

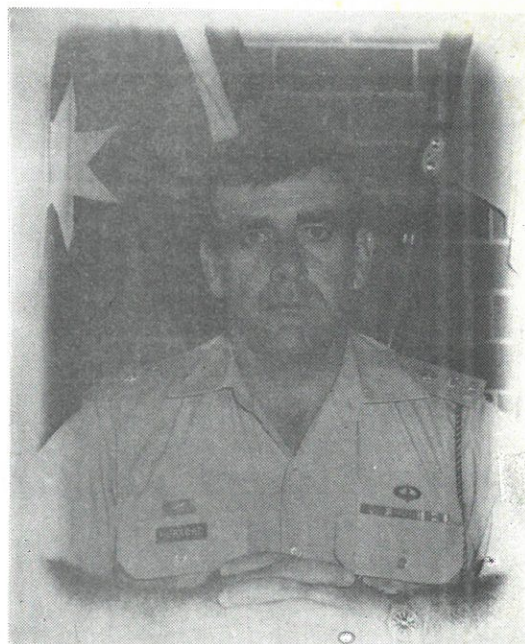


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Foreword By The Commanding Officer.

Lt Col G.W. Hurford



1985 has been a very busy year with a great diversity of training being undertaken by the Battalion. We exercised in close, wet, cold country, drove the Musorians out of Shoalwater Bay (again!) and discovered the problems of fighting in the concrete jungle. We also completed a great deal of shooting, both on the range and in the field. We trained from the individual through to Brigade. We trained for war, and did it well. We achieved our aims.

The Battalion's presence was also felt on the sporting fields. Although we were not as successful as we had wished, we played the game in the right spirit, competed fiercely and never lost the will to win. Well done to all who participated and my congratulations to the Cricket Teams who brought home the Champion Trophies.

I have been very conscious of the role our families play in our lives as soldiers. The wives, girlfriends and our children have stuck by us, supported us and kept the home fires burning. They have done a magnificent job, yet again. I thank them for their support and understanding.

The annual leave period approaches (for some earlier than others) and I take this opportunity to wish all the men of the Battalion and their loved ones a very Merry Christmas. Enjoy your leave, you deserve it. Take care, and drive carefully; I want you all back for 1986.



Foreword By The Regimental Sergeant Major.

WO1 G.K. Willmann



This year has been an extremely busy and fragmented one with many and varied activities undertaken by the Battalion. It has been rare for all elements of the Battalion to be in the same place at the same time. Never the less, the Battalion has achieved, in most cases, excellent results both in training for war and on the sports field.

Training for war should and does have first priority. Stability and sound planning are required to make the most of our short time in the field. It is important that section and platoon commanders use all available spare time to conduct training. Remember, there is an ideal training area right at our back door.

One of the difficulties in training the individual soldier in peace is to instil discipline, yet preserve the initiative needed in war. The best soldier in peace is not necessarily the best soldier in war - though he is more often than not - and it is not always easy in peace to recognize the soldier who will make good in war. The soldier who is a thorough nuisance in barracks, on occasion, a treasure in the field, though not nearly as often as Hollywood and the sentimental novelist would have us believe.

The qualities which commonly make a unit formidable are established habits of regularity, exactness of discipline and complete confidence in and respect for their commanders.

Sport plays a very important part in our day to day training here, officers, NCO and soldiers have an opportunity to develop their own personal styles of leadership. Sport is not played in the Army just for the sake of playing sport, but rather to develop those skills which assist in our ultimate aim 'To Win'. Winning can only be achieved by good team work and dedication in training. Training for sport is as important as practising day to day military skills.

In conclusion, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all ranks for your support for the past two years. I have thoroughly enjoyed the position of Regimental Sergeant Major of this fine Battalion. It will always be the highlight of my Army career. Good soldiering.



THE Australian Army's most interesting piece of equipment isn't a new gun, grenade or tank. It's a mirror. The pipers and drummers of 8/9RAR have made, from polished scrubwood and a mirror, a device with which their RSM can inspect under their kilts to ensure they aren't wearing any illegal underwear. Because of the way the mirror's made, only the RSM can see what they are, or aren't, wearing — which must be a relief for the privates.

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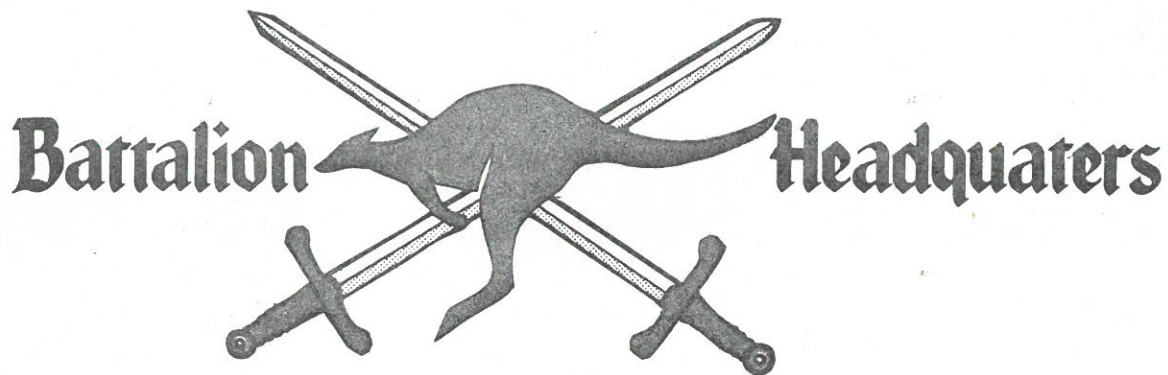
'Roll Call'

PTE

JOHN MACARTHUR III



PTE Macarthur III, seen here being charged for missing from place of parade.....Stan got three days mowing the Officers' Mess grass, all Stan could say was "Barrr Barrrr", (I was framed.)



The Clerks of the Battalion have seen many changes in 1985 with the arrival and departure of many faces.

We will start at the top of the tree: we farewelled our Chief Clerk, WO2 Don Zerner to Norforce on 30 Jul 85 (from all reports he is enjoying his new posting and tells us that those Darwin stubbies take a bit of getting used to) and we welcomed the new Chief Clerk, WO2 Des Blazely from 9 RQR.

Our next move was to the OR SGT Jim Ingle who took over WO2 Blazely's spot at 9 RQR. We would like to congratulate Jim on his promotion to the rank of Warrant Officer Class Two.

As the list of stayers, comers and goers is extremely long we will deal with each Clerk individually.

SGT Boot. After 2-1/2 years in the Battalion moving on to 27 RSAR Unley, South Australia on promotion to Warrant Officer Class Two.

SGT Matheson. Moved into the PERS SGT job after promotion to the rank of sergeant. Will be moving into ORS slot in 1986.

Trivia - It is true that he has purchased one packet of cigarettes this year.

CPL Rolfe. Only just returned to the Battalion after a stint with the ARES. Spent some time in the Rank and File Section and is now Company Clerk, Support Company. CPL Rolfe

will be Corps transferred to RAAOC as a Pay Representative and venture down to the Parachute Training School, Nowra at the end of the year.

Trivia - In years gone by in the Battalion, is it true that CPL Rolfe has yet to beat the Chief Clerk in the 100 metres dash.

CPL Schafferius. Battalion Movement Clerk until Sep 85 when he left the Battalion for the North Queensland Area, namely MCO Townsville.

Trivia - Nick names CPL Short Cut.

CPL Van Der Stoep. Snoopy spend most of the year in Administrative Company and spent his last days in the green pasture of the Rank and File Section of Battalion Headquarters. Left the unit after 10 years to go to 9 RQR.

Trivia - It was rumoured that certain heavyweight ARES soldiers were eagerly awaiting his arrival in the unit.

PTE Rogers. After six years in the Repo Section, Buck Rogers has decided to give up the Repo Section and hand up the trusty grey trench coat. He is currently on a Clerk Course at 2 Trg Gp, Ingleburn.

Trivia - It is not true that the photocopier was taken with him on course. It is still located at Battalion Headquarters.

LCPL Williamson. Commenced the year as the Rank and File Clerk at Battalion Headquarters, then more recently was sent down to C Company as the Company Clerk to pass on his vast knowledge gained in Battalion Headquarters earlier in the year.

Trivia - On the last night of a recent course, he was seen at a suburban hotel enjoying a few beers with the boys, and from all reports had a wonderful evening - but he must remember to watch out for the Liverpool Kiss.

PTE Whetstone. Marched into the unit recently from 5 Tpt Sqn and sometime in 1986 may take over the Movement Clerk job. During the short time in the unit he has made many new friends and in particular, he has struck quite a good understanding with the Logistic Clerk, PTE Hurley.

Trivia - He is still dreading his first Infantry PT Lesson.

PTE Ergec. Was posted to the unit in Jun 85, and after his many sporting commitments (Rugby) was able to finally march into the unit as the Personnel Clerk in Jul 85. After the Rugby season had finally finished, we gained a Clerk, a Battalion Headquarters Touch Football Coach, and during the hours of 0900 to 1600 hours, he performs the duties of the Battalion Movement Clerk.

Trivia - It is true that he is a soldier, and not a professional sportsman/tourist.

PTE Hurley. At the start of 1985, he came from C Company to Battalion Headquarters and was employed as the Assistant Rank and File Clerk. Then as a general jack-of-all-trades in Battalion Headquarters, he was let loose to display all his new found knowledge on an unsuspecting Support Company as the Assistant Clerk. His latest appointment is as the Logistic Clerk at Battalion Headquarters.

Trivia - In a recent Soccer match, the Battalion Team defeated another poor unfortunate side, the score being 12 to 1 in the Battalion's favour - Guess who kicked the only goal for the opposition.

PTE Hand. Marched in from 3 RAR halfway through the year and was employed as the Battalion Typist for approximately three months. He was then sent into the Repo Section to take over from Buck Rogers.

Trivia - Is it true that after a qualifying period of five years in Repo Section, you qualify to have your name printed on the pocket of that grey dustcoat.

PTE Oram. Started the year off in the RP Section. He then saw the light at the end of the tunnel and made a bee-line for the Chief Clerk's office. The end result was a Clerk's Course at Enoggera and a Student of Merit for the course.

Trivia - The Chief Clerk is considering the request from the SU of the Clerical Wing Enoggera for Instructional Assistance for the next Clerk's Course - NO PTE Oram you are NOT going!

PTE Orr. Another soldier who decided to make his way in the clerical field and while B Company were absent in Malaya he made his move. He is not absent on course at 2 Trg Gp, Ingleburn.

Trivia - Another who should farewell in the Battalion, as the member was one of the stayers at the recent Clerk's Farewell, when he showed a little bit of form.

PTE McCarthy. One of the soldiers who marched into the unit halfway through the year from the dreaded 3 RAR. Firstly employed as the Battalion Headquarters Logistic Clerk, then

Another year through the PAY OFFICE eyes

This year has seen many changes and improvements in the Battalion Pay Office. We justified our receipt of Field Allowance by practising our deployment capabilities by moving from the Battalion Headquarters building into Support Company. CPL Paul Furness added the wall decorations, some mementos from his trip with B Company to Malaya, PTE Monty Taylor hidden amongst the Pay Office Mascot (a large tropical fern) continues to study past military campaigns to plot future strategy. CPL Rex Hill is the team utility player and has been employed in all positions. SGT Peter Stephens has been on the odd occasion in greens, but still experiences problems with phones and windows. Despite working weekends and stand down days, the Pay Office remains a wealth of stable reliable information ever ready to meet the challenge of battalion life and we wish all our readers a happy leave bonus.



THE KEYSTONE COPS

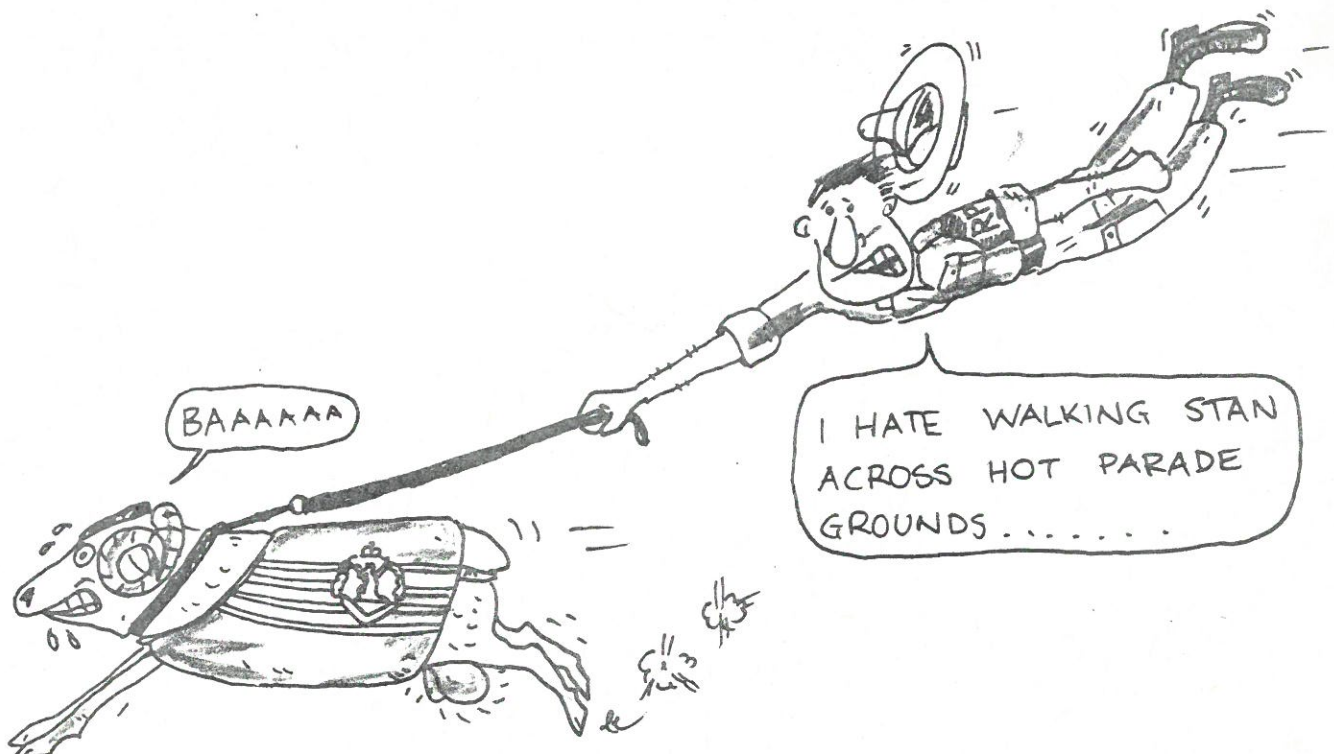
After a well earned rest, the RP Section returned to start work in 1985. After settling into a new office, SGT Eaton then left in April to soldier on with Support Company, Mortar Platoon, making way for Chief Inspector G. Williams who we have not seen much of lately because of courses.

Also during the year PTE (BURN H6) Ross was promoted to LCPL and will be leaving for B Company, making way for LCPL (they haven't got my size) Duxbury, who seems to be handling the job quite well.

Detective Jones was also promoted to Sergeant and some time this year will be moving on to Support Company as soon as he has completed his courses.

Also the latest addition to the RP Section PTE (Taking the Ram for a walk) Jones from C Company, and the sad departure of PTE (I've got your gear) Franklin to civie street.

Because of all the changes to the RP Section, not much can be said about the field trips. Also the author values his health and would like to keep driving his car a little longer. Even so, we are all looking forward to next year and better still, BRL. Say no more (PS - Book you soon).



DO YOU WANT ME TO WALK OUT
AND SHOW WHICH TARGET!?

PLEASE DO THAT!



THE MOB FROM 8/9RAR

Yes this was the mob in 8/9 RAR who slaved in Enoggera Town
Pushing paper over desk and tray chasing phone calls up and down

They were abused here, thanked there, till they were like to drop
Until at last in sheer despair they sought short leave Why not?

The CO serious and stable, there was nothing he couldn't do
But ~~strangeley~~ he would sometimes shout YABBA DABBA DOO !!! !!

The 2IC was small and flash as these blokes mostly are,
He wore a strike-your-fancy moe, he smoked a thin cigar

The OPSO was an outdoor man who loved to travel far,
But due to work his landrover had never left the tar

The sneaky peaky IO we would often call
But so seriously did take his job, he was never seen at all
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The AADJT was a humorist of note, keen at repartee
His interest was in literature, whatever that may be

There often were battalion runners who sat along the wall
Their eyes were dull their heads were flat they had no brains at all

They made a fearful brew they did, bound to make you sick
And passed it to the RSM who tried drinking it.

He raised the cup, the brew was black, he paused a while to gloat
Then poured the red-hot coffe down his unlucky throat

He fetched a wild up country yell might wake the dead to hear
And though he felt full well poisoned never did he fear

He struggled gamely to his feet and faced the murderous foe
You've done for me, give me the pacesstick one hit before I go

I wish I had a PD8 to have a lively spar
Then I'd give you 14 days said the man from 8/9 RAR

He then set to work with tooth and nail, he made the place a wreck
He grabbed the nearest battalion runner and tried to break his neck

No early knock off today, instead all were kicked, punched and toed
When the Orderly Room joined in it was time to clear the road

And the ADJT had his bloed up, though his kilt was fairly torn
A young subbie got five extras from merely looking on

The RP's heard the din and came in to see the show,
They tried to move the movement clerk but he refused to go

And R & F raised a filing cabinet with one tremendous cloat
Dropped it on the Chief Clerk's head but could not knock him out

They waddied one another with files, paper ink and lead
By morning tea all but the duty clerk were dead

Then this duty clerk raised himself slowly from the ground
Though his wounds were mostly mortal he fiercely gazed around

There was no one to charge him all the rest were in a trance
He emptied the last out tray, his last expiring chance

For he meant to get that early knock off and then homeward slide
But the BOS needed a 24 hour duty - so in frustration there he died

By the HQ building where the breezes shake the grass
There's a row of little gravestones that the PTT's never pass

For they bear a crude inscription saying "Stranger drop a tear"

For the Battalion Headquarters Officers, slaves and workers all lie here
And on misty moonlight evenings when the CB victims howl around

You can see them writing minutes shadowy and phantom on the ground
Till the terrified observer runs to the Rams Retreat

He's been haunted by the spectres of the BHQ elite.

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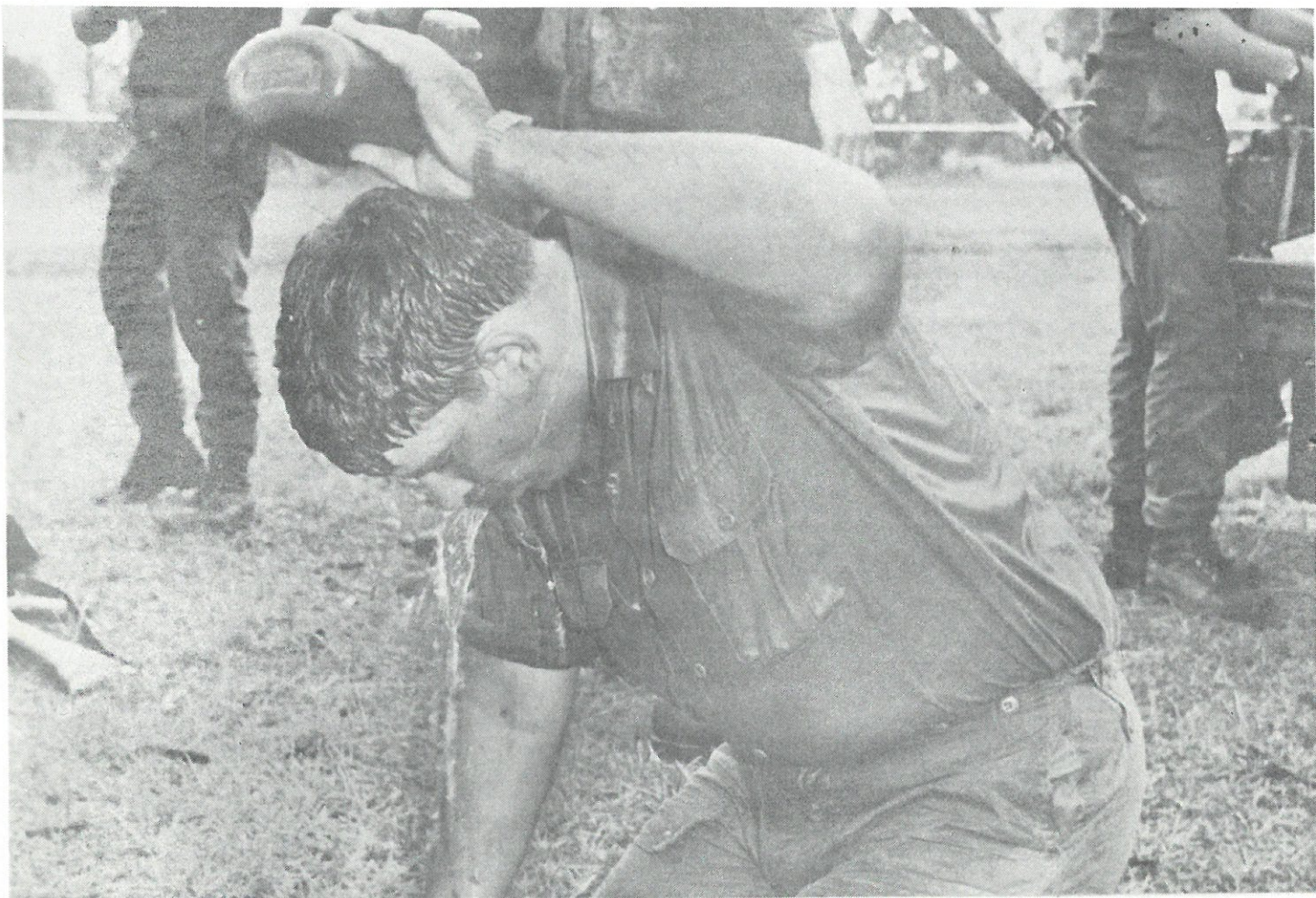
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Above: B Coy March Pass

The CO Inspecting Spt Coy





PTE Newling cooling off
after a hard 15 km run

YOU SURE THIS IS THE CORRECT
TREATMENT FOR A HEADACHE?





