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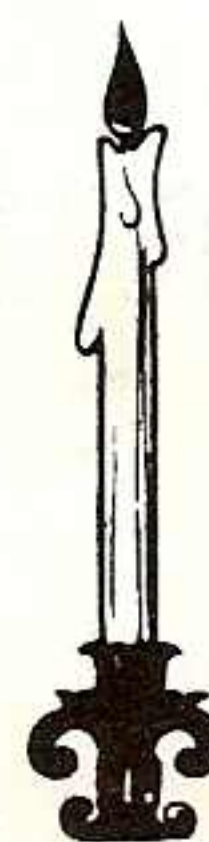
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# **FOREWORD . . .**

**By LTCOL K.B. BISHOP**

I felt at the beginning of this year that there should be a permanent record of your achievements throughout the year.

1979 has been a good year for us. A lot of hard work has produced a high standard of training, success on the sporting fields and a number of memorable social occasions.

Historically, peacetime soldiering has not been a popular occupation. It can often be frustrating and may appear repetitive. I believe their aspects have been recognized and the emphasis is in the proper place — to strive for maximum efficiency from every member of the battalion irrespective of his specialty or employment.

It would be remiss of me not to mention the support offered by wives, girl friends and families as they wonder when a Butterworth tour will finally be over, or why KANGAROO III takes a month to complete. The very nature of our occupation places a great pressure on family life much of which is borne by the girls during extended absences.

Thank you for your efforts and support during 1979. You will find 1980 even more challenging and of great benefit professionally. May I take this opportunity to wish you and your families a very merry Christmas and a bright and prosperous New Year.

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# **EDITORIAL . . .**

When the CO handed me the assignment of producing a Battalion Magazine I vowed that I would be so organised that there would be no last minute rush. So much for vows! The panic stricken atmosphere around the editors office has reflected a common theme and cause for lament among those who endeavour to produce annual publications. I am therefore especially indebted to those who persevered with me and who did so much to meet the deadline.

This year we have tried to get away from the company penny packet content form and have endeavoured to produce a more open publication by following the training program sequence (the first to do so all year!). We have thus picked out the highlights and produced some 'meaty' articles which (we hope) will command general interest. The many short parochial stories and funny yarns I have entwined in the first article which gives a general over view of the whole year. I hope that this will have preserved the effort and value of these contributions.

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The year has flashed past and will leave many memories. Having dealt so solidly with the events of the past the editorial staff would like to take this opportunity of looking briefly forward and wish all ranks of 2/4 RAR, their wives, families, dear ones and friends a really splendid Christmas and a most rewarding New Year.



# LOOKING BACK AT 1979

by MAJOR J.D. GUY

The year started with as many sub-units as possible rushing off to enjoy the advent of the wet. This resulted in one platoon commander getting lost and another trying to get a ticket home by enticing a dog to bite him. This latter officer is being posted back to Infantry Centre!

It all proved too much for C Company who flew off to the flesh pots of Penang. A Company began to see the flaws in being foot mounted and went to Puckapunyal on Exercise SABRE FOOT. B Company concentrated on having overseas trips cancelled.

Meanwhile everyone shared the experience of the delight in plenty of duties and, if it could be fitted in, some training. Looking back at KANGAROO III we can now see the value in individual training and the development of initiative. Take for example the situation of a severe shortage of radios on KANGAROO III and the alternatives examined. There was the horse mounted dispatch rider (or dispatch rider mounted by a horse?). Then again there was the use of smoke (one puff, no enemy in sight, two puffs, enemy in sight, three puffs enemy in sight in large numbers, one very large sustained puff, I am on fire, and so on). Or the use of heliograph (heliograph sets are available in the Main Q!) which suffered severely from the presence of thick scrub and occasional cloud cover (alternate uses were shaving mirrors and self adoration sessions).

Working with our allies it became quite clear that we have the edge in the field of navigation. In this area of study there is no better appreciated or understood item than the compass prismatic and we shall all proceed on leave remembering that:

- a. It always points to the north.
- b. It costs a mint
- c. It is to be regarded with suspicion
- d. It will not tell the time by the sun
- e. No matter what bearing you take, it still points north.
- f. Always have one hanging around your neck on a rope (for the benefit of higher authority etc).
- g. It still points north.

On exercise HARD LUNGE and KANGAROO THREE a deeper understanding of text book teachings became apparent. A single shot in the middle of the night would be explained by, 'I thought I saw an enemy' or 'I have taken the second pressure without applying the safety catch' or 'It is dangerous to come near me' or 'I am a US Marine' or 'I don't understand these M16s very well'. While waiting for these explanations the well trained soldiers in the company would react instinctively; on day one the company would silently unroll itself from sleeping bags and stand to. The CSM would be heard muttering, 'Where the hell are my trousers?' On days two and three the company stirs uneasily in its sleep

and the CSM sends runners in all directions. The second in command sleeps on and a belated apology comes from a platoon commander by radio, line and runner. Towards the end of the exercise a sleepy voice is heard to murmur, 'Some people ought not to be trusted with firearms'. On the last night, reaction nil.

But, of course, all this training is of no value if there is no information to react to and so it was that all looked to the Recon Platoon. When two companies of 2/1 RNZIR (Kiwi) were seen advancing towards a recon patrol the commander was heard to assess it as 'only a clearing patrol'. Meanwhile the platoon commander was explaining that when twenty men harass four thousand one need not fire a shot. After a while, however, they gained their confidence and when they could not make it for Orange Force orders they went instead to the ones being delivered by Commander 6 TF. On finding that Blue Force did not appreciate this sort of thing the Recon Platoon, in their imaginative style, simply shot them. A bit more of this and they could have approached the efforts of One Platoon's also in the area of the Glen!



While the 'bayonet troops' were preoccupied with death and destruction there were others who concentrated on alternate facets of life. The Pipe Major, for example, and his band of dedicated musicians took their art to several championships and did much for the image of the Battalion. The Pipe Major won the prestigious title of Queensland Champion in October based on the Queensland Championships and the aggregate of placings in minor championships. He came second in the broader East Coast titles conducted in Newcastle. This type of performance has become almost common place through the years and so in 1980 when WO1 Doug Thoreson will no longer be in the Battalion we will notice a definite silence. He has given the Battalion eleven years of dedicated service and has capped his many awards by earning the Churchill Fellowship which will take him to the



Edinburgh Institute of Piping in Scotland from July to October next year.

While talking of people leaving, 1979 saw the departure of perhaps the most colourful character in the Battalion, CPL R.L. 'Corbs' Corby. An original member of 2/4 RAR and, for that matter almost an original member of the Regiment. He will be missed especially for his ability to keep lawn mowers going and checking WEMA bins.

On the other side we also welcomed new members, the bulk of whom came via the two IET courses run by D Company. Both courses experienced immediate deployment on major exercises on graduation and got an early taste of regimental life in the field. To all our new members a very hearty welcome. More people for duties!

The IET courses involved a large slice of the Battalion resources and companies did not see some of their NCOs for nearly six months. 'You harvest

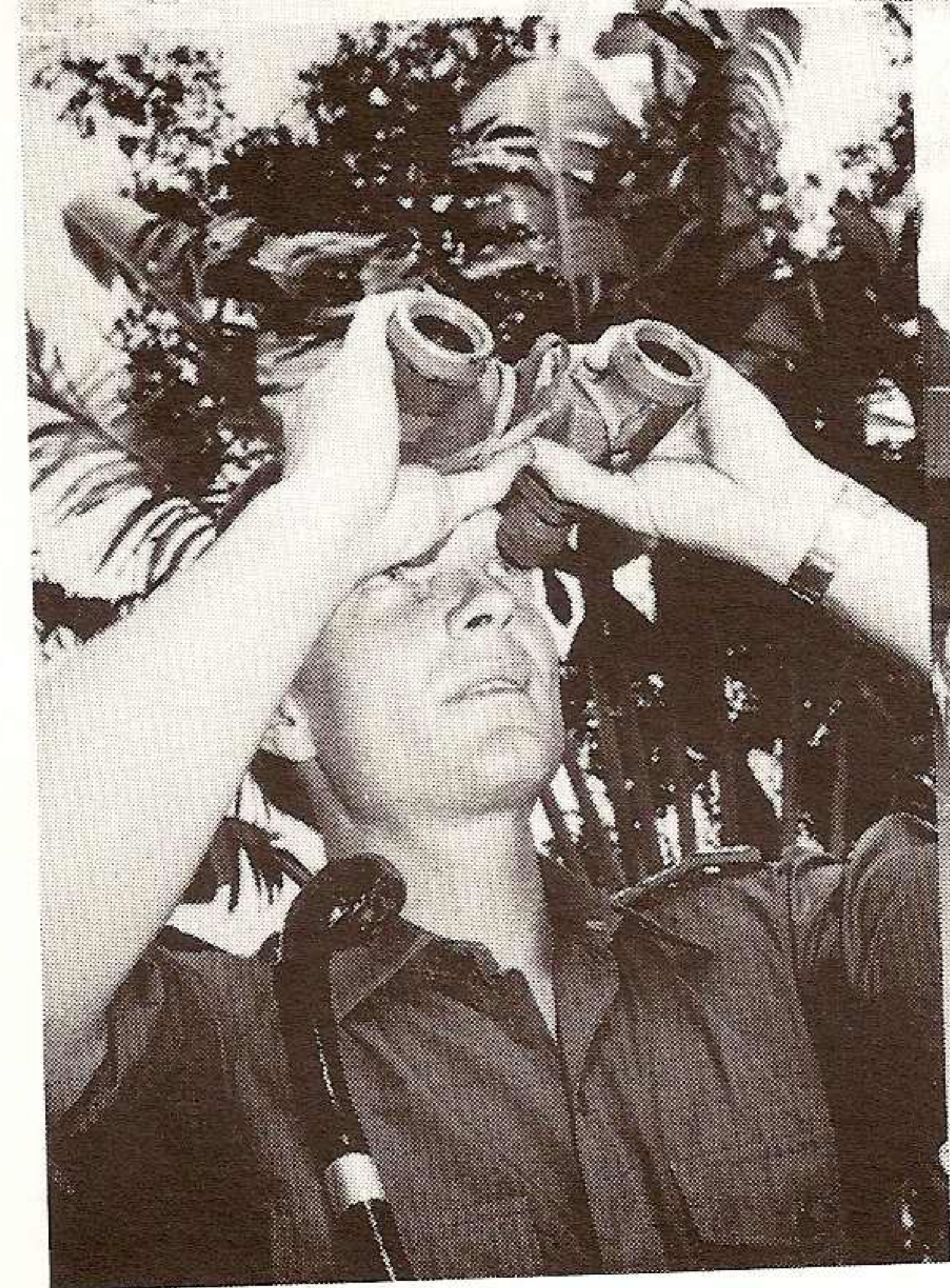
what you sow' was the motto of D Company. The product of the two courses clearly bear that motto out.

None of us (notably the editor) look particularly starved and we owe this largely to the efforts of our catering staff who can produce miracles at minus one week's notice. If the economists could run the country in the manner the WO Caterer runs the ration account we would have no problems! But please — no more TV dinners. At least not until next year.

