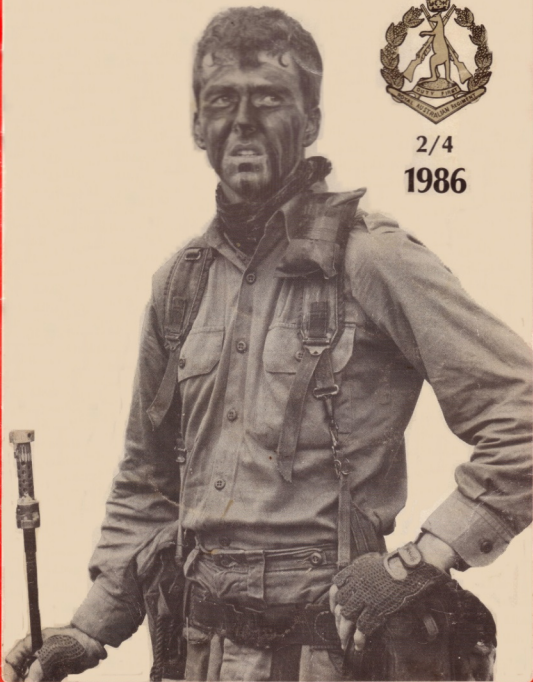




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FOREWORD

by

**LIEUTENANT COLONEL
P.S. O'SULLIVAN, M.B.E.**

As you read through this magazine, I'm sure you'll be struck by the extent and variety of activities that we have undertaken in 1986. It's been a very busy year, but a most satisfactory one for the Battalion, and I hope you feel a real sense of achievement for all the hard work you've put into your jobs throughout the year.

There have been many highlights during 1986, and I want to acknowledge some of them here. Exercise Maxi Beagle and K86 were the big training events which allowed you to show your competence as professional soldiers. You performed extremely well in quite unique circumstances. Special mention must also be made of our Gloucester Cup and AASAM teams which represented us so successfully in their respective competitions. The individual performances of our pistol shooters and the winning effort of the Orienteering team were great achievements.

It has also been an exciting year on the sporting fields, with some very close competition. I have been most impressed with your spirit and the manner in which you've played the game at every level from inter-company to inter-service. In inter-unit competition, all our teams represented the Battalion with distinction.

Special congratulations go to the Volleyball team which won its third consecutive premiership. The

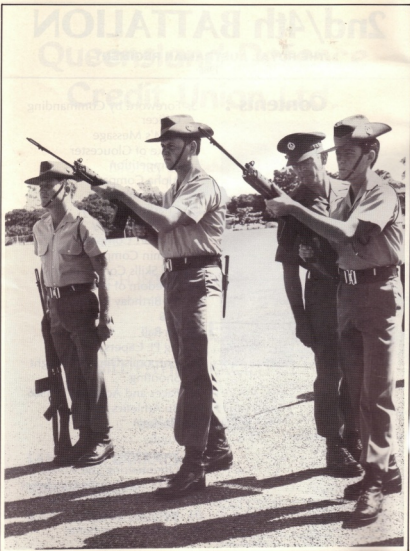


Hockey team enjoyed particular success, and a magnificent team effort resulted in a fine win in the Athletics. Special tribute must also be paid to the supervising officers, coaches, trainers and supporters who provide all the backup for our sporting teams.

In 1986 we have received a lot of support from outside the unit which must be acknowledged. The civil communities of the Gulf country and the Bowen Basin have been most generous in assisting our exercises. The business community of Townsville, and particularly Magnetic Island, have lent their support to our enterprises. Closer to home, a special thanks must go to our wives and families for their patient and consistent support.

At the end of the year many of us will move on to new jobs and new faces will join the Battalion. To those leaving I extend my thanks for your contribution in the Battalion, and I wish you well in your new appointments. For my part, I will leave after a most satisfying two years. It has been a privilege to command and work with the men of 2/4 RAR. I am very proud to have been a part of the Battalion.

I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year and I trust that the Battalion will continue to enjoy good fortune and good soldiering.



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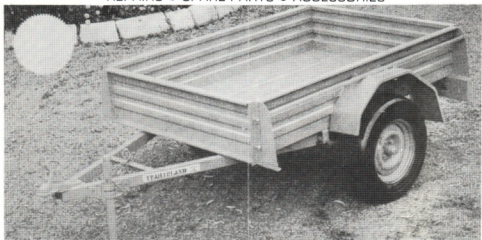


The RSM's Message

Even in this day and age, it is the simple things done well that enables us to win on the day. The results achieved and the pride and joy of THE BATTALION are worthy, well done men.

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Alpha Company

“A Year of difference!”

1986 proved to be a year of great activity caused by many different tasks back to back, allowing very little respite. No sooner had we achieved one objective, then we had to quickly adapt and prepare to tackle another.

The year followed a cycle of individual training, building to Platoon and Company training, then culminating in Battalion training. This led on to Battalion courses followed by stand down. After stand down we went into K86 and on to Christmas.

Chronologically the year was as follows:

Feb	Individual training
Mar	Bush Week
Apr	Ex Hard Yakka (a series of soldier team tasks). Ex Close Encounter (Mount Spec Coy Ex)
May	Military Skills Competition
Jun	Anti Armour Shoot, Live Fire Exercise, Parade for Governor of Queensland.
Jul	Ex Maxi Beagle
Aug	Courses
Sept	Courses and Stand down
Oct	K86
Nov	K86

The Company saw many march-ins from mid year onwards and the march-out of several members including:

Cpl Senior, 1RTB, Cpl Knapp, Rps then discharge, Cpl McGregor, 1RVR, Cpl Hill, discharge, LCpl Cauchi, AVN Cen, Pte Archer, 21 Sup Bn, Pte Shellshear, discharge, Pte Price G.E., discharge, and Pte O'Brien, discharge.

Inter-Battalion march-outs included:

Sgt Schlegel, Ops, Sgt Edwards, Int, Pte Dvoracek, B, Pte Cadelli, Admin, Pte McCarthy, Admin, Pte Willcox, Admin, Pte McMaster, Spt, Pte Kiernan, Spt, Pte Hicks, Spt, Pte Baldwin, Spt, Pte O'Regan, Spt, Pte Atkinson, Spt, Cpl Grant, Admin and Pte Headland D.

The Company started the year well on the sporting scene. The swimming carnival was strongly contested which resulted in a draw for first place between Support Company and ourselves.

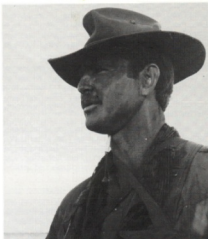
We ran out winners in the Battalion Tennis Competition which was certainly due to the leadership and example of Sergeant Eddie Schlegel.

In Australian Rules, we had straight wins over all Companies except for the draw with B Company when they returned from Butterworth. The Company surged ahead.

Athletics saw a close struggle, with Alpha having to take a narrow second to Bravo.

We ended the year by winning the Inter-Company Rifle Shoot convincingly.

After the Easter stand down in the week 7-11 Apr, 86 the



Company conducted Exercise Hard Yakka, an Exercise Trained Soldier to test the full range of Infantry skills of the nine sections plus Support Section to determine a winning section. Closely contested, it included:

- stretcher carry;
- tactical river crossing;
- day/night navigation exercise and orienteering;
- construction of wire obstacles;
- battle efficiency tests;
- section attack;
- 3km run and shoot;
- claymore training;
- signals training; and
- NBCD/aslt grenade practice.

By the end of the week, the entire Company was feeling the strain with one section under Corporal Mearns running out winners.

Battalion Bush Week was conducted in High Range Training Area with our own choice of training activities, our aims were:

- machine guns live fire practice for MG teams;
- to test military skills at individual and section level; and
- an air mobile assault at Company level.

To achieve these, the Platoons started with separate areas of operations and regrouped for the air assault. Generally, the weeks activities were very successful with the Company showing a pleasing example of the year to follow. The exercise culminated in a Company route march to the Star River airstrip for a CCO8 flight home to Lavarack.

Three Platoon

The year started pretty slowly for Three Platoon until about mid February when all the Platoon members had returned from leave.

After sweating off the Xmas spirits we went into the swing of more exciting things - you guessed it - TOET! (Tests of Elementary Training).

A month of retraining had passed and our Xmas fatties were now transformed into lean mean fighting machines.

Battalion Bush Week was upon us with no warning at all and soon we were out in the elements again with machine gun shoots, night and day navigation exercises, swimming and of course route marching.

After returning from Easter stand down, the Platoon was involved in the Company organized "Hard Yakka". This was a good means of getting back into training with the water crossing bringing out everyone's best.

We then moved into Exercise "Close Encounter" at MountSpec. In most cases it was a first look at "J". The Platoon performed well with only a few mishaps but everyone has been lost at one point or another.

Back to Lavarack for a week of duties then a week of Military Skills training for the event the following week. The Platoon came through creditably with one section topping the Company in three of the five events. Mount Vince was next and although being extremely cold we did not get any rain.

Quotable Quotes for Mount Vince were:

- a. "You have to kick freckle"
- b. "A friend in the butts is a friend indeed"

One of the highlights was when the Company Sergeant Major worked out what the white powder was!

Back to Townsville for the Anti Armour Shoot and Live Firing Exercise. A couple of good days with plenty of ammunition.

Exercise Maxi Beagle had a novel beginning with the Battalion Cross Country and an eleven hour bus ride into the starting area at Kajabbi.

The Exercise was a good way to break our new Platoon Sergeant "Shorty" Courtney to our way of thinking. It also enabled Corporal Birt and his jungle bunnies out in the open for a change.

Interesting aspects of the Exercise were:

- a. securing Burketown airfield;
- b. securing Normanton airfield with 2 Air Field Defence Squadron;
- c. Corporal Hill and Private Richards pig hunting;
- d. two cans per man at the Battalion BBQ;
- e. the Bang Bang Death March;
- f. nine sections cultural exchange mission;
- g. attempting to break the Guinness Book of Records for the greatest amount of soldiers in an APC;
- h. our "almost" river patrol.



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COMD 1 Div chats with PTE Price and PTE Gavan



L/CPL Richardson and PTE Price negotiate the traverse ropes.

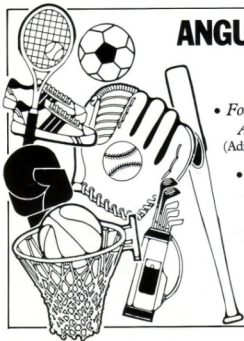
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Bravo Company



After working through the Christmas period the transition into 1986 was smooth and the company moved forward with very few manning changes. The familiar faces of his Dave Barlett and Micky Day, the body of Captain Ian Rhodes and the mouth of CSM "Uncle Marty" Harvey were all still with us. To this line up was added the fresh face of LT Martin Skin, the not so fresh face of SSGT Les Hook and occasionally we saw glimpses of the new OC Major Jack Gregg between sporting venues or when there was no wind.

After a slow start to training at individual level and the usual Bush Week, Exercise Crackshot and Duty Weeks it all happened for the Sharks on 5 June . . . we deployed to Butterworth. In one of the OC's addresses to the company (the one when nobody vomited) he promised us that we would be better infantry soldiers and better Australian citizens by RTA on 28 August and for once I think he was right. Four weeks in the J at Malaysian Combat Arms School live firing all infantry weapons and chasing the CT Pig and his men through the dense jungles of Johore certainly went a long way towards training us to fight in a difference, challenging environment. On top of this the opportunity to travel



on R and R, Singapore, Malay Peninsular and Thailand was a real bonus giving everyone the chance to visit places of cultural interest and historic significance.

Some highlights were the Company parade for the 2/4 RAR Birthday, a Soldier's Regimental Dining In Night, beating the United States of America at combat football, beating the National Royal Malay Air Force Rugby Team (and Thommo's try!), the OC's shirt, the CSM's Guinness Book of Records entry for Arms Kote packing and 5 Platoon's discovery of the Sandakan Yacht Club and POW camp site.

All up, a very satisfying tour of duty both professionally and socially and one that has moulded B Company into a team that will be hard to put down. 1986-87 from strength to strength.



Four Platoon

4 Platoon had a hectic start to '86, being short on manpower, and having to work rear details and DFACC/ODF. In between the usual training we found time to try something new and 'Bubba' found out just how hard you can hit the ground when you jump off the side of a building. From the start of the year we had a continual flow of new blood joining the platoon, replacing veterans we had lost.