Shooting



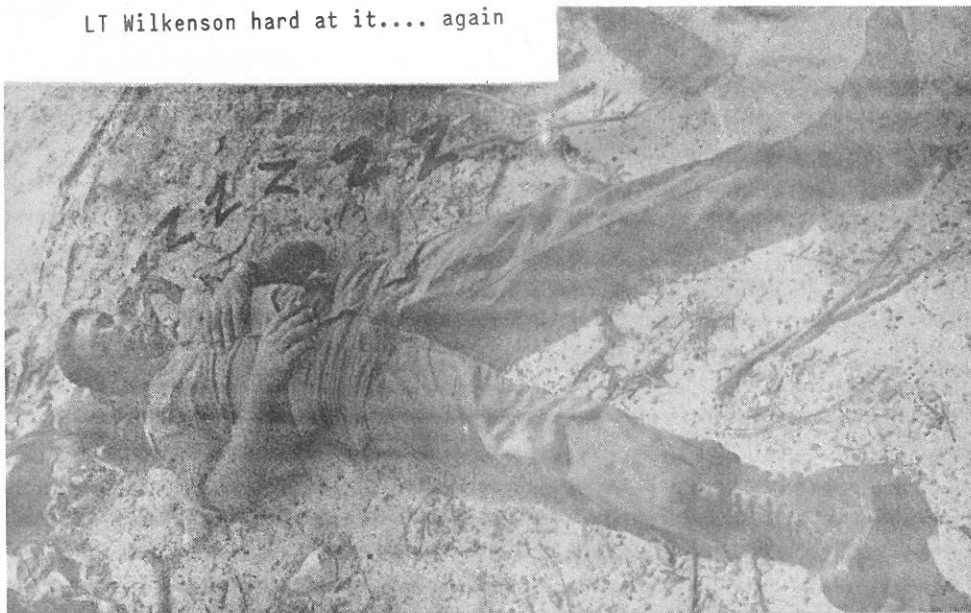
Wiring



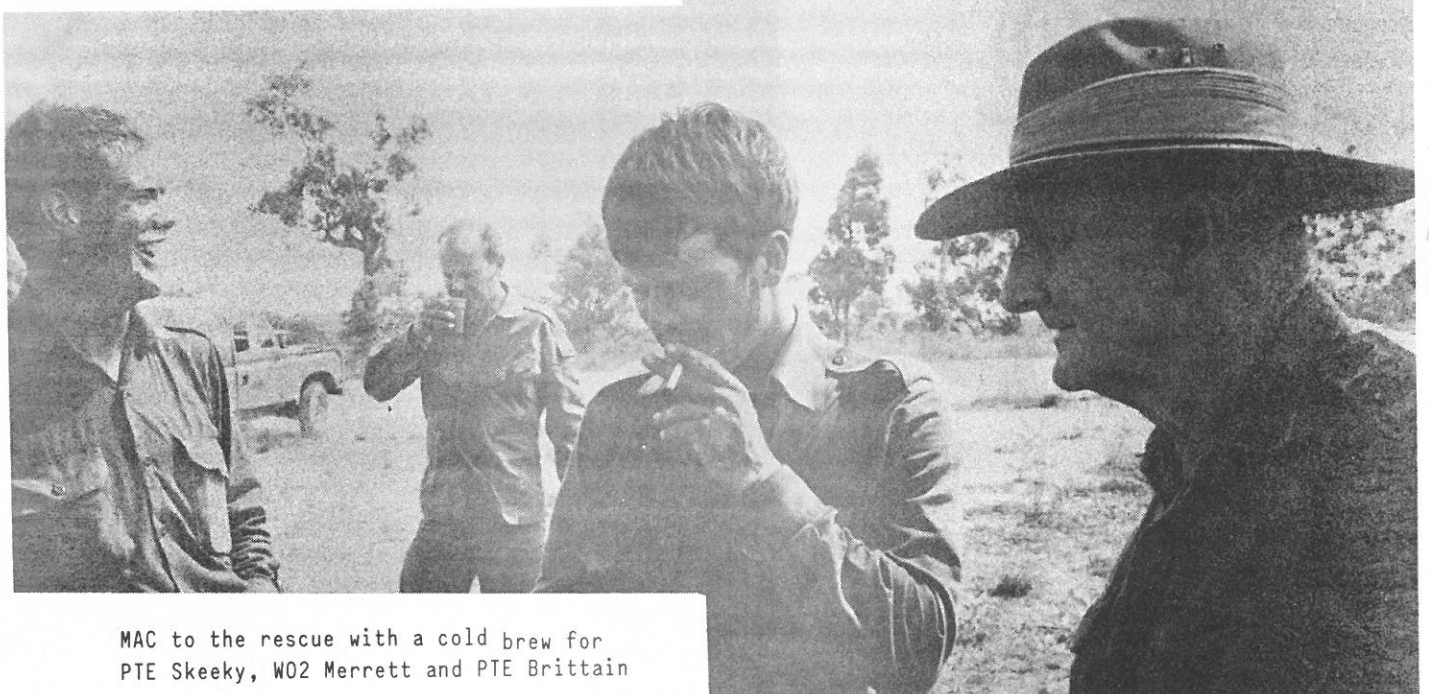
BET's



LT Wilkenson hard at it.... again



2 Section on the 'Run Shoot'



MAC to the rescue with a cold brew for PTE Skeekey, WO2 Merrett and PTE Brittain



The year's training commenced with Exercise LEADEN LIFT which was immediately followed by JNCO training. This proved to be fairly tiresome, especially for a short little LCPL who went down with heat exhaustion. Everyone cheered and was happy including an unknown CSM who was heard to say 'there is too much paperwork if he dies, get him moving'. Where upon the exhausted little chap moved and spoiled everyone's fun.

An Intra-Company Boxing Competition was held just prior to an exercise in the Jimna area. The men really got stuck in with heaps of aggression and enthusiasm. Both platoons put in a valiant effort with 3 Pl coming out best overall. One notable spectacle was when a SGT of the ethnic origin showed the OC why there is discipline problems in 1 Pl.

Perhaps due to the rigours of the Boxing Competition, a certain Section Commander was somewhat reluctant to go to the Jimna exercise. His only reply to indepth questioning being a mumble something about water in his petrol tank and not remembering where he had relieved himself that morning, or also attributable to company boxing when 3 Pl and an unknown Platoon Commander got lost during a night move ended up having to ask the enemy for directions.

A Company was pipped at the post by C Company during the Gloucester Cup trials this year. This unfortunately incident occurred after a count back. One can't wonder how this could happen since C Company have trouble counting forwards let alone backwards.

ANZAC Day again proved to be an event worth remembering, especially the following day when a certain CPL rang his Platoon Commander around 7 O'Clock to tell him he'd be at work at 1000 hours. Just prior to morno's the bleary eyed CPL staggered in as luck would have it, with his six pack.

Canungra was our next exercise and after everyone had brushed up their jungle warfare skills, both platoons proceeded to tackle Exercise HYDRA. This proved to be hardly a challenge and the best time for the

day was 9 Section with a time of four hours and 45 minutes.

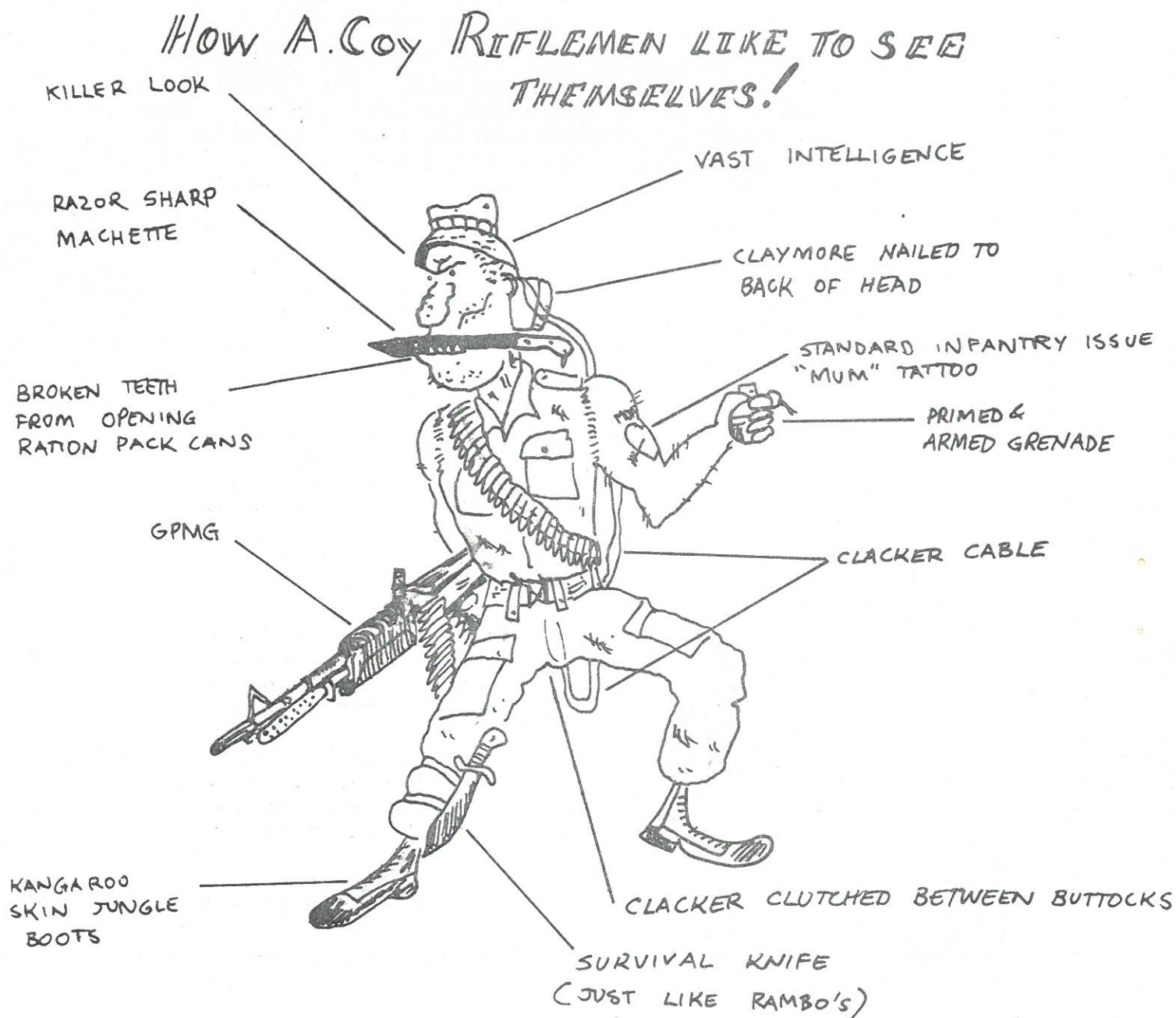
Exercise CLOSE COUNTRY at Glen Innes followed with the only practical to say being NO COMMENT.

Glen Innes was followed closely by Exercise OTBO.

OTBO - Only tried once, and as far as A Company is concerned never to be tried again.

The last major activity for the year was DIAMOND DOLLAR or more appropriate Dust Dollar. The exercise was held once again at SWBTA and was exhausting in its activity level, rugged in its location as exciting as a bed full of dead snails. Nevertheless, A Company put up a sterling effort and is to be congratulated on their fine fishing effort.

Exercise BRICK WALL provided an introduction to Urban Warfare and proved street fighting is harder than it looks. This was thoroughly enjoyed by the soldiers who more than eagerly look forward to more of this training. BRL comes early this year at the end of the Subject and Specialist Courses in preparation for Response Force duties during Christmas. Well done throughout the year all members of A Company, and always remember, whatever you do, wherever you go, always 'Achieve the Aim'.





Pte Logan, showing LCPL Schmidt how to Rap

THINGS WE'D LIKE TO SEE IN THE FUTURE

1 Pl eventually get to an enemy AO

CPL Thorp grow hair

LCPL Schmidt cook something without burning it (Rice's)

LCPL Lee learn how to walk

PTE Hedger have his teeth shortened

SGT Clarke get a hair cut

PTE Blunden stay awake for more than an hour

PTE Worby

PTE Martin lose some weight

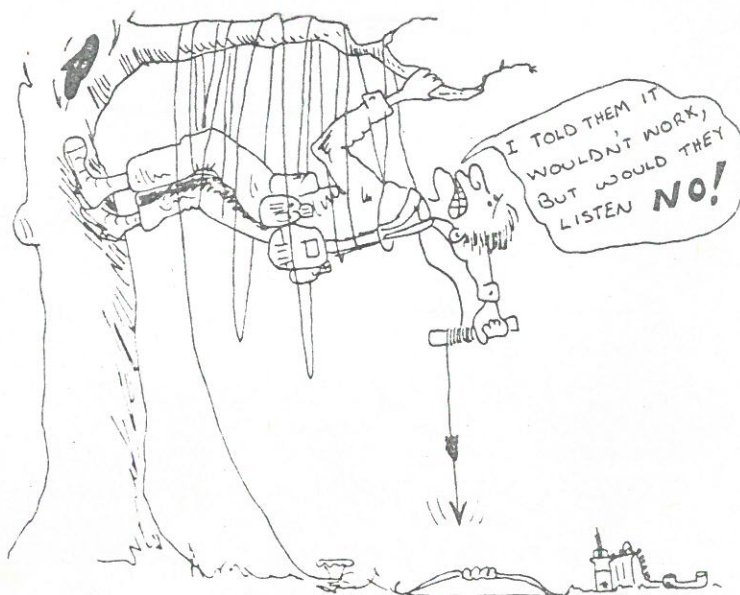
PTE Taylor see the light and buy a Sigma

PTE Cleary and PTE Gray without a chit

PTE Wickenden go out with a white women

LCPL Clarke having piles of fun

LT Martin look someone straight in the face



PTE Hinkley the Mansfield Tavern Light Weight Contender

PTE Carstairs get some new PT gear

CPL Cran grow a neck (toad)

PTE Clayton start drinking Claytons

CPL Nagle 'Wickenden'

PTE Rogers keep to the speed limits

1 PL NICKNAMES AND SAYINGS

LT DE SOMER	Lemon Juice in his Hair	PTE GROCHKE	Bar Wench
SGT LENTINI OC	Broken Nose - No Problem	PTE HILL PL	Party No Go
CPL HOWLETT	Who Howlett - Sapper Setsquair	PTE LOGAN	Trev
CPL KELLEHER	Bub	PTE LOVELL	Clyde 2
CPL WILSON	Babe	PTE MITCHELL	Clyde 1
LCPL ROZITIS	Boo	PTE STUBBS	Fletch Jnr
LCPL WEST	Bubba the Invisible	PTE THORNE	Hey Brother

LCPL WHITTON	OCS - No Way	PTE WOOD	Back with a 77 Set
PTE ABBONDONDOLA	Pull another Train	PTE YOVICH	Jet Set
PTE ANSELME	SafeHands	PTE DENNY	Wench 2
PTE BERGER	I've Got a Headache	CHQ	
PTE DYSKSTRA	This is Poo	PTE BARTLETT	Hell of a Nice Fellow
PTE FARRUGIA	Detached from 1 Mil	LCPL COX	I made it Back from Tully
PTE GOCIOS	Ethnic	2IC	How about a Brew
PTE GRIBBLE	Malaysia - No Way	OC	Give me Country Music Every Time

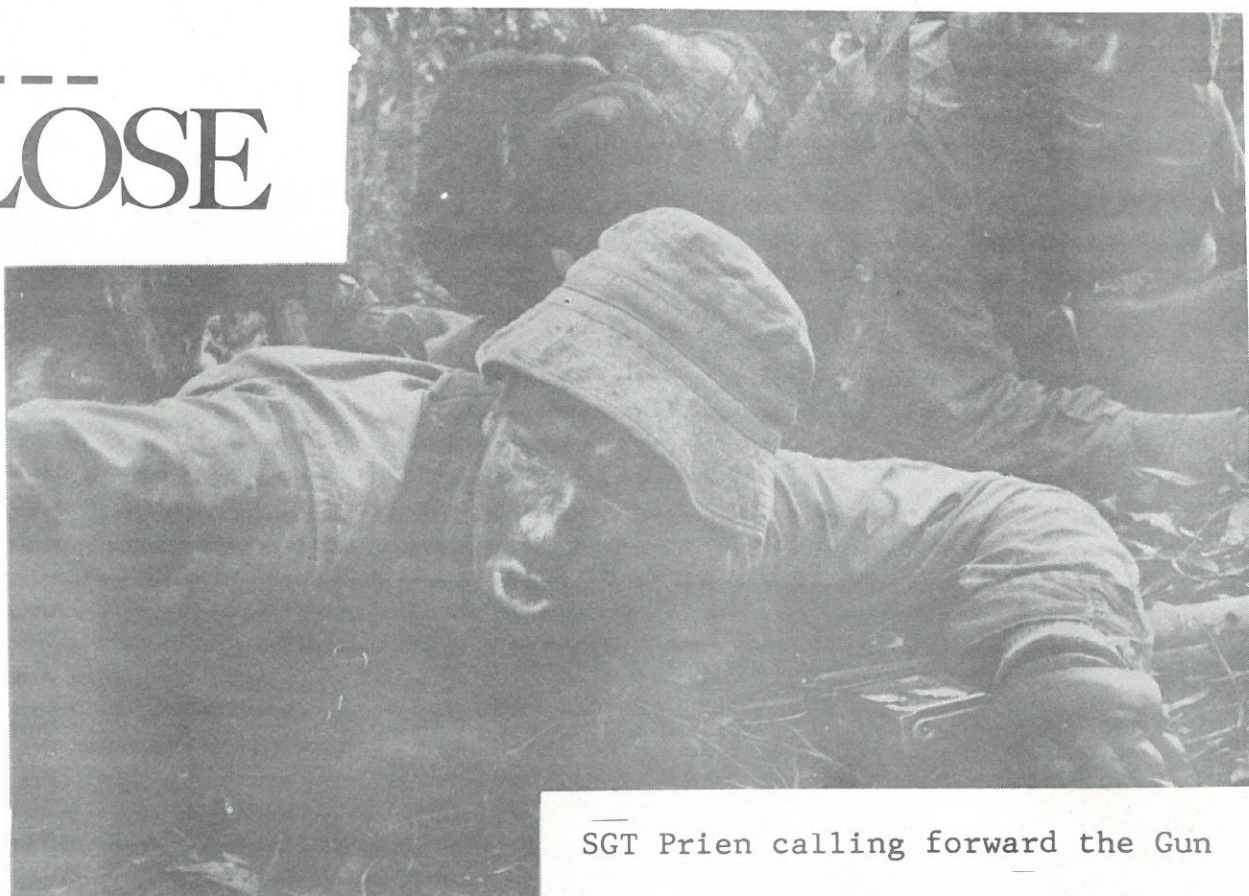


*Pte Denny
left and
Pte English
(no pain, no gain)*



*CPL (Buck) Roger
left and
PTE Mitchell,
mixing it???*

EX--- CLOSE O U N T R Y



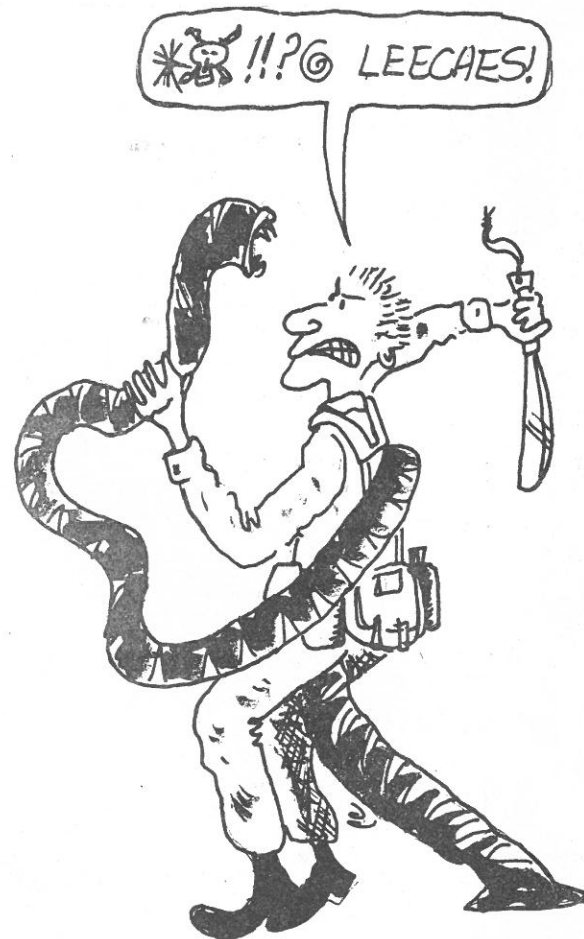
SGT Prien calling forward the Gun



PTE Hoare on the gun, and PTE Hughes returning fire prior to the successful battalion attack



