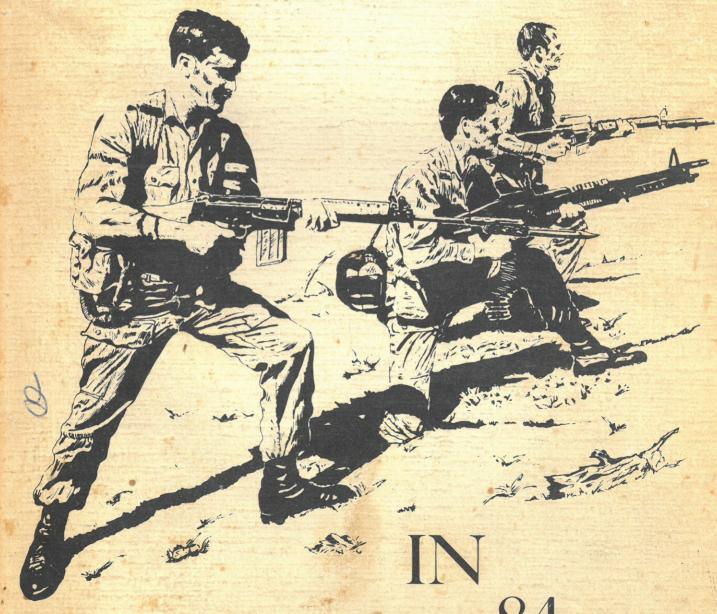


FORGING AHEAD



84

Foreword by the Commanding Officer, LTCOL R.E.Thornley



I wish all members of the Battalion and their families a very Happy Christmas and a Successful 1985.

This unit magazine is a record of 1984; the highs and low the happy and the sad, the difficult and easy times we have done as a Battalion. We hope all who read it will recall the year with as much satisfaction as I have.

Allhowly.

Foreword by the Regimental Sergeant Major, WO1 G.K.Willmann

The end of 1984 is now upon us and we can look back at the year's events and all be proud of what we have achieved as a Battalion, not just in our training for war, but also on the sports field.

It matters not whether we win or lose, but how we play the game. Unfortunately we have some soldiers within the Battalion that aren't playing the game and constantly need to be reminded of the Regimental Motto "Duty First".



In training for war one must be serious in his approach and dedicated to the task that he has been given. If this dedication does not happen in a peace time environment your chances of surviving in war are very slim. A soldier must be realistic, tough and he must be given the chance to develop his initiative and individuality. This is the responsibility of every soldier within the unit.

Through hard work and dedication we can only become more professional and maintain the standards that the Battalion and Regiment have acheived.

In closing I would like to take this opportunity to wish all members of the Battalion a Merry Christmas and look forward to a challenging and rewarding year in 1985.

Tribute
To
The
Late
Ste
Sohn Macarthur I











Major Octivities

OF 84

12 February 1984; Exercise Leaden Lift 84

February 1984: A Company return from Duty in Malaysia.

28 February 1984: Long Hai Memorial Service.

25 April 1984: Anzac Day.

April 1984: 6 pl B Coy in Canada.

14 June 1984: Exercise Olympus Ridge.

October 1984: Exercise Diamond Dollar.

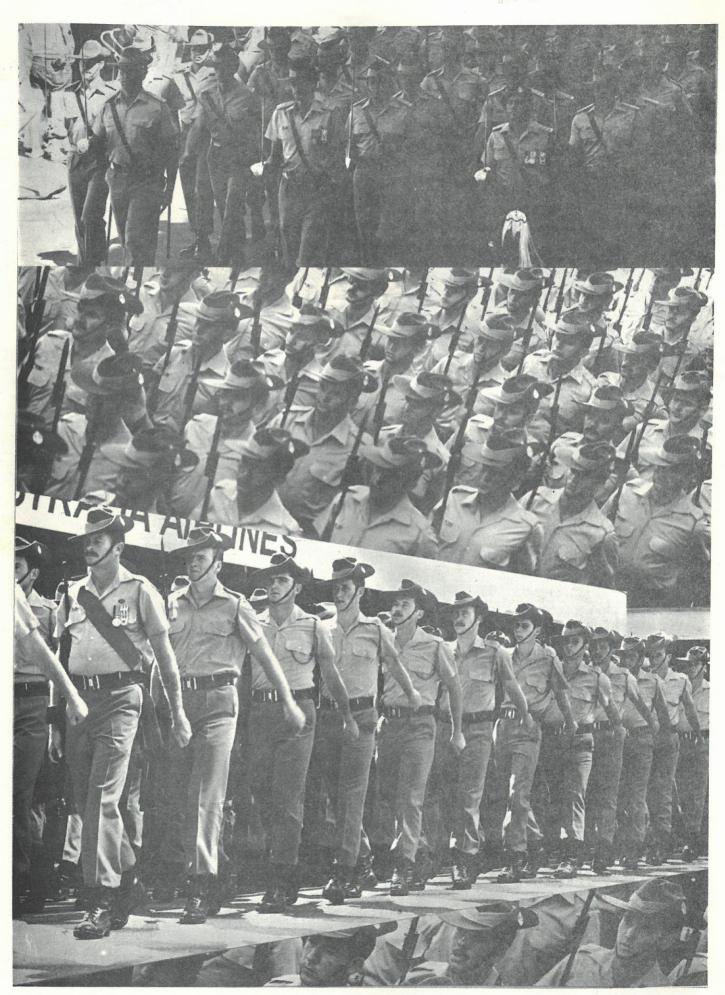
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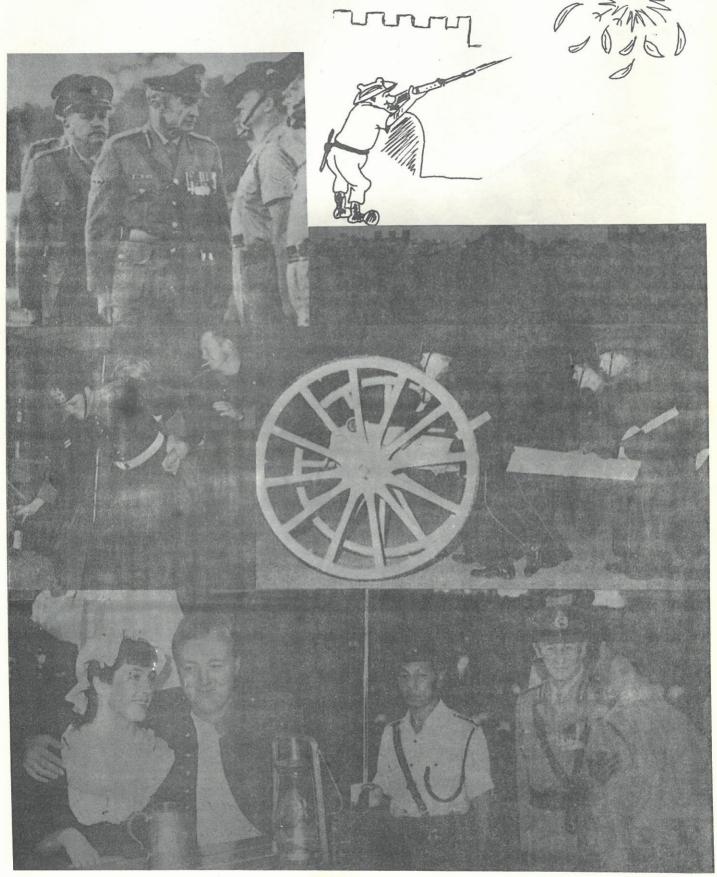


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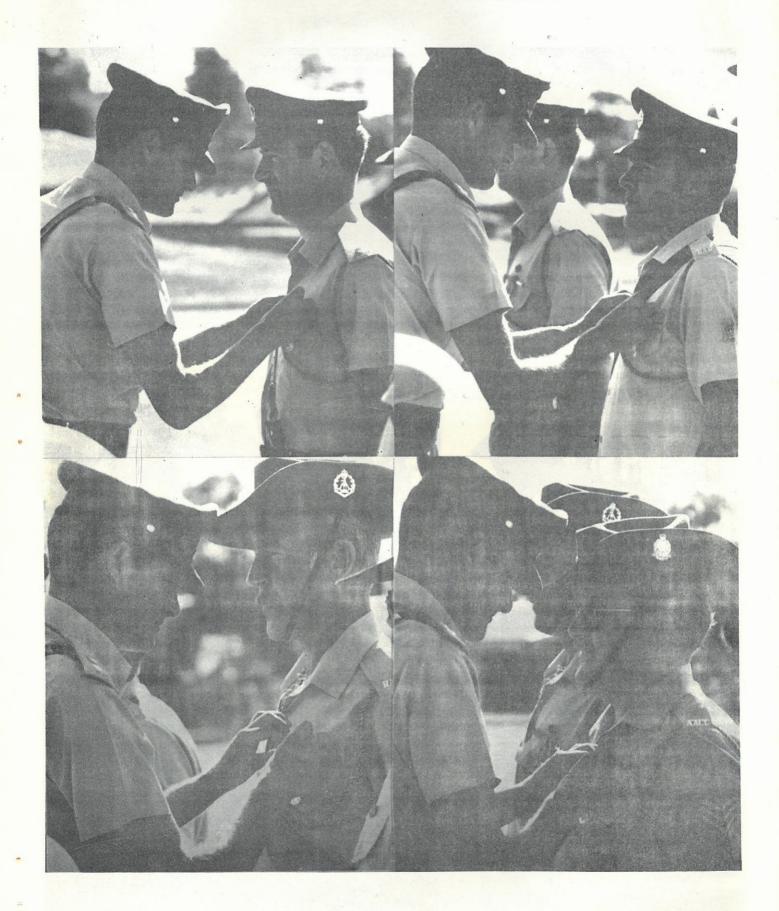
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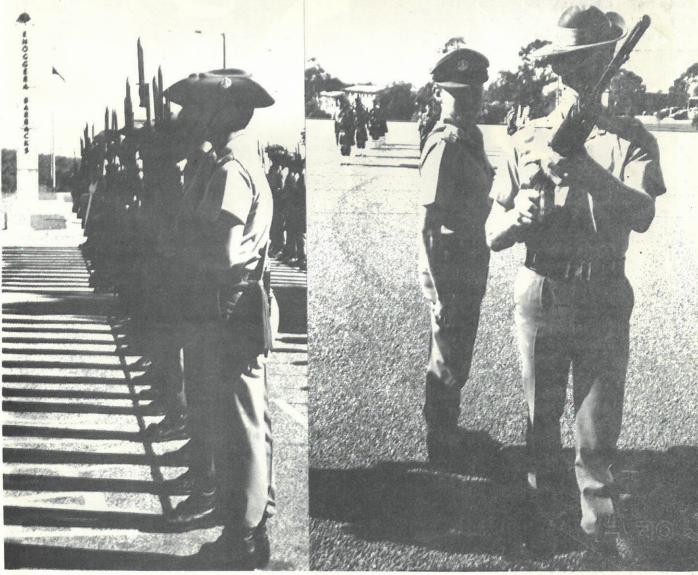
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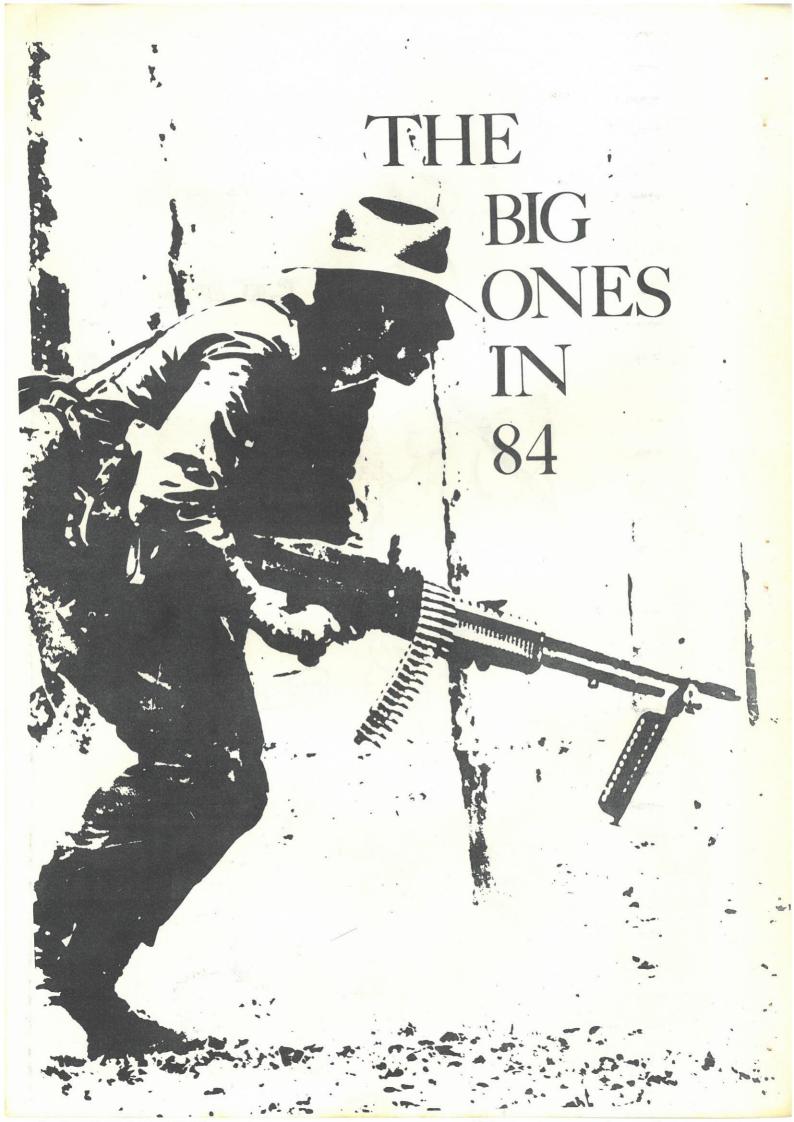