The Bn Ex, shortly followed by Tully, switched everyone on to being a soldier again. Well, most people anyway... "is the canopy really thick enough to walk on?" At Mackay, Dave proved himself a crackshot by qualifying for his crossed rifles. Mil Skills was met with a lot of enthusiasm.

June saw us in sunny South East Asia. Despite the food poisoning, the smell, the climate, the locals, the price of booze and the visits to Dr Dan the trip was a success and the highlight of the year. Some people wanted Punchy to stay (permanently), and one guy in particular to chase Steve out. We found that the Ninja doesn't really give a damn which side you are on... he shoots you anyway! 'Bear' was a real animal and lived up to his name in Bangkok. The nightlife really was something else.

A special mention to all those that left us this year and to those that were attached to us. Thanks Fellas and all the best for the future.

Now that we're back in Oz, it's only Skippy 86 before we get a well deserved holiday. '86 will be a year to remember and we're ready to meet whatever challenge 1987 has in store for us.

"From booby traps and mortar shells to emu bobs and SALs."

Five Platoon

Well, 1986 started off a bit differently for us as we finished rear details and went on leave. Back on the ground in February-March with a few changes, notably LT Dechow went to Recon to teach them how to do PT and LT Skin took over and PT became easier (?).

Then it was off to HRTA just to see if the rocks were still there. Just as well we went as those Musorians were trying to steal them again. On our return CPL Adrian 'Fats' Fairleigh was sentenced to life in 6 Platoon (last time he sits in Skull's chair). New faces in CPLs 'Rats' Ratcliffe, 'Thommo' Thomson and Mick Kemp of the Old Bar Liberation Front.

Next it was off to a tropical holiday in Tully to show the new blokes such delights as wait-a-while, Gympie, and trenchfoot? Was it Barney Miller's favourite digger who wanted to take a scenic walk on top of the canopy?

It was a solid effort in Mil Skills, then off to Malaysia we went. What can we say about Malaysia that the CSM would not censor? I guess 'been there, done that, had the shots to prove it, says it all.'

In closing we all say farewell to a bloke who has spent the last nine years in the 2nd/4th Battalion, SGT Leon 'Skull' Helmrich, who is off to the Infantry Centre.

Six Platoon

1986, a year of change and travel for the platoon. Bryce McInnery went to groom his hair in CHQ's mirror, G.C. Clarke decided to hide from his friends by going to Canungra, 'Stumpy' Randall waddled off to Mortars at 5/7 RAR for a 12 month holiday. In leaped SGT 'Blue' Hancock from Kapooka, Delta contributed CPL 'Robbo' Bennett (the jet in Mil Skills) and from 5 platoon stumbled CPL 'Gomer' Glover.

Battalion Bush Week was followed by Tully and Mt Vince trips. Tully: 'Oh what a feeling'. Mt Vince: 'the barrels must have warped whilst sitting in the armoury.'

Next came the tour of Malaysia as Rifle Company Butterworth! As soon as we hit Asia most of the platoon scored an enemy trip to Kota Tingi where Spetsnaz Monkeys lay in wait to steal bush hats and other bits. Stumpy nearly became croc food when putting his hands where they didn't belong (moral support being given by Barry Smithy from a covered possie 50 metres away). Soon, the platoon complete was back in Paluda on exercise and live firing. After fighting CT pigs and performing the 'Dodgy Armees' for you and... you at Camp Burma Concert it was off to Singapore for 3 days R and R.

The platoon soon went off to see the fleshpots of Bangkok, with Greg Shinnors, Barry and the Boss going back to see how close to death they could push themselves!

Back in Oz it is training for Low Level Ops for Skippy. Mind you the Boss is off again, this time to NT with the officers to cordon and search the casino! Whatever happens the Boss has decide to whimper off to Mortars, Stumpy to Recon and Denno is looking forward to breaking heads in RPs.





CPL "Stumple" Payne. Captain of the winning B Coy Athletic Team.



Would you buy a used car from these men?



PTE "Rambo" Nelson.



Is this a PTI?

ADVICE ON THE REHABILITATION OF A SOLDIER FROM RIFLE COY BUTTERWORTH

To Whom it may concern.

This is to inform you that whether he be you son / husband / uncle / partner / cousin / nephew / mate / old friend / brother or transvestite lover, having completed an arduous tour of duty as part of Rifle Company Butterworth has returned to Townsville to resume duties with the 2nd/4th Battalion. He is no longer the sweet unspoiled boy who left sunny North Queensland on 5th June fired with patriotism, a zest for adventure and curiosity about all things Asian. He is now older, leaner, wiser, untrusting, cautious and very pleased to be an Australian. (To know Malaysia is to love Australia.)

So get the women off the streets, hide the beer and fresh milk, put a chain around the fridge and note the following good advice:-

- This man has survived the worse that SE Asia has to offer: mud, rain, heat, dust, sand, monsoons, money drains, the CSM and the Arms Kote.
- Never sit on his lap while he is having a beer and never say to him "You buy me one drink" or "Let's go for a walk" or "Do you know Marty?"
- Don't be surprised if he attempts to barter with the girl on the cash register at Woolies for "special price" or lock the taxi driver in his own cab.

- One of the earlier indications of the changes in his character will be periodic hot and cold flushes, accompanied by shortness of breath and trembling at the knees. This could be due to Malaria, Anchor withdrawal or STD (Standard Time Deviation) in his daily programme.
- If he is reluctant to rise at a suitable hour or give assistance around the house simply whisper "CSM needs Arms Kote numbers" and watch him leap out of bed with a strangled cry and try to hide in the wardrobe."
- Try to prevent him from opening beer bottles on the edge of the kitchen table, denounce all in authority, use foul language in mixed company and slash down indoor plants with his machette.
- Be tolerant if he continues to grab a shovel and head for the garden with a strained look on his face, don't abuse him, merely take away the shovel and direct him to the nearest convenience. Likewise try to understand if he wakes at night screaming "the CT Pig is coming for us."
- He may not act it, but he is your very own. Given time he will settle into round eye society and cease running plastic motorcyclists off the road. By Christmas he should be well adjusted enough to start a new adventure in 1987.

Thankyou and Good luck.

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Charlie Company



The Squadron leapt off to a flying start this year with it's weekly 10K strolls and 15K tests. 9 PL deployed to the F.F.B.S. Tully with the squadrons lids in tow. Only 4 days after Cyclone Winifred had flattened most of the 'J' in the area. The platoon, under the leadership of Herr Potter and acting PI Sgt Cess Wombat Petracca achieved a very high standard under quite arduous and different conditions.

As the year rolled on X country running became the go with squadron training under the OC with his socks rolled tightly we knew when the session would be a hard one. But it paid off later in the year with Cadre Squadron winning the BN X Country even on the rerun.

We did well throughout the year with the winning of champion company of Mil skills, orienteering and tennis with LCPL Jakins being chosen for the Bde.

DP1 checks ran thick and fast as the squadron prepared for deployment to P.N.G. the highlight of the year. On arrival we acclimatized with a 15K X Country and a swim in the sea. Within a few days we deployed to the field and operated on tracks used during WWII and in true military tradition the mountains were steep with razor back ridge lines. The Climax of the bush trip was a squadron attack on a PL size enemy group on a feature using the same tracks as a similar attack on the feature in WWII. During the bush trip a number of weapons, pits, ammo and equipment were found and returned to Australia. Adventure training in P.N.G. had the platoons doing different activities. 7 PL rafted down the Sepik River. 8 PL survival training on an island. And the champion platoon went to Madang and roughed it for a week whilst diving on a sunken B25 Bomber.

The last week of P.N.G. was sports and the dark locals gave us a flogging, at everything except the X Country of course, in which we blitzed them. On our return to Oz we rattled with massive amounts of Anti Malaria Pills we had to take.

Exercise Wontok Warrior

Charlie Coy deployed to New Guinea for a month of independence for 120 people, three helicopters and three aircraft bulked out with stores. The exercise was to prove educational and challenging.

The aims of the exercise were to provide a different training environment and an intensive cultural exchange.

There was no distinct period of cultural exchange. The friendliness of the National population was evident from the start and the unofficial contact ranged from impromptu clinics on the beach from the children from 'Doc' Bryan to the police commandant at Madang referring to OC 9 PI as "Commander Australian Forces-Madang".

The company was hosted by 2 RPIR, located at Moem Barracks, Wewak. Although warned not to expect much we were still surprised at the small size of the town and all ranks soon found the best time was to be had with our hosts or on the beach a few minutes walk from the camp.

The field training phase was conducted in the Dagua area with several days work at section and platoon level heading up to a company advance to Toketu pass, the site of a major operation by the 2nd/3rd Bn 2AIF. D Coy, 2 RPIR provided the support for the exercise. Used both in the sections and as enemy they soon showed their very high standard of individual skills in close country, disappearing from view in only a few metres and living very comfortably from the land. At the conclusion of this phase a commemorative service was held on the objective, followed by some enthusiastic burrowing for relics in the easily identified pits from 45 years ago. Interestingly, the most common relics on this site were Australian beer bottles!

A lack of raw materials reduced the company rafting expedition to a platoon. The home-made bamboo and steel drum rafts proved equal to the task of keeping a section afloat for three days although things became perilously damp on several occasions as the locals boarded to exchange artifacts for cereal blocks and survival biscuits. Great disappointment was noted on most of the faces when the only live crocodiles were securely fenced in on a farm.

Three adventure training activities were conducted. The largest group practiced newly learnt local survival skills on the beaches of Muschu Island, bartering remnants of rations for fresh fruit, vegetables, chicken and fish. From the length of time spent lying on the beach doing nothing, many were obviously quite weak from such Spartan fare.

A second group embarked as deck cargo on a coastal steamer to Madang. Their activities centred on swimming and diving on the reefs and wrecks in the area.

A far smaller group of 6 headed into the highlands to climb Mt. Wilhelm. The mountain, at 14,793 feet is twice the height of Kosciuszko, all participants suffered from the altitude with sleepless nights and headaches. The climb was successful in that all reached the summit, and was followed by a leisurely trip through the highland provinces by vehicle.

The final phase of the exchange was the inevitable round of sporting activities where we were soundly trounced in all sports except a 13km cross country. Highlights of this were Lt Smith being unable to remember what country he was in after a solid tackle, and the RMOs soft ball team losing to the battalions second best pitcher (80KPH). Some face saving was achieved with the company taking 17 of the first 20 cross country places.

The exchange was a memorable one for all concerned. While it perhaps lacked the night life and strenuous social contact of Butterworth or Hawaii, the friendliness of the people, and the training completed, more than compensated.

Maxi Beagle

C Coy had only just returned from independent operations in the steamy jungles of Papua New Guinea when their services were required in deep North Queensland.

"THE COY" moved as part of the BN group by C130 to Burketown and from there to Inverleigh by CC08. In a combined operation D Coy swept through the Normanton township in APC's, while "THE COY" conducted an airmobile assault on the airfield. Once the airfield was secure "The Fighting Eight" was required to assist D Coy. A swift operation left six dead and gave 8PI, its first KIA.

Such was the reputation of this bunch of men that 2 AFDS asked for a platoon from "THE COY". Lt K.J. Potter pushed his men hard calling on his men to establish Ops in locations like the Purple Pub.

Meanwhile "THE COY" (-) plus a flight (platoon) from 2 AFDS started to clear AOs Maggie and Robin - a vast amount of nothing. Moving up to 150 KM per day, mounted in APC's; "THE COY" pushed the enemy to Bang Bang. Did C/S3 4 actually reach Bang Bang before the rest of the BN? - rumour says yes!

VCP's became the order of the day and "THE COY" became most proficient at establishing them. The enemy (always travelling out of exercise) exchanged pleasantries with those manning the VCP as they passed through.

"THE COY" captured some 17 prisoners during early patrolling operations some even captured by CHQ (Capt Paterson and SSgt Francis take a bow)!

Pte "Mad Dog" Peters did not seem to enjoy the exercise, in fact at times he was really **crabby!**



Gulf Country Inhabitants.

BHQ discovered that the enemy was concentrating at Bang Bang about 10 days after we did. Reconnaissance Patrols were inserted into the area and promptly lost communications. A BN attack was decided upon and the Bang Bang death march commenced.

"THE COY", leading, secured the FUP and prepared to act as depth in the assault. Who could forget the sight of the men of 2 AFDS moving into the FUP - bodies erect, walking smoothly as if they were just out for a wee stroll!

The attack commenced and at one stage it looked as if "THE COY" would not be used in the assault. Eventually we were required and did no less than was expected of us, sweeping through all enemy resistance from all points of the compass.