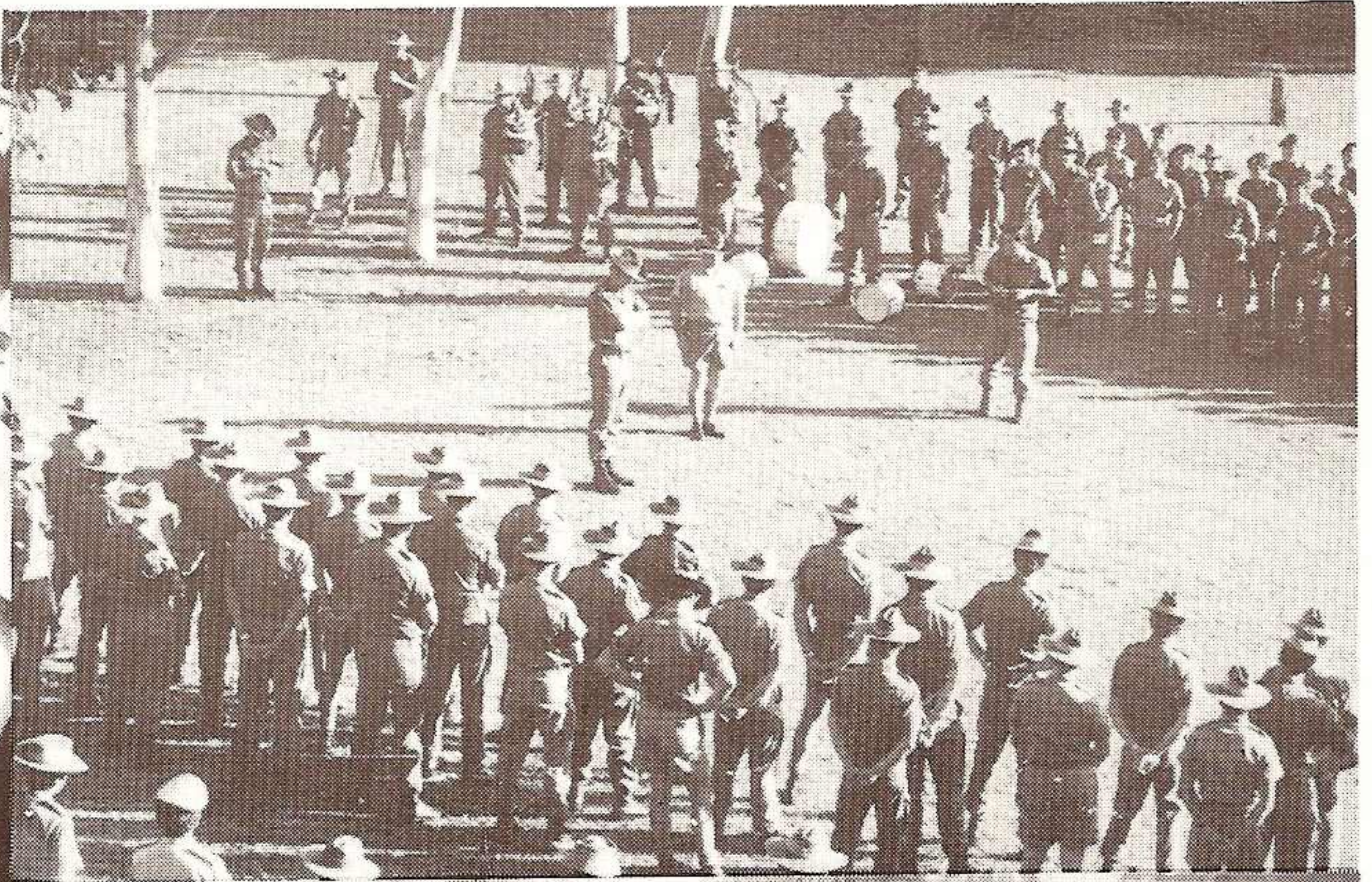
Well, so ends another year! How quickly those long moments of weariness cold (or hot) and wet misery disappear into the mist of dim memory and instead the lies and humour remain. Perhaps that is a good thing. One thing is certain and that is unless someone rushes in with more material this article must come to an end. So here's cheers until this time in 1980.













# C COY 2/4 RAR TOUR OF AIR BASE BUTTERWORTH

14 FEB.-23 MAY '79

by MAJOR R. CHANDLER

Air Base Butterworth is a Royal Malaysian Air Force Base situated on the Malaysian mainland, six miles north east of Penang Island. In accordance with the terms of the Five power Defence arrangements entered into by the Australian and Malaysian Governments, an Australian Army Rifle Company is deployed on a 3 monthly rotational basis from Australia to Air Base Butterworth to provide an opportunity for training and to develop further co-operation between the Malaysian Armed Forces and the Australian Defence Force. The rotational plan accords with Australian National Policy of deploying troops overseas for training exercises.

C Coy 2/4 RAR conducted a tour of duty at Air Base Butterworth between 14 Feb and 23 May '79.

The Company group consisted of 132 members, comprised of 5 Officers and 78 other Ranks from C Coy with the remainder from Support Coy, Logistics Company and other units within the 3 Task Force Area.

Movement to Butterworth from Townsville was completed in two stages. The Company group was moved to Sydney on 14 Feb '79 by TAA 727 aircraft and then from Sydney to Butterworth by a Qantas 747, arriving Butterworth at 2000 hours. The return movement from Butterworth to Townsville was completed on a Federal Government B707, leaving Penang on the evening 23 May '79 and arriving Townsville 0530 hours 24 May '79.

In addition to providing the security requirements required by OC RAAF Butterworth the Company conducted a training programme in accordance with the training directive issued by CO 2/4 RAR. The nature of training was influenced by the limitations of the training areas and facilities which existed. Despite these limitations a constructive programme was co-ordinated.

Training at the Air Base was limited to revision on individual skills, classroom instruction on Company tactics, conduct of a signals course for each platoon, use of a 25 metre firing range and maintenance of a high standard of physical fitness. An inter platoon military skills competition was held towards the end of tour which included competitions in drill, a nine mile force march and shoot, an obstacle course, a two mile run, rifle shooting and a military quiz. A clear victory was gained by 7 platoon in the overall competition.



A machine gun course was conducted with the GPMG on tripod, over a period of seven days at the Gurun field firing range, which is approximately 40 miles north of Butterworth. All members of the course qualified. Ranges used for rifle shooting were located at Penang Island, Sungei Petani and Kulim.



The Malaysian Army Combat Training Centre (known as PULADA) is located in the state of Johre Bahru and is approximately 500 miles south of Butterworth. Each Company to tour Butterworth is allotted five days of platoon training at PALUDA for





each of its platoons. This training is arranged by the Australian Defence Adviser in Kuala Lumpur with the Malaysian authorities. C Company rotated its three platoons through PULADA during the period 5-31 Mar '79 and conducted training on the various field firing ranges and a navigation exercise in a close training area.



Langkawi is an island 60 miles north west of Butterworth and provides the only facility in which a Company can conduct a field exercise whilst on tour of duty. The administrative planning and implementation of the plans for the conduct of an exercise proved to be an interesting, frustrating and in some instances, a comical task.

Each platoon was rotated through a patrolling and navigation exercise which was given an appropriate nickname of "PIRATES PILLAGE" as a result of many incidents of piracy near the island. The platoons were exercised over a period of five days which required a control and administrative organization to remain on the island between 28 Apr '79 and 18 May '79. Despite the many set backs which were encountered, the exercise proved to be a success and will provide a topic of conversation with many of the soldiers for quite some time.

The Company participated in many sports during the tour of which Rugby League was the most popular. Company spirit and morale was built around the Rugby League competition. It provided entertainment on a Saturday afternoon and an incentive to many to keep in top physical condition. C Company commenced the League competition as the under dogs in an association of six teams. At the end of the final round the Company side had played ten matches of which they had won eight, drawn one and lost one. They became the minor premiers, lost the first semi final, fought back to win on their second chance and defeated the RAAF Panthers 10-8 in the grand final. 2,000 spectators watched the grand final, which provided an atmosphere far exceeding any service match played in Australia. Victory by the team will be remembered as a great achievement as it is the first time an Army team has won the Rugby League competition at Butterworth since its inception in 1974. Special mention must be made of players such as Gary Cooper who tied for best and



fairest player in the league, Toby Tim who scored the most tries in the league, Rob Crispin who was awarded a prize for best back in the League and to Mick Sullivan who Captained and Coached the team to victory.

C Company provided a four man pistol shooting team in a Pistol Shooting Competition held on Penang Island. Teams competed from the RAAF, Singapore, Malaysia and Thailand. The Company team won the falling plate competition and set a new time record in knocking down the plates. Members of the team were Lt Don Thompson, Cpl John Grasby, Pte Joe Nemeth and Pte Wayne McConachy.



The Company played the RAAF in two Australian Rules matches and were victors on both occasions.

All soldiers had the opportunity of spending at least five days in Bangkok and Singapore and as much time as they wished in Penang during their time off. The soldiers who availed themselves of this opportunity could only wish they had more finance and more leave time. Without exception, the members who spend some time in Bangkok returned to Butterworth refreshed, relaxed and eager to return.

Each location allowed the soldiers to familiarize themselves with local culture, appreciate different racial customs and feel a deeper appreciation for the standard of living which exists in Australia.

The 3½ months spent on tour in Butterworth could only be described as well worth while. It was an ideal opportunity for the Company to train without the interruptions which often occur in a training programme in Australia, and to build Company spirit and morale to a level which gave a feeling of achievement to everyone who was a member of the Company Group.



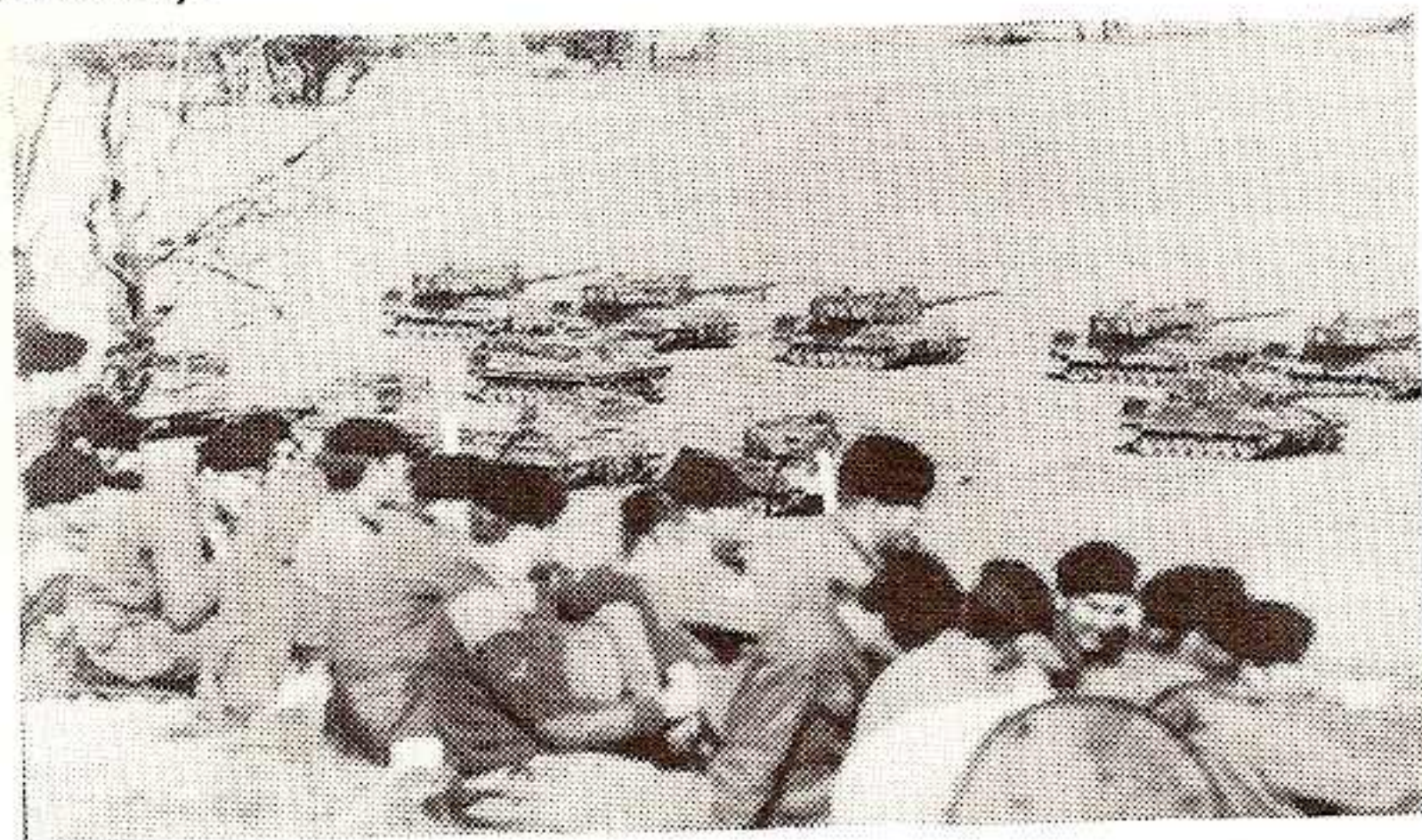
# EX SABRE FOOT

by CAPT. T.W. McMULLEN

Prior to going on Ex Sabre Foot OC A Coy published an impressive list of objectives for the exercise: They included a number of range practices, a visit and a meal to the Army School of Catering, a visit to a local vineyard, sports, a visit to the Army School of Transport, participation in Arduous Challenge and of course Infantry tank-co-operation exercise. On top of all these objectives we managed to include a live firing company attack.

The range shoots and familiarisation with the armoured elements took place in the first few days at 'Pucka'. The range shoots were not without incident, as during one of the 84 mm shoots a low flying LOH flew over the hill directly in front of the range and well within the danger area. The incident held up the practice until the conducting officer was convinced that he was in no further danger of shooting down an aircraft.