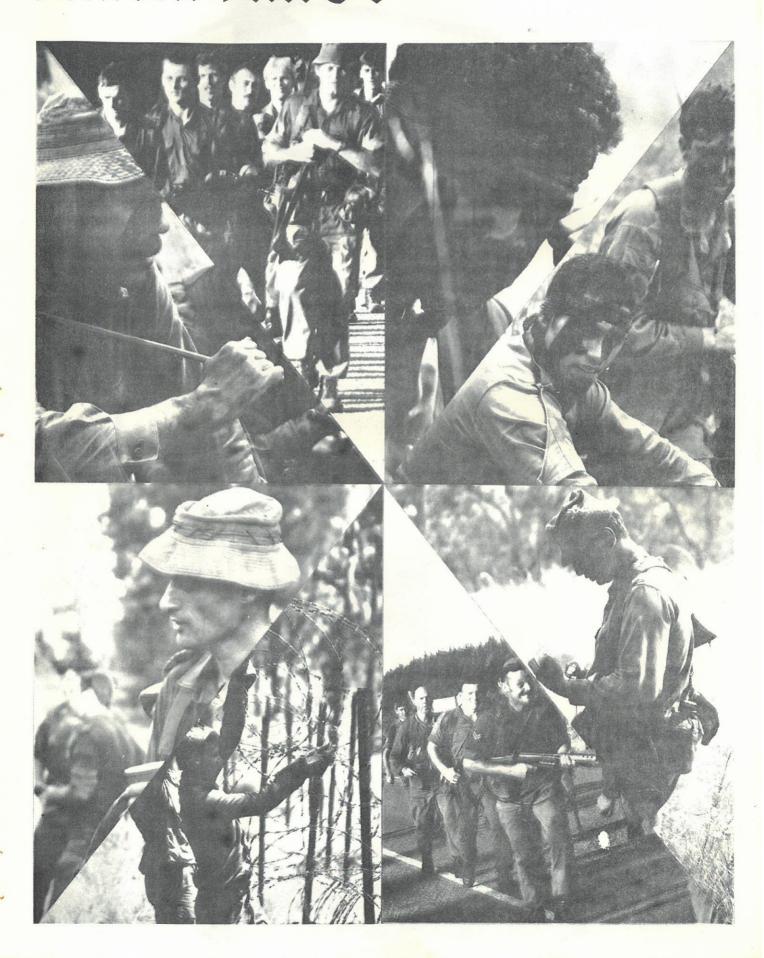


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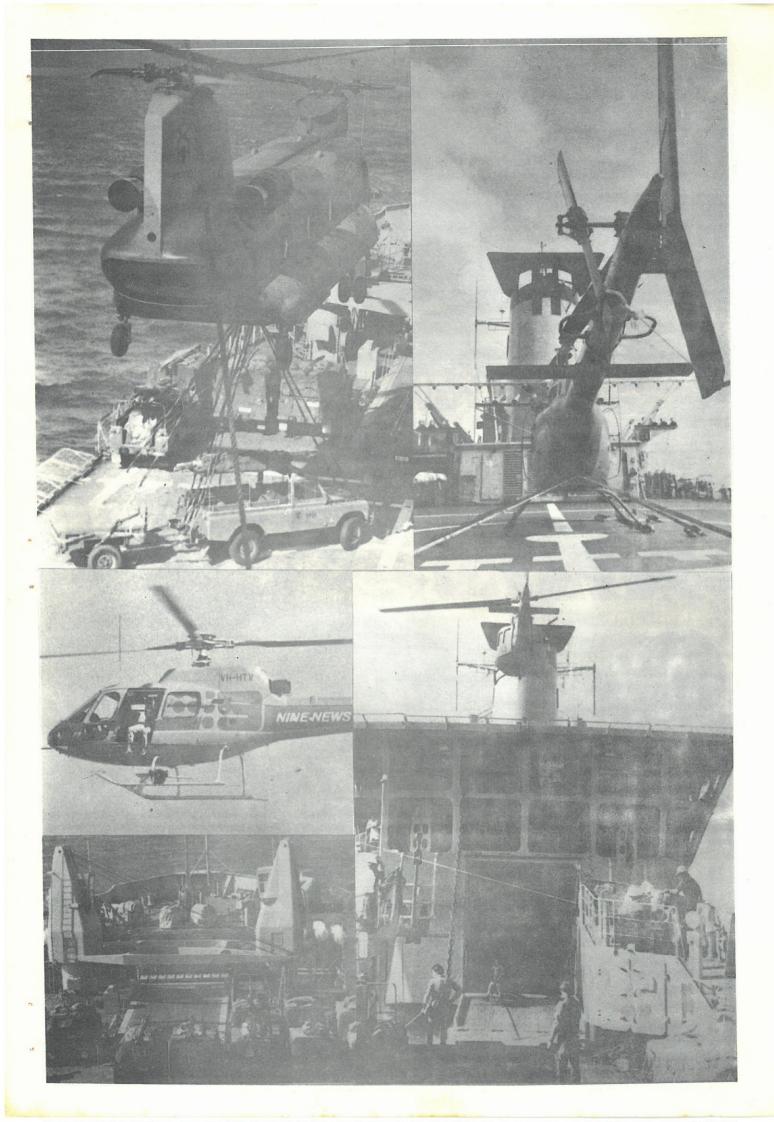
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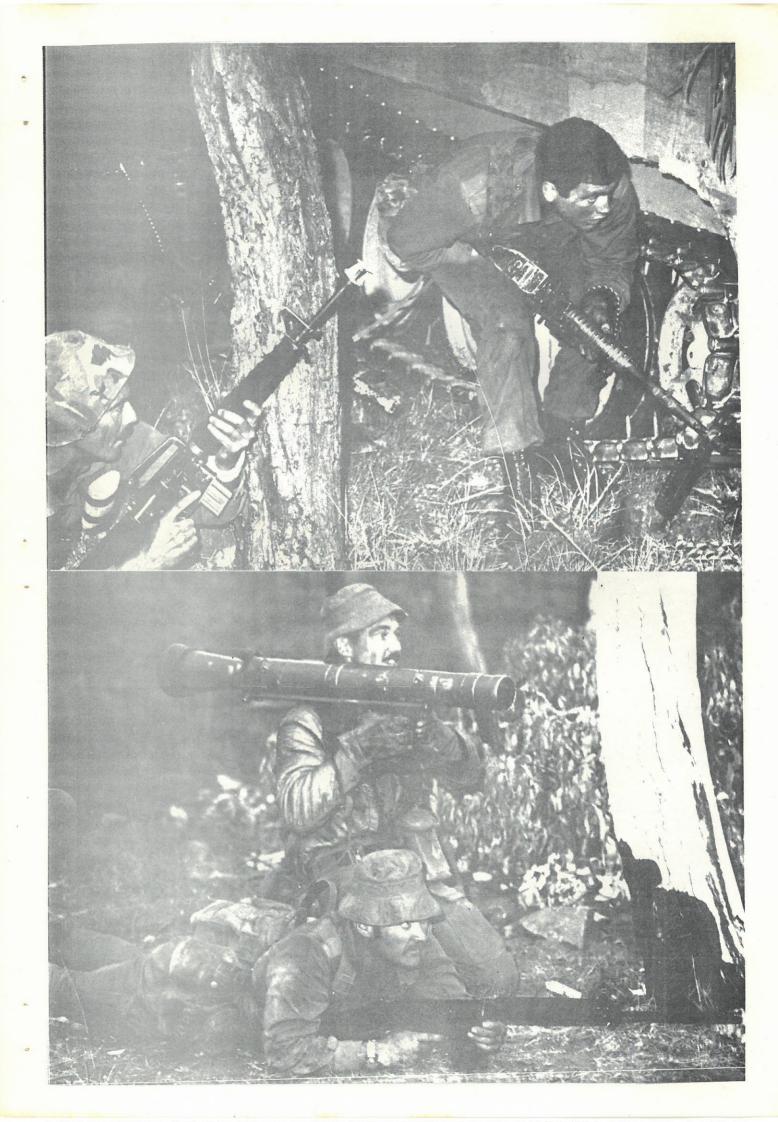


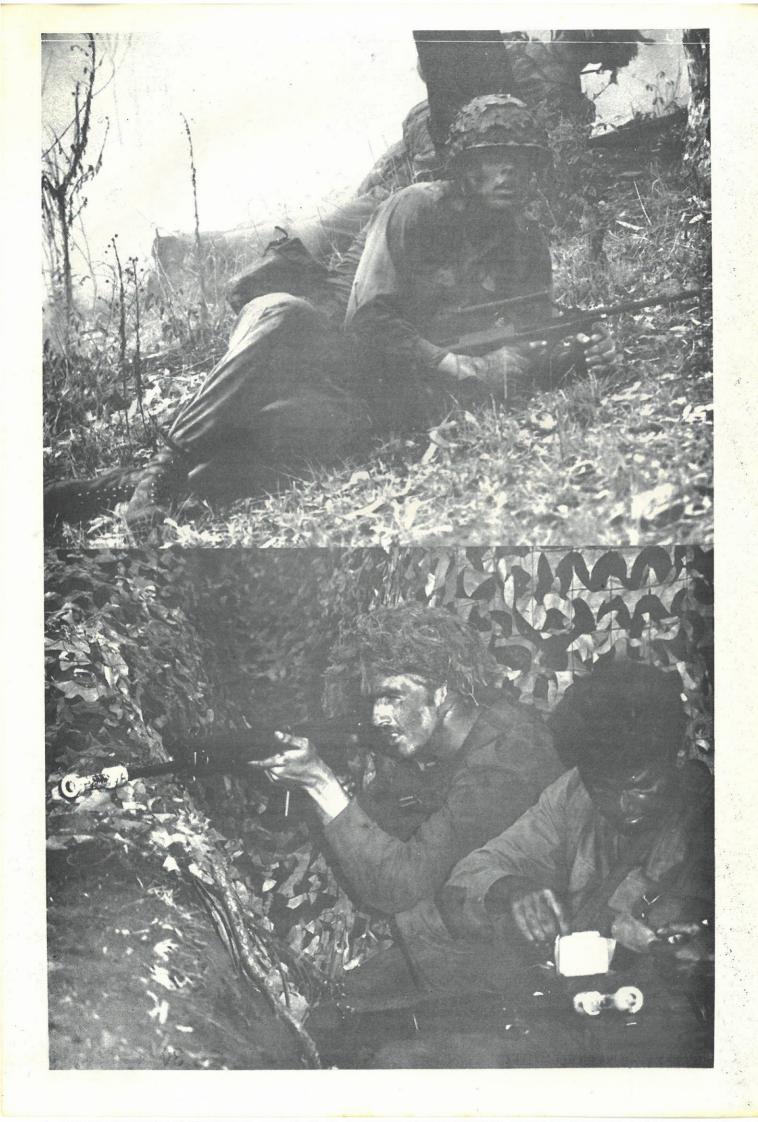
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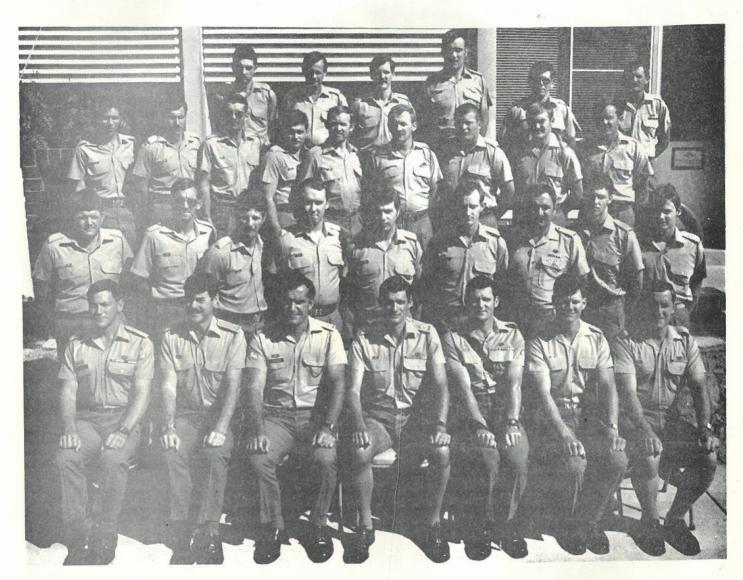












LEFT TO RIGHT:

CAPT C.R.SMITH, MAJ M.J.R.HANNAN, MAJ D.G.KNAGGS FRONT RANK:

LTCOL R.E. THORNLEY, WO1 G.K. WILLMAN, LT S.C. GOULD,

WO2 D.ZERNER.

LCPL J.W.CLARKE, PTE A.R.ROGERS, PTE S.A.HARRIS, SECOND RANK:

PTE P.HILL, CPL A.FURNESS, CPL M.FLANDERS, CPL M.MAYER,

THIRD RANK:

PTE K.M.LAWRENCE, PTE M.T.O'BYRNE.
PTE W.H.RYAN, PTE J.R.WILSON, CPL W.J.SCHAFFERIUS,
LCPL P.K.COX, CPL A.J.M.ROBBIE, SGT W.R.EATON,
LCPL J.R.WEST, PTE M.J.ROSS, CPL J.P.COLBERTALDO.

LCPL T.D.WILLÍAMSON, SGT D.Ć.GODFREY, SGT J.F.INGLE, REAR RANK:

SGT P.G.STEPHENS, SGT C.G.BOOT, SGT B.A.PRIOR.

As always the new year saw many changes to staffing in the Bn Ord Room with the arrival of WO2 Zerner (CCLK), Sgt Jim Ingle (Pers Sgt) and Sgt Deano Godfrey (Trouble Shooter Extraordinare), to whom we owe a vote of thanks as they unselfishly shared their vast wealth of knowledge with the remnants of the old regime.

Even the mob (disregard the word "MOB") upstairs didn't escape the ritual of the annual shuffle, as we saw a new RSM in WO1 Willmann a change in ADJT with Capt Smith and Maj Hannan as the new OPSO.

If the changes already mentioned aren't enough for you, read on. We gained a new AADJT in Lt Gould and a few Clerks with Pte Hurley, Wilson, Lcpl Williamson, Cpl Matherson and Cox....BORING...., but could we keep them? The list of losses is just as impressive with Cpl Cox to B COY, Cpl Matherson to A COY followed by Cpl Stockwell, Cpl Johnson, Lt Matthews and Lepl Lazarus.

Normally one could expect a few changes with the arrival of 1 or 2 new personnel but not this time, a complete upheaval would be more to the point, and not just once. It must be remembered that changes to perfectly workable adminstration system do not happen by chance they are well planned exercises designed to improve the Bn Administration by cutting down on unnecessary paper work and evenly sharing the work load. The plan to achieve the aim (improve the Bn Admin) was simple; completely reorganise Bn HQ so as no one knew who did what or where to send all that unnecessary paper and if, by chance anybody did begin to understand the new system, an immediate reorg would be implemented. This also served to give "Buck" Rogers something to do with all his spare time.ie., fit 10 cubic meters of blank paper into a 6 cubic meter room and still have 3 cubic meters for a work area.

In conclusion, if anyone can interpret theinformation supplied in the above paragraphs, this submission has failed in achieving its objective.

"WELL DONE IN 84 BN HQ".

8/9RAR OFFICER THROUGH THE EYES OF;



HIS BIRD

HIS RATION SQT

HIS SIG

HIS PSYCHIATRIST





LCPL J.R. WEST., SGT W.R. EATON., CPL J.P.COLBERTALDO , PTE M.J. ROSS.

THE KEYSTONE COPS.

After a well earned rest the RP Section returned to start work in 1984, after settling into a new office. Sgt (Fred) Harris stepped down as RP Sgt to go to his new posting, allowing Sgt (Col) Bishop to take over as Chief Inspector in RP Section. Cpl (Spud) Colbertaldo stayed in RP Section to train and pass on the finer points of RP work to the new RP Sgt. Cpl Spud is moving to Kapooka at the end of the

year to become an Instructor. Pte (Bubba know where to hide) West also stayed in RP Section and was promoted to LCPL in May. LCPL West is to return to a Rifle Company before the year is finished. Pte (Rossy) Ross moved from B Coy to RP Section to become the new RP Pte and at this stage seems to be handling the job quite well.

During May the Rugby season was well under way and this meant that the RP Section Sgt (Col) Bishop could not carry out his duties and coach Rugby at the same time. Eventually Sgt 'Col' withdrew to Spt Coy Q Store allowing Sgt (Wally) Eaton to move in as the all new and (suspect) RP SGT. 'Wally' made the transition from Rifle Coy Sgt to RP Sgt with no problems, and is handling the pressure well. ???ZZZZ (See attached photo).

THINGS TO REMEMBER IN 1984:

EX OLYMPUS RIDGE:

One member who was attached to RP Section for the exercise was caught by the enemy twice; (Stan the Ram's Batman, or Pte, I've got my hands up blow fly blow). Also during the exercise a certain member was seen taking up a fire position from his teepee. For safety reasons the author of the Keystone Cops will not mention any names.

EX COPPER HEAVE:

During this exercise the Section was seen at Greenbank and at times, Belmont showing the rest of the Battalion how to shoot. (RSM Marksman).

COMING ATTRACTIONS:

Ex Diamond Dollar; where anything can and will happen. If anything does happen worthy of note it will be mentioned in next years magazine.

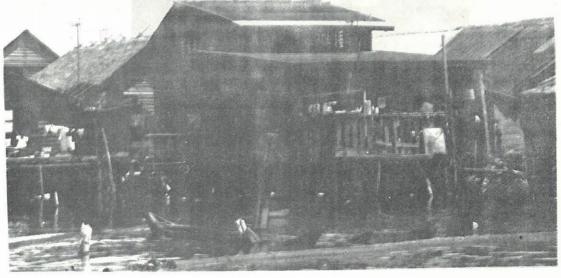
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Say No More.....



A Coy in Malaysia Nov83-Feb84





1PL - BUTTERWORTH 83-84

The Butterworth trip for lPl was, to say the least, a time of fun, frivolity, carefree days on beaches and even some work.

During our stay we managed to see a few places and experience quite a few new 'Exotic' dishes (such as Singaporean 'Macdonalds' and Malaysian Kentucky Fried).

We toured all the way from Bangkok and the famous R S Hotel to the bustling, busy, down town Bugis Street, Singapore, (home of the triple table leaping record, attempted by our very own Cpl M Curdy!) Haidgea and even Pulada fell before our relentless enslaught. Survival at Langkawi made us realise that rat packs weren't so bad after all and that where there's fire doesn't necessarily mean that there's smoke. Many a wild animal was captured in the 'ingenius' traps (including apparantly an entire brood of chickens). The PL returned back from Langkawi lean, mean and ready to eat anything (yes even food from the local mukan stores on Penang!!!!)

Life on the base itself (when we were lucky enough to be there)
was punctuated with a great number of sporting triumphs for lPl. Not
the least of which was coming a close 4th in the Inter Pl swimming
competition. Our greatest win though had to be when l Sect took out
the Potted Sports Comp hands down. (O.K. maybe it's not the America's
Cup but at least we won something).

All in all the trip was a great experience for 1 Pl, giving us the opportunity of doing a new job and experiencing a different way of life. Maybe one day in the near future Wayne, Mac, and P.J. will invite us all over to visit their new bar in Papyong Rd., and we'll be able to relive the memories of a very enjoyable 3 months.

MOMENTS TO REMEMBER

- Speedy Dick who drove through the Boom gate, before the Boom gate was open
- Our smooth landing into Lankawi courtesy of 'Ronnie RAAF Airways'
- New Years Eve spent on the bust in the middle of some THAI wilderness.
- Midnight swimming comps sponsored by the BC Bar.
- Pte Grants attempt at the World Record High Dive from the RS Hotel into the swimming pool.
- The saga of the two guys on Push Bikes. What really happened?
- Pte Davies midnight soap snacks.
- The five man carry from Penang back to home 'Completed more than once'



2 PL IN BUTTERWORTH 83-84

It has been said that 2Pl went along with A Company to Malaysia as the 'Tourist' Platoon. Although this was in the back of several peoples minds, by the time we set foot on the ground, the whirlwind pace set by the Support Company Conglomerates soon put paid to any ideas that we were on holiday.

QRF, Leaden Lift requirements and a stringent PT programme saw 2Pl peaking in fitness and drive at around Christmas. Then came Bangkok. As Patpong III opened at the RS Hotel several members had more than their hands full coping with numbers. The Unit Morals Officer was on hand to ensure a high standard was maintained whilst the platoon did their best to undermine him. Quite a few red faces (and other parts) were seen around the pool on those early Mekong mornings.

Next up was the idyllic setting of Langkawi Island where the platoon learnt all about chookless heads and pheasant plucking. "Cav" proved to be an arsonist and Smithy confirmed what we had always thought by turning into a huge grizzly bear, fishing minnows from the creek with his large hairy paws.

Whilst Mick Allen, Stilly, and Johno went on a rugby tour to K.L. the remainder went to Pulada for some serious training.

We gained a lot from the many and varied ranges culminating in the bush trip, where we finally had a shot at knocking off the slippery C.T's. With Doyleys' Section leading the way we crushed them so convincingly that the Malaysians should have nothing to fear of the Communist Threat for many years to come.

After a quick shopping spree and the Battle of Bugis St (where three Purple Hearts were awarded) it was back to Butterworth. Apart from the Hepatitus Scare there were no major dramas until at last we were on the plane.

It was a very worthwhile trip and 2 Pl performed as the experienced and mature unit that was expected of them. Well Done.

Roll on Butterworth in May 1985.....

TOURIST PLATOON.



3 PL - BUTTERWORTH - 83/84

INCIDENTS:

Tiger Show - Nigel

Jabba the Nug

The QRF Truck QRFing

Bangkok Phuket

Kota Boring

Pulada Langkawi

Shims - Grocke

Elevators - Bunny Bar Sim Lonton - Arty

HOW TO WORK IN MALAYSIA AND ENJOY IT??!! ***

The Platoon landed at A.B. Butterworth, courtesy of 'Gutty' Airlines (Service with a clap), only a couple of hours late, which isn't too bad.

Reports soon came in concerning two assualt craft with a division of the Forster Cold Cans aboard. An assualt line was formed and pushed on till contact was made. Fortunately there were no casualties that is until we ate breakfast.

The first few weeks were fairly routine. Night Patrols on Penang were a regular occurance with members not returning till the early hours of morning where upon they would boast of their conquests on such well known features: NU lum Tog, Kong Eng Nam Wah Ah Chew, Wah Seng, Sin Tong Lum, Apart from Night Patrols we were also instructed in the partial Art of QRF. This involved many hours of meditation, seated in front of the QRF TV and pigging out on the specially made QRF diet from the fridge. If you were game enough, you could venture from the safety of the QRF Temple and go the chow wallah. During meditation one person would suddenly have a vision, actually it was a voice, and jump up shouting 'ACTIVATE' Then everyone would jump into the truck and hunt down invisible enemies of 'QRF'.

Spare time was put to good use by excessive consumption of beer One such session provided a live Tiger Show presented by Nigel and the Coca Cola Co. This was only to be out done later on by Nigels attack on the Monny Monsters. Unfortunately he was only partly successful in scaring the life out of the restaurant owner.

A week before Christmas we spearheaded an invasion on Pat Pong Road, Bangkok. A local mercenary, Peter Shim, accompanied us. It was rumoured he could hold his breath underwater indefinitely but whether or not this is true we never found out. At least the thought was there. Lt. Gould-Trendy, on many occasions was heard to be calling a new war cry "Next Bar" as he leads his troops on.