Left: CPL 'Beetle' Bailey feeding his face

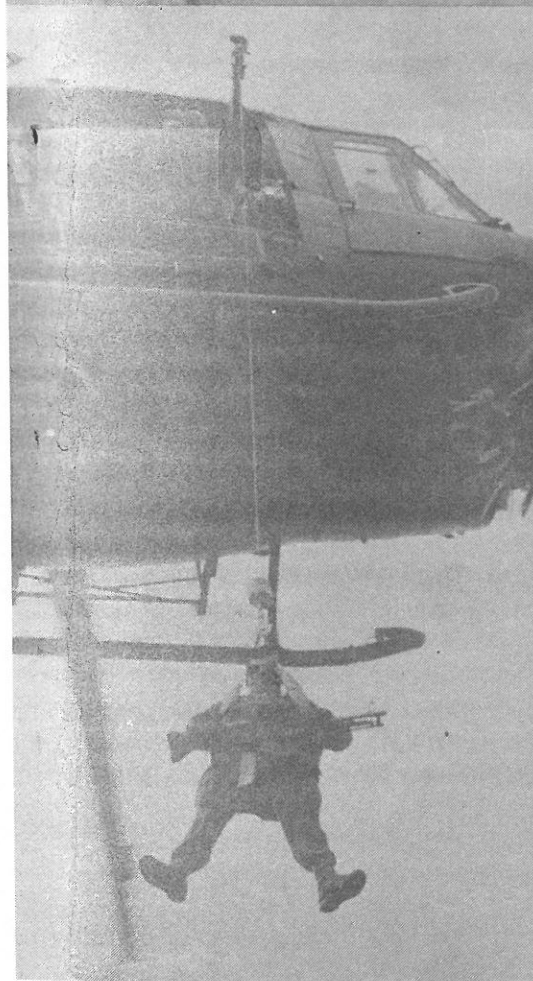


PTE Van Hout giving covering fire

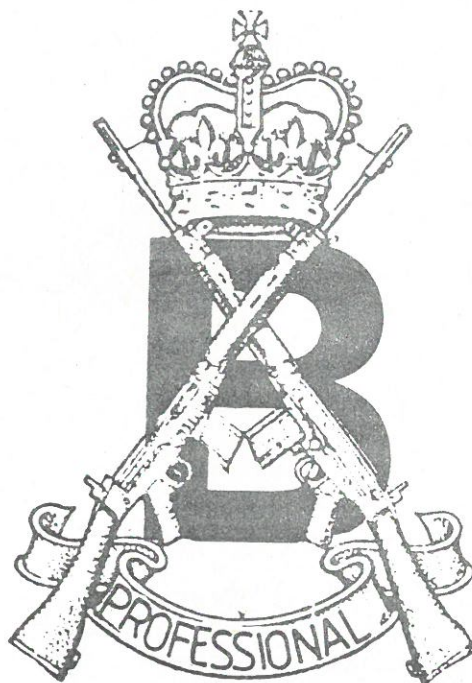




LCPL 'Pop' Rivett



PTE Parker HELP !!



B Company returned from a well-earned Christmas leave and shortly afterwards left for Wide Bay on Exercise LEADEN LIFT. This was exactly what the company needed to get rid of those extra kilos gained over the festive season. The company worked well on this exercise, knowing that this was just the beginning of a hectic five months leading up to the deployment to Butterworth.

The months were taken up with specialist courses, followed by a short stint to sunny Canungra to refresh our skills prior to CLOSE COUNTRY. The time at LWC was well spent and the company effort earned high praise from the Battle Wing staff.

The wet CLOSE COUNTRY exercise could well have been renamed STEEP COUNTRY as we pursued the dreaded Musorians. This exercise was our only work with the battalion in the field, and highlighted a few areas to be tightened prior to Butterworth.

On return from Glen Innes, the company went into full swing preparing for the Malaysian deployment. The ranks swelled with attachments from throughout the Brigade and there were the inevitable problems with birth certificates and passports that caused more than a few anxious moments. PTE Jeavons perhaps went a bit too far in breaking a leg to get out of being the OC's driver!

The idyllic time spent experiencing the sights and sounds of Butterworth and Penang were interrupted by our training programme which included numerous QRF duties, two weeks field firing at Pulada and a survival exercise on Langkawi Island. The RAAF were extremely grateful that our programme included a leave break as it gave them a real chance in the rugby after 'Army' scored four convincing victories.

It was only at the CO's insistence that he obtained the B Company rugby players to bolster the battalion sides (and our three months were over anyway) that we left Malaysia. The training value of the overseas trip was immeasurable and was an extremely worthwhile experience. Everyone enjoyed Malaysia, but there really is no place like home!

4 PLATOON REPORT

4 Pl began 1985 with a series of exercises prior to the June/September tour of Butterworth. On completion of LEADEN LIFT the platoon enjoyed the delights of LWC where One Section managed a good win in the HYDRA DESPISED Competition. The platoon then merged with 5 Pl to act as enemy for 7 Bde at Wide Bay.

On completion of OTBO and CLOSE COUNTRY we relished in pre-deployment training with the increased manpower of full sections, even if some of them weren't 'Grunts'. When the RAAF eventually got us to Malaysia it was to the numerous prayer calls generated by the Hari Raya religious festival, but many of the platoon found their own Mecca at 'Dannys' emptying many Anchor bottles in search of an elusive genie.

Off-base training for the 'Test Tube Trailblazers' included Pulada Ranges (complete with Singaporean shopping spree), and Lang Kawi where we engaged in basic survival training. Our heartiest congratulations to the sole duck who passed the concurrent escape and evasion exercise.

Leave for most of the platoon revolved around the island of Phuket. Apart from inventing a sure-fire cure for baldness for overweight Poms, the rest of the trip was spent developing new ways to ride motorbikes without using hands or legs and engaging in the local delights.

The Malaysian trip proved most beneficial for its training value and cultural awareness. It was a rewarding experience even for those who didn't play rugby, and certainly was the highlight of the year. The return to Australia was a welcome one and resettlement into Battalion life was complete with the usual quota of courses and duties. Overall the year proved interesting and particularly busy, but 4 Pl were always equal to the challenge.

DO YOU REMEMBER

1. Dancing in the BC Bar?
2. Who asked Barbara to come?
3. Happy Snaps?
4. Latchume (and photographs)?
5. Late night roti attacks?
6. 1/85 Bed Removalists Course?
7. Sharking photographs?
8. Who says 'Yeh, Yeh, Yeh'?
9. The Muka Head boat race?
10. The airstrip speed bump?
11. Mekong bucket parties?

12. Dominoes at the Bungaloo?
13. Who your PL SGT was?
14. Calling someone a 'dakling'?
15. Noddy's video choices?
16. Trishaw racing on Chulia Street?
17. Using the hole out the back?
18. Treading on a monnie monster?
19. How many laps you did on the ferry?
20. What you spent your money on?

THE FIGHTING FIVE IN '85

The year began on a high note with the platoon complete with a 'brand new' PHQ, heading for the first exercise of the year, LEADEN LIFT. This exercise served to dry out the platoon members after a hard earned Christmas break, and to prepare them for another year of intense training. Exercise LEADEN LIFT was followed by Canungra and a period of pre-Butterworth administration, punctuated by five to twelve kilometre runs and killer Tae Kwen Do lessons which all contributed to turning most of 5 Pl into lean, mean, fighting machines (we like to think so anyway).

Before we realize it, we had completed all our issues, paperwork and inoculations and were on our way to beautiful Malaysia to 'defend the frontier' for a three month period. In between intensive periods of defending the frontier, the platoon managed to get away to a number of exotic locations for some interesting training. Pulade, being one of the abovementioned exotic locations, provided the platoon with a number of interesting and worthwhile activities, including defending a knoll from an attack by vicious killer snakes. We managed to hold our position (sleeping on top of each other) whilst inflicting heavy casualties on the snakes (3 KIA and 1 WIA). This period of intense trauma was rewarded by four days relaxation in the very inexpensive city of Singapore. We forged many lasting friendships with our Kiwi bretheren, as 'SALTS' can verify, and sampled the delights of a civilised environment (any place with a MacDonalds is civilised in our books).

Next stop was sunny, beautiful, clean, friendly Butterworth where we spend many leisurely afternoons contemplating life and developing friendships with our Ronnie RAAF mates. Lang Kawi was the next activity on the agenda where we saw the primal instinct of members of the platoon come out when we were forced to live on a deserted island and survive. We survived, which is more than I can say for the one goat, six chickens and two ducks which shared the island with us for a short while. It wasn't taking long before our attachments (Fletch, Squadron Leader and The Pig) began showing distinctly Infantry characteristics, such as a craving for the smell of cordite in the mornings and the way that they went to sleep hugging their weapons, which were heart-warming.

The highlight of the tour, apart from the Char Wallahs cultural exchange tours to Haadjas in his famous Kombi van, had to be our nine precious days in Thailand. The majority of the platoon spent three days on culture tours of such famous landmarks as Patpong Road and Soi Cowboy before flying to 'Paradise on Earth' ie, Phuket Island, where we spend five days visiting the local library and other associated activities. An impromptu defence appreciation conducted by the platoon (over a few bottles of Mekong) concluded that a permanent standing patrol position on Phuket (manned by 5 Pl, was essential to the protection of Air Base Butterworth. Our remaining few weeks were spent anticipating our trip home.

The big day finally arrived and we were soon home. The platoon put in a lot of hard work overseas and brought back some good memories of the trip including:

- a. 'Conan Lowes' bike stunts;
- b. Rice's red-headed friend on the scooter;
- c. The Pig's burning desire to become a Grunt;
- d. Rambo Hargs and his trusty M203; and
- e. dirty Plurfy Harry and his highly believable phurfies.

In conclusion, the Fighting Five in 85 worked hard, played hard and it was all 'HARDLY A CHALLENGE'

6 PLATOON ANNUAL REPORT

1. The 'Razorbacks' started the year in fine form at LEADEN LIFT. We could tell it was going to be an interesting year with an Irish Boss (who made us all wear only green camouflage on St Patrick's Day at LWC) and a sergeant who was 'seldom seen'.

2. The platoon showed its ability by acting as the lynch pin during the final battalion attack during Exercise CLOSE COUNTRY. We were the blocking force, unfortunately on the wrong road! It had good fields of fire though!

3. June found us in Malaysia at Air Base Changi with all types of inbred attachments from other Corps. In Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand we sampled the exotic delights of South-East Asia (and the different food, culture and climate).

4. Thinking back over the past year, who can forget:

- a. the trishaw races from the Hong Kong Bar to the ferry;
- b. the RAAF Cadet Demonstration and teaching the cadets to 'boat-race';
- c. TEWTs at Mr Chow's Military Academy;
- d. sightseeing around Haadjai (from the front door of Mr Chows);

- e. the 'Rugby First' badge worn by some;
- f. having a quiet beer at Pulada after a day's shooting;
- g. 'touch' rugby on the beach at Desaru;
- h. having a quiet beer with goat snacks at Langkawi (and surviving!);
- i. watching five of the 'worst ever' videos in the QRF Room, in one night;
- j. sleeping off a hangover during lunch in the air conditioned QRF Room;
- k. Haadyai haircuts;
- l. watermanship at Muka Head and returning on a local fishing boat;
- m. the sergeant's guided tours of Penang (with refreshments);
- n. the platoon function at SRI BATIK (I don't remember, but someone told me we had a good time); and
- o. the sergeant's 8 to 4 ban on Blue's laugh.

Anyway, Malaysia was certainly an experience and the platoon enjoyed it, but then again, **WHY WOULDN'T WE.**

5. We're now back into the swing of things in Australia and look forward to 1986.

6. You know you were a **nobody** if you:

- a. saw 'seldom' during working hours;
- b. didn't have 14 pictures taken in the one night at the Hong Kong Bar;
- c. if Dave didn't invite you to an all night pub crawl/traps run/trishaw tour;
- d. Blue didn't laugh at you;
- e. Reno hadn't told you how good Para was;
- f. Lloyd didn't tell you he was being ripped off by the system;
- g. were slower than Buck;
- h. rode a motorbike worse than Shorty; and
- i. had tighter shorts than Stew.

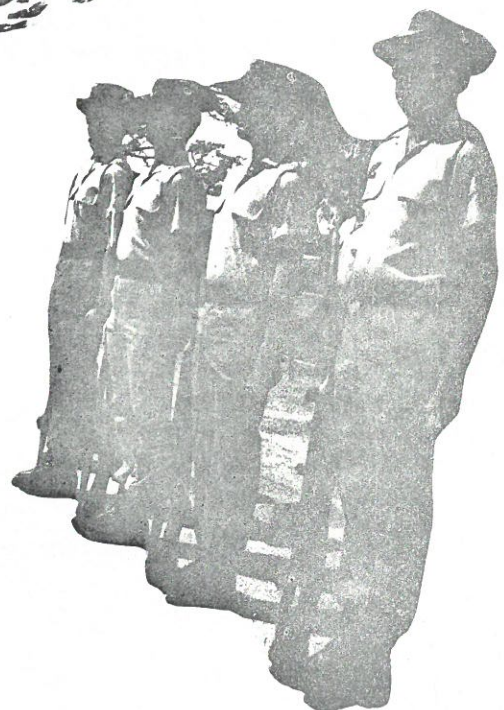
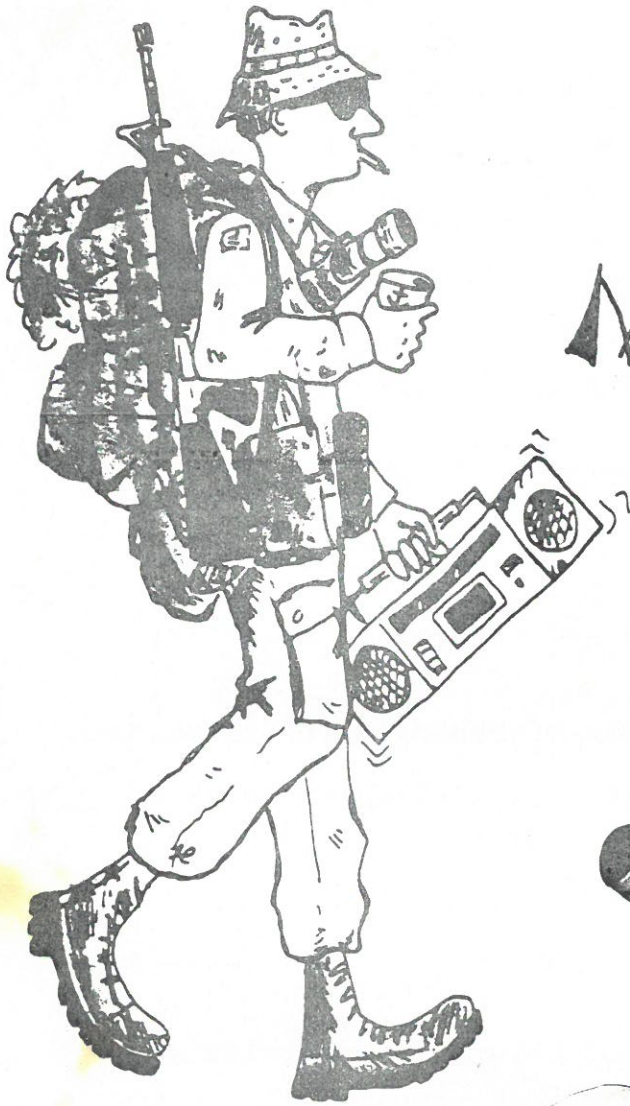
7. You know you were a **somebody** if you:

- a. were able to share a picture with Toe;
- b. were saluted by the Handau;

B.COY in MALAYSIA

PHOTOGRAPHER:

Pte. M.Cockburn



AIR COMMODORE
Bradford,
inspecting
and visiting
B Coy.



Members of B Coy being shown some
of the local produce.

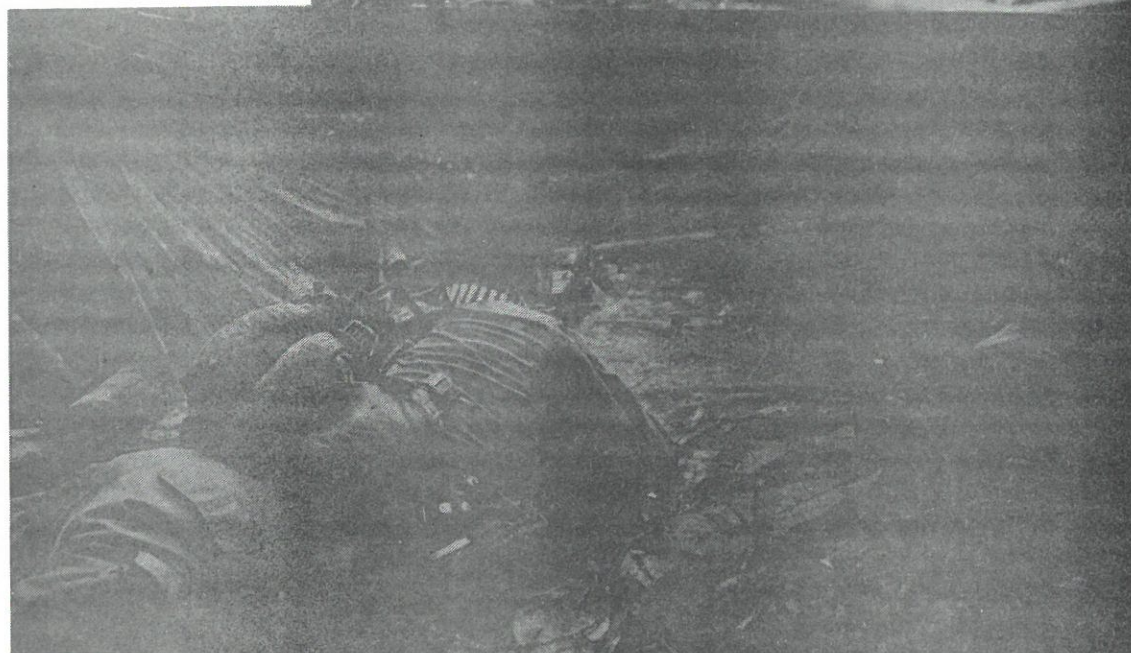


"PULADA"

where men are
men and dead
men you have
to ~~40%~~

'CARRY'

LT Boubouras
or
'THE JUNGLE
RAT'



CONTACT FRONT



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PTE Bradley, found out that after sitting in a mony drain, that you do lose your mates.



PTE Bradley again, seen here on QRF, but no one will go with him.... STILL.



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captivity and there was definitely no time for play or funny business of any sort. True Story!! At the same time, the OC 2IC, LT Callander and SGT Braun suffered a similar fate in Hawaii with Battalion Headquarters on Exercise TROPIC LIGHTNING. Another true story!!! The CSM meantime was looking at the Canadian Armed Forces and LT Faulkhead had taken 7 Platoon to RMC (which wasn't bad seeing that he was OC 8/9 Platoon). The only remaining Senior NCO decided that it was all too hard and sent the rest of Cobra Company on stand down. At least some people got to enjoy themselves.

Once we had regathered the lost, the strays, the travellers and the unwilling, we flew into Rockhampton with a reduced strength of fifty, including a new CSM; WO2 Blue Telford, for the annual DIAMOND DOLLAR; and got gassed. The return sea voyage was very pleasant even if we couldn't sink the Naval trash by rifle fire (and I don't mean the scow - HMAS TOBRUK). On return we farewelled LT Faulkhead to Training Company and welcomed 2LTs Mann and McMahon.

For a novelty exercise we commenced training at Teneriffe and HMAS MORETON (North) on Exercise BRICK WALL. This exercise was notable for its emphasis on Urban Warfare, and of course the christening ceremony of the Enchong Memorial Pool.



The continuing march in of twenty graduates from various IET Courses had by this stage swollen our ranks, and then the Butterworth mob returned looking for a rest. Sunray Cobra looked at these goings on as the ranks filled and was so impressed by what he saw that one day he declared 'Three platoons again'. Everyone was so startled at this edict that there was a general scattering to all points once again. Destinations this time turned out to be: Subject One Course (for corporals conducted by Cobra Company), a Patrol Course, Reconnaissance Course, Drivers Course MG Numbers Course and Signals Course. The new CSM and 2LT Mann had cottoned onto this deployment drill fairly smartly and disappeared to Sydney for a month.