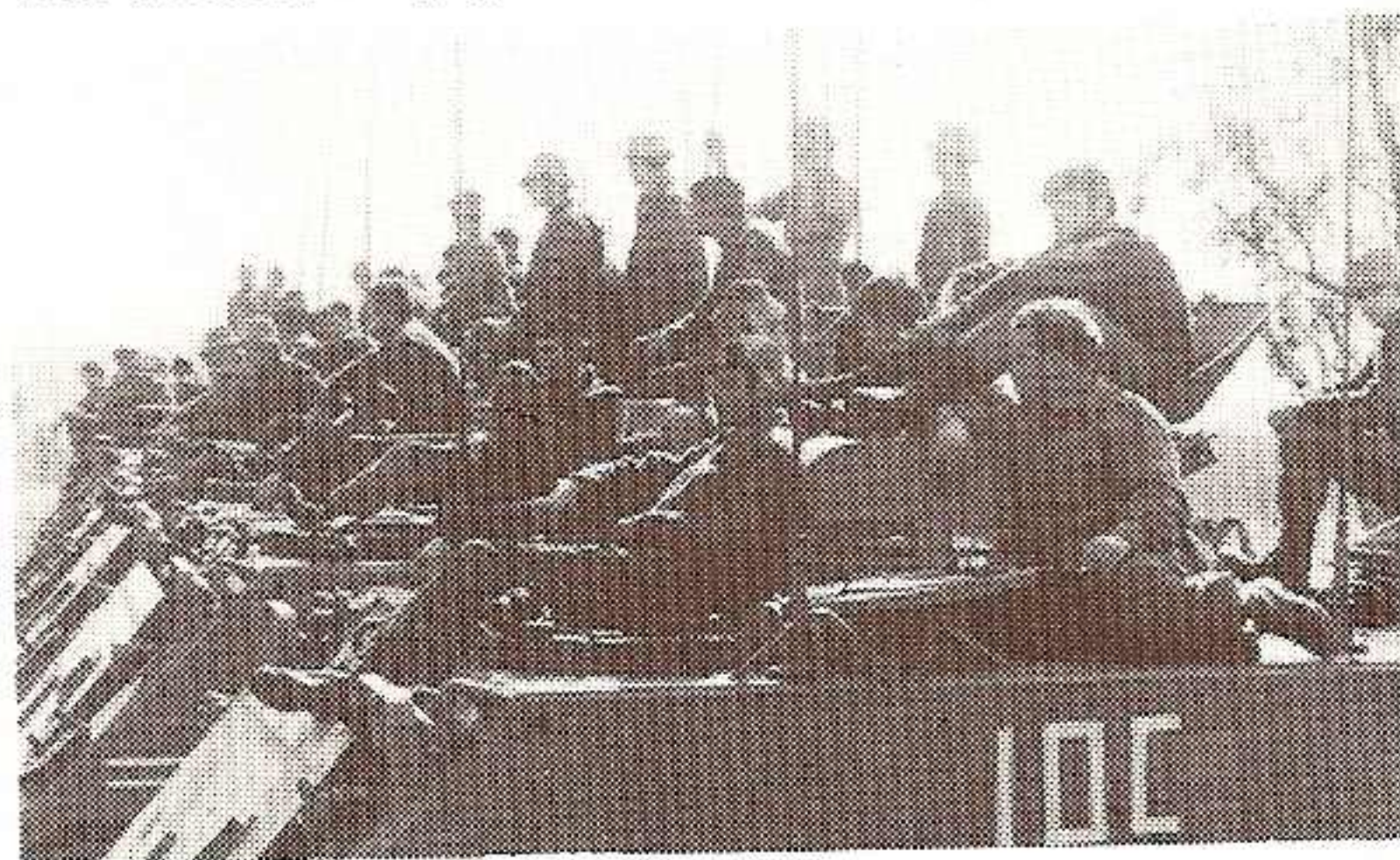
Throughout our time at Puckapunyal we were fed endless propaganda about the wonders of the Leopard tank by numbers of A Sqn 1 AR, our hosts. They were able to show their skills during a fire power demonstration which was impressive. However impressive as the performance of the Leopard tank was the Anti armour members who accompanied the company were obviously out to better the Leopard. During the main exercise they were able to knock out a number of tanks, which pointed out just how vulnerable they are in close country.



The live fire company attack using mortars, APC and 30 cal MG as fire support was interesting. Due to countless safety restrictions on the Puckapunyal range the attack resembled an advance in the days of the Napolianic wars. This included the company advancing with the accompaniment of a drummer and a piper. CPL Bartrom the piper played very well during the attack considering we were attacking a hill which by the time we reached the top was more like a mountain.

The build up to the main exercise involved the company sending out patrols at night to try and locate and destroy tanks in hide positions. Certain members of the company had the unnerving experience of

finding themselves looking down the barrel of a tank. The closest they got to a tank during the night.



The main exercise with a squadron of tanks and the company was a great success. All the normal problems of working with armour were encountered, such as missing objectives on an attack and everyone trying to debus from an APC at the same time, with obvious results. The advance culminated in an attack on a well prepared position. Although the latter stages of the attack appeared confusing with many of the APCs and tanks bottlenecking and churning the ground into mud. The exercise was worthwhile and the company learnt a lot from the experience.

Following the final attack the company said farewell to the armoured elements, which went back to barracks to clean some of the mud off the vehicles. We adopted a more familiar role of infantry with only our boots to transport us. We marched ten miles followed by a shoot, thus bringing the total distance marched by the company at the end of the exercise to over 100 km.

On return to barracks, we spent two days cleaning vehicles and handing in stores. During this period the company was invited down to the Army School of Catering to admire the food display by an IET end of course cook up. Having made suitable comments on the arrangement, such as 'who gets food like this' we were allowed to taste the food.

Two days in Melbourne followed by a trip to a vineyard gave everyone enough time to recover prior to returning to the warmth of Townsville on the 30th May.





# EXERCISE OPEN SEASON

11th-15th JUNE, '79

by MAJ. J.D. GUY

The night sky over High Range Training Area was suddenly lit with an unnatural glow. Soon came a dull roar of small arms and the heavy thump of claymores. It was the last of three company level ambushes near Poison Waterhole and it heralded the end to the Battalion live firing exercise, OPEN SEASON.

We had resented the title of the exercise but were stuck with it. The name represented the antithesis of what in fact was to take place. I sat in the company defence position and pondered the signature of the company ambush eight kilometres away and was relieved that the Company dawn attack to follow in a few hours would bring to a conclusion four days of hectic activity.

The exercise concept was relatively simple. There were three aspects, first a fire power demonstration by Spt Coy for the assembled Battalion, second dispersal to three company stands and thirdly a platoon level competition which moved the companies from one stand to the next. The aim of the rifle company live firing activities was to exercise individual soldiers in shooting under team stress situations approximating to those found in actual combat in section to company level settings by day and night.



Following a very interesting support Coy fire power demonstration, Support and Log Coy personnel dispersed to run the various stands. The rifle companies had lunch and prepared for the first activity on the 'Round Robin'. A Coy went to Stand 5 which was company in defence. Here they were briefed by the OIC Practice Capt. Dougall McMillan and then took over an already prepared position. That afternoon they sent patrols of section strength out to take part in a live fire and movement exercise involving grenade throwing. This activity proved very popular as it required fire control and co-ordination of movement for realistic grenade throwing. This was needed to extricate the section from a position of facing a dug in enemy of superior force. During the

night the company was probed by some very sneaky DART equipment and, finally, at some 'ungodly' hour was assaulted! This tested fire control from company to section and many valuable lessons were learned.

If we now follow A Coy we will get an idea of what the other companies were doing.



Early next morning A Coy was debriefed and prepared to move out by platoons to the ambush stand. The platoon move involved an eight kilometre march across country over hilly terrain, a time limit and an M203 and ER gun stand. Once all the platoons were in, 2 LT Mark Webb briefed the OC Maj. John Burrows, and the battle procedure for A Coy ambush began. The afternoon was spent in reconnaissance, orders, rehearsals and a move into position.

2 LT Mark Webb and the Pioneer Platoon had really put their hearts into the ambush stand and had rigged an ingenious raft system on the river-like billabong. This represented an enemy resupply system and was duly shot up three times every night as platoons were rotated through the 'killer group' task. By the end of the exercise there was much raft debris over the waterhole!

As dawn broke the company prepared to move tactically from the ambush sight to an RV three kilometres away. Having arrived there they were debriefed, breakfasted and rotated through anti armoured stands firing LAW and MAW while the NCOs directed mortar fire. Capt. Chris Lee and Lt Tom Magee ran a very busy stand to get all this done before the platoon march got under way again at 1030.

The platoons then took off again at fifteen minute intervals to meet Maj. Graham Kells and Capt. Ray Dukamp at the platoon attack stand after four kilometres across hilly terrain. Once this was complete the company went into battle procedure for A Coy dawn attack. This meant a busy afternoon and an early start the next day.



After a debrief, platoons prepared to move out on their last leg over five kilometres of the roughest country so far. Before the finishing point they were put through a first aid stand where sections were split to care for three casualties, gun shot, broken leg and snake bite.

A very tired but happy company then assembled at the point where they had started — they had done a complete circle and after a hearty lunch were ready to go home. The other two rifle companies were likewise back where they had started having joined the circle at a different point. Every man had had the same experience though in a differing sequence.

The platoon march points were totalled by summing demerit points for kit checks and late arrivals at finishing points and combining these with the scores achieved on the medical, platoon attack, ER gun and M203 stands. 7 Platoon came first with a

score of 85, 9 Platoon second with 73 and 4 Platoon third with 57.

Perhaps the busiest group were the caterers who prepared 'TV dinners' for all three meals of each day. Their professionalism in producing hot tasty meals for a Battalion split and mobile over a large area earned them respect from every quarter.

The second 'busiest' were probably the staff at the various stands who for lack of numbers had to double up on a number of tasks and phases of activities. These personnel were more appreciated by the exercise director and safety officer than any one else.

Not an open season but a deliberate effort to practice the task of closing with and destroying the enemy with live ammunition and explosives as members of teams by day and night over rough terrain and varying weather conditions. A very noisy business!





# EXERCISE HARD LUNGE

Some of us have read the post exercise report and deemed it unsuitable for this classy publication. We have turned, therefore to two sources of impressions — one a platoon commander and the other a civilian and reckon that somewhere in the middle we might find the truth!

## A PLATOON COMMANDER'S VIEWPOINT

by 2LT E. TURNOUR

There is no better way to introduce a newly commissioned officer of the Royal Australian Infantry to his profession and the men he is to lead, than by sending him 'post haste' into the field for a Battalion Exercise. This is done so that he is unable to confirm what he has been taught in training and must, like a drowning man, grab at every bit of straw that passes his way.

'OK, you now have 24 hours to get settled into the Battalion, get your equipment and stores packed away, oh one other thing, you're in the advance party for the Exercise called HARD LUNGE. Have you been told about it? No, well stiff, you'll find out!'

So began HARD LUNGE — it seems more of 'Hefty push'. 'What stores do you need? Yeah, OK, one of those, right. How about one of these? What is it? An M24, -6, -58, -1-5. What does it do? I dunno, but you'll need one.' 'OK.' One Day later: 'When are we going?' 'In an hour's time.' 'You're joking.' Two hours later: 'OK fellas time to go? Who's that funny looking fellow who talks like an Irishman?' 'The RSM.' 'Oh.' So began Exercise HARD LUNGE.

After several hours of dust and bone jarring bumps came the destination. A quick discussion on where we were and more probably where we should be, led to help being needed from high quarters. Finally in the form of a six figure grid reference came salvation. We had actually made it. So as we lay down beneath the stars and listened to the pleasant drone of mosquitoes and scratched at ant bites, came the thought what is going on tomorrow. ZZZ

Next day brought a TV breakfast. Why it is called TV breakfast I'll never know, probably associated with the visual effects of the food on the container and a television set. Both tend to blur your vision. We're moving, the battalion defensive position, beauty. Positions were sited interlock, counter interlocked and sited again. Then began the most health physical work a soldier ever is required to do, digging.

That night we broke for the evening meal and watched the Hercs come into land and guessed how long it would be before the rest of the company appeared. It wasn't long before, 'Wake up, they are here.' 'Which platoon are you? Right follow him, not him you idiot, him.' 'Who are you? PTE ??? who's that in front of you.' 'I don't know.' 'Have we got them all SGT.' 'Yes sir.' OK follow me, and so blind lead the blind to the platoon position. '1 sect there 2 sect there

3 sect there. Hey boss, we're missing two fellows. Half an hour later time for bed but better check the perimeter first. After a quick look around and several extinguished cigarette butts later I decided that the perimeter was secure.

Next day brought a recon and for the rest of the platoon digging. The recon proved uneventful with the exception of the RAAF holiday resort in the form of an 11' x 11' tent plus TV, fridge and other assorted luxuries. The next morning was occupied by digging, rest and orders for the battalion assault river crossing. Gear was secured, pits filled in and then came the soldiers near and dear friend the rain. Morale took a bath but spirits were maintained, especially those with the Johnnie Walker label on them. The APCs drove across the Burdekin and formed up. Bang!, the wars started, where is he, what is he and how many. Can anybody see them. A general consensus of no and so the day progressed.

Navigation from APCs is similar to navigation from the stars, it puts you in an area that is generally 10 km x 10 km. Therefore orders group were a free for all on what was our position. Who was right us or the armour 'wackas'. It was usually us but every so often they managed to fluke one.