No sooner had we recovered from Bangkok we were thrust into the Southern most tip of Malaysia, Pulada. Much to our dismay this region was in the midst of a drought. It hit everyone hard, especially on New Years Eve. Nothing much happened that was worth writing except

the discovery of Snake Kelly, and Tony Berg suffering from some exotic disease. (a reminder of Bangkok).

Not satisfied with Pulada we pushed on to Singapore, we hastily set up defences in the Lion City Hotel and a couple of bottles later a raging picquet was patrolling the hallway atop a self propelled bed. Peter Grocke initiated contact in Bugis St, Many battles were won in Transit rd., mostly shop-shop fighting occurred. After 4 days intense drinking and gobbing off, 3pl was airlifted back to Butterworth.

As if this was not enough, we then got shot down, or had engine trouble over an island called Langkawi. Four days survival on a Kampong chicken, a couple of lizards and a rat pack. Later we emerged unscathed to lie around on the beach for a few days until being rescued.

For conduct unbecoming we were granted 4 days leave which split the platoon. Those following the intelligence reports went to Kota Boring, for some uninterupted peace and quiet and hours of terminal boredom. On the other hand the group at Phuket didn't get a minutes rest, though none of us would have wanted it anyway.

With only a few weeks remaining it was decided elevator repair men weren't getting enough business and facing unemployment so led by a red bearded stranger we 'wreck'tified that situation.

On the 22nd February, the day nearly all had been waiting for, 3Pl returned to Australia's fair shores.

PERSONEL INVOLVED IN THE MALAYSIA CAMPAIGN.

Lt Gould-Trendy	.escape from JOJO's
Sqt Combat Wombat	on loan, we hope! 2IC's to me
Cpl Fossil Jones	.never went to breakfast sober
Cpl Nagele	Shut up or I'll head buttya
LCpl Kelly	What a body (Canon reborn)
LCpl Billsborough	beware of the Boogey Man.
LCpl Gutty Kelleher	.Do up your back pocket.
LCpl Woodfog	M.I.A. Missing in Asia.
Pte Coppock	30 not out.
Pte Birtles	Who's your bodyguard.
Nuggets Clayton	King of the Monny Monsters
Coote	When you coming back Red Ryder?
Clark	Flapposon, is the Chow Wallah really
	his dad.
Drewry	90 Days and a Wakey!
Grocke	Survivor of the gas raid on Armskate
Harry	Winge, Winge, Moan, Groan, Ohme,
	Oh My!
Hemerik	Didn't go there! Didn't do that!
	Didn't buy T-Shirts.
Lee	Michael Jackson white brother Larry
	Gee.
M Carron	The pole grew out of no where! Honest
Nicholson	A Kampuchean refugee with zippered
*	gut.
Oram	Which way to the RAAF Hostel?

Pte PieriniOur Father who ain't in Heaven.
Dte Deckey Evel Knevel - eat your heart out.
Pte Innes I ain't never coming back BUY:
Dto Wiblen Like my new shirt?
Pte BergCan't go bush Sarge I've got to see
the Doctor.
Rocky Hey SQUEEZER!!!
Jed BrightonFounder of the home for deranged
Soldiers.
Freeman



HADDY SADTIME





A Coy



VIII/IX



FRONT ROW:

PTE M. Bartlett, CAPT A. Mortensen, MAJ A. Casey,

SSGT J. Fletcher, CPL D Matheson.

SECOND ROW:

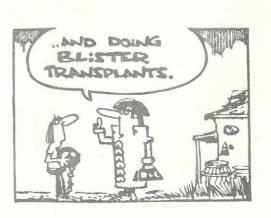
PTE J. Mudge. CPL P. Jones PTE M. Birtles, PTE R. Bennott.

REAR ROW:

PTE W. Cullen, PTE F. Auckram, PTE A. Coppock.







For A Coy, 1984 in fact commenced in the previous year with the deployment of the company to Air Base Butterworth over the period 29 Nov to 22 Feb 84. For the company it was a successful and rewarding trip, conducted in a manner which the members of the company can be proud of. The individual 'exploits' and accomplishments of these platoons are featured in "A Coy in Malaysia".

Return from Butterworth was followed by well earned leave with the company being reorganised on members return to a two platoon company with the majority of 2 pl members going back to support company.

The first major activity of the year for the company saw the coy take out the "Duke of Glouster Cup" trials in a Military Skills Comp which was not only a well contested battle but showed the unit who is up who and who's collecting the rent. Well Done Team.

Having shown the unit the Military Skills side of soldiering, the company then proceeded to conquer all on the drill square, getting in some early practice on dress and bearing with the Long Hai Memorial Service held in Surfers Paradise, followed by the Anzac Day March. All of these activities led up to the Cock of the Walk Competition and proved a great asset in establishing a standard of dress and bearing that enabled the CSM to "STRIKE, DRIVE, FORCE and GRIP" the company to a convincing win.

On the exercise front the company went back to LWC to check out Battle Wings method of instruction and were pleased to find a change of attitude. Of interest to allwas the development in cotton and buttons on shirts which can now resist the breaking strain of "hootchie" cord. If the rest of the uniform was as tough K Gee would buy us out.

The LWC period was followed by a three day "Break" before we boarded "The Boat". Unfortunately the Army Suggestion Scheme did not seem to appreciate the suggestions put forward by the company on design improvements, the politist of which was to punch a large hole through the tank deck and insert centre board. A third class ride, visa visa first class walk, now takes on new meaning. Speaking of first class walks, Olympus Ridge was an interesting place for the company to do their battle run, or walk, or what ever it was. The later stages of the foot advance brought new meaning to "just around the bend" Live firing was also interesting and it is comforting to know that ammuniton is available if required. Now if the weapons held together long enough -!

Return from SWBTA saw the company immediately preparing for the "Beating The Retreat" in conjuction with B Coy, 1/2 Gurkha Bn, in what was a unique format for the parade. The effort by the soldiers of the coy produced a parade of the highest standard, a credit to all who participated.

These efforts in conjuction with the coys second in the Bn sports comp. again reinforces the undeniable fact that A Coy, 8th/9th Battalion Royal Australian Regiment. is:

"SECOND TO NONE"



FRONT ROW:

LEFT TO RIGHT: Pte P. Grant, Pte T. Abbondonola, Pte. K. Ward

Pte W. Mitchell, Pte P. Gocios, Pte C. Wood, Cpl Powell

MIDDLE ROW:

LEFT TO RIGHT: LCpl B. Rozitis, Pte D. Mitchell, Pte R. Vandenhurk,

Pte P. Smith, Pte D. Davis, Pte G. Davies, Pte J. Denny

Cpl J. Bell.

REAR ROW:

LEFT TO RIGHT: Pte B. Jones, Pte M. Wood, Pte C. Hill, Pte S. Ralph,

Pte D Hamilton, Pte S. Hughes, Pte Z. Borret.

Cpl S. Howlett

Sqt R. Lentini. STANDING:



REAR ROW:

Cpl Kelly, Pte A. Booth, S. Worbey, D. Hemerick, R. Brighton, M. Nicholson, LCpl P, Billsborough.

Cpl P. Jones, PTE's Blundell, Innes, Grocke, Perini, CENTRE ROW: Oram, Sheeky, G. Osbaldstone, G. Lee.

FRONT ROW:

Sgt Stapleton, Cpl Nagele, PTE's W. Davis, Byrtles,

Coote, A. M'Carron, Clayton Hedger, Wickenden,

LCpl Kelleher.

Lt Gould, LT Martin, LCpl Berg Cpl Cran, PTE's Cleary ABSENT:

T. Martin, Wiblen.

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B COMPANY

IN February 1984, B Coy packed up its bags and headed for the Sunny Land Warfare Centre at Canungra. With the reward of a Canada trip hanging in the air the whole company under took the two week course with a Vim and Vigour never seen before.

Everyone found the course itself, if not enjoyable, somewhat challenging. The highlights of this were the Confidence Course and its bear pit, the all new and supposedly longest and hardest ever, "Ex Hydra Despised".

After a week of training in camp, the Company headed to the Glassy MT. Training Area for a week of swimming Training in the Rainforest come Jungle. To say the time spent in the field was beneficial, would be an under statement. Despite the fact that it was six platoon who were eventually chosen for the Canada trip, The whole Company benefited from its trip to LWC.



FRONT ROW: WO2 R. Fitzpatrick, Maj B. Russell, Capt S. Gillet.

STANDING: Sqt S. Llewellyn, Pte R. Hawkins, Cpl D. Cox.

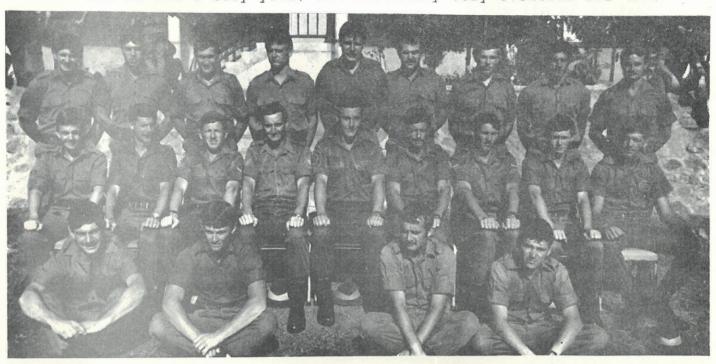
ABSENT: Pte G. Wheller.

4 PLATOON

The start of '84 saw four platoon begin the year close to full strength, and the year promised to give us a number of different exercises.

With two weeks at LWC, with the new and larger Exercise 'Hydra Despised', and the exercise with 9 RQR. In May 4 Pl was off again, this time to Oakey, with 137 General Support Squadron. It was a hectic week. with jet setting and plane crashes. June saw Ex Olympus Ridge, and the Platoon back together for the first time since 6Pl went to Canada. Also in June we played Defence Platoon for the LSG, in 'Ex FULL Pack'.

All in all a busy year, but certainly very eventful for 4Pl.



LEFT TO RIGHT:

BACK ROW: Pte A. Ryan, Pte N Evans, Pte D. Cameron,

Pte S. Chadwick, Pte J. Jeavows, Pte A. Hill,

Pte R. Gaulke, Pte L. Zadey, Pte D. Galloway

SEATED: Pte N. M Allister, LCpl D. Hollowell, LCpl K. Rivett,

Cpl R. CZislowski, Lt P. Gilmore, Cpl L. Rogers,

LCpl W Chapman, Pte A Taylor, Pte D. Grant.

KNEELING: Pte P. Graham, Pte R. Smith, Pte J. Vanhout,

Pte J. Poland

ABSENT: Sgt L. Davidson, Cpl G. Healy.

5 PLATOON

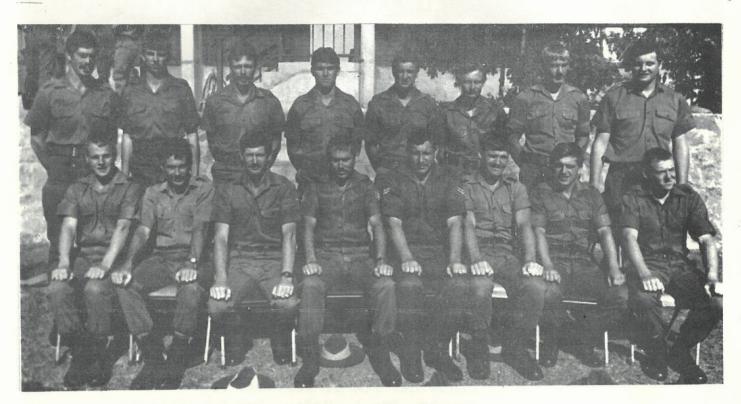
Leaden Lift marked the start of the year for the platoon and provided the soldiers with a chance to show that all that drink and free time over the Christmas period hadn't affected their Military Skills. It also provided the platoon Commander with a chance to catch up on some well earned sleep.

Then there was Canungra, and the memories came 'Floodeing Back'. No one will ever forget that stroll through the bush called 'Hydra Despised'. or just how awkward those 84 cases could be. However in the end we all felt that we had achieved something. With the hard part over it was off the Border Ranges and the bush. We remember at this time Jungle Johnno and his Combat Sig Set. We should not forget the Phantom

Third Section (We did go back and get them) not to mention the most - went - to Canada Trip... said not to mention that....

Sunny Shoalwater Bay and the battle with the Not to Mentioned A RES Unit. 'Unconventional' was the name of the game, the night attack in runners on the luckless Standing Patrol being a case in Point. However, there was trouble with avalanches in the vicinity of the enemy position and the final night attack was definitely BYO Rocks.

All will agree though that it was and has been a successful and enjoyable year. The professionalism of the platoon was payed a high tribute when a visiting British Officer was given to the Platoon to be shown what it is all about. 'Whatever it is'.



LEFT TO RIGHT:

STANDING:

PTE's D.R. Nary, M.B. Rice, G.B. Halliwell, A.G. Thorne,

D.G. Byles, P. Kitchen, R. Lowe, A.J. Storey.

STTTING:

Pte S.W. Johnstone, Pte G.E. Bowyer, LCpl D.N. Powell.

Sgt R.A. Jarvis, Cpl G.M. Steele, Pte R.T. Walker

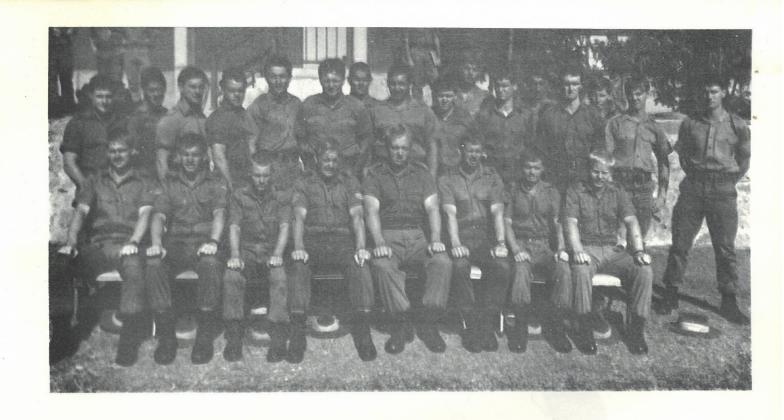
Pte L.A. Reyners, Pte S.E. Quinn.



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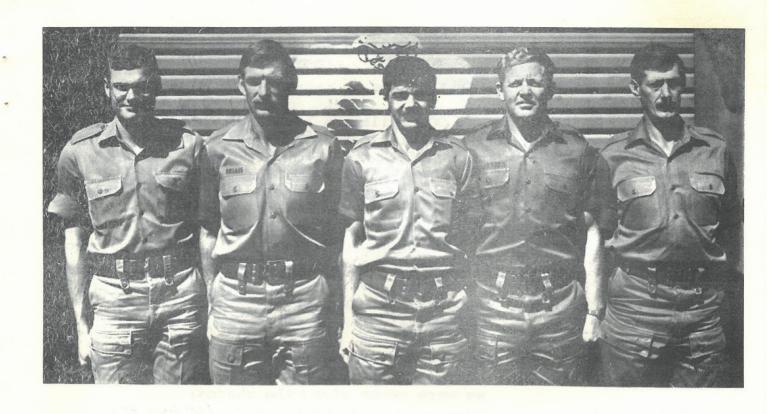
SITTING:

Cpl Millner, LCpl Stewart, Pte Bottomly, Sgt Clark, LT Moore, Pte Campbell, Pte Francis, Pte Tredwell.

STANDING:

Pte Gribble, Hollway, Lund, Macdonald, M^CKenzie, M^CLean, Perkins, Quilter, Ramsden, Tanovic, Thompson, Tobin, Wiseman, Coupe.





LEFT TO RIGHT: Pte K. Walker, WO2 R.E. Briais, Cpl J. Wood

SSGT P.J. Wolfenden, Pte K. Thompson.

ABSENT: MAJ D.W. Phillips, CAPT E. Cameron.



COBRA COY NOTES

Like the smile of the reptile after which it is named, Cobra Coy is now poised to Strike. But first all me to refresh your memories of our activities over the past year.

EX Leaden Lift:

The OC, whilst on his recon, bogging a vehicle and walking out. The Viperous Day at Rainbow Beach after the 15km. Strins and Hurls in the Iron Man, but the eventual winner was Stroud. And not forgetting the Food, Col Pies and HOT Beer.

27 FEB - 2nd Mar At Gatton: The wandering and Ambushing. The delightful B.B.Q. on Thusday, followed with a 30km stroll to locate the trucks.

Field Force Battle School. 10-22 March: A time we look forward to. The suffering of the seasonal dry, by day at least. But in the Tully Gully it was guite wet.

Responce Force TRG. March - June:

Slithering around the area in Flak Jackets berets. Awaiting a call to arms. But alas we were never given the chance.

EX High Roller 3 - 16 June:

Here we shed our Green Skin for Red and Orange skins. To fight to the death, and we'did. And who could not forget Uncle Ron's Crabs. Willie Low in the grass with his trousers around his ankles (What a place to be bitten). Sunray on another Recon, where the vehicle came to grief.

Small Arms REpl. Project:

Instruction of the Weapons to other corps, A Visit to Singleton, trip to Canungra, Tully Cowley Beach and Mt. Isa.

