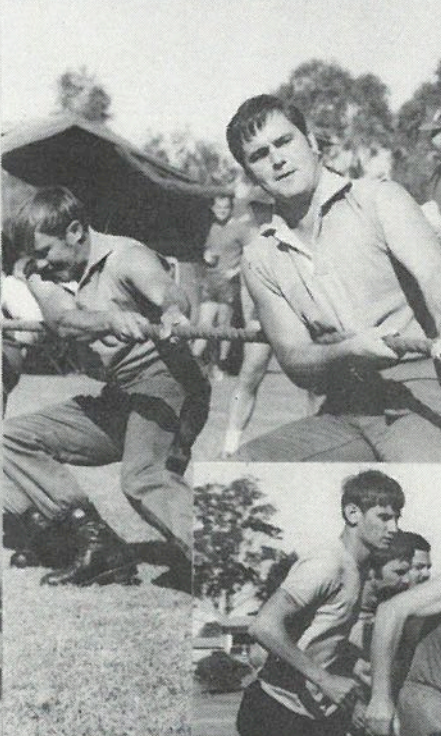
Fierce competition between the companies was the order of the day with Spt Coy running out eventual winners.

A number of records were broken by individuals who then formed the team to represent the Battalion at the Inter-unit Carnival on the 18th November.











# Champion Company Results

## Rifle Shooting

The total of the top twenty scores from each Company in the Royal Ulster Rifle Competition:

- (1) First B Coy with a score of 2305 - 20 points.
- (2) Second Spt Coy with a score of 2142 - 16 points.
- (3) Third Admin Coy with a score of 2133 - 12 points.
- (4) Fourth A Coy with a score of 2097 - 8 points.
- (5) Fifth C Coy with a score of 1968 - 4 points.

## LMG Marksmanship Practice

The total of the top twenty scores from each Company:

- (1) First B Coy with a score of 474 - 20 points.
- (2) Second A Coy with a score of 430 - 16 points.
- (3) Third Spt Coy with a score of 362 - 12 points.
- (4) Equal Fourth Admin and C Coy who did not complete the practice - 6 points.

## Cross Country

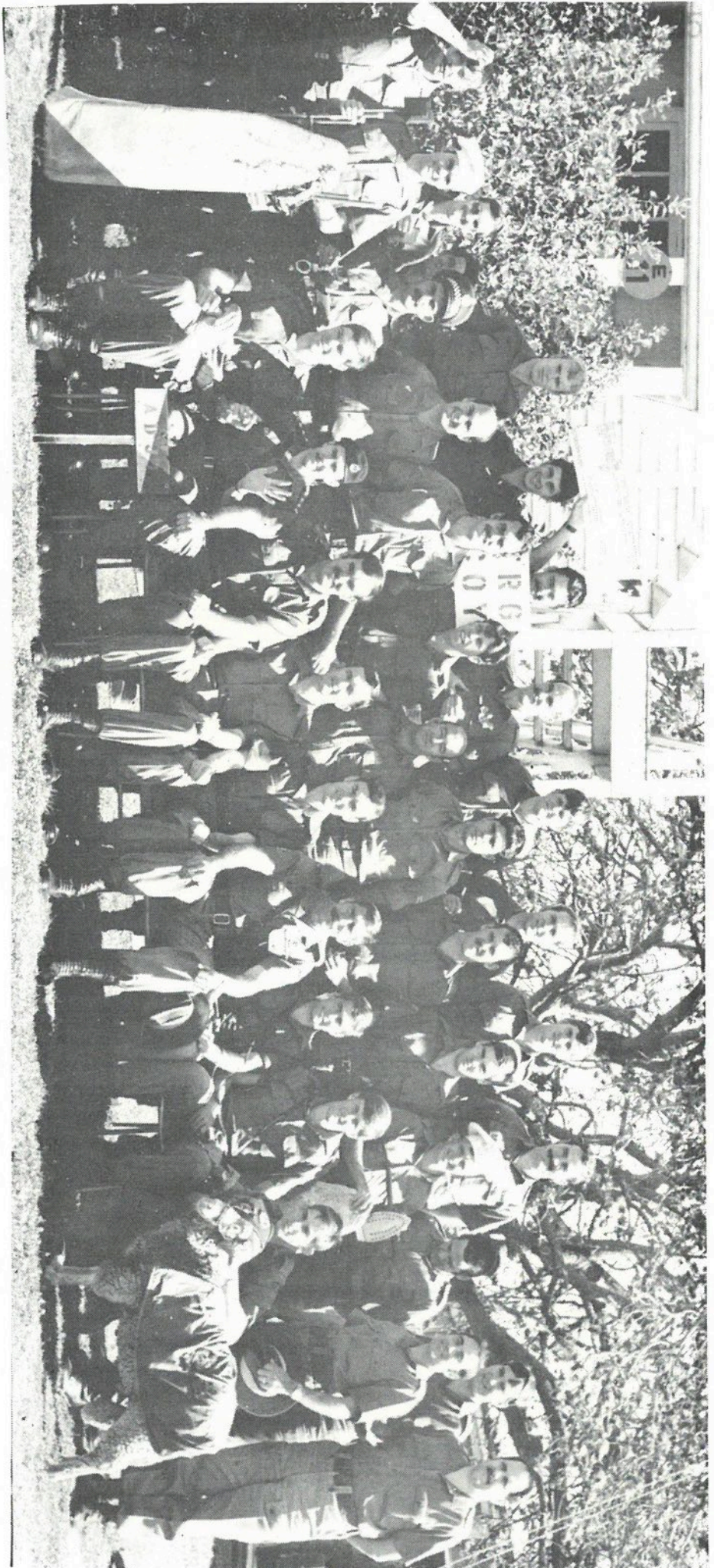
- (1) First B Coy with a company average of 99.28 - 20 points.
- (2) Second A Coy with a company average of 160.66 - 16 points.
- (3) Third Spt Coy with a company average of 166.40 - 12 points.
- (4) Fourth C Coy with a company average of 167.40 - 8 points.
- (5) Fifth Admin Coy with a company average of 222.10 - 4 points.

The final results of the Champion Company Competition for 1981 are as follows:

EVENT	A COY	B COY	C COY	SPT COY	ADMIN COY
Swimming	8	10	4	6	2
Rugby	8	10	2	6	4
Hockey	2	8	4	6	10
Aust Rules	6	10	4	2	8
Soccer	8	4	2	10	6
Athletics	6	8	4	10	2
Rifle Shooting	8	20	4	16	12
LMG Shooting	16	20	6	12	6
Cross Country	16	20	8	12	4
TOTAL	78	110	38	80	54

1st B Coy	110 points
2nd Spt Coy	80 points
3rd A Coy	78 points
4th Admin Coy	54 points
5th C Coy	38 points





FRONT: LT Boyd, CAPT Mickelberg, MAJ Millican, MAJ Gallagher, LTCOL Brett, WO1 Wendt, PTE Cox, PTE Taylor, PTE Ashby,  
LCPL MacArthur

CENTRE: SGT Forestal, PTE Griffith, PTE Rogars, SGT Decker, PTE Sykes, CPL Juranek, LCPL Borrett, LCPL Smerdon, SGT Britton,  
CPL Jukes, PTE Winton, LCPL Pitham, PTE Brown, LT Kennedy, WO2 Zammit, CPL Stockwell, WO2 Byrne-King

BACK: CPL Bell, PTE Tadic, PTE MacDonald, PTE Hutchison, PTE Clarke, CPL Hall, PTE Threadgate, CPL French

ABSENT: CPL Kirley, PTE Rolfe, PTE Hoggett, PTE McDougall, PTE Berghofer, PTE Veijalainen, SGT De Jersey



# BHQ



Battalion Headquarters has had a busy year in 1981 that has involved flooding the Battalion with tonnes of paperwork, the majority of which was not read or never arrived. With the "castle" moving to a new house the Top floor staff have swelled to include Intelligence Section and the Adjutant and the "administrators" continue to dominate the ground floor. Pay Section and Training Company have maintained their aloofness and reside with Support Company.

The Headquarters has achieved much during the past year and this has only been achieved by the hard work all have put in. There has been a number of appointment changes during the year and 1982 will see practically a new HQ line up who we hope will work as hard as we did and "enjoy" it as much.



# A COY



FRONT: LCPL G.R. Walklate, WO2 W. Davis, MAJ G.J. McKay (MC)  
CAPT D.J. McGill, SSGT C.N. Pitt

REAR: CPL L.A. Johnson, PTE P.J. Phelan



# maximus FLEXIMUS

The start of the new year saw a two platoon rifle coy with a new coy 2IC and two new platoon commanders head off into the weeds on a shake down Exercise called 'Ferry Grove'. Things went pretty well and we witnessed the highest paid D.S. accompany 1 Pl for a couple of days and the use of mangoes as grenades. Shorty got rescued by the boss when he took his landrover for a swim in the creek and the ARES patrolled through the CHQ and firm base to some popular tune which is whistled on a current TV recruiting advertisement.

It was also at this time that we knew we were missing out on a trip to NZ, so the CSM and Stocky went as our representatives. They've been pretty tight lipped about the trip but they must have had a good time.

PTE Richards went off to North Head to learn how to be a PTI and Spt Coy is now full of our guys who had the opportunity to do specialist courses late in 1980.

The 'toad' got moved to int section and his talents as a photographer found him off to PR.

SGT Peter Watts took off for Tully to sort out 'worry gesize' and seemed to spend a lot of time filling the colonels pipe with tea leaves. Not to mention someone using his houchie as a piss-a-phone.

The swimming carnival was a close affair with K.P. Taylor leading the team of real men from Atlantis. Saw a great effort by the relay teams who got us into second place and some unusual diving techniques by Smithy. (who really is better at doing bombs!).

March came and we went off to Tully. We heard some card from C Coy say 'it doesn't rain in Tully, it p... down'. How right he was. The OC arrived late looking like Frankenstein with a stiff bolt through his neck. Some good efforts were put in, particularly:

- CPL Les's section getting the best ever time of 7 minutes 18 seconds on the obstacle course and shorty having a laugh at the ground.
- Thready complaining of a 'sore' foot (which was broken) on the soldiers run.
- The ARES guys from 25 RQR who had not worked before.
- The overall standard of fieldcraft and battlecraft.
- Patts and his Chelsea pensioners at the barbeque.

As if we weren't happy enough, our big thrill was having the WRAAC bus driver go to sleep on the way home and Lance Nayda wanting to get on a Hercules in his PJ's.



After a bit of standdown in early April we got stuck into the Bn Sports Carnival. Whilst we didn't have the big guns to knock off Bubbles coy, we did well and got another second place. The hockey team (we had a lot of hockey players) tried hard and hope to improve next time. Soccer did well and the Aussie Rules and Rugby only lost one game each.

After Easter, Anzac Day was once again a great day and some of those sights at 0430 on Anzac Day morning require a lot of intestinal fortitude - not to mention Bundy rum - to handle.

The range creek at Greenbank and no petrol saw some pretty neat footwork being done between ranges and some good scores on the night ambush.

Leaden Lift II was the start to May and we got to be the bunnies to try out all the ranges.

The Russian shared his driving skills with a 'full' land-rover load and Gillespie ("Gypo" to his two friends) showed a bit of initiative on the recon stand when he posed as a Poque going for a PT run past the ammo bays.

The coy did well in most of the live firing, 1 Pl getting the best score in the night ambush (a bit harder than class 1 at Greenbank wasn't it?).

A lot of lessons came out of Leaden Lift especially M60 handling and target indication and fire control orders.

We did our turn at duties and off like a bucket of prawns in the hot sun to RAINBOW BEACH. We knew the rest of the Bn wanted it to rain - so it did; but not before we had a bit of fun with beach sprints, musical flags, volley ball, touch footy and the dreaded camel races. PTE Mann took out the RAINBOW BEACH award with some handy sprinting and musical flags work.

After a rest it was off to Grafton to be baddies for (spit) 6 RAR.

Here we found out how hard it can be to pin down an enemy posn on 1:100,000 map and recon at night with a million enemy patrols is not easy.

Remember?

- Peter Watts and his portable bridge
- A coy base full of mud models
- The movie screen with no movies
- CPL Kurtas shower block with soap holders
- The passing parade of Aborigines who liked to
- Ken Taylor stepping on a listening post which was not awake
- The formal dinner.

/After



After standdown from "Rolling Thunder" we had a GAS time (especially the new CSM) and got ourselves ready for our new commitment as the Task Force Response Force.

Whilst this meant having to train with those people from 'B' Coy we managed to squeeze in as much as we could in the short time available. Remember?

- Wondering if a Datsun was as good a hard target as a Valiant
- LCPL Nagelle in the 'Bomb Suit'
- How tricky booby traps can be
- The startled look on the faces of 131 Div Loc Bty when we cordoned them off from the rest of Enoggera.

July saw the coy departing to the old stamping ground of Shoalwater Bay for Ex Sandy Hollow with the rest of the Bn. Here we found the delights of digging in on ridge lines, and how hard it is to get long fields of fire through trees and over gullies. Between digging and patrolling there was not much rest for the first few days.

The defensive part of the exercise finished with live firing, which brought up some of the problems in arcs, firing at night and fire control orders by platoon and section comds.

Then followed a few delightful days inspecting various parts of the exercise area on foot, during which there was certainly no water shortage.

The exercise finished with the coy driving off the enemy and saving the 'B' and 'C' companies from being overrun.

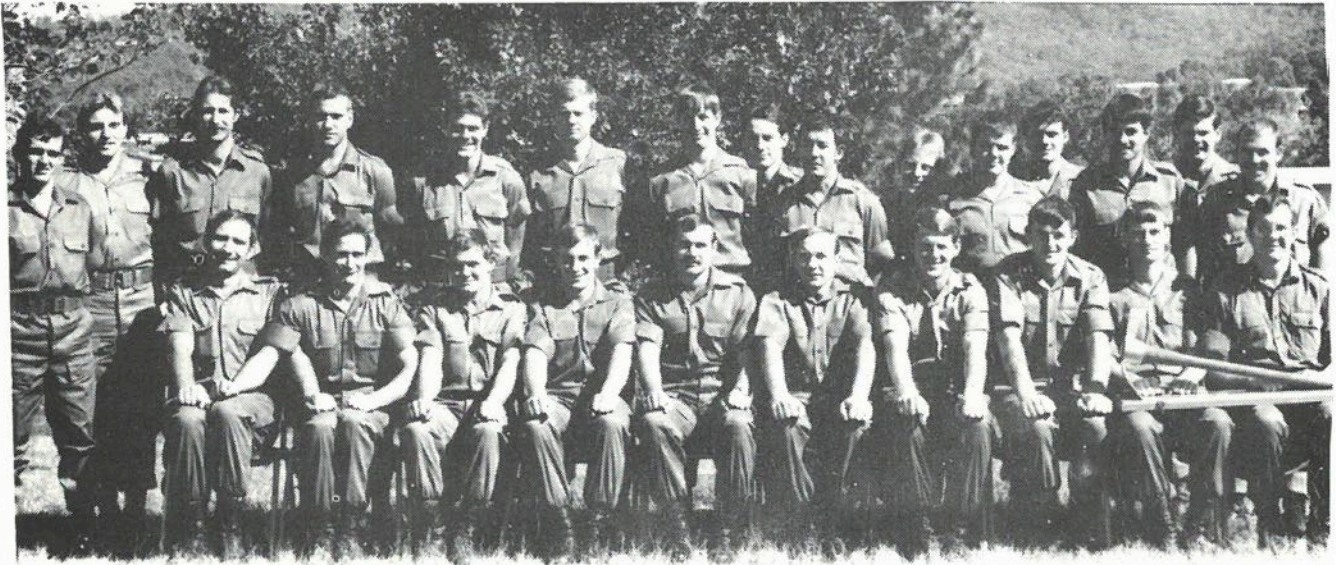
The return trip saw the coy overnighting at Rockhampton airport where we showed B coy what a well organized coy can do at night. The end of the month saw the OR's Dining-in-Night, which was enjoyed by everyone. Remember?

- The 'new look' OC after betting it would not rain
- The CSM basking in the sun with cam cream to stop the 'head' reflections
- Pommy Horton and his section wiping out two 6 RAR Pte's - one asleep
- The climbing boots issued for the last posn
- The good looking Barman on the OR's Dining-in-Night.

Upon return from standdown for Ex Sandy Hollow, the coy helped C and Spt Coys train for Response Force, as well as some shooting. Also during the month the coy provided the staff for the subject one for Cpl course. The rest of the year sees the coy training for K81 and preparing for the specialist courses to be run in November/December.



# I PLATOON



FRONT ROW: LCPL S. Saunders; LCPL S.P. Gillespie; LCPL D.P. Holland  
 LCPL R.H. Speter; 2LT M.A. Luscombe; SGT P.J. Watts;  
 CPL M. Levine; LCPL G. Stilwell; PTE M.L. Cox;  
 PTE L.A. Morgan.