The exercise concluded with a BN Bar BQ where LCpl Doran managed to consume thirteen cans of 2.1% beer - not bad on two cans per man!

The extremely flexible movements programme had "THE COY" leave early the following morning. In recognition of their services the men of "THE COY" were given a bar to the B.S.O. (Braised Steak and Onions) that they had won in the earlier Papua New Guinea campaign.

The gulf country will be remembered for its sheer nothingness, its even pleasant property owners, its drunk drivers and the considerable dust not to mention brolgas, little corellas, roos, catfish and crocodiles.

Kangaroo 86



CPL Muir examines the result of his shooting.

EX K 86 the logistical rockshow with a difference. The Squadron deployed as the force reserve. Having this as the basis for excitement we downed our gas masks helmets flack jacks and webbing and begun to excite ourselves by running around the BN area, under the carefull but demanding supervision of SGT Howard. On arrival at Oaky Creek the squadron handled a number of different and varied ops. Like the vehicle VCP check points on Halloween Night. The V.C.P. which was rolled up, turned violent. Then became a non event. The 2 hour Patrol which lasted 16 hours in Cappella with finding, breaking into and hot wiring of an enemy veh. The CSM discouraging a local magpie from attacking twice. The hasty withdrawal of 9 PL HQ off radio hill after a lighting strike during the storm. The cordon and search operation at Middlemount. Putting on the open day displays, and 9 PL with supervision from a civil film crew made stars of themselves firing their only shots of the Ex. The end of the year brings a number of farewells, our Q people, the white pinter and Scotte are going to Swan postings. The OC is going to be a seagull; Lt Smith, Lt Fitzgerald, CPL Petracca, CFN Bartlett and Sgt Howard (to be boss hog) will all move on at the end of the year as well as others. To all those leaving the squadron we wish you all the best at your new appointments or postings. For those who are remaining in cadre squadron we hope for a relaxed year in 1987.



OC Charlie — The agony of winning.



CSM Charlie and the RSM of the Army.

CHARLIE COY



Back Row (left to right): LCPL G.J. Cillford, CPL R.K. Harrison, PTE T.J. Dudley, PTE R.P. Garnett, PTE M.L. Paton, PTE K.J. Armstrong, LCPL D. Boyle, LCPL E. Doran, PTE T.G. Burnapp, PTE S.G. Wilson, PTE E.A. McGarry, PTE M.M. Wainwood, PTE J.W. Peters, PTE D.J. Bowen, PTE G.D. Taylor, PTE D.P. Keough.

Fourth Row: PTE D. Gillard, PTE D.J. Hunt, PTE D.J. Hilder, PTE S.P. Hoolihan, LCPL M.J. Miller, PTE R.N. Welforth, PTE N.J. Walpole, PTE D.K. Boyd, PTE P.C. Mee, PTE J.R. Garsena, PTE M.A. Bodley, PTE C.R. Warwick, LCPL R.A. O'Brien, CPL G.P. Mills, PTE W.M. Collins, PTE A.M. Lewis, PTE S.J. Nicholson, PTE D.J. Bates.

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Absent: PTE T.G. Bernard, PTE S.P. Brown, PTE D.B. Buscill, PTE T.J. Cumming, PTE P. Lam, PTE J.W. Kelly, CPL G.J. Lewis, CPL P.J. Williams, PTE I.J. Luk, PTE D.S. Niblett.

Delta Company



"Road Runners."

D Coy deployed as enemy for 1RAR on their air mobile exercise Eager Eagle 86, the location non other than -HRTA!

The Coy was despatched to three locations, 11PI walked, ran and crawled up and down the entire western side of the range, being chased by frustrated and aggro 1RAR soldiers. 10PI kept the enemy working on the eastern side and experienced four live fire attacks, from the receiving end, with gunships, arty and mortars which gave them more than a scare when some misdirected rounds nearly landed on them. 12PI were scattered all over the place; the red datsun ute (Sgt Dows) was observed being chased from HRTA to the Thuringowa tip by a UH1H gunship - good thing he got away. They also caused havoc in and around the RAAF base causing the defending 1RAR Coy and RAAF police, quite a few headaches.

The grande finale, most probably seen on T.V., was the Coy held up in the old South Townsville Power Station, a Musorian staging area for a quick get away by submarine. 1RAR put in a cordon and stormed the building. Much to their surprise, and much gnashing of teeth, their job was made very difficult with T.J. Jones and several others holding up the bottom floor entry point. It cost the first platoon through the door very dearly. They were wiped out as they entered, the bodies piling up very quickly. Whilst the building could



Cpl. Rule after capture at the Power Station.

have been secured in other ways, the fighting was very realistic. A hostage situation brought things to a halt, and whilst Lt Lean sent the police negotiator into complete turmoil and Sue Dow won an oscar for her impressive performance at getting killed, the Townsville Police SWAT team were quite relieved to eventually find out it was an exercise - I'd say it was a draw. A good exercise.



FTE Damien Fay ponders the answer to life, the universe and when next pay day is.



The enemy kept us amused and some interesting skirmishes developed; a high speed chase with APC and two LOHs running top cover netted us a good score! The local Caltex owner looked after the enemy with hamburgers and goffa's, the town drunk advised that the enemy were hiding in the mine shafts around the town-only problem there was that they cover the area, literally thousands! Cpl Lindgren conducted his own recon whilst on patrol one night and fell 20' down a shaft. Luckily it was full of water! He did need a hand to get out and declared it clear - good thing for toggle ropes Les!

An air assault on a station 60km from Croydon went amiss when a CH47, carrying Def PI from 38de and members from the Coy, crashed. Luckily it wasn't for real, although many believed it was and helicopters flew around like paper wasps until the CO squared things away, and a massive casevac was organized with all available resources. That over we continued on in APC's and secured the homestead. A good rapport was established with the townspeople, the Coy ate well and were entertained at the rodeo ground by an attractive young lady who showed the lads what could be done with a horse. A cricket match and other activities gave the boys the experience of being on operations whilst working closely with a community.



Our successes on the exercise were shrouded by the theft of three weapons on the second last night. The culprit was caught and found guilty, but it left everyone rather aggro.

On a serious note - I would like to thank all the soldiers in the Bn who openly expressed their support and concern over the incident. That is what makes a good unit and was appreciated by all of us - thank you.

D Coy Boxing



Mt Vince

During exercise Crack Shot Delta Company managed to better its shooting achievements of last year. By the end of the weeks long shooting spree we had produced 41 marksmen, four better than the year before. Admittedly, the Battalions team who were to compete for selection for the Cambrien March were also with us but some of those were ex Delta anyway.

Corporal Lee our medic was the highest scorer on the marksmanship practice with a score of 238. He was followed closely by Private Healy with a score of 233. Congratulations fellows for some excellent shooting. Well done to all of you! Once again it was the relaxed approach to training and the excellent range facilities at Mt Vince which went a long way to achieving these results.



CHQ Bears hard at it.

11 Platoon

11 Platoon has worked proficiently throughout 1986 and has been able to deliver the goods when required. It is unfortunate that we have lost so many hard working "diggers" to Support Company but we know that you are still there to give us timely assistance when required. All the best for the future Thomo, "Big Nose", Pedro, "Now you see me, Now you don't", Oddy, "Dogs", Boddy, Glen Henry and Graham Barber.

There were a number of notable incidents that are worthy of mention. Who will forget "Rambo" Smith falling down a 20m razor back ridge line at Tully, surviving, and then having another go because he missed the pine tree the first time. Needless to say the Platoon could have done with out the resulting arduous stretcher borne CASEVAC.

During 1 RARs exercise Eager Eaglet the platoon took great delight dressing up as NORQEB workers; and running a muck in Townsville's district power station and generally infuriating and embarrassing 1 RAR. The fact that we had been chased from mountain top to mountain top in Grasshopper Sector of HRTA earlier in the exercise might have been a contributing factor.

During exercise Maxi Beagle 11 Platoon was attached to 2AFDS RAAF. Their methods were novel to say the least.



Pte Ross and Pte Stacey contributed to the "fire storm" during the attack on the Power Station.



L/CPL Parker is led away after "running amok" in the Power House.

As we approached Bang Bang during the Battalion attack it was some what of a surprise to us to discover the right flank flight on our left when 11 Platoon was the left forward element of the Squadron.

K86 Of course we can't fail to mention our Platoon Commander who is fleet of foot. Some how he escaped his protection party on a "recee" during the cordon of Ogmire and rearreared with an Orange lander in tow. It was the opinion of the section commanders that their job was redundant. In future the Boss should travel well forward and, by the use of his bullet proof slides, deal with encountered areas of resistance by himself.

11 Platoon has tried to enjoy itself throughout the year and will endeavour to better its achievements next year.



Support Company



Throughout 1986 Spt Coy has been like the proverbial blue fly - everywhere and in everything. The exception being that the world is a better place for our passing. **HONEST!**

Yet again the Company, by being quietly efficient has asserted its superiority in military skills, sports and other endeavours. As a Company of specialists the opportunity to work as a Company is limited, however it has been achieved quite successfully during "Crack Shot 4" at Mt Vince, the innumerable duty weeks and at Company "do's".

The Platoons each have their own tale to tell yet special mention must go to Recon Platoon for taking out top section and Platoon in the Mil Skills. Special mention should also go to the OC, RSO and Sgt Symons for their contributions to AUST-International relations (each in a different category); SSgt Weber and Pte (GEN) Lowe in the field of interpersonal relations and a list of sportsmen and their achievements so long you couldn't jump over it.



CHQ has remained at action stations on the bridge and in the Boiler Room throughout the year. The Boiler Room lost a good hand with the passage of SSgt Weber to Admin but was just as happy to welcome in SSgt (Shorty) Davis from Admin. Meantime the bridge underwent a clean sweep of new faces with a new OC, 2IC and CSM in Maj Lee, Capt Farmer and WO2 Hingston. The boss coming from B Coy (amazing how loyalty changes. All the best at MAJ sorry Natural Disasters College next year boss), and the 2IC and CSM busy swapping yarns on how the world differs to the ARES. Depth has been maintained by the REAL HARD workers, being LCpl Danny Sheehan (congrats on the tape) in the Q Store and Cpl (Combat Clerk) OJ and Pte (GEN) Lowe in the Orderly Room. Both OJ and the GEN have increased the output of bumph from their "remodelled" Orderly Room. Lowie quickly asserted himself as the boss while OJ was busy topping SUBJ 2 at Tully. (Well done to the both of you).

Enthusiasm, effort, support and loyalty have been the trademarks of Spt Coy in 1986 - a good year. To all ranks and their families - well done and all the best for '87.



UP WHERE WE BELONG!

OC SPT MAJ CA Lee accepts the Schlyder Shield on the behalf of the senior soldiers of the Bn.

Signals Platoon

The year of '86 started off pretty well considering all the chopping and changing with new PI members.

We managed to keep hold of our RSO Capt. Mitchell for another year but gained a new addition to the family with our Radio Sgt. Peter (Chuckles) Young, for what might be an indefinite posting.

Most of the NCO's remained the same except for some that were deported from rifle Coys. One being Cpl "I want to go back to a Rifle Coy" Trevorrow, (the only man alive that can chew at an apple through a tennis racquet), Jamesy came back to the PI earlier in the year and soon let everyone know he was there. He then quickly scooped up a trip to Hawaii.

We also gained a host of new soldiers, all with a wide range of personalities and admin. problems and not to mention the latest fashion in hair styles (much to the RSO's dislike). The new members quickly developed their skills on the Battalion Bush Week at the start of the year, considering they were put in the hot seat with little or no experience. A job well done by all.

As the year progressed the manning within the PI started to thin out with people going here and there on courses or overseas. One of our men moved off to SASR to fulfill his life's ambition, well done Feasty.

Some of the smaller exercises at the beginning of the year were a build up to the big one 'Ex MAXI BEAGLE'. We were pretty well prepared for it except maybe for the manning. B Coy. went to Malaysia prior to the exercises and left us very much understaffed, taking with them Dolly Dalton and about seven others. Also Cpl "They're sending me away soon" Phillipi and Cpl "I'm more senior to you" McPherson were away on promotion courses. Considering the lack of men the Ex went extremely well and we all managed to overcome any problems that arose with courses and the like. The RSO & Radio Sgt were very pleased with the mighty job done by all.

Halfway through the year we entered two sections in the Military Skills Comp. Due to work commitments with other Rifle Coys & CPX's prior to the comp. the two sections were hard pressed to find time for solid training; however, both sections proved themselves fully during the competition putting much pressure on Recon PI all the way through. Watch out for the handbags next year fellas.