In time it is anticipated that there may be another gathering of the Cobra Team to complete 1985 with Exercise COUPE COBRA (Road Trip 85), parades, Exercise CRUSTACEOUS COBRA (adventurous training) pay and leave.

Sadly, some of the team were never regathered and we bid farewell to the following ex-members (and if you think I'm staying to do all this again - you've really slipped your moorings!):

LCPL Mick Davies to Sig Pl
PTE Crampton to 3/4 Cav Regt
'Creature Creagh' to Int Sect
PTE Excell to Recon Pl
PTE Giles to RAEME Trg Centre on
transfer to AACC
PTE Hudson to 10 IRC
PTE Oades to Sig Pl
SGT Pete Calnin to Int Sect
SGT Barry Hitchens to Mor Pl
CPL Harris to Recruiting
CPL Reekie to Recon Pl

CPL Wood to QAC Trg Unit
LCPL Holmquest to Mor Pl
LCPL Ketu to 1 RTB
LCPL Oliver to B Coy
PTE George to RAACMP
PTE Harris discharged
PTE Hobday discharged
PTE Jones to RP Sect
PTE Muggeridge to AACC
PTE Robertson to OCS
PTE Spencer to Pnr Pl
PTE Wood to HQ 6 Bde

Do you remember:

Dalley's contact front with harmless python at LWC
The four metre target construction at Cowley Beach
The Butts Party (Mobile) at Cowley Beach
40° plus temperatures at Mt Isa

The Police public relations squad and Tracker at Mt Isa
The NCO's remaining at LEADEN LIFT
Who the interrogators were at Jimna
Banaghan's backward swallow (cliff) dive on HYDRA DESPISED
Dalley's section record on HYDRA DESPISED (3 hours 59 minutes)
Newling saying 'What, me get in the water (to rescue Enchong)'
The ARES Engineer who claimed his mates could drink 3 000 cans per
night each
The golden boot sitting in the trophy cabinet all year
The eighteen other trophies in the trophy cabinet
Potts, Penhall and Wilson all doing PTI courses
Grenades in buildings that bounce back at the thrower
All the sport injuries (if you didn't get one, you weren't trying)
How many exercises you had to carry a stretcher
How many times you carried NBCD gear and how few times you worn it
The WP simulated gas attack on Exercise OTBO
Wishing you could get out and walk for a change on Exercise DIAMOND
DOLLAR

PTE Enchong - Somebody get me out of this well
PTE Holmes - Who wants to join SAS anyway
PTE Jones - Oh no, I need another crap
PTE Kimmel - I don't care (the wog)
PTE Newling - Don't talk to me about weight, beside I'll be FE anyday
PTE Pearson - I've nearly mastered that damn 1000
PTE Penney - Better known as 'Jack'
PTE Prictor - 'Hurt me'
PTE Rocco - I love hairy legs and armpits
PTE Rogers - Is he really from the 25th Century
PTE Welch - He's going down, he's really going down
PTE Wagner - 'Kids, who wants kids?'
PTE Wilson - Knees Up, knees up
PTE Winen - I need another shave, my legs are getting prickly
PTE Wood - I'll get to that Pogo unit, even if it kills me
PTE Troth - Whimps rule OK



ENTER A CAPTION CONTEST

1. The entries for 'A Caption Contest' of the above photographs were:
 - a. I think we'll put a pretty little garden there on the slope roses, Sir.

- b. I wonder if thats the area where I left my rifle?
- c. Excuse me, but I think you've got me confused with someone who gives a crap.
- d. How do they do it?
- e. ØA said we're in the guts of 2/4 RAR.
- f. Good God, what have we gotten ourselves into? ...knows.
- g. 60 percent casualties Sir, however, PTE Cotterell wasn't one of them.
- h. 826 - SNAFU.
- i. Worse things can happen than losing your company Sir.
- j. Zig and Zag are in contact and Zoob has gone to help them Sir.
- k. Excuse me Sir, but the enemy would like to know if we would like a few men as we don't seem to have enough of our own.
- l. 'Beam me up Scottie, there's no intelligence life down here.'
- m. It was only a joke.
- n. This place looks familiar, haven't we been here before?
- o. Great Scott, this looks like a job for Superman.
- p. I just got a call from Thomo Sir, someone's flogged the peanut butter again - see Lambo.
- q. Did anyone ever tell you that your beautiful when you're angry Sir?
- r. I don't know where we are, you're the one with the map.
- s. What's your mum's phone number again Sir?
- t. But comrade, I told you before, there is no static, this guy is fair dinkum old man Q.
- u. Don't look now Sir, but the 2IC's bowtie is really a camera.
- v. Excuse me Sir, but Int Section says they've never heard of the 'Knights Who Say Nigh', and a shrubbery is right out of the question.

2. Results. And the winning entry was sub-paragraph 1.j.:

'Zig and Zag are in contact and Zoob has gone to help them' submitted by PTE Cotterell of 9 Pl, Cobra Company.

3. Prize. The winner now received a special mention from the subject and the secret prize of an all expenses paid holiday at his local

Military Corrective Establishment, for being a smart



Now that's better!

Okay, we're ready,

Small Arms Replacement

Project - User Trials

FAMOUS 7 PLATOON QUOTES

Boss - Gun Bearer, for the sake of the Empire, I'll take the putter

Sarge - Take the old sarge home fellas

Lambo - No one's knocking off until I find my BFA

CPL Muir (alias Tony Barber) - Time for a quiz

Beetle - Any of you guys got a white hanky?

LCPL Sheldon - Hey Dudes

Macka (Liplock McClure) - who's got a brew?

Horrible - Go ahead Punk, make my day

Hally - Not another single shot M60

BJ - Stop calling me Bee Gee

Wally - Go and get your Gutsed

Ossie - Did you hear the one about.....

Banno (Caveman) - Watch, I'll show you how to pick up sheilas

Wall - I've got to urinate immediately

Willi - Anyone seen my rifle?

Brad - Hi Sweets!

Noddy (The Gob) - I'm not an apple thief

Cocky - Surf's Up.

Undies - I'll pay you back tomorrow

Hilly - Another gooney please

Hendo - How come the sig gets no rounds?

Pottsie - Anyone seen half a dozen M16 mags?

Norm - Am I **in** the Army?

8/9 PLATOON CHARACTER REFERENCES

LT Faulkhead - Who else in this platoon wants a transfer?

SGT Braun - You stuff me around and I'll stuff you around

CPL Cust - Who needs to fight with a wife like mine?

CPL Meuleners - Not another dutchman

CPL Stilwell - You flea

LCPL Dalley - Mouth on legs

LCPL Cox - 'Work' what's that

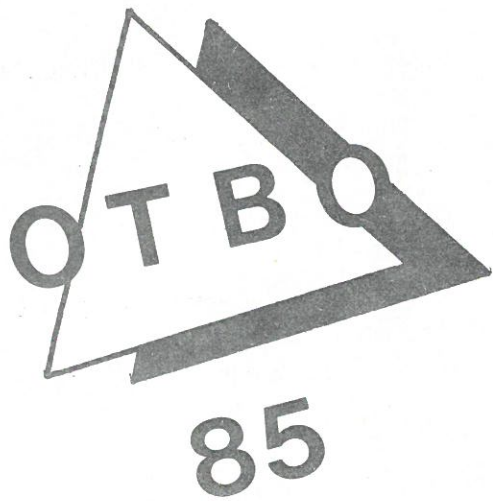
LCPL Vaughan - I thought work started at 0900 hours

LCPL Mitchell - Aussie Rules **is** my life

PTE Ashmole - Who will it be tonight?

PTE Bubner - The man who knows everything about nothing

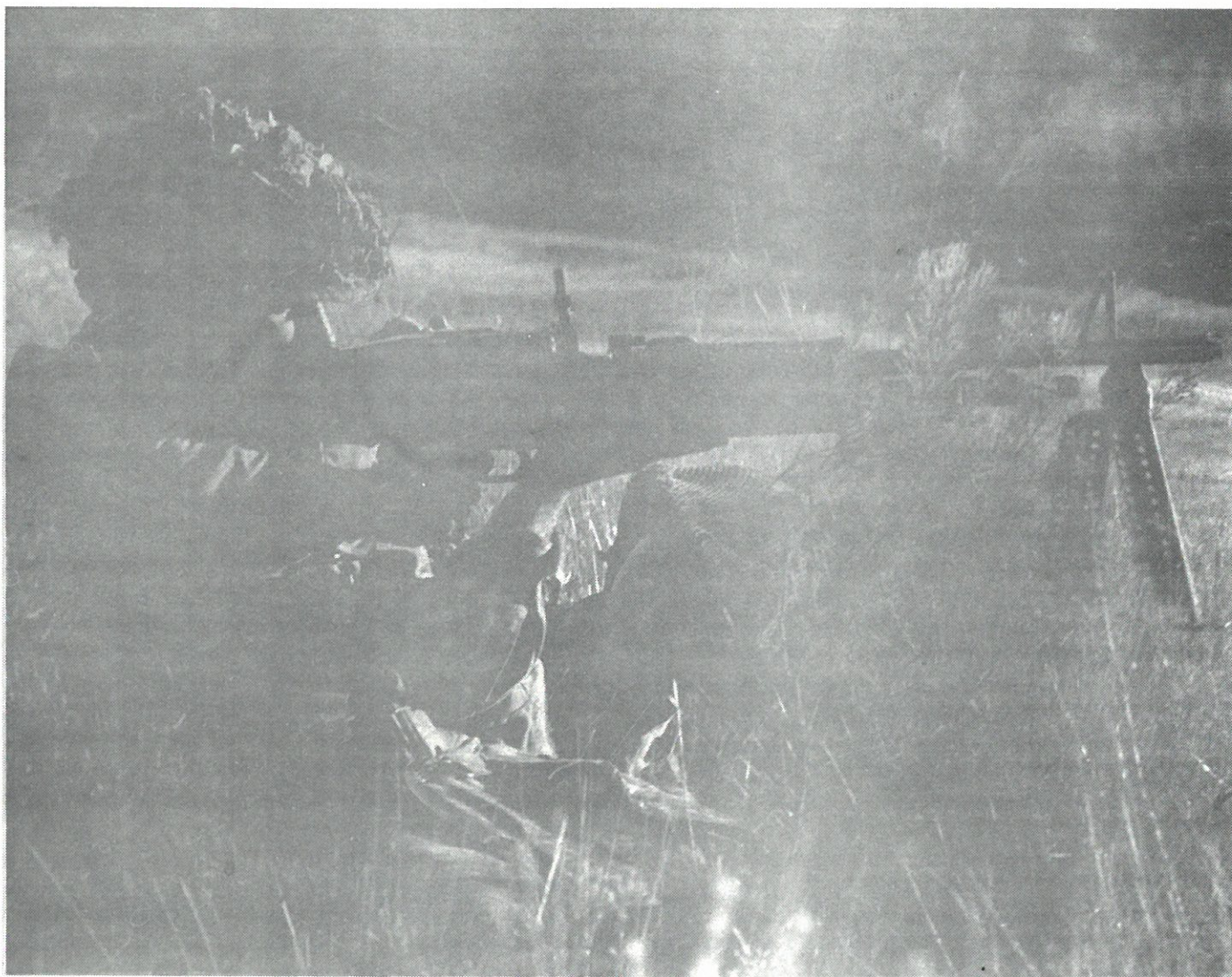
PTE Cotterell - Will somebody please come to my party



CPL 'Buck' Rogers coming up



A Gun Group from C Coy, advance during the company live fire



Above: PTE Ward (Gunner) giving covering fire with PTE McLean Feeding the M60

Below: A Rifleman dashes through a gape in the barbed wire left by a Bangalore





PTE Ashby
from Spt
Coy
cleaning
his SLR
before
the
Company
Attack



PTE
Campbell
Politely!
!! Telling
Gun Group
to move!





P I O N E E R S

The year started for Assault Pioneers as it was to continue with the Platoon fragmented and still heaps of work to do.

For the few who came back early from leave, it was off to Wide Bay to set the Battalion up for Exercise LEADEN LIFT. With a lot of sweat and a very helpful backhoe, we managed to finish all of our tasks in time for the Battalion's arrival.

Hard work over, we then took it easy, instructing the Battalion on Field Defence, supplying demonstrations and of course, participating in all of the Stands. The main thing the Platoon learned from LEADEN LIFT was the further we run, the worse we shoot.

Exercise LEADEN LIFT was also the first and last time the Platoon was together for the year and the first chance to look at our four new march-ins:

PTE Smith
PTE Spencer
PTE Allen
PTE Hamilton;

and welcome back an old hand, PTE Scott. These were the replacements for last year's losses:

LCPL Duxbury
LCPL Goubareff
PTE Vesdvic
PTE Reynolds
PTE Potter
PTE Barrow
PTE Lloyd

some of whom we were very surprised to see go!

March and Exercise QUIET DRIVE (or in our case, LONG WALK) gave us a chance to operate as a Platoon using both our specialist and rifle company skills. During five days, we managed to cover section and platoon attacks, ambushing, patrolling, watermanship, demolitions, minewarfare, chopper training, LZ clearance and to finish off, we moved Support Company across a wet gap and route marched 20 km in full gear in the pouring rain.

The high ??? point of April was Exercise CLOSE COUNTRY in which Assault Pioneers once again showed their flexibility by starting to dig a CP, but giving up because it was too easy and going patrolling instead.

April was also the month we built a rope bridge behind the Rams' Retreat with over \$1 000 of cordage. Despite manpower shortages, and the fact that no-one working on it had even seen one built before, we started and we finished to specification, and on time.

May saw us lose five members to B Coy for Malaysia. They were:

LCPL Harris
PTE Temple
PTE Scott
PTE Spencer
PTE Ashby



The rest of the Platoon soldiered on doing duties again and helping fill the holes which the rifle companies had dug on Exercise OTBO.

June and Exercise WOOLLEN WARRIOR was a Murphy's Law exercise if ever there was one. For starters as it was a specialist platoon exercise and we were shorthanded, we 'borrowed' soldiers from C Company to make up the numbers, which was quite a change. Next the vehicles decided to play up and to finish off SB2 decided to quit by taking a flying leap at a tree ending a brilliant Army career.

At about this time the Platoon Sergeant decided he needed a rest, so he took a winter holiday in Hawaii - half his luck.

July and Exercise PEARL DREAM was such a success that one soldier decided not to sign on again and one applied for discharge. I won't ramble on about the Exercise as our thoughts have already been put forward, however, it would not be fair to mention the fact that all nine members of the Platoon went three complete days without sleep due to constant retasking. A sterling effort.

August brought Exercise BRICK WALL and Pioneer Platoon (All seven of them) were once again supporting the Battalion. This time by demonstrations and filling 1 000 sandbags. Not a bad exercise and something that should be built upon in the future.

RECONNAISSANCE

1985 has been a busy year for Reconnaissance with the Platoon involved in numerous exercises. The Platoon started the year, as did the rest of the Battalion, with Exercise LEADEN LIFT, where Reconnaissance Platoon itself worked in as members of a rifle company. I suppose that the highlight of this exercise was the 60 KM NAVEX that Maca somehow managed to lose himself on. In March the Platoon visited Wide Bay for Exercise QUIET DRIVE and perhaps the night that we all will remember is the 20 KM route march that Reconnaissance Platoon ran through in an attempt to beat Signals Platoon to the finish line. At Glen Innes on Exercise CLOSE COUNTRY the Platoon was exercised in close country operations, and this exercise was probably one of the most useful in regard to OP and surveillance techniques that the Platoon did all year. It was also at this time that we bid farewell to PTE Patterson who was off to the west to join the Special Air Service.

Early June saw the Boss with a broken collar bone from rugby and the rest of the Platoon off on Exercise WOOLLEN WARRIOR. The Platoon had good results on both the night shooting and the sneaker ranges, and as well as this Reconnaissance was cross-trained in explosives with great help from Pioneer Platoon. Our little jaunt on Townshend Island was a great chance to practise both coast watching and our food collection/survival skills which admittedly is not too hard on Townshend Island.

With the year entering its second half we were off to the Bde Exercise PEARL DREAM. SGT King and CPL Reekie almost didn't arrive at the exercise in one place due to an argument with a semi-trailer. To say that we practised our skills in operations on this exercise would be an overstatement however, we certainly benefitted from the experience even if we did find some problems with the passage of information back to those sources that needed to be informed.

In September, B Coy returned from Malaysia, as too did PTE Excell, and by early September Reconnaissance Platoon staff were well and truly involved in the Sniper Pre-Selection Course; the Patrol Leader's Course and the Reconnaissance Course all of which hopefully allow Reconnaissance Platoon 1986 to be filled with a collection of skilled and experienced soldiers.

Things That We Would Like to See in Reconnaissance

LT Gilmore - Without beef and vegetables on his face.

SGT King - Quote ..'Those wasps won't bite Boss'.

CPL Reekie - Not on Course.

PTE Nicholls - To give up one man patrols.

PTE Excell (Frosty) - Take a sleeping bag bush and use his brake when he's rappelling from UHIH for once.

PTE Guttridge - Quote...'Any chance of getting a bit of time off before the next boxing titles?'

PTE Cullen - On a Signals Course.

PTE McLean - Apply for SAS and actually find the energy to go through with the course.

S I G N A L S

Signals Platoon began the year at full strength including a new Platoon Commander, CAPT Morrison and Platoon Sergeant, SGT Weller. SGT Wain made another comeback as Radio Sergeant for the second half of the year.

THE EXERCISES FOR THE YEAR

Exercise LEADEN LIFT 85. Signals got some much needed RTP and line laying revision as well as instructing and testing members of the Battalion on Basic Operating Procedures.

Exercise CLOSE COUNTRY. Cold and wet was forecast and it was for the whole exercise. We found out the problems of operating in cold/wet conditions in close country for days on end. CPL Shane Hosking found out the problems of trying to receive coded messages under his hootchie whilst B Company had a company parade under there with him. The RSO decided he needed a break and went to Canada.

Exercise OTBO. Signal Platoon provided the communications for the numerous ranges that were operating at all hours of the day and night. PTE MacDonald proved how tough (or thick) he was by not realizing he had caught a piece of shrapnel from a 40 mm HE round in the leg, till someone told him.

Exercise WOOLLEN WARRIOR. The annual Support Company pilgrimage to SWBTA to exercise each platoon in their specialist skills. Signallers were spread from one end to the other at various retransmission locations. The rest day provided us with a chance to go for a walk up the Lemon Tree Road and then choppered up to Sabina for NBC training. PTE 'Squizzy' Taylor showed his driving prowess by attempting to jump a creek in a Rover.

Exercise DIAMOND DOLLAR 85. The Platoon provided communications for the Battalion advance and took part in the NBC phase of the exercise. PTE Bill Potter and LCPL Paul Lergessner decided that they had enjoyed SWBTA so much, that they missed the boat trip home and arrived back in Brisbane several days after the rest of the Platoon.

Exercise BRICK WALL. Signal Platoon members put aside their radios for the Urban Terrain Exercise and became riflemen in the Support Company Platoon and learnt how to kick in walls, doors and windows Army style.

The Platoon also supplied three members, CPL Hosking, PTE Bowyer and PTE Barrow to B Company for a visit to Malaysia, Thailand, Singapore and places in between.

During the year four members took discharge:

Wayne Penhall - resides in the Phillipines

Steve Revnak - collects dole cheques

PTE Clark - owns a fish and chip shop

Chris Parker - moved back to South Australia.

Other people moving:

CPL McKinnon to DSU Brisbane

PTE Potter to a Supply Company at Townsville

PTE Page to Sydney University Regiment.

H E A V Y * W E A P O N S

This year has seen Heavy Weapons involved in many tasks, the main event being the Support Company for Exercise WOOLLEN WARRIOR at Shoalwater Bay Training Area. During the Exercise, the Platoon conducted a battle run along the north-south road. The Platoon employed anti-armour and AFV recognition skills to engage many enemy AFVs. The Platoon Sergeant had his hands full with plenty of administrative problems with vehicles breaking down. Many thanks to Technical Support Platoon for all the help they gave us during the exercise.

Exercise DIAMOND DOLLAR proved to be a valued experience for all members of the Platoon with regard to the tactical employments of the 106 RCL and carriers over very rugged terrain. It proved that the carriers will go just about anywhere.

Some members of the platoon will be moving on at the end of the year, the changes are as follows:

- a. SGT McInnes posted to 2 RVR, B Coy, Ballarat Victoria - 26 Jan 86.
- b. CPL Fowle - Rifle Coy, Sect Coy.
- c. LCPL Luxford - Rifle Coy, Sect Coy.
- d. PTE Brittain - Signal Store.
- e. PTE Mitchell - Back to Ram's Retreat.
- f. PTE Black - Discharged. Living and working on Bribie Island.
- g. PTE Reyniers - Discharged. Home to Perth.

Finally, Heavy Weapons Platoon wish the remainder of the Battalion a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

M O R T A R S

The year started on a high note with eight new members joining the Platoon. CAPT Watson, SGT Hitchens, SGT Eaton, CPL Hennessey, CPL Holmquart, LCPL Goubareff, PTE Ward, PTE Birtles and PTE Vesovic.