REAR ROW: PTE J.A. Mudge; PTE C.B. Eberle; PTE M. Saikouski;  
 PTE V.L. Richards; PTE M.S. Foster; PTE B.T. Rozitis;  
 PTE C.H. Beck; PTE D.A. Jackson; PTE P.M. Harris;  
 PTE P.D. McCurdy; PTE W.A. Potter; PTE E. Ducasse;  
 PTE R.B. Austen; PTE D.F. Brown.

ABSENT: PTE L.A. Morgan; PTE C.R. Mann

Superior would sum it up quite adequately although I'm sure Brilliant or Unsurpassable would be accepted. From victors on the sports field to terrors of the trenches 1 platoon has proven its worth again and again. Throughout the year we've lost some good soldiers but also gained some.

Throughout the year there were many bright spots such as Bill Potter sandbagging his scope, 6 (spit) RAR attacking us whilst we had no ammo, Spooks efforts at charming a tiapan (I wonder how long he spent in hospital?) and SGT (Cowboy) Watts taking on whizz bongs. And of course there was Stilly's escapade into the creek in the early hours of the morning and the easy digging on Sandy Hollow encountered by spook.

And we can't forget the little short bloke in the Q Store that was at the helm of 3 section at Tully. Good to see him doing a bit. Over all it was a very good year and we're already looking ahead for bigger and better things next year.

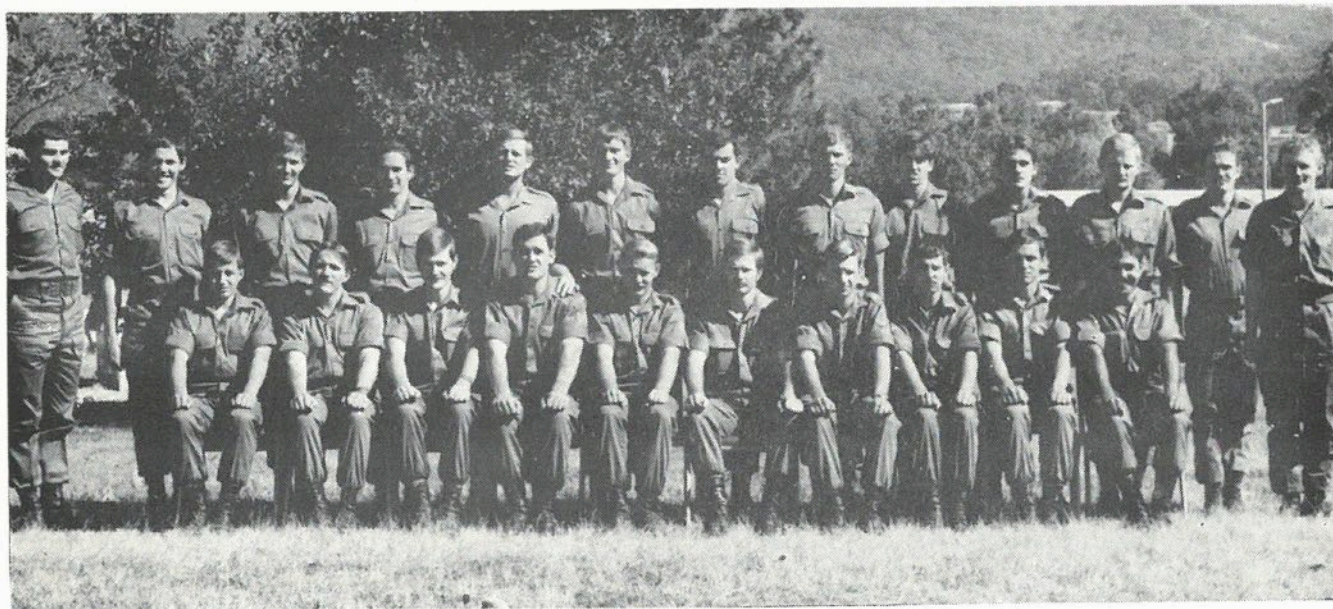


1 PL NOMINAL ROLL

2LT Sengelman	no comment
SGT Watts	has been seen with rain dripping off the brim of his hat
CPL Levine	CPL who?
LCPL Saunders	(Sandy) our local commando
LCPL Speter	seems to be allergic to bush
LCPL Stillwell	one of our more aggressive members
LCPL Gillespie	suffered brain damage somewhere along the line
LCPL Holland	wants a transfer to Bundaberg
PTE Austin	up and coming Handball champ
PTE Beck	starred in slap shot
PTE Brown	fastest man on two legs
PTE Cox	our local body builder
PTE Ducasse	the man with a two tone back
PTE Gberle	the old man of the pl
PTE Foster	the Canungra kid
PTE Jackson	some question about his sanity
PTE Jamison	Peter Brock aint got nothing on
PTE McCurdy	has Malaya on his brain
PTE Morgan	has a severe case of worms
PTE Mudge	has a bad speech problem
PTE Potter	Aqua man
PTE Richards	one of the less fitter personnel
PTE Rozitis	has a grudge against married women
PTE Smith	the one whose name starts with A
PTE Saikovski	our Russian import



# 3 PLATOON



FRONT ROW: PTE S.D. Ralph; PTE M.B. Dahlki; CPL G.L. Hughes;  
CPL K.E. Horton; SGT R. Doran; LT B.G. McGee;  
LCPL R.J. Wine; LCPL H.G. Frazer-Chitticks;  
LCPL M.D. Blunt; PTE D.J. Atkinson

REAR ROW: PTE M.E. Reynolds; PTE J.R. Collins; PTE M.P. Dixon;  
LCPL S.R. Gillespie; PTE M. Stannard; PTE D.L. Jordon;  
PTE A.A. Parker; PTE B.A. Marschke; PTE P.R. Jamieson;  
PTE M.L. Evans; PTE M.J. Mason; PTE J.J. McCivor;  
PTE J.L. Nolan

ABSENT: PTE A.P. Vaughan; PTE W.P. Chapman



The year started with a trip to Spring Mountain, to get us switched on after annual leave. We also received a new Pl Comd in Mr McGee fresh out of RMC.

Then there was Leaden Lift II in which a certain transport soldier was seen sleep walking in the Pl live firing ambush and also tried to out run Evo's gun in section attack.

Next on the agenda was Rolling Thunder for which the Coy played en for 6 RAR and got chased all over the countryside and also the old bus and driver 90 not out, both of them, who they must have brought out of retirement just for that trip, down and back.

The bus with a new engine was seen overtaking anything in sight, on hills and narrow bridges.

Sandy Hollow was where 3 Pl really excelled themselves, particularly the magnificent seven, the other sections were somewhere there too.

On the live firing part it was realized how hard it was to hit a target at night or first light and with illum causing a lot of shadows, also the hard work of digging and patrolling and field defences. We will all remember carting those mines down the hill.

Pom Horton and his section had one contact which netted four en. Afterwards the Platoon came out and in the resulting fire fight there were 17 en dead to 4 wounded - not a bad effort by the Platoon.

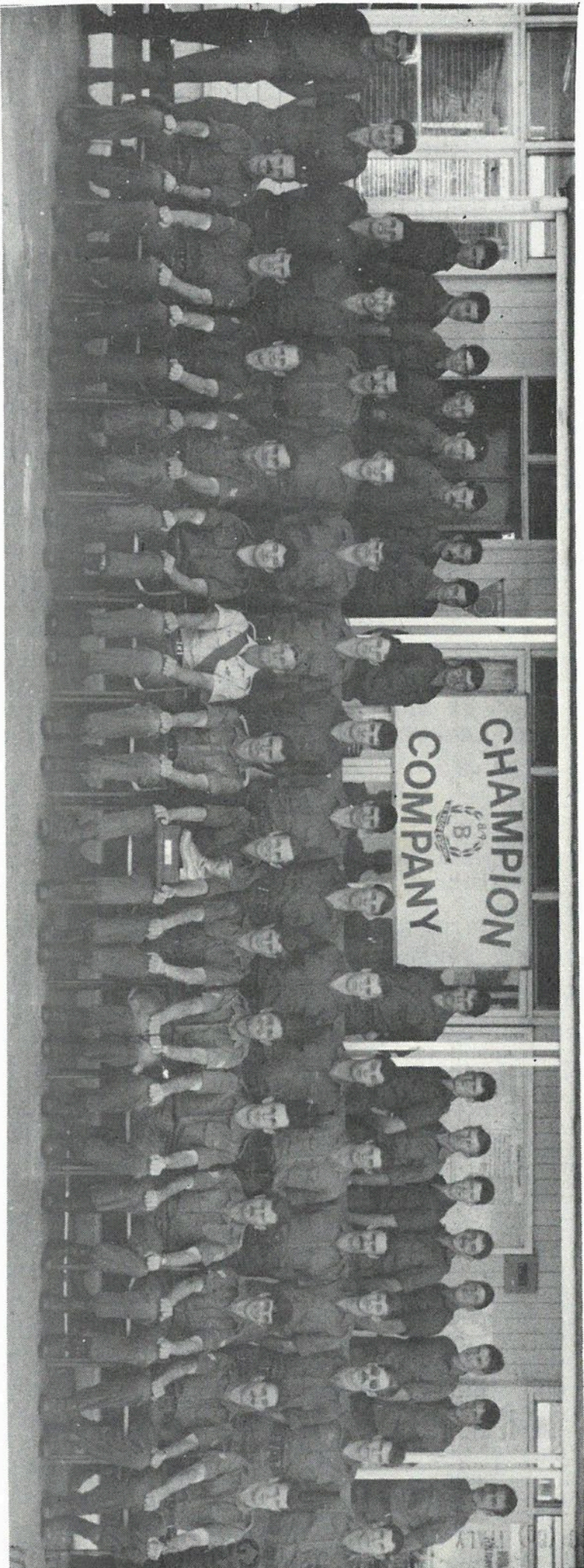
On a rainy night those infamous words were muttered, after a question was asked "Are you staying PTE Danlke?" "Yes Sarge, because I'm a soldier Suh". Two days later "Bert" was seen being lifted into a chopper by a hoist barefooted.

Next was "Horto" and the finger star of bravery, while on the return leg of an all night patrol in which "Young" Pom was seen falling off a log while sitting on it and falling asleep; anyhow the section walked into an en position at stand to and when challenged by one person, "Horto" was heard to say "Sorry Cobs but your surrounded", when he looked around "Horto" knocked his rifle away and shot him, in the fight that followed it was reported that the section wiped out close to a Pl.

This is a demonstration of 3 Pl's skill and aggio which has made it a good Pl in a good Coy.

We have some new march-ins such as PTE Vaughan, PTE McCivor; PTE Clayton; PTE Ralph. We are also losing a good bloke in Mark Dahlke who is going to civie street soon.





BACK ROW: (Left to Right)

PTE Lord, PTE Whitworth, PTE Titley, PTE Meehan, PTE Ryan, PTE Van Hout, PTE Degruessa, PTE Lazarus, PTE Gall,  
PTE Ramsden, PTE Fox, PTE Rowland, PTE Armit, PTE Hanning, PTE Mitchell, PTE Doyle, PTE Doolan, LCPL Lodewikus

MIDDLE ROW: (Left to Right)

PTE Wilson, PTE McNeen, PTE Drtina, LCPL Elliott, LCPL Sugg, PTE Blazely, PTE Pollock, PTE Gray, PTE Garcia,  
PTE Barrow, PTE Ambler, PTE Bailey, PTE Davies, LCPL Harris, LCPL Muir, PTE McFarlane, PTE Croft, PTE Butler,  
PTE Parker

FRONT ROW: (Left to Right)

CPL Carney, LCPL French, CPL Cummins, SGT Jones, LT Butler, SGT Love, CAPT Mancell, MAJ Copley, WO2 Hansen,  
CPL Geary, LT Alexander, SGT Harris, CPL Wood, CPL Finch, CPL Nagele.



# B GOY

On returning to the 'green machine' on 26 Jan 81 we were to find once again that the companies hierarchy had changed. That is except for the OC, MAJ TomCobley, who had been identified as being unwilling to leave his beloved "Bubbles Company". CAPT Ron Mancell, the brother of John, took up the 2IC's tasks and WO2 Greg Hansen, previously platoon sergeant 5 Pl 1975-76 returned as CSM. 4 Pl was to be commanded by the unorthodox LT Rick Butler who had a succession of platoon sergeants, SGT John O'Leary, SGT Fred Remon and SGT Ross Jones to assist him. 6 Pl received the amazing LT "Basset" Alexander and SGT Fred Harris as partners in crime.

Due to the three letter word ODF still existing we received no IET march-ins. However, we were lucky enough to gain CPL Noel Ried, LCPL Herman Lodewikers and PTE Graham Harris, PTE Garry Shepphard and PTE Peter Croft from Support Company. We also gained PTE Leroy Walters from C Company and PTE Dave Wilson from 1 RAR. With a strength of four and sixty three we remained with two platoons to operate with.

The 1981 training year began with a bang only having time to get the team together and for an Officers/SNCO Candlelight Dinner in the Sergeants' Mess before the OC departed for NZ on Exercise "Triod" on 12 Feb. The build up for the year commenced with a company exercise at Spring Mountain from 16-20 Feb. This was followed by ten days at TTC Tully from 3-13 Mar where the OC rejoined the company. The time at Tully under LTCOL Mansfords care provided excellent individual and section training. Hard on the heels of Tully we departed for Hill End, NSW to support the ARES Exercise "South State II" from 18-29 Mar. During this exercise the companies blood chilling bayonet charges and fire and movement gained acclaim. The enemy choosing to withdraw from established defensive positions and contacts when the "Pregs" slouch hats were identified. Being employed as part of the friendly force who were advancing to contact our 1980 training in the advance and attack, especially Exercise "Silver Fleece", proved invaluable. We returned to Enoggera at 0400 hrs on 29 Mar after a grueling eighteen hour bus trip.

During the year the normal inter-company events were held; the company being keen to regain the coveted "champion company" title gained in 1980. On 5 Feb the inter-company swimming carnival was held with the company decimating the opposition for the second year in succession. Of the twenty-one events contested the company won fifteen and in so doing broke four battalion records and established a carnival record. PTE "Bull" Herrod regained the Champion Swimmer Trophy for the company being closely followed by PTE Leroy Walters.

The next success was the inter-company winter sports carnival held from 13-15 Apr, which the company won. The Rugby team led by WO2 Greg Hanson and the Australian Rules team led by SGT Fred Harris being undefeated, gaining two more trophies for the company. The Hockey side came a close second and was led by CPL Bob Carney whilst the Soccer managed fourth.

/Exercise



Exercise "Leaden Lift II" 6-14 May was our next training adventure. The live firing exercise was as close to battle inoculation as one would wish. The companies live firing company attack went off with typical company spirit and elan. The twenty-five dummies representing the enemy platoon being ripped apart by small arms fire, bayonets, grenade simulators, teeth and bare hands. On returning to Enoggera we once again cranked up to depart again. This time LT Rick Butler and SGT Fred Harris took a composite one and thirty three man platoon to OCS, from 22 May - 1 Jun, as exercise enemy. The OCS cadets were put through their paces and the freezing temperatures and continual rain meant that all returned to Enoggera with a better appreciation of our northern climate.

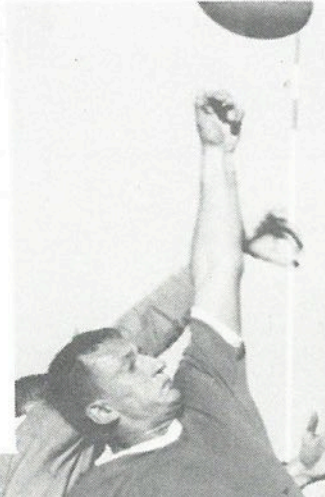
Exercise "Sandy Hollow" 5-24 Jul the battalion exercise for the year had several highlights for the company, they were:

- a. digging in on the Hammerhead with paving breakers for seven days;
- b. becoming a mortar impact area;
- c. the close shaves in the "realistic" live firing;
- d. withdrawing down a cliff;
- e. securing the 262 Feature the Battalions vital ground on the "Mao Tse-tung Long March";
- f. the companies first withdrawal during the delaying defence many of us still wearing shaving cream;
- g. trying to find a houchie sight on the battalions final defensive position; and
- h. hanging about for three days waiting to go home.

On the social side the company has continued its counselling Friday counter lunches at the Gaythorne RSL. On 29 Aug eighty members of the company and their wives and girlfriends took Dirty Dicks Tavern by storm. Our next major commitment is Exercise K81 10 Oct - 5 Nov. In September the inter-company rifle shooting, MG shooting, athletics and cross-country will be contested. Our aim will be to move to the new lines in November with our champion company title intact. With the end of the year fast approaching our OC for two years MAJ Tom Cobley will be posted to Canberra. Also the 2IC CAPT Ron Mancell is going to Training Command, Sydney and LT "Basset" Alexander is off to Anti-Armour Platoon for his sins. With everyone else staying and LT John Mancell returning to the company on promotion as the 2IC we will have some much needed continuity in the company; especially for our Butterworth trip Jun-Aug 82.