Promotion and Specialist courses had the PI running in all directions this year. The main one that affected us was the organisation and running of the Regi Sig Cse. All in all it went quite well and we managed to find four suitable members for the PI.

Our newest member for the PI is PI Sgt Geoff (Blues) Eylward who is handling the soldiers admin problems with ease

Wait until he hears these:

"Sarge, can I have time off to take my bike to court"

"Sarge, sorry I was late, I was stuck behind a truck with a house on it"

"Sarge, can you lend me some money until payday, my rego's run out, my fine's overdue and I gotta to to court"

"Sarge, I have an appointment with Stefan's at 1330, can I have some time off"

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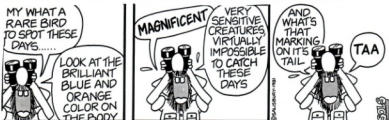
"Sarge, can I get off my guard comd this week, I haven't got a shirt ready and also I have seen a new car I want to buy"

All in all the year has gone off rather well. The PI is high in Spirit and undoubtedly looking forward to the new year and new experiences after the well deserved Christmas break.

Question:

Does Max Reichow really work for Broadly Autos?

2/4 RAR'S ANSWER TO "HARRY BOTTLER" — STEVE MITCHELL



Mortar Platoon

Mortar Platoon farewelled a lot of mortarmen this year including Gravo, Viny, Oby 1 and 2, Hardy, Braz, Haynesy, Pricey and gained Sgts Megs and Noddy and Ptes Bugg, Sol, Trumbs Willy, O'Reagen, Rambo Devine, Atkinson, Watsy and Gracey.

The Platoon is full of characters and below are some of the more notable happenings:

"Father" Rasmus and his highly technical explanation of the mortar to seven year old kids, even stumped those listening.

"Beaker" Elliot - "Officers can't talk to me like that. I'm a Cpl".

Galvo's section buying out Normanton's bread supply two days in a row.

"Fish" Mackrill rehearsing for a part in the next Chainsaw Massacre movie at Babinda.

"Haynes" experiences in the back of a truck, he thanks you all.

"Harros" near faultless navigation, only 10km out.

"Bolts" is he the big bad Mr. Lavarack or Mr. Townsville?

"Tinny" Heron showed up for work, after his sporting commitments, on Saturday and Sunday.

"Crabbies" saving the Companys reputation and the flag at great personal sacrifice.

"Flatten-em" Wassman the human Aussie Rules bulldozer.

"Dead-eye" Trumble, many a figure eleven target owes their life to this man.

"Longers" and "Thommo" the best Rugby players ever to leave the field.

"Gracey" plays with a broken wing and brain damage.

"SAS" Kestel, everyone should have at least 10 cars per year.

"Hairpin Bend" Watts, corners at 190KPH are no challenge.

"Sgts Mess" Symons, pass the port.

"Smithy" single handedly trying to save the brewing industry.

"Pots and Drums" Devine, attempting unsuccessfully to raise Admin Coys standards during his brief stay.

"Stevy Stephens", required by Recon PI to give directions on a certain 15 klicker.

"Crombs" Crombie, only person who doesn't need an outboard motor when going fishing.

"Sol" Solomon, famous words when stopped by the MPs, "Who looks at their speedo?"

Dean Bugg must be the motor mechanics most popular friend.

Aaron "You're wanted on the telephone" Daniels.

Macka "I really want to be a pilot" McClure.

Around bar opening time somewhere in August Sgt Steve Bennion, a POM!!, joined our Platoon. Immediately noticeable about this pale fighting fit POM was his grasp of the Australian language and his strange manner of speech. He quickly took to hiding from work, ably led by Sgts Megs, Symo, Noddy and



Bernie, although he was occasionally spotted attending a mortar course.

After working so hard, and at the taxpayers expense; he was sent on a goodwill tour of Australia. He returned still pale but a physical wreck and with an improved vocabulary, Fourex, Fosters, Carlton, VB, Swan, and Tooheys. Anyway he is soon returning to the Mother Land, a lot wiser, a lot larger, and a lot more impressed with the value of these exchanges.

From Mortar Platoon we extend our wishes to all members and families for a happy and prosperous 1987.

Townsville keg carrying Champions



Reconnaissance Platoon



CPL Brooks

Recon PI slipped quietly into 1986 with a revamped organization and a keen interest in low level operations. It took the first month to convince the PI that low level ops was in fact work and not occupying sleeping hides underneath beds. The old guard in Sniper Section refused to be convinced of this and could often be found in Pte Tarrants room discussing the merits of their Yowie suits as pillows!

As a lead up to the Mil Skills Competition Recon PI took to wearing PT gear and going over to visit LCpl Bell twice a day. This had a remarkable effect on morale with the PI soon realising that the only way to discontinue the Bosses happiness at doing PT was in fact to do some weapons training. Subsequently, Cpl "Jimmy the Pig" McGuire's section topped the weapons stand and the 15kMBE becoming champion section for 1986 - our thanks to Pte Wassman of Mortars for working in the Section. Cpl 'Block' Brooks lead his section to a close second; owing mainly to an outstanding effort by an unidentified bloodnut carrying a toggle rope on the monkey bars. Overall, Recon became champion PI but was unable to participate in the Duke of Gloucester Cup owing to overseas commitments.

Flash A Report on New Guinea from the inflictor.

".... a Recon PI was detached to Charlie Sqd for Ex Wankot Warrior; this started with sealed orders and an ETS. However, when we arrived in country the trip turned into a pleasant surprise with hard yakka for a

couple of weeks in the J. A bit of time-off touring the islands, fishing and scuba diving at Madang rounded-off a very good trip"

Flash with B Coy in Malaysia by Cpl Brooks.

".... having attached ourselves to B Coy the Recon members were widely dispersed within the Coy ranks only marrying up to discuss covert ops on how better to ruin our bodies. The PI heirarchy formed the CT Pig cell and preceded to decimate the B Coy ranks. Having successfully obtained B Coy's surrender the Recon element moved to Muko Meeds to regroup and raise B Coys morale. At all times our thoughts were with Lt 'Deckchairs' Dechow who was on his secret course in Melbourne. The PI heirarchy was banished back to Australia to prepare the Junior Rambos Course in early August leaving behind the young members of the PI to enjoy oriental pleasures"

The Junior Rambos Course revealed some outstanding efforts on the part of some students. Pte McIver was voted the best looking soldier and had the pleasure of working with Sgt Morris. Incidentally Sgt Morris has just been appointed as the BN FFI officer in order that he may complete his new pam; MLW 1-2-1 Sex In The Field. According to Sgt Morris this pam will offer new and informative advice to Section Comds & PI Sgt on a wide range of subjects from 'where to site the PI latrine' to '101 things the PI Sgt can do for PHQ'. Upon completing 7 weeks of arduous duty under Sgt Morris, Dog Proctor, Moory, Kieno; Mick Toohey, Mac and Bill Kennedy proved themselves to be men of low standards and motivation and were welcomed into the PI for K86.

The year also saw a few promotion casualties to Recon's manning. Pte O'Conner became Cpl O'Connor and Ptes Mau, Stanton & Quinn became LCpls. Goodbyes are also extended to Pte Tarrant who elected to go south to 6RAR and play volleyball and Pte Martin Rees (the man who makes walking look difficult) who has gone to raise the standard of soldiering in Recon PI 3RAR. Cpl 'Bones' Brady also left us for that oriental experience in Thailand and hasn't been heard of since. His hungover face will be sadly missed in the Recon lines.

See you all in 1987.

EDITORS NOTE: Bones has changed his mind again and he is now back in Recon.

Assault Pioneers



With the departure of Lt 'George' Tulley to UNSWR in late '85, it was my pleasure to assume command of the platoon. It was straight into the work with the construction of a vehicle ramp for air movements at RAAF Base Garbutt.

Through 1986, we've had numerous requests for maintenance jobs and supplies from both the outside world and within the battalion. Some to note would be changing unhygienic sand for fresh sand for the handicapped kids at Cootharinga Special School, a CO's photo board in battalion colours, book cases for the previous Chaplain, assistance in fernery construction at the Officer's Mess, the odd job at the Sergeant's Mess and a bath for the ETVCC.

Early in the year, LCpl Thomas led a section to Tully FFBS to clean up after cyclone Winifred while renovations to the obstacle course were being done. Later in the year, detachments were sent with B and C Coys to Butterworth and PNG respectively. Everyone seemed to enjoy the foreign countryside.

In lieu of all this, training had to be done and exercise. "Doing Both" was done over two weeks in Bluewater State Forest incorporating IMT in patrolling and ambushing. Navigation played an important part of both exercises. Well, it must have if Cpl Logan found a hill so much to his liking, he led his section right around it - three times.

Exercise Maxi-Beagle became a logistic problem for Pioneers. We deployed with assault boats and fishing lines, but where were the huge barramundi we'd heard about. C'mon all you budding logisticians.

Naturally, live rounds were issued to "scare off" any little croc that appeared too friendly, but when it came to ones the size of our assault boats within a 200 metre radius, discretion became the better part of valour.

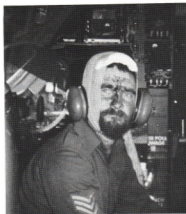
So, it came to pass with two deployments by Chinook, complete with boats to C Coys AO, that some patrolling was done, not to mention patrol insertions and even some first aid (eh, Sarge?). Naturally the cat fish became



an important part of our lives. They are a most versatile fish; they can be baked, fried, roasted, toasted, jaffled and even drop-kicked and still remain the same.

The moral of the operations was:

*"Stand not near a lone assault boat
Whence a Chinook approacheth,
Lest you be knocked flat and buried beneath the
Assault Boat and get BANJOED"*



SUPPORT COMPANY



Admin Company



Pipes and Drums in 86

86 started very early for Pipes and Drums with the staging of the South Australian Jubilee 150th Military Tattoo. All the Regiment Pipes and Drums 2/4 RAR, 3 RAR, 5/7 RAR, 6 RAR, and 8/9 RAR together with two local ARES PIPES AND Drums, Adelaide University Regt and the resurrected 27 Royal South Australian Regt took part. Also in attendance from the UK was the 1st Bn Scots Guards which made a full compliment of 100 Pipes and Drummers.

Our P/Ds left Townsville by hercules on the 19th Feb and flew the Ronnies Milk run down the coast to Edinburgh Air Base where we settled into very comfortable accommodation. After our initial welcome, southwork sangers, it was co-ord conferences, practices and rehearsals for promotional coverage for the Tattoo.

After tuning up it was pictures for the papers then the Regiment P/Ds trundled down the busy King William Street to Torrens Parade ground where we fell out and back to the Air Base.

After the televised march and interviews the local ladies seemed to have an instant liking to these kilted soldiers, less undies and all (that came to 100 or 50 pairs of swinging b---s). The fans didn't last long however, for the Guards opened their mouths and hence, the Aussie came second. Mind you diggers are flexible and it wasn't long before they too developed a lingo for purposes I don't wish to mention.

Rehearsals then began to build up and after the seventh, the only respite from the boredom were some army nurses put on a display that made the kilts and sporrans bulge.

Short skirts, suspenders and skimpy pants certainly softened up the P/Ds and rehearsals after that became a pleasure. The relationship with these young lusty lassies really developed during the Tattoo period until finally we had our own Tattoo lights out on the local beach the last night.

Being a part of the ODF our P/Ds started a PT programme which took the form of a run to Elizabeth Park where the Pipe Majors parents supplied breakfast and a generous dram to start us on our way. This resulted in our return to barracks by tax. This gesture we repaid by attending their family bar-a-cue and taking out the first three shelves of liquor.

The performances went according to plan and if you can imagine a 100 pipes and drummers appearing through Castle gates, it instantly gave you that hair raising feeling of pride.

If I may, I'll mention some of guests and reviewing officers, Brig T.F. Walker 4MD, Comd R. Hardy RAN, Air Comm T.W. O'Brien RAAF, Chiefs of Staff Maj Gen Clunes-Ross, Surg Rear Adm Trelour, Air Vice Marshall W. Simmons, His Excellency Lt Gen Sir Donald Dunstan (No the other one is ripping off the Chinese community in Melbourne) and His Excellency The Governor General of Australia Sir Ninan Stephen oh!!! and the SA Premier, John Bannon. As you can see the eyes of Gods were upon us.