As the exercise progressed the general complaint became apparent. The enemy weren't playing fair. They were sneaking off as soon as we deployed. The result became apparent, a platoon would scout ahead, get behind the enemy and cut off their means of retreat. Our platoon was selected and we managed to skirt the enemy and capture their getaway vehicle just as they were disengaging from the rest of the company. From the enemy's slack jaws as they saw their vehicle depart I would say that the manoeuvre was successful. Apart from the fact that the enemy were all out for 23 and the fielding company still going strong.

We left the now resurrected enemy to work out what happened to their supposed escape route and proceeded to clear our axis, and so the exercise progressed. A little victory here a long walk to there. The smiling faces of the mortar platoon when we carried their mortars for them. The long faces when they had to carry them. One more day and we would be in a position to assault the enemy. Only 11 km to objective not far at all and should prove to be uneventful. Well uneventful turned into headache and 11 km turned closer to 20 km. What happened to



the other section. Hurry back SGT and move them along. Ten minutes later 'Zero this is one er, ah, I think we have lost a sub call sign.' '1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 ... what?!' Everybody halts. Belated looks are passed then we find they're linked up with mortars. Whew. Where's the SGT, he's still looking. 1 hour later we have our SGT back and continue on our uneventful day.



The Company stops and starts, stops and moves again. Finally we have made it. A day of rest is taken.

Orders are given for the Battalion attack. Will B Coy take out the A Coy fire support again, bets are placed, even money no one's game for odds. We proceed on our preliminary moves and set up for the night. The attack is to begin at first light.

We awake, no mumbling, everybody's ready, into the APCs and wait. A Coy attacks their objective. Then it's our turn. Go! and so the attack begins. A harsh shaking, a few busted fences and then we dismount. Everybody right, 'let's go, no not that way you fool that way.' We're off, contact and the ball game gets under way, we push through but some 1 RAR guys just don't die easily so they get told to die or else. A machine gun opens up on our right, take it out 2 section. Ah !! That's the fire support, another bet lost. We keep going and interrupt the cav having breakfast. They don't want to play but we brass them up anyway. A Coy refuses to let up and seeing that there are no more enemy to shoot, decide that the B Coy assault force needs more action and so they brass us up. We decide to reorg and under the 'protective fire' that A Coy is trying not to provide we count our losses.

Well we had won, the bad guys had been given another hiding. All that remained was an accounting for lost equipment and the walk back to the transport. The walk back to the transport proved uneventful with no ambushes and not even a contact. Apparently the enemy had had enough. The Salvo arrived and issued out brew and bickies to the victorious. The trip home was quiet with heads being raised at Charters Towers when the word girls was heard.

**Home.** Stores were handed in, the troops sent home to clean up and then began the best part of the exercise. Seeing who could tell the biggest lies of the war, recounting the humorous part the hard parts and starting rumours that you heard out bush and seeing who believes you.

## Another battle on the Burdekin

from staff reporter MARK FAZEL

By kind permission of the  
Townsville Daily Bulletin

While politicians argue whether or not to dam the Burdekin, men of the 2nd/4th Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, this morning crossed the Burdekin at two points, as part of "Exercise Hard Lunge".

The exercise, the biggest infantry exercise held this year, is a culmination of platoon and company training for the year and has four major aims.

It is designed to give the troops experience in tactical air movement using a variety of aircraft to prepare, plan and execute an assault across an obstacle, practice in offensive and defensive operations on foot, using aircraft and mounted in armoured personnel carriers and to resupply the battalion using both road and air delivery.

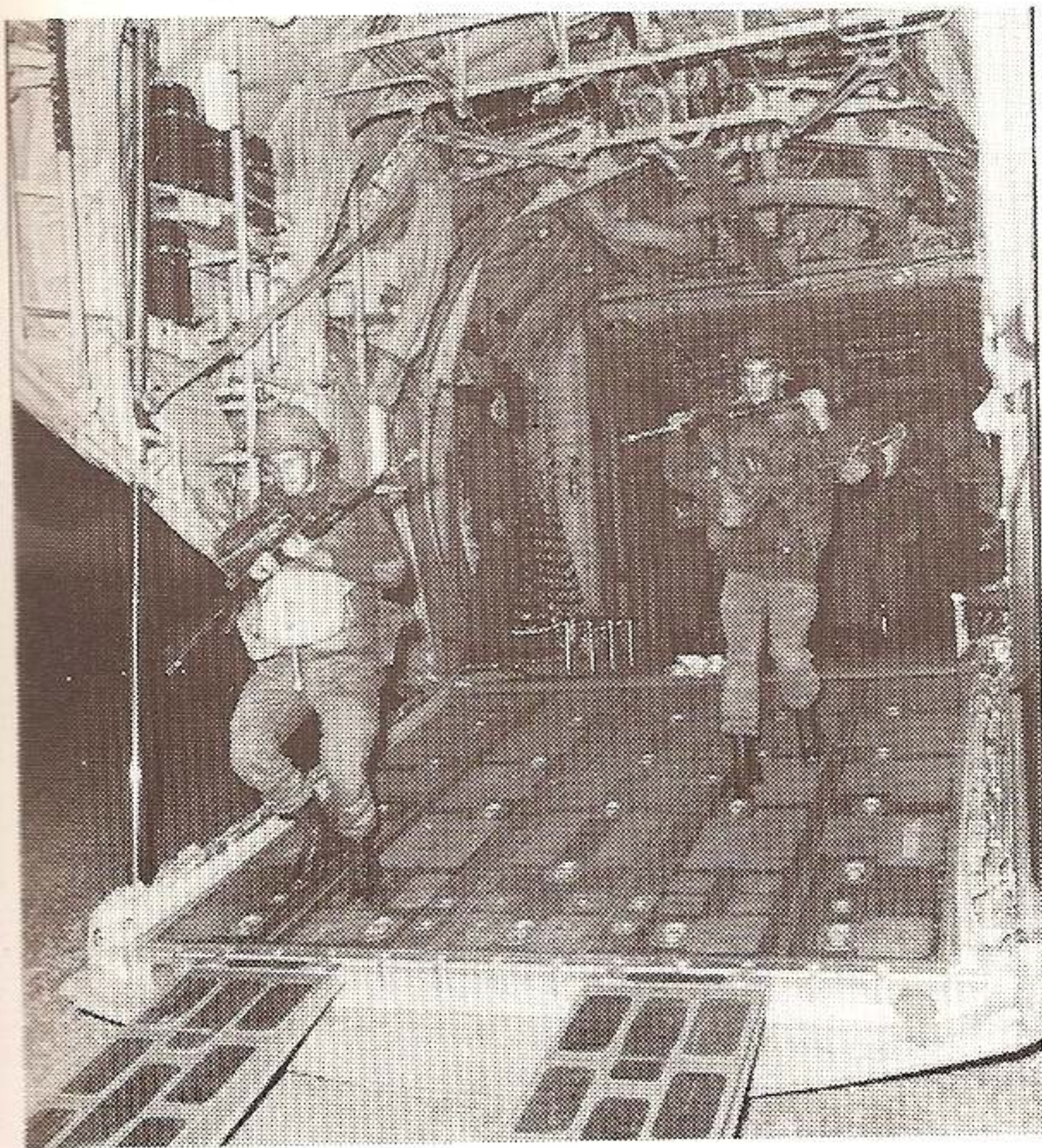
The exercise started on Wednesday night, when the 450 men of 2/4 RAR were flown into the area at the Mt Ravenswood airstrip about 40 km south of Ravenswood.

The infantry is being supported during the exercise by a bridge-building troop of the 3rd Field Engineering Regiment. Army helicopters of 162 Reconnaissance Squadron, more than 60 armoured personnel carriers from B Squadron, 3rd Cavalry Regiment and an artillery battery.

The object of the operation started on July 3, when a regimental-sized enemy force theoretically invaded Townsville.

The group was forced out of Townsville by July 18 by 3 Task Force and withdrew to an area around Charters Towers with a major defensive position at Selheim.





While Australian troops prepared to mount an attack, the 2/4 RAR was flown in to out-flank the enemy and interrupt its withdrawal routes out of Charters Towers.

Because the enemy had cut all rail links and bridges the 2/4 RAR had to cross the Burdekin in APCs and make a 50 km advance through the Mt Cooper Station area to Mt Ross. At the same time they were to destroy any enemy encountered of a company-sized group that intelligence reports said were centred around Mt Cooper.

The 'enemy' company actually consists of members of the 1st Battalion RAR.

RAAF Hercules flew in the APCs on Thursday night, while the 2/4 RAR had dug in 6 km from the crossing points in a light defensive position and sent out reconnaissance patrols in preparation for today's crossing.

Any suggestion that the exercise was being treated lightly were soon dispelled after surveying the battleground-like atmosphere at the defensive position.

#### Vigilant

APCs sat in carefully-constructed hides and weapons pits bristled with firepower as the men kept a bigilant eye out for the 'enemy'.

As the 'enemy' is identified by wearing any non-regulation issue, one soldier who had swapped his jungle greens for my jeans and shoes was captured by B Company, but later released.

The change was so I could take part in one of the last reconnaissance patrols to the crossing points,

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under the command of Major John Burrows, Officer Commanding A Company.

Also on patrol was Captain Rob Joske, forward observer with the 4th Field Regiment, Royal Australian Artillery whose job was to check possible targets if heavy firepower was needed to protect troops crossing the Burdekin.

As he said, it dispelled the idea that artillery-men are always miles behind the front line.

The patrol reached one crossing point with no enemy contact except for two herds of cows who are neutral throughout the exercise.

#### **Enemy sighted**

On the eve of returning to base Major Burrows sighted 'enemy' on the far bank and without being observed noted their position and strength before returning to the defensive position.

Information gained from these patrols is invaluable in insuring an operation of this size goes according to plan.

Major Burrows' Company last night moved into secure the crossing points and to give covering fire to B and C Company, which were to move through his positions this morning and cross the Burdekin at first light.

After the crossing the troops will advance until they reach Mt Ross on about August 5.

Experience gained from the exercise will be important for the coming Kangaroo III exercise in October, when the three Australian services conduct joint operations with troops from several allied nations.

## **Bridgehead secured**

**From staff reporter MARK FAZEL**

(By kind permission of the Townsville Daily Bulletin)

Most people would think it crazy to swim the Burdekin River at midnight in pouring rain. But for 2nd Lieutenant Mark Webb and the men of the 2/4 Battalion Royal Australian Regiment's Assault Pioneer Platoon it is just another job.

The men were taking part in Operation Hard Lunge south of Ravenswood and it was their job to prepare and mark out the two entry and exit points for armoured personnel carriers which crossed the river at first light on Saturday morning.

Rain and cloud cover made the job even more difficult and it was not until 4.30 a.m. that the second exit point had been located and marked.

Lieutenant Webb said that although there was an enemy position about 200 m away, his men were not spotted.

They found no mines at the crossing points but believed there was one further on, and once all the APCs were safely across the river it was his men's unenviable task to clear and mark a safe path through it.

While Lieutenant Webb was marking the enemy bank, men of A Company, 2/4 RAR secured the entry points and marked a route from the 2/4 RAR's main defensive position to the riverbank.

One route was marked with orange lights, the other with green so the APC's knew which crossing point they were to take.



The first wave of about 20 APCs each carrying 10 men from B Company, roared over the crossing points as if it were daylight and moved forward through gullies and creek beds towards suspected enemy positions in assault formation.

With the forward troops were artillery observers who could call in heavy fire if it were needed.

On schedule, at 6.15 a.m., carriers moved down the bank, roared through about 4 ft of water and clambered up the far bank, which two day's rain had turned into a bog, to make contact with the enemy, members of the 1st Royal Australian Regiment.

While troops from B Company dismounted from the APCs to deal with the enemy position, more APCs carrying C Company, marshalled at the crossing points waiting until the bridgehead had been secured before moving across the river to join the advance.

The operation should continue until August 5, when it is anticipated the advance will have moved 50 km to Mt Ross. During the advance troops will be re-supplied by air and land with ammunition, food and other necessities.



# **NO NAMES — NO PACK DRILL**

*by CPL K.A. BOVILL*

Unit training during the October-September period of 1979 had as its primary aim, the training and selection of unit members for service in the various specialist platoons of Spt Coy.

For the rifle company, it presented a welcome break from the monotony of High Range and the first real opportunity for a lucky few to participate in individual training. (The not so lucky remainder battled on under the amended Regimental Motto — Duties First.)

Each course had its fair share of incidents from which an 'unofficial' record has been compiled. Identities have been obscured to protect the guilty.

## **PIONEER COURSE**

This platoon, the traditional haven of the grubby, unregimented villain, attracted soldiers of that ilk from companies. (They won't be mentioned but the CSMs have their names.)

From day one it was apparent that the 'bearded apparition' would need an interpreter.

Watermanship included a demonstration of assault boat handling on dry land and a man over-board drill in six inches of water by a student with a penchant for sand and weed. The more photogenic were also disappointed — no stars so far but keep trying.

Demolitions went with its usual bang and in some cases bigger than usual. (Metric conversion was the cause of one extra big teeth rattler.)

Last count in Booby Trapping had Traps 6 Students 0. Even bridging had its moments. Bearers for a class 3 big enough for a class 12.