# Be professional





# C COY

The New Year brought a big shake up in the management of the Cobras. A new OC, MAJ Bob Breen; a new 2IC, CAPT Dave Simmons; a new CSM, WO2 Blue Milham; two new Pl Comd LT Dave Evans and 2LT Brent Morgan and two new Pl Sgt, SGT Mel Hodgetts and SGT Dan Kelly all arrived within a few weeks. Needless to say all will leave in December with the exception of the CSM who will be "Mr Continuity" for 1982.

The Comapny's "battle honours" for 1981 are as follows:

Spring Mountain	23-27 Feb	Sect/Pl Trg
Tully	13-22 Mar	Jungle Trg - woman obstacle course record from the ODF
Greenbank	21-24 Apr	All weapons range practices
Wide Bay Ex LEADEN LIFT	4-14 May	
Puckapunyal Ex RIPPER TUNE	1-14 Jun	Armd/Inf trg with a live firing ambush
Shoalwater Bay Ex SANDY HOLLOW	6-24 Jul	
Canungra CGS Exercise	2-12 Sep	Palace Guard and Valet Duties
Wide Bay	1-4 Oct	Assistance to 4 Cav crew comd course - live firing
Shoalwater Bay Ex KANGAROO 81	17 Oct - 7 Nov	Dagger Force against the 31st Marine Amphibious Unit.

In summary, the Company did 101 days in the field, 56 days on duties and 26 days on standdown (exclusive of weekends). Intermittently the Company completed 60 days of administration battle procedures, in transit movement and individual training. In truth, the Australian Taxpayer should be well satisfied that he received his full value for money from C Coy 8/9 RAR.

There is no doubt, especially after excelling at Tully, Wide Bay, Shoalwater Bay (twice) and Puckapunyal, that the Company, given time to train reinforcements, was ready to go to war by December 1981. A pity there was no war to go to and C Coy personnel, welded together in 1981, will go their different ways in 1982.



It is appropriate now to highlight a few of the C Coy notables with awards and mentions in despatches:

The Couth and Culture Award for Social Elegance

The Parachuting Sling Award

The Beau Brummel Best Dressed Man for 1981 Award

The Best Deserter Award for K81

The US Marine Prisoner Award for Gross Stupidity in the Field

The Drinking Man's Solo Singing Award

The Boy Meets Girl Award

The Bayonet and the DART Target Award

The Special Award for Ethnic Relations in Melbourne

The Body of the Beach Award

The Award for Heroic Navigational Uncertainty

The Yul Brynner Award for Verbal Sensitivity and Decorum

The Sports Car/Fast Woman Award

The Flamboyant Outgoing Personality Award

The Never Too Old to Play Rugby for the Company Award

The Insane Giggler Award

The Rudolph Valentino "Women are Putty in my Hands" Award

The Connoisseur of Smut Award

The International Jetset Grunt Award

The Mr Generosity and Give You Anything Award

The Billy Bunter "I'm not Pilfering the Morning Tea/The Mess Rations Award

The Ric Wells Memorial Award for Physical Excellence and Endurance

The Bomba the Jungle Boy Award

The My Body is Beautiful but I'm not Stupid Award

The Errol Flynn Awards for Wild Rugged Macho Individualism

The Beret Shaped like a Helicopter Landing Zone Award

PTE "Goubs" Goubareff

CPL Bill Cochrane

PTE Shorty Collins

PTE Kentucky Fry

PTE's Ian Walker, Stiens and Hurley

PTE Ned Kelly

PTE Ian Cust

PTE Andy Brudenall

CPL Gerry Breugem

LCPL Mick Payne

2LT Brent Morgan

WO2 Blue Milham

CPL Shane Pilkington

PTE Wayne Temple

SSGT Cass Crook

CPL Steve King (also mentioned in despatches for the Lunch Time Drinks at Amberley Award)

CPL Gavin Jackson

CPL Steve Braun

CPL Lofty Goodall

PTE "KJ" Thompson (also mentioned in despatches for Tight as a Fish's Orifice Award)

LT Dave Evans

LCPL Brian Lambert

CPL Steve Van Droffelor

PTE Gerry Whitton

PTE's Troy Kellcher, Mark Learmount, John Ross and Doug Campbell

MAJ Bob Breen.



# 7 PLATOON

The year started with a trip to 'never-been-there-before' Spring Mountain to conduct some rare section and platoon training. The section performed well but suffered from overcrowding as the section was boosted up to 5 soldiers. This trip was of particular note as the CO was to hold a formal dinner under the stars with the best dressed soldier - so PTE Gerry Whitton was lead to believe. For four days Gerry carried a brand new, clean set of greens in his pack all over Spring Mountain. On the evening of the so called dinner the CQMS (in uniform !!!) turned up for a water resup. Everyone involved in the resup had failed to notice Gerry who had changed into his 'Mess Dress Jungle Greens', cleaned his boots, combed his hair and refurbished the camouflage on his face. Amid hysterical laughter from the platoon, Gerry finally realised that it had all been a practical joke.

Next was Tully and never before was a place given to tall tales. Prior to deployment there was great indecision on the wearing of underwear or not. Finally all was 'left to hang' and off we went. If heaven has a sewage system then it all must end at Tully.

Whilst on one particular patrol it was not that PTE 'Goubs' Goubareff was showing signs of discomfort, stopping the patrol and going over to Goubs, who was fidgetting, moaning and generally looking uncomfortable I found out that a bottle of potent army issue mosquito repellent in Goubs' trouser pocket had leaked and completely soaked his most private parts. No flies on Goubs.

In June we all packed into a bus and headed down to our home away from home at Puckapunyal for two weeks of Armr familiarisation. We were pitted against the 'super' men and the super tanks of C Sqn 1 Armrd Regt and the taxi drivers of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Most of the time was spent inside the tin cans cursing and moaning while the Armoured Corps played their little games. Once again the mighty Infantry, backbone of the Army, were being used as 1 Div Training Aids. However, the saying goes that night time is Infantry time and 7 Pl certainly proved that by vicious, thieving night patrolling, managing to steal just about everything from the tank save the driver, in fact C Sqn are still looking for their 105mm Bore Sight and 9mm Pistol which Lofty swears he didn't take.

After playing around down at Victoria we headed up to Sunny Shoalwater to do a little bit of digging in the vegetable gardens. Somebody decided that while we were up there we might as well do a Battalion exercise so they called it Sandy Hollow (?): I suppose Shoalwater isn't that far from Tennant Creek! The sections performed quite well even though there were only 2 of them but all 5 soldiers of each section enjoyed the exercise as did the Pl Sgt - CPL Steven Braun who spent most of his time chasing possums during stand-to in the evening.

Well the exercise (K81) didn't really start for us until 25 October when the Marines landed, because up until then all our patrols had no contact. However, we did come across a remarkable



archaeological discovery during a recce ptl - that of a footprint of the Shoalwater Bay Yowie which PTE 'Ned' Kelly still has nightmares about. During the 'hands-down-the-ports' Dagger Force phase the platoon was on the go 24 hours a day and was a real test of stamina especially for the new IETs.

One night we had three soldiers disappear from our perimeter never to be seen until the end of the exercise - the Shoalwater dingoes sure were hungry as PTEs Walker, Hurley and Stiens can vouch for.

The exercise had an 'interesting' finish which surprised most of the platoon but the majority found it in general to be quite enjoyable. Keep a look out in the Guinness Book of Records for the C Coy entry on the longest emu bob yet. We found quite a bit of yank gear from Elenora to Sabina Point - once again the Australian Infantryman demonstrates one of his wide range of military skills.

2LT 'BJ' MORGAN  
PL COMD  
7 PL



# 8 PLATOON

The start of the year saw us operating at Spring Mountain where the art of ambushing was at its fore. The CO was to spring the ambush but on arrival at the given grid reference, 8 Pl was nowhere in sight. A slight geographical embarrassment by our leaders.

During our Pl attacks the Commander was displeased with the accuracy of our shooting so suggested a simple solution. "Marksmen shoot for third eyes, average shots for the chest and one shot one kill".

Tully Gully was an unusual training area, where 8 Pl was given the opportunity to further demoralize the ODF, which held the record for the obstacle course. 6 Sect did the course in record time but a protest was upheld following a head count; one member was AWOL, PTE Ross had been left with the gun on the other side of the 9 foot wall. But the record was officially won later by LT Evans, CPL King and his section.

While at Tully, although subjected to "violent insect attacks" Cobra Coy, unlike the Bravo brothers, refrained from using the dreaded Baygon.

Our next exercise was Leaden Lift II where PTE Brudenall became so aggro that he broke his bayonet in a figure 11 target. He was later decorated with the Meritorious Wide Bay Crossed Bayonet. Then he was automatically placed on the promotion list.

Ripper Tune was our first armd/inf exercise for 81. During our training we were lectured on tank ammo where PTE (now LCPL) Howlett fainted. Later it was found that a quantity of bitumen had become lodged in his head. He suffered this injury when returning to his lines from the boozier.

We also learnt during the lectures that all armour in Pucka is "indestructable" except for the APDB (Armour Piercing Disguarding Bayonet) which is carried by every digger. On completion of the exercise 8 Pl took some R and R in Melbourne where CPL Breugem got friendly with the ethnic population. They enjoyed his company so much that they cut his neck open and made him a blood brother.

Sandy Hollow was our Bn Ex for the year and 8 Pl had a great time digging into rock. PTE Temple still thinks that there was enemy 10m to his front in a tree when he fired his M203 into it.

Our Commander had the Pl on a fighting patrol during the exercise and when we bumped an enemy Coy, our friends in BHQ ordered us to stay and fight.

K81 was supposed to be the highlight of the year. High yes, light no. 8 Pl as part of C Coy was Dagger Force. The biggest challenge was preventing the Cav from getting us lost in the bush. While avoiding "Widow-makers". SGT Kelly was taken out of the exercise for the first time in 12 years when dead fall went through his right hand.

/During



During the first stage of the exercise we patrolled against the ODF, SAS and USMC recon elements. Our password, "Suffice to Say", provided tight security throughout.

Towards the end of K81, CPL Breugem displayed outstanding leadership and bravery. While on a night fighting patrol his section was confronted by a menacing bull. Each member hid behind a tree, then CPL Breugem took his life into his own hands when courageously he stepped out from behind his tree and propelled a rather large missile at the bull and was heard to emit a muffled "F... OFF". The patrol then went on successfully.

Which brings us to the end of K81 and the year for 8 Pl, where during the "Marine Mop Up", we again displayed outstanding bravery when a platoon attack was instigated against overwhelming numbers of cane toads.

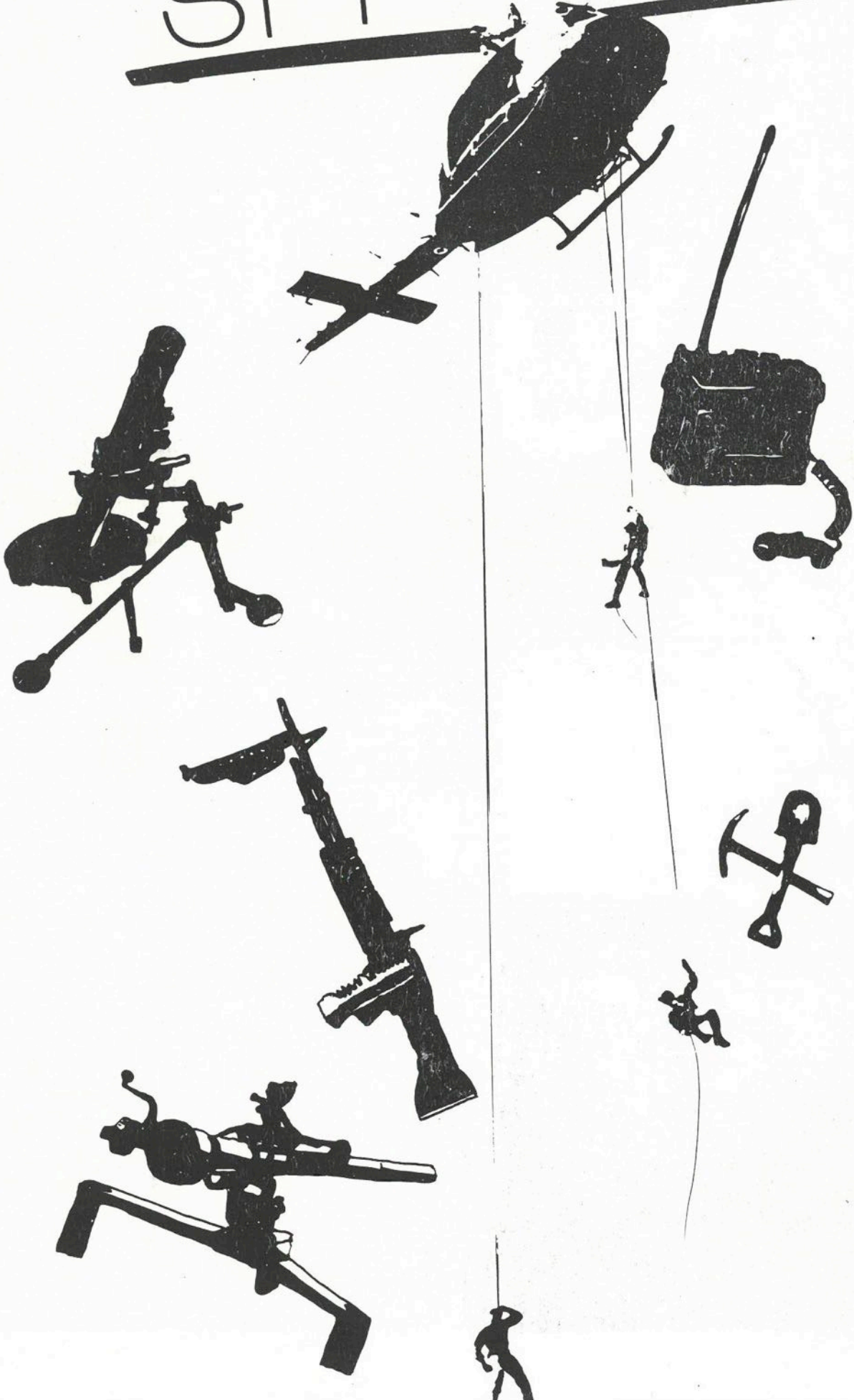
All in all, a successful year for 8 Pl and now that we are back to full strength, 1982 looks like being even more rewarding.







# SPT COY





# assault pioneers



REAR RANK: (Left to Right)

CPL R. Cross, PTE P. Simpson, PTE K. Morris,  
PTE P. Marshall, PTE V. Thomson, PTE M. Riley,  
PTE A. Martin, PTE M. Hennessy

FRONT RANK: (Left to Right)

PTE I. Scott, PTE O. Pacheco, LCPL G. Ewart,  
PTE S. Wallace, PTE E. Saikaly, LCPL G. Francis,  
CPL L. Montefiore, LT J. Mansell, SGT R. Anderson.

A unique quality of the pioneer platoon is their sardonic sense of humour. An outsider may consider it vicious but, to the "Pioneer", it is a normal expression of his attitude to life in general.

The achievement of our goals for 1981 has been a team effort for which each member of the platoon has contributed.

Pioneer Platoon returned to work in 1981 with the news that CPL Nagele had topped the 1980 Subject 2 for Cpl Course. Well done Nages. Several members of the platoon started the year on courses. Pte Furniss completed the PTI course 'excelling so much that he has been asked to corps transfer to Artillery as a PTI, however, the platoon has had to put up with him for another 12 months.

/PTE



PTE Scott (Grumble Guts), PTE Riley (the platoon comedian) and PTE Firth (the platoon mechanic) completed the T109 course. PTE Riley was the most improved driver while PTE Firth is still trying to master the art of changing and rearranging the gears. Scotty's driving we would prefer not to talk about save that there is a caravan driver in Queensland who considers himself lucky to be alive.

Without much of a break it was pack your kit you're now part of the enemy for 9 RQR and a company of Kiwi A Reserve. Even with CPL Cross and CPL Nagele instructing on the A Reserve Pioneer Course the platoon still showed its experience in basic infantry skills to overcome the heat, the hills and a never say I'm dead enemy in the Spring Mountain Training Area. It will take Zac a while to forget some of the hills and Simmo and Scotty a while to forget that the Kiwi's build their pits for two purposes.

