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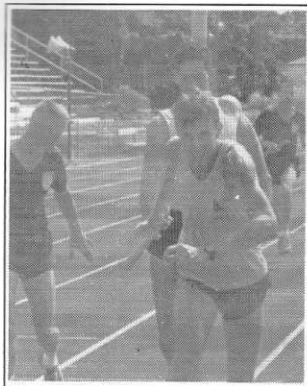
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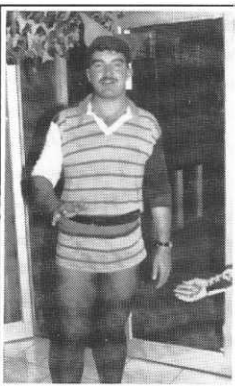
**BATTALION ALLIANCES:**

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*Lt Brad Horn passes on to LCpl Trevor Brown*



*The Adjt prepares to take the Officer's for more drill - trying to explain that rugby players always dress with style.*



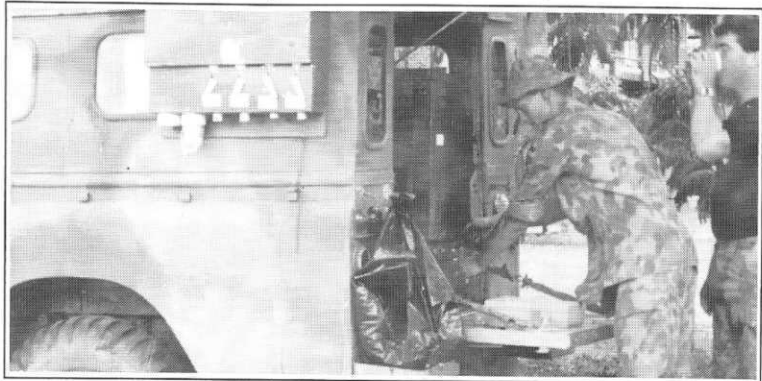
*Lt O'Bryan - another hard night*



*On the ropes - Pte's Ross Walker, LCpl "Wilbur" Wright, Brian Smith, Cpl Donaldson, Pte "Buck Rogers" and "Spike" Milligan look on*



*Sgt Steve King briefing the families on Open Day*



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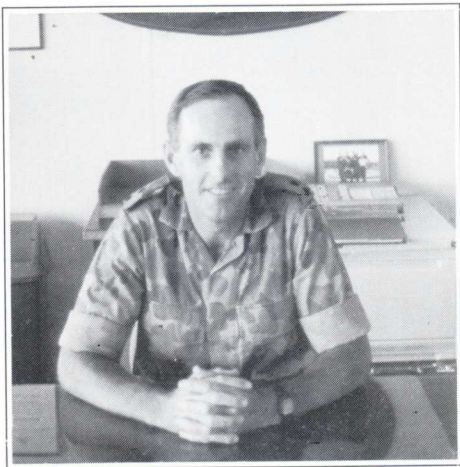


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# FOREWORD



**Lieutenant Colonel  
M.G. SMITH**  
**Commanding Officer 2/4 RAR**

This magazine helps all of us to recall what has occurred in our Battalion during 1989. Because of space limitations only snippets of Battalion life can be included, but a quick glance confirms that 1989 has been a busy year! In fact, I am always surprised when soldiers say that life is boring, because as this Magazine shows, nothing could be further from the truth.

The Battalion has performed extremely well throughout the year and most of you have brought great credit to the Battalion, the Regiment and the Army. A small group of undesirables have been given early marching orders, which proves that the 2nd/4th is no place for thieves, drug takers, bludgers or administrative liabilities! Others have left or are leaving the unit early because they are no longer at the required medical standard for infantry. It is always sad to see such soldiers leave, but such are the rigours of our profession. To those of you in this category, I wish you all the best and thank you sincerely for a job well done. Others have been posted, and I particularly congratulate those who are leaving on promotion. I hope you will remember the 2nd/4th as your home, that you will take fond memories with you, and that most of you will return to serve in the Battalion again.

I extend the Battalion's thanks to the units who have supported us so well through the year, particularly our direct support battery (108 Field) and our detachments from 103 Signals Squadron. 1989 also saw continued close relations with B Squadron 3/4 Cavalry Regiment, 9 Transport Squadron and 162 Reconnaissance Squadron. We also forged a close association with the Army's newest frontline unit - 5 Aviation Regiment.

I would like in particular to thank the All Ranks Ladies'

Association for their tremendous assistance throughout the year. It has been pleasing to see the numbers grow, and I'm sure that 1990 will be even better.

For the majority of us who will be staying, 1990 promises to be busy and enjoyable. Our theme for training next year is "back to the jungle". Section and Platoon Commanders will have more time to conduct training, and I want to return to the basics that have always placed the Australian digger above all others - good individual battle skills, fitness, initiative and teamwork. I particularly look forward to us using the new combat load carrying equipment, and the introduction of Steyr will prove challenging for us all. I want us all to keep three things foremost in our minds:

- First, that we must always be ready for war. We will have no second chances and will 'go as we are' when the bugle calls.
- Second, that we must maintain our Regimental standards and traditions, all of which help improve our teamwork and mateship.
- And third, that we must strive to improve our relations with the civil community, and thereby earn their support and respect.

My thanks to the Editor, Major Mark Probert, and his team for completing a fine record of the year's events.

And finally, on behalf of the Battalion, I would like to extend our best wishes to our RSM, WO1 Greg Hansen, who leaves having been an inspiration to us all. He has fulfilled his life's ambition with distinction, and I hope you younger soldiers will strive to emulate his performance in years to come.

Duty first!

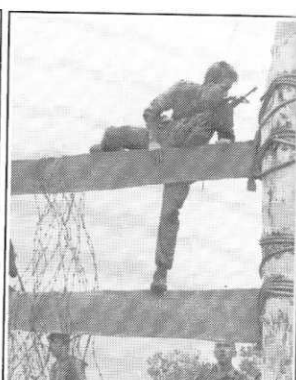




*Co presenting LCpl Trevor Brown for winning the X Country*



*LCpl Hamish Robson on patrol*



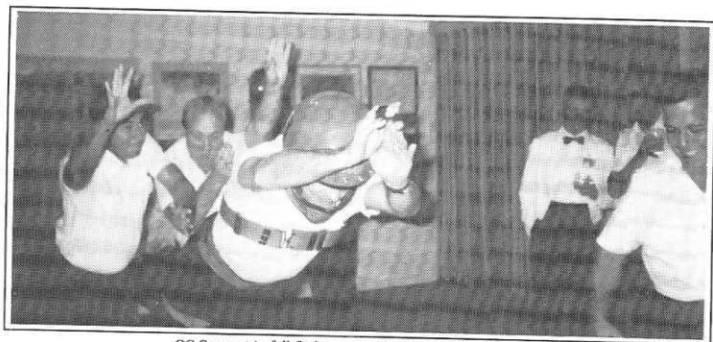
*Cpl Brian Kelly going over the top*



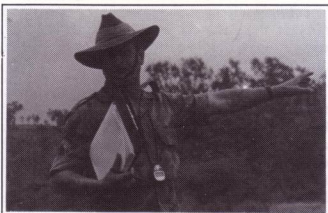
*Thommo, Oldham, Hesie and Max still smiling on the Mil Skills*



*Red Blacks ready to pack down*



*OC Support in full flight — OC Charlie moving the mat*



The RSM — I'm sure I left my pacestick over there somewhere



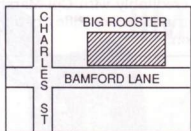
Kid's disco



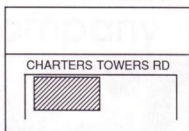
Sgt Glover, LCpl Pope, Cpl MacKenzie and camera shy Pte Johnston — High Range



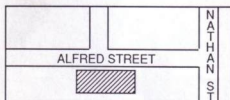
Just hanging in there



... are you a 'Plainsman' yet?