Who did that calculation?

Quote of the course — "to be here you need Rocks in your Head, Muscles in your Crap and Blisters on your Hands".

## **RECON AND PATROLLING**

Those that attended this one with their imaginations working overtime were sadly disappointed. 500 foot rapells from C130s were cancelled.

This course was based upon the one conducted for the Unit by SASR earlier in the year and modified to suit unit requirements.

The course was blessed with a couple of characters. One who was associated with LONG LOOK. The other was an ARES drill expert who insisted upon doing about turns every time the enemy was sighted.

Students passed on many useful navigation hints to the staff.

Insertions gave rise to the odd exciting moment especially when the LZ turns out to be an enemy camp, and it is two clicks away from where it's supposed to be. The rotund DS who fell off an insertion agency did not appreciate hearing a student say, 'He'd of popped like a cane toad if we had got him'.



## **ANTI ARMOUR**

It was indeed the gallant few that undertook this one. Led by MISFIRE MAGOO and armed with the latest in weaponry (FIA'd from the War Museum) these intrepid warriors went forth to do battle against old boilers, assorted scrap iron and derelict AFVs.

Hazards of BBDA's tracer elements and the teeth rattling concussion of RCLs combined to shatter the complacency of student and instructor alike. Even the common task of fire fighting received a dash of spice when the fire is in the impact area. (Danger is no Stranger to a 2/4 RAR Ranger.)

Overheard on the last day, a suggestion by a student, 'Anti Armour and MIT should get together, they need each other.'

All in all the course proved conclusively that if the enemy has no armour then the Anti Armour PI can handle it.

## **MORTARS**

The stove pipe brigade conducted their devious doings with no trumpets or fanfare. Just heaps of hard work accompanied by the rattle of 3" ammo in an 81 mm tube. As one student said, 'It was the perfect course'. In view of the lack of evidence on the contrary we must believe him.

## **SIGNALS**

Something of a dark horse this one. Those who know aren't saying but agent reports indicate that somebody got it from the same place as the Padre. All in all COMSEC was good and nothing of reporting interest leaked out.



# JUNGLE SURVIVAL AT BLOOMFIELD — AUG. 79

by LT M. HINDMARSH

With the knowledge that there is proposed a Battalion Jungle Survival exercise to be held next year, it was decided that a small party should be taught the skills beforehand so as to provide an instructional team for the exercise. This team, while actually attempting to survive themselves, would also be given the task of determining just what the best method of conducting such an exercise would be. The team essentially would, by its experiences, formulate tentative survival instruction upon which future unit survival courses could be based. The area selected in which to conduct the experimental survival training was on the coast south of Cooktown at a place called Bloomfield.

The team consisted of six officers and a junior NCO. A notable member was CAPT Les Hiddins, a very experienced and learned bushman who has spent much time on the subject of survival on the Australian Continent. He was to prove a very welcome asset to the team. LC PL David Sim was included to look at the subject from the aspect of the private soldier and what equipment he should take. David proved to be very proficient in the art of survival and taught us quite a deal.

However, our appointed instructor was to be a resident of the Bloomfield area by the name of Harry Dick. A hardy and extremely agile middle-aged man, Harry, with his charming wife Angie and two young boys, has become a permanent fixture of the rain forest at Bloomfield. He has a wealth of knowledge on the subject we were studying and he proved to us beyond doubt that experience makes the best teacher. We were greatly indebted to Harry and

Angie for their willingness to share their knowledge of the rain forest with us.

To make the most of the five days we had at our disposal it was decided by the group leader, MAJ Guy that we split into two groups of three. This left Les Hiddins and Harry Dick as a type of floating 'pool of knowledge' who could keep an eye on both groups. Group One would spend the first 2½ days on the coast while Group Two roamed the forest. Groups would then swap around. This way the broadest aspect of tropical survival could be experienced.

This method was highly successful as each group had quite different ways of attacking problems. The knowledge gained when we pooled our experiences at the post exercise debrief was quite substantial. All our experiences and findings were documented for future reference. There were many conclusions made and all contributed to our formulation of a basic format for the running of a large scale jungle survival exercise.

The lessons learnt during the exercise are too numerous to list here and no doubt will appear in a future instruction. However, if there is one lesson which we would put at the top of the list it would be teamwork. Jungle Survival is extremely difficult under the best circumstances. Without teamwork it would be well-nigh impossible.

Our week at Bloomfield was highly profitable and it should provide a firm foundation for any future unit survival exercise within the next year. From a personal viewpoint it was an enjoyable week made more so by the warmth of the Dick family.





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# KANGAROO THREE

by CAPT. NJWAISTELL

By the time this article is read either KANGAROO THREE will be completely forgotten by all us minions or we would have heard or talked so much about it that it is the last thing anyone wants to read in a battalion magazine. A day by day account of how a digger spent those remarkable three or four weeks (depending on how fortunate you were) is not appropriate. So in order to keep you on this page I shall refrain from writing these notes out of my diary but will limit myself to recording a few of my thoughts and observations.

No doubt the logistics side of the exercise learnt a lot of lessons and one can only congratulate all those people who managed to keep the exercise supplied with all our needs and also to get us all down there. I was told that the trip down to Shoalwater Bay would take 12 hours by bus. Somebody obviously didn't tell my driver that. If they did, then he was either a retired Grand Prix driver or just ignorant of the laws of the road. Anyway at least he got us down to the charming place of residence — Camp Growl — with no mishaps but I was very happy to fly back.

Camp Growl brings me on to my next point. I told my wife that I would be roughing it for four weeks but those first four days were a great pleasure. Well, with showers, continuous hot water, booze and all meals cooked for you — what more could you ask for. The organization was very good and we can only offer our thanks to the Camp Commandant — the ever cheerful QM — and his well disciplined groups of camp followers.

All exercises have their grueling part, and I suppose that digging all those trenches was one of those occasions, especially when some of them were never used. At least we had the satisfaction of knowing that the task was behind us and never again should we have the question "what size do you think a trench should be?". Many variations were seen around the place but now we even mastered the latrine size. Hopefully there will be no more groping for the side of the latrine having missed ones footing!! No names to be mentioned of course.

We all came into contact during some part of the exercise with our friends from other parts of the world but it would be amiss not to mention the US marines. Not only did they give us a demonstration of a new range of battle tactics, but they also gave some of us a field concert — ratings nearly as high as 'It Ain't Half Hot Mum'. We were also able to introduce them to the Australian 24 Hr Pack and questions like 'Well that's great but where are the other two meals' were quickly dealt with.

They were a very welcome experience and it was good to see that C Coy were able to foster relationships with a communal barbecue/potted sports day before the exercise started. It was

remarkable how quickly the marines picked up cricket — who said the Aussies were beaten again.

One of the tasks of the exercise at the lower level was to practise different ways of carrying the equipment of a mortar section which every company had to form. Companies like Charlie who have all the brawn reverted to the conventional methods of man handling. But the prize for the most sophisticated method must go the Alpha Company who decided to go back a few years (they even had the pamphlets) and used horses. Somehow it was a shame that A Coy were deployed on an unused enemy route and so were never able to use them to the full effect.

Anyway, at least members of that company had some interesting experiences. Some diggers must now nearly be qualified vets and the last time 21C of A was seen, he was off hunting one of his four legged friends who had decided that the call of romance was more important than her battle position. Well done 'A' for trying something different!

In all these exercises we have to do a fair proportion of walking and anyone who wants to know what its like withdrawing in the rain with an additional load of a sandbag containing 10 77 batteries should ask 'Redbeard' or OC C Coy.

The prisoner of war/casualty system proved a very popular source of entertainment and it was remarkable how the same people always seemed to get themselves noticed by the umpires. I always wondered why they came back looking so happy? It would be appropriate here to mention our gallant umpires who had a very difficult task of controlling the battle. I was glad to hear that the umpire who was injured in the first American stampede is now out of hospital but, he is asking to join the Orange forces next time. The umpires had a very difficult job of controlling the forces, so next time you see one give him a pat on the back.

The end of exercises are always joyous occasions and the end of KANGAROO THREE was no exception. The end this time was heralded by a concert show at SH (Samuel Hill for those who were never lucky enough to be captured) and I hear that the troops showed their appreciation in an appropriate manner — included the Kiwis.

Well that's KANGAROO THREE. KANGAROO FOUR? Who knows. Maybe they'll start asking for donations after the next pay rise. As an afterthought, please will all those personnel who have not yet handed in their Orange force cap badges please do so or pay \$1. See you all on KANGAROO FOUR.



# THE EDGAR TOWNER VC CLUB

by CPL W.J. SEBENIK

1979 brought a number of changes and events to our club, not least of which was the formal adoption of the present name, to replace 'the OR's boozier'.

Our present committee has been active in a number of areas this year. The main bar has changed in its appearance, that is the colour was changed from the dark brown to the livelier off white. During the same period of time, other changes were instigated, by the moving of the two benches from the feature wall to that of the dart board area. We once again have a visitors book displayed in a prominent point; a point where we can be proud to have any visitors go to and sign the book.

At about that same time the then Vice President, Ray Smith, left to go to Range Control. Ray has since kept in touch with the unit and the club and word has it that we may see him with the scarlet and black lanyard on once again.

The end of March saw our first and to date best attended Disco. The committee worked hard for that event, as it was a make it or break it event. Apart from some teething problems during the night, it went quite fluently. With the likes of Kym Challenges and Shorty behind the mikes, the music rolled through all night. Whilst at the food side of things, young Blue had things in hand quite well.

Happy Hours were re-introduced during the

earlier part of the year. Attendance to the Happy Hours has fluctuated somewhat from fortnight to fortnight. The highlight of each Happy Hour has been the drawing of the Edgar Towner Raffle. To date there have been eleven such raffles, which have boosted the club's funds somewhat. Without this raffle the club would incur a loss at each Happy Hour, due to the lack of support in buying the minor raffles at each Happy Hour.

Sunday movies proved to be a popular activity during the course of the year. What other club can boast a licenced cinema in Townsville? The movies that have been shown during this year have been quite good on the whole but unfortunately the projectors have been a let down. Also the raffle buying has not been anything to be proud of. For twenty cents a ticket and a chance to win a dozen stubbies one would think that the tickets would be sold without much bother, but unfortunately that's not the case.

But Sunday Movies are only one of the attractions during the afternoon. I speak of the procession that comes back from the various sessions in town. With the likes of Peter, Judd, Macka and Co stumbling in after a 'good day in town'.

With the progression of the second and third Discos the attendances were thinner to the extent that the Xmas Disco was cancelled due to lack of

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support. The committee has worked extra hard prior and during these events and they have been let down by the majority of the members of the club. Hopefully next year each and every member of the club will get right behind their committee members and support the various activities that are put on during the year.

Another change that has occurred this year is the ASCO organisation. The main change is the distribution of the profits. Instead of the profits remaining down south they are now sent back to the units where the profits are made. So it is in our interest to patronise our dry canteen and also the club as much as possible.

I take this opportunity to thank Elaine and her hard working staff. Without their hard work this year we would not have been able to have such an efficient canteen.

This year your committee has spent in the vicinity of \$2,500 on the following items:

- New dart boards. 4 sets at approx. \$100 per set
- Movies (each movie cost approx. \$35)
- Wood for around the dart boards
- Food for the Bar snacks
- Vinyl for the floor around the dart boards
- Curtains
- Paint for the repainting of the main bar
- Purchasing of Stubby Cooler Covers
- Purchasing of Poker tickets
- The new Visitors Book
- Refilling of the gas bottles at the BBQ
- Purchasing of the new bar chairs.

These are but a few of the purchases that the present committee has made on behalf of its members.

Well that almost draws 1979 to a close as far as the Club is concerned so what does next year hold, you may ask. We will be looking to getting the club air conditioned, in landscaping the outside of the area, establishing a ladies lounge in the area of the present Devils Den, carpeting the TV room. These are just a few of the Tavern improvements that are in mind at the present time.