Exercise Leaden Lift II proved to be a very demanding time constructing the ranges for the live firing. CPL Montefiore and his team were experts on the ambush ranges reconstructing them after each rifle platoon managed to shoot it down. All members of the platoon enthusiastically constructed the company Assault Range, Grenade Range, Section Defence and various other ranges. It was here that LT Mansell learnt the pioneers love for chain saws and cutting down trees where he only just stopped the platoon led by CPL Cross from denuding the Grenade Range of all trees.

It was then off to Canungra to build a Corral to herd wild cattle off the training areas. The 2 weeks proved to be most enjoyable with boxing training in the morning and uninterrupted work through the day. It was most satisfying for pioneers to be able to build something which will stand for many years to come. Boxing Training was also done at night until SGT Anderson suggested that it was not compulsory; from then on night training continued in the bar.

After such a great time at Canungra it was now time for "Sandy Hollow". While the road party tested once again the durability of our vehicle, Scotty was heard to say "who said a loaded truck can't keep up with a Rover".

The platoon once at Sandy Hollow proceeded to dig the usual CP and RAP as well as their own rifle pits in the normal limited time. As it turned out, initially, the enemy took more advantage of our pits than pioneers.

The dreaded lurgy took its toll on pioneers forcing SGT Anderson, Mick Riley, Thomo, Oscar, Bob and Zac back to echelon for some R and R. However there was no rest for CPL Cross as he had to rally the cooks and other echelon personnel to drive off an enemy attack allegedly so he could finish his lunch.

Overall the exercise was an enjoyable one and to quote Wally "once again we had a few hours marked up in the scrub and a few more feet of holes in our books" but in true pioneer fashion he continues "I think I can honestly say all (pioneers) enjoy digging holes and filling em back in". I think Wally needs some R and R with Mario the Battalion Carpenter.

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The night withdrawal will be remembered vividly by members of the platoon. CPL Montefiore (night navigation expert) led the platoon down to a small stream where each member of the platoon, to the delight of Morrow the machine gunner and Simmo migrant mercenary, tap danced on the rocks before falling in.

Interrogation by the Divisional Intelligence Unit provided a low point for CPL Cross' section especially as the members were aching from 36 hours of digging. They were all fooled by the initial, "sign this form or you will not see your gear again trick" and one or two slipped some information about their families. Naturally the section was pressured but not to the limit, they must have heard about Pioneers all being in the Battalion Boxing Team. Cpl Montefiore had to chuckle as it was his section initially tasked for the patrol.

Tully proved to be a real experience for the platoon. As expected it rained "feet" for all but the last day of the exercise and for some members of the platoon it was the first time in a jungle environment on exercise. The platoon executed some first class ambushes, owing to the effort put in by all members of the platoon. Mick Riley will take time to forget his experience hanging by the foot from a vine on an almost 90° slippery jungle slope. One notable member of the platoon had a few words to say about Tully, "I like close country and the jungle way of fighting; I counted 36 thorns in my hands and 75 separate cuts on my body. I got a chafed dick but that's about all. I came out of that trip knowing that if I could have spent another two or three weeks up there I could have been a green clad jungle fighter trained to the highest peak of savage efficiency; well that's all".

Questioned on his ambushing tactics: What if the ambush gets seen and shot at?

"Listen here! my sections doing the shooting round here, not them and their not going to get sprung".

During the year the Platoon carried out various tasks around the battalion area. Culverting, erection of an outdoor gym, alterations to the pay office, vehicle obstacles, wiring, response force barriers and painting were only a few.

Throughout the year the platoon lost the services of CPL Nagele to B Coy, PTE Buether to Sydney, PTE Marshal to Ordnance Corps, Kapooka; PTE Pacheco discharge; PTE Martin, GMPs and CPL Montefiore to Singleton. A special farewell to Monte after some many years in the battalion and especially pioneers.

The platoon has had 2 rookies of the year PTE Morris and PTE Thompson (cassanova) and LCPL Francis joined us from 1 RAR in June. All have settled into the platoon and have joined in the pioneer spirit.

PTE Ewart was promoted LCPL mid year, congratulations Huey, maybe this will give you something to talk about.

PTE Scott attended a storemans course while LCPL Ewart and PTE Saikaly attended the Subject 2 for Cpl Course. Scotty passed with flying colours while Huey did very well and Zac knocked up a second place. Well done!

1981 has been a good year for pioneers, the expected pioneer spirit shining through, we have done many interesting tasks (if not related to pioneering) and had a good time doing them. We look forward to K81 and a trip to Butterworth with Bravo Company in 1982.



# anti — armour



FRONT ROW: (Left to Right)

LCPL Corbett, SGT Patterson, LT Cole, LCPL Rogers

BACK ROW: (Left to Right)

PTE Stewart, PTE Rivett, PTE Harper, PTE Marxsen  
PTE Pope, PTE Hosking, PTE Newman, PTE Cran





The time has come once again to scribe a few lines on what Anti-Armour Platoon has been doing in 1981.

The year started off with a few new faces in the platoon so we set out having to train some new soldiers and a new platoon commander. The early training time included some days spent out at Greenbank which we grew to love once again.

Our first major adventure away from Enoggera was during Exercise Leaden Lift, the live firing activity at Wide Bay. We demonstrated the firepower of the 106 mounted on the carrier by shooting targets at various ranges at EASY feature. Our targets, gaily decorated by Steve Cran, also bore the brunt of attack from 84mm Carl Gustav weapons firing by day and night. On one early morning shoot we gave Mortam, MG's and Camp Kerr an early call and we were happy to hear that a few people fell out of bed - looking forward to the next shoot LT Slater?

From Leaden Lift we swiftly found ourselves being sent to Puckapunyal for an exercise with C Coy. We didn't have much time to think about that one - all we did was pack our bags and go. Twenty-four hours and a long bus trip later we arrived in Pucka - cold and rainy as expected. After a brief tour we spent our time trying to outwit the Leopard. We found that they could not detect us until they were just about on top of us - we managed several kills in this manner. However, if there were more than a couple of tanks and we had to run for it, the others were able to catch us very quickly.

We gave the tankies a firepower demonstration and they were impressed by the 106 RCL. Our biggest disadvantages were the large back blast and limited ammunition storage on the vehicle.

During Ex Rippertune we visited most parts of the range and named Axel Ridge after one of Axel Max Marxsen's exploits. Even though he was away from his store another member of the platoon was seen to smile at Pucka. It was as you got on the bus home wasn't it Des? Anyway we returned to Brisbane with the cleanest 106 carriers in the Regiment thanks to Pop Rivetts work on the wash point.

On return to Enoggera we found ourselves with a new platoon sergeant. He got the platoon all squared away and we mounted up again and headed north to Rocky for Ex Sandy Hollow. Sandy? SGT Patterson ran the platoon and Des Harper much to his disgust swapped his biro for a rifle and headed for the front once again. This gave us a strength of 10.

To our disgust we soon lost our carriers and were put through the horrendous life that a rifleman leads in defence. LCPL Buck Rogers along with PTE's John Marxsen, Steve Cran and "Pom" Newman protected C Coy from the enemy whilst PTE "Wingy" Hosking commanded another section with PTE's "Pop" Rivett, "Stew" Stewart and John Pope. They were protecting A and B Coys. In order to pass our time on the hills we removed the rust from our entrenching tools by digging holes.

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Craney lived with A Echelon for 3 days with stomach cramps (not his own cooking) and when he returned the battalion was live firing (the check! starting without him). We provided illumination during the night shoot but only after many bearings for direction and brews for patience had been taken.

After the shoot we took part in the ambushes and the withdrawal to where we met our carriers once again and rode them during the delaying defence. With the exercise nearing its close Des and Pop decided to entertain the battalion and many repetitions of "The Green Berets" later they were lucky to still be alive.

Our next trip away was to Tully. We were all looking forward to being wet for 9 days but heard it was the dry season and that we may not get very wet. Disappointment? It was not to be - we were soaked just like everyone else. It was an interesting exercise and we believe even Des enjoyed it - John Pope certainly did.

On the social side of things we have also had a reasonably active time. We have directed our talents from watching a few live bouts of TV Ringside to other more pleasant gatherings in "The ..... Pit". We are now waiting for K81.

Things we would like to see:

1. Kris in the field.
2. Max buy another FORD.
3. The Platoon Commander.
4. Four 106's and carriers.
5. Somebody other than Steve Cran with a paint brush.







"THIS DEFENCE SPENDING'S  
GREAT - WE'VE GOT REAL  
AMMO!"



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## Platoon



BACK ROW: PTE P. Daniels; PTE N. Williams; PTE W.R. Livesay  
PTE G.M. Steele; PTE J.A. Hobbs

CENTRE ROW: PTE P.M. McNicol; PTE M.W. Briggs; PTE R.D. Clarke;  
PTE B.A. McRAE; PTE P.M. Mau

FRONT ROW: CPL R.J. Czislawski; SGT D. Melrose; LT M.D. Slater;  
CPL P.J. Law



During the period 1978-1980 the Platoon had been developing a doctrine and employment procedures for a MG Pl within the Battalion. At the end of 1980 this was finally completed. 1981 has been the year to confirm and streamline our procedures. So far we have made only a few changes to the methods we were taught by LT Fogarty and WO Piper, and all has gone well.

We started this year polishing up our gun drills and training four new gunners, PTE Steel, PTE Briggs, PTE McRae and PTE Clarke. When time permitted we attempted to sweat off the effects of our Christmas cheer with some intensive physical training and long distance runs. Early in the year two long serving members of the Platoon were posted. SGT Weatherall (The Big 'E') was posted to Darwin and CPL Paul Langdon was accepted for Army Trade Training. Both these men had served the Platoon very well in previous years and have our best wishes for the future. After a short period with no Platoon Sergeant, SGT Melrose arrived and some radical changes came about quickly. Army life became alot harder and very regimental (for awhile) but we appreciated the change.

In March the platoon conducted a patrolling exercise West of Ipswich and we proved once again that our basic rifleman skills were as good as any in the Battalion. However, it was surprising to see that everyone was able to use a map and compass, even in the dark! PTE Clarke told SGT Melrose the reason he was smoking in the ambush was to "draw the enemy to the sights of his rifle". Nice try but it didn't work.

PTE Scottie McNicol who left the Gun line in 1980 to become a beer puller in the canteen finally saw the light and returned to our ranks in March.

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"FOR PETE'S SAKE MEN, JUST BECAUSE IT'S  
THE LAST ONE IN THE UNIT, YOU DON'T  
HAVE TO WORSHIP IT."



The platoon conducted several live firing shoots in the early part of the year with pleasing results, but slowly our M60's wore out and we needed a new weapon. We are still waiting for a replacement. The Battalion was issued with the Vickers - 303 Machine Gun. We worked enthusiastically with this grand old antique and slowly mastered the skills that our great grandfathers used in their trenches in the Great War of early this century. The CSM was of great assistance to the Platoon in learning about the Vickers. It is believed he is the only soldier in the Regiment who was present in 1918 when the Vickers were entombed.

During Ex Leaden Lift II the Platoon provided overhead fire support for some spectacular Coy attacks. This was the first time the Platoon had attempted such a task. It was dangerous we admit, but we were safe behind the guns. Some educated guess work had paid off and there were no casualties.

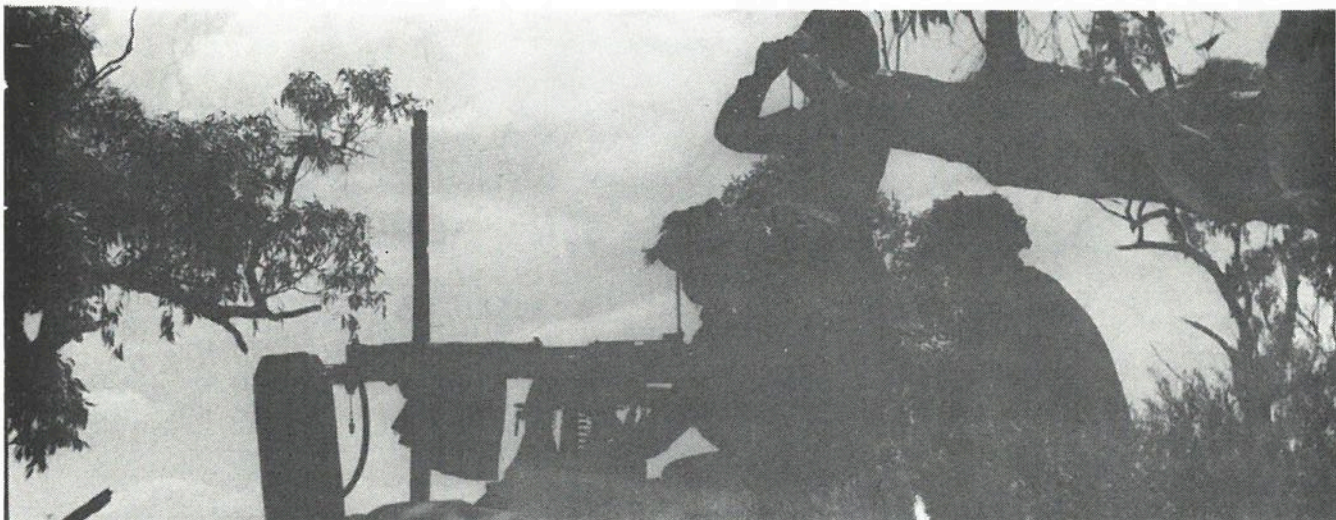
Ex Sandy Hollow gave us a chance to develop an underground machine gun fortress. The work was ?\*~@+#! hard but the final product was excellent. Again we fired our guns almost into the rifle coy pits. A very enjoyable passtime. We also manpacked the Vickers for 1,000 miles. Each man was carrying about 125 lbs of gun and equipment, once again it was ?\*~@+#! hard work. Although this was only a short exercise it was one of the hardest we've ever seen.

Shortly after the exercise LCPL Frank Klischat was discharged from the Army. Frank spent several years in the Platoon and was thought a fine soldier by all. His absence has been felt.

In September the Platoon went to Tully. We never thought that hell could be so wet. Enough said.....

1981 has been a good year for the MG Pl. From parade ground to jungle, between guard duties and vehicles bogged in swamps we have enjoyed our service. Some of us have even found time to increase the size of our families and Scottie and Russ Clarke managed to trick some beautiful girls and are now married.

We don't always admit it but it is more than just a job, and next year we will have more new gunners, a new Pl Sgt and a new Pl COMD and have to start all over again.





# mortar PL



BACK ROW: (Left to Right)

CAPT M. Hannan, SGT P. Orth, SGT J. Molyneux,  
CPL A. Van Der Stoep, CPL C. Wadey, SGT A. Olding,  
SGT P. Rokay, LT D. Morrison.

MIDDLE ROW:

LCPL G. Cavanough, PTE K. Gibbs, PTE S. Hockley,  
PTE C. Holmquest, PTE C. Childs, PTE D. Mulder,  
PTE D. Hollowell, LCPL B. Lechner.

FRONT ROW:

PTE G. Searle, PTE J. McLaughlan, PTE G. Wilson,  
PTE M. Hennessy, PTE N. Carlisle, PTE R. O'Donahoo.





Interesting things that happened to Mortar Platoon for the Year 1981.

A certain SGT being hit on the head by a wild orchid that fell out of a tree which was aided by a certain CPL who was trying to put it back where it came from. This occurred at the Assault Grenade Range during Ex Leaden Lift.

Also the same SGT had a cup of tea thrown over him, whilst he was resting near the rover. The culprit was none other than Pommy Marshall. He didn't realize that the certain SGT was there when the dreggs were casually thrown in the good SGT's direction.

On Exercise Sandy Hollow PTE Pom Marshall acquired a case of the mechanised dandruff and was seen scratching his way down to the RAP.

PTE Flash Hall was posted on demand down to the Jock Strap Bn - 5/7 RAR.

LCPL Danials forgot to come to work this year and now can be found pouring drinks at PIPP's.

PTE Willy Wilson was hit by a car whilst training for SASR. It was only his second try. Last time it was a motor bike accident that stopped him. Better Luck next time Willy.

PTE Sterling (Mossy) Hockley has (will) depart our quiet little store. Off to a bigger one across the road in a Rifle Coy.

PTE Hennessy is now residing at 1 Mil Hosp after a busy year of escapades.

Discharges PTE Williamson, PTE Childs, PTE Gibbs.

Postings - PTE Hall.

Personnel on the move - CAPT Hannan  
LT Morrison  
SGT Orth  
SGT Rokay

A Coy  
Singleton  
Rifle Coy  
Rifle Coy.



# recon/survl PL



1981 began as a mixed year. We kicked off with five new soldiers from the rifle coys. CPL McLay returned to the platoon on promotion.

Our first enemy action was against C Coy, then 9 RQR and the New Zealand Territorials. Our two Kiwis developed a new close recon - sneak up, merge and talk Maori, or whatever, without anyone being the wiser that Frank and Thomo were THE enemy.