We were back only two days from BRL when the Platoon was deployed on Exercise LEADEN LIFT. We were split into three rifle sections with Astro Boy and Boy George leading SMS. CPL Gillespie found it very hard running 15 km in wet boots.

The Platoon was involved in a number of exercises in the early part of the year. The Exercise that we got the most out of was Exercise OTBO. The men worked odd long hours and the round allocation was in our favour for once. PTE 'RAMBO' Ward was seen pushing the panic button when a fireplan came over the net, and like a true professional CPOA he ran crying to his section commander for help. Exercise CLOSE COUNTRY brought out a lot of problems not only from wet conditions but also communications. The platoon gained a new ECN as mortareers by cutting several LZs that weren't even used.

PTEs Dolly Dyer and 'Ding Dong' Bell were lucky enough to score an all expense paid trip to Malaysia for three months with B Company.

The major exercise of the year was Exercise PEARL DREAM which was held in Shoalwater Bay Training Area and lasted approximately three weeks. The highlight of the exercise was the Gas training, in which CPL 'Fingers' McCurdy decided to shut his fingers in the hatch of an APCM. He still can't figure out why it wouldn't close.

A few members of the Platoon departed during the year and we would like to wish them the best in the future:

LCPL Cox - C Coy

SGT Wadey - 2 ARU

SGT Williams - RP

PTE Jackson (the wild man from Walcha) - Discharged

PTE Mulder - Discharged

There are still a couple of small supporting exercises for mortars before the end of the year, but we should survive until the next battle.

EX BRICK WALL



Above: A Section from Spt Coy return fire at the Power Station

Below: PTE Nicholls and PTE Birtles crawl forward for a better look





PTE Nicholls (again) preparing to throw a grenade into a room full of seamen

PTE Someone?? Standing guard near the Echong Memorial Hole.....



MAJ
Munrow

CESS
Heyde

CPL
Hark

LT
Angee



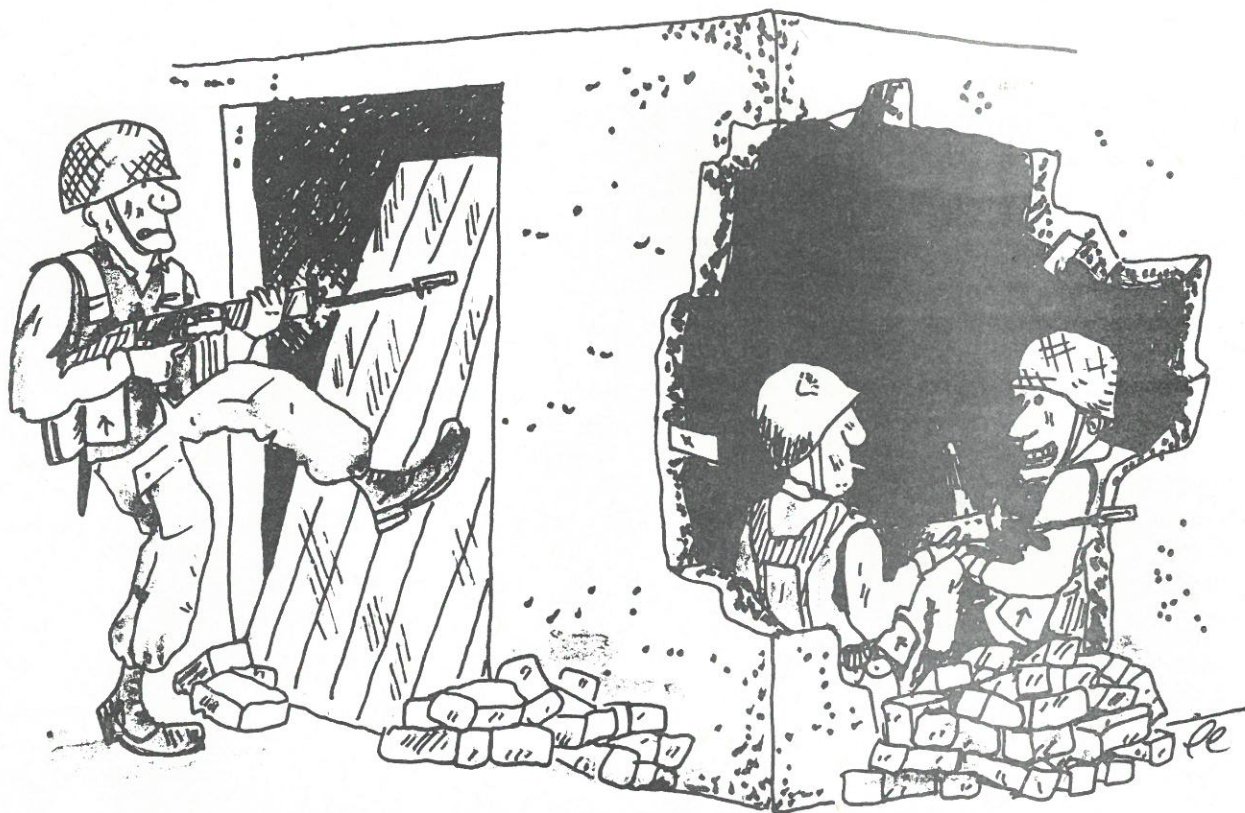
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"SINCE BILL CAME BACK FROM THE S.I.B
COURSE HE NEEDS TO KICK DOWN EVERY
DOOR HE COMES ACROSS....."



CPL Doyle on his way to the Navy Booza

PTE Vesovic....'one dead light'



The Royal Australian Regiment.



Royal Australian Electrical
and Mechanical Engineers.



Royal Australian Army Ordnance
Corps.

ADMINISTRATION



Royal Australian Army Medical
Corps.



Australian Army Catering Corps.



Australian Intelligence Corps.

TRANSPORT PLATOON

1985 started with the Platoon supporting the Battalion at Wide Bay Training Area for Exercise LEADEN LIFT. LEADEN LIFT was as wet as in years gone by - just ask the 'Bogmaster Wato'. Next was south of the border for Exercise CLOSE COUNTRY. Paul Incoll did a good job when he became Acting TOCO. Stropp had a really hard life down at the POL Point. During this period the Platoon lost SGT Watson and CPL Payne on Course. OTBO was up next with some members only being in camp for one day. Off to DIAMOND DOLLAR for another year. Mick and Ray are still chasing the Phantom OPs. Congratulations to the upside down tracer group from the echelons. As well as Battalion Exercises, the Company Exercises just kept on coming. So did our detachments to BTU. This year has been a busy one for courses. As well as the Sarg and Mick, WATO and Tietz completed the Instructor Development Course in Sydney. Sykes completed his Clerk Technical Course. This year we have lost the following:

a. Postings.

- (1) LT Nelson,
- (2) CPL Payne, and
- (3) PTE Crawford.

b. Company Transfers.

- (1) LCPL Tietz, and
- (2) 1cpl Watterson.

- c. Main Q. LCPL Rowe.
- d. Corps Transfers.
 - (1) PTE Lynch,
 - (2) PTE Olive, and
 - (3) PTE Sykes.
- e. Discharge.
 - (1) PTE Conroy,
 - (2) pte Franklin,
 - (3) PTE Collins, and
 - (4) PTE Daly.

And we gained:

- f. LT Martin (A Company), and
- g. PTE Marxsen (Support Company).



The 9/85 Drivers Course at it's best

REMEMBER--- ROAD SAFETY STARTS WITH YOU!!

CATERING

PLATOON



1985 started on a busy note for Catering Platoon with Exercise LEADEN LIFT. The Chefs were soon back to the same old grind, slaving over the old burning stove, preparing those delectable meals that the Battalion has come to expect from them.

As a Catering Platoon, we quickly assured the new Commanding Officer that his troops had the best catering support that one could wish for, but don't get us wrong, we still get a certain percentage of complaints to remind us that we cannot please everyone all of the time, and that we've got to try harder the next time.



Since Exercise LEADEN LIFT 85 the platoon has been virtually run off their feet. Beside meeting the daily catering requirements in Enoggera with all the Social and Regimental functions, the platoon has been very heavily committed to supporting many sub-unit activities.

As Platoon Commander, I would like to take this opportunity to commend all my staff on a sterling job they carried out on Exercises CLOSE COUNTRY, OTBO and DIAMOND

DOLLAR, and would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate SGT Hepple, CPL McAppion, PTEs Harris and Goulton on a fantastic job they carried out in Malaysia looking after the Battalion Commanding Officer.

The platoon has a lot to boast about in regards to individual performances on courses. They are as follows:

- a. CPL Stow - Equal first on Subject Four for Sergeant Course; and
- b. PTE Craddock - Bronze Medal on the Salon Culinaire Competition.

GOOD WORK CHEFS - KEEP IT UP

Over the year, the Platoon has been involved in meeting all of the Battalion training requirements which range from the dreaded PTTs and 15 kilometre March to Cock of the Walk and NBC Training. One would wonder when we found time to cook. Congratulations to PTE Vince Davey on making the Army Touch side again.

Since the last edition of the Battalion Magazine, the Platoon has had a few changes. The following personnel marched out of the Battalion:

- a. SGT Hanchard - Discharge;
- b. CPL Duffy - Army School of Transport, Puckapunyal;
- c. CPL Taylor - Promoted to SGT DSU Albury/Woodonga;
- d. CPL Prince - Promoted to SGT 1 Avn Centre, Oakey;
- e. LCPL Johnson - Promoted to CPL 6 RAR;
- f. PTE Taylor - DSU Albury/Woodonga;
- g. PTE Daraghy - Discharge;
- h. PTE Crane - DSU Albury/Woodonga;
- i. PTE
- j. PTE Mugeridge - Corps transferred AACC. Posted 1 RTB, Kapooka;
- k. PTE D. J. Salmon - Corps transferred AACC. Posted DSU Randwick, NSW;
- l. PTE Barrett - Discharged;
- m. PTE Harvey - Discharged; and
- n. PTE Adam - Corps transferred to MP.

The new march-ins are:

- a. CPL Lees;
- b. CPL Pickering;
- c. CPL Hammer;
- d. PTE Canning;
- e. PTE Harris;
- f. PTE Wents;
- g. PTE Gillain;
- h. PTE Simons;
- i. PTE Hoare; and
- j. PTE Holloway.

Welcome everyone to the Catering Platoon 8/9 RAR.

SUPPLY

PLATOON

'WE CAN STAND THE STRAIN'

Once again the Supply Platoon strongly supported the Battalion throughout the year of 1985 with the valuable assistance of Transport and the unquiverable service of the Catering Platoon. Quietly and methodically the Supply Platoon provided stores and equipment for Company and Battalion activities. Even when the 'Gladiator' (rusted as he is), the 'Professionals' (suffering from jet lag) and the 'Aggressive Cobra' (minus fangs) along with their 'Stacked Deck' mates could not pull the Supply system apart (see cover sheet). We stood the strain.

However, some casualties were sustained over the year with the loss of:

- a. PTE Ball to 2 Cdo Coy;
- b. CPL Barker to 9 RQR;
- c. CPL Walklate to ARU Sydney;
- d. PTE Scott to SASR (Intention);
- e. PTE Crawford DSU Hobart (Intention);
- f. PTE Borrett to 'Civi' Street; and
- g. SSGT Ashton to 5/6 RVR.

Big Muscle has been moved into the 'Q' Area in the form of LCPL West, LCPL Billsborough and CPL Francis a 'Punching Bag' soon to be installed should (Gulp!!) keep them happy.

Quotation around Main Q Store:

'SGT 'A' - 'Coming for Morning Tea NOW Mate?'

SGT 'B' - 'Hang on a sec, I'll just finish this Cuppa, then i'll be ready.'

Quotation around the Traps:

Visiting Colonel: 'And why did you become an officer?'

Platoon Commander: 'Because I don't like lining up for my meal, Sir!'

Quotation around Transport: (Overheard on last Driver's Course)

Instructor: 'Why do the tyres wear out more quickly when you're in four wheel drive on bitumen?'

Student's Explanation: 'Because all four wheels are going around at once!'

Anyway, the Supply Platoon will now quietly slip away and prepare for the 'I want-it-now' service that we provide.

SOLDIER'S INTENTIONS FOR NEXT 12 MONTH PERIOD (SUPPLY PLATOON)

CSM Admin Coy

1. The member's intentions are as follows:
 - a. CAPT Rankin - To learn how to type correctly.
 - b. WO1 Sheringham - Still a bit if'y about it.
 - c. SSGT Ashton - To see the Yarra, the Melbourne Cup and an Australian Aerial Ping Pong Game.
 - d. SSGT Cosgrove - This damn corset has to come off somehow.
 - e. CPL Frances - To be a good Storeman (I know I can).
 - f. CPL Jiear - To study the Girl Guides in depth.
 - g. CPL Walklate - Malaya, how I love ya, how I love ya.
 - h. LCPL Billsborough - UmmmmmmmmErrrrrrUmmmmmmmmYeeeeeeehhhhh.
 - i. LCPL Harper - Bullets, Bullets, get me away from bullets.
 - j. LCPL Mugridge - To remain as the QM's Advisor until discharge.
 - k. LCPL Rowe - Promotion to RQMS and wage increase to \$45 000.
 - l. PTE Scott - To get a grandstand seat at the America's Cup.
 - m. PTE Wheeler - To tie a knot in it, or learn about self control.
 - n. PTE Brown - Well golly gee, I don't know right now.
 - o. PTE Mau - What d'ya want ta know mate !!!!!!!



Your friends
Main Q Store
Extension 7034

MEDICAL PLATOON

1985 has been a busy year for the Medical Platoon; already we have treated more patients in the first nine months of 85 than we did in all of 84. This was mainly due to the dreaded flu which spared no one in its wake.

'Yes Virginia, there is a RMO'. The only new acquisition to our platoon is CAPT J. Bauer who has had a very busy introduction to the battalion with field exercises, courses and detachments such as the one he did in Fiji and he, like us all, is looking forward to the Christmas holidays (so is his wife).

The Medical Platoon will have a facelift in 86 when four of our members are posted out. SSGT Alterator is being posted to 11 Fd Amb on promotion to WO2 and we would like to congratulate him and wish him well. (We still think he has a share in the barbers and dry cleaners) SGT Paterson is being posted to 2 Pvt Med Coy in Sydney and he is having trouble deciding which of his houses he is going to live in. Good luck Pado. CPL 'Rugby God' Caldwell has decided to take his discharge and return to civie street and see the world. Last but not least, PTE Krenske has seen the light and is currently attending the Health Assistant Course at Healesville and when he passes, he will be posted in Jan 86.

Many members of the Medical Platoon have been involved with battalion sport this year with CPLs Caldwell and Saville being two of the Rugby Gods and did the unit and platoon very proud. SGT Pado played volleyball and SGT Reidy played that very funny game of Aussie Rules, and has plaster from hip to toe to prove it; and of course, our good SSGT plays Touch and he tells us that the main reason he is going to 11 Fd Amb is to help out their Touch Team.

Well it's time this intrepid reporter bids you all farewell and on behalf of the RMO and staff of the Medical Platoon, wish you all a very Happy '86 and we will see you all at the next needle parade.

PS: Who was the red headed member of the Medical Platoon who, whilst on Exercise PEARL DREAM complained of sore feet, only to be told by the Pipe Major that his boots were on the wrong feet!!

PIPES

and

DRUMS

Exercise LEADEN LIFT saw most of the Pipes and Drums attached to the rifle companies and gave us the chance to start off the year in a rather energetic setting.

On return from this exercise, it was time to start preparing for our sojourn in colder parts to assist in a Kapyong Day Parade with the 3rd Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment, this being the first time that all the Pipes and Drums of the Regiment were together for a purely military occasion. It was decided that a Regimental Piping and Drumming Competition be conducted during this concentration.

Although we won the draw for a most suitable timeslot, conditions weren't on our side with the results being:

3rd Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment

2nd/4th Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment

6th Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment

5th/7th Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment

8th/9th Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment

Even with our last place, we were judged quite well in some of the individual sections of the competition. Some of these sections were:

Third in Piping

Third in Bugling.

Following this most notable occasion, it was straight onto the plane and back to Brisbane for the ANZAC Day services and march.

The rest of the year has seen the Pipes and Drums involved in many different exercises as well as some of our members being sent to Malaysia with B Company.

Some of the exercises that we participated in were:

Exercise CLOSE COUNTRY at Glenn Innes

Exercise OTBO at Tin Can Bay

Exercise DIAMOND DOLLAR at Shoalwater Bay

Exercise BRICK WALL at Teneriffe

The Pipe Major was involved in Exercise RV 85 in Canada.

A tour of Malaysia with B Company was organized for the whole Pipes and Drums, but due to several problems with members on courses, only four finally went.

The faithful four were:

CPL Laurenson

LCPL Willis

PTE Rokonayalewa

PTE Humphrey

All worked well in their tasks as stretcher-bearers/rifleman and did a phenomenal job in the PR department for several RAAF functions and clubs. To conclude the tour, B Company staged a Changing of the Guard Ceremony and due to our Bass drummer going back to Australia half way through the tour, a new one had to be found and trained in a hurry.

Under the OC B Coy pleading eyes CPL John (Beetle) Bailey graciously volunteered to take this demanding task. He said later that he'd even enjoyed it better than making bird calls.

Some of the other notable parades that we have been involved with during the year are:

Long Hai Day in February

Long Tan Day in August with 6th Battalion, The
Royal Australian Regiment

Divisional Commander's Reception in September

The Beating Retreat in October

During the year we have farewelled two of our numbers.

PTE 'Verg' Lenin to 1st Battalion, The Royal Australian
Regiment (the sit down band)

PTE Ken 'Harley Davidson' Parkinson to 3rd Battalion,
The Royal Australian Regiment

and the old member who has spent some nine years with us here in the Battalion, is about to make a break from the Corps and become a typist (can you type a crossword) in RACT.

There has been one arrival, being our new CPL Piper - CPL Ray (Bubbles) McMellon via a 18 month sojourn as a RP at DSU Broadmeadows in Victoria.

We are always on the look out for new talented soldiers to play either the Pipes or the Drums, so, if you're interested, come down and see us at the Pipes and Drums, Gracenote Factory.

TECH SPT PLATOON

1986 has proved to be just as busy as previous years with several battalion exercises and numerous company activities staged throughout the year. This activity has made it interesting, and one one easily forgotten.

As usual, we were blessed with the usual comings and goings early in the year. The goings were:

Greg Knott on Discharge

Darrin Minney on Posting to Sydney

Paul Quilligan to OCS

We welcomed in:

Fitter Graham Bullock from HQ 6 Bde

Fitter Ross Lavers from Perth Wksp Coy

Vehicle Mechanic Peter Buckworth from 2 Base Wksp Bn

Storeman Darryl Chamberlain from MEA in Melbourne

Some of the members of the Platoon were fortunate to go on overseas trips during the year. Graham Bullock and Mark Wilson were part of the B Company push to serve three months in Butterworth. Mark liked it so much he may return for seconds at Christmas. Peter Dove sweated it out for two weeks on Exercise TROPIC LIGHTNING in Hawaii. Seeing him run around the Battalion area, he is still sweating it out!

The Love Bug seems to have hit the Platoon with Steve Higgins recently married and Darryl Chamberlain, Graham Bullock and Ian Thomson all being dragged up the aisle before the end of the year. Congratulations fellers, I hope your wives know what they are in for (being Army wives that is!).

Tech Spt Pl had a couple of Highlights during the year, and they were:

Ross Lavers finding that Landrovers cannot go in all the places a M113 can when he put LE1 on its side. There was no major damage, as the TV still worked!

Ian Thomson finding that you don't stand behind anyone firing a SRAAW 66 mm. You don't, that is, unless you want to become deaf.

The same person finding out you need a battery in a vehicle if you want to find out why the lights don't work.

Darryl Chamberlain's nervousness on gun picquet which led him to try Challenging Drill on a Bandicoot (even though the animal looked suspicious).

These incidents and others made for an interesting year and dare I say, a successful one. With Christmas and BRL fast

approaching, and three new faces turning up early in the New Year,
lets hope 1986 will be just as rewarding.

TECH SPT PL MANNING AS AT 20 SEP 85

HQ

1201755 SGT P. W. Dove
224735 CPL P. M. O'Mallon
182603 CFN D. J. Chamberlain

Veh Mech

229565 CFN P. C. Buckworth
229021 CFN I. R. Thompson
228796 CFN M. J. Wilson

Armourers

227593 CPF G. J. Bullock
225650 CFN S. R. Higgins
553937 CFN R. C. Lavers

Rad Mech

552746 CPL S. A. Brown

THE ADMIN ~~PROBLEM~~

REPORT

Administration Company in 1985 were a very competitive outfit when it came to the sporting arena. Although we as a Company did not set the world on fire, we sure made our presence felt and made those Cocky personnel from the Rifle Company aware that we weren't easy pushovers.

The sporting year started with the Battalion Swimming Competition. The Company did well and the team was by no means disgraced. The team was represented by a handful of triers who gave everything they had and taking major honours in several events.