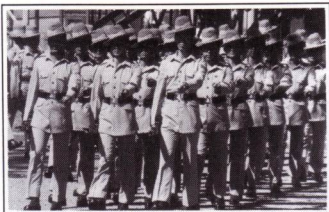
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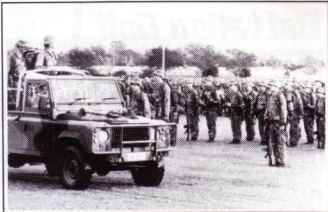
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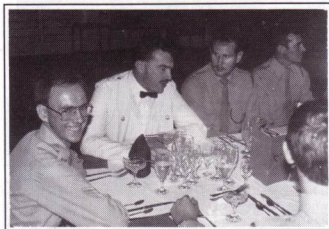




*The Gurkha's on Anzac Day*



*Bde Parade — Marching Order*



*Cpl's Dining In*



*On the range*

## Need Any Help Mate?

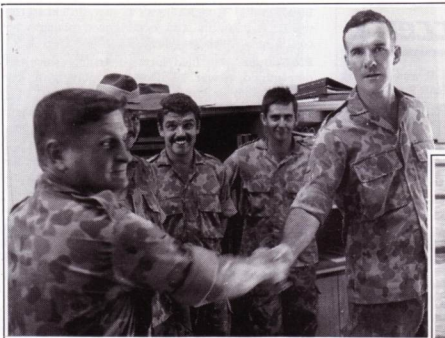
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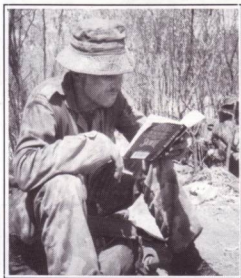
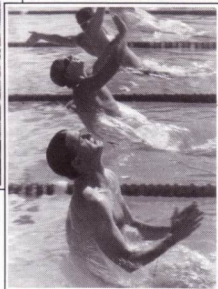


**It pays to belong**

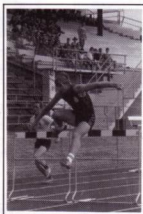


*Big John being congratulated on his birthday by the RSM*

*Lt "Truckin' Life" Everingham during morning prayer*



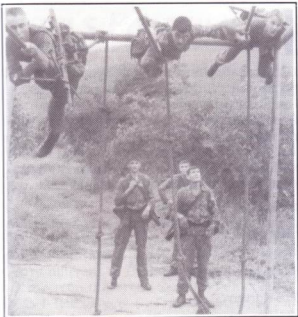
*Pte Bennett conducting battle procedure K89 N.T.*



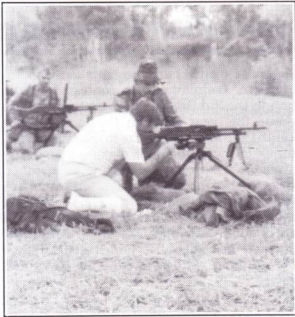
*Pte Wilson, Spt Coy, wins the hurdles at the Inter-Coy Athletics*



*Cpl Kelly maintaining control during the Mil Skills Competition*



*Cpl Donaldson's section negotiate the traverse ropes*



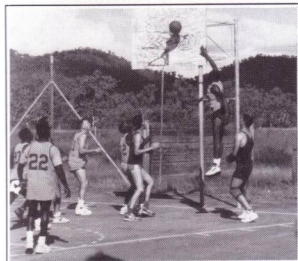
*Pte Ziernicki, B Coy instructs an old digger on the Mag 58 during the 4 RAR re-union*



*Lt Eames leading 2 Pl Ex Double Island*



*Pte Graham Johnson and wife, Michele*



*The Bn Basketballers in action against Marines from the U.S.S. "Germantown"*



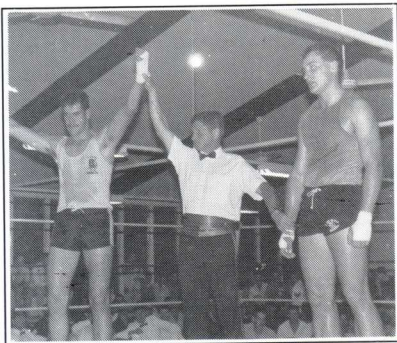
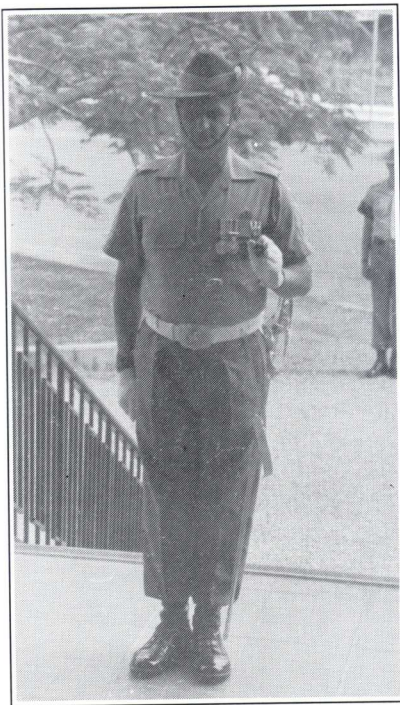
*WO2 De Pass CSM B Coy*



# **Regimental Sergeant Major**

**Warrant Officer Class I**

**G.R. Hansen**



During 1989 the members of 2/4 RAR have brought further credit to this fine unit by carrying out their many and varied tasks (both collectively and individually) in a most professional manner. I take great pride in all of our achievements, too various to mention for the fear of missing some worthy person.

To the junior NCO's I say thank you for your efforts. Everybody knows that your task is the hardest. Most of you have direct command of eight men on a 24 hour basis and you are responsible not only to train your men during normal working hours, but also to guide, discipline and set the professional standards for the rest of the day. Make no mistake your rank and your job is most important and that you are a very valuable commodity. History has shown that wars are won and lost at your level.

To the SNCO's, I urge you to continue to set and maintain the standards that all of your juniors should aspire to, and to continue to offer the correct advice to the junior officers in a professional and tactful manner.

This has been the most gratifying two years of my 24 years of service life. It is the culminating point of any soldier's career to be appointed as the RSM of a Battalion of the Royal Australian Regiment, but to be the senior soldier of 2/4 RAR has been far more rewarding than I could have imagined. I am now moving to Canberra as the RSM of the Royal Military College, from where I will continue to look to 2/4 RAR to provide the yard stick by which the standards, professionalism and enthusiasm can be measured for the remainder of the Regiment.

I wish you all good soldiering and hope that your families will continue to understand your lot and support your career and efforts.

Enjoy your leave and return safely and refreshed ready for 1990. Above all, drive safely, your country needs you back. Finally, I bid you all goodbye and wonder when I will see your likes again.

**G. HANSEN**

WO1

RSM 2/4 RAR 1988-89



# ***Battalion Headquarters***

Under the occasional watchful eye of Support Company, BHQ Platoon set about leading from the front. An example of this being Cpl Howard's section shaming the "Senior Soldiers" by thrashing everyone but a section from Mortor Platoon in the Support Company Military Skills Contest.

Each day after a gruelling PT session, the Platoon would set about typing, registering, processing, promulgating, filing, copying, applying and generally administering the Battalion. A healthy morning tea bought by Pay Section at the canteen was a welcome distraction after an intense morning's work.

The mammoth workload over the year saw many changes with people being sent to the Companies for a rest. BHQ burnt out more typists than the Company clerks go through electric typewriter ribbons.

The platoon's manning grew at one stage with the inclusion of the "Beastie Boys" whose presence bolstered the touch football team, even if one of them could not do sit-ups because of his new tats.

As the year draws to a close, we farewell those who are going and gone.

Maj Blinkhorn  
Maj Webb  
Capt Griffin  
Capt Slater  
Lt Gallegos  
Lt Eames  
Lt O'Bryan  
WO1 Hansen  
Sgt Young  
Sgt Downing  
Sgt McPherson  
Cpl Howard  
Cpl Elliott  
Pte Stephenson  
Pte Burley  
Pte Bolitho  
Pte Kerr

What we would like to see in BHQ"

1. Companies type their own letters and instructions.
2. Support Company include BHQ in all the activities.
3. Richo finish a day without asking if he can go rappelling.
4. The Chief not curse Admin Coy clerk.
5. Bergwerf not want petty cash.
6. The pay Sgt participate in PT.
7. The Adjt write legibly.
8. Cassie leave the CO's leg alone.