After the last performance, the Tattoo committee put on FREE drinks for all the performers and you won't believe how so much was drunk so quickly, in so short a time, mind you when its a Free-beer it seems to taste better.

When all the drinks had gone it was on the buses and back to Edinburgh where we all changed and went out for farewells in all forms.

After all that, when you hit the spot light and start your routine the pride in your Regt pours out of you and your reward, praise from the spectators and the Big boys we work for, its a great feeling.

What of the continuing year? well, less swans and more regimental type work. It seems that 1RAR can tour for two weeks while we did our commitments and their type of military commitments were - ARES, 11FFGP, 31 Bn RQR, 51 FNQR, RAN Cairns, all messes in the Lavarack area plus funerals, weddings, Corp parades, Sqn concerts and not forgetting our Mil Skills week of 31 guard mounts.

12 May Coral Day saw the Pipe Major perform his balancing act on the top of 1RARs Officers Mess roof to play a lament for the Coral heroes. "Heroes at Coral", was written by 2/4 P/D for that annual occasion.

We mustn't forget, ANZAC Day, that began for P/D at 0330 with dispatching pipers and buglers to varied ceremonies. RAAF Garbutt, P/Major Bob Casey, Dave Schmid and Taffy Evans to Ignatius Park College, Trevor Davis and Rocky Coulter at the Battalions dawn service. As for the Bde HQ dawn service "Bugler"? well I believe the Commander and the Command RSM were discussing ways of stuffing a certain bugle up a certain buglers arse. Who's left ye, the wee man with the wee stick.

The month of May saw us in Weipa and Bamaga, June was Cairns for 51 FNQR, July was the Governor of Queensland's Guard with the Black bears and commanded by OC Admin Coy a magnificent performance. During August came the Bn Birthday and if you had your eyes peeled you may have noticed our versatile CSM performing, Clem Russell (playing an open "c"), with our local finance planner Mr. Ian Kennedy. Many thanks to Clem and Ian who gave up valuable time to be with us.

Freedom of the City saw a small contingent of 8/9 RAR P/D help us out and thanks to their CO and P/M for the assistance. As you've seen our numbers are going down and recruits are hard to get, so give a thought to becoming a part of the Battalions traditions.

K86, with less numbers and medical restrictions the P/D were unable to supply the necessary medical support to the Companies, however the few we had became defence section for CHQ AECH performing the basic skills we all know. They also performed as back up signallers, linesmen, switch operators and local defence duties. A varied, versatile bunch of MUSO's. Mind you one day little drummer boy Price may eventually master that bloomin bugle.

11 Nov was Thuringowa City's first memorial service with their new RSL in attendance, however K86 takes priority and we had to arrange for our LOBs to perform.

29 Nov James Cook University Staff Club had their St. Andrews Dinner (Scottish Dinner) and of course the P/Maj carried out that task, baggies, Scotch lassies, and all for free a very enjoyable night.

On 25 Nov we also carried out a concert for the Good Shepherd Hospice. A rewarding performance when you're appreciated by our senior citizens.

Our last few parades were with 2FD Sup Battalion and the 31RQR Recruit Parade then we gradually put away the uniform and went on BRL.

However, if you decide to attend the Casinos New Years party, you'll hear and see the P/Maj blowing in the New Year, (Hogmanay).

Last of all to our Commanding Officer LtCol O'Sullivan MBE "A guide new year" from your pipes and drums and to our P/D Ofir Maj Wheatley many thanks, it's not easy to understand Pipers and Drummers.

Pipe Major W. Gall

Catering Platoon



1986 looked a busy one from the start, in the telling it proved to be just that with some notable successes and generally satisfying results.

First up this year we explored the high range training area with "Bush Week", which got the platoon thinking at field cooking level in preparation for the major exercises during this year, and also served as an introduction to some of our newer members of the Platoon.

The next activity worth mentioning was the trips to Malay and PNG.

The Malaysian trip was lead by Sgt Pressley, who has Cpl Burns, Pte (Shep) Sheppard and Pte Greg Bolt as his team. They first spent a few weeks at Pauda, where they had to play a little grunting. One of the things worth mentioning about the trip would be when Pte Greg Bolt tried to spend some time in the Sgts Mess as one of the members. He was doing really well until someone found out he was only a Pte. (Bad luck Greg try again in a few years time). Anyway it's good to have them back with us again at work, as long as Cpl Burns leaves that white fire water alone.

Then there was the trip to PNG, where Sgt (Bernard) King, Cpl (Pinky) Allen, Pte (Blue) Abraham and Pte (Pop) Austin showed the PNG cooks how to cook and use their equipment in the kitchen. Cpl Allen for the duration of the trip looked after the ORs. He found it rather easy to prepare meals, for if they had a Chicken Schnitzel on the menu, he would only have to bone one chicken as a demonstration to the PNG cooks was enough. He would then hand over the other 30 chickens to them and returned when they were finished.

Pte (Blue) Abraham fell right into place, he could talk all he wanted to, and the PNGs to the day we left still didn't understand him.

Pte Austin worked at the Officer's Mess whilst at PNG. He must have liked it, as the PNG cooks had him in their beer garden playing darts and if he had a hard night the night before they would have him rest his head in the Staff Room.

And then there was Sgt King who tried to speak to them in Pidgen. They seemed to understand he thought, but they but they just walked off trying to find out what he was about.

Next was exercise "Maxi Beagle". Prior to going on this trip, the Catering Platoon was trained on the new field kitchen (KFM). It was a trying time, it was like teaching an old dog new tricks.



SGT Morgan.

On arrival at Normanton we set up our new kitchen under the direction of WO2 Peter Crooks and Sgt Glen Morgan. Before long we were into the meat of the work. The caterer with his crystal ball would then advise the Platoon of how many we would be feeding the following day, (anything between 700 to 1000 men each meal). Then came the time to dish up the meals into the TV dinner trays. At the front of the production line would be Sgt Morgan and Sgt King and by the end of the line was Sgt (Jock) Lorimer with his team putting the stamp of approval on the meals. At the end of the trip we had trayed up well over 20,000 meals, so I suppose it would qualify as Meals on Wheels.

Near the end of the exercise Pte Terry Riley was set up well and truly. He was told he had to go out in the middle of the afternoon to do a Recca patrol, so he was prepared for this **dangerous** mission! At this stage he was starting to catch on, so to prove it was for real Pte Abraham was sent out to assist him. They both were given rounds and briefed at the CP and then sent on their way. Meanwhile the remainder of the Platoon got into a good position to watch what was about to happen.



PTE Riley and the Caterer.

As they patrolled they were told to go in one direction, and straight around the race track. As they reached the other side of the track the enemy opened fire on them and it was total confusion, Terry started to run the other way, away from the enemy. After he had realised what was happening he stopped and returned fire only to find the enemy advancing upon him and Blue. So off they ran and it was a race to see who was first back to base camp, Terry or Blue.

Other events for the year were the Bn Ball which was a great success. Even our butcher Pte (TED) Simpson got a bit in. Then there was the Area Officers Ball where our chefs showed the remainder of the Bde how to cook, with Cpl Andy McKinnley, Pte Tim Ross and Pte Craig Whittaker taking out the 3 awards in the Mini Salon Culinary Cooking Competition at the Ball.

Three weeks after the ball there was a Major Salon Culinary being held at the Sheraton where once again we produced the goods, with Cpl Allen a Silver medal, Pte Whittaker 3 silver medals and Pte (Dipstick) Smith a Bronze medal.

Well done boys.

In closing the Catering Platoon would like to wish all Bn members a happy Xmas and new Year and hope to see you all next year.





As the Xmas streamers and Santa Clause's appear in the streets of Townsville, I am reminded that the year 1986 has come to a close. It is now time in these final weeks before leave to reflect on what we have accomplished and tried to accomplish.

In the "Rear View Mirror Club" we have seen many members move on to prove that there is life after 2/4. Most have taken the plunge and gone onto bigger and better things in RACT. No doubt we'll see them when the next major exercise occurs. Entering the platoon this year we've had a number of skilled drivers who have demonstrated all the salient points in the art of lightning fast deployments, setting up camm nets, 11 x 11's and getting the brew on. It was difficult to work out which team was the best, AQ4 was good with the platoon sergeant, our own SGT Beattie having much to offer CPL Buttery in these skills. A Coy has shown what can be done in this area ably assisted by the CQ "JD", 8 and C Coy get the job done (sort of), but the award must go to Gator and Rod Bowers with D Coy. The award will again be contested next year with new teams and this time the CQ's will have chequered flags.



PTE Currie inspects SPL.

Petro was determined to get mentioned this year, so to finish off what has been a "quiet" year for him he made a solo entry in the fender bender and demolition derby contest. He carries the award without a contest (some also think the Tallest Story award.)

Our best wishes go to all those who have moved on this year, and for those remaining we'll wait and see what challenges 1987 holds in store for us.

2/4 RAP Activities

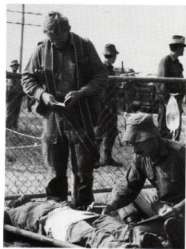
1986 has seen 2/4 RAP maintain and exceed the high standards of the previous year. Through hard work and efficient organization the RAP has been recognised as the best in the Lavarack area.

Success has come through the efforts of the enthusiastic staff. The RMO, Capt Geoff Stokeld, has been ably guided and assisted during the year by SSgt Gerry Cloney and SSgt Chris Jones. SSgt Cloney was posted midyear on promotion to South Australia and is now running an ARES unit at 3 General Hospital.

SSgt Jones has enthusiastically and expertly managed the RAP since then. In a magical performance he has conjured medics for exercises, equipment and stores and most importantly an airconditioner for the treatment room (but sadly not for the RMO's office).

The new members to the RAP are Cpl Peter Simmonds, Cpl Dave Lee, Cpl Dave Leak, Cpl Mick Lawrenson and Cpl Bill Kessel. Cpl Simmonds is noted for his performances about PT and his enthusiasm for the no smoking policy at the RAP. He is also acting Platoon Sgt and doing a fine job. The highlight of Cpl Lawrenson's career has been a 3 month trip to Malaysia where he excelled both medically and behind the bar. He has also unfortunately turned down three proposals of marriage from Asian girls and we fear he may not get many more chances. Cpl Lee amazes all by consistently cycling to and from work. With the help of the RMO he has also computerised the system for indenting for medical supplies. He is also noted for astronomical observations. Cpl Leak was the envy of all till he rolled his Mazda RX7 and we hope it gets well soon. Finally Cpl Kessel is now showing C Coy what physical exercise is really about and has astounded them with his performances.

Everybody was exercised during KB8.

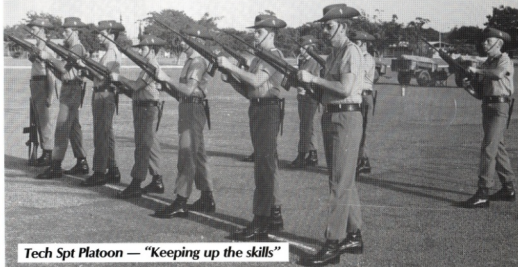


1986 saw the departure of Cpl Trevor Roberts and Sgt "Blue" McGufficke who are now collecting exotic tropical fish from the Great Barrier Reef. We hope they continue in the ARES. After a notable posting Cpl "Snow" Bryan also left to continue his Army career in Kapooka.

A highlight of the 1986 calendar for the RAP was a casualty evacuation from a simulated crash of a CH47 Chinook during exercise Maxi Beagle. In a well managed and instructive exercise casualties were triaged, resuscitated and evacuated to Normanton Hospital. These events were recorded for posterity somewhat dramatically on the front page of the Army newspaper, under the heading "In the belly of the buffalo". It was a very successful exercise.

A training program in First Aid has also been established and a course completed, again with excellent results. Further courses can be anticipated in 1987 after the successful foundations established this year.

In all a rewarding year for the RAP which aims to continue to maintain high standards of medical support to the 2nd/4th Battalion.



Tech Spt Platoon — “Keeping up the skills”

Tech Support

1986 has been another busy year for the Tech Spt Plt as yet another generation of potential equipment operators are unleashed upon unsuspecting and utterly defenceless LAND ROVERS, WEAPONS and SIGNAL EQUIPMENT. They discover that perhaps the brakes shouldn't be applied quite so enthusiastically and a clutch should be used occasionally, even if only to stop the noise.

Of course not everybody joined the Army to drive land overs, and this has most certainly upheld with an overwhelming and interesting amount of faults occurring in the Battalions tired but faithful weapons.