Gladiator week was one of those hectic periods for the CO. Trying to complete all those jobs in preparation for Exercise CLOSE COUNTRY and still finding the time to compete in the various sporting activities the Company was committed to. To these people thanks a lot for your support. Again Administration Company rendered stiff opposition to many teams before going down fighting. Sadly to say Administration Company finished fifth on the Competition Ladder at the end of the week.

The Battalion Sports' day held at QE II, was a rather successful day for the Company. Although the Company did not win the overall competition, there were some very commendable performances. A special mention to CPL Jier on his win in the 100 M Hurdle giving the Company a flying start to the day, and also CPL Muggeridge for his dazzling performance in beating the RSM to take first place in the 100 M Sprint, Veteran Class.

The Cross Country was next on the agenda, and to everybody's surprise, this was won by Administration Company.

On a closing note, a warning to all the Companies in the Battalion, don't take us too lightly in 1986. We will be back even stronger.

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

WO2 Andrew Scottney-Turbill
CPL Snoopy Van Der Stoep
PTE Brownbill (Mouth)
PTE Blue Wilkins (Now Cockroach)
CPL Jock Smith

and welcome to:

WO2 Peter Caston
CPL Rowe
PTE Wilson
PTE Nary.

Although our Orderly Room staff have had a large changeover, the Orderly Room has managed to run in its normal efficient manner. The OC has still not managed to move SGT Riedy and his 'blowflies' out of company headquarters (you are running out of time Sir).

During the year we have had a steady work load and most members have worked one or two levels higher due to absences of OC (?), 2IC (Swan Trips) CSM (Support to Battalion). The experience gained has been valuable and the OC now receives a regular SITREP from those who think they can run the Company.

We would like to express our appreciation to the specialist platoons, Battalion Headquarters (try harder) and the other sub-units for their cheerful cooperation throughout the year. It is hoped this will continue next year.

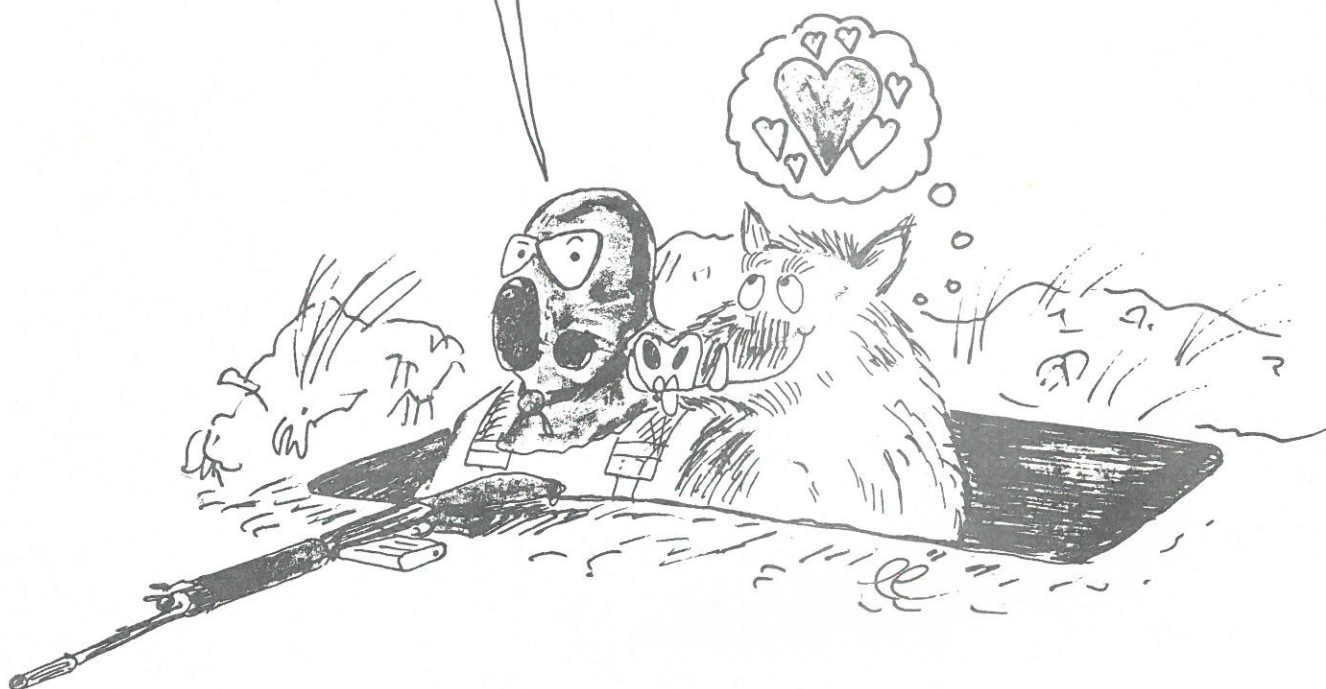
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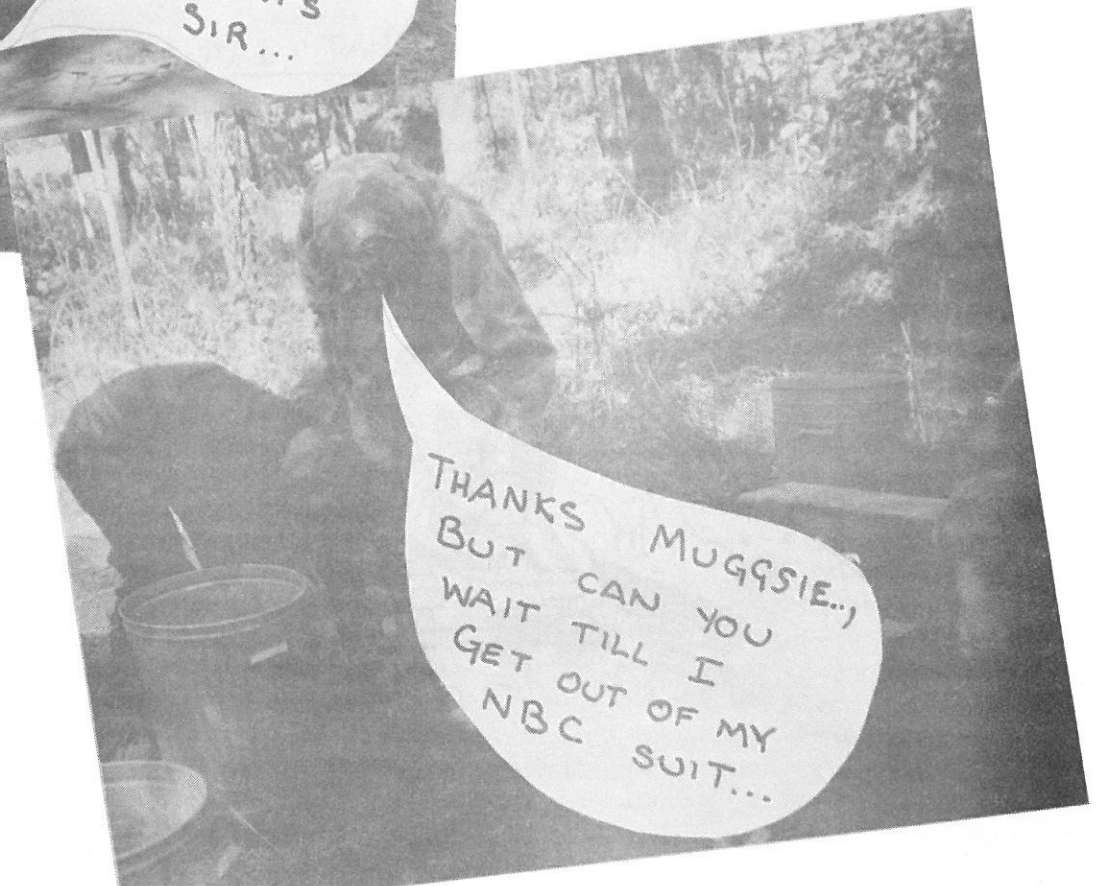
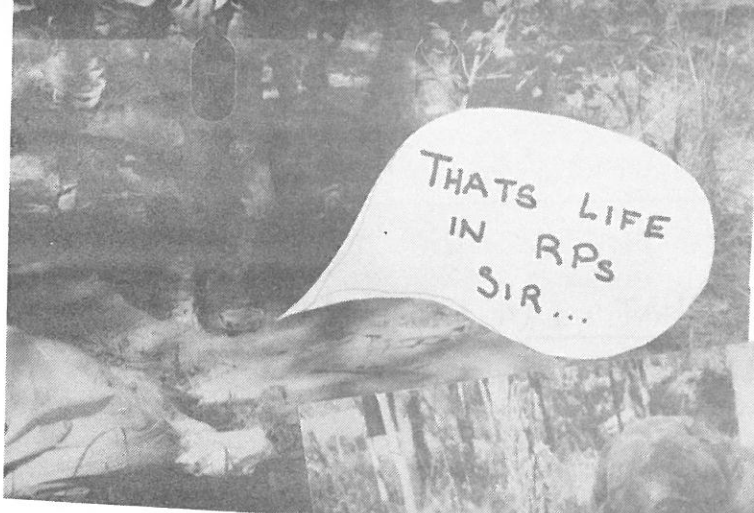
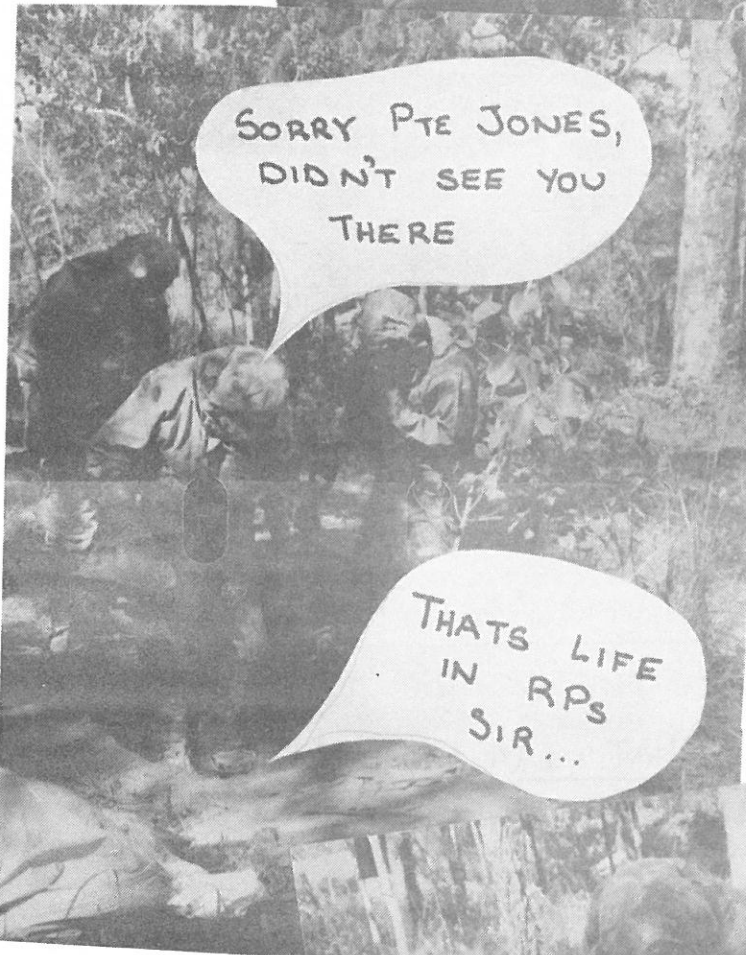
DIAMOND ∇ DOLLAR \$



PTE Birtles (left) and PTE 'Tits' Titley, 'Birt, before you hang-it, take the pin out!!!!'

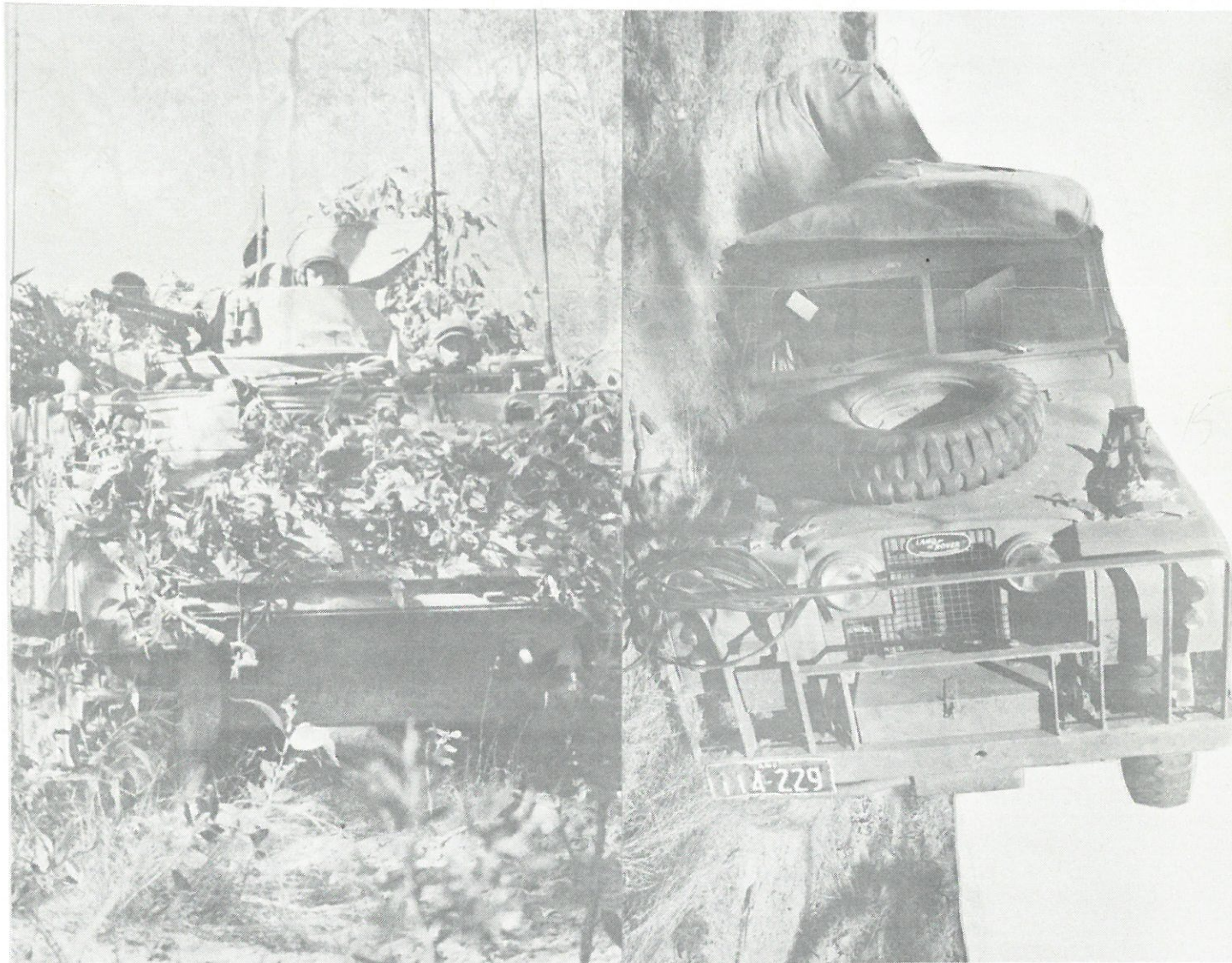
I HAVEN'T GOT THE HEART TO
TELL HER THAT I'M HUMAN!







During Exercise DIAMOND DOLLAR 86 the companies had a chance to kill some dead tree stumps



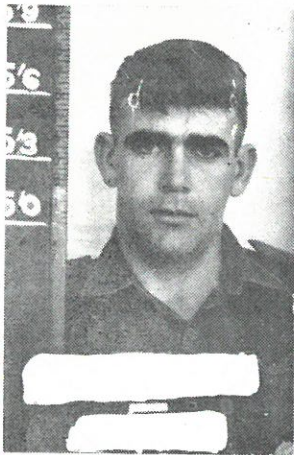
- A. A bush with tracks
- B. Green Peace after the Army
- C. 3/4 Cav Regt trying to be sneaky

- A. A falling Rover
- B. RAEME servicing a Rover
- C. RAEME bush driving
- D. All of the above



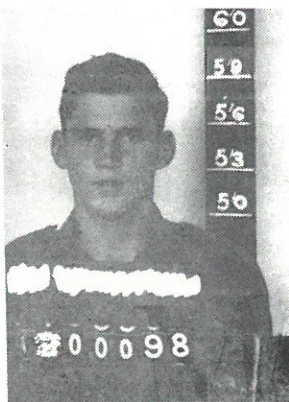
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WHO AM I



- A. A YOUNG SUBBIE, FRESH FROM DUNTROON?
- B. A VISITING PUNK ROCKER FROM ENGLAND?
- C. WANTED IN THREE STATES?
- D. RECRUITING POSTED FOR THE SALVATION ARMY?
- E. THE CO ON ENLISTMENT DAY?

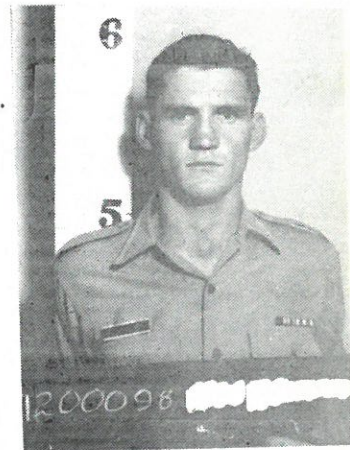
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K. RISUM

Will Mann, last seen in the Enoggera Area, with the Ram Gang (a fleecy lot from NSW).

A reward has been offered for his capture of \$12 000.98¢



T. TARA

Some of the aliases he may use are:

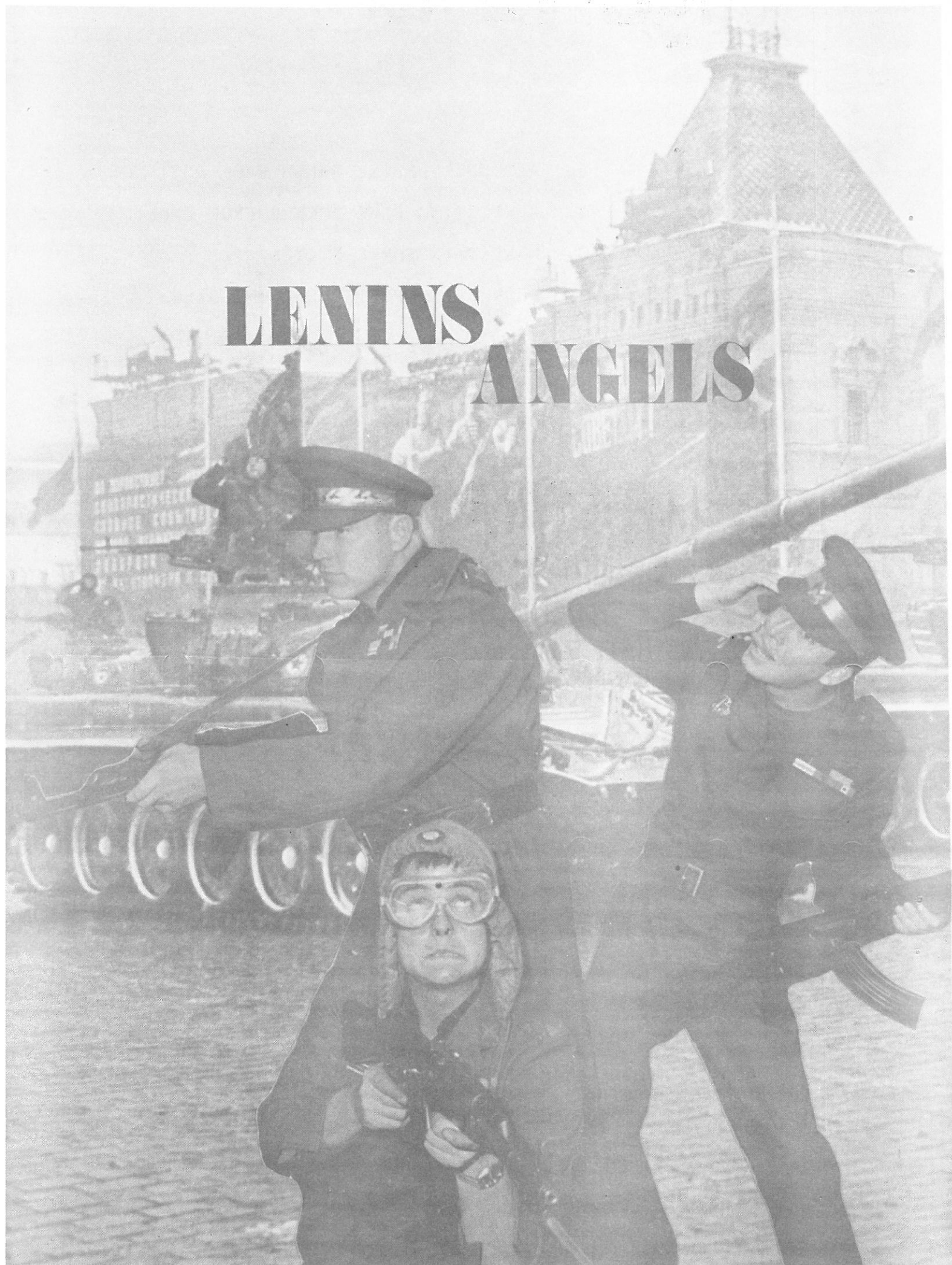
- T. Tara (a Used Car Dealer from Woga Woga); or
- K. Risum (a Disc Jockey at Pips Night Club).