As for the members who have departed our Snake Hole:

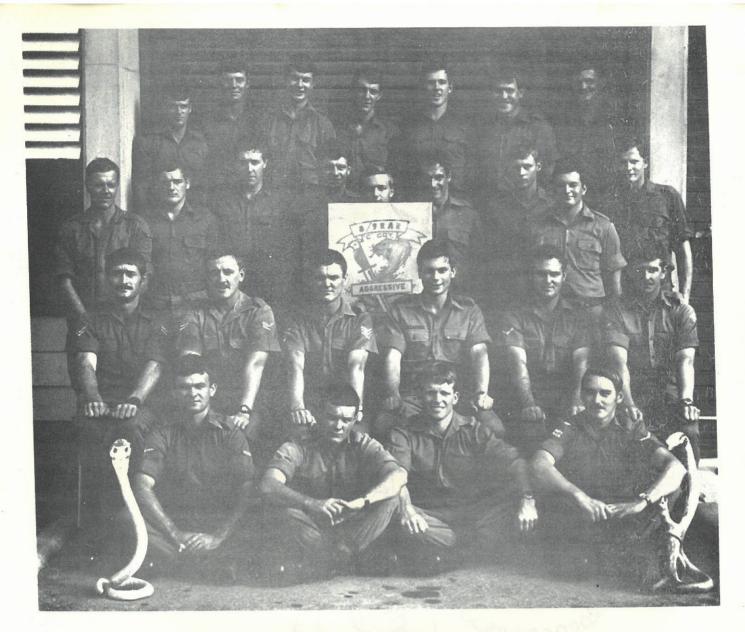
Sat M Innes to Tra Coy to Recruiting Cpl Borrett Adult Trade TRG LCPL Hanning 2LT Stroud to Trg Coy Pte Bairke to Admin Coy To MP's LCPL Valzan Pte Norrie Discharge Pte Williamson to Clerk Pte Straughair Disharge Discharge Pte Goyer To Mortars Pte Bell to Rams Retreat Pte Scott To Pipes & Drums Pte Nicolau to Heavey Weapons Pte Lewin, Pte White To HQ 6 Bde to Admin Coy Pte Callagher Pte M Kie Discharge Pte Goulaneff to Spt Coy LCpl Henderson Int Corp to Sqt's Mess Pte Salmon Who knows where Pte Holland to Spt Coy Pte North

POINTS TO PONDER FROM CHO

- 1. The Oc came back from Germany with a tan....By all
- 2. The Oc Trust Company Drivers..... The Driver
- 3. The 2IC carry out his threat of getting fit... By the OC
- 4. The CSM's lecture to the RSM Course on crabs and crabbing. By all
- 5. The CQMS.....Thommo
- 6. Cpl Wood unworried by the 2IC
- Pte Walker worriedby Cpl Wood
- Thommo occasionly in greens before morning tea... By all

- 9. Belly (The Ex-driver) before the next EIS..... By the new Driver
- 10. Platoon Commanders on time...CSM
- 11. PT lessons and runs late....2IC
- 12. The end of Sarp..... By All





7 PLATOON

LEFT TO RIGHT:

BACK ROW: PTE's Hughes, Bradley, Excell, Ambler, Hurley, Hill

Creagh.

3RD ROW: PTE's Cockburn, Wallace, Callaghan, Harris, Mitchell

Penhall, Gouberoff, Muggeridge, Hall.

SEATED: Cpl Harris, Cpl Reekie, Sgt Calnin, LT Callander,

LCpl Valzan, LCpl Cust,

FRONT ROW: LCpl Johnson, Pte M^CClure, Pte Campbell, LCpl Hanning.

7 PLATOON

Although reduced to only two Sections this year, 7 Pl has proven Equal to the Task, and 1984 so far has been most rewarding.

The spirit and participation of all members has been tremendous, especially in the compulsory functions.

Naturally every year has its memorable moments, who could ever forget:

- -The Sarge viciously attacking his blow ups with a bayonet (anyone mistake them for a rat). Nice of you to come down to our level, Sarge.
- -The A-Team (3 Sect) led by Ruthless Rudie Valzen, triumphantly competing in the obstacle course at Tully.
- -"Creature passing his course in Expressive Graffitti (Conducted in a certain cubicle) and being Honoured by been allowed to deface the Tully Gully.
- -The numerous call outs whilst on Responce Force.
- -Archealogical Excavation at Club Shoalwater Bay.. Did anyone find the Temple?

AND OF COURSE THE YEARS QUOTIONS:

Cpl ReekiePlease let me stay in C Coy.

Pte Oades..... Anyone want a photo taken.

Pte Campbell.....Could you blow some more smoke into my face..

PLEASE.

Pte Hall.....Am I awake yet??

Pte Hughes.....OK girls. How do you like my desirable V shaped body???

Pte Cockburn.....Remember the saying 'Rugby First'

Pte Harris..... I can pump more Iron than skills.

Pte Penhall......No way Mother*@%f*

Cpl Harris.....Life wasn't meant to be easy.

Pte Bradley......Anyone for a joke.

Finally the platoon wishes Cpl Valzan and LCPL Hanning, all the best in your new Corps. Congratulations to Boof Harris on his selection for 'Long Look'..

8 PLATOON

Once again 8Pl comes through with a unique blend of strength, endurance, charachter, modesty. In fact we have a platoon full of characters. Even those without character have character. So how could we go wrong, with a singing minstrel like Mitch or the consistently incosistent Jonesy.

On the vocal side we hav Norm Hoare, the Phantom Chook of the Night and Noddy 'Have Mouth will gob' Hiscox. Yes we had it all at 8Pl folks, Young and old.



8 PLATOON.

LEFT TO RIGHT:

Pte Robertson, Pte Dobson, Pte Hudson, Pte Henderson, BACK ROW:

Pte George.

Pte Crampton, Pte Wagner, Pte Potts, Pte Hoare, Pte Mitchell THIRD ROW:

Pte Hiscox, Pte Spencer,

LCPL Lambert, Cpl Wilson, LT. Lott, Sgt Hitchens, SECOND ROW:

LCPL Holmquest, LCPL Oliver,

Pte Wilson, Pte Wood, Pte Lister, Pte Jones, Pte Knee. FRONT ROW:



Pottsy the Kinder gardon Kid, Ably defends himself with "I'm not dumb, its the way my mum dresses me", as well, we have Boy George, Wee Willie Wilson our most conscientious Digger, always at 50%. Or the Ptomising Nigel yet to venture away from Pl HQ. What would we do without "The Playpen" (4 Section Gun Group) Ollie, Dobbo, and Robbo. Not to mention "It won't rain tonight", Crampo. Maybe someone else once said that too....Er Sarge.

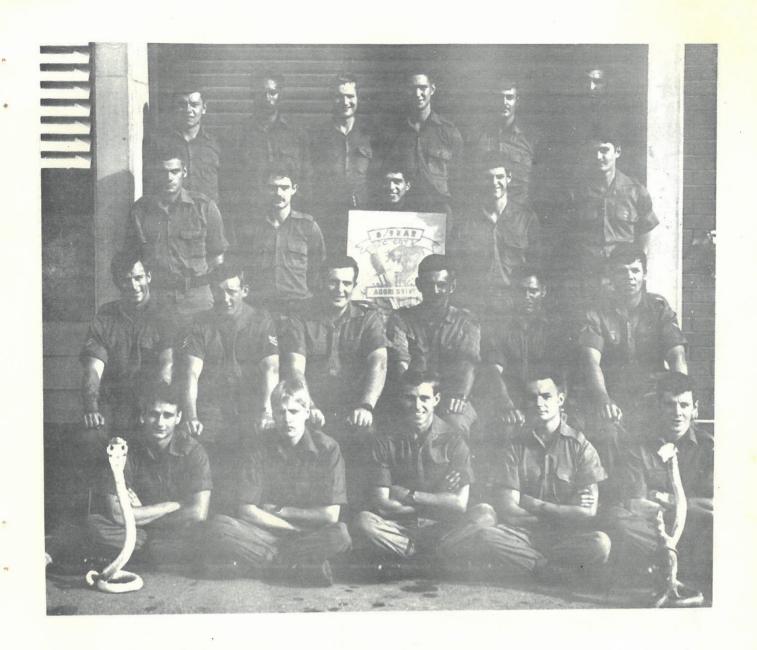
Unfortunately, some of our members are so talented they would be more suited to Civvy Jobs. LCpl Holmquest could be great impressionist, especially doing Ghandi or Groucho Marx. Hendo qualifies as the Last of the Great White Roo Killers. Johnny Knee says "Why do I have to do this. I'm a footballer not a Soldier.!" Woody the "Caboolture Kid" is our resident Real Estate and Financial Expert. A budding young Undertaker is our beloved Wags, the Platoon Pessimist, "It'll never work... We're all doomed." Holmessy too has missed his Niche of life, is the Army a life for this Jetsetter Boy with a taste for Mature things.

We also have sportsmen bursting to break out. Spence is great at Monopoly.... He certainly monopolises the latest work Race. Robbo's our weight man, quote "Cobra's the greatest thing since the M60... only heavier." Also Hudson is magnificent, He's broken the all time record for chits on exercise. Boxing Beetle Bailey packs one hell of a punch and also answers to the name "DEEK". On our more refined sport of fishing is our expert Lambo.

Well thats the strength of 8 Pl, who's been forgotten....speaking of forgetting, we have good old Rick, "Got any shaving gear, any Boot polish, got any....." Nelson. Finally PL HQ powers along led by Mad Max III (LT Lott) and the man with the toothless grin, the even stable Sarge 'Bazza' Hitchens.



A MUSORIAN SOLDIER ATTACKING THE ENEMY



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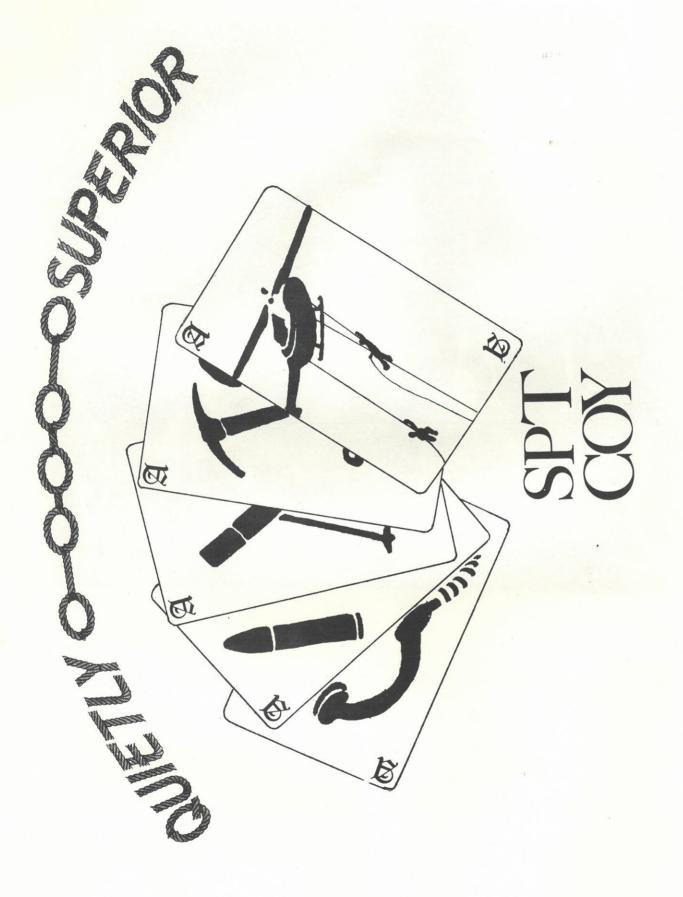
REAR ROW: PTE's Jones, Enchong Pearson, Goyen, Giles, Dalley.

3RD ROW: PTE's Walker, Rodgers, Kimmel Winen, Penny.

2ND ROW: Cpl King, Sgt M^CInnes, LT Stroud, LCpl Hosking, LCpl Ketu,

Lcpl Meuleners.

FRONT ROW: Pte Rocco Pte Welch, Pte Davies, Pte Holland, Pte Troth.





SUPPORT COMPANY HQ.

LEFT TO RIGHT:

FRONT ROW:

WO2 R.S. Nugent, Maj T.M. Byrne, Capt G.J. White

BACK ROW:

SSGT L.E. Kenneally, Pte P.D. Delamotte, Cpl L. Johnson Lcpl T.E. Herrod, Pte G.F. M Bean.

MORTAR PLATOON

The Platoon ended 1983 on a high note with some of our members lucky enough to join A Coy on a three month, all expenses paid tour of Butterworth, Malaysia. The Mortar Pl soldiers were joined by other members of Spt Coy to form 2 Pl, or as we were then known. Tourist PL.

Prior to the trip there was ten days of intensive training at Canungra to teach and revise the art of survival in jungle operations. That went smoothly under Pl Commander Sgt Williams, and we returned to the usual pre-embarkation administration.

Finally the company moved to Malaysia, joined at last minute by the MLO. We immediately settled in to the routine of training and QRF. Some of the highlights of the trip were:

- :The survival course on Langkawi Island where the troops were taught to starve in a jungle environment.
- :A five day trip to Bangkok, and education for some, with tour guides in little demand, although the bar owners in Patpong Rd are still counting the profits.
- :Some very good training was conducted at Pulada under the supervision of Capt Foster and Cpl Breigon.
- :And finally, four days rest in Singapore where the MLO Lcpl Doyle and Pte Jackson, (The wild man from Walcha) were observed trying to bend iron bars wielded by angry Chinese in Bugis St.

Upon return to Australia, the Pl proceeded on Leave for a much needed rest. We did not reform as Mortars until late March, and immediately we geared up for Woollen Warrior. This was a Live Fire Ex. conducted at SWBTA. Our deployments were conducted by Land Rover and Helicopter. Thanks to the Live Firing, valuable lessons were learnt in the Defence and advance stages of war. We returned to Enoggera just long enough to clean stores, pack and head off on Ex. Quiet Drive, a Pl Ex at Wide Bay. This culminated in a day and night manpack that highlighted the difficulties of operating without vehicles. (We succeeded naturally).

Then just to do something different, the Pl moved to Shoalwater Bay on board the HMAS Tobruk, with the rest of the Bn. This was a pleasurable sea cruise up the east coast that lasted three days. And apart from the sea sickness, was just like in the glossy brochures, Surprisingly, the sailors were not impressed with Pte Allen when he demonstrated the art of kite flying from the foredeck.

Upon reaching the Ex area, the Pl swung into action supporting the Battalion in the advance, and the defensive Phase, which was live firing. During the exercise a number of noteworthy incidents occured. The pl became proficient at chopper pad clearance, The Pl Commander and Pte Jackson went looking for a dozer at midnight, only to get bogged on their way back from B Echelon: The MFC did a survival course on their own, learning how quickly how to beg, borrow, or steal rations at every opportunity. A sad note for the Pl was Cpl Cavanagh's accident, however the good news is that he is now recovering well and likely to win the Inter-service video games competition.

The Pl is looking forward to the rest of the years training and any volunteers to make up our numbers would be gratefully accepted.

THE PLATOON:

Capt Foster..........Phantom (Mr Walker) conspicuous by his absence. Lt Sandstrom......The only man in the Bn with Gucci Greens. Sqt Williams.....Boy George. Sgt Molyneux..... The Goondawindi Grey. Sgt Wadey.....Lost his little Tigers again. Sgt Prein.....Beats Fabulon. Cpl Cavanagh....."Watch out for that...." Cpl Finch.....One of Snow Whites helpers. Cpl Gillespie......Knife Specialist. Cpl MCCurdy....."I don't drink during the week anymore". Lcpl Doyle Ashley and Martin Hair Transplant. Lcpl Cox...."Beam me up Scotty" Pte Mulder..... I don't have to do PT Pte Jackson......Walch Almond Farmer. Pte Allen.....Lost without the power lines. Pte Titley.....Best Driver in the Battalion. Pte Wallace Mil Inventory Checker Pte Richardson.....Test Kit for Topex. Pte Wilson..... The clerk that never was. Pte Dykstra.....Resident Mechanic, Mortar Pl Pte Coleman......Chow Walla.



MORTAR PLATOON.

LEFT TO RIGHT:

Sgt G. Williams Pte N. Wallace Lcpl M. Cox Cpl P. M^CCurdy Cpl F. Finch Pte R. Coleman LT G. Sandstrom, Pte M. Allen Pte D. Bell Cpl S. Gillepsie Pte R. Dyer Sgt D. Prien.

ABSENT:

Capt Foster, Sgt J. Molyneux Sgt C. Wadey Cpl C. Cavanough, Lcpl D. Doyle, Pte S. Dykstra, Pte D. Jackson, Pte D. Mulder, Pte A. Richardson, Pte M. Titley, Pte G. Wilson.

HEAVY WEAPONS PLATOON.

1934 was a successful year for Heavy Weapons Platoon, For the first time since our formation the Platoon has proved it's high standard of skill and expertise in both the SFMG and AARMD roles (well half a high standard half of the time).

The year started off fairly slowly with over half our soldiers and NCO's on attachments to A Coy in Butterworth and involved with Education Courses. However this did not deter those remaining who revised and refurbished their basic Infantry Skills on EX Leaden Lift

The Platoon continued their training in Infantry Minor Tactics with a memorable Exercise and Drug Bust at Mt Mee, followed by ten days at that delightful Resort, The Field Force Battle School.

With the return of those members detached so began a hectic Specialist Training Programme, commencing with Ex. Woollen Warrior. The Support Company Live fire at Shoalwater Bay. It was during this period that the Platoon was able to put both SFMG and AARMD skills into practice, and in a variety of situations. Of particular note was the 106 Battle Run and Static Live Firing which everyone bar Pte Nicolaou thoroughly enjoyed, having a spotting Rifle explode in his face seemed to detract him from his enjoyment somewhat!

After Ex. Woollen Warrior came Ex. Quiet Drive. With SFMG Live Fire and night Manpacking. The highlights of Ex. Quiet Drive was Chook's imitation of the Pop Star 'Marilyn'. Then came Canungra where we found that we are better shots with 106's and M60's than the SLR's.

For Ex. Olympus Ridge, the boss learnt how to eat 'BAHT' with the Gurkha's while the Platoon worked overtime on the vehicles. After landing on dry land we firstly played the SFMG Role, supporting the Bn. But in the second phase we played a different role. We provided AARMD Support for the Enemy, in this we soon found that Co APC's are not so hard to identify.

CONGRATULATIONS AND FAREWELLS ARE EXTENDED TO THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:
Cpl Fowle4 mths exchange lRNZIR
Sgt SmithPosted to SPT WPNS Wing Singleton
LT Roney4 mths exchange to UK followed by posting
to Singleton.
QUOTES AND PERSONALITIES:
BossCpl Stillwell"Ts that Breech hot"
Sarge"Is Delemonte driving"
Stilly"Let's Talk"
Chook"I'm pretty fowl you know"
Joe "Anyone got a comb My chest is knotted again"
Bones
Max
BlackyProved his manhood, wife expecting in Sept.
Loges"I'm Hungry"
Nicolaou
BrittoJane our talkative storeman.
Polly
SmithyI'm not a POM. I'm from Tasmania!!!" DellaI really am a Tl09 DriverYour Safe Sarge.
Morgs
MOTOS STEEDE DINONES GIE LEGILI

Judge......Please don't send me back to the Officer's Mess.



HEAVY WEAPONS PLATOON.

LEFT TO RIGHT:

BOTTOM ROW: Lcpl MCIvor Pte Pollock, Pte Logan, Pte Drewry,

MIDDLE ROW: Sgt Smith Cpl Fowle, Lt P. Roney Pte Nicolaou.

Pte Delamonte Pte Morgan

TOP ROW: Pte Marxsen, Pte R. Smith Pte Black Cpl Stillwell,

Lcpl G. Luxford, Pte D. Brittain.

SIGNAL PLATOON

When the Co directed the Bn to move, shoot and communicate, we in Sigs Pl hoped that we could rely on everyone else to move and shoot. We were keen to do the communications. It soon became apparant that the Co not only wanted signallers who could run and shoot, but also Rifleman who could talk on the radio's.

The RSO was heard on the Phone:

Yes Sir.....