Meanwhile CPL Dixon (Sniper Extra-ordinaire) was away doing a Sniper Supervisors Course.

'Leaden Lift II' was then upon us and we found ourselves attached to B Coy for the live firing phase. A Sniper range was constructed by the platoon for the Bn snipers to live shoot on for a two day period. This proved to be most valuable for all. The platoon also conducted live fire break contact drills and sniper demonstrations for the Task Force Commander.

June found us at Grafton on Ex 'Rolling Thunder' attached to A Coy as enemy for 6 RAR. The last night and day proved to be a thousand laughs when a pl of 6 RAR caused us to retreat through a wall of lantana which took three hours to get rid of and re-attack the posn. This was not enough. 2LT Farmer and PTE Thomas "snoozing" on the 6 RAR posn were rudely awakened by Pte Tiety and Cpl McLay being illuminated by a point blank range trip flare caused Mac to exit stage left minus half his cams - via a double concertina fence.



PTE's Miller and Ketu were then off doing the Cadre course. PTE Miller is now in the best while PTE Ketu remains with us because of an unfortunate bronchial infection.

Ex 'Sandy Hollow' found us learning new and interesting methods of infiltration, resupply and extraction from en held areas. This was with assistance from 1 Avn Regt on an exercise in the Gallilee Basin area of Central Qld.

On return to our 'mates' in the Bn at Shoalwater Bay, we found ourselves being re-introduced to our old friends ... 1 Div Intelligence, who very kindly invited us to a session of nicities. Unfortunately 1 Div found our conversational ability a little lacking. I suppose we weren't feeling very sociable just then. 1 Div is still extending an invitation to 2LT Farmer ha, ha, ha.

Many other events have occurred with some stardom on Channel 9 and the ABC for rappelling and RAAF displays. A Sniper Pre-selection course was run in mid-year as well as pl members attending an assortment of courses, ie Roping and Rappelling, Para, T109 and Subject 1 with PTE Thomas topping the course.

Oops! Sorry almost forgot! I have neglected to mention one elusive chap who spent most of the year on courses for promotion, instructing on Subject 1 for CPL not to mention three months in Tully and now ARL - SGT 'Blue' Telford.

The New Year will bring changes in manning to the platoon with new soldiers and the return of CPL Braun who will replace CPL McLay after he is posted to Inf Centre. Meantime we look forward to K81 and the New Year.



# SIGNAL PL



BACK ROW: PTE Lee, PTE Hall, PTE Zambrzychi, PTE Powell, PTE Dam,  
PTE Smallwood, PTE Puls, PTE Lowis, PTE Hollamby.

MIDDLE ROW: LCPL Thompson, PTE Hosking, PTE Ball, PTE Black,  
PTE Patterson, PTE Nicholl, PTE Langford, PTE Paolo,  
PTE Blackburn, PTE McKinnon, LCPL Burgess.

FRONT ROW: PTE Lergessner, CPL Wain, CAPT Kane, CPL Austin,  
CPL Leo, Sitting on bum as always LCPL Henderson.

ABSENT: SGT Byng, PTE Hearne



During 1981 for reasons as not yet known, the BLACK HOLE of Sig Pl lost some of its gravitational pull and we said goodbye to CROSSIE DES CARDWELL, STANDARD, POPEY, BERGIE, REIDY the Masochistic Footballer, HARRY, MITCH the Bn Stick Book Screener, PANELLA the GODFATHER and finally DALE "Ace" SALES.

As per Bn SOP's these lucky souls were replaced by a few poor untrained souls.

1981 saw Sig Pl as normal have its finger in the pie of all Coy and Bn level exercises this year. Baygon Coy even got a shock during "LEADEN LIFT", when the Sig/Recon Pl raced through and captured their objective for them on the Coy attack. WE then (along with the rest of the Bn) participated in "SANDY HOLLOW", and managed again to show that we can still achieve radio comms under adverse conditions. A special mention must be made here of the Super Human efforts of Poo's linees on this exercise.

Sigs again wandered away in September from the trials, tribulations and duties of Enoggera to help Spt Coy keep up its motto of, "QUIETLY SUPERIOR", at 1 Div holiday school Tully. In October along with the rest of the Eighth/Ninth we will go to K81 to show the ODF and the MARINES that 8/9 RAR is still the best Bn in the Regiment.

Finally we say goodbye to all the members in the Pl, electing discharge or escaping to greener grasses.

#### THE PERSONALITIES OF SIGS - 1981

CAPT KANE	- Shirley Temple/where is he now.
SGT BYNG	- You can't take that to the Sinai.
CPL AUSTIN	- Professional Pogo.
CPL JUKES	- Slippery Sam/transfer Trg Coy.
CPL WAIN	- Amateur Pl SGT.
LCPL BURGESS	- Professional Marriedy/send him back to England.
LCPL HENDERSON	- Alcoholic Wombat.
LCPL THOMPSON	- Chief bitcher/winger/unionist.
PTE BALL	- Crippled linee.
PTE BERG	- Senior travel consultant Phillipines/discharge.
PTE BLACK	- The Stud/Budgie Club member.
PTE BLACKBURN	- Criminals Incorporated.
PTE DAM	- Rumoured to be joining the BROWNIES.
PTE HALL	- Mrs alternate lifestyle.
PTE HEARNE	- Seen the light/discharge.
PTE HOLLAMBY	- Amateur CPL.
pTE HOSKING	- Who is he, does anyone know him.
PTE LANGFORD	- Son of Byng.
PTE LEE	- Amateur storeman/professional cripple.
PTE LERGESSNER	- Major shareholder COCA COLA, ARNOTTS and CADBURY's.
PTE LOWIS	- Not the Belmont/pro private.
PTE McKINNON	- The new beer keg.
PTE NICHOLLS	- Kimbie Kid.
PTE PAOLO	- Panella's replacement.
PTE POWELL	- When did he enlist.
PTE PATTERSON	- Still in nappies/BMX star.
PTE PULS	- King Louis/richest PTE in the Army/discharge.
PTE SMALLWOOD	- "Who"
PTE ZAMBRZYCKI	- Mr alternate lifestyle.
PTE EYLWARD	- Living in sin with girl and Mum/transfer-promoted C Coy.
PTE ROWE	- The Bower Bird/transferred-promoted C Coy.
PTE TWO FATHERS	- Sacked storeman transferred to A Coy
CPL WAYNE "POO" LEO	- WE HEAR !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!HE'S BACK AGAIN.



# ADMIN COY



BACK ROW: PTE Peter "Morro" Morrison, PTE Phil "Jacko" Jackson, PTE Bill Pole, CPL Mark Luckie, PTE Steve Wilkins, LCPL Mario Mayer.

SITTING: WO2 Don Jensen, MAJ Les Boag, SSGT Dave "Blue" Wollner.

INSERT: CAPT Tom Forrest.



The HQ team lined up for 1981 with MAJ Les Boag, who took command during Ex DROUGHTMASTER in Oct 80, as OC. For the first time we had a RAAOC officer as 2IC, CAPT Tom Forrest and WO2 Don Jensen overcame injuries and remained as CSM.

In Feb 81 our name officially changed back to Administration Company after a few years as Logistics Company. The HQ clerks also changed when CPL Bill Litchfield and PTE Steve Wilkins were posted and replaced by CPL Mark Luckie and PTE Kevin Baiha. We were sorry to lose the ever efficient SSGT "Blue" Wollner who departed on posting and promotion. He has been replaced by SGT Graham Kennedy.

PTE Peter "Morro" Morrison has cemented his position as the storeman by qualifying on his course. PTE Phil Jackson is now fully trained and qualified to help the OC in the Int dutymans tasks. LCPL Mario Mayer is doing Subject One for CPL. He and PTE Bill Pole continue to look after the carpentry tasks.

During the year the team hooked into the difficult task of commanding and controlling the activities of the company with so many diverse roles. The results were good. The company kept up their high standards in camp and produced top efforts in the field especially during Ex Leaden Lift and Ex Sandy Hollow. Not only was the Battalion well administered but we also got the company DPI and against all odds we managed to conduct company and platoon training in a variety of skills and especially physical training. To top it all off we are giving the other companies a run for their money in the Champion Company competition. Rumour has it that the OC has \$10 corruption money with which he is trying to back the company.

The year closes with MAJ Boag off to the LSF during K81 in his cross-posting to the ODF, then to B Coy and Butterworth next year. CAPT Forrest is running A Ech during K81 prior to leaving the Army to join the RAAF. WO2 Don Jensen will remain as CSM and the continuity man. There will be a lot of new faces in the company next year but we will continue the high standards through 1982 in the new lines where the company will be as close physically as it has been in spirit during 1981.



# tech spot pl



Front Row: (Left to Right)

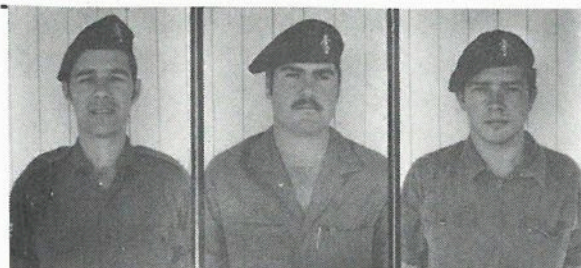
CFN J. Verri (John); CFN M. Gillies (Martin);  
 CFN J. Taylor (Nobby); CFN S. Higgins (Steve);  
 CPL R. James (Ron); PTE V. Fleming (Vince);  
 CFN W. Penson (Woj).

Back Row: (Left to Right)

CPL P. Eddy (Paul); CFN S. Brydon (Steve).

Insert:

SGT K. Morton (Tex); CFN P. Sargent (Paul);  
 CFN W. Philp (Freckle).





It has been quite a successful year for the Tech Spt Pl with many firsts. During 'Leaden Lift' Vickers Machine Guns were introduced into the Battalion and worked well, however in the future spare parts may cause a problem.

Four of our members enjoyed their short stay at Tully. They were:

CNF Brydon  
CFN Gillies  
CFN Verri  
CFN Philp

After Tully they realised why they chose RAEME and not Infantry. Ex 'Sandy Hollow' proved how defenceless RAEME are when they were attacked by a renegade possum, the problem being that the possum won.

Several members of the Platoon were rewarded vide the suggestion committee. They were:

CPL James  
CFN Verri  
CFN Philp

Several more suggestions have been submitted with the results not known at this stage.

In December the usual departures are to take place. Those leaving the Platoon will be:

CPL James - 21 Sup Bn  
CFN Taylor - 32 Sup Bn  
CFN Gillies - Sydney Area  
CFN Verri - NQ Wksp.

# med Platoon

Front Row: CPL Cruet, SGT McGloin, CAPT Flegg, SSGT Straskye  
SGT Parker

Back Row: PTE Ross, PTE Williams, PTE Neylon, CPL Paardekooper





Every time a member of the Bn requires to receive a nudge in the general direction towards the path of righteousness from those fatherly figures within the Bn, "SNCO" (who else), he is told read your hat badge son. (It reads 'duty first') just in case any fresh MI's haven't had time to read it. But in the case of the Med Corps, what the hell does "Paulatim" mean anyhow.

In January we returned from ARL, biting at the bit in anticipation of the forthcoming events. In February we started to swing with the main medical support going to individual Coy activities. Then came March and 'Tully'. Who could forget Tully? The last known score being "Anti Mite" 36 to Infantry 0. 'B Coy' was post humorously awarded the Baygon trophy. P.S. Those fellows who had their photos taken watch the centre fold of Cleo, you never know your luck.

In April we lost one of the members of the Pl, CPL Steve Fokes. Mr Fokes passed on to the land of the civvies where the hair is long and the day is 8 to 4. In May we lost one of the Medics, PTE Mackenzie to 1 Mil Hosp for six months detachment. 'Mac' is training to be a Radiographer.

June was almost a quiet month for all except for CPL Wayne (Barrassie) Smith who decided to play a game of football which lasted 14 days and through three States.

During July Ex Sandy Hollow resulted in the highest packed down ration going to the Med Pl. A special thanks goes to the six Medics borrowed from 11 Fd Amb without whose help we would have surely drowned.

In August we started with twelve glorious days off and we still don't believe it. It was greatly appreciated, even if the wives and kids did drive us up the wall. We returned to welcome SSGT Strasyke and lots of PT. With the year drawing to a close we have CPL Cruet back in Tully and SGT Parker at LWC. Then there is only the major exercise, K81, to go.

The Med Pl will be there again next year in full support regardless of the situation.

This year saw a lot of changes in the Hygiene Section. A farewell to CPL John Nerney and CPL Steve Fokes and welcome to SGT Robby McGloin. Also a lot of the diggers came and went throughout the year.

Anyway, down to some serious business. A lot of people laugh at or downgrade the Hygiene Section; this is taken in good spirit and we dish some back, but we get good job satisfaction in that we know that we are helping to keep the Battalion in a clean state and relatively free from diseases.

Finally, its been a good year within the Section and we are looking forward to nice new clean hygienic buildings in 1982.



# PIPES & DRUMS



## TOP - Left to Right

CPL Jim Campbell (Jimbo), PTE Norm Kerr (Meathead),  
 PTE Greg Clark (Princess), WO2 Gordon Black (Blacky),  
 PTE K.P. Rokonayalewa (Rocky), PTE Sean Arthur (Waffler),  
 CPL Allen Norgott (Flappers)

## SEATED - Left to Right

PTE Bob Dunn (Mayfair), PTE Doug Jenson (Worrier),  
 PTE Paul Murray (Sparrow), PTE Mark Howell (Igg Natz),  
 PTE Eric Guttridge (Dribbler)

## ABSENT

PTE Paul Elson (Porky), PTE Mick Grieve (Mullet).



With 1981 rapidly coming to a close the P and D's have had a rather full year with both commitments to Bn exercises and also our ceremonial work.

At the end of this year we will have travelled to such places as Darwin, Oakes, Tully and of course Shoalwater Bay.

On ANZAC Day we marched the Battalion through Brisbane and in June we combined with the 2/4 Pipe and Drums for the Pacific Festival in Townsville.

During early August, along with the assistance of members of Sup Coy, we helped the Queensland Rifle Association in the running of the Queen's Cup Shoot. The money earned from this is to help outfit the Pipes and Drums in kilts (Believe me sparrow's knees are not a pretty sight). The rest of the money goes to DPRI.

The rest of the year will be busy with the Warana Festival, the Inauguration Parade of North Force in Darwin, also we will be on Kangaroo 81.

During the year the Pipes and Drums have had a large turnover in men. Old members:

Old Members:

SGT Kennedey - CQMS Admin Coy  
CPL Nelson - Qld Police Force  
PTE Kerr - Military Police  
PTE Parkson - 5/7 RAR  
PTE Dunn - Discharge  
PTE Sistek -- Discharge

New Members:

From B Coy - PTE Arthur  
From C Coy - PTE Clark  
From C Coy - PTE Grieve

It now only leaves us to congratulate Jim Campbell on his promotion to CPL and to Eric Guttridge on his coming marriage.

We would also like to thank everyone for their support during the year and also like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Things we would like to see department:

Pipe Major	- part his hair in the middle
Jenno	- stop worrying
Clarky	- to show an interest in girls
Rocky	- make sense
Mick	- start talking
Corncob	- stop talking
Igg Natz	- to stop crawling and start walking
Norm	- an A4 that will stick
Sparrow	- written off
Bob	- remove the knife when finished
Paul	- take ARL with everyone else
Shaun	- buying Marcel Marceau Records.