Below is an outline social calendar for the early part of the year:

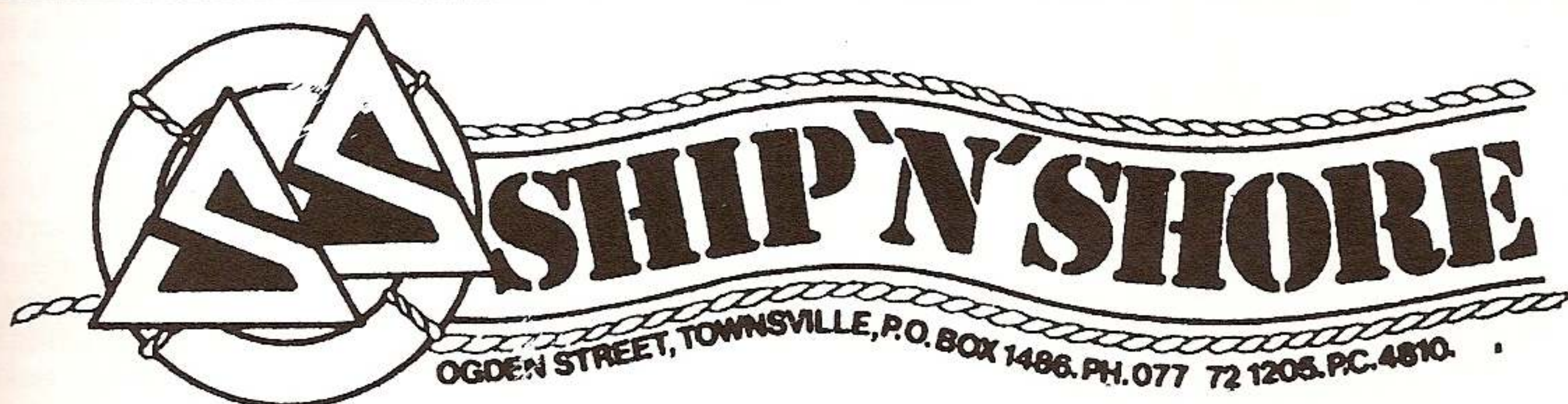
A reef trip

A theme night ie perhaps a country and western night

A gambling night

Re-establish the SPU club and have active sporting competitions.

But in order to have any of the above activities we MUST have volunteers to do the background work. The only reward is seeing that we have the best Club in Lavarack. These volunteers as previously mentioned are known as committee members. If you are interested in making our club even better than what it is why not become a committee member. So until next year when we start our activities once again, I wish you and your dependants a memorable Christmas Leave.



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# SPORT 1979

by MAJOR R. CHANDLER

Sport is an integral part of any unit's training programme as it assists in the development of self confidence and teamwork which in turn contributes to the efficiency of a unit.

To this end 2/4 RAR has actively encouraged and involved itself in most aspects of sport during 1979, civilian and service, in North Qld and in some instances other parts of Australia. It would be difficult to cover in detail every activity in which the battalion has been involved but can be best described by dividing the sport into different levels of participation; a description of which is given in the following paragraphs.

## INTERCOMPANY SPORT

As is normal within every Infantry Battalion inter company sport maintains an interest of enthusiasm and excitement which causes inter company rivalry to become tainted with deception, posting orders being issued on short notice, blackmail, sabotage and many verbal confrontations. 2/4 RAR is characterized by all those fine qualities of sportsmanship which no doubt contributes to the success of such a competition.

During 1979 each of the five companies have been contesting for the honour of winning the Schlyder Shield which was donated by the Co of 2/4 RAR for 1977-78, LIEUTENANT COLONEL K.R. SCHLYDER, AM. The company to win the shield in 1978 was B Coy. Unfortunately the result for 1979 will not be known at the time of printing of this magazine but rumours have it that C Company have ordered the victory champagne.

## INTER UNIT SPORT

2/4 RAR accredited itself well within the fields of inter unit sport within the 3rd Task Force. With some results yet to be decided 2/4 RAR were clear victors in the Cross Country, Rugby Union, Tennis, Hockey, Soccer, Volley Ball and Pistol Shooting.

## INTER AREA/INTER SERVICE SPORT

Inter area and inter service sport was contested in Brisbane during the undermentioned periods:

12-14 Mar '79 — Tennis, Volleyball, Water Polo.

28-30 May '79 — Rugby Union, Australian Rules, Basketball, Squash, Soccer.

Pistol Shooting, Rifle Shooting, Golf and Cricket are to be contested in Brisbane between 24-28 Nov '79.

No doubt home base has definite advantages but 3 Task Force managed victories in Water Polo and Australian Rules. 2/4 RAR were well represented in most of the sports contested.

## CIVILIAN COMPETITIONS

2/4 RAR soldiers have actively supported a number of civilian sporting clubs and associations of which particular mention must be made of the

Lavarack Army Rugby Union Club (LARCS). The LARCS fielded two teams in the Townsville District Rugby Union Association. An A grade team and a team in the reserves. 2/4 RAR supplied the majority of players in both grades and were responsible for most of the management and administrative responsibilities for the club. The A grade team were unsuccessful in making the finals but the reserve grade team played in the Grand Final and were defeated by Brothers.

A new side in any association takes time to gain strength and to recruit the best players. The 1979 year has been successful in the sense it has laid the foundation for better things to happen for the LARCS, and it is hoped the efforts put in by many players and officials during 1979 will be assisted by more units and individuals in the 1980 season. The LARCS have the potential to develop into a side that will frighten all opposition.

## LARCS FOR 1980

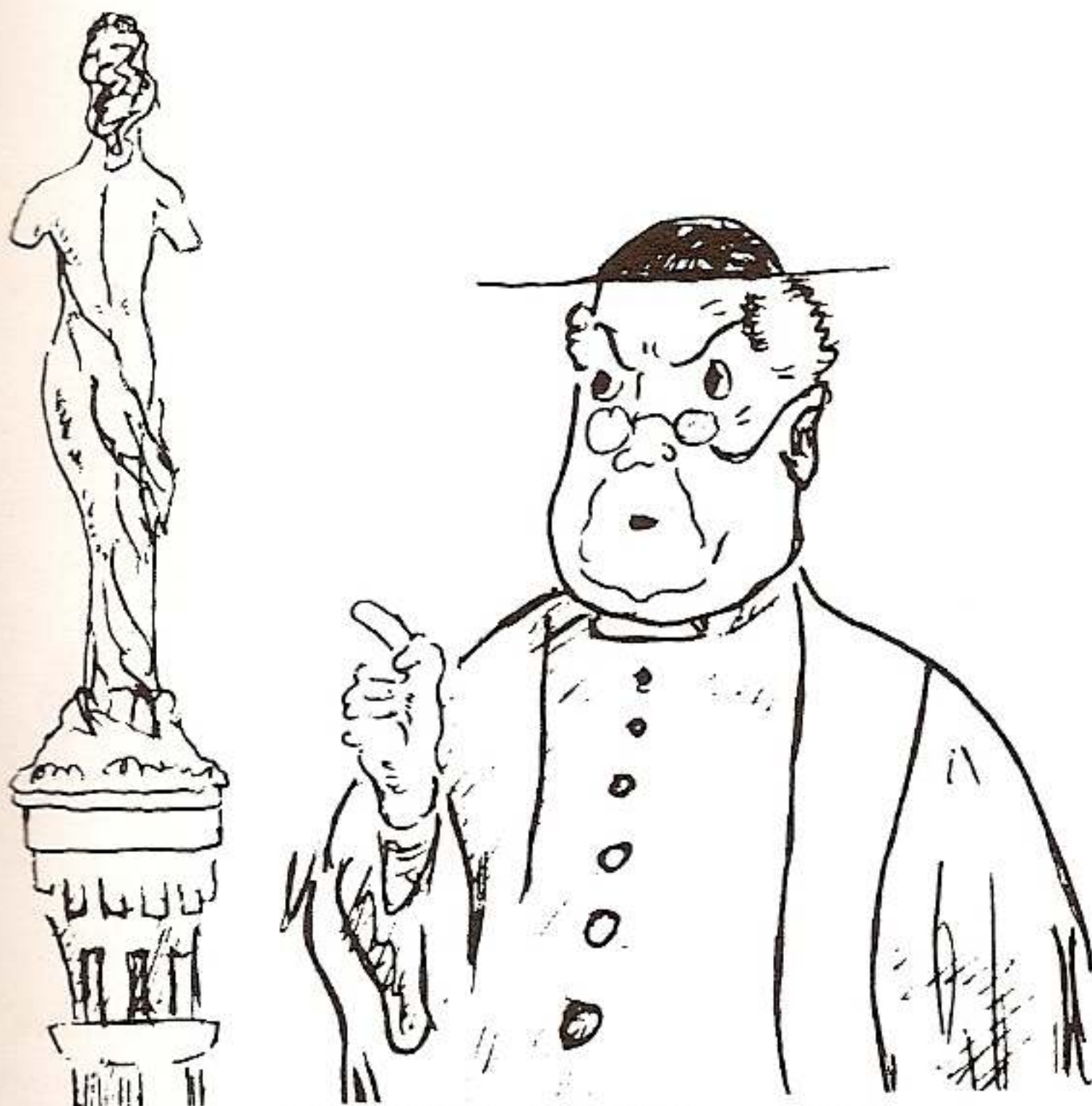
Australian Rules within Townsville has been well supported by Army members. 2/4 RAR practically fielded the complete side of the South Townsville Football Club and were most unfortunate not to have made the Grade Final. It can probably be said that exercise commitments prevented this from occurring as exercises seemed to clash with crucial matches and vital training sessions. Word has it that the South Townsville Football Club has produced the 2/4 RAR Training programme for 1980 to prevent a similar occurrence.

## CONCLUSION

It would have been nice to have produced in this magazine a complete resumé of all the sports in which 2/4 RAR participated during 1979 but due to the cut off date for articles, to enable publication before commencement of annual leave this has not been possible. The Battalion has given of its best to support and encourage sport this year and will continue to do so in 1980. Many individuals from within the unit have given their time unselfishly to make the programme of sport work and it goes without saying that their efforts are recognised and are not in vain.



# CARTOONS



CARDINAL POINTS. VG.  
(Navigation revision on the Recon Course?)



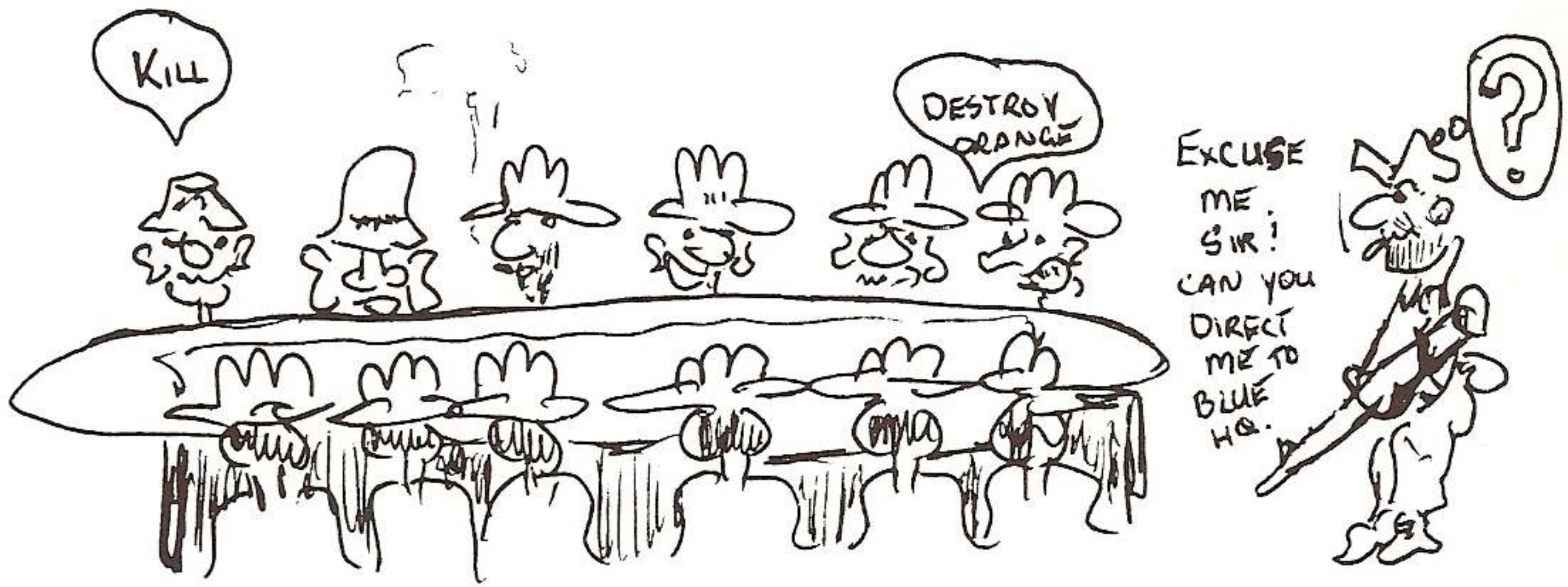
KIII Casual leave in Rockhampton. VG.



(Those beginning of the year trips to Paluma)

"Must have taken the wrong turning again somewhere — eh, Sergeant?" VG.