No problem there Sir, We can teach them how to use our Radios, but Sir could you arrange for someone to try to teach these Rifle Companies Blokes how to Talk first!!!

Good idea Sir,....Yes, We might try Gurkhali?

EX LEADEN LIFT:

So on Ex Leaden Lift, while the cooks gave everyone a dose of the, The OC and Bull Herod gave us a dose of the runs and we gave the Rifle Companies a dose of the Comms. The standard acheived by most Soldiers was good, not many Officers turned up.

TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS:

The platoon generally enjoyed the chance to look at and trial the Perentie Vehicles. We have our favourite but whichever vehicle is chosen will be a big improvement over what we have now. Bob Ryan became well known to the mechanics who accompanied the trial vehicles. There is no truth in the rumour that every vehicle he drove broke down.

MOVED ON:

Throughout the year we have lost::

Bally to main Q Spud to his farm
Foulkie Discharge Tinker Discharge
Sgennocks Discharge Shaggy C Coy

Sgt Blue Wain has tried hard to get away on the Project Rover Trial The RQMS may have pulled a few strings with Pleney and Racal to keep Him here after the Touch Season.

MOVING ON.....THEY HOPE:

The Boss Battle Wing Canungra

Sgt Breugam TRG COY
Blue Wain Rover Trial
Jed Hall Heavy Weapons

CONGRATULATIONS:

Sgt Blue and Boil on their marriage and baby

LCPL Angilley, Lergessner, and Revnak on their promotions.

Chris 'STUD' Meehan for marring Jake

Cpl Mac and Hilly for getting there at last

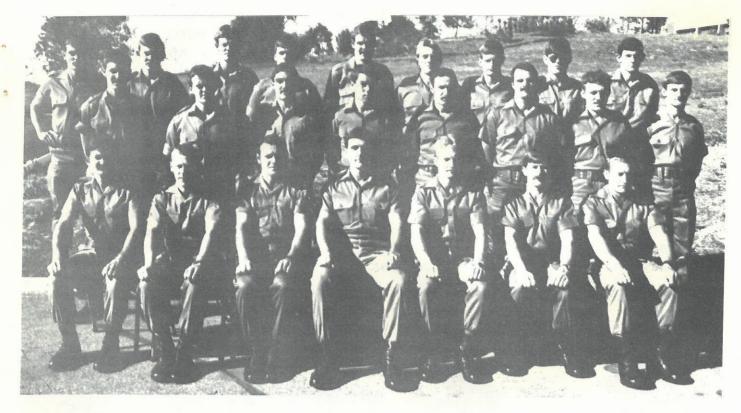
Sgt Gerry Bruegam for finally getting a room in the Sgt's Mess Expatriots... Bull Maitland and Tony Berg on their promotions. Capt Dave Morrison for being appointed RSO for 1985. (Will he be Known as the Phantom?).

ACCIDENTS:

We were all shocked by the tragic accidents that caused the death of Sgt Allan Holmes and the injury to Cpl Wayne Leo.

Sgt Holmes had made his presence felt in the all too short time he was with us in Sig Pl. His firm guiding hand helped us all. He was very loyal to this Pl and a good friend. His death has left a hole in our organisation.

Cpl Leo's Accident was nearly as bad but his heart and spirit pulled him through. After we had cleared his 2 Record we still needed a truck to move all of his 'Spare' kit home. It was great to see him out here for The Beating of the Retreat. Good Luck Poo, Those big arms will pull you through.



SIG PLATOON

LEFT TO RIGHT:

FRONT ROW:

Pte G Clark, Lcpl S. Reynak Sgt K. Wakefield, Capt R. Sutherland Sqt N. Wain, Pte S. Page,

Pte C. Connor.

CENTRE ROW:

Ptes T. Gorle Pte C. Wilson Pte P. Sheldon Pte B. Freeman Lcpl P Angilly, Cpl G. Elyward.

Pte C Mehhan, Lcpl P. Lergessner.

BACK ROW:

Pte R. Caldwell Pte R. Rvan Pte M. Learmont Lopl Hill

Cpl G. Bruegem Pte G. Smith Pte D. Woods Pte Foggon,

Pte C. Parker.

RECON PLATOON.

The platoon began the year by serving against B Coy at Canungra, an interesting experience indeed. Who could forget asking a certain Platoon Commander to stand up and be shot.

Next on the agenda was preparation for and the basic Trg Course at Tully. We then combined with Hvy Wpns to slice up the enemies of the North. A notable landmark in a gully received a bit of facelift: (Chook please leave the floors alone in future). The platoon faired well even if it was lacking a few eyebrows (Skull Langford) and the most unlikely pieces of gear were put to good use - how many people around the Bn carry handcuffs out bush?

Ex Woollen Warrior at SWBTA came in April/May which saw many interesting shooting activities completed, including Snipers building and firing from hides. A bit of helicopter work was included which adda : to the fun. Back from up North and preparation (a crash course) for Duke of Gloucester Trials was under way.

After that died down, the Platoon went into 'reverse cycle' and worked by night, slept by day. It wasn't long though before it turned into double cycle with office work and sport to be done as well. We worked out at Oakey with the Aviation Mob--Top blokes and went to Wide Bay to work out with Pnr Pl on small craft operations and receiving Air drops from the big Cl30's.

Olympus Ridge got rapelling back off the ground, even if the new and faster ropes caused a few unpolished (upside down) landings. The patrols served the Bn in many different ways throughout the exercise including the clearing of Manifold LZ (and the dreaded 6 RAR tactical B.B.Q.), guiding B Coy into an LZ and through a Minefield, and working with C Coy in the Bn attack. During the Mech. Phase the Pl when threatened with the prospect of more fresh rations defected to the Enemy on hearing they had 10 man combat rations.



RECON PLATOON.

LEFT TO RIGHT:

FRONT ROW:

Pte Lawler: Pte Paterson, Lt Price, Sgt Braun, Cpl Muir, Pte Langford.

BACK ROW:

Pte Nicholls Pte Whitton Pte Thoro, Pte Vaughan.

ASSUALT PIONEER PLATOON.

Pioneers have once again come to the end of a fruitful year which has included a variety of new and different training ideas. Some of the more important lessons learn't have been the use of Zodiacs (inflatable water craft) as a mode of transport for tactical night insertions.

Members of both Recon and Pioneers found the training an invaluable experience. We trust that the Coy training carried out this year on Range constructions, Watermanship and NBC training was an advantage. Not to mention the carpark fence down at the Sgt's Mess and the "Castle".

Finally to bring an eventful year to a close, we would like to present the characters of the fine platoon and their candid moments:

Alias the Boss...Bowana...Sir!!! Lt. Wilkinson, Like every keen young subaltern only too eager to exhibit their athletical powers and to raise their platoon's physical standard to that of thirty Deek Castellas. Uncle Star...Mr Unpredictable (Like the Sgt Phoenix weather). "We don't take short cuts men." "Heh I don't need a Chit, I've got a damn Col Ewart good reason for not going bush... *@\$&? Wife!" Simos great thoughts "If you can get away Cpl Simpson. with it men-don't do it." "I think I have another posting to GMP's" LCPL Duxbury, "Yes I know stay away from propellers." LCPL Black Norm's road rules, "When driving home from Pl Pte Ashby, parties ensure rear wheels will make contact with the ground!" Stewy knows, stay away from Unimog doors. Pte Barrow Harry, Father of the Year (two in one). Pte Harris, Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Harris. Henry as unpoetic as it may sound, "Henry Pte Lawson, you drink too much!!!" Kevin"I want a Coy transfer Cpl". Pte LLoyd. For Kevin's sake lets hope the Canberra Raiders perform better in the coming season. OLLI is he temporary Pioneer or full time Sig. Pte Olive. Ken "Sorry can't lift that!! its bad for my Pte Morris, back." Andrew "Come on Mark, let's bust him" Pte Parker Mark "Yeh, lets bust him." Pte Reynolds. Goubs away ... Silence is Golden. Pte Gouberoff, Blue to everyone... "You can't drink out of my Pte Temple water bottle, you'll leave Floaties in it." Besa "Crucifixation?".."Yes".."OK"..."LEFT Pte Vesovic, Turn under the bridge." Wally "Not another stock take". Pte Wallace Bilco "Get some Pioneer time up lad." Pte Tredilco,



PIONEER PLATOON:

LEFT TO RIGHT: Cpl P. F. Simpson Lcpl M.P. Duxbury, Pte M. Vesovic,

STANDING:

Pte J.C. Lawaon Pte R.J. Olive Pte K.J. LLoyd Pte S.J. Barrow Lcpl D.J. Black Pte N.A. Ashby,

Pte G.V. Goubareff

CROUCHING:

Cpl G. Ewart, Pte M.E. Reynolds Sgt S.J. Phoenix

LT M.A. Wilkinson, Pte P.M. Harris.

ABSENT:

Pte K.A. Morris, Pte AA Parker, Pte W.A. Temple,



ADMIN COY HO

Since the last magazine was issued we have said goodbye to;

Lt Tim Scully WO2 "Tanky" Scheuermann SSGT John "Cranky" Fletcher Pte Shane Bourke

And Welcome To:

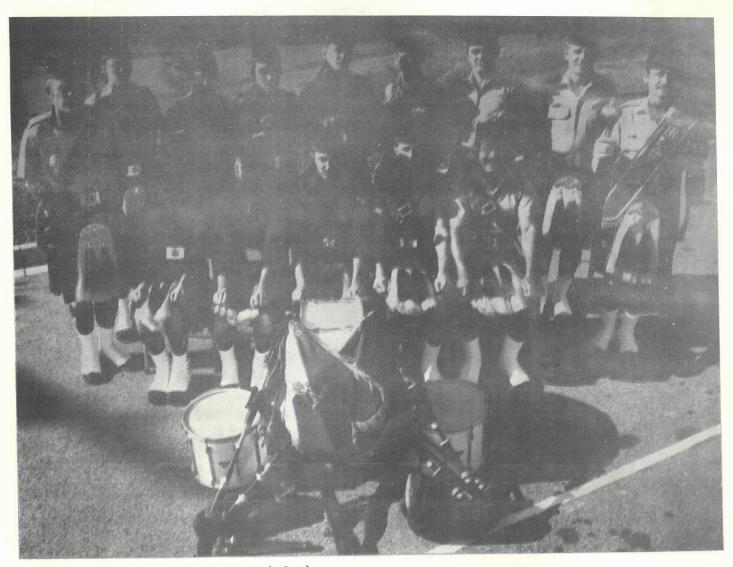
Capt Jeff Rehn
WO2 Andrew Scottney-Turbill
Sgt "Jock" Smith

Pte Brownbill has paid us an occassional visit between trips and spent some time talking to us to raise our morale. Snoopy has run the orderley room in his normal efficient manner. Pte Harper brought home the goodies in golf although the OC's log doesn't reflect it., and the OC still plots to move Cpl Reidy and his "Blowflies" to the RAP. (We'll miss you but we need the space).

During the year we have had a steady workload and most members have worked one or two levels higher due to abscences of OC, 2IC, CSM, etc. The experience gained has been valuable and the OC now receives a regular sit rep. from Pte Brownbill on what has been arranged in his name.

We would like to express our appreciation to the specialist platoons, BN HQ and the other sub-ubits for their cheerful co-operation and to reassure 139 Sigs Sqn that the CP continues to Shrink and will soon fit in a basic pouch:

DIDES 11111 C1111 DRUMS



FRONT RANKS:

(Left to Right)

Pte M. Grieve, Pte P. Murray, Cpl J. Campbell.

Pte Johnson, Pte K. Rokonayalewa.

REAR RANKS:

(Left to Right)

WO2 G. Black, Pte P. Humphrey, Pte E Guttridge, LCpl G. Willis, Pte R Lewin, Pte K. Parkinson,

Cpl C. Laurenson, Pte D. Jensen.

PIPES AND DRUMS.

As a member of the Pipes and Drums, his abilities and Qualifications are *%@f&/% amazing. He is a Rifleman, ECN 343, Stretcher Bearer, Piper and Drummer, Buglar, Cleaner, an all round Jack of all Trades.

When a Company goes overseas Stretcher Bearers are attached to that Company to assist overseas in RAP assis, also Rifleman, entertainment at Sgt's Mess and to generally cause havor in Malaysia as did Cpl C.H. Laurenson, Pte P.J. Humphry, and pte K.T. Rokonayalewa when A coy went overseas.

The Pipes and Drums have experienced a very busy year , some of the main events for the year were;

1. Long Hai Day - Surfers Paradise.

2. Searchlight Tattoo - mixing with 1 Mil Band and the Coldstream

- 2. cont. Coldstream Guards from England.
- 3. Never ending Concerts at the Town Hall with 1 Mil Band.
- 4. Anzac Day.
- 5. Kingsford Smith Celebration Ballina 84 N.S.W.
- 6. Presentation Parade Oakev.
- 7. Long Tan Day Celebration for 6 RAR.
- 8. Beating the Retreat One of the best Ceremonies we have seen, Complete with castle.

NEW MEMBERS:

Pte G.A. Johnson (Side Drummer)

Pte R.J. LEWIN (Side Drummer)

OLD MEMBERS:

Sgt G. Kennedy--To Infantry Centre Singleton.

Pte M. Wood ---- To Alpha Company.

Pte M. Howell --- A W O L

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

LCpl Laurenson to Cpl with a daughter.

Pte Willis to LCpl.

Pte Jensen on his Drum Major Course.

Pte Grieve on his Driving Course.

CHARACTER STUDY:

Gordon Black----(Blacky) Birthday Party (Surprise)

Chris Laurenson -- (Herbert) Tendernitis whilst playing accordian.

Jim Campbell ---- (Jimbo) His two and only sparkling teeth.

Greg Willis----(Willy) Lets go to Bribie Is. - cost \$400.00

Eric Guttridge --- (Pugsly) Close Encounters of the only kind.

Ken Parkinson---- (Harley) Pushes B.S.A. to work.

Doug Jensen----(Jeno) Has trouble saluting his superior.

Paul Murray----(Sparrow) Tendency togo to toilet whilst on 15KL

Karl Rokonayalewa (Rocky) 2359 closest thing to midnight.





Transport Pl wishes to acknowledge the following farewells:

SSGT CROOK DISCHARGE

CPL KELLNER TRAINING COY

LCPL LAMBERT C COY

PTE VAN HOUT B COY

PTE ANDERS RACT

TE ANDERS RACT

PTE ELSTON DISCHARGE

PTE HYLAND DISCHARGE

PTE MESSINGER DISCHARGE

PTE CAPUNO DISCHARGE FFR'S SIG PL

TPT YARD MAIN Q STORE



TPT PL:

LEFT TO RIGHT:

FRONT RANK: Pte Sykes, Pte Blyth, Sgt R. Watson, Lt M. Nelson,

Pte Clayton, Pte Lynch,

CENTRE RANK: Pte Harris, Pte Hoggon, Pte J. Daly, Pte E. Franklin,

Pte P. Incoll, Pte Collins, Pte Conroy, Pte Dyer,

LCpl R. Watterson.

REAR RANK: LCpl J. Pidcock, LCpl Rowe, Pte W. Radunz, Pte Stubbs,

Pte Saikovski, Pte Baihn.

ABSENT: Pte F. Dufficy, LCpl tietz, Cpl A. Anderson, Pte Chirichilli

Pte Olive, Pte A. Gray, Pte Hobday.

So far this year we have done the impossible, consider the Following facts:

1. We have rolling stock approaching 6.000 000 in value.

- 2. Each Sect Comd. as well as day to day Admin is responsible for \$750,000 worth of stock.
- 3. We have 119 vehicles and trailers in the yard.
- 4. TPT PL is a total of 28.
- 5. Our yard is a fully developed piece of Real Estate, with a city and Mountain views, suitable also for grazing but with no water on the wash point, but we still clean the vehicles.
- 6. 4.25 Vehicles are allocated to each Tpt Pl member to look after.
- 7. So far for the impossible, somehow the Pl less the duties, support to the Bn, Bn Sporties Detachments, Daily Driver Tasks has to control the CES, servicing, documentation, servicability

Transport Pl now wishes to welcome the following:
Lt Nelson, Sgt Watson
Pte Baihn Pte Hoggon

We would like to take this opportunaty to welcome the members of the platoon that the Battalion takes off us so that we can't Admin them.

P.S. To all those members, Don't forget your PTT's BE Tests, DPl gear, BN Drivers and Detachments plus anything else you can think of to enjoy your stay here.

We would now like to Farewell the following members from the Pl and thank them for a job well done.

Pte Chirichilli Transfer Cpl Anderson Posting Discharge Discharge Pte Conroy LCpl Pidcock Pte Dyer Coy Transfer LCpl Watterson Transfer Transfer Coy Transfer Pte Radunz LCpl Tietz Coy Transfer Pte Stubbs Pte Sykes Transfer

As you can see it's not all fun and games in TPT PL. The work is hard and demanding but rewarding, if your not scared of hard yakka, and your into defensive driving, come on down to TPT and be a BN resource

TECH SDT DL



FRONT ROW: CFN G. Knott, CPL P. O'Mallon, CFN ET, SGT P. Dove, CFN S. Higgins.

TECH SPT PL 83/84

OR, WHAT IS THE ANSWER TO THE QUESTION OF LIFE?

Here we are again, rising like a Phoenix out of the ashes, of, yes, our own workshop.

Who could believe that we would have an assassin in our midst? In the guise of a mild mannered ART ARMT he struck, armed only with his deadly array of M59 Cookers, full petrol jerry cans and plastic garbage bins.

The fierce looking clouds of black smoke struck terror into the hearts of the onlookers.

"Was this" the QM said as he came running "the result of another TECH SPT barbie gone wrong." "NO" was the chorused reply of the TPT Personnel, "It was Sgt "Peter the pyromaniac" Dove gone haywire."

Under interrogation, his dark secret was revealed. "Why'd ya do it", we all said. He broke down after we threatened him with a union ban on overtime. "I did it because we have a 100% stocktake on soon and I had to destroy the ledgers to cover up the over use of silver solder on brass D's ".

On a more serious note, thankyou to everone who responded so quickly to the fire and it was good to see common sense in use. Would the carriers of the pressuriesed water extinguishers please learn the letters B.C.F.

Common sense and coolness again was at the fore when the local fireys got on the scene. A possible disaster was averted when one of the Crafties pointed out that it might benefit to use foam on a petrol fire than water. There's a lesson in that, DON'T PANIC.

Early in the year we had quite a turn over of personnel in Tech Spt Paul Eddy finally tied the knot with fiance Debby and moved to Point Cook for a language course in Indonesian.

Unfortunately our Volley side has lost a lot of spiking potential all 6'5" of it.