*Battalion Headquarters in a typical tight harbour*



**A Coy 1989**

## CHQ/SPT SECT

Maj Bancroft  
Capt Moore  
WO2 Golledge  
WO2 Kahler  
SSgt Porter  
Cpl Bergwerf  
Cpl Osgood  
Cpl Platt  
LCpl Rodgers  
Pte Boughton  
Pte Burwell  
Pte Fairall  
Pte Gourlay  
Pte Shelton  
Pte Stephenson  
Pte Waghorne  
Pte Willshire

## 1 Pl

Lt Parker  
Sgt Brady  
Cpl D'Arcy  
Cpl Palmer  
Cpl Pickering  
Cpl Weir  
LCpl Gillan  
LCpl Johnson, G.K.  
LCpl Johnson  
Pte Barron  
Pte Blake  
Pte Camiller  
Pte Carr  
Pte Daly  
Pte David  
Pte Demmer  
Pte Elliot  
Pte Gaitte  
Pte Griffith  
Pte Jago  
Pte Kraehe  
Pte Laundess  
Pte Lovell  
Pte Lovett  
Pte MacKenzie  
Pte Maynard  
Pte Moyle  
Pte Newton  
Pte Oui  
Pte Ritchie

## 2 Pl

Lt Eames  
Lt Johnson  
Sgt Chester  
Sgt Hancock  
Sgt Murphy  
Cpl Strahan  
LCpl Carter  
LCpl Edelman  
LCpl McIver  
LCpl Price  
Pte Bakos  
Pte Baldwin  
Pte Berger  
Pte Bowen  
Pte Brown  
Pte Buskell  
Pte Grant  
Pte Henry  
Pte Hexter  
Pte Howard  
Pte King  
Pte Laing  
Pte Patterson  
Pte Penfold  
Pte Pilcher  
Pte Schieber  
Pte Swain  
Pte Tyrell

## 3 Pl

Lt Michel  
Sgt Rule  
Cpl Caruana  
Cpl Conrad  
Cpl Donigan  
LCpl Corney  
LCpl Dunn  
LCpl Gentili  
Pte Balderstone  
Pte Cogan  
Pte Davies  
Pte Dunn  
Pte Fisher  
Pte Goff  
Pte Gray  
Pte Grealy  
Pte Guiller  
Pte Heffernan  
Pte Hoffman  
Pte Kidd  
Pte Landy  
Pte McBurnie  
Pte Parkinson  
Pte Pearce  
Pte Sievers  
Pte Smart  
Pte Szekeley

# Alpha Company

The year began at a frantic pace and with great expectations — an overseas exchange and a major exercise in the offering.

The entire Company had to hit the ground running to be physically, militarily and administratively prepared for *Exercise Reindeer '89*. *Exercise Reindeer '89* was a four week exchange with the 2nd/2nd Gurhka Battalion based in Hong Kong (see separate article). In preparation for the exchange the Company undertook many long walks and *Exercise Get Hard* (which pitted the Sections against many challenging activities throughout High Range Training Area). However, nothing could prepare anyone for the first glimpse of the numerous (very large) mountains liberally dotted around Kowloon and Hong Kong.

After a pleasant (at times) four weeks away, and acquitting ourselves well, we were winging our way back to Australia. Our thanks must go to all members of the 2nd/2nd Battalion for their warm reception and their hospitality throughout our stay.

Once again in Townsville, preparations were already well underway for the *Military Skills Competition*. Despite the short preparation time and numerous niggling injuries from Hong Kong, the effort displayed by all sections was admirable. Special mention must go to CPL Weir's section, who on the last day of the competition, in the rain, recorded the fastest time over the obstacle course.

Soon after this competition the Company said goodbye to the CSM, WO2 Bruce Colledge, who retired from the Army after 20 years service. All members of the Company wish him well in the future.

Then it was on in earnest for preparation to assume priority Battalion and *Exercise K89*. Enough has been said and will be said about K89 so no labouring the point here.

Once back, some hurried cleaning up, a victory in the Swimming Carnival and after September stand-down, onto the traditional end of year courses. The Company sponsored a very successful Subject One for Cpl course. Thanks for the success for the course must mainly go to the Sgt instructors, in particular the CSM, WO2 Kahler.

Which brings us to the silly season and the end of the year. Many members of the 1989 Alpha Company have or are departing. We wish them well in their future endeavours, either soldiering or in whatever they choose to do. We will leave you with the words of LCpl Price to summarize the year.

## A Poem from A Coy

Tully put up the challenge for any-  
One to conquer it's terrain,  
The wait-a-while,  
The mud,  
The slush,  
And the rain.

The ODF was asked, "if anyone would dare".  
there was no need to ask,  
Step forward the mighty bear.

The Battle School, not a problem,  
As we strived in every test,  
Leaving this tropical resort, reigning the best,  
As A Coy stood proud holding high it's head.  
And all to be done was done, and  
All to be said was said.  
The trip of a life time was getting very near,  
As we prepared for Hong Kong on Ex Reindeer.

From flying Wessex choppers,  
To bartering our lowest price,  
To using electronic rangers and being fed fried rice,  
We worked hard during the day,  
And partied throughout the night.  
As no one could keep pace with the  
Great Alpha might.

The Bear was back in Oz,  
Ready and fighting fit,  
Straight into duties and Mil Skills,  
We didn't mind a bit.  
Our bread and butter it was and  
Eaten up like a pie,  
After our performance on Scorpion Sting,  
People could see why.

As a Bn unit we deployed on Kangaroo '89,  
But only the Coy excelled,  
Only one would shine.  
The brightest colour of all,  
One your about to be told,  
Once again that Coy forever dipped in gold.

We leave the other companies  
One remaining thought,  
Next time back a winner and join  
Alpha right on the line.  
WE'LL BE JUST AS MIGHTY IN 1990.

## One Platoon

1 Platoon had a highly successful year. Platoon activities varied a great deal from romps through the jungle at Tully to yarma munching on the peaks in Hong Kong.

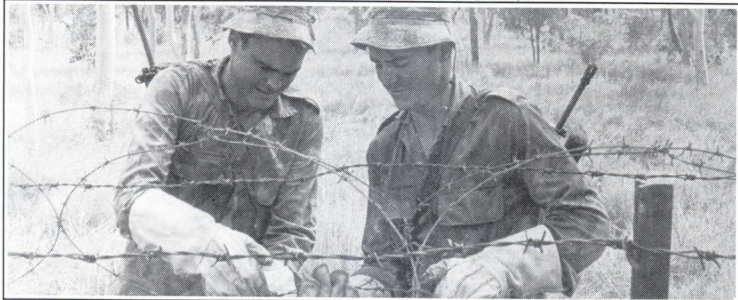
The platoon had two main highlights of the year (apart from beating the other platoons in everything we did). These events were *Exercise Retriever* in Hong Kong and *Exercise Pigs Tusk* in the Gulf of Carpentaria.

Hong Kong saw some of the platoon personalities extending Australian/British relations between the services.

One soldier even attained the rank of corporal in the eyes of a lady Sergeant. The platoon camera buffs were hard at it in Hong Kong before we left, taking advantage of low prices and lovely ladies to photograph.

*Ex Pigs Tusk* was the second highlight of the year with One Platoon accounting for numerous enemy pigs. 3 Section and PL HQ found itself in some heavy fire fights with the offending porkers, but 1 and 2 sections found their AO's a little quieter and set up defensive positions around prominent crayfish infested waterholes.

All in all an enjoyable year for 1 Platoon. We wish well all those moving on in 1990 and look forward to more enjoyable soldiering next year.



*Pte's Elliot & Richards of 1 Pl A Coy constructing a wire obstacle on Mil Skills*



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## Two Platoon

1989 started with Tully for A Coy and 2 Platoon. Although the platoon was 90% new, members were soon sorted out with regard to SOP's to form a working team. Tully proved to be a good introduction to the jungle for most of the platoon and a lead into our next field activity. *Exercise Get Hard* was put together by the hierarchy of A Coy with the aim to test the sections in navigation, fieldcraft, military knowledge, guts and teamwork. Two Platoon again proved to be an effective fighting force.