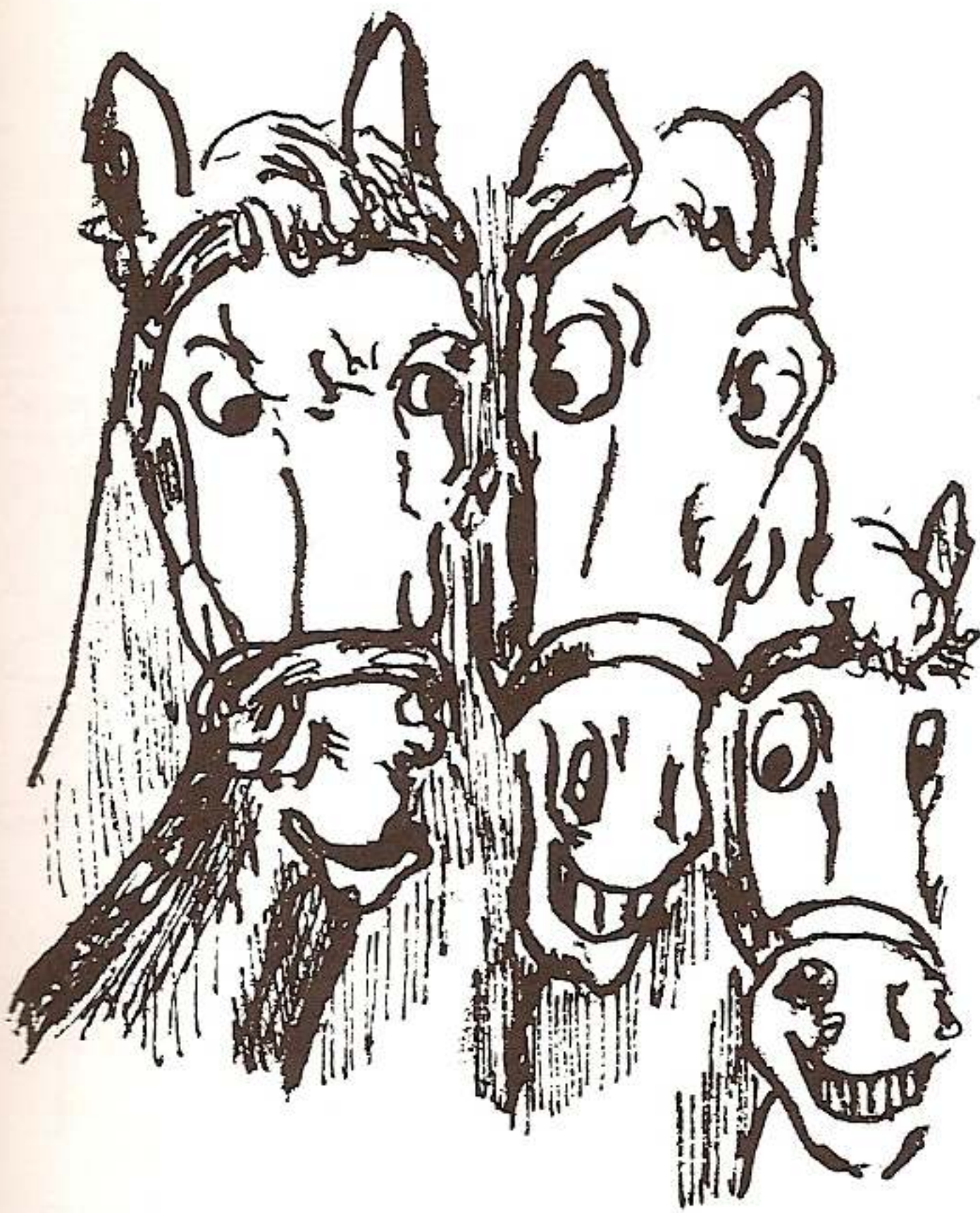
KIII  
Visiting an Orders Group (Blue)



EX HARD LUNGE

"When this is all over, I suppose some ape will write an article about it and try to make out it was funny." VG.





Kill — A Coy Horses

The 81 mm mortar — A large piece of steel used for breaking horses in!

Kill A Coy Horses.

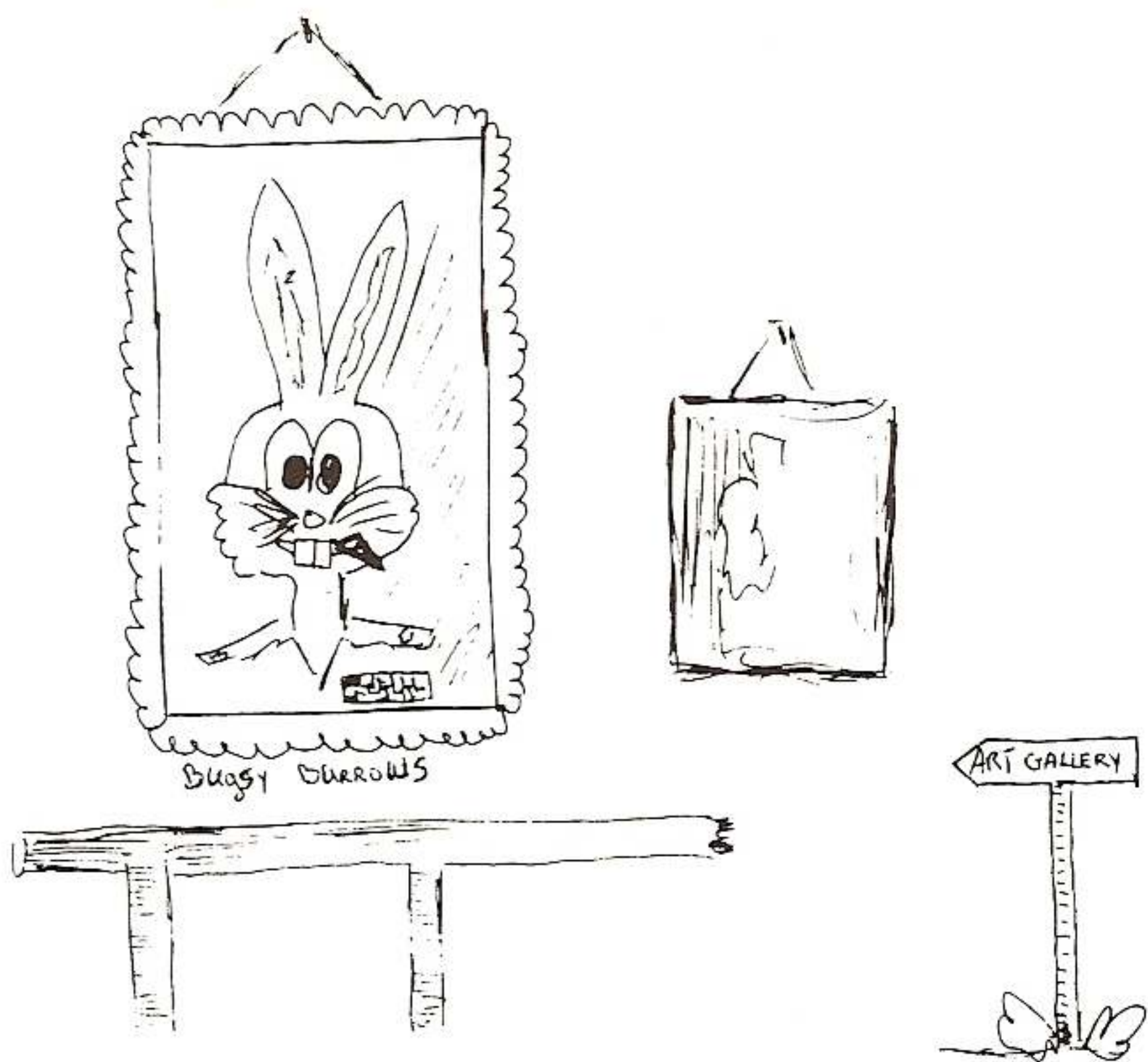
"Advance in line ahead straight into the river up to your withers — feint to the right — then general dispersal in all directions — Pass it on." VG.



OPEN SEASON

"Some people ought not to be trusted with firearms".





Tribute to Major Borrows from A Coy.



Surprise is the keynote of a successful ambush.  
VG.

KIII — 1 Platoon hits the enemy rear at the Glen.



KIII  
"Oh yes, quite comfortable, thank you, Sir" VG.

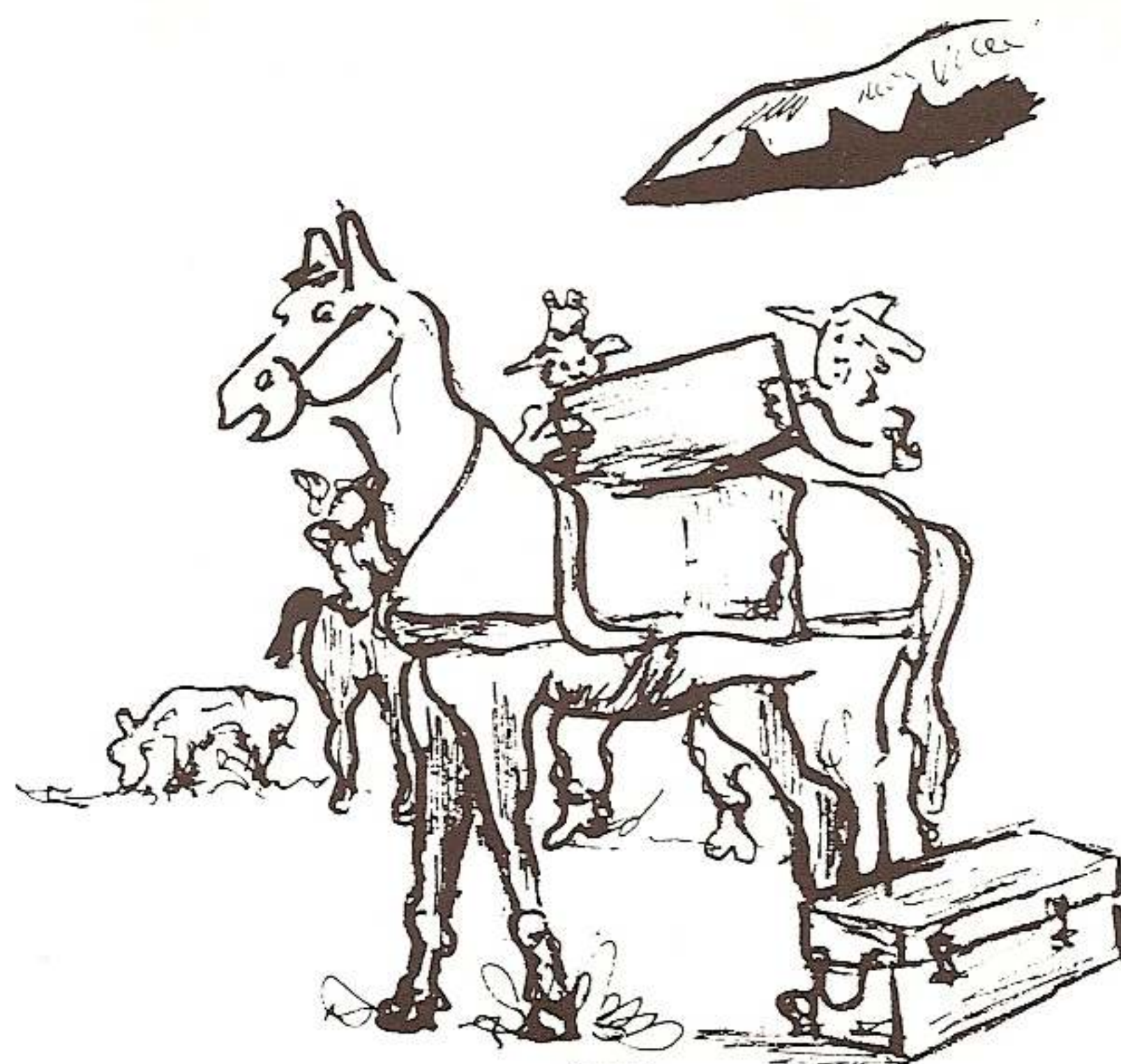


'Spt Coy' (Hard Lunge)





'C Coy on route to Butterworth'



Kill — A Coy Horses

"Watch this for technique. Saddle on — harness on — half my load — lull them into false security — then wham! Never a dull moment. VG.