Of course not all the weapons are tired and 1986 saw the introduction of the MAG58 which appeared to please machine gunners everywhere!

1986 has also seen a large turnover in the posted strength of the Platoon these being:

Posting Out:

WO2 T. Cook: *The best fitter in the army?*

Cpl J.A. Gittos: *Where's my posting order boss?*

LCpl K.M. Brown: *Who needs to work for a living?*

LCpl L.M. Keft: *Pity I'm leaving!*

Posting In:

WO2 D. Williams: *Last year things were organized but that's going to change!*

Cpl A. Wheatly: *I've been a Corporal for simply ages!*

Cpl J. Powell: *Of course its expense!*

Cfn M.J. Browy: *What a dumb place to park anyway.*

Stimulation and culture were catered for, when the Battalion deployed to Normanton for Ex Maxi Beagle. Finding our position on the ring road proved difficult, but with a cut lunch and a compass even the impossible can be achieved. The Normanton Pony Club provided the entertainment.

PT has achieved a certain notoriety since the arrival of the new ASM and should anyone have any hills they wish scaled please forward its location and altitude above sea level to Tech Spt c/- Admin Coy next year.

All in all an interesting year, but there's still Skippy isn't there?

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Duke of Gloucester/MacDonald Cup

With a view to the Royal Australian Regiment sending a section to compete in the prestigious Cambrian Patrol Competition conducted in Wales each year by the British Army, the Battalion broke new grounds in the selection and training of its team for the 1986 Duke of Gloucester/MacDonald Cup Competition.

The competition itself had a much broader scope, was physically more demanding and placed greater emphasis on the initiative and individual skills contained within the rifle section than had the previous competitions. To facilitate the selection of the most suitable members for the Battalion team, each Company identified a composite section to participate in an assessment exercise conducted at Mt Spec during May.

This was Ex "Calumni" and during its conduct the sections were assessed under arduous conditions in the following areas:

- a. teamwork,
- b. endurance,
- c. initiative,
- d. leadership, and
- e. flexibility under stress.

The results of this exercise were interesting to say the least with some highly individual trials being observed. Going without food for four days, walking in circles for the same period and mass loss of all items of shaving gear, being just some. There are obviously some strange section/platoon SOPs out there in the long green.

As the sections finally arrived at the first check point, which was as far as anyone got, they were assessed on both their physical and psychological condition. It was this individual and group assessment combined with the manner in which they had approached the allotted tasks that led to the selection of the Battalion training squad for the competition.

Twenty two members were selected and this number was gradually reduced to the final thirteen who represented 2/4RAR in the Duke of Cup Competition at the Infantry Centre. The team consisted of:

Cpl S.G. Hart (A Coy), LCpl B. Langabeer (Spt Coy), Pte R.J. Mills (A Coy), Pte T.S. Willcox (Admin Coy), Pte J.R. Kiernan, Pte G.L. Henry (Spt Coy), Pte C.L. Ostler (Spt Coy), Pte S. Oddy (D Coy), Pte G.W. McIver (D Coy), Pte P. Delapair (D Coy), Pte T.J. Cuming (C Coy), Pte S.S. Brouff (Admin Coy), Pte E.J. Martin (Admin Coy).

The squad spent the period June/July revising all known and some unknown military skills. Subjects ranging from "Tac Durries" to "how to talk Pte Wall out of taking us over the Iron Man track again" were covered in theory and practice. This training was concluded with a recon activity to secure Normanton race course for the commencement of Exercise Maxi Beagle.



The team completed the training to their individual and group benefit, and had the additional bonus of qualifications as marksmen and preparation for the life saving award of the Bronze Medallion under the guidance of Pte Walls efforts and a large part of their success was due to his enthusiastic and well co-ordinated conditioning programme.

On arrival at the Infantry Centre for the conduct of the competition, Cpl Hart immediately assessed the condition of his troops and following the normal appreciation process, chose to launch his section at the assembled cream of the Royal Australian Regiment and the Subject Two for Sergeant Course. This enabled the highly trained and ruthless jungle fighters of 2/4RAR to dispel their anxieties and inhibitions without recourse to the civilian population. Pte Ostler's Kamikaze raid on the only SASR unarmed combat instructor available at the time was particularly memorable - futile but memorable.

On the completion of the reorganization following this sorting out period (and Pte Ostler's casevac), it was into the competition proper.

The team performed extremely well throughout the event being placed either first or second in seven of the fourteen activities that made up the competition. A couple of minor misunderstandings and a degree of bad luck were all that prevented the team from winning the event, but it was an extremely good effort on all their parts to place the Battalion second in such illustrious company.

Cpl Hart and his men, along with Pte Wall are to be congratulated for the effort they put into preparation for this competition and for the professional soldierly manner in which they brought it to so successful a conclusion.

NOTE: The 1RAR team that beat 2/4 RAR by a handful of points participated in England and came out first. It gives some indications of how we would have gone as well. Congratulations 1RAR.

Ex "Tropic Lightning 86"

In April Approx 150 personnel, 20 from 2/4 RAR, left Townsville to attend a CPX at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

Our hosts from the EX were 2BDE 25INF Division and on arrival at Area X Ray (Tent City), they showed us that no expense in money or manpower would be spared. We were provided with hired TV's, video recorders, fridges, soft drink machines, beer machines and to top it off six hire vans and 24 hour driver service with them.

The 1st week was spent in familiarization of the resources that would be available to us during the CPX and the usual tours of various military bases and equipment including a look at our new helicopter, the Black Hawk.

Our 2nd week was a rehearsal week and we learnt our roles and the scenario for the CPX. 3 BDE, as part of the US Division was in a defensive posture on the Japanese Island of Hokkaido which is their most Northern Island and closest to the USSR.

At last it was time to play and these skills and knowledge of our commanders was put to the test when the red army assaulted Hokkaido from the north and we found ourselves in a battle with Arty, Armoured and Motorized Infantry Regiments and Divisions.

After 3 days of fighting, the exercise finished without a battle ground result but with a definite appreciation of the lesson learnt in fighting on a scale that is not yet available in Australia.

Mil Skills Competition

The 1986 Mil Skills demonstrated yet again that the level of personal and section skills within the battalion are something to be proud of.

The competition was fought out to the last with the winning results only becoming apparent on the last day of the event.

CPL Jimmy McGuire's, recon section won the event continuing the string of wins by the Recon Platoon which also won the platoon competition.

C Company won the company competition with CPL Mills guiding his section into the top company position and third overall just behind CPL Brooks of Recon platoon.

The result was pleasing and demonstrated a high level of infantry skill and competence throughout the battalion.



The rope traverse.



L/CPL Bergwerf loads his magazines.

Exercise Long Look - By Sgt S Bennion Glosters



"ME TARZAN"

Exercise Long Look is an exchange for four months of approx 120 British soldiers with their counterparts in the Australian Army.

This year I was fortunate to be selected as the member from my Regiment, the 1st Battalion the Gloucestershire Regiment.

The Regiment are presently serving in the British sector in West Berlin, one hundred and twenty miles into communist East Germany.

The journey from Berlin to Townsville took five days including an overnight stop in Darwin and Sydney. On arrival I was attached to the Mortar Platoon under the watchful eye of Sgt "Symo" Symons, my host for the duration of my stay.

I arrived in the Battalion at the time of a large course period and found myself instructing on the Basic Mortar Course being conducted by the Platoon. Even though the course ran for four weeks it didn't stop "Symo" and myself visiting units around Townsville and Cairns. On the visit to Cairns we managed a day on the Barrier Reef at Green Island.

On the completion of the Mortar Course the Battalion had a two week stand down period. During this time I

was despatched by RAAF courier to the four corners of Australia to visit Sydney, Canberra, Adelaide and Perth. I was very fortunate to have my stand down extended, thanks to Major Lee, to enable me to have approx five to six days in each of the cities.

Accommodation and transport was all booked through the Battalion Movements and the MCO Townsville. I had an excellent time including a good look at the America's Cup in its early stages at Perth.

On return from the trip I was informed that I would in fact be leaving early for the UK and Germany due to the visit of the Pope to Australia. It seems he needed the aeroplane

However this didn't deter the ODF who despatched all long lookers from Townsville on K86. At the time of writing I am waiting to move to the exercise area to take part in the K86 exercise, again with the Mortar Platoon.

The exercise has been a real eye opener and I have done things I could only dream about years ago. For example, walking over the Sydney harbour bridge, visiting the famous Opera House and the infamous Kings Cross.

On the military side, of which "Long Look" is really all about, the Australian and British Army measure up to be at equal, standing with a high degree of professionalism and competence.

The hospitality shown to myself during the exercise has been second to none, and I would like to pass on my thanks to the RSM and members of the Sgts Mess, Support Company and most of all to Symo who ensured that I got around and had a "Fair dinkum exercise."



CPL Wheatley receiving the trophy for the fastest time over the obstacle course. The trophy was made by PNR PL.

Battalion Birthday Parade

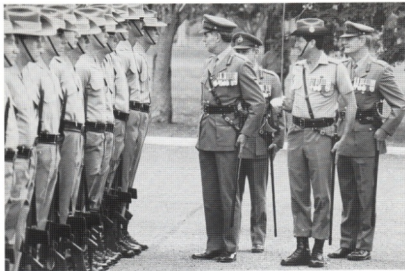


On Friday 15th August this year the Battalion celebrated the thirteenth anniversary of its birthday with a Trooping of the Regimental Colours.

Despite the trials and tribulations created by the clash of Parade rehearsals and the finals of the Brigade Winter Sports competitions, and despite the threat of rain, which did turn into a brief shower during the Inspection, the Parade was an outstanding success. The high standard of dress, bearing and drill attracted considerable favourable comment as did the Commanding Officer's new-style rapid-fire words of command and C Company's demonstration of the revolutionary "wave" formation on the Passing Line.



The Parade was hosted by the Colonel Commandant of the Royal Australian Regiment, Major General A.L. Morrison AO, DSO, MBE. The Reviewing Officer was Major General Jeffery, Commander of the 1st Division. Guests included the Commander 3rd Brigade, Brigadier M.J. Harris, MC, the Regimental Colonel, Colonel R.B. Bishop, plus Commanders and RSM's, from units throughout the North Queensland area.



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In the middle of the day, with an ambient temperature of 33°; the relief watches from DELTA and ALPHA laboured to the top of their respective washing plants, sweating profusely whilst inhaling the fine black dust. Another day at the coal face.

At German Creek, the BRAVO COY CP was a hive of activity. The background noise of the air-conditioning supplemented the cackle of the HF as Dolly, looking tired and drawn demolished his third icy coke of the morning.

In Oaky Creek the noise of the BN CP was often drowned out by the incessant drip of the showers, the flushing of the porcelain toilets and the muffled roar of a 5 engined, 120 wagon coal train heading for the coast.

This was all in Phase 1 of the years training extravaganza, K86. The deployment to the Bowen Coal Basin was as per ODF SOP, the lads being impressed by the short transit time on the ground in Emerald. The occupation of the BN AO was characteristically smooth.

With the exercise planner not expecting us to commence offensive operations until D + 6; the Companies started on D + 1. By D + 5 it was all over bar the shouting. We were non expert in all of the high profile aspects of low level operations which included picqueting, vehicle patrolling, VCP-ing, hot wiring, breaking in, ambushing, being polite to the locals, being less than polite to the Raiders, fast driving, slow sitting and flying. Meanwhile BRAVO COY were still up at the Creek. There were so many prisoners and enemy vehicles being processed through the Battalion that, for the first time in recent history, the RMO advised the CO that the RP section was suffering from combat fatigue.

It was with a sigh of relief that we extracted from the Basin, leaving our task to 42 RQR, and headed EAST to the quaint little hamlet of South Maryborough. From there the cordon and search of the Ogmoores metropolis was planned and executed with speed. C/5 63 had been in the town for so long that OA had forgotten about them.

This was the first time that the Army had conducted such an operation in a civilian town. Charlie and Delta went on foot, sealing the town at first light, whilst the remainder of the Battalion (who were blessed with common sense) inserted in style. Delta's nocturnal fracas with an irate bull was not a result of Molestation by CHQ.



With the town in a grip of steel and the ladies washing the breakfast dishes whilst the CH47 blow dried their washing, the Raiders withdrew to the Styx River Hotel and refused to move until forcibly ejected by an unusually aggressive BRAVO COY. The gentle, comforting voice of C/5 9 on the airwaves was a continual source of inspiration for the men on the ground.