Weeks passed very quickly and before we knew it we were off to Hong Kong. Sitting in a RAF VC10 facing the tail of the aircraft was a different experience. The landing at Hong Kong airport was a culture shock for 99% of the platoon. Many members not having travelled overseas before. The training programme in Hong Kong was well organised and the platoon learnt many valuable lessons such as working at the urban range complex, being flexible enough to work with Wessex choppers, using the British SA80 Rifle, and others, like not carrying a full wallet through the middle of

Wan Chi in the middle of the night. Also the chance to work with soldiers so unlike ourselves was valuable and different.

After a short break back from Hong Kong, the platoon was straight into *Mtl Skills*. This was the peak for the year in many respects and Cpl Weir with his section put in for 2 Platoon. *Exercise Scorpion Sting* was an introduction to the APC. Many of the platoon members had a rapid education in how to pack, be seated, brew up while some others learnt how to sink their carriers.

*Ex Brick Wall*, although a small ex with very little support was of great value to everyone involved. This was an urban exercise conducted at the South Townsville Power Station in conjunction with 10 Platoon D Coy. All of the Pl would recommend this building be taken advantage of for similar training activities.

The Ex to end all exercises was K89. Even some of the old salts of the platoon had their eyes open wide in some instances (Yank chopper rides for example). With the closing of the year no doubt things will again be various and exciting in the new year.

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# Three Platoon

1989 began with a two week all inclusive stay at the LCBS Tully. The first activity at this jungle retreat was the march in. Most of us found the walk quite challenging particularly considering the extra few kilos of post-Christmas "Bulk" most of us were carrying. The water crossing/platoon attack proved very interesting with a couple of our smaller members (Pte's Burwell and Guillier) disappearing downstream; Pte Davies hanging like a puppet in a clump of wait-a-while; and Cpl Caruana almost suffocating to death in front of the smoke pot.

The next event on the 3 platoon calendar was the conquering of Mount Stuart – the platoon walked up and then walked down it!

*Exercise Get Hard*, a section strength endurance activity, was the pet creation of the OC. The 105mm ammo box filled with sand proved to be a real favourite, as was the scrawny old boiler (chicken) and limited assorted vegies, being the only food for the 72 hours. (1)

Then the big one – Hong Kong. *Exercise Reindeer*, an exchange with a company from the 2/2 Gurkha Battalion. It was a month of excellent training and unparalleled partying. The training included an amphibious dawn landing, followed by an advance to contact on an island (*Exercise Double Island*), a platoon *Mil Skills Competition (Exercise Bulldog Patrol)*, patrolling the Sino-Hong Kong border with the Gurkhas, range practices and urban training at the state of the art close quarter combat range. 3 Pl also won battle honours in the overgrown village of Solo Pun for destroying an enemy platoon minus. The acrobatics award went to Pte Morrow who, while escorting some prisoners at CHQ, attempted a very gutsy double somersault with a twist off a ledge, breaking his arm and smashing his face in the process (may Vic "R.I.P." at 10IRC). Battalion *Exercise Karne Manche* involved an all night amphibious move and landing followed by a very moving dawn service on ANZAC DAY. This was followed by an advance to contact which saw us assault Hong Kong's biggest hills, and a dawn battalion contact. The finale to this demanding exercise was a reserve demolition on a bridge, which saw 3 Platoon dig weapon

pits, build bunkers, construct wire obstacles and lay a minefield in a picturesque mountain picnic area.

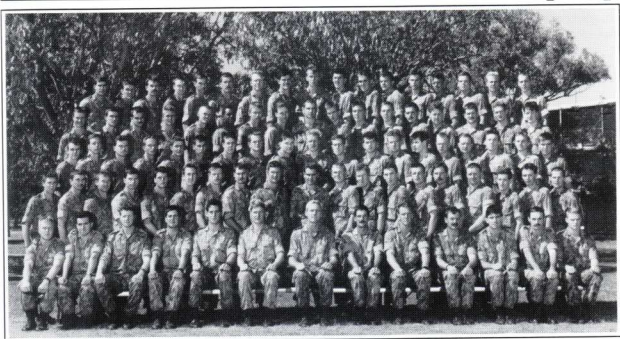
The funniest incident of the exercise occurred in the early hours of that morning. Amidst the sudden screaming of a withdrawing friendly company, both the Pl Comd and Pte Kidd (the Pl Sig) awoke and immediately jumped up. Pte Kidd thinking that the figure next to him was enemy recon, crash tackled him. The Pl Comd, thinking he was being snatched, started punching the back of his assailants head. Suddenly, both realised who the other was, apologised and stood to! That memorable night ended with an eye-opening human wave attack on the Pl position by two enemy companies. Then there was the partying – drinking San Miguel at the Bottoms-Up Bar, Wanchai, the Ned Kelly Bar, Pte Heffernan finding the love of his life. Not to mention the shopping. What a trip!

*Exercise K89*, whilst having it's moments, provided some valuable experience. The highlights of the trip were firstly, watching Cpl Conrad and Pte Pearce do the leap of death from a huge tree into the waterhole at Mataranka, and secondly, watching a slouch hat drift from one side of Katherine Gorge to the other, only to realise that a half-drowned Sgt Rule was underneath it.

Probably the best day of the year was awarded to *Exercise Tour De Magnetique*, in which the platoon covered Magnetic Island on mountain bikes, swam at Radical Bay and soaked up some rays. Thanks must go to Pte's Pearce, Sievers and McBurnie for setting a nice "easy" pace all day. The initiative prize went to Cpl Conrad, who used his charm to obtain a lift from a girl with a Bongo Van for the hilliest section only to find no room left for himself (well done Pte Grealy).

So all in all, 1989 was a good year – but, 1990 promises to be even better.

(1) *Editorial Comment: see paragraph one, page ten, to confirm the real situation!*



## B Coy 1989

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 SSgt G.W. Jiear  
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 Pte R.J. Hungerford  
 Pte M. Rudeforth  
 Pte J. Taylor  
 Pte D.J. Williams  
 Pte J.P. Ziernicki

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 Cpl C. Petracca  
 Cpl P.J. Young  
 LCpl C.J. Dixon  
 LCpl D.B. Frost  
 LCpl G. Lewis  
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 Pte S.R. Bennett  
 Pte C.A. Bielliman  
 Pte D.J. Boulton  
 Pte M.J. Dunning  
 Pte A.D. Ely  
 Pte S.W. Hatfield  
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 Pte T.A. Johnson  
 Pte B.A. Keough  
 Pte S.G. Lawson  
 Pte M.T. Leary  
 Pte J.M. McGee  
 Pte K.A. McHale  
 Pte L. Ramos  
 Pte S. Robinson  
 Pte G.C. Sheffield  
 Pte D.J. West

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 Sgt P.J. Brooks  
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 Cpl T. Jolly  
 Cpl M.P. Riechow  
 LCpl A.D. Boxall  
 LCpl T.J. Brown  
 LCpl J.P. Doherty  
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 Pte C.S. Smith  
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 Sgt M.D. Chester  
 Cpl C.J. Baxter  
 Cpl L.G. Page  
 Cpl S.A. Walker  
 LCpl K.B. Lergessner  
 LCI B.A. McLean  
 LCpl C.R. Warwick  
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 Pte D.W. Horne  
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 Pte G.R. Leeftang  
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 Pte W.C. White  
 Pte C.J. Williams

# Bravo Company

This year has been as intense and demanding as any other. We trained hard to fulfil our commitment to the role assigned to the ODF. By participation in exercises and the building of team spirit, we have enhanced our competence and reliability. There have been many new faces appearing in the company and many old friends have left, but the company is always there. To old and new soliders alike the company has never been so strong as when they were there. This is the power of any rifle company in the Regiment. It will go on just as efficiently after

any one of us has left. New teams form together to overcome problems common to each soldier. In our line of work, the team that is a team will always succeed.

B Coy has proved to be a successful team in 1989. After the dramatic influx of new talent at the start of the year, we have finally learnt to understand the strengths and weaknesses of each other. Many will leave next year and new talent will once again appear but the company will go on, reforming a new team. I wish you all the best of luck.

Remember – Bravo never sleeps!