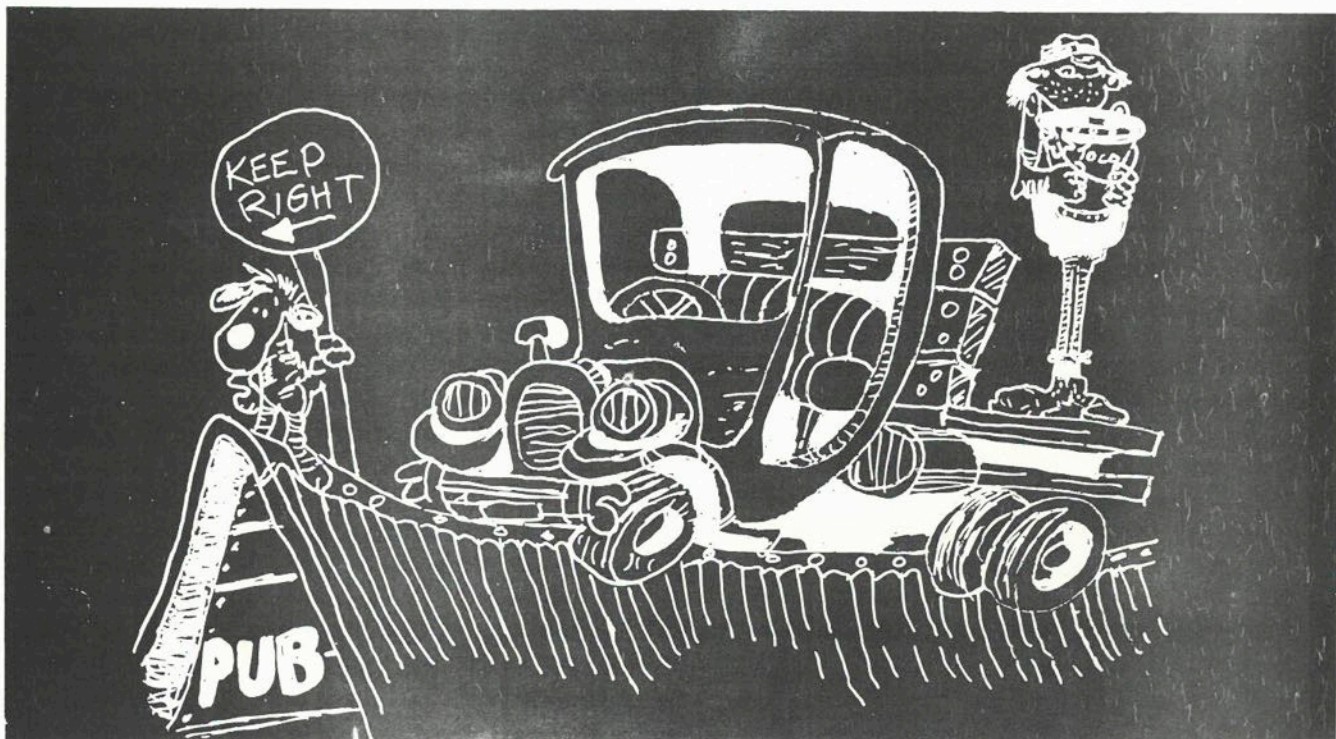


# transport Pl



Back Row: LT Peter Hanlon; LCPL (Elvis) Lambert; PTE John Pidcock;  
PTE Doug Anderson; LCPL (Wet Back) Crisp; PTE John Daly;  
PTE Geoff Long; PTE Graham McBean (Beanie);  
PTE Skull Adams; SGT Bob Devine.

Front Row: CPL (Bare Essentials) Palmer; PTE Jim Franklin;  
LCPL Wayne Radunz; PTE Jeff Mitchell; PTE Bill Kiraly;  
PTE (Flea) Elston.





Transport Platoon started the year on 12 January to conduct an ECN 109 Course, while most were still on leave. The course was to give the men in the battalion a chance to earn their military licences and was a success. The vehicles held up to the crunching of gears by the new drivers and there was only one accident. PTE Hollamby thought that trucks were not only good for traversing 70% slopes but also drove better on their sides rather than the wheels. Lucky no one was hurt.

The next course we had was to upgrade our drivers from intermediate to 109. Most interesting aspect of the course was CPL Palmer trying to get 5 ton trucks to swim in 5 feet deep rivers. After that we had a break from courses to carry out driving commitments for the Battalion. The next major activity was to take stores and troops up to Tin Can Bay for Ex Leaden Lift. All members of the Platoon carried out their jobs to the best of their ability and it showed with all vehicles making it to and from the exercise without too many troubles.

Then came preparation for the EIS inspection. Many hours and some weekends were spent painting all vehicles and general maintenance and repair. This was a good effort by all drivers of the Battalion.

The next activity was the big one for the year "Sandy Hollow". The move up to Shoalwater Bay was completed successfully with all vehicles making the trip. Only hassle was that when we reached Rockhampton there was no fuel, but the big green machine soon found some for us and it was back on the road again into the exercise area. As usual it was very dusty which made driving quite hazardous. The steep and rough ground on the battalion position (as most of you know) caused quite a few dints in many of the vehicles. But as usual the drivers of the battalion did a fine job in keeping up the ammo supply, food and water to the companies whenever it was needed. Then it was time to head home. This was a trip we all looked forward to. This time there was no overnight stop and the convoy drove straight through - no major break downs and all vehicles made it home safe and sound. Well done fellars! Then it was back to the old routine of cleaning up and returning stores. Further activities for the Platoon this year will include K81 and another 109 course in November then that will be it for 1981.

Things we would like to see!

1. Drivers to cease helping government caffers with fines for D.U.I. Thanks Buzz Adams and McBean.
2. Spike Primmer come to work after weekend football without plaster on his leg or not falling into barbeques.
3. The TOCO do a full week at the transport yard instead of sport.
4. PTE Pidcock hang onto a car for more than 6 months without pranging it.
5. Flea stop bragging about how good he is at football.

/6. Some



6. Some more drivers in transport platoon.
7. B Coy drivers who know how to change flat tyres.
8. We also say good-bye to LCPL "Wet Back" Crisp who goes to Singleton and welcome LCPL "Elvis" Lambert from C Coy to take his place in the store.

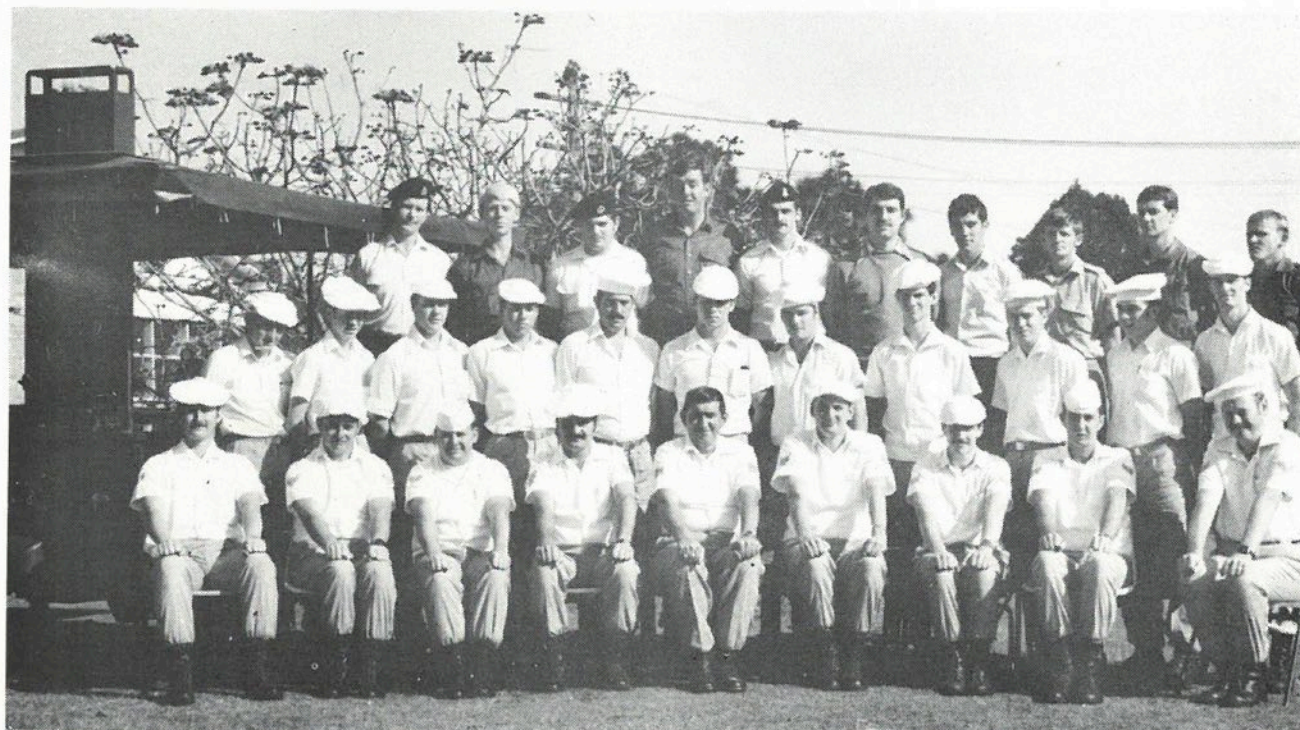
From transport we wish all the best for the rest of the year and see you next year.

Keep on Truckin on!

Wheels.







PTE F. Lenin  
PTE D. Penny (Possum)  
PTE G. Kelly (Ned)  
PTE S. Thompson  
PTE D. Hughson (Jock)  
PTE S. Deale  
PTE S. Hoggan  
PTE R. Speachly  
PTE D. Ball  
PTE T. Lewis (Rocky)

CPL N. Shaw  
CPL K. Augur (Mother)  
CPL J. Chippendale (Chippy)  
SGT P. Rawlins (Bruno)  
WO2 G. Wildblood, MBE  
(Cook Master)  
SGT J. Hogan  
CPL S. Niehus (Lover)  
CPL W. Burns (Pooh Bear)  
CPL T. Dillion (Sweed)

PTE G. Donaghey (Flappers)  
PTE R. Morrison (Ferret)  
PTE A. Hoskin (Hoss)  
PTE I. Fitzgerald (Fitzzy)  
PTE R. McAppion (Animal)  
PTE K. Grafton (Frog)  
PTE A. Currie (Chook)  
PTE B. Moylan (Speed)  
PTE D. Fraser (Mal)  
PTE R. Dawson (Smokey)  
PTE S. Goodwin (Bones)

SGT G. Robinson  
CPL C. Baldery  
LCPL R. Nelson. (Kid)  
PTE S. Stothard  
PTE G. Chirichilli  
PTE S. Mackay



This year has seen a large turnover of staff in the Catering Platoon, what with march-out on posting and discharge and an increase in establishment, we only have a few of the members left from last year.

Those who have marched out have been sorely missed, especially SGTs James and Steckelbruck. The list of march-outs are:

SGT R. George	CPL D. Bird
SGT M. James	CPL R. Davison
SGT K. Steckelbruck	LCPL J. Bennion
SGT T. Thiselwhite	PTE L. Heaver
CPL (Doc) Baldock	PTE I. Brockway
CPL I. Hamilton-McClaren	PTE B. Bridges
	PTE G. Kelly

This able crew have been missed but all have been replaced by the following:

SGT Robinson	PTE Dawson
SGT Rawlins	PTE Donaghey
SGT McClennan	PTE Fraser
CPL Shaw	PTE Moylan
CPL Nishos	PTE McAppion
PTE Morrison	

We have also had a number of infantry soldiers who have seen the light and joined the Catering Platoon. They are:

PTE Hoggan	LCPL Nelson
PTE Mackay	PTE Lewis
PTE Chirichilli	PTE Stothard

So with a fairly inexperienced crew we set out to build them into a team and maintain the high standard of the Platoon.

On the two major exercises for the year the Platoon worked well, highlighted by PTE's Fitzgerald and Ball being used as live targets (nearly) on Leaden Lift and SGT Rawlins first formal in the bush with the Battalion on Sandy Hollow. The whole Platoon showed how well they could work as a team on Ex Sandy Hollow when the CO sent word down for soup for all in two hours time, then the next night for stew and soup for all in three hours. We produced the goods highlighting the team spirit of the Platoon.

At this time of year we are looking forward to K81, when once again all the Platoons skills will be put to the test, and once again we will rise to the task.

In the next few months we will lose still more of our members, with CPL Dillion and PTE Ball both heading off. Worst of all our great loss will be our noble leader WO2 Geoff Wildblood, the "Cook Master" who is off on course and being posted next year to the Catering School. He will be missed by the whole Battalion.

So we of the Catering Platoon have once again more than lived up to our reputation as the biggest and best Platoon in the Battalion. We will miss those who have gone and welcome all our new members.

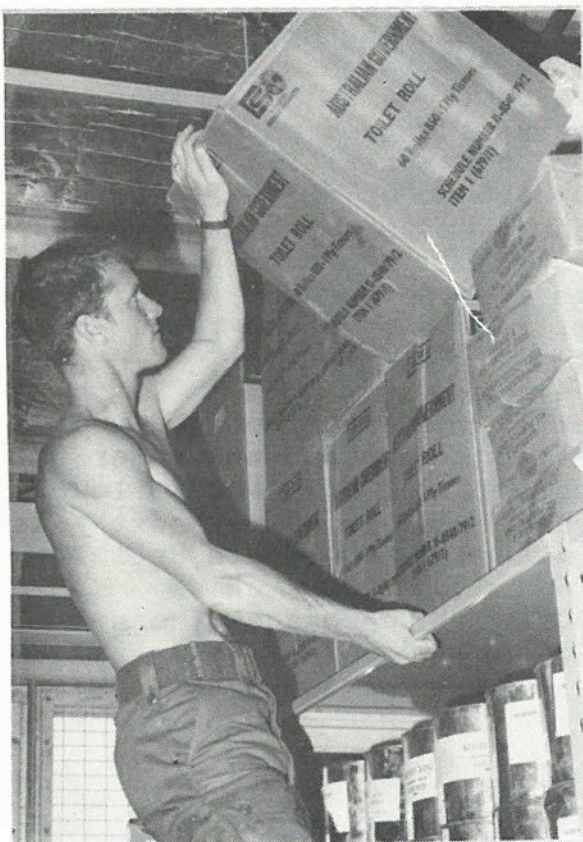


# Qm PLATOON



Back Row: SGT Ted Nesteriak, WO1 Les Arnould, PTE Milan Pajk, PTE Gary Jeiar, CPL Mark Angel, CPL Peter Ashton, SGT Phill Wolfenden, CAPT Rod McLeod.

Front Row: PTE Allan Green, CPL John Hatch, PTE Cedric Mugridge, CPL Michael Voller, PTE Murray Rigg.





The Q Pl has just completed another successful Stocktake and is now looking forward to that always glorious task of preparing for an audit..

There has been during the year several promotions within the Platoon which in all cases were well deserved. They were:

WO1 L. Arnould  
 LCPL C. Mugridge  
 CPL M. Angel  
 SGT T. Nesteriak - who is still smiling days after the event.

The two major activities conducted by the unit, Exercise Leaden Lift II and Exercise Sandy Hollow, were both successful as far as the Main Q was concerned. SGT Graham Kennedy performed well and learnt a lot about Q work when running the Main Q during Ex Leaden Lift II. SGT Phil Wolfenden still doesn't know what happened to him while he was controlling the Q activities on Ex Sandy Hollow, but he did a good job and learnt a lot.

Departures and arrivals from the Main Q were many. Firstly, departures:

LCPL Keith Lawrence who was posted on promotion to Inf Centre.  
 LCPL John Turner willingly went to LWC on promotion.  
 PTE Steve Harney left for 106 Fd Wksp.

Arrivals into the Q were:

CAPT Rod McLeod at the start of the year as the new QM who hates PT but continues to show up a lot of the younger fellows.  
 SGT Phil Wolfenden for a short stay in the Tech Store then onto CQMS A Coy  
 CPL Porky Vogler  
 PTE Gary Jiear  
 PTE Murray Rigg.

Tennis still remains the main sport played within the Q Platoon. Every lunch time sees a fierce competition taking place on the superb flat surface of the centre court at 8/9 RAR. The QM and RQMS still remain superior and occasionally have to let the opposition win just so they will return on another day.

The big project for the remainder of the year will be the move to the new lines. It will involve a lot of hard work for the Q Platoon but will be worth it after having seen the new Q area.