Task completed, our wanderings took us to the friendly environs of Williamson Airfield where we established a FSB and with the Rock Firing 106 in Direct Support, commenced a search for a mystically reinforced enemy. Some started to wonder if it was the Exercise planners intent to practice the resupply of the ODF in Shoalwater Bay right through the Christmas leave period.

Alas no. HQ Australian Defence Force in Canberra were relieved when BRAVO COY finally finished their company attack so that the whole thing could be terminated. There was plenty of time for reflection in the shade of the gums whilst the Townsville shuttle was programmed and we returned home on the 10th November, combat laden, much to the relief of the Townsville Bulletin.

We had enjoyed the Direct Support Air Force, the scenery, the cowboy enemy, the ladies of Tieri and the hospitality of the locals from Ogmoores to Clermont but we found that the lack of action made the extravaganza somewhat tedious.

The Battalion Ball



15 August, 1986



Sig Pl Capers-Ex Maxi Beagle

Sig Pl had a very entertaining time in the Gulf Country despite a lot of hard work due to manpower shortages. I really enjoyed myself even though my hair was seriously damaged by the dust and I could not get time off to visit a hairdresser in Normanton. I will tell you a few of the more amusing stories and hope that no one will be offended.

Most of the Platoon haven't worked with APCs for a long while and some problems were experienced. It is said that the radios in D Coy definitely have a mind of their own. Cpl Matoga was awestruck to find his radio chasing an APC while he was enjoying a brew. The race was on to capture the radio before it could manage to hurl itself beneath the tracks of the APCs. Maybe the radio was having problems coping with the long distance comms and was trying to commit suicide. Fortunately the radio and Cpl Matoga's pay packet were saved. The ground antenna tangled in the tracks wasn't.

Pte Hughes loves working with APCs too, but was a bit confused at times. During one move he couldn't find Maj Partridge and thought maybe he was walking behind the APC where he could see the countryside a bit better. Hughie is very considerate, so he left a handset dangling out the back for the 20km move.

Line Section were not very happy when they had to lay a line from BHQ to A ECH one night. We thought it very strange when they returned smiling and happy. One of the boys spotted a local lady changing in her bedroom with the curtains drawn and lights on. A fight was on for the best spot on the ladder. One member who failed to gain a grandstand seat decided to get a front row seat



and decided to stand right outside her window. We are really surprised that he still wants to get out of the Army and become a DJ after an experience like that.

There is a Captain in A Coy who likes to give his det comd a hand with equipment repair. Cpl Reichom's antenna feeder cable was missing some insulation so the Captain decided to assist by melting the cable insulation over the bare spots. This requires a lot of heat which he got from one hexi tablet and local vegetation. We cannot understand though why he jumped up and down on the melting cable and welded it all together. It's the thought that counts though.

It's nice to know that our RSO is out there on the perimeter at night protecting us. Some enemy tried to infiltrate the first night at Normanton and kidnap the Radio Sgt. Sgt Young is normally not a sound sleeper so we think he may have still had car own protection in from the air mov that day. This is why he didn't hear the shooting or the two enemy creeping up on him. At gunpoint he was ordered from his sleeping bag and an argument then took place. The Radio Sgt refused to surrender saying he shot both of them from his sleeping bag. Little did they know that our RSO was watching from his hideout ten feet away with his pistol and knife drawn. The RSO told us he had to make a big decision before he charged with a blood curdling scream and dispersed the two enemy. He could risk capture himself by helping Sgt Young or remain hidden and stand a much better chance. If Sgt Young was captured his work load would be doubled, so he charged.

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CSM B Coy putting his corporals to sleep.



CPL Hamson makes his point.



CPL Damon practising for the Sgts Mess.



The A Team

Australian Army Rifle Team UK/Canada 1986

In June of this year a signal arrived in the unit confirming my inclusion in the Australian Army Rifle Team to represent the Australian Army in the British Regular Army Skill at Arms Meeting (RASAM) at Bisley England and the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association Meeting at Connaught Ontario. In the usual fashion, and not untypically, it was a mad rush to complete final administration required for the trip, and to find some A\$4,000 required for the airfare and associated costs.

The team assembled in Sydney and consisted of the following:

WO2, R Yorke-Simpson,	4 TRG GP,	Team Adjutant
WO2, P K Oakford	DSU TVL	Team Manager
WO2, N Iszlamb	42 RQR	Master Coach
SGT G S Sawle	1 RTB	
SGT S Ainslie	2/4 RAR	
SGT J Dixon	6 RAR	
SGT G Howells	DSU Adelaide	
SGT T Hallis	2 FD SUP BN	
CPL C Curnow	3 RAR	
LCPL R King	1 RAR	
PTE P Richards	Puchapunyal Base WKSP	
CAPT P Cousins	2 RNSWR	

The team commenced final administration while practising at the Malabar Rifle Range. Although we used Australian targets and ammunition, the practices which the team actually fired were British. Members new to the team found the practices a novel experience, especially during the run-down competition from the 500 m firing point.

Bisley England

The team arrived at Heathrow and was bused to the ranged complex at Bisley, approximately 70 miles from London. The range is located amongst the typical English countryside of small lanes and communities huddled around the local pub. The complex has several ranges, the largest having 120 frames, with firing points back to 800 yards. One particular range used during target rifle competitions has only 50 frames, however the firing points extend rearwards to 1200 yards.

The first few days were spent in familiarizing ourselves with British ammunition and light conditions. The ammunition provided a few surprises and resulted in re-zeroing all SLR's. The propellant in the British ammunition is less powerful than that of the Australian type used in the F-4 currently in service with the ARA. Unlike Australian ammunition, British ammunition is graded into categories from sniper use only to training ammunition only. Light conditions were unusual, as it was bright yet very hazy, and these factors combined to produce generally difficult conditions for sighting. British targets were a new experience entirely as they are similar in size and shape to the ATA dart targets used in Australia, yet there the similarity ends. The targets are

black and orange with scored concentric circles/rectangles on each target, and the 6 inch bull is a terrifying prospect at 300 yards. With the combination of light conditions and target columns it was noticed that the targets blended rather well with the bullet catcher (butt stop.)

AASAM

The individual events were also very well contested with 90% of the team receiving medallions for being in the Top 10% of the various practices. An excellent performance by CPL Neron and CPL Daly in the MG Pairs Championship, (they won easily), has given them the opportunity to attend the trials, in Canberra next year, to go to Brunei for a shooting competition. CPL Neron also earned himself a chance with his pistol shooting.

However the rifle range was not the only place in which the team performed. The teams vote for the best Clayton performance went to LT Chard for a good effort under duress. The unanimous vote for best stuff up goes to movements for getting us on the bus at 0400 hours at Randwick to go to Richmond air Base and finally stepping off the bus 18 hours later at Amberley air base.

All in all the BN was well represented by its shooting team and can look forward to an even better performance next year.

The Australian Army skill at arms meeting (AASAM) is an annual shooting competition run by the Australian Army Rifle Association, at Anzac range, Malabar Sydney. The competition attracted over 400 competitors in pistol, MG, Sub-machine gun, Parker hale and SLR events.

This year, 2/4 RAR was the best represented team of the regiment and 3rd largest team overall. The shooting teams representatives were:

CAPT Hasson	LT Chard
SGT Symons	SGT Ainslie
SGT Smith	SGT O'Donnell
SGT Beattie	CPL Heron
CPL Daly	CPL Phillippi
CPL Holmes	CPL Hart
CPL Kemp	LCPL Grant
LCPL Mailer	PTE Tweedie
PTE Breen	PTE Rees
PTE Stanton	PTE Tarrant

A week's build up at Mt Vince, in which to practice the actual events that the team were to compete in, ensured very good results for the team e.g.

3rd BDE Trophy — Pistol Teams Championship — 1st
SAF Trophy — MG Teams Championship — 1st
ME Felling Plate — Pennant — 4th
3 RAR Para Trophy — Pennant — 3rd



In Shooting, Officer CAPT Haxson.

The competition began in earnest with teams from the British Regular Army, Navy, Air Force and Territorials (Area). Countries represented were, Sultante of Oman, Dubai, Australia, and Canada (approximately 800 competitions.) All of these competitions would be graded as A Class in Australia, and as such the standard of competition is invariably very high, with teams often preparing for 10 months prior to the event. Another problem encountered by team members on their first trip was the English commands on the range, as not only were commands different, but there was no explanation of the conduct of the practice, since firers are expected to have read the practice before hand, and to be familiar with the timings, ammunition expenditure per exposure, and the firing positions allowable. An example of this would be: 'Range 8, load, ready, practice 12 Watch Out.'

The team performed well with two notable performances: CPL Chris Curnow (3 RAR won the 'BSA' (200 yards deliberate), and SGT Jim Dixon (6 RAR) won for the second successive year the sitting (200 yard snap).

As the competition drew to a close, the team held a function/BBQ which proved an enormous success. With a few days to spare before Canada the team went exploring, and at one stage were spread from Wales to Switzerland.

Connaught-Ranges Canada

The team arrived in Canada with Ottawa the final destination where Major Sandford (Australian Attache

Staff) met the team and guided us to the range complex at Connaught, a fringe suburb of Ottawa. The first sight of the ranges at Connaught is awesome, as the main range complex has 400 frames with firing points back to 1000m. This range is flanked by the shorter pistol and small-bore ranges. Again, the team had to re-zero as the ranges were metric as opposed to the imperial ranges in England.

We were all quite aware of the 'disreputation' of Canadian ammunition and once practice commenced our fears were confirmed. It was not uncommon to receive ammunition where the projectile was not aligned with the case. The standard IA adopted by the Canadian regulars appeared to be:

1. Place the offending bullet in the flash suppressor,
2. Bend until the projectile appears to be aligned, and
3. Reload into the magazine and prepare for firing.

During competition a statement often heard from the Australian team was flying high with ICI, as a bullet either missed the target completely or was well away from the expected scoring area. Notable achievements in the competition were by:

1. SGT Jim Dixon won the individual sniper
2. SGT Jim Dixon/WO2 Noel Iszlamb won the sniper pairs match, and
3. CAPT Peter Cousins won gold in the 500 m deliberate.

Eventually it was time to farewell Canada and the team held a function at a small restaurant called 'Ned Kelly's Last Stand'. With stopovers in San Francisco and Hawaii the team finally arrived in Sydney and prepared for onward journeys.

The trip was a success with the Australian Army well represented, with each member of the team agreeing that the experience was worth the expense. The reaction of both the British Army and the Canadian Defence Forces to our participation and presence was outstanding, and will no doubt foster the continuation of military rifle competitions in the years to come.

In 1988, our Bicentennial year, the responsibility for hosting the British and Canadian rifle teams shall be ours. This competition will be an event on the calendar not to be missed, and offers many opportunities for young shooters to strive for.

Faces & Activities to remember in 1986.



CAPT Prickett getting the good oil.



RSM — Coach of the Rugby Seconds.



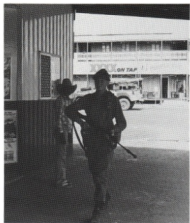
CPL Scott being presented with a prize for designing the flag for the military Bicentennial Tattoo.



St. Patricks Day.



RQM's and SGT Engler.



The Purple Pub — Normanton.



Normanton Police Station.



The Subject One Course for Corporal.



The Brigade Cross Country "Oldies but goodies".



Wontok Warriors.



CPL Jones.



PTE Kiernan.



8 Coy SPT Section.



CPL Coulter.



CPL Maguire.



SGT Ian Dow and his SIG PTE Toohey.



SGT Gough and L/CPL Bergwerf.



LCPL Lindgren on Exercise Maxi Beagle.



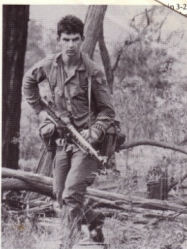
PTE Mau the top student of the Subject One course is congratulated by Major Edwards.



B Coy in Malaysia.



The most improved student on Subject One — PTE Austin.



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Battalion Athletics

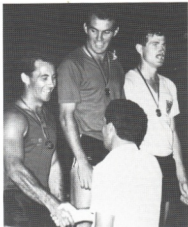


Bn 21C pursues CPL Porter

Australia may not have got the Brisbane Olympics but who needs olympics when 2/4 RAR go to the Townsville Sports Reserve for a night meet. The event saw keen competition amongst the six companies for champion athletics company, with some outstanding individual performances. Who will ever forget PTEs Cadelli and Brown coming out on top by just 0.17 seconds, or A Coy PTE Wilson's superior effort in the 110m hurdles. Over all champion athlete for the Battalion was LT Sommerville with impressive wins in the 200m and 400m sprint events.