OC B Coy, Maj P. Standen with his signaller



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## 5 Platoon

As the year draws to an end the soldiers of the fighting five reflect on a year of thrills, spills and great adventure. The year held many great treks into the boonies. Trips included Bluewater, Tully, Bn LFX, Enemy 1RAR, *Scorpion Sting* and the Grand Daddy of them all — K89.

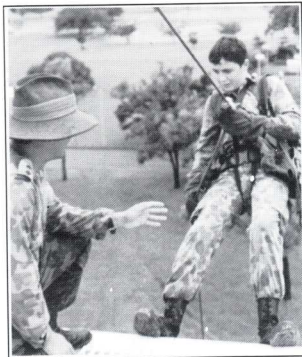
With all great expeditions and adventures, there were hardships suffered by men, who carried on without complaint. Well, almost without complaint, alright we whinged all the time, but enjoyed ourselves. There were also lighthearted moments with great speeches and remarks coming from the scholars in the Platoon. Max's brief but exciting appearance throughout the year and Pete's reluctance in getting into an automobile anymore. No one will ever forget that infamous comment, "The reason why I'm plump is because my lungs are lower than everyone else's", and never ever task LCpl Nelson to clear a fire lane. Johnno's version of PR with a reporter became renowned and the boss' motivation was increased by hurling boulders at a certain Sect Comd. The fatherly guidance given by Grand Pappy Hicks and periodic appearances of that great shackle

will bring nightmares back to Slam and Friend's.

There were great accomplishments during the year for the BIG 5. The first must go to "I feel no pain", T.J. Brown, who dominated the distance running this year. Secondly, just how much weight can Scotty put on in one week? Finally the brave efforts of Boxy being able to carry on regardless of his massive hangovers should not go unnoticed.

The year saw many entrances and exits of members in the Platoon, with Pete Punchard heading to Sect Comd of the Zoot Suit Boys. Jolly returning to R.P.'s after his brief appearance and Rhodes' going to Mortars so he could complain to someone else. Lt Horn to Pnr Pl; Sgt Brooks transferring to Ops; and Dunny to Spt Sect. But with the losses we gained many: Big Jim, Akee, "I'm keeping my moe" Callow, Mark, Cpl Watts, Lt Moody and numerous others. With courses coming up and the year drawing to a close, the new year holds many hidden adventures for the men of 5 Platoon who will live by their motto.

FIGHTERS BY DAY  
LOVERS BY NIGHT  
DRUNKARDS BY CHOICE  
SOLDIERS BY ACCIDENT.



Pte Duncan — what do you mean jump!



Pte Callow ready to deploy on ODF Callout to Hispaniola

## 6 Platoon

With three newly promoted section commanders and lance corporals, and a brand new platoon commander, the platoon made a keen start to the year. 6 Platoon marked this by excelling in the *company inter section military skills competition*.

Undoubtedly the most interesting activity of the year for the Platoon would have to have been the trip to New Britain on *Exercise Night Falcon*. With the addition of a number of new members just prior to the trip, the exercise worked well to get the sections and platoon together. The different culture of East New Britain provided an interesting and educational experience, both in working with the PNGDF, as well as in the civil and tribal community. The exercise provided members with an insight into an area of historical and strategic interest to Australia, while the operations in an unfamiliar and different physical environment broadened the skills and knowledge of the members involved. After spending a month in the jungle of New Britain, together with bouts of gastro, the lads from 6 Platoon let go a sigh of relief when the RAAF Hercules finally

took off on the return journey to Townsville. Some members of the platoon certainly left some interesting friends behind. The OC welcomed our return to Garbutt with the news of an intercompany rugby match the next morning against Support Company.

Sgt Chester marched into 6 Platoon replacing Sgt Eylward during *Exercise Scorpion Sting*. The highlight of this rather different exercise would have to have been the platoon contact involving a pursuit by truck, similar to that out of a gangster movie, before launching into the main assault. On our return to Samichon Lines we embarked on the Company Obstacle Course Competition. 9 section proved to be the winners before the next event on the military calendar.... K89.

K89 provided every member with not only the opportunity to be practised in the art of being a sun dial, but also showed us how the Army operates at Divisional level.

As the year draws to a close, we look forward to success for those lucky enough to be on a course. One particular hope by all members of the platoon is that the bouts of malaria that have been taking their toll will finally cease.



8 Sect 6Pl "The Pepsi Boys" - Life's a Beach in New Britain.

# Charlie Company

C Coy arrived back from leave in January 1989 to face the challenges of the year ahead. New commanders, ranging from the OC to most of the section commanders, were ready to strut their stuff.

The company has worked hard and performed well in areas as varied as Tully, High Range, Northern Australia and aboard HMAS Tobruk. Highlights of the year include:

- second (only just!) in the *Mil Skills Competition*;
- first in Rugby, the Cross Country, Squash and lots of other things;
- first (until the relays) in the Athletics;
- the Coy Cricket team winning its first game in living memory;
- Coy HQ having the highest body count on K89; and
- forward run-downs during rapelling training.

C Coy has had a large turnover of soldiers this year – until the end of September, 48 had marched into the Company. Not quite so many have left, going to other companies, other units, other corps and of course other jobs! We wish all those who have left all the best and look forward to crossing paths with them in the future.

While the rest of the battalion is winding down towards Christmas leave this year C Coy is winding up for Rear Details. To the rest of the battalion, sleep well on leave because the country is in good hands! 1989 has proved to be a challenge to us all – if only in endurance to keep going. C Coy looks forward to 1990 and will approach it in the same manner but always remembering to "Stay Loose".



OC C Coy with 2IC and Umpire on K89

## 7 Platoon

1989 started with only half the original platoon. The numbers however, were soon boosted with the arrival of two new lids, FNGLT "Powy's" and Sgt "I'm going fishing" Macrae.

The excitement of being back from leave was soon enhanced as we were told that the company was off to Tully.

The lids were put in their place as the lads kept reminding them of "the times in the Malaysian Jungle back in '88".

Pte Scholz, ex Alpha, ex Recon, demonstrated his bayonet fighting skill by thrusting the cold steel of his bayonet into human flesh, the only problem was it was his own foot.

By the end of Tully 7 Platoon had proved themselves, with 3 sect being best section. We also found out that this new FNGLT was going to be hard to break in.

Next was the training for *Mil Skills* in which we discovered Cpl Dean Linton's navigation skills. "If there's a hill walk over it". During the water crossing the soldiers found it was easier to water-ski across.

All of a sudden *Mil Skills* was on us. The members of 7 Platoon must have taken it too lightly as this year only 3 sect made it into the top 10 coming 6th. LCpl Ross made the Pl proud by being selected for the Duke of Gloucester Cup Squad.

The next major event was *Scorpion Sting* in which we found out that most APC's float (Don't tell the Government otherwise they will scrap the Tobruk). Also found out that APC's are good for trimming trees. Pte Maher excelled himself by exiting the APC under fire with his Bren Gun stripped. He only lost half the pieces. When the Platoon was waiting to be deployed south of Charters Towers we were taught by the Boss in the use of the PAL as a Cache Destroying Laser.

Now that *Scorpion Sting* was over we had training for *K89* at HRTA. The Platoon was under the experienced command of LCpl MacGregor,

with LCpl Bowman as P1 Sgt. The Platoon got into some very important training "how to hide from the hierarchy". During the night attack "Bazza" Ferris and Pte "Minda" Maher were mentioned in dispatches. They were last seen running into the scrub with their Mag 58's blazing at the retreating enemy.

7 Platoon's next exciting adventure was *K89*. We set off on the Tobruk for a cruise around the Barrier Reef, Gulf of Carpentaria and Timor Sea. 2 Sect took out the *Amphibious Skills Competition* but the only amphibious thing about it was that we were standing on a ship.

Into the exercise 7 Platoon held the record for VCP's and for least amount of enemy sighted. Finally it looked like we were going into the thick of things with the airmobile insertion by Blackhawks into Ngukurr Mission. The only problem occurred when 2 Section's Chopper got lost over Roper Bar and took a SAM 7 up the rear.

Back at Ngukurr Mission we developed our own crowd control against the indigenous children - feed them cam covered hexamine tablets.

Special mention for *K89* goes to Pte Allie who was bitten by a poisonous clayton snake and then had a UD in front of the entire brigade. Well done Pte Allie!! We also had the opportunity to have a Pommy Officer in charge of the Platoon for a day. We still believe he was really South African as the gun arcs he gave us tended to point at the local inhabitants.