This man is usually armed with a large pointed wooden device. This device is used in committing his hideous crimes. Along with this, Will Mann has two other prominent features:

- a. he will scream a hideous noise before the attack takes place (ARRTEENSHONN); and
- b. he also likes to collect scalps (this scalp collection goes back to when he was a hippy on a commune at Glen Innes).

IF SEEN, PLEASE BEWARE ... Just Contact SGT MACARTHUR on 3546088

LENINS ANGELS



This letter was found on E's "Loaden Lift"
find out who owns it ADJ.

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NBTA
MAY 85

Dear Marge,
life in the army is great stuff. 6 years now and 819 RAR is still fun. I've been a lance jack for a whole year and my career is really takin off. I can't mark a roll book real good yet but then it don't matter much cos I'm on the rugby team and they don't work anyway.

All this admin ~~resp~~ responsibility needs special people and they've trained me up specially for it. Bluey, one of the riflemen wanted to know ^{all} about SUETS the other day and I helped him real good. I told him the school of hard knocks was the best school and you didn't need forms for that. Sides I had to go to practice and I couldn't remember the MEIMA for SUETS

~~Ne~~ We go out bush a lot, you know drills and training and ~~helicopter~~ helicopter rides and its great. I mean, its exciting like the real thing (like that movie we seen Rambo) I reckon apt for when you miss a meal (or 2) and its cold. You'd think bloody Admin cory would know where we were at and feed us. OH YEH, next time you find them blue ration things in me esk bag don't send em to me boss - just rip em up. I got two extras for it!

Its good to feel respected like, 2 of the new IET came up to me today for some

2 of 2.

advise. They knew I'd been around a bit. About Q changes it was. I told them same as my old SGT told me. 'Piss off' I said 'and find it yourself.' That's the best way. They never forget it. Sides I had to get to training. Our skipper is doing ok rite. I thought the boss was a bit hard on him tho over the range practice. He talked about him to the other officers for a whole week. I felt sorry for him. He was doing the right thing, you know, big picture stuff, don't bog down in minor detail. I mean his instructions covered it ore right. 'Ammo will be available at the range! Not his fault it didn't turn up. Still he'll get over it cause hes only young yet, damn good 2nd row.

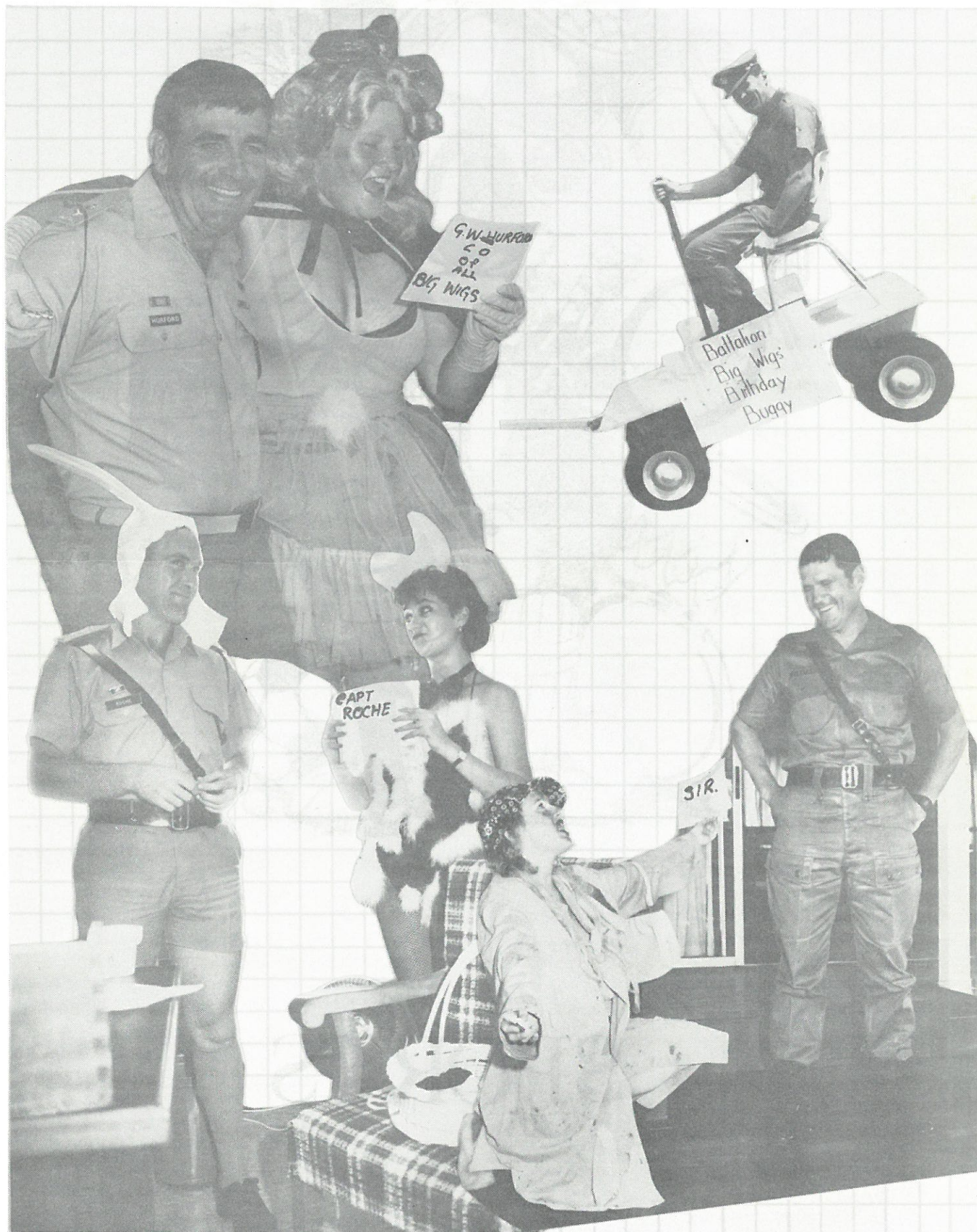
~~He did stuff up last week.~~ He did stuff up last week. Didn't put in his IO report on time, ~~at~~ missed the bosses conference and was late with PL returns. Only the duty offr was game to talk to him at mornos. Silly bugger wouda been OK if he rung the 2i/c & asked for more time. They've gotta get the phare in a Duncan.

You'll laugh at the coy BBQ. We've got a pansy officer in the Coy now. Probably not his fault, the boss made him take on THAT sport. Still, he's not like the rugby offrs.... at least they're men and have a drink with the boys. Stands to reason they'll be good at wars. I mean they always win and get us released from training

Lots of love & kisses.

Kerrie
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The Birthday Boys of 1985





SPORTS

CRICKET



After not faring so well in 1983/84 Season, it was decided to take a different approach to this season.

It was decided to run the Cricket as a Club and this was possibly by running raffles on payday so we could have some spending money for barbecues and trophies, etc. This also served as an excellent way to have everyone meet on common grounds and thus welded together a very formidable A and B Side (I refer to A and B only because the Grand Finals are called A and B). Within the unit, the teams were known as No 1 and No 2.

The aim was quite clear from the outset of the season - 'WIN the Grand Final'.

To this end we worked, and were rewarded with the A Grade Grand Final by defeating 6 RAR. The B Grade Grant Final eluded us once again, however, we were great in defeat. Not only did we almost pull off this final, but we showed tremendous sportsmanship in inviting the victors to The Rams afterwards. Next year the No 2 side will defeat 131 Div Loc Bty and will have two Grand Finalists.

To add some more weight to our success for the season both teams were fourth into the semi-finals. This meant we had to play the No 1 team. A great effort by all.

We had a wealth of cricket experience come on very early in 1985, with the CO and ADJT joining the club. This, coupled with the experience and expertise already in the teams with such players as CPLs Mick Borrett, Geoff Barker, Mick Payne and LCPLs Noel Gathercole, Richo and Fish Salmon to name a few enabled us to do so well.

Trophy winners for the year were:

- a. Best Bat - PTE M. Salmon (No 1), PTE J. Campbell (2).
- b. Best Bowl - CPL G. Barker (No 1), CPL M. Payne (2).
- c. Best Fielding - LCPL N. Gathercole (No 1), LT G. Faulkhead (No 2).
- d. Best Clubman - PTE F. Dufficy and CPL P. O'Mallon.

As the Cricketing Officer, I would like to congratulate those people and if a trophy could be given to every person in both teams, believe me, I would have done just that.

Before closing I would like to mention the superb efforts of Noel Gathercole for his bowling figures in the Grand Final; six wickets for 11 runs of which two were caught and bowled. 'Excellent Effort Kepper' considering you are the Wicket Keeper.

The following members played Inter-Service this year:

- a. CPL Mick Borrett;
- b. CPL Geoff Barker; and
- c. LCPL Noel Gathercole.

Congratulations to each of you.

Well done to all who participated in the 8/9 RAR Cricket Club for the season.

Now that we are on top, lets stay there. I will be looking at the Army Newspaper for highlights of the 1985/86 Season, from my sundeck somewhere off the Darwin coast.

Good Luck to all for next season.

Signed W02 Don Zerner, Cricket Officer.



CPL Borrett, takes a fast one, but hits it for six.

AUSTRALIAN RULES



It was a dedicated group of soldiers who put their boots on this year to represent the Battalion in what is universally accepted as the toughest, most spectacular and skilled winter football code - Aussie Rules.

The season got under way in a most successful fashion with 8/9 RAR thrashing both 3/4 Cav Regt and the Aviators at Oakey. Shortly afterward, B Coy departed for Malaya taking with them some of the team's most experienced and talented players. Those who remained faced long breaks between training and matches during the next few months because of battalion exercise commitments (a fact of life) and representational matches. It is no wonder that the Club during this period experienced its darkest hour.

However, in true form the Club soon went through a renaissance with the return of our Coach, Sergeant Peter Calnin - the appointment of a full-time Manager, Sergeant Col Boot and more regular training sessions. Club spirit improved and likewise the results. 8/9 RAR reasserted its presence in the competition and returned to the winning list with a gutsy performance against 11th Supply Battalion - a game in which both teams showed an obvious lack of match practice.

The following week, the team continued with its improved form down at LWC with a landslide victory against the boys from the jungle on the Show Day holiday. In fact, it was Chris Parker who eventually kicked LWC's only score during the final quarter inspired by pure sympathy - no one ever mentioned percentages!!!

It was disappointing for all members, that in the end, we were narrowly beaten by the Engineers and 6 RAR and just missed out on getting into the four, consequently bringing a premature end to the season.

Although winning the competition was our prime objective in 1985, it is not the only yard stick by which to measure the success of the season. The development of the club spirit, comradeship and the experience of being part of a team, are of equal importance. In this respect, by the end of the season, the Club was most successful. If the ground work started this year is built upon, the Club will be a real force in the competition in 1986.

To finish off, a few names should be mentioned for their contributions this season. Firstly the Coach, Sergeant Peter Calnin, whose enthusiasm and ability was reflected in the numbers that attended training. Sergeants Col Boot and Hitchens for their contributions as senior players and for their efforts in the thankless task of administration and Mitch - for his leadership on and off the field, which apart from his performance as a player was an inspiration.

Finally, congratulations to Freeza, firstly for making the Service's side, and secondly for representing the Battalion so admirably in the representative games he played.



SGT Calnin thinking he is
playing for the BOMBERS.

PTE Parker taking a shot at
goals.

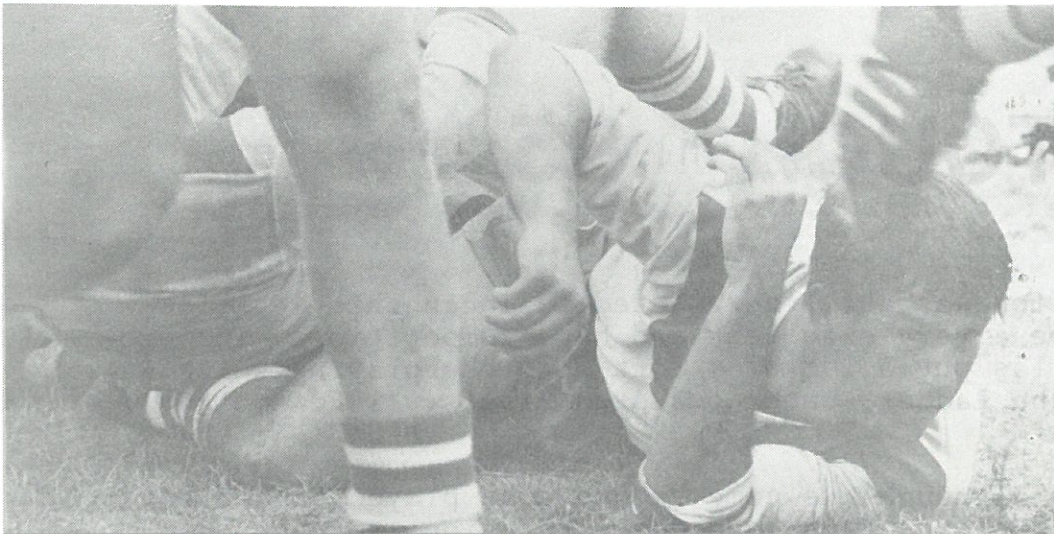
GOLF

Although Golf is a low profile sport within the Battalion, two members of the unit have reaped some of the spoils of the local Army competition over the last 12 months. LCPL 'Spook' Harper won the Foursome Championship and the Medal of Medals Championship. SGT Peter Dove won the 'C' Grade Trophy.

For those who aren't aware, the Brisbane Army Golf Club (BAGC) holds a competition each Wednesday at the Virginia Golf Club. Trips are arranged to visit other clubs at Canungra, Amberley and Oakey. LCPL 'Spook' Harper is the Club Captain this year. See the Battalion Golf Representative if you are interested in playing.

At the time of going to press, the preparations were being made for the competition for the Inter-Company Trophy. Administration Company will no doubt be out to withstand all challengers to retain the trophy they won last year.





LEFT. SGT King
on top of things.



BELLOW.
PTE Guthridge
takes the ball,
LT Lott comming
in for it.



TOUCH in 85

The Battalion was ably represented in Touch this year in what turned out to be a very excellent and hard competition. Throughout the year the fellas put a lot of effort into the playing which saw us finish third on the Ladder, under our Arch Rivals, 11 Fd Amb and 7 Bde.

The final, although, we came second, was played in the best conditions and spirit of the game, and congratulations to each team member and many thanks to all those people from the Battalion who supported us.

Soccer With The RAMAROOS

The 1984 Season saw the Battalion Team go from strength to strength, toppling just about everybody they played and reached the Grand Final, under the careful guidance and watchful eye of WO2 Bob Nugent.

The Battalion met 6 RAR in that game, it was an extremely hard fought match played in the right spirit, although we lost on a penalty count after extra time - 5 to 4. No names will be mentioned about who missed the chance, but they tell me that he the coach this year????

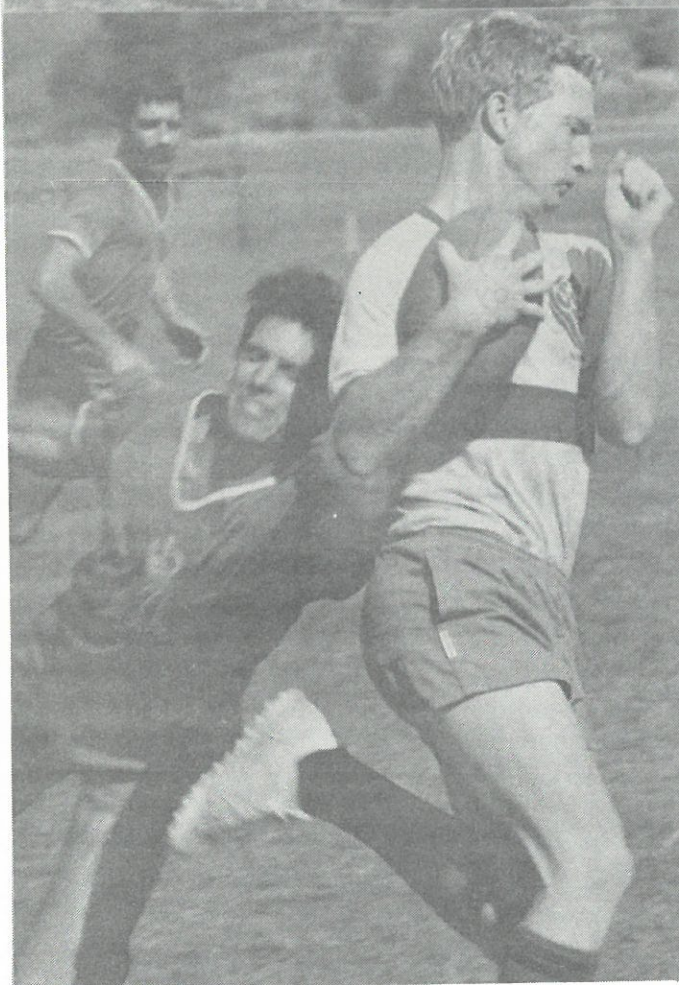
'Browney pass it to me Please'

'Andy back off'

The 1985 Competition is looking good for the Rams, so far. We've only played five games, but we've won four and lost one, and that has put us in second place with five games to be played before the end of the Competition, so, we will be in the four once again. Something tells me that this will be our year!!



PTE Davey, NO ONE CAN STOP ME.



SGT (Blue) Wain, just.



SGT Williams and WO2 Blazely.

Congratulations to Mick Davies, Simon Ralph and 'Dutchie' Kimmel for once again being selected to represent the Battalion in in the 6 Bde side that went to Sydney in July. I'm sure that if B Company didn't take our other players 'globe-trotting' we would have had a greater representation in that side, but we won anyway.

Simon says, 'I'm not getting enough ball out here!!!'

I would like to thank John 'Beetle' Baily for taking the role of manager on full-time this year and LT Jim Rose for stepping in as Unit Soccer Representative. I would especially like to both welcome and thank the new players for their great support and efforts throughout this season.

Is there any truth in the rumours that head-short Brownbill buys his toothpaste by the yard?

TEAM LIST

PTE Hurley	Spt Coy
LCPL Davies	Spt Coy
CPL Rolfe	Spt Coy
PTE Wallace	Spt Coy (Coach)
PTE Woods	Spt Coy
PTE Berger	A Coy
PTE Hartley	A Coy
PTE Howe	B Coy
PTE Singh	B Coy
PTE Young	B Coy
PTE Ryan	B Coy
PTE Brownbill	B Coy
PTE Walker	C Coy
PTE Winnen	C Coy
PTE Kimmel	C Coy
LCPL Ralph	C Coy
PTE Lister	C Coy
PTE Reyniers	6 Bde Officers' Mess
CPL Wiseman	16 PL, 1 MP Coy
LCPL Tietz	TPT PL/8/9 RAR
CPL 'Beetle' Bailey	Manager,
LT J. Rose	Soccer Officer, A Coy



PTE Reyners
saving the ball
from going into
the goals.



LEFT. PTE Parker....dazzling 6 RAR with
some fancy foot work.



Time out for practise
for the next Battalion
parade.



LCPL Tietz with the ball, and backing
him up is....CPL (RAMBO) Ralf.



TOP. The opposition trying to get away from
wild swining Jones.

BOTTOM. CAPT Morrison and PTE JONES on the attack.

HOCKEY

1985 was a challenge, not only on the field, but also in maintaining a Hockey Team amidst the many training commitments.

We did make the finals which is one up on last year, but alas, we were defeated after putting up a great effort against 1 Sig Regt who went on to win the Grand Final. Congratulations 1 Sig, but look out in 1986.

Unfortunately, we are saying farewell to four of our players who have been reposted. To these team members, we say farewell and all the best in your future years:

SSGT P.J. Walfenden - WNSWR Sydney

PTE S. J. Page - SWR Sydney

PTE B. Patter - 3 Fwd Sup Bn, Townsville

CPL S. Higgins - 3 Bde, Townsville

To the following players who were presented trophies, congratulations and well done.

PTE Sheehey - 'Best and Fairest'

PTE McLean - 'Most Improved'

CPL Mayer - 'Most Outstanding Club Member'

Highlights of our 1985 season were:

CO Visits - Our one man Cheer Squad (much appreciated Sir)

Sideline Page finally made it onto the field

Snow Royal missing a Counter Lunch

Bell going to Malaysia

When the Coach was unable to attend training

Gaining some status on Rugby

In conclusion, we all enjoyed our Hockey in 1985 which is the main thing. Next year, with the combination of our Coach CAPT Dave Morrison and reinforcements such as CAPT Damien Negus we should put together one of the strongest Hockey sides seen in Brisbane for a long time. To all those members in the Battalion who have given their support we thank you and hope that you will continue to support us in 1986.