Cfn Al Lech moved on to another phase of his career at 131 DIV LOC BTYand in his place we got Cfn Mark Wilson. Mark is the only person I know that can stand up and work in the engine bay of a Land Rover with the Bonnet closed. Cfn Paul "SKEG" Sargent answered the call of nature (DGEME) and was posted to PUCKA WKSP COY. To his dismay he found that it was an enormous five minute walk to the Wksp, and with a tremendous effort of will, you could make it to the boozer in two minutes from your room.

While Ian Thomson and Steve Higgins were learning how to panel beat push bikes in Malaya with A Coy, (on ya Doc), we set off in search of "Leaden Lift" Its amazing how versatile the humble tready can be.

We now know that a plate shoot is not used as revenge against the cooks and stewards for a bad meal. It's true some of us can shoot. We also learned that the sneaker range is not an assortment of used and smelly sandshoes and that the enemy villages can be fun, if you are quick with the magazine change.

Onward, ever onward to Ex. Sea Strike/Olympus Ridge. Who could forget it? It's the only time that the TPT workers union and the AMALGAMATED VEHICLE BUILDERS METAL WORKERS UNIONS have agreed on something. Dog shifts on the tank deck suck... Want a beer Thommo, Peter H., Radz? O.K. I'll drink it myself.

"God was on our side", Capt of Admin Coy Golf Team. Thanks Padre.
Thanks team!!!!

"I know why the soldering iron isn't working. It's because it's not getting hot" - Cfn Mark Wilson, who sometimes makes you wonder whether it's only his body that's a bit short.

"I couldn't get power from anywhere for % of an hour, no matter where I tried." Cfn Ian Thomson after trying to find an electrical fault in a Land Rover after personnally taking the said Rover's battery and putting it in the battery room on charge, and then going back to the vehicle to commence testing.

Congratulations to Steve Higgins on his marriage to Julie and to Thommo for his Qualifying for crossed Rifles on Ex Copper Heave (who knows what he'd do if he was angry). Congrats also to Peter Dove on his Artificer of the year Award in '83. The best for the future Pete.

A fond farewell to Peter Helsham on his posting to 2/3 FER All the best for the Future.

In retrospect it's been a good year for not only TECH SPT PL. but Admin Coy as a whole. The reason.....it's gone real guick.

In finishing, I'd like to remind you of two of the most important facts of life:

- 1. As the immortal Albert Einstein once said "You only use 20% of your brain so why not burn the other 80%.
- 2. "There are three basic needs in life, to eat, to sleep and to make love, so, what are you doing here? Let's go Skydive."

 ANONYMOUS.

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MEDICAL DLATOON

(HEALING THROUGH WISDOM)

As the sun sets over the RAP, the blunt needle is put away until the next injection parade, a soldier goes away with his asprin. It's once again time to enlighten the Bn on the happenings of the Rape And Pillage Section of 8/9 RAR.

Since the last tabloid went to press there have been a few changes in the anatomy platoon. First off with the farewells. Cpl W "Smithy" Smith went early this year on promotion to 1 Base WKSP Bulimba. Congratulations on your promotion to SGT. Wayne. In June we farewelled Ssgt P "Instruments" Carey to 2 Army Recruiting Unit in Sydney. We would like to widh Peter all best and hope he has more luck with his second hair transplant.

On the arrivals we welcome four newcomers to us, first off welcome to Capt D. Richards "Broken Nose" our new RMO who joined us from SAS via 11 Fld Ambulance. The RMO barred from playing Aussie Rules by the staff of the RAP because we keep running out of plaster of paris for all his broken bones. To date 1 hand and 1 leg.

Next on the scene is Sgt R "Med Board" Paterson. Sgt Paterson arrived from 7 Camp Hospital Kapooka and went straight out bush on exercise Leaden Lift. A great introduction to the BN after a 2 year holiday among the Recruits of Kapooka.

Cpl "Chippy" Bainbridge joined us then went into hospital for a long stay. We welcome Chippy back to the fold. Chippy who has had more operations than hot meals is making good recovery and we wish him well on the road to good health.

Our latest acquisition is Ssgt G. "Get a Haircut" Alterator who joined us from 1 Fld Regt. We have good reason to believe that Staff has a share in the Barbers Shop at Enoggera Camp.

If you are wondering why the RAP is closed at 1500 hrs every day, it's that the Med Pl is doing Pt every day except Wednesday. Once we have obtained our peak fitness we will issue a challenge to any platoon in touch football or volleyball. So watch out men, the era of the mighty medics is soon at hand. "If we can keep the RMO's bones intact.

There is a rumour going about the RAP that a Cpl G. (Bear) Berry has been posted to our platoon but between hospitalisation, courses, leave and getting lost at Pips we have only seen him on limited occasions. Hope to see more of you next year Bear.

Cpl Mick Caldwell is getting married again to the same lady but in a different church. He say's it is because of all the different religions in the family. But why is it that before each wedding he issues out a list of gifts. We wish Mick and Leonie all the best for wedding MK 2. Only 20 more Faiths to go Mick.

A notice to all smokers, the miracle PILL is here! The name of this drug, that will be a blessing to all those blackened lungs and improve your times over the 5km, is called "NICORETTE". For your supply of the drug that will put W.D. & H,O. WILLS out of business come along to the sick parade which is at 700hrs not 0900hrs like some people think it is.

REPORT FROM THE HYGIENE SECTION.

There have been several changes to the Hygiene/Health Section this year. Sgt Rob "Professor Miller" M^CGloin has left the Sunshine State to commence duties at the School of Army Health in Victoria. Pte Steven Fry has become a storeman within the Cockroaches trade at 21 Supply BN in Sydney under the Supervision of "Civvies".

Pte Ken Neylon, the Section 2IC, has a corp transfer to the elite corp pf RAAMC as a Health Assistant. Pte Neylon has been posted to 1 Trg Gp. To all those members good luck in their new trades and postings.

In place of Sgt M^CGloin the Bn has received Cpl "Blue" Reidy who came from 10 TML Regt. Since his arrival Blue has been appointed Ambassador for the Scabies Population. Pte Ian Krenske, commonly known as Watchdog Junior on all radio frequencies, has seen the light and is now the sole hygiene dutyman of the Section. He is not sure which is best, scrubbing toilets or having to look after our mascot.

Congratulations and best wishes are offered to Mrs Blue Reidy who is expecting her second child at the end of October. Nothing to blue himself as he only had a small part to play in the great event about to decend on the Reidy Household.



FRONT: Sgt Paterson, Capt D. Richards, SSgt Alterator, Cpl Reidy.

REAR ROW: Cpl Dawson, Cpl Caldwell, Cpl (who) Berry, Cpl Bainbridge,

Pte Krenske.

Absent: Pte Wilkens, Pte Callaghan.

TRAINING



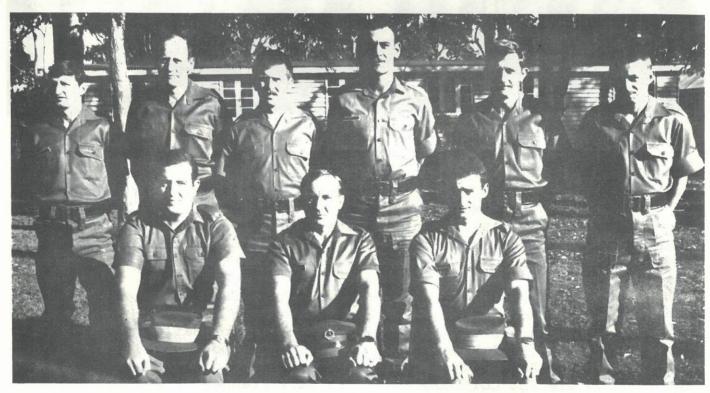
COMPANY

In 1984 Training Company started off training and preparing members for promotion courses and attempting to crack the gold lotto system so WO? R. Fitzpatrick could buy a sailing ship and retire to fighting spinnikers and main sails along the East Coast of Australia. We also supplied support to the RAAF in the form of D.S.'s and 'mpoires.

Col Van Droffelaar was reduced to making tins with string and doing great wonders for Army - Air Force P.R. Col Jarvis, soon to be Sgt was kept busy listening to Winston Churchill and trying to find out what you wear under a kilt.

After the RAAF Exercise Trg Cov went back to training members of the Battalion for promotion courses & placing the subject II file for Corporal together.

In June Trg Coy went on Exercise Sea Strike & directly afterwards Olympus Ridge as umpire support for the Battalion. Sgt Kellner and Cpl Foderwikus found out, to their delights, that the CSM not only talked about sailing but dreamed about it as well. (Trim the main sail hoist the spinnicker, walk the plank....) The CSM was also complaining that everywhere he placed his hoochie to sleep a small village of tents would envelope him.



Front Rank: 2Lt Stroud: WO2 Watts, "LT Boubouras.

Rear Ranks: Sgt Kellner; Sgt Cummins; Sgt Clark; Col Lodewikus. Col Van Drofflaar, LCol Gardiner.

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SUPPLY PLATOON.

LEFT TO RIGHT:

FRONT RANK: Lcpl Payne, WOJ Fairly, Capt James, SSgt Ashton,

Lcpl Mugridge

SECOND RANK: Pte Ball, Cpl Walkate, Pte Brown, Cpl Hockley THIRD RANK: Pte Mau, Pte Kelly, Pte Simons, Pte Crawford.

FOURTH RANK: Pte Scott, Cpl Jiear, Cpl Barker, Pte Bortic.

A number of personnel changes have taken place in the platoon in 1984. SSGT Mal Lyons has been put out to pasture, Sgt John Llewellyn has given B Coy a lift by taking over as CQMS, Cpl Bailey moved to C Coy (God help them). Lcpl Rowe and Lcpl Payne have both moved to Tansport Platoon and Pte Page taken over as storeman in Sig Pl. New members to the Platoon are Sgt Col Cosgrove, Cple Gary Frances. Pte's Kev Scott, Warren Ball, Karlo Bortic, Wayne Simons, and Mick Mau. The latest reinforcement is Sgt Col Bishop. With all these changes taking place a high standard of work has been maintained throughout the year.

The high point of the platoon activities this year was the 100% CES Stocktake which worked out extremely well.

The RQMS may be looked upon as the all time great of Touch Football, however his driving ability is not quite as good. EX OLYMPUS RIDGE saw two flat tyres and the loss of a jerry can. Well done RQ.

SUPPLY PLATOON MEMBERS:

Capt James WOl Fairley SSGT Ashton Sqt Bishop Sqt Cosgrove Cpl Barker Cpl Francis Cpl Hockley Cpl Jiear Cpl Walkate Lcpl Mugridge Pte Ball Pte Bortic Pte Brown Pte Crawford . Pte Kelly Pte Mau

QM RQMS

Internal Checker

Barrack Store (Go-Fer)

Tech Store Exp Store

DPRI

Clothing Store Ledger Room Project NCO

(QM) Ledger Clerk

AMMO

Tech Store Barrack Store

Typist

Regt Property Store

Driver

Barrack Store Tech Store.

CATERING

Pte Scott

Pte Simons

PLATOOT

Its that time of year again when all members wonder what will be written about them and who will be dirked on.

Well yes there are quite a few who will be d_1 rked on, dobbed in, or whatever you like to call it but first we must say thank you to those members of the platoon who have left or are leaving during '84.

Firstly we have Sgt Jim Hogan, what can we say but thanks Jim for the effort put in as Pl Sgt. Next to leave was Sgt 'Jacko' Jackson, He could tell a good story or spin a yarn now and again, but I still don't believe that he did 250 situps in 2 mins. Another to leave was Sgt Rod M Lennan Rod was a good soldier as well as a friend to all nothing was any trouble to him as long as you purchased one of his many raffle tickets that he was always sure to flash out at the appropriate time. Rod is now happily in retirement living in the lap of luxury, here in the Brisbane Area.

Not gone, but going, is Cpl 'Freddie' Prince. Fred is off to Oakey on promotion and is one of these strange breed of people within the Corps with a classification of Supervisor Army Mess. (SAM) but really when it all boils down he's only a Super Plate Licker (SPL). Best wishes in your new posting Fred.

Let it be said there is no descrimination within Catering Pl.

Between Stewards and Chefs, we all know who are on top; Don't we Chefs!

Pte B.J. Davies was another to leave, B.J. worked at the Sgt's Mess
as a steward and has gone to greener pastures in old civvie street.

Another Steward to leave was Pte Van Der Meer also from the Sgt's Mess He also elected discharge. It was funny how he always collected those funny blue forms from our local constabulary.

Again from the Sgt's Mess, there was one more Steward to go Pte Solc, 'Solcy' what can we say(I've used that phrase before). There was never a man like Solcy he never cracked under pressure. HA HA! He just said Ah F and got on with the job while muttering a few other choice words not found in Webster's Dictionary. Solcy, good luck to you in whatever venture you embark upon following your Discharge.

Yes, it's another Steward to leave, but not from the Sgt's Mess. Pte Budd saw the light after working in the Officer's Mess for sometime and applied to do a Basic Stewards Course, which After he successfully completed he was posted into a Pte Stewards position with a Corps transfer from R.A. Inf to AACC.

The last Steward to leave the Officer's Mess was Pte 'Willy' Williams, Willy elected Discharge Somehow I think Willy has been in the wrong profession, he should have been a lawyer after past performan -ces at Orderly Room Procedures.

Now we are getting down to the Chefs, Pte Wes Carlton has discharged from the service after completing his engagement. Wes I believe is to be married soon, Best wishes from all the Platoon.

Pte Jessup commonly known to all as Jess has elected discharge. Jess surprised me in many ways, one was that he's related to me via marriage, what a way to find new relations. He makes great coffee. Egg and Bacon Rolls Thanks Jess.

Hoping this will be the last from the Pl to leave, Pte Peter Crane. Pete doesn't leave until December on posting to ALB/Wodonga where I'm sure he will enjoy being only 2 hours drive from Gundagai. Pete proved to be a bit of a dead eye dick after qualifying as a marksman on EX Copper Heave and is one of the Bn RQ's bright eyed boys on the Rugby Field.

After reading the list of people who have left the Platoon, one would think that there were very few if any left within Catering Pl. Not so, for as they leave they are being replaced.

Among us we have two outstanding Rugby Players, Vince Davey, and Pete Crane who play for the RQ's Team. The rest of us, except maybe Hamstring, are merely amateurs. Was heard after a game between Cat Pl and BHQ, that BHQ let a mob of blokes who sit on their arses all day, come up and thrash them. The best of three games competition now stand at one all.

We would like to thank the Zip Zip man for being a great sportsman

Although there has been a great lot of movement throughout the Pl. everyone has worked well to achieve a high standard within the BN.

Another successful year - Well Done Catering Platoon.



LEFT TO RIGHT:

FRONT ROW:

Cpl Prince, Sgt Dennis, Sgt Hepple, WO2 Wright,

Sgt Gould, Sgt Robinson.

CENTRE ROW:

Pte Salmon, M.M., Lcpl Johnston, Cpl Stow, Cpl Beecroft Cpl Hoskin, Cpl Duffy, Cpl Taylor, Cpl M^CAppion,

Pte Salmon, D.J.

REAR ROW:

Pte Johnstone, Pte Donaghy, Pte Davey, Pte Fitzgerald

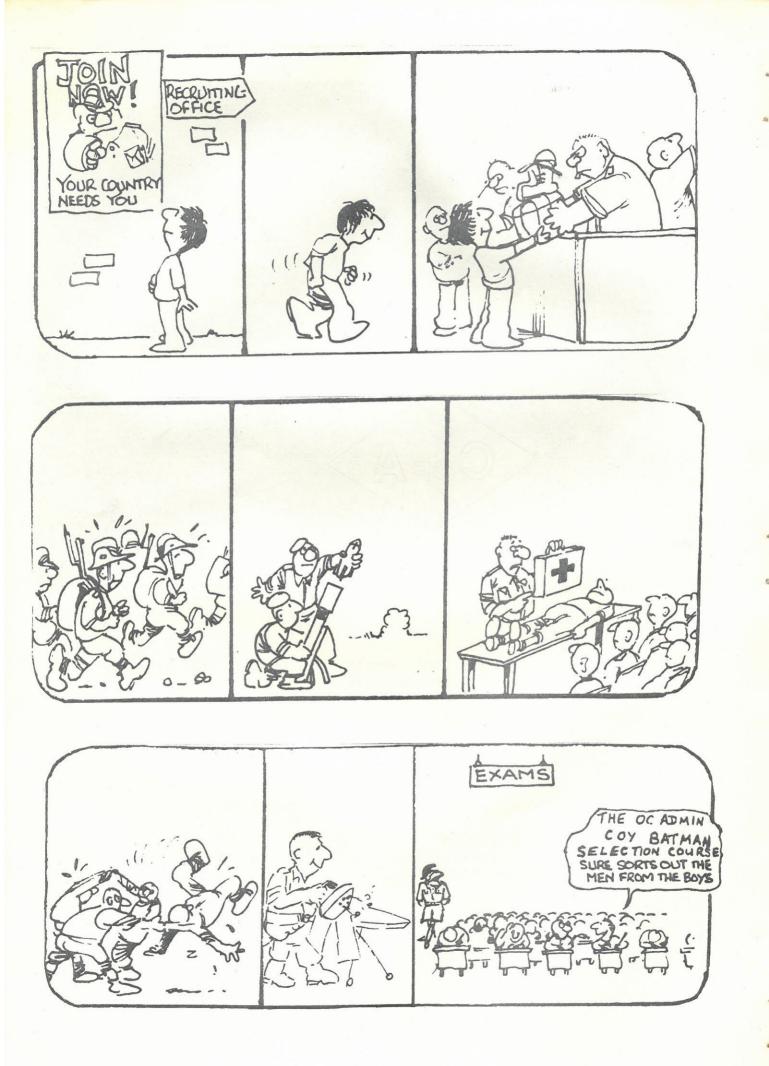
Pte Moylon, Pte Crane, Pte Borrett.