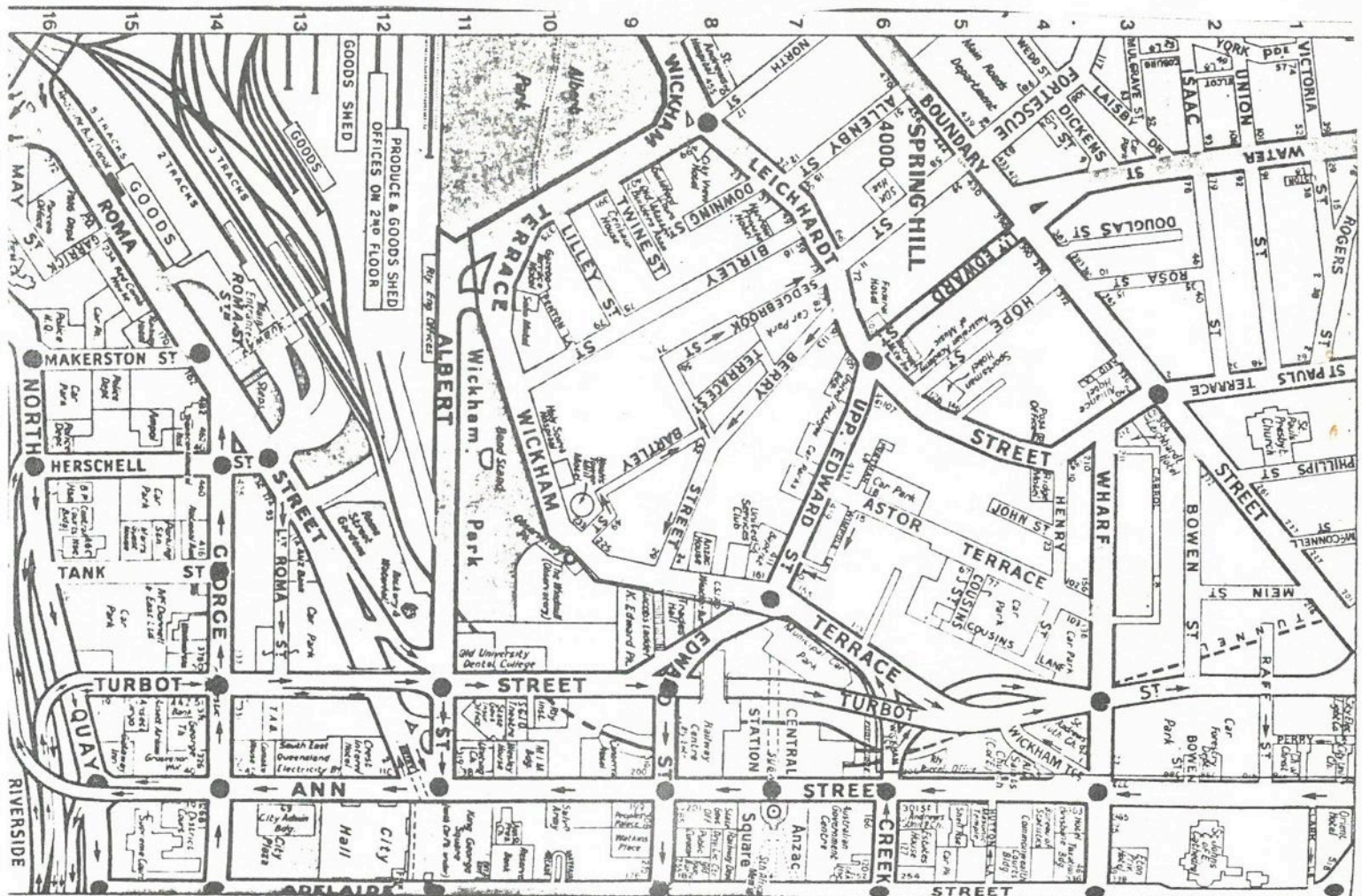
# mout

In the 1940's it was known as Street Fighting, or Fighting in Towns; since then it has been known at various times as Fighting in Built Up Areas (FIBUA), Combat In Cities (CIC), Military Operations in Built Up Areas (MOBA) and Combat Operations in the Urban Sprawl. The process of research and development has led to the present title: Military Operations in Urban Terrain (MOUT).

One of the tasks of 6 TF is to develop expertise in urban operations. The Australian teaching, or doctrine, on MOUT is to be published in a new training pam in the near future.

During 1981 this doctrine was drafted within 8/9 RAR and is presently being examined by senior officers of all parts of the Army to enable their comments to be considered prior to the pamphlet being printed and distributed to units. Comments made to date indicate that the draft of the pam has been well received.

This draft would not have been complete without the contributions made by many individuals within the Battalion, 6 TF and elsewhere, who volunteered their experiences, time and effort to assist in the production. The author of the pamphlet expresses his appreciation for their assistance.

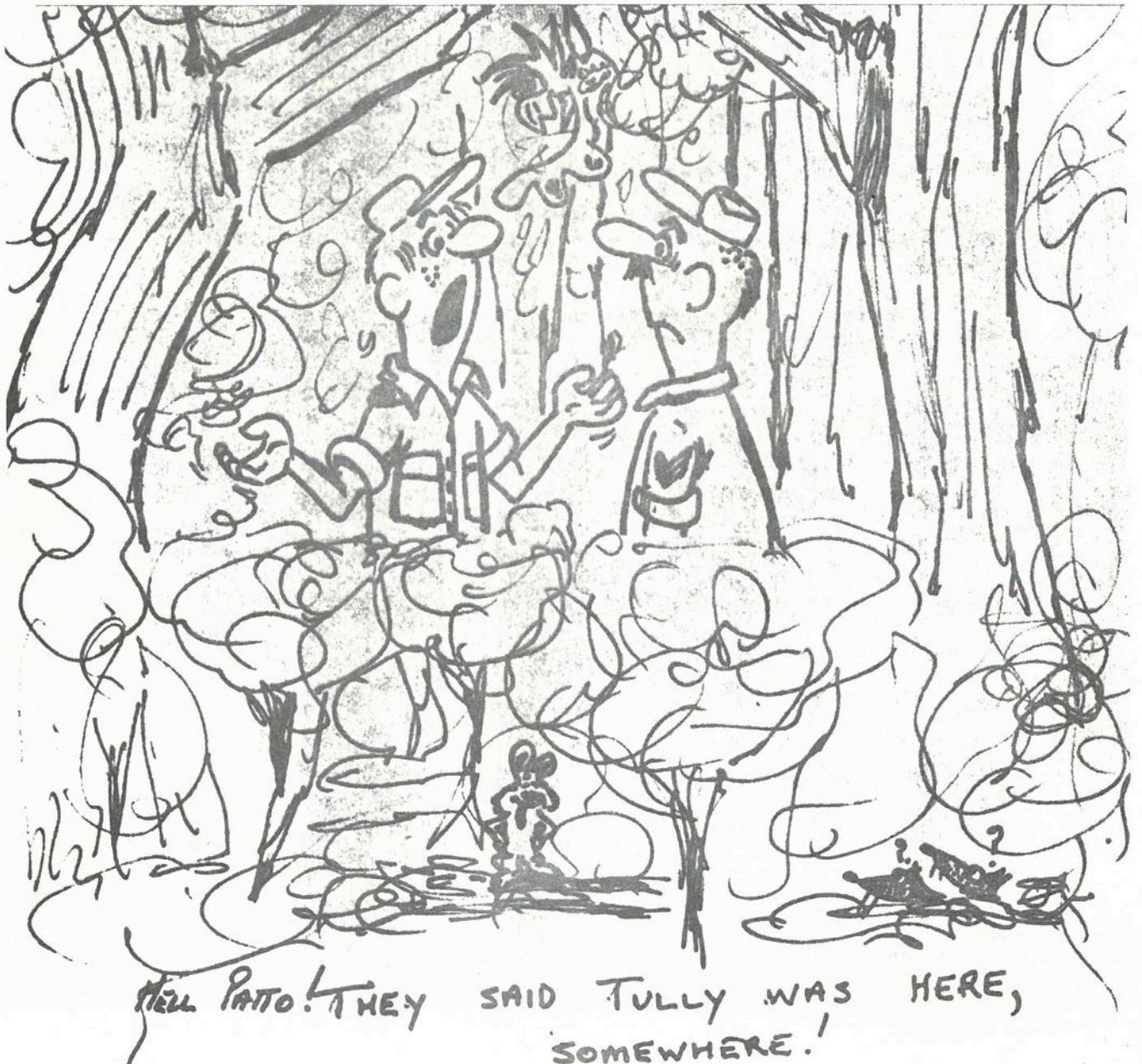




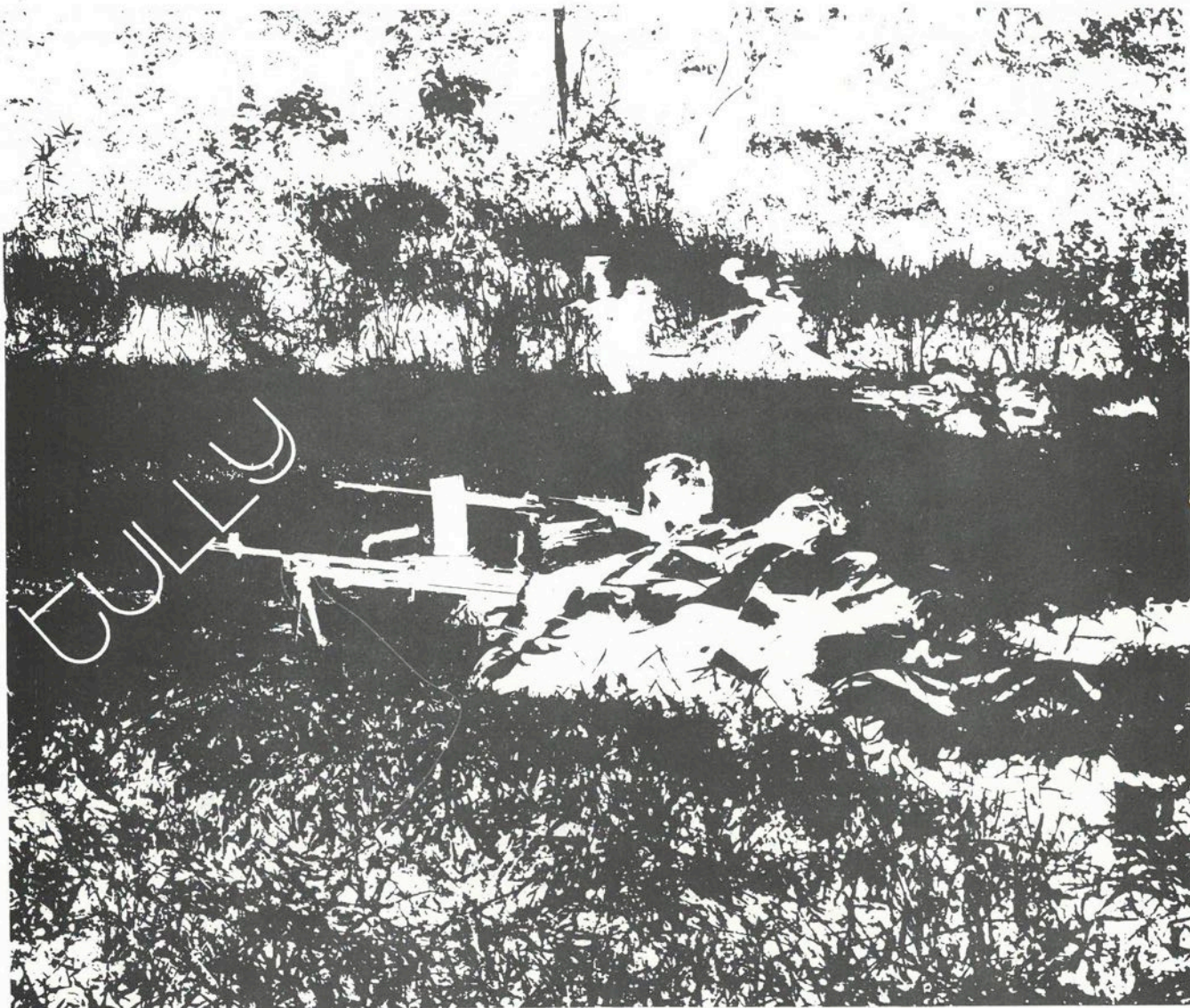
# TULLY

The Jungle, being neutral, belongs to the best section. Training at the First Divisional Battle School proved invaluable in practicing the law of the Jungle, binding sections together and making the soldier earn his bread and butter.

Our thanks must go to LTCOL Mansford and all the Instructors for their guidance and advice throughout the unit's participation at Tully.









# Fun run

A group of hearty volunteers ran in relay from the BIG COW at Nambour to the Channel Seven Studios at Mt Cootha (109 km) to raise money for the Children's Hospital Appeal. Despite hot conditions the run took only nine hours and just over \$1,750 was collected from motorists. An additional \$362 was collected through sponsorship from the Battalion.

The run would not have been as successful without the assistance of ten girls from 9 Dental Unit, Brisbane Transport Unit and 4 Signals Regiment. The girls dressed in Battalion shorts and T Shirts collected from willing motorists and even ran a few of the relay legs.

Thanks should go to LTs Ian Cruickshank and Peter Hanlon for transport and organization. SSGT Cas Crook provided stores and money counting supervision; CPL Steu Pardekooper was medical back up and PTE Kari Veijalainen did the camera work.





# GAS! GAS! GAS!

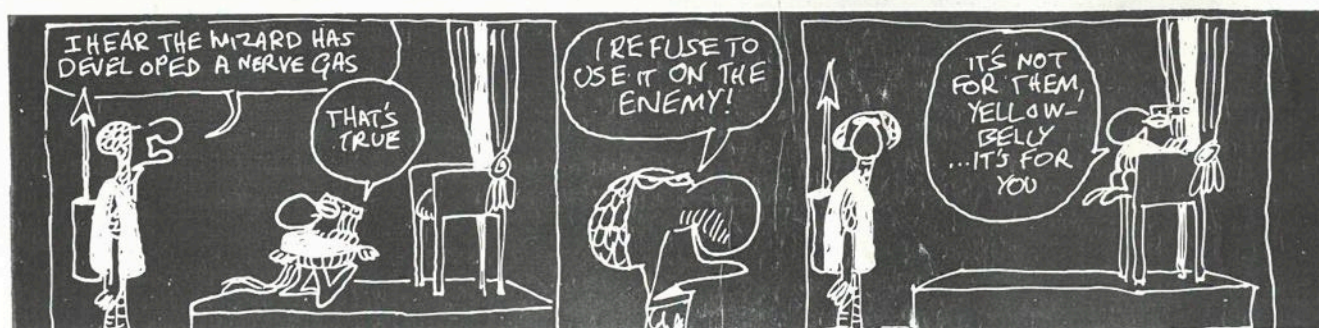
This familiar cry was heard throughout the Battalion, much to the terror of some members of the unit.

Gas training was carried out over the period 15 Jun to 30 Jun 81. It was designed to familiarise members of the unit in the characteristics and effects of incapacitation agents and to feel the restrictions of wearing the NBC protective clothing and mask.

The most enjoyable part of the gas training was obviously the one kilometre run and grouping practice in the NBC suit and mask. The range practice came as quite a surprise to some members who found they could shoot better wearing the NBC suit and mask. The overall shooting ability was quite high in the unit.

The most memorable experience would have to be the gas chamber exercise where WO2 Davis, SGT Anderson and CPL Montefiore had great delight in subjecting everyone to CS gas capsules. Some of the more memorable events in the gas chamber were displayed by PTE Gillespie (A Coy) who was immune to the effects of the gas. PTE Rowe (C Coy) in his haste to leave the chamber attempted to para roll out the door when it was shut, he declined an offer to have another go in the chamber. PTE Rivett (Spt Coy) made the mistake of taking off his gas mask then taking a big gulp of air, his exit from the chamber was very hasty and undignified. .

Well! that's all for gas training, hoping to see you some time, some place next year for some more fun.







## GAS TRAINING





# **S/SGT BILL McCUTCHEN DINED OUT 28th AUGUST 81**





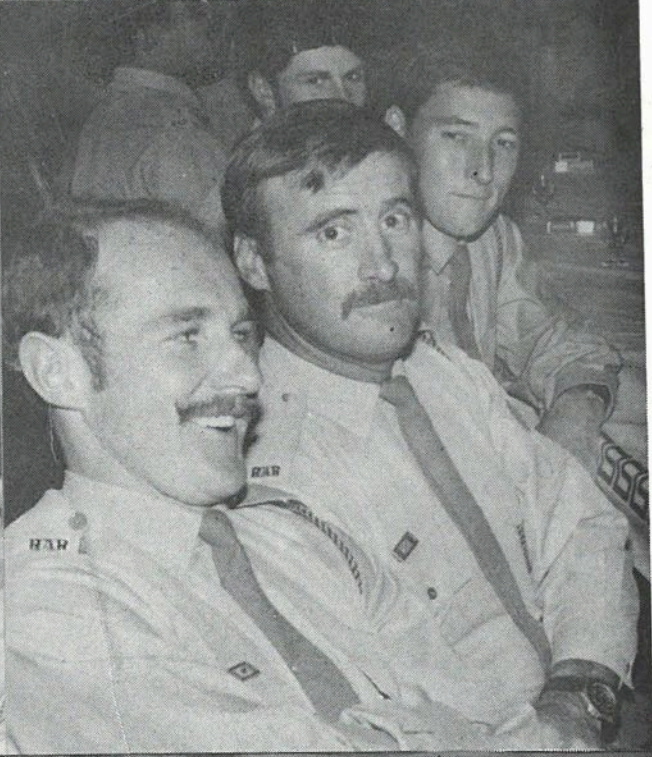
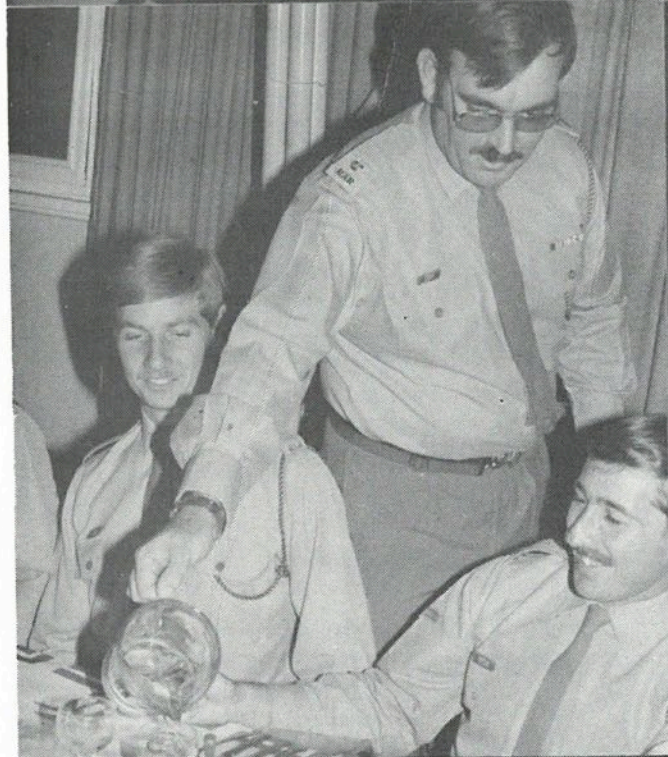
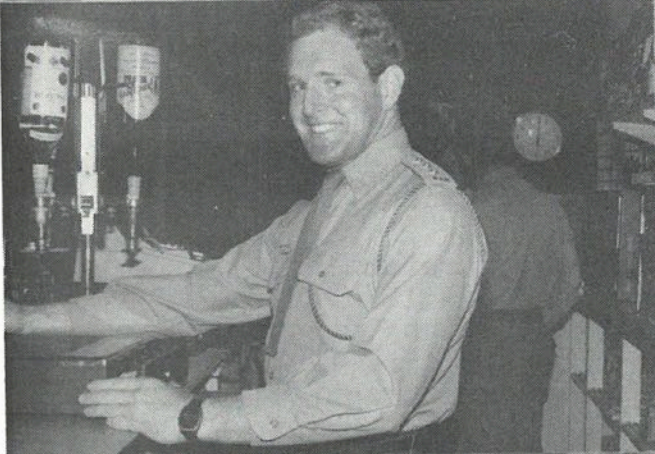
# SOLDIERS Dining In Night

On the 30th July the traditional Soldiers Dining In Night took place. The soldiers wined and dined at the formal dinner and were served by the Officers and Senior NCO's of the Battalion.