Finally, to all members of the Battalion, 'Merry Christmas' and we will see you in the New Year when perhaps you will come and watch a game of Hockey and find out how skillful the players are and how exciting the game is!

Farewell and Good Hockey in '86Walf



Defence

Force

Service

Medal

2/85 IET COURSE

At the time of writing, the course is still in its infancy, but the new soldiers are keen, and as COMD 1 Div discovered on a visit to our home at Greenbank, every student wants to be in infantry.

The fact that the course began smoothly was due in no small way to the hard work from the staff and a cast of thousands who helped to assemble and move the stores and set up M Block at short notice.

There is a long way to go yet in the course, but as you read this, we will be rehearsing the March-Out Parade. You can rest assured that these new members of the Regiment have worked hard and long to earn the privilege to be able to say 'I belong in the 8th/9th'



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Another year has passed and our Queensland Branch representing our more numerous membership of ex 2/8th in Victoria continues to flourish with a steady increase in membership from all ranks of the 8/9th.

At the Annual General Meeting of the Queensland Branch held on Sunday 21st April, 1985 in the Ram's Retreat office bearers were elected as follows:-

President: **Bruce Flude (2/8th)**

Secretary/Treasurer: **Bill Cavanagh (2/8th)**

Committee: **Captain Mark Fairleigh, Sergeant Peter Calnin (8/9th)**
Keith Hill, Bert Douglas, Harry Sedgwick (2/8th)

On Anzac Day, 2/8th and 6 Aust Division members responded to an invitation to be present at the Dawn Service conducted by the 8/9th.

Despite an increase in age and disabilities, there was a greater attendance than on previous years and this indicates the feelings old soldiers have for this most significant day. It was heart-warming also to see the great number of soldiers from the 8/9th paying homage to the fallen.

The hospitality of the Sergeants' Mess before and after the Dawn Service saw the 2/8th and 6 Div well watered and fed before parting company to prepare for the major event of the year, the Anzac Day March in the city.

Once again it can be said that the 8/9th Battalion's performance on the march was all that could be expected and of no less a standard than that expected by we of the 2/8th. Keep it up, boys. We are very proud of the way you are maintaining the traditions of the 8th(1st AIF) 2/8th (2nd AIF) and the 8th and 9th Battalions, R A R.

The activities of the 8/9th in training have been watched with great interest albeit from a distance and a long distance when it comes to DIAMOND DOLLAR up at Shoalwater Bay. The change in training to encompass "house to house" and street clearing at the Brisbane suburb of Teneriffe was seen with some thinking-back to the 1940-1945 period when Australian troops were trained for this activity but with little need for implementation, in our theatres of war.

The 2/8th Battalion Association is proud to announce the publication of "THE SECOND EIGHTH"-A History of the 2/8th Battalion-from its formation in 1939 to its disbandment in 1945. It is well laced with maps and photographs, it's both serious and amusing(reflecting life in all infantry units in peace or war) and is a credit to the editorial committee. It is with pride that we of the 2/8th look forward to the presentation later this year of three copies of the book to the 8/9th.

In closing, we of the 2/8th look forward to another year of close association with the 8/9th; may you be well provided with equipment and enjoy the training that is in front of you. And a message to Pte John McArthur, Mk.111., mascot, who was up on a charge recently for being A W L - the grass is NOT greener on the other side of the fence.

Bruce Flude,
President

30th September 1985

IF YOU DRINK AND DRIVE

YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

THE QUIETEST ROOM IN TOWN

They are ready for you. They expect you. You will never know about it, so I'll fill you in on the details before the evening starts.

The beginning for you will be when you stagger happily to your car. The beginning for them will be when the Police radio announces the spot where you pile up your car.

You won't hear the sirens coming. The ambulance and Police car will arrive together. They will check you over and pronounce you dead. A few curious people will stop their cars and walk back to gaze at your torn and dirty remains. Some of them will get sick.

The ambulance driver will roll a leather-covered stretcher to your side. The attendant will stuff your hands under your belt and then grab you under the arms. The driver will take your legs and they will put you on the stretcher and cover you with a sheet.

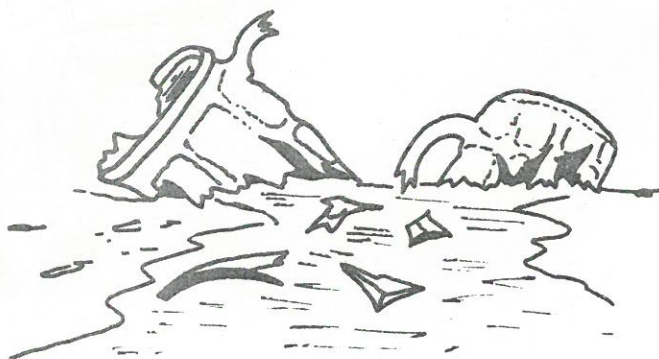
They will drive you to the morgue and there an attendant will wheel you to a big scale. He will remove the sheet. You will be weighed and measured. He will make a note of any scars or other marks. Then he will cover you again and take you to a small room with walls of white tiles.

They have hoses in the room, go give you a bath. Traffic victims are always bloody. They will clean you up and embalm you. You couldn't get better care at a mortuary.

Next you will be moved to a long hall with many stretchers lined against its pale green walls. There are 41 crypts. If things are dull you will have a stretcher and a crypt all to yourself. But if it's like most weekends, you may have company. They will leave you here in the quietest room in town.

In an hour or so they will come back and move you again. This time they will take away the white sheet and cover you with a blanket. You will be placed behind a large glass window so someone can look at you. Your wife, your husband, your parents - someone has to identify you. Don't worry though, you won't be able to hear their cries.

Yes, they are waiting for you; the Police, the ambulance crews, the officials at the morgue, the morticians. They are expecting you. Remember that tonight when you toss down that last drink and climb behind the steering wheel.



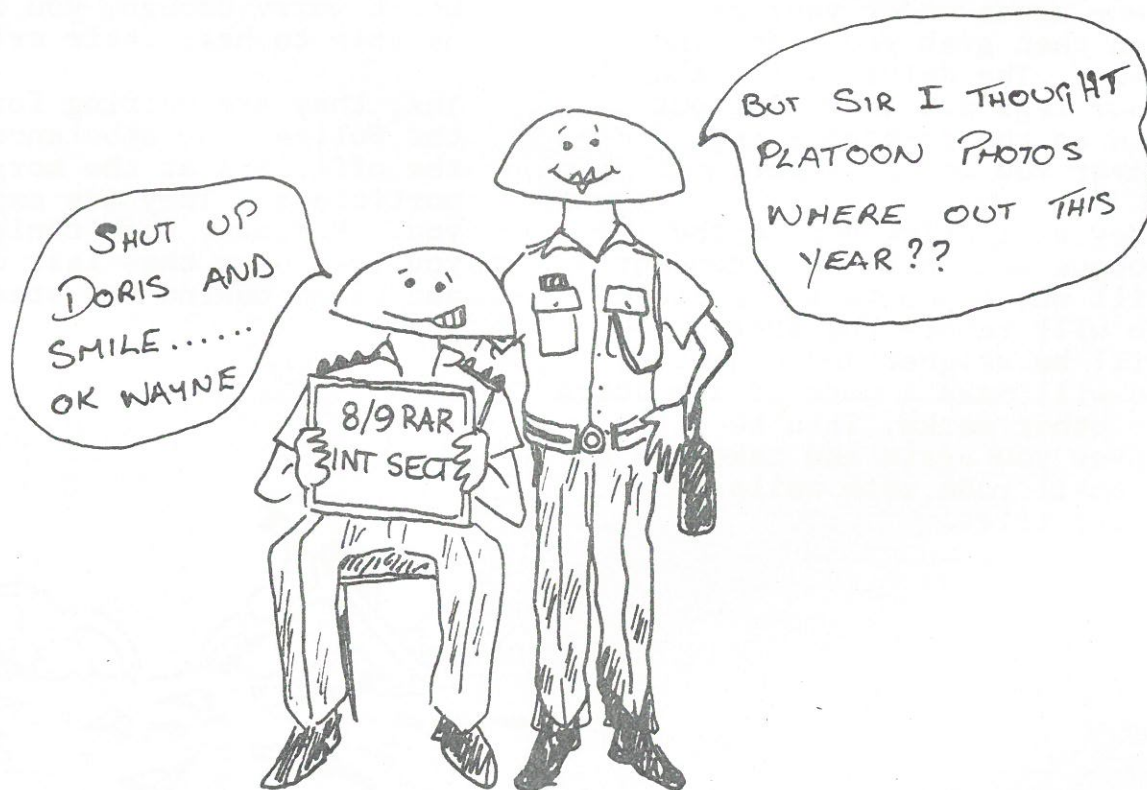


The year for Intelligence Section started with the usual slow pace with only 400 jobs to be done. This subdued pace was a welcome change and all members of the Section enjoyed the rest. This began with Exercise LEADEN LIFT, this almost holiday like atmosphere was only upset by the 25 hour shifts. The highlights of this blissful week were as follows:

- a. humouring the Brigade Commander's liking for cartoons;
- b. Ross Austen's photographic interlude - a coverage of one company's exploits taken with only 30000 photographs.
- c. this was followed by a ceremony of unbogging the Rover, as it was discovered later H5 runs best on three wheels.

Next on the agenda was Ross Austen's transfer to the Dog Squad in Oakey. Then the intrepid Intelligence Boys were off to Glenn Innes, Exercise CLOSE COUNTRY. This saw us doing a myriad of tasks (all at once), such as dropping maps to companys from 1 000 feet and other run of the mill jobs; including seven hour gun picquets, radio picquets and others. The next person to leave the Section was PTE O'Byrne (OBY) off to Civy Street (Kings Cross to be precise).

Exercise PEARL DREAM was next (busy! busy!!)..This was to say the least interesting!! 'Get out of our track, quick, get into the track, hurry up and wait for a track.', and lets not forget the words 'Quick, PTEs Day and Ryan, get in the Rover we've got to go and guard the range' - 'SURE WE DO!!'.



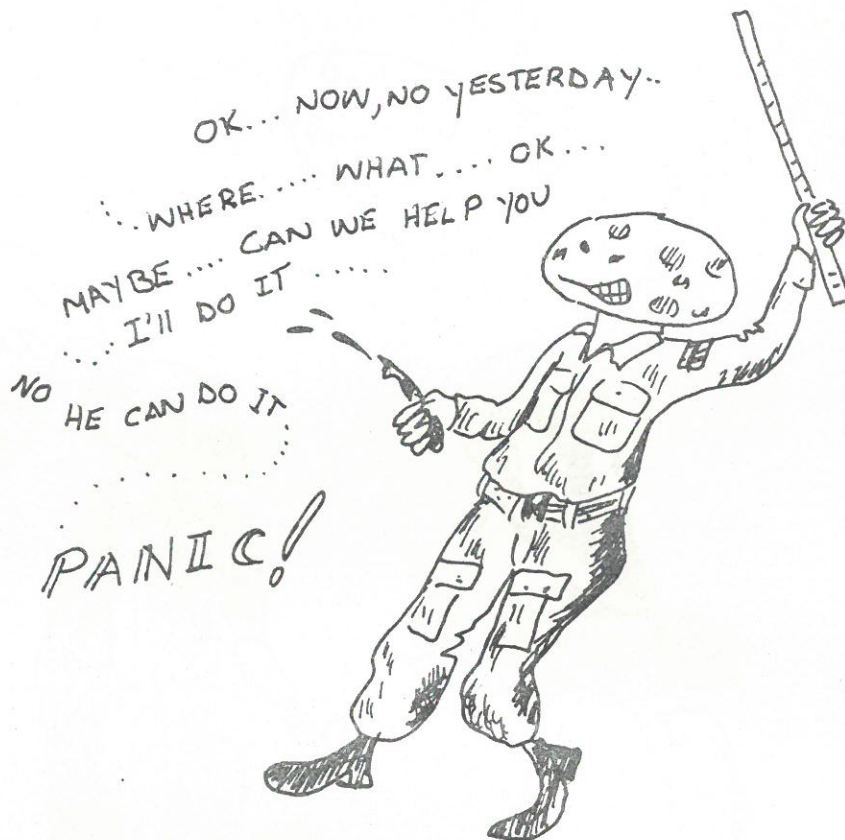
Then it was back to Brisbane to finally do some work with the Beating the Retreat, and hiding in the wings, and the Battalion Magazine. But then suddenly came Exercise BRICK WALL. This proved to be a good testing ground for our Musorian tactics. CPL Bell became a Musorian Colonel. PTEs Creagh and Ryan also underwent this strange transformation into Musorian Officers and thanks for the salutes at 3/4 Cav Regt, but do you salute Muso's. Not to mention the building of our own town (tastefully done).



B.F.P
(BATTLE FIELD PHOTOGRAPHY)

This year certainly had its UPS and DOWNS:

- a. the Sarge on Course (of course);
- b. CPL Bell on Long Service Leave;
- c. Ross leaves;
- d. OBY thinks that's a good idea, and does likewise;
- e. the Sarge on course;
- f. now that's a good idea - PTE Creagh on course;



- g. Wayne says, 'I reckon PRs the go and lo and behold he's off to Canberra; and
- h. Drois, 'but! but!!!

MEMORIES TO CONTEMPLATE

SGT Calnin would like it mentioned he does work in Intelligence and 'I do help you blokes'

Creature is still willing to sign autographs!

Wayne just wants to pack!

CPL BELL 'Listen you blokes, I'm not running a supermarket'

CAPT Fairleigh (IO, ADJT, R and F, The Boss) 'Where do you get cheap snow boots from'

The Sarge 'See ya when I get back off course'

Doris 'It's almost 4 - can I go !!!'

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180971	PTE	G.A.	Tredwell
554731	PTE	R.S.	Underwood
2159384	PTE	S.G.	Van Aalst
182061	PTE	R.L.	Vandenhurk
322820	PTE	J.L.	Van Hout
262878	PTE	D.I.	Wiblen
418924	PTE	J.K.	Young

Support Company

MAJ T. M. Byrne
CAPT S. C. Watson
CAPT G. J. White
WO2 K. D. Merrett
SSGT L. E. Kenneally
CPL G. P. Rolfe
PTE M. J. Hurley
PTE G. J. Langford
PTE R. W. Bennett

Signals Platoon

CAPT D. I. Morrison
SGT G. Weller
SGT N. J. Wain
CPL G. P. Eylward
CPL C. P. Hill
CPL G. J. McKinnon
LCPL B. Freeman
LCPL P. T. Angilley
LCPL S. E. Hosking
LCPL P. W. Lergessner
LCPL M. M. Davies
PTE S. J. Barrow
PTE G. E. Bowter
PTE R. Caldwell
PTE G. Clark
PTE G. M. Conner
PTE W. C. Davis
PTE L. L. Foggon
PTE T. R. Gorle
PTE A. A. Macdonald
PTE K. J. Oades
PTE S. J. Page
PTE W. A. Potter
PTE R. A. Ryan
PTE A. J. Taylor
PTE C. A. Wilson
PTE D. I. Woods

Mortar Platoon

LT G. Sandstrom
SGT D. B. Hitchens
SGT W. R. Eaton
SGT S. B. Gillespie
CPL D. P. Doyle
CPL C. J. Holmquest
CPL M. Hennessy
CPL P. F. McCurdy
LCPL A. J. Richardson
LCPL G. V. Goubareff
PTE D. J. Bell
PTE M. Birtles
PTE R. Coleman
PTE R. B. Dyer

PTE M. R. Titley
PTE M. Vesovic
PTE M. R. Wallace
PTE J. E. Ward

Heavy Weapon Platoon

LT S. Stroud
SGT W. McInnes
CPL G. R. Fowle
CPL D. M. Wilson
LCPL R. P. Smith
PTE D. M. Brittain
PTE D. W. Cameron
PTE D. R. Davies
PTE T. A. Drewry
PTE J. K. Hall
PTE W. T. Mitchell
PTE A. Nicolaou
PTE S. D. Pollock
PTE P. Sheekey
PTE J. Poland
PTE L. A. Reyniers

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LT P. W. Gilmore
SGT S. A. King
CPL A. J. Reekie
PTE W. K. Cullen
PTE C. D. Excell
PTE E. Gutteridge
PTE M. A. McLean
PTE A. Nichols

Pioneer Platoon

LT M. A. Wilkinson
SGT S. J. Phoenix
CPL G. Ewart
CPL P. F. Simpson
LCPL D. J. Black
LCPL P. M. Harris
PTE M. J. Allen
PTE N. A. Ashby
PTE D. J. Hamilton
PTE K. A. Morris
PTE R. J. Olive
PTE A. A. Parker
PTE J. C. Spencer
PTE W. Temple
PTE W. E. Thompson
PTE S. W. Wallace
PTE R. G. Trebilco
PTE G. L. Smith
PTE I. C. Scott

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LT G. Faulkhead
LT P. R. Price
WO2 A. Scottney-Turbill
SGT G. A. Breugem
SGT R. J. Czislowksi
SGT K. O. Garland
SGT K. G. Hudson
SGT K. G. Wakefield
SGT D. P. Willmet
CPL J. R. Bailey
CPL G. R. Harris
CPL L. A. Morgan
CPL J. R. Rutherford
CPL S. Van Droffelaar
LCPL G. F. McBean

ADMINISTRATIVE COMPANY

Company Headquarters

MAJ J. J. Swain
CAPT J. Rehn
WO2 P. R. Caston

Orderly Room

CPL M. A. Rowe
PTE G. R. Wilson

Company Q Store

SGT A. E. Smith

Attachments

PTE D. R. Nary
PTE N. M. Hoare

Supply Platoon

CAPT N. J. Rankin
WO1 R. J. Sheringham
SSGT P. B. Ashton
SGT C. Cosgrove
SGT C. M. Bishop
CPL G. Frances
CPL G. F. Barker
CPL S. W. Hockley
CPL G. Jiear
CPL G. R. Walklate
LCPL D. M. Harper
LCPL C. L. Mugridge
LCPL B. R. Rowe
PTE D. F. Brown
PTE K. L. Scott
PTE W. K. Simons
PTE G. F. Wheeler

Regiment Institute

Shop

LCPL J. R. West

Store

LCPL P. A. Billsborough

OR Canteen

LCPL G. W. Maitland

PTE P. Gocios

Attachment or Canteen

PTE A. A. Parker

Medical Platoon

CAPT J. R. Bowen
SSGT G. J. Alterator
SGT R. J. Paterson
CPL W. A. Bainbridge
CPL G. M. Berry
CPL M. J. Caldwell
CPL A. P. Saville

Hygiene Section

SGT F. T. Reidy
PTE I. A. Krenske

Pipes and Drums (Stretcher Bearers)

Pipers

WO2 G. J. Black
CPL C. H. Laurenson
CPL R. J. McMellon
LCPL G. E. Willis

Drummers

CPL J. W. Campbell
PTE M. R. Geieve
PTE P. J. Humphrey
PTE D. I. Jensen
PTE G. A. Johnson
PTE W. P. Murray
PTE K. T. Rokonayalewa
PTE D. Sheldon

Transport Platoon

HQ

LT S. Martin
SGT R. J. Watson
CPL M. J. Payne
PTE R. A. Crawford
PTE S. C. Hoggan

1 Section

LCPL R. J. Watterson

PTE G. M. Blyth
PTE M. Mau
PTE S. F. Sykes

2 Section

LCPL H. Tietz
PTE N. G. Evans
PTE L. K. Harris
PTE P. M. Lynch
PTE R. W. Olive
PTE M. Saikovski

3 Section

LCPL P. S. Incoll
PTE K. J. Baihn
PTE P. F. Clayton
PTE J. Daly
PTE F. G. Dufficy
PTE J. Marxsen

Technical Support Platoon

SGT P. W. Dove
CPL P. M. O'Mallon
CFN D. J. Chamberlain

Vehicle Mechanics

CFN P. C. Buckworth
CFN I. R. Thomson
CFN M. J. Wilson

Armourers

CFN G. J. Bullock
CFN S. R. Higgins
CFN R. C. Lavers

Radio Mechanics

CPL S. A. Brown

Catering Platoon

WO2 M. Wright

Cooks

SGT G. L. Dennis
SGT P. M. Gould
SGT S. E. Hepple
CPL K. J. Beecroft
CPL D. J. Holland
CPL A. J. Hoskin
CPL W. G. Lees
CPL R. J. McAppion
CPL A. E. Stow
PTE D. A. Canning
PTE T. J. Craddock
PTE V. Davey
PTE J. J. Fitzgerald
PTE B. W. Gillan
PTE W. A. Gorton
PTE M. T. Harris
PTE G. M. Hicks
PTE G. K. Holloway
PTE J. Schinella
PTE M. A. Werfs

Stewards

SGT G. R. Robinson
CPL G. L. Harmer
CPL C. A. Pickering
PTE M. J. Johnson
PTE J. W. Lake
PTE M. M. Salmon

Butcher

PTE R. N. Harvey

Ration Storeman

PTE W. G. Borrett

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