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## A COMPANY

Regt No.	Rank	Init.	Name		
4410943	MAJ	J.D.	Guy	179848	PTE L.J. Jackson
62296	CAPT	M.C.	Parsons	3144215	PTE D.C. Jess
47800	LT	S.J.	Ellis	4400510	PTE D.A. Jevons
2191316	2LT	K.H.	Rands	553242	PTE T.P. Keevil
319389	2LT	G.J.	White	259560	PTE P.R. Kench
37785	WO2	A.S.	Sneddon	4400519	PTE M.J. Kennedy
214116	SSGT	M.N.	Johns	1792292	PTE D.R. Keynes
1204224	SGT	M.G.	Harvey	321721	PTE A.R. Langmaid
56057	SGT	P.	Lennon	536279	LCPL R.J. Lynn
1738250	SGT	R.J.	Russell	552135	PTE D.G. McBride
1205942	CPL	C.A.	Brennocks	319482	PTE W.J. McKean
222752	CPL	L.S.	Brewer	179269	PTE S. McKie
1205795	CPL	K.J.	Geiger	226081	PTE E.N. Manrique
54779	CPL	D.C.	Krenke	227794	PTE A.C. Mearns
316711	CPL	K.C.	Millard	180080	PTE E.R. Mitchell
39483	CPL	A.P.	Seychell	226129	PTE D.P. Mitchell
223524	CPL	P.	Smailes	179963	PTE R.J. Mossop
59658	CPL	G.R.	Thompson	2146938	PTE S.D. Murphy
220374	CPL	D.J.	Waddel	226240	PTE S.T. Nicola
1205223	LCPL	A.B.	Boyd	321741	PTE B.R. O'Brien
1205841	LCPL	D.R.	Damen	4400509	PTE T.J. Owen
6709638	LCPL	G.	Fikerle	59981	PTE B.P. Panting
318021	LCPL	B.L.	Harvey	550878	PTE S.J. Parry
47567	LCPL	S.	Juhasz	321377	PTE S.P. Peters
312194	LCPL	R.A.	Koen	226085	PTE S.P. Pidcock
224982	LCPL	M.J.	Packham	179327	PTE A.M. Purvis
3166938	PTE	S.K.	Adams	180085	PTE J.B. Reed
179308	PTE	D.R.	Anderson	49417	PTE C.C. Roberts
321583	PTE	J.C.	Bannister	226135	PTE G.M. Reardon
49829	PTE	M.B.	Barwick	179933	PTE D.E. Sanders
227070	PTE	A.J.	Baxter	179193	PTE C.J. Saunders
225418	PTE	N.W.	Boston	49880	PTE R.H. Senior
47399	PTE	C.W.	Brown	180193	PTE T.D. Schwartz
3143370	PTE	T.P.	Burnett	159327	PTE G.A. Smith
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225655	PTE	W.F.	Carthew	179853	PTE P.J. Talty
157996	PTE	K.J.	Davis	4400515	PTE A.W. Thompson
180095	PTE	K.J.	Devine	228001	PTE P.A. Tonisoo
321212	PTE	C.D.	Dillon	1205874	PTE W.J. Twidale
1206261	PTE	A.W.	Edmond	1206334	PTE S.M. Walsh
227344	PTE	S.P.	Foyle	49803	PTE N.R. Webb
552596	PTE	G.R.	Gibbs	227063	PTE P.L. Woodfield
227141	Pte	M.R.	Gibson		
321911	PTE	D.G.	Goodman		
553166	PTE	R.J.	Gordon	44149	MAJ H.P.M. Hoebee
227812	PTE	G.J.	Halls	62199	CAPT R.L. Jones
226451	PTE	J.L.	Hartnett	2277175	2LT D.J. Goynes
227765	PTE	J.E.	Heron	316954	2LT S.F. Mitchell
321332	PTE	C.G.	Hilton	318631	2LT E.C. Turnour
320258	PTE	N.J.	Ingram	341103	WO2 D.N. Morgan

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 610598 SGT J.H. James  
 39505 SGT D.W. McPherson  
 1206285 LCPL R.X.K. Fry  
 62815 LCPL D.M. Gewin  
 225719 PTE G.E. Jenkins  
 63272 PTE P.J. Wisniewski  
 314181 CPL J.F. Egan  
 44197 CPL D.J. Kennedy  
 48165 LCPL P.R. Bradley  
 59796 LCPL T.A. Dyke  
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 225612 PTE M.H. Bailey  
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 321947 PTE K.J. Doubleday  
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 173104 PTE A.M. Price  
 226266 PTE R.J. McPherson  
 552539 PTE G.N. Stanners  
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 225490 PTE M.A. Turner  
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 6710324 CPL R.J. Dunning  
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 321173 PTE D.L. Bartlett  
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 PTE D.J. Burns  
 PTE J.G. Coulter  
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 PTE K.C. Harris  
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 PTE P.A. Jones  
 PTE B. Kinnear  
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 SGT K.A. Stevens  
 SGT R.M. Weston  
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 CPL I. Brady  
 CPL K.W. Edgar  
 CPL J.C. Grasby  
 CPL B.L. Neilsen  
 CPL K.L. Nobbs  
 CPL D.J. Payne  
 CPL W.J. Peacock  
 CPL K.E. Rundell

LCPL B. Brooks  
 LCPL K.F. Challands  
 LCPL S.P. Gallatly  
 LCPL M.B. Kent  
 LCPL C. Russell  
 CPL D.B. Sim  
 LCPL M.J. Sullivan  
 LCPL L.W. Stephens  
 LCPL M.L. Thrift

PTE R.J. Akatow  
 LCPL S.A. Ainslie  
 PTE L.D. Arambewela  
 PTE A. Barker  
 PTE G.N. Bell  
 PTE R. Bossink  
 PTE K.J. Butler  
 PTE S.J. Carlyon  
 PTE W.R. Carter  
 PTE S.F. Challinor  
 PTE T.D. Cleveland  
 PTE S.L. Cocks  
 PTE R.J. Corboy  
 PTE G.R. Cooper  
 PTE K.T. Dalley



168130	PTE T.R. Davis	39825	SGT P.P. Hill
226332	PTE D.J. Edwards	216912	STG L.S. Kaminski
2137195	PTE R.B. Elliot	61805	SGT K.W. Matthewson
180211	PTE S.L. Evans	39297	SGT G.T. Meaney
227763	PTE C.W. Fawcett	219517	SGT M.L. Smith
321909	PTE J.S. Fraser	1205494	CPL R.C. Bolton
4400423	PTE N.T. Graetz	5411646	CPL K. Byrom
179286	PTE G.K. Gardiner	218059	CPL C.B. Cutter
321730	PTE M.W. Grady	671031	CPL L.G. Hingston
321944	PTE J.L. Grant	123728	CPL S.C. Kelly
553157	PTE S.S. Grant	2797426	CPL T.M. Kelly
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425262	PTE W.O. Hirche	57976	CPL S.L. Jones
226124	PTE Z.N. Hodak	2137911	CPL M.J. Maloney
180081	PTE B.M. Jago	1202508	CPL M.B. Meiers
227969	PTE C.M. Jefferies	224938	CPL J.J. Menday
222930	PTE D.A. Johnston	176738	CPL G.D. O'Brien
227783	PTE R.P. Jones	1205653	CPL P.W. Prien
180234	PTE R.I. Karaitiana	1205698	CPL M.J. Rossberg
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226003	PTE G.M. Leith	46794	CPL H.J. Smith
314332	CPL L.J. Lynch	220962	CPL K. Smith
321753	PTE D.J. McGuire	223779	CPL C.E. Sharwood
553148	PTE P.J. Murray	1202591	CPL B.J. Wilson
320102	PTE J. Nemeth	221940	CPL P. Young
321734	PTE N. Neugebauer	223462	LCPL J.C. Burke
227445	PTE J.A. Neville	317819	LCPL P.J. Casey
226088	PTE G. Parsons	1205019	LCPL D.P. Callaghan
320085	PTE C. Petracca	318035	LCPL G.A. Cochrane
179176	PTE D.R. Phillippi	211772	LCPL R.F. Fittler
180238	PTE G.P. Poor	2185781	LCPL R.A. Geisler
4400514	PTE D.P. Price	3125010	LCPL G.S. Melchoir
227750	PTE M.K. Rainey	596418	LCPL S.G. Riley
320081	PTE S.F. Reid	59948	PTE R.S. Beard
49435	PTE L.G. Riggs	179285	PTE K.P. Braun
433491	PTE P.C. Ryan	47566	PTE K.M. Burgess
320065	PTE S.M. Sanders	47862	PTE M.M. Casey
321504	PTE G.M. Shaddock	179198	PTE W.C. Christensen
320110	PTE D.P. Shiels	552514	PTE G.C. Clarke
321743	PTE M.W. Sievers	47638	PTE P.D. Coleman
222843	PTE G.I. Skaines	320090	PTE R.C. Cornwall
553246	PTE M.L. Stokes	179216	PTE B.J. Cross
179980	PTE V.W. Sweeney	124061	PTE C.G. Davie
226354	PTE A.J. Thomas	225085	PTE P.L. Douglas
552506	PTE A.V. Valkenburg	226029	PTE P.P. Fairleigh
319946	PTE S. Wandmaker	320325	PTE A.G. Fisher
320105	PTE P. Warner	225030	PTE D.B. Ford
553249	PTE A.A. Warwick	312404	PTE T.N. Fraser
227581	PTE M.J. Wilson	425083	PTE R. Fulcher
226139	PTE A.R. Williams	17490	PTE P.B. Gillman
552775	PTE M.J. Williams	1206260	PTE S.P. Grant
227784	PTE D.M. Bugden	552615	PTE J. Harvey
393031	PTE T.C. Saunders	225164	PTE T.S. Hayes
320614	PTE D.W. Robbins	179348	PTE L. Helmrich

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220540	CAPT O.J. Maunder
314219	CAPT. R.V. Dukamp
313108	CAPT. C.A. Lee
281910	LT T.A. Magee
316982	LT I.S. Joscelyne
224915	2LT P.M. Standen
2190913	2LT M.L. Webb
43363	WO2 G.M. Haupt
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2789861	SGT E.C. Grew

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 316624 PTE S.W. Maloney  
 317362 PTE D.P. Matheson  
 217439 MAJ J.A. McCausland  
 223452 PTE R.E. McGlashen  
 16677 CPL K.G. McIver  
 1204902 CPL M.R. Middleton  
 223749 CPL W. Marjoribanks  
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 216129 SGT C.W. Wallace  
 1202267 SGT D.L. Watts  
 179178 PTE W.L. Wolski  
 411805 PTE D.J. Wade

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**320118 PTE C. J. YEOMAN**

**374571 PTE C. J. DAVIS**

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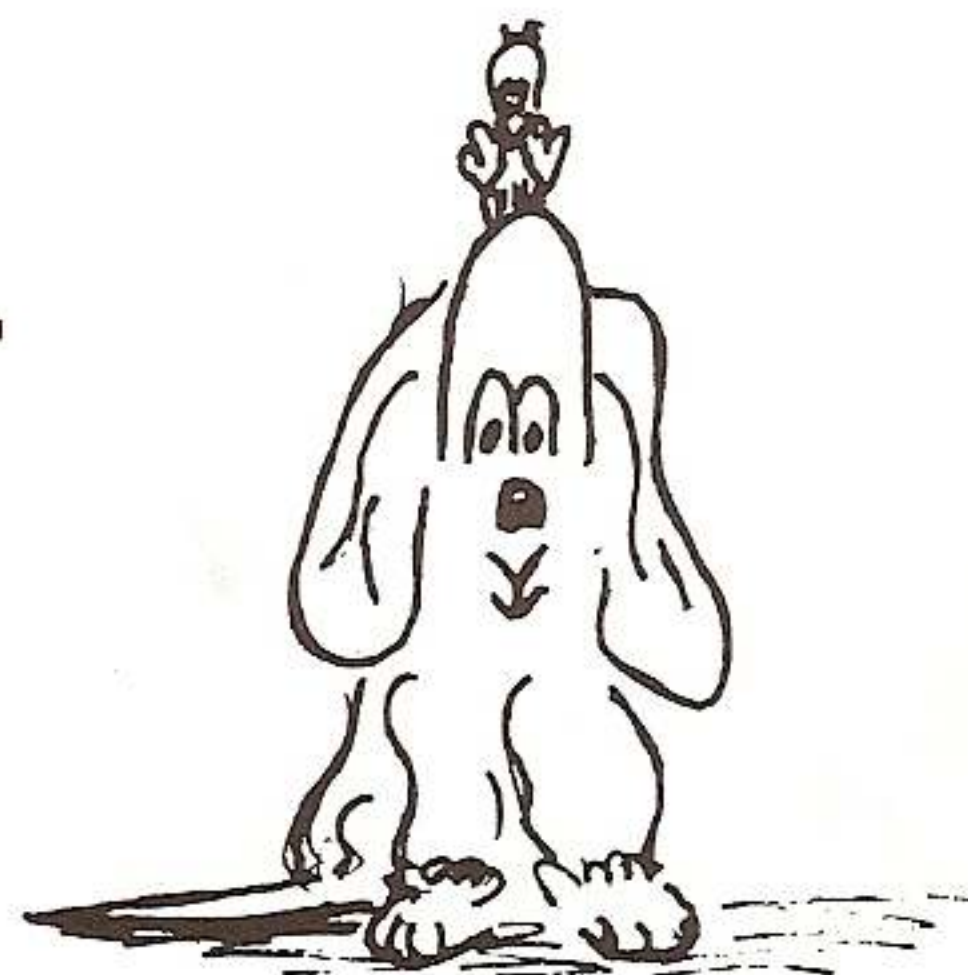
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49412	PTE R.J. Cooper
211760	PTE C.A. Campbell
61745	SGT B.V. De Bomford
49484	PTE A.P. Fosicett
319201	LT A.S. Hollings
1205647	LCPL G.R. Kramer
56164	CPL R.V. London
44219	SGT J. McKenna
2181910	LT T.A. Magee
47353	PTE M. Page
224915	2LT P.M. Standen
49524	PTE M.J. Smith
58936	PTE M.R. Smith
377525	PTE R.G. Thompson