Finally the 9th Sep rolled up and for 3 members of the Pl there was an opportunity for a cultural exchange in Thailand. Meanwhile back in Australia Pte Ferris and Pte Carran decided to stay in Canberra for an extra week to help celebrate the Raiders win, but too bad lads you missed out on the rapelling. During the week we also managed to get a bit of Scuba Diving done. So hopefully next year 7 Platoon will be used for airmobile/underwater operations.

Now that the years coming to an end we say goodbye to Sgt Ian Macrae who is heading down to Canberra to make 7 Platoon famous in the Army Newspaper.



## 8 Platoon



LCpl Marr at Roger Bar

Well, the year began painfully, with many a sorry face regretting the fact that they were back, although intense volleyball training soon had us all back to peak fitness.

Then, before we knew it, the spectre that is Tully was upon us and off we went. Tully once again lived up to it's reputation of being one of the wettest places on earth. When asked on what he thought of Tully, a new "lid", Jim Easton replied "I NEVER WANT TO GO BACK TO THAT PLACE AGAIN!!"

Easter Standown was gratefully received and gave the Pl the chance to replenish the booze which had been sweated out at Tully.

*Battalion Air Week* came which saw the Gurkha's playing enemy, or did they? Unfortunately for the fighting 8 Pl and fortunately for the Gurkhas we rarely encountered them. A memorable moment was when Cpl Kelly was seen to sprint 35 metres in his sleeping bag when confronted by a stalking corpse in the middle of the night! What instincts!

With *Battalion Military Skills* coming up only a week away, an inter platoon night navex was thought to be a good training run and away 8 Platoon went showing their navigation prowess (ha ha).

Then it was on again for *Mil Skills 89*, a pretty tough but interesting one at that. The two sections, 4 section and 6 section led by Cpl's Kelly and Armstrong came in 3rd and 6th respectively earning 8 Pl the honour of being the champion rifle platoon of the Battalion. An excellent effort fellas considering the amount of new guys that had just arrived from Singo.

Before we could allow our legs to stretch and fitness dwindle, 8 Pl was off again on *Exercise Scorpion Sting* and *Live Fire Week*. Gerber probably won't forget the walk back to his sleeping bag from gun picquet.

Next came the Battalion boxing night and "The Fighting Eight" entered some hard nuts by the

nuts by the names of Eddie "Mr Magoo" McKellar, "Chesty" James and Todd Gerber. Anyhow the night was a big success and the boys all did well with Pte Gerber winning his fight. "Magoo" McKellar's opponent was almost scared out of the ring when old Magoo turned up sporting a freshly shaved head that would have scared the wits out of God himself!

K89. Well it finally happened. The exercise to end all exercises (hopefully) began for Charlie Company with a week long pleasure cruise up around the Cape on the HMAS Tobruk. It was a really good experience for all and a good start to the exercise. Then it was the usual hurry up and wait with a few really good chopper rides thrown in. The attack on Moline Mine was the highlight of the trip for 8 Platoon. Interesting was Cpl Kelly's, Pte Bird's and Pte Walsh's SAS style attack on a lone sniper on a crusher tower. It was a success but Pte Walsh was "killed" for the 3rd time of the exercise, much to his anger with a particular DS.

Four weeks later it was all over bar the shouting and we were flown home victorious by the Flying Kangaroo.

Standown followed with the boys going their separate ways back to families, girlfriends or just the pub. After standown with eyeballs still hanging out of sockets, the platoon went through the intensive touch footy phase and then it was on to the Battalion Swimming Carnival with Pte 'Arfer' Harris showing his mettle in all his events. Well done to Matrix for trying, but don't bother coming back next year!! Ha ha.

Well, as everyone knows, all good stories must come to an end and at the time of writing, 8 Pl are quietly "resting" and awaiting the beginning of the Battalion Courses.

P.S.: when the word "resting" is mentioned above, it means resting or recovering from unarmed combat lessons!!



Sgt Holmes, Pte Bird & Enemy

## 9 Platoon

The first bush trip of 1989 for 9 Pl was an enemy trip for 102 Fd Workshop. This was quite an interesting adventure. Cpl MacLean and section spent two weeks training and harassing the "pogoes", playing "World Series Baseball" at High Range in their spare time. The short Ex culminated with the En assaulting the 102 position. "Flight of the Valkeries" thumped from a rock box as the En inflicted 55 KIA (including CHQ) with only 6 En killed.

March was soon upon us and with it came "Tully", always memorable but even more so this year with:

- Pte Lloyd taken out with blood poisoning after finding the barbed wire on the Obstacle Course;
- Pte Yorke setting off a trip flare early in the morning during battle admin, the result – Pte Yorke caught with his pants down, outside the Perimeter without webbing or rifle. The CO enjoyed the fireworks!!
- Cpl MacLean, after being bitten by ants, to Pte Pettingill, "Gasp, pant, can't breathe, got a durry?" – He was stretchered out;
- Pl Comd, Pte Meyer, Pte Stoddart and LCpl Weir return from tracking course in Malaysia and hurry to Tully to rejoin the Pl. Bad luck boys;
- Pte Murphy sets off red smoke in his basic pouch on the 5km Forced March.

Our next adventure was the *Battalion Bush Week "Bangalore Hardknuckle"* was captured early in *Exercise Scorpion Sting* by the C Coy Pl Commanders. He was caught in a compromising situation in a female sympathizer's safe house. The capture was made illegal due to political back biting in the higher ranks and he was set free. 9 Pl suffered heavy casualties during the *Exercise*. The Pl was tasked to clear an enemy feature. Bn Int reported 3-5 En dug in. On dismounting from APC's, 9 Pl encountered a further 19 En. The platoon conducted a cluster formation attack in all directions, with the firefight lasting 1 hour. When the smoke cleared, 9 Pl suffered 10 KIA, 2 WIA and Lt "Bullet Proof" Braithwaite KIA twice. One APC was also destroyed. The enemy lost 23 KIA. LCpl Fotheringham took command of what was left of the platoon. This contact effectively struck 9 Pl off the Coy ORBAT.

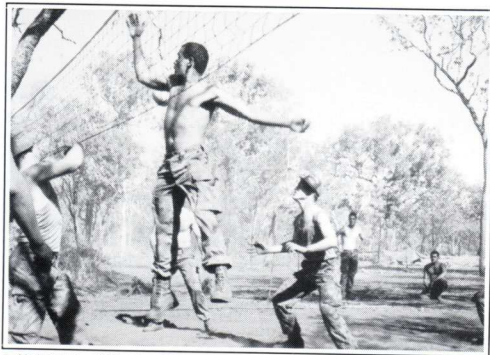
*Ex K89* was the Pl's last major event, and we got off to a good start with a seven day cruise on HMAS Tobruk – Beer and Deck Games were the order of the week. Once in our AO, things really deteriorated. Contacts for 9 Pl were as follows:

Week 1 – nil

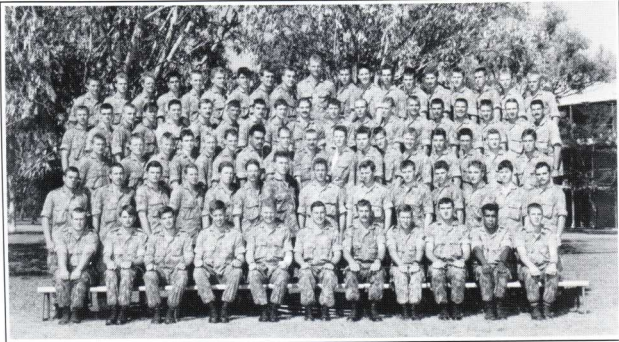
Week 2 – nil

Week 3 – day 6, 9 Pl contacts D Coy, result 9 Pl – 4 KIA, D Coy 5 KIA. Sorry Delta.

Farewell and good luck to all those who have departed during the year.



Volleyball on K89



## D Coy 1989

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Pte T.L. Crole  
Pte S.D. Greenfield  
Pte A.D. Sasse  
Pte D. Woolard

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Pte C.B. Baron  
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Pte M.G. Newbold  
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Pte J.P. Whyte  
Pte T.J. Wood

# Delta Company

The mighty Road Runners commenced the year with the 4 RAR Reunion. A number of Veterans were ex-members of the Company and many friendly associations were made at the Open Day.