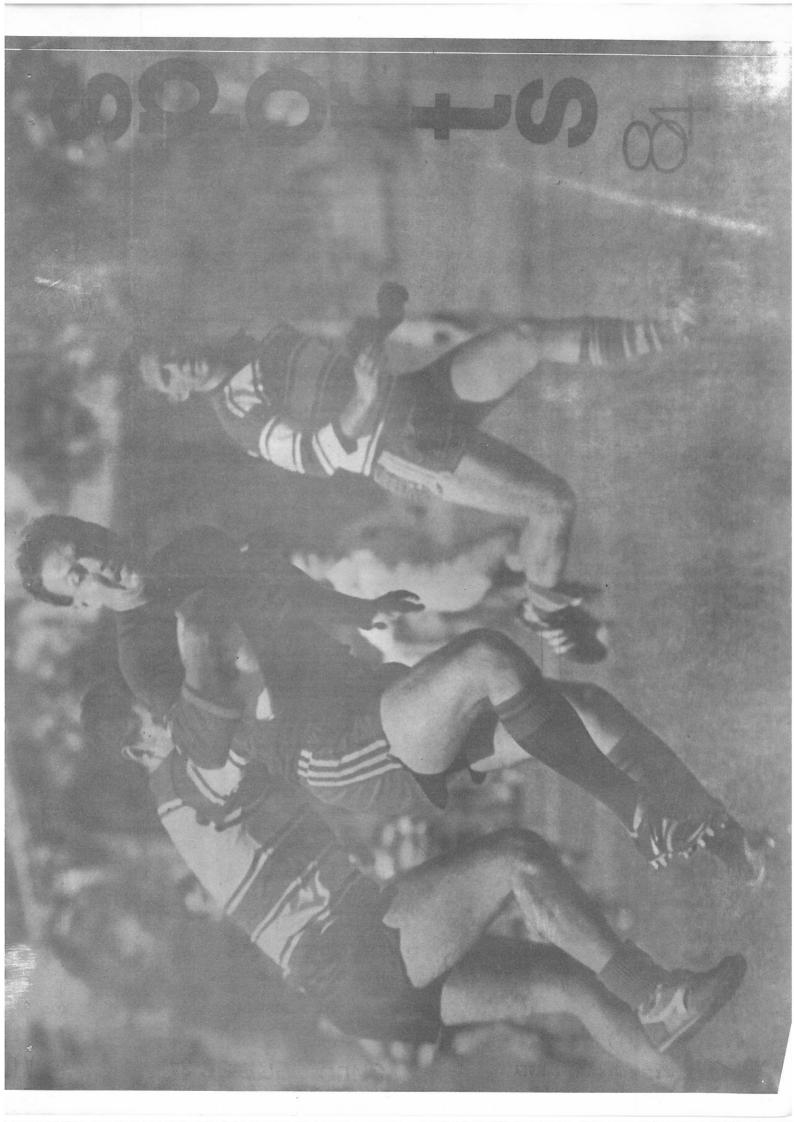
ABSENT:

Pte Shinella, Pte Gorton, Pte Hicks, Pte Craddock

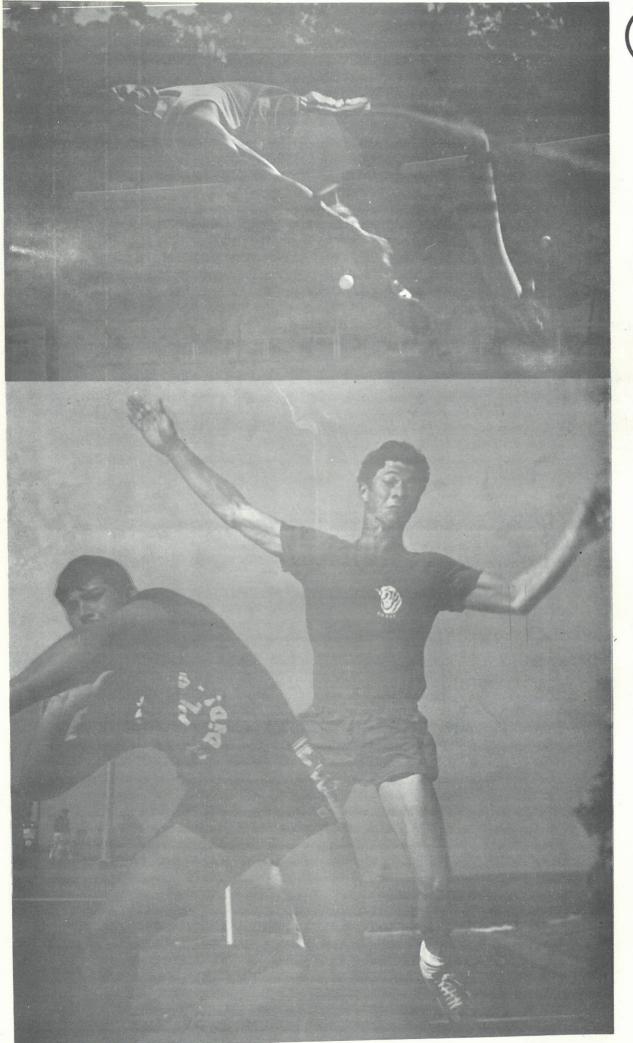
Pte Fraser, Cpl Holland. Pte Harvey, Pte Lake.

Pte Mensforth.

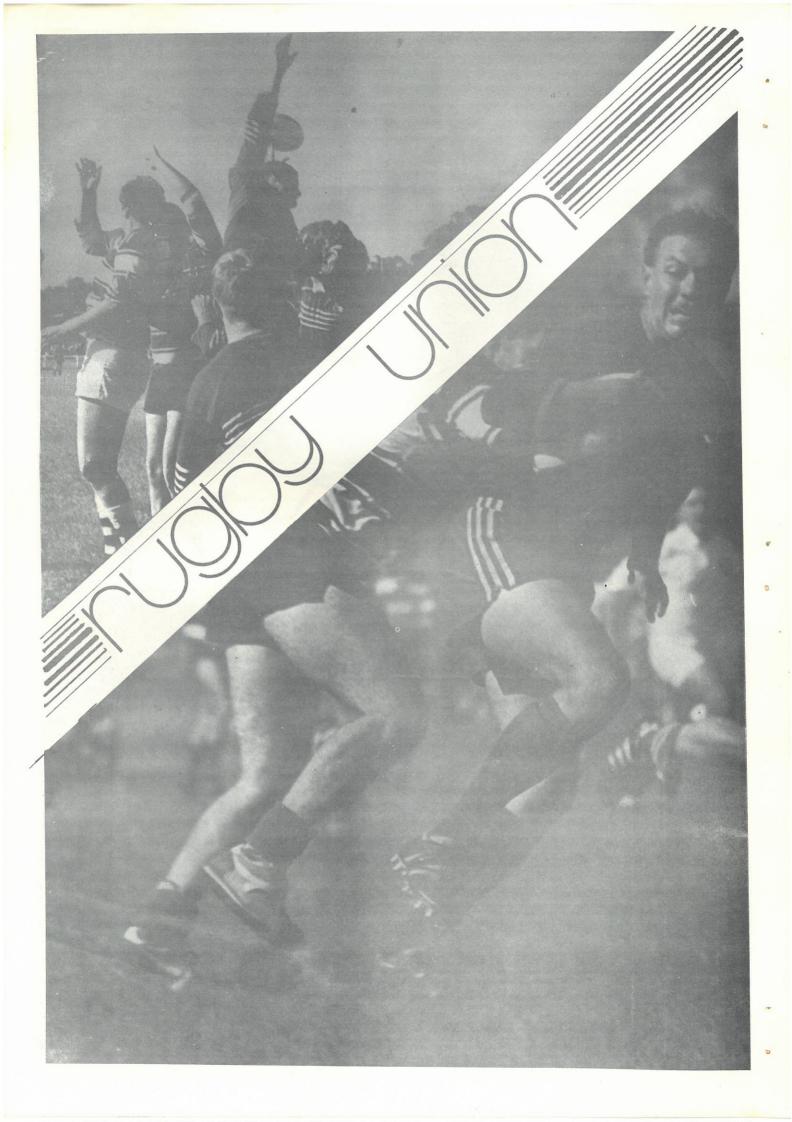


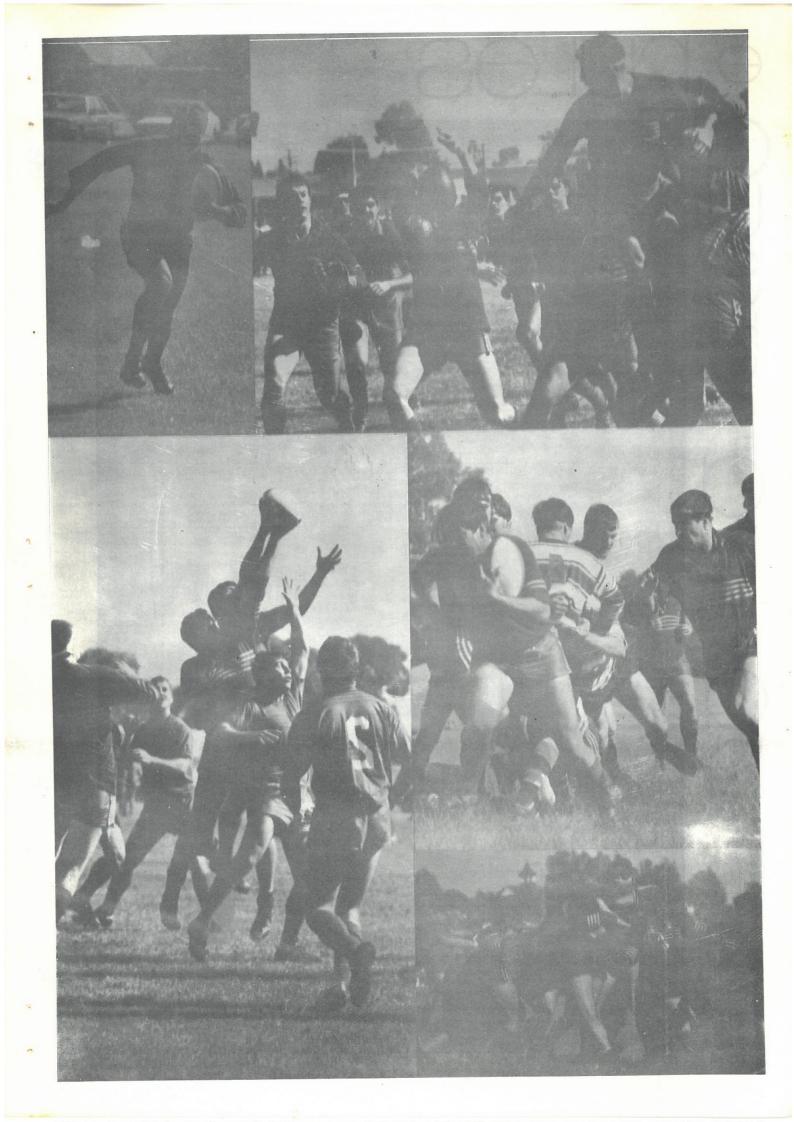


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AUSTRALIAN RULES 1984

After a poor first up game against 6 RAR, 8/9 RAR easily one the remaining minor round games to finish the season second on the ladder. Result of the Minor Round Games:

Lost to 6 RAR 5 - 7 (37) to 9 - 9 (63)
Defeated Sigs A 13 - 9 (87) to 12 - 9 (81)
Defeated 11 Sup Bn 16 - 13 (109) to 5 - 6 (36)
Defeated Sig B 22 - 16 (198) to 1 - 6 (12)
Defeated Eng 15 - 8 (98) to 4 - 11 (41)
Defeated 3/4 Cav 16 - 15 (111) to 4 - 6 (30)
Defeated 1 FD Regt 17 - 16 (118) to 4 - 2 (26)

Unfortunately the good form shown in the lead up games stopped as soon as we reached the finals, we lost the second semi-finals, to 6 RAR drew with Sigs in a controversial prelimnary final, lost the replay and therefore did not get the chance to have another crack at 6 RAR. With the amount of skill in the team and the on-field performances during the year the result was disappointing.

During the year several players were selected in other teams:

INTER-BRIGADE: LT Simon Gould
Pte Brian Freeman
Pte Peter Grocke

COMBINED SERVICE: LT Simon Gould

Pte Brian Freeman

Leave and injuries prevented Lt. Hugh Callander, Pte Steve Mitchell, and Pte Smith being considered. WO2 Andrew Scottney-Turbill was selected as coach but unfortuanately was unavailable due to exercise.

Off field support during the year came from:

UMPIRES: Sgt Peter Gould, Pte Peter Oram,

MEDICS: RAP Staff

"HELPERS:" CPL Blue Reidy, Pte K.J. Thompson.

COACH: Pte Chris Parker, WO2 Andrew Scottney-Turnbill

Special thanks to "Scotty" for the time and work he put into develop the skills and attitude of the players. At the time of giong to print, the trophy might had not been held but with the number of good individual performances during the year the best and fairest award will be a close one.



Basketbal

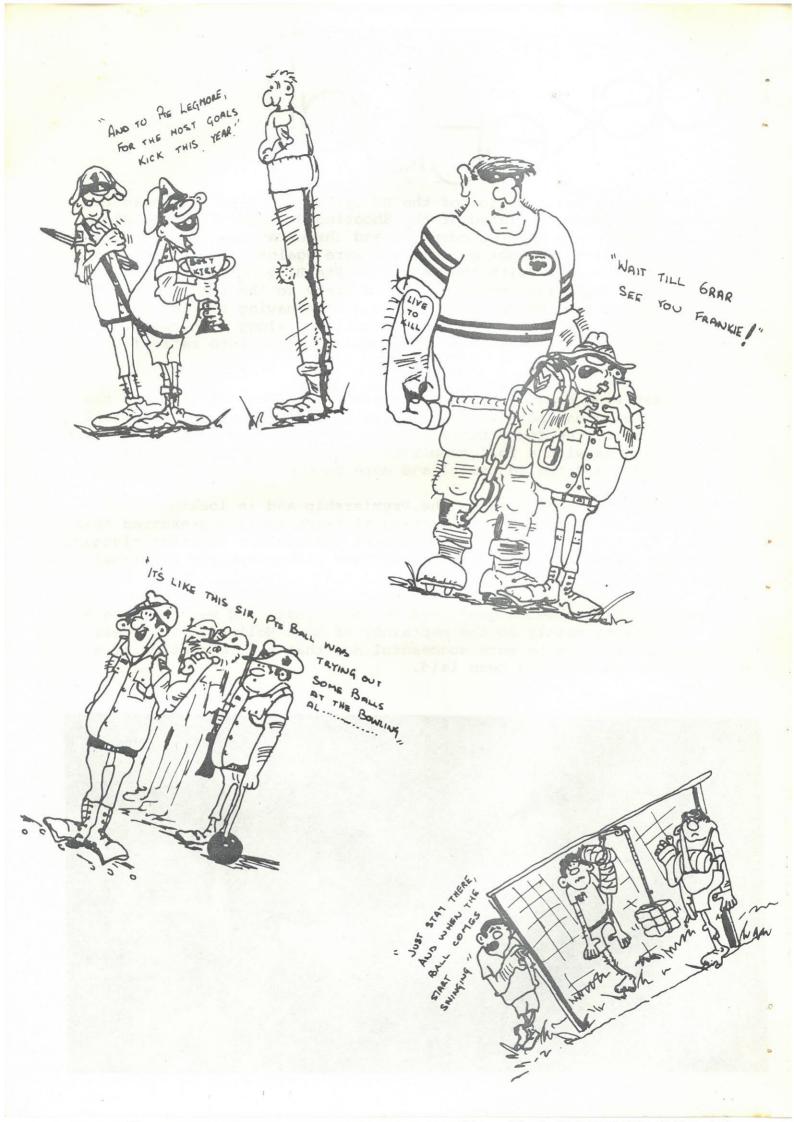
1984 saw the resurrection of the Bn Basketball Team, the team for the first few games consisted of the Shooting Officer, Clothing Store man, DPRI Staff, the Main Q, corporal and three Canadian ring ins. The first few games did not go well and were against the two top teams of last year, however, with the return of Pte Blue Hollway from his excursion in Canada and the entry of Pte Warby to the team things started looking up. Geoff Barker decided that having to play against another Bn like 6 RAR was just too infuriating, along with coaching one 'civvie' team and playing in another so he went into retirement for a while.

The last five games of the season saw us win four of them and the loss was by only one point. More people started coming to Basketball as it was one of the few alternatives to the big field games. The last few games saw us with a full compliment of ten players (including even the Padre and the adjutant) and more on the waiting list by the side line.

The team finished third in the Premiership and is looking forward to its games in the finals. Two inaugral trophies were presented this year one for the highest aggregate scorer and one for the best clubman. These are intended to maintain interest and enthusiasm for basketball within 8/9 RAR.

Overall it has been a good year for basketball and we have come a long way, thanks mainly to the captaincy of Blue Hollway. Next year the team is bound to be more successful now that the foundation of a winning combination have been laid.





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The year had mixed results for both teams but finished in grand Style. It was pleasing to see the support from both teams and when the players were called upon to lift their games they did just that.

The B Grade team was a credit to the Unit even though they finished low on the competition, however, a good effort fella's and notice for good performances is given to Lcpl Ray Waterson and Lcpl Tietz who both were involved in the organization and as players. Well done to the team and look forward to the 1985 Competition because there are better things ahead.

The A Grade team pulled off Minor Premiers and be proud of that fella's because the effort that you all put into the Grand Final was Tremendous.

Credit is also given to all the players who made the Brigade Rep. side and Inter-Service teams and that goes out to Sqt Kelner, Pte Parker, Lcpl Davies, Pte Kimmell, Pte Lister and Pte Brownbil. The Team also produced four combined services reps. in Lcpl Davies, Pte Kimmell, Pte Lister, and Pte Brownbil, Well done to everyone of you.

In closing well done to all those who participated and stay fit so that the Rams will fire in 1985.



SOCCER TEAM.

LEFT TO RIGHT:

STANDING:

WO2 Nugent, Pte Renier, Pte Wallace, Pte Lister, Pte Nicholes, Pte Francis, Pte Wiseman, Pte Parker, Pte Woods, Pte Lange, Pte Berg, Cpl Colbertaldo

KNEELING:

Pte Lee, Cpl Finch Lcpl Ralph, Pte Kimmell. Pte Brownbil, Lcpl Davies, Pte Meehan, Sgt Kelner.



The 1984 season ended with disapointment for the Hockey Team because we missed playing in the finals by only one point on our average.

However, we did leave a great deal of success in the fact that by the end of the season we had developed good skills and had come a lot closer in playing together as a team. This should put us off to a great start for 1985 and with some Land Training the Team will make the finals next year.

Also to develop our skills even further, most players will shortly be playing in the new indoor Hockey Comp. which will be played throughout the Summer Season, any body who is interested in playing indoor Hockey should contact Cpl Paul Furness at the Pay Office.

The end of field Hockey for 1984 celebrated by the Team with a Trophy Presentation Night in the Ram's Retreat at which we were honored to have the CO and the RSM as our guests. The Co presented the trophies for "Best and Fairest" (Cfn Steve Higgins) "Most Improved" (Cpl Mass Hockly) and a new trophy which was instigated to instill more enthusiasm and devotion to the game. "Most outstanding Club Member" (Cpl Paul Farness)

Unfortunately we had to farewell one of our most experienced players even though he was nicknamed "Offside Turn around Charlie". Cpl Charlie Baldry soon to be Sgt Baldry will be missed by us all, he has played for the Batalion for many years, I won't mention the year he started as someone may realize that I've been here too long.