This year the 'old soldiers' were given their opportunity with the introduction of a Veterans Steaple Chase (1,500m) which was won by LCPL Twomey with the Battalion 21C, MAJ Edwards in second position — well done the seniors. And still on the topic of old men, CPL Brooks showed the young members of the unit that he's still got what it takes and got up to win a hard fought 800m race. B Company again won the chain of command relay with MAJ Gregg finishing only seconds ahead of D Company hero, MAJ Robinson.

High Jump	PTE Wilkins	B Company
Discus	PTE Bride	C Company
Long Jump	PTE Daniels	Spt Company
Shot Put	SGT Pressley	Admin Company
Triple Jump	PTE Wishart	B Company
100 metres	PTE Annakin	B Company
Javelin	PTE Shephard	Admin Company
1500 metres	CPL Payne	B Company



CO congratulates L/CPL Bell, LT Sommerville and PTE Dunne look on.



UP, UP and Away!



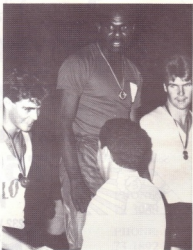
CPL Payne and CPL O'Connor.



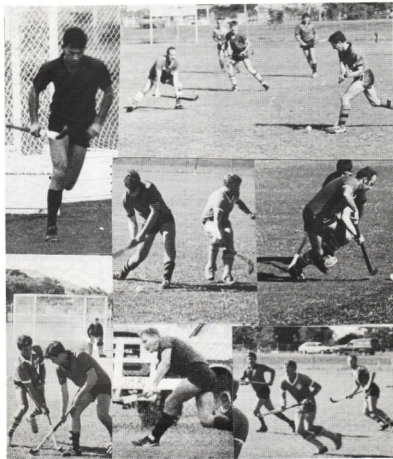
"Heave"



MAJ Gregg — after being told MAJ Robinson has lodged a protest about the chain of Comd relay.



PTE Williams, L/CPL Daniels



(Clockwise from top right)

1. Major John Edwards wondering if he remembers how to hit with a reversed stick. 2. CPL 'Muppett' Van Haldven in pursuit of our 'favourite enemy' CPL 'Kojak' Pennington IRAR. 3. CPL Jackson herding a whole bunch of them. 4. PTE Clarke is classic pose.

5. PTE Warwick Smith and PTE Kebel (IRAR) about to meet — 'Radar', Barker appears quite calm about it. 6. PTE 'Doe' Doran return from an unsuccessful raid on goal. (Centre) PTE Smith hits out of defence — a wary IRAR opponent wonders why on earth he put himself there.

Hockey

1986 was a busy and successful year for hockey in 2/4 RAR. At the company level a traditional bruising competition produced an interesting series of games with all companies tasting success during the season. Several players turned out for their first hockey games and 'novice of the year' was Captain Mal Clarke of Support Company following his typical wingers try — OOPS — goal against Delta.

Support company fielded a levy of stars and perhaps should have won but were a little careless and allowed a fast and determined Bravo Company team to share the honours for the season as joint winners of the hockey trophy.

The battalion team had a slow start to the season although sufficient style was shown to indicate we would be right up there at the business end. These were only one defeat for the year, at the hands of 1 RAR, and the team finished equal on points with 1 RAR and subsequently won the major semi-final to be first team into the Grand Final.

1 RAR sadly failed to hold out Western Barracks in the preliminary final. It was a very confident Western Barracks side with many Brigade players that came into the Grand Final against 2/4 RAR.

The Grand final was probably the best game of hockey for the year and 2/4 RAR emerged a worthy winner

after coming from behind in the record half to win 3-2. The team certainly appreciated the support from the large number of spectators — even though there was certainly some initial stage fright.

1986 saw farewell to CPL 'Muppet' Van Haldren who crowned his six year of hockey for 2/4 RAR by captaining the team to win after a long break from the winners circle. He scored two goals in the Grand Final, including the 'miracle' flick-on which won the game. This was a well-earned honour as he also did all the hard work of umpiring and organising as well. Thanks Muppet.



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Rugby Union



CPL Damon, being supported by LT Coghlan and PTE Horni Davis.

The 1986 season was a good one for Rugby in the Battalion with two teams entered in the Army competition and over fifty players participating over the course of the season.

The 2/4RAR "1" team finished Minor Premiers and runners-up while the "11" team, although not quite so successful, were instrumental in the success of the "T's" by continually providing highly talented replacements to cover the inevitable injuries and absences.

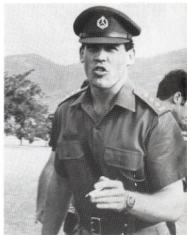
Under the captaincy of LCpl Kent the 2/4RAR "1" team suffered only one defeat before the final series. In the first semi-final, however, 2/4RAR went down to 1RAR by 17 points, principally due to some silly early penalties and because the disruption of the front row was allowed to unsettle the whole team. The preliminary final was an epic struggle with Western Barracks. The first match ended in a thrilling 17 all draw before 2/4RAR eventually emerged victorious from the replay, 14 points to 4.

The Grand Final against 1RAR was another close and hard fought match. 2/4RAR started well and jumped to an early lead of 6 points to nil. 1RAR, however, quickly reduced this deficit and then snatched the lead on the stroke of half time. In the second half 2/4RAR was kept under intense pressure by judicious kicking from 1RAR. With just 10 minutes play remaining 1RAR scored a controversial try from a five yard scrum which sealed the game, and saw them run out winners by 13 points to 6. Although defeated the 2/4RAR team was certainly not downhearted - as evident by their superb choral performance in the 1RAR ORs canteen on Grand Final night.

During the season many players achieved representative honours at various levels. Lt Russell Lowes and Pte Paulo Lam played for the Australian Army team; LCpl Graham Kent, Cpl Bob McPherson and Pte Tom Wall represented Queensland Army; while Maj Mick Wheatley and Cpl Dick Damen were selected in the Brigade side for the annual match against the Townsville District Rugby Union.

Despite the loss of several key players from the 1986 side (Pte Paulo Lam, Pte "Horse" Davis, Pte Tom Wall, and Lt Bill Coghlan), 2/4RAR looks to have the nucleus of a very good side for 1987. Watch out 1RAR!

The winner of the Best and Fairest Award for 1986 was Pte Tom Wall with the Runner-up Pte Allan Thomas.



ADJT — Coach of the Firsts.

Battalion Swimming



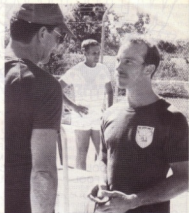
PTE Cadelli and LT Lowes, Captain of the A Coy and SPT Coy teams.



PTE Bentler.



CPL Lindberg.



PTE Burges.



CO presents the prize for the fastest 100m relay team in the Bde.



PTE Cadelli.

Orienteering



Orienteering is conducted in the army as a military skill/sport to test physical fitness, navigational skills and initiative. Orienteering has enjoyed a greater emphasis in the Battalion this year. It is readily organised and provides an interesting and challenging medium for training.

The battalion orienteering competition was conducted in May this year on the rugged southern slopes of Mt Stuart. Each company entered three teams of five men who competed over three separate courses that tested both speed and accuracy.

The results were:

1st	C	1237 Points
2nd	SPT	1101 Points
3rd	B	1056 Points
4th	A	1016 Points
5th	D	883 Points
6th	Admin	564 Points

The best individual performance was by CPL Robert Holmes of C Company.

Straight after stand down, the brigade orienteering competition was conducted on 7 October 1986 in the lavalack Barracks/Reentrant Area. 2/4 RAR won the competition against eight other teams for the first time.

Our team was:

CPL O'Conner (SDT)	PTE Bennett (B)
LCPL Galvin (SPT)	CPL Holmes (CAPTAIN)
CPL Mills (C)	PTE Kiernan (SPT)
PTE Lievees (C)	LCPL Stanton (C)
PTE Moore (SPT)	PTE Myolo (B)
PTE Bedding (Admin)	PTE Boyle (C)
PTE Brown (Admin)	LCPL Doran (C)
LCPL Mills (A)	PTE Gercama (C)
CPL Innerney (B)	PTE Dunn (A)
LCPL O'Brien (C)	SGT McDonald (SPT/BHQ)

Well done 2/4 RAR, we are looking forward to 1987.

Australian Rules

The 1986 season was one of mixed fortunes for the Battalion Australian rules team. After a very good start, winning the first six games by very large margins the team was eliminated in the preliminary final replay after a drawn result the first time around. Members of the team were successful in the individual awards of the competition with Brian Grace winning both the competition and battalion best and fairest award, while Tom Morris led the competition and battalion goal kicking. The team was well administered this year and thanks must go to coach Eddie Schlegel and manager SSGT Hutchinson.

In representative teams the battalion achieved good results. Nine players from the battalion represented the Brigade in Brisbane and several of these went on to be selected in Queensland Army and Australian Army teams. Special mention should be made of Craig Headland who went on to Captain the Australian Services team in their tour of the East Coast.

The Inter-company competition was again keenly contested with A company coming out the winners. The overall results of the competition are still to be decided as B company still have several games to play.

Pistol Shooting

The Inter-Brigade and Inter-Company pistol shooting competition took on a different style this year, with the Inter-Brigade shoot held prior to the Inter-Company shoot. This was a reverse of the more traditional way.

This, although causing a few problems with team manning, (but not as many red faces as TRAR) did not spoil our efforts in the Brigade shoot. The Battalion gained seventh place and saw Sergeant John Beattie and Corporal "Tinnie" Heron show good form to take out first and second places respectively in the individual scores.

With the passing of the Brigade competition came the Inter-Company competition on 10th October. There was a good showing from all companies and the final results being B Coy (first), Admin Coy (second) and A Coy (third).

Next year promises to be another interesting year for pistol shooting and with the possibility of more practice, comes the possibility of a win in the Brigade competition.

CO's Sportsmens Luncheon



"THE BN'S FINEST SPORTSMEN"

The venue was the Stage Door Theatre Restaurant and the audience of one hundred consisted of nominated battalion sportsmen and the Coy Comds and CSM's.

Editor: Come on let's be fair — some of the OC's and CSMs are sportsmen!

Lunch on 20 October was selected at the time for the CO to present prizes to those who made the most significant contribution to sport in 2/4 RAR in 1986. Six prizes were made available by holiday places on Magnetic Island and the winners were chosen by the CO after nomination from OC's and 2/4 RAR sports officers.

There were many worthy nominations and some sportsmen can consider themselves unlucky not to win.

Cpl Owen Trevor was awarded one prize for bringing Volleyball to the fore in 2/4 RAR as the undefeated Captain/Coach for three years and for his individual achievements as an Inter-Service and combined service player. Pte Tom Wall won for his

efforts as the 'hard man' of the battalion rugby union pack and his fearless efforts in attack and defence.

Lt Russell Lowes represented the Battalion in just about anything that didn't involve running more than 100 metres in one go! He also represented the Australian Army in the 1986 Rugby Tests against the NZ Army. Pte Craig Headland was awarded his prize for the unique achievement of captaining the Australian Combined Services Australian Rules team as a young soldier.

Pistol shooting (3 Bde and Army Champion) was just one prize-winning avenue for Cpl Jamie Heron. He also represented 2/4 RAR at cricket, tennis and Aussie Rules. Pte 'Gonzo' Cadelli was the sixth prize winner for his efforts in the Army Round Australia Relay and wins in the cross country and 5000 metres as well as representing the battalion at swimming as the unit 100m freestyle champion.

The competition and the luncheon worked well enough to encourage us to do it again next year. 2/4 RAR is grateful for the support of the sponsors who are acknowledged with advertisements in this magazine.

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Back Row (left to right): LT Lowes, LT Dechow, LT Lean, LT Caughey, LT Somerville, LT Burns, LT Potter, CAPT Farmer.

Third Row: LT Chard, LT Bartlett, LT Skis, LT Coughlan, LT Hoffman, LT Byrne, LT Smith, CAPT Clarke.

Second Row: CAPT Prickett, CAPT Hesson, CAPT Weir, CAPT Patterson, MAJ Wilson, MAJ Farridge, CAPT Stokeld, CAPT Mulroney, CAPT Mitchell.

Front Row: MAJ Gregg, MAJ Cullen, MAJ Robinson, CAPT Bender, LT COL O'Sullivan, MAJ Edwards, MAJ Sparks, MAJ Lee, MAJ Probert, MAJ Whalley.

SERGEANTS MESS



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