After brushing the cobwebs out and adapting to a new organisation, Tully provided a suitable venue for two weeks of close country training. Three sections broke some type of record on the Obstacle Course and the Company another at Tully Gully.

Summer sport and platoon training continued until 4 April 1989 when the Company was called out to assist in the clean up of Ayr after Cyclone "Aivu". It was a job well done and was much appreciated by the people of the Burdekin. Our next official duty was to represent the Battalion on ANZAC DAY in the Townsville Parade. Following this the Company conducted a range week in preparation for the Inter Company Shoot. A first in machine guns and pistol and a second in rifle shooting was a creditable performance to those who competed.

On Sunday 28 May 1989, the Company deployed to Kirwan, Heatley and Vincent and collected over

\$4,000 in the Red Shield Appeal Door Knock for the Salvation Army. Then at O'Dark Hundred the following day, commenced our deployment to PNG on Exercise Wantok Warrior. West New Britain provided a challenging setting for the independent, self sufficient company exercise. The Company endured the jungle heat, humidity, and the mosquitos of PNG. The exercise provided valuable lessons on the climate, culture and terrain of one of our near neighbours.

K89 saw the company conduct some worthwhile training with APC's, and generally completing all tasks required of it throughout the exercise.

In September, while the Brigade stood down, D Company held the Fort as ODF and DFACC Company and conducted some worthwhile field firing at Mt Stuart and High Range.

October and November had two-thirds of the Company on courses, which would indicate quite a number going over to Support Company next year. Farewells are too many to mention individually but your efforts have been appreciated. To all those leaving Delta, we wish you the very best in your career. For those staying in the Company, a challenging year is in store for 1990.



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# Ten Platoon

The year began with the annual pilgrimage to Tully. Here the Platoon showed courage and initiative to the extent of someone yelling, "Every man for themselves" during an attack. An excellent tour that was well worth the hard work. Score — a perfect 10.

*The Battalion Bush Week!* Yes we were there.

As part of DFACC Company, 10 Platoon fought off the mozzies and a grateful population of Ayr to erect tarpaulins and console the people. Score — a perfect 10.

*Exercise Wantok Warrior* tested all of our jungle skills. The Platoon search for the enemy, followed by the attack at Wassi was rewarding. A three day walk through jungle to Mai Mission was beautiful. During this phase, a Native guide promised a tired and hot Platoon that it was 150m to a waterfall: 5km and 4hrs of hard walking later, we arrived. The platoon did three days of mission work, clearing ground for the locals to erect a church. The Company Exercise culminated in a cordon and search. 10 Platoon's role in this was complicated in the dark and occupation was very much by feel. A hard tour where the climate and terrain made operations very difficult and the lessons learnt will not be forgotten. The people of PNG were extremely kind and many friendships were forged. Score — a perfect 10.

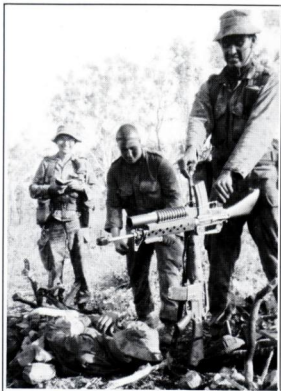
*K89* saw 10 Platoon very active in the first week. The actual Exercise saw us mounted in Landrovers while guarding the Francis Creek water point. Active patrolling at night saw the Platoon dominate the area.

The Umpire attached, alias "Jack the Ripper", did however manage to kill half the platoon with a machine gun burst, but we fought on. Score — a perfect 10.

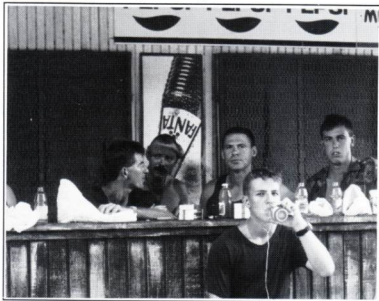
Other memorable events during the year were a tour of Magnet Island, gas training, ambushing the Minister for

Defence and four days urban warfare training at the Townsville Power Station.

An interesting year for 10 Platoon, we look forward to next year's challenges. Score — a perfect 10.



*Padre Maj Steel buries Pte Carroll — grave preparation by Pte's Lonsdale and Richardson*



*LCpl Dempsey, Holdmon, Cpl Jennings, Pte Korjian, Pte Carroll*



*LCpl Waters*

## **Eleven Platoon**

What can you say about 11 Platoon? The year started off well when we all went up to Tully Holiday Camp and spent ten days doing nature walks with WO2 Bolton. He showed us some very handy bush craft skills, like how to track down, kill and capture the rest of our Platoon, who were playing enemy under the command of Cpl Brown.

Next, they sent us on *Battalion Bush Week* where we dug-in a Company defensive position. An active patrolling program was pursued. As it turned out, we did a lot of searching but very little closing with and destroying of the enemy.

We successfully finished our *Bush Week* and had a spell in camp to recuperate before we went on holiday *Wantok Warrior* over in the tropical paradise of New Guinea. The holiday was only for a month, but in true Delta Company style, we made full use of the time available and spent some time walking around West New Britain, visiting the local Natives and getting to understand their culture. We found

them to be very friendly people and some of the blokes found the women to be very easy to get on with. The diving on the reef about 100m offshore turned out to be a favourite pastime of many. We also spent time on exercise conducting attacks and ambushes in very difficult terrain.

The next highlight of the year was K89. This is where we spent an exciting two weeks with APC's. Where the ration plan was supposed to be 50% fresh, 50% CRP and I'd like to know who got my 50% fresh. I'm glad we got as many poppers as HQ 3 BDE. The rest of the trip was spent between Tim-buk-too and Woop-woop. When we came back, a number of the Platoon were left behind, resulting in a little party, and you all know the rest. The cells were full for a couple of weeks.

11 Platoon then played enemy for the RAAF survival course and caught more RAAFies than any previous platoon (but we don't like to boast like the other platoons). The quiet achievers of the company, 11 Platoon could always be relied on "to be there" while 10 and 12 platoon made all the noise — 11 platoon will just keep on keeping on.

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# Twelve Platoon

## The Dirty Dozen

After a short spell of rest and replenishment, the dozen were once again reactivated to do battle against the subversive forces that threaten this great country of ours. The 4 RAR reunion presented the Commanding Officer with the opportunity to officially welcome back the Dirty Dozen and breath a sigh of relief in the knowledge that, if all else failed, at least the Dozen could be relied upon to come through with the goods.

February saw trouble brewing to the North of Townsville, the Dozen were reacted and the search was on for Musorian irregulars near the township of Tully. The enemy fled into the jungle once word slipped out that the Dozen were on the way. While 11 Platoon were busy trying to find their platoon commander (lost on a recon), the Dozen were battling it out with the enemy in the "Great Gypie Forest".

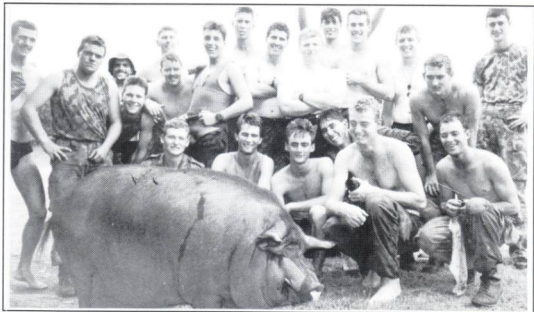
The early days of April saw the Dozen answer a call for help from the cyclone damaged community of Home Hill. The men were quickly on the scene and soon had the situation in hand. Tarpaulins were erected and backyards cleared of fallen trees. The Deputy Prime Minister arrived by Blackhawk and personally thanked the Dirty Dozen. The offer of a carton of XXXX and assorted bottles of spirits from the old lady across the railway line was politely refused. "Duty First madame, to serve is reward



Pte Bottomley, Pte Reagan, Lt Collins, Pte Wood

enough," replied young Botto.