To all the members of the Battalion from the Hockey Team, have an enjoyable leave, "We'll even extend this to the Rugby Players" and the Team looks forward to your support in 1985.



SHOOTING - 1984 By LT L KELLY

There is an old saying "An Infantry man is trained to shoot to kill. If he can't shoot to kill then what the bloody use is he?" No matter how well a Battalion trains in patrolling deploying, fieldcraft, and all the rest, for if when it comes to the contact and the soldiers can't kill then all these other skills are in vain. Thus shooting must be a priority for training as we can fulfill our role of 'To close with and kill the enemy'.

8/9 RAR had mixed results with shooting in 1984. Overall the Battalion skill at shooting improved dramatically and we ashieved our highest scores ever in the Royal Ulster Rifles Competition. the Australian Training Aids Shield and would have in the Gurkha Cup had it not been cancelled. The number of qualified Marksmen rose from twentynine to eighty eight(including the RSM). Although these results may seem impressive they can still be improved upon. The strategy of EX Copper Heave was good, however, all companies were hindered by the lack of time (and good weather in the case of B Coy). Few of the companies had the time to re-shoot until most soldiers had qualified and fire the simpler head-up practises befroe attempting the harder qualifications practices. Most of the shortage of time can be attributed to lack of classification ranges and as a result both 8/9 RAR and 6 RAR have pressed for the repairing of the Class 2 at Greenbank. Next year it is planned for companies to be at the range for five days instead of three. The annual Infantry qualifications practice, the SMR was subsequently a disapointment - 341 fired and only about 181 of our 540 strength qualified.

The 8/9 RAR Shooting Teams did not shoot real well this year with the exception of Shane Pollock Mick Ryan Frank Ketu and Len Kelly. It is despairing to see only a few soldiers who were willing to work out of the '8to 4' timings and shoot for the Battalion. 8/9 RAR could not even field a team of 5 men for the QLD Tri-Service which was held on a Saturday. If a soldier is ordered to compete in a team his results will drop so it is up to all Commanders to encourage shooting

Next year the results will improve further so long as these points are observed:

- a. zeroing is done correctly and only when the soldier can group
- b. Plenty of time is allotted to practice.
- c. practices are held regularly
- d. soldiers are coached by qualified coaches, and
- e. shooting be encouraged by all ranks.



There were 21 Teams in the Brisbane Area Touch Competition and 8/9 RAR had its most successful year, as we finished as Minor Premiers having played 21 games lost 1, drewl and won 19 games.

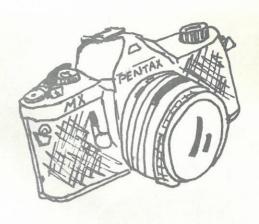
As this is going to print we still have a chance to go into the Grand Final on 26 Sept. 1984.

I would like to thank all the players for a job well done and who performed very well to be Minor Premiers.

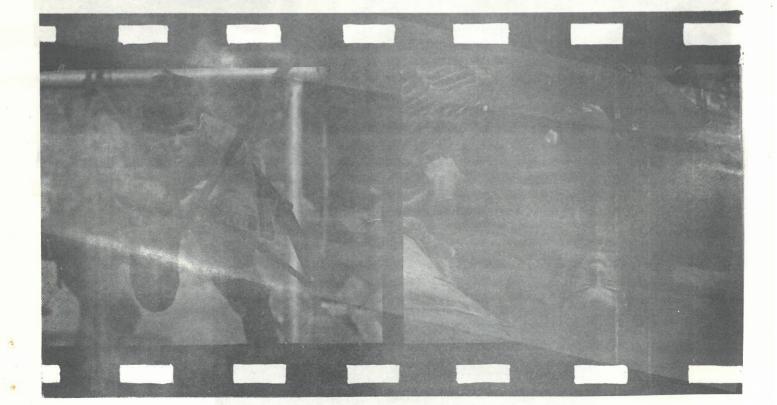
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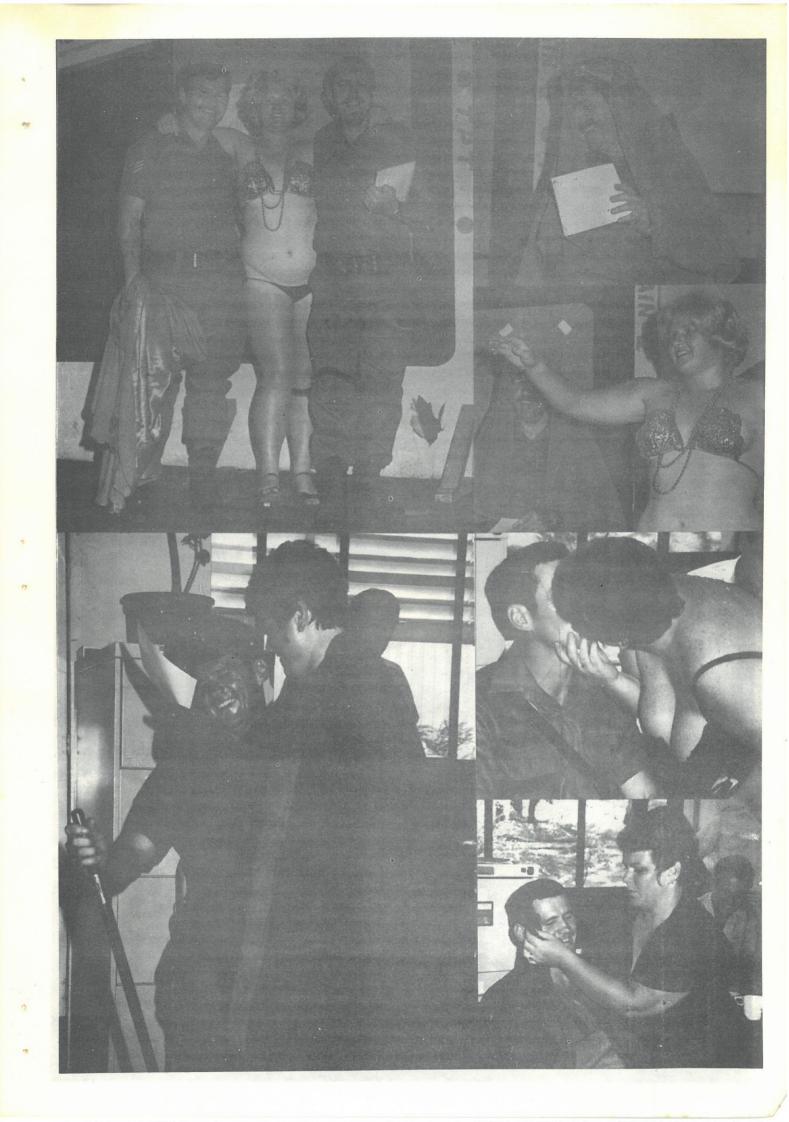
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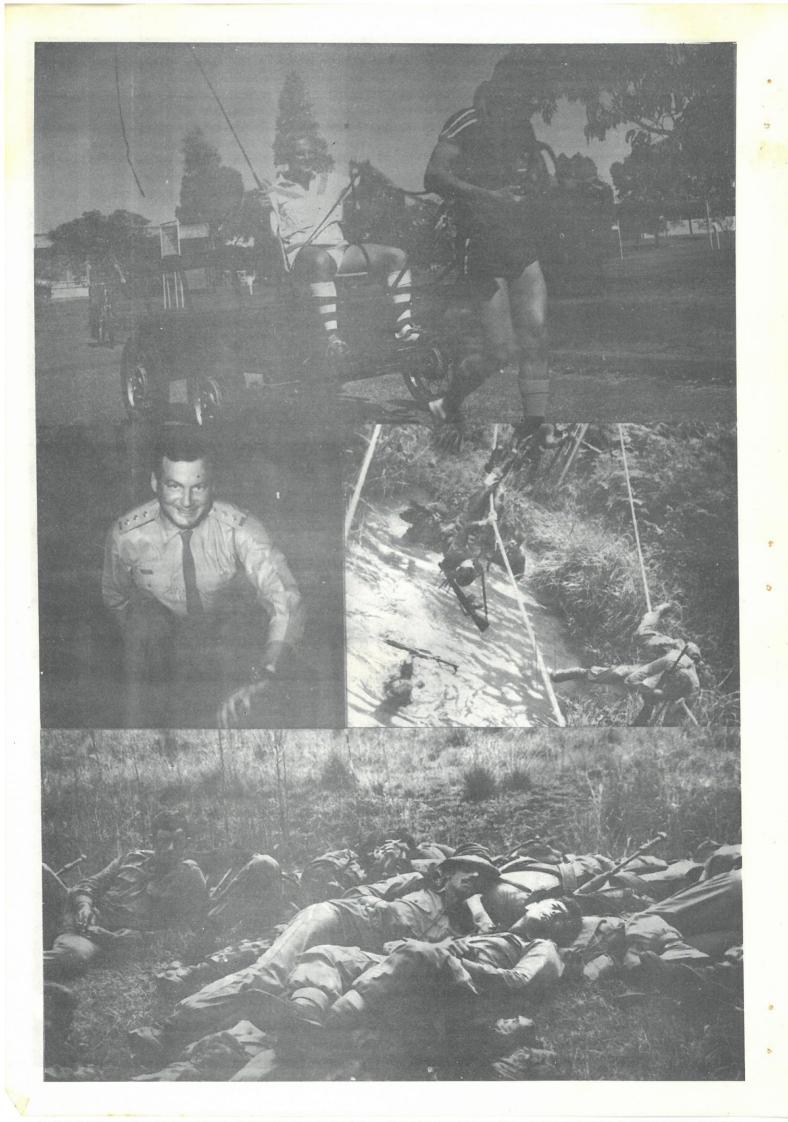












Traverling Bug with shopty

Over the past few years members of the Battalion have travelled overseas to sample the scenic pleasures and stimulating atmosphere as well as the cultures and customs that the Orient has to offer. This Story tells of some of the fun that was experienced.

New Years Eve parties are not as good as the ones they have at the Ram's Retreat Annex at the Randy Ram's Inn. The party in 1982 is remembered as the Bash when every one played bouncer and gave a few Phillipinos free swimming lessons, it was a pity that they could not swim. Steely had seen too many Western movies, he let them try to smash a metal chair over his head. The boys done us proud that night.

Unfortunately one of the swimmers turned out to be a City Officials Son (The Mayor) and he held a grudge. It was learnt later that a U.S.

Serviceman was shot by mistake.

The Saturday morning Pool Comp. is a very big event in Paradise and when you get back to the Hotel at about 5 o'clock and you don't want to miss the competition what better way than to go to sleep on the pool table.

The Bus Trip to LA Union was a classic and a trip never to be forgotten or ever done again, courtesy of Phillipine Rabbit. Thanks to P.J. Steely and Willey for that trip because they made everyone miss the Aircon Bus, This will not happen again, you will be left behind.

The men kept to a rugged PT programme and while at the Beach they entertained the Local population by playing a game of Touch Football and they thought it was quite comical. They now know that Kermit the Frog is real, has two legs and is not green and wants the ball.

Incredible athletics feats were attained by some of the members which included the 5 day drinking marathon with no sleep. The worst part of the event was watching the sun come up then go down, come up and go down, come up and then when the event is over you don't see anything for 3 days or nights. Drunk Master "As long as I don't stand up I'm okay" For the Sprinters there were nemerous 24HR Non stop events.

Blatent shows of exhibitionism can be encountered from females as well as the males, there was one excentric who walked into a bar with his old man on show and a large Helium filled balloon tied to it, He

was welcomed there as a strange lot.

The team made it back to Subic Bay for the Booze Cruise and a Spue with a view, on the way when a few dozen San Miguel Beers were drunk along the way. Marilyns Place prooved to be popular. Pig face found out that Wayne was a Voyer after declining a free one.

Willie was seen at 0500 hrs one morning, I know thats hard to believe but what's even harder to believe he was sweating, but did he go for a 5km run as he had claimed or did he really walk down the stairs

Willies favourite T.V. programme was the RAT PATROL.

The lads are off again to spread Mutiny and Sedition through out the Orient, more colourful stories will undoubtly unfold as the trip gets underway, a welcome change in the usual plan is a trip to Hong Kong midway through the trip, if Shorties been there 3 times, something has got to be there that he's not telling us about and he's usually right.

Its a nice place to visit but I wouldn't like to live there.



LEFT TO RIGHT:

FRONT ROW: Capt. Mark Fairleigh.

SECOND ROW: Sgt Bruce Prior, Pte Wayne Ryan.

REAR ROW: L/Cpl John Clark, Pte Michael O'Byrne,

ABSENT: Pte Ross Austin, Pte Austin Day.

The year started with three new March ins, Sgt B. Prior, Pte M. O'Byrne and Pte Day.

Sgt Bruce Prior or commonly known as the 'Old Grump', moved in and started moving everything and every one. Like the Pam Library back to TRG COY, John Clark to the other side of the room so he could pull his hair out in peace, Wayne Ryan locked in his dark room so he could try

and do his job, Ross Austin back into Greens and out of sports gear and try to explain to him that people will recognise him in greens, and Jezza (the same as Ross but three times worse).

We lost three members from the section also. Cpl R. Morgan, to the Main Q, Then RP Section, and now DSU. Pte Weston, ashort holiday first then to A Coy. Pte Paul Juzulenas to Civvy Street in South Australia, we think he was a member of Int Section????

A Lt Martin came and played IO for a short time! And ended up in A Coy.

For now we have a Capt Fairleigh, who finally arrived in July, he was only on the books since January?? Glad you could make it Skipper even if you are seven months late!!

Capt Fairleigh Slow but gets there in the end.

Sgt Prior.....I've got it, you try to get it!! (Sign for it First)

LCPL Clark......What is my job here???????

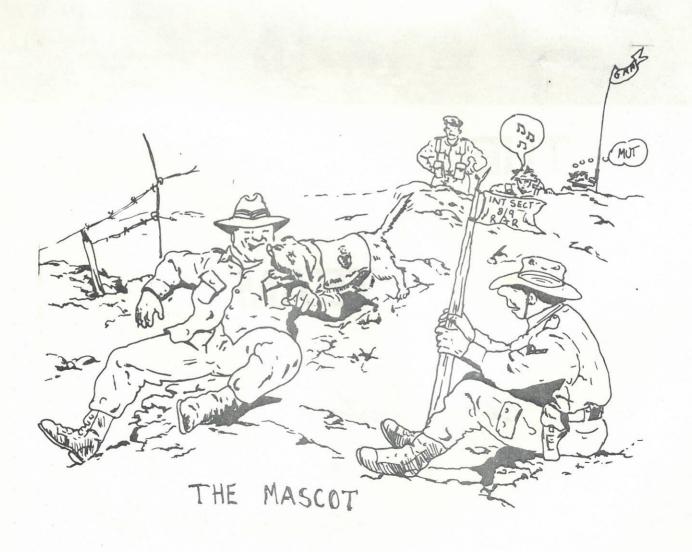
Pte Austin..... I only want to be a Dog Handler.

Pte Ryan......I've only got two hands! And I'm not Quick as a

Flash Photo Company.

Pte O'Byrne.....Lay line Oby. Hey Sarg how do you strip an M60 Pte Day......Been there, and done all this stuff before!!!!

(Well I've been there.... I think)





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Merry Christmass
and a
Prosperous New Year

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A final word of thanks to all those who contributed to the production of this years Unit Magazine. We hope next year ALL the Companies can get their articles in on time, with no spelling errors, thus making our job that little bit easier. Also could the Companies type the articles out, it was hard to decipher some of the hand writing that was given to us this year. With this note, we all would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.



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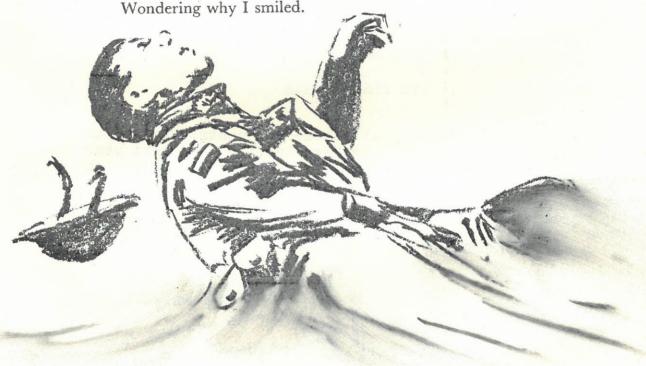
We always had to do our work at night.

I wondered why we had to be so sly.

I wondered why we couldn't have our fight
Under the open sky.

I wondered why I always felt so cold.
I wondered why the orders seemed so slow,
So slow to come, so whisperingly told,
So whisperingly low.

I wondered if my packing-straps were tight,
And wondered why I wondered. Sound went wild . . .
An order came . . . I ran into the night
Wondering why I smiled.



These Men

Men moving in a trench, in the clear noon,
Whetting their steel within the crumbling earth;
Men, moving in a trench 'neath a new moon
That smiles with a slit mouth and has no mirth;
Men moving in a trench in the grey morn,
Lifting bodies on their clotted frames;
Men with narrow mouths thin-carved in scorn
That twist and fumble strangely at dead names.

These men know life—know death a little more,
These men see paths and ends, and see
Beyond some swinging open door
Into eternity.

The Padre

Charles and Charle

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The Padre said "who wants to come, and hear the word of the Lord?"
A few of us, we went along, for we were fairly bored.
We sat atop a high, bald hill, and all knelt down to pray.
Around us, men trained hard to kill, and had done so all day.

We lifted up our voice in song, but we were drowned by the mighty roar, of a gunship as it flew along, firing twin M-60s' from either door. The water, from a canteen he poured, and from a hip flask took the wine. The bread we offered to the Lord, was from Tip-Top and we thought that fine.

The Padre stood before us dressed, in dirty greens, and dull GPs'. And we before him there were blessed, with rifles between our knees. The final Hymn before we went, from that high and commanding place, was a sad and lingering lament, with the tanks below supplying bass.

The Padre then, when all was done, upon a rock reclined.
His bald head burning in the sun, he didn't seem to mind.
An easy smile spread on his face, he seemed without a care.
He didn't think it out of place, to say his sermon there.

He said, "I've said Mass with the best, all dressed in fancy clothes.
In churches and cathedrals, yes,
I've preached in all of those.
I've broken bread with all the frills, and dined at the Holy See.
But a loaf of Tip-Top on a hill, is more the style for me."

The Padre said, "I'ts such a place, as fills me with delight."

And I looked upon the padre's face, and knew that he was right.

We had to go, we could not stay, we left the pardre there.

He stayed up on that hill all day content and without care.