The dinner was held on our return from Exercise SANDY HOLLOW and preceded a well earned standdown break. On the afternoon of the dinner the Battalion held a "potted sports carnival" that attracted a great deal of interest and competition.

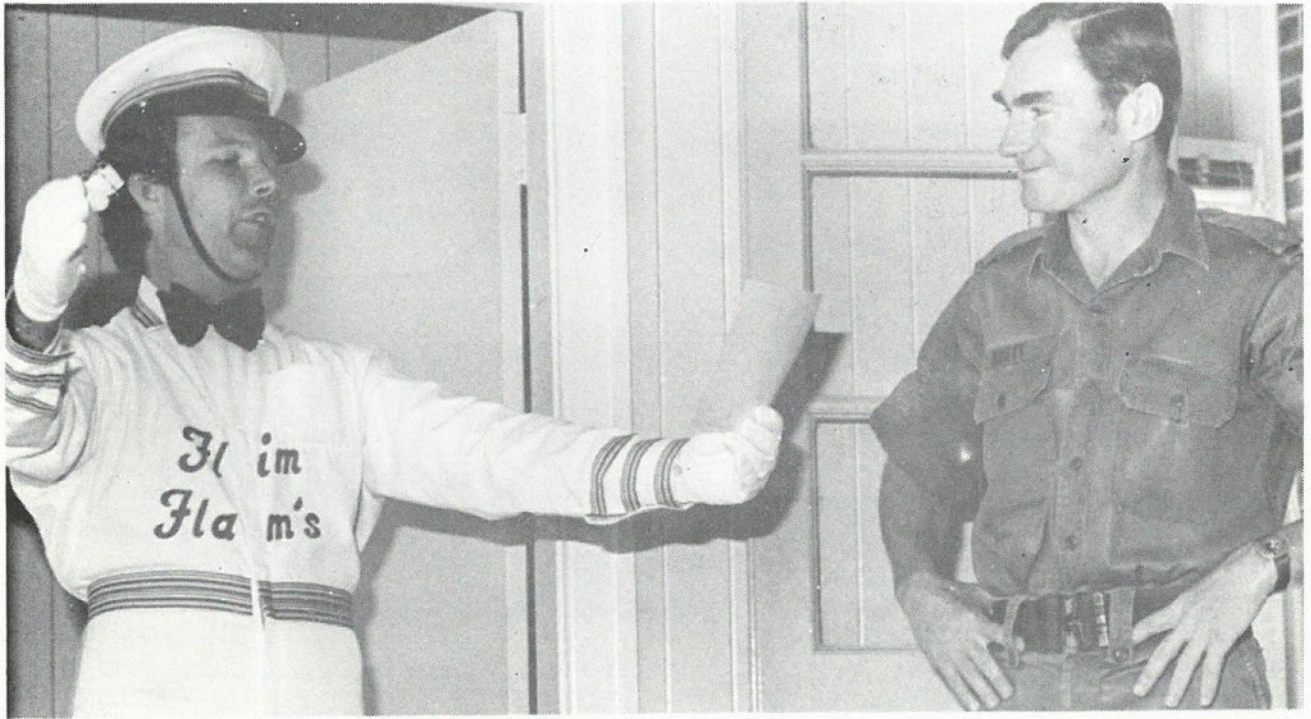








# BIRTHDAY BOYS !!



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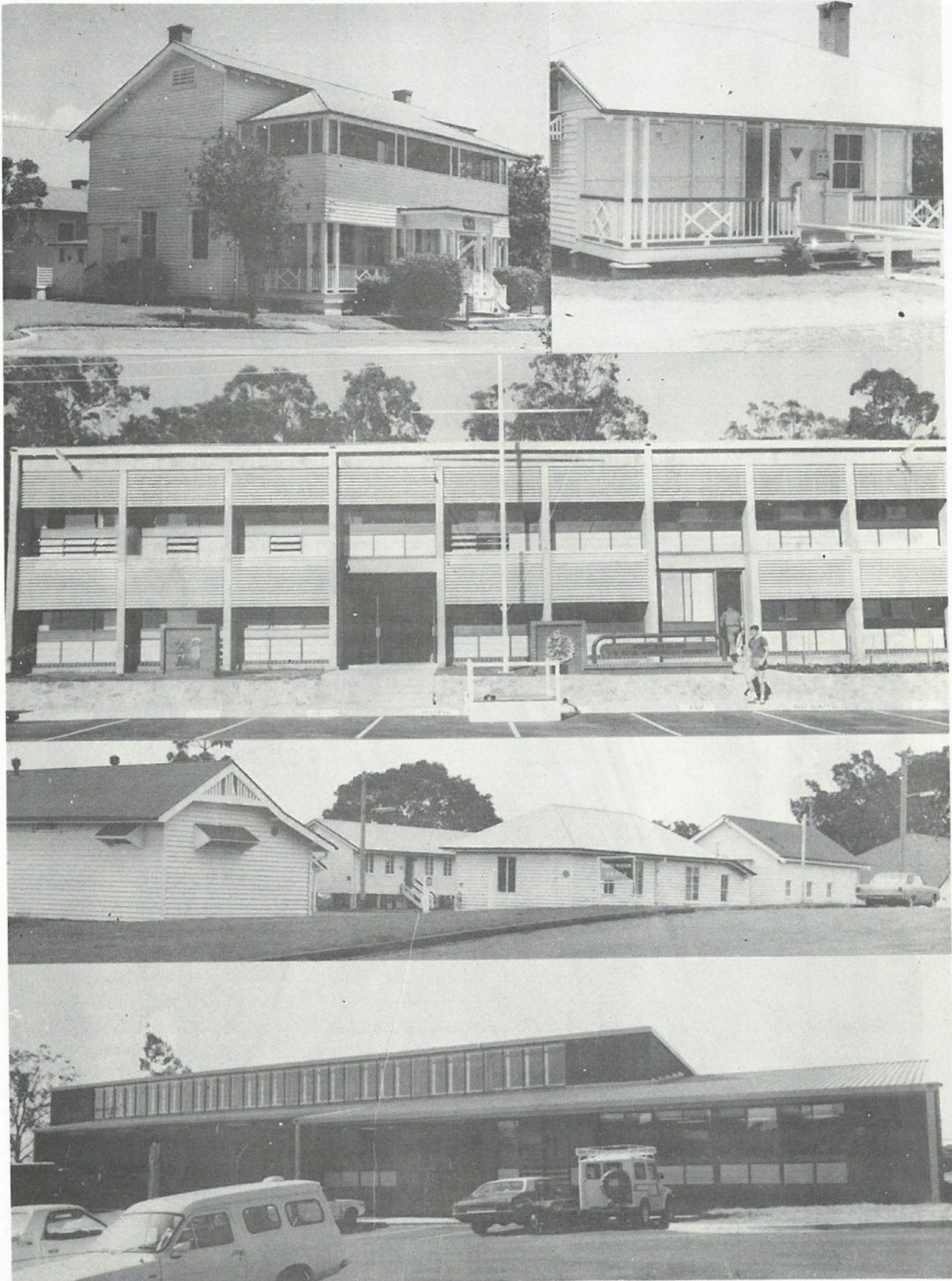


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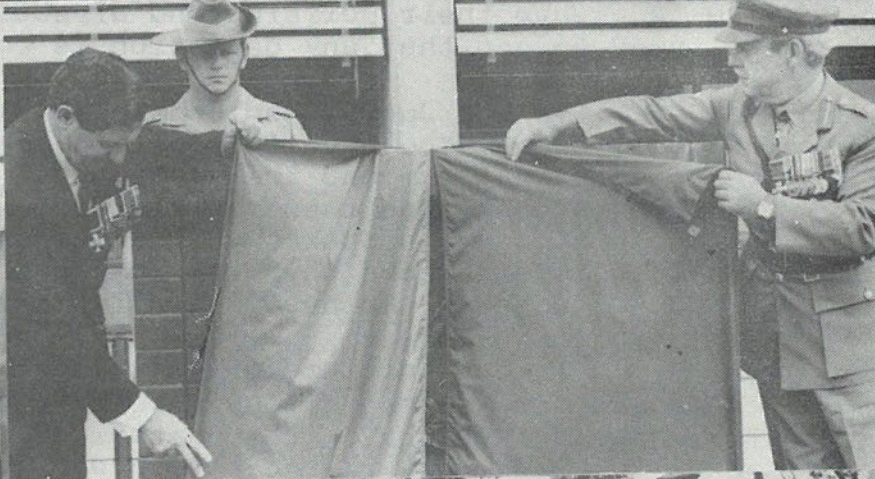
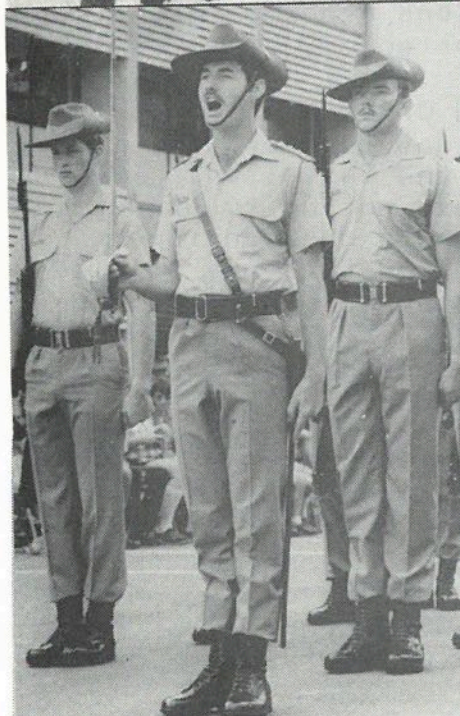
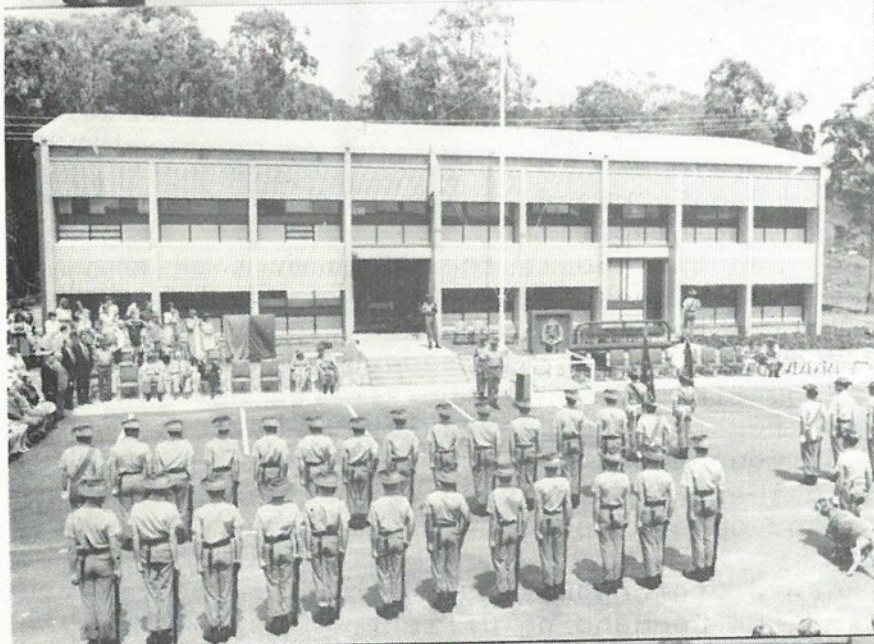
# Gallipoli Lines~

THE OLD AND THE NEW





# 22nd November





## RSM's FAREWELL

The highlight of any Senior Non Commissioned Officers Service in the Royal Australian Regiment is to attain the most prestigious position of all and that is a Regimental Sergeant Major of a Battalion of the Regiment.

To be fortunate enough to be posted back to a Battalion with which you have service ties as I did with 8th Battalion and again with 8/9 Battalion was beyond my wildest dreams. To those who were responsible, I thank you very much.

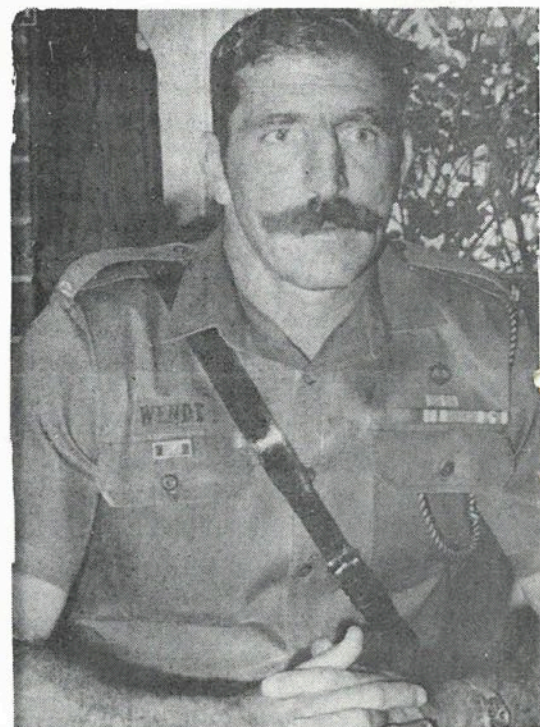
This posting has certainly been the highlight of my twenty years in the Army. To the Officers of the Battalion, I thank you for your support. To the Senior Non Commissioned Officers goes my most deeply felt gratitude for you are the people that make my task easy. Some of you probably think I have been hard on you, maybe I have but my aim has always been to improve the standard of the Senior Non Commissioned Officers. You have a tremendous responsibility, not only do you guide the destiny of your subordinates but you are also responsible to provide for the younger officers, advice and assistance when required and you need to be strong enough to follow your convictions through to their conclusion. If you believe in something strong enough then stand up and be heard.

You also have a tremendous responsibility towards your Company Commanders and the Commanding Officer. They are relying on you to ensure their policies and directions are implemented and followed up and that any deviation is corrected.

To the Junior Non Commissioned Officer of the Battalion I say well done. You have the most important task of all. You are the people that command the sections of the Battalion. If the sections are no good then the Platoons are not up to standard and if the platoons are weak then the Company is weak and so on. I don't believe we have any weak Companies and this has enabled us to have I am sure the best Battalion in the Regiment, bar none.

To the soldiers of this magnificent Battalion I also say thank you very much. Without you we would all be out of a job. There have been times in the past twenty months where you have been asked to give your all and I am proud to say you have always produced the goods.

In conclusion I would just like to thank all ranks of the Battalion for the loyal support and the most enjoyable period of my service life. I leave the Battalion with the fondest of memories so deeply embroiled in my mind that they will stay with me for the rest of my life.





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