Botto had barely recovered from his beating when the Dozen found themselves up against the notorious Gurkha Rifles during the *Battalion Bush Week*. The reputation of these little guys fell on deaf ears and before long, during an all night fighting patrol, the Dozen had become "the first on the block" to own their very own Gurkha PW. The fear in the enemy's eyes soon turned to laughter when he discovered that Sea Ostler had mistaken Roller for a Gurkha and was attempting to capture him. "What a bunch of fun loving guys," he told the RP's the following day, "if I hadn't been so busy laughing, I might have tried to escape."



12 Platoon at Tully

The Battalion's Military Skills Competition was contested in May. Under secret instructions from the Commanding Officer, the Dozen were told to stand aside and let someone else in the Battalion share some of the attention. Not wishing to upset the unit's morale, the Dozen took a well earned rest and just settled on being the best in the Company. Have you figured it out yet, OC's 10 and 11?

June saw trouble in PNG! The Dozen were deployed on a seemingly routine training exercise on the island of New Britain. The other two platoons provided a good deception while the Dozen conducted a 30km night insertion by foot into their AO. Having established a good relationship with the locals, the Dozen began their main task – psychological warfare and assessing the political situation in Bougainville. After an extensive programme of patrolling, ambushing and SP swilling, it was obvious that the Dozen were a force to be reckoned with. On numerous occasions, the Dozen were mistaken for reinforced SAS patrols (also operating in the area). The rebel leaders began to worry and by the end of the exercise, OC Dozen advised the government against sending troops to Bougainville, two days later the Dozen were Townsville bound by C-130.

July's main event was the Battalion Birthday Week, where OC Dozen practiced his rap dancing and unarmed combat at the ball. A lesson on gardening by Robbo ended a fun filled night for one and all. The atmosphere of mirth and merriment soon ended when the Battalion deployed on; "The one we'd all been waiting for."

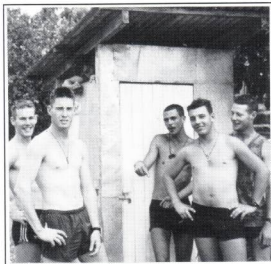
Kangaroo '89 – "The Arse Kickers from Hell" (alias The Dirty Dozen) deployed under the cover of darkness to Tindal Airbase. Right from the start, the Dozen exerted their influence on the battlefield. How often during the training phase did the Dozen

respond to calls for help from the remainder of the company – OC 10; "There's a machine gun pit to my front! I can't handle it! I'll hold and provide fire support, please God send the Dozen NOW!!! The standard response from the other two platoons soon became; "I am in an excellent position to provide fire support!" After grinding many young Kamarian bodies into the Pine Creek dust, the Dozen deployed with the APC's and mortar section on independent operations to the north of Juby Junction.

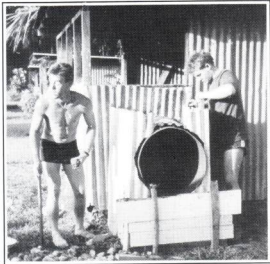
Paranoia, or maybe a gut feeling, from the Brigade Commander sent the Dozen rumbling towards a confirmed enemy position at the Union Extended Mine. A frantic message from OC Delta, with the Dozen in the FUP and about to launch into a three phase assault, halted the "party" with information from Brigade that we were up against a confirmed enemy platoon! Three hours later after a detailed recon – SITUATION ENEMY: nil – CIVIES: 3. "You're the first soldiers we've seen all month," replied the owner of the mine. The Dozen were disappointed, but not for long, the final Battalion attack at Roper Bar saw the Dozen attain the highest body count all exercise with a confirmed 34 enemy KIA. OC Dozen certainly had a few letters to send home to "Next of Kin" that day.

As September Standown draws to a close and the Dozen stand down as part of the ODF priority company, many members (once they finish RP's) will soon commence subject and specialist courses. The Dozen will undergo a complete restructuring, with all the commanders going their separate ways within the Battalion and Brigade. Once again, the ranks of the Dirty Dozen will thin out, making way for some new blood to keep alive the reputation of the last rifle platoon in the Battalion.

**\*\* Apologies to OC's 10, 11 and Sgt Meuleners.**

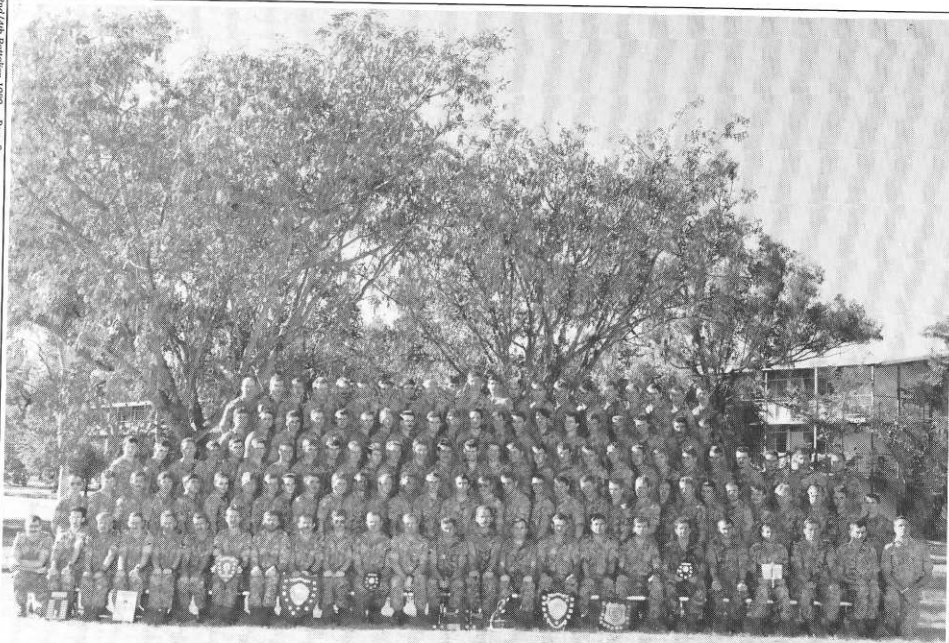


Pre Jones, LCpl Harty, Pte Boots, Pte Bottomley, Pte Lynch, Cpl Ostler (Toilet)



Cpl Hunt & Pte Wadham





The coy started the year with an outstanding result in the Sect Mil Skills Competition with all eight sect finishing in the top 19 places. Understandably, morale and esprit-de-corps were quite high after this result. This standard continued throughout the year with the various mil skills trophies ending up on the wall in our orderly room. We did very well on the sports fields as well. The result of everyone's efforts has been the return of the Schlyder Shield to the senior coy. All coy members should take pride in these achievements. This pride was evident quite early if I recall, when Spt Coy was required to defend its honour in the ETVCC on ANZAC DAY. Like the original ANZACS the boys acquitted themselves very well.

The year has been a busy one; one in which

quantity and quality became confused and produced some frustration for us all. Nevertheless everyone did their best to get on with the job. You should remember though, that as an ODF Bn our mission is very clear — **success** in military operations. The various competitions are only a means to that end.

I thank you all for your efforts throughout the year and I wish you all the best in the future. To the wives, thank you for the support that you have given this year, it has allowed us to get on with our very important job. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

## Spt Coy 1989

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# Mortar Platoon

The platoon experienced a large turnover of personnel this year and had to work hard to acquire mortar skills and participate in ETS's at the same time. The Pl Comd swanned off to New Zealand for six weeks and this allowed the platoon to come under control of CHQ. Dry firing deployments and sabot shoots at Mt Stuart proved that we'd learnt our stuff, but the first live fire for the year turned out to be a vehicle winching exercise. Vehicle breakdowns also hampered the smooth flow of the exercise and was the worst live shoot many of us had experienced. However, for A Coy on Exercise *Get Hard* our field kitchen was a welcome sight and their training motto soon became "GETTING HARDER".

The Battalion Bush Week in April saw the platoon dig mortar pits in record time due to the prolonged wet season. Everyone got to have a ride on a Blackhawk and a number of lessons were learnt about attaching mortar sections to companies for air mobile operations, especially who carries the ammunition. Meanwhile, six lucky bastards got to go to Hong Kong with A Coy. The experience was great, the shopping excellent but because they were all married or deeply in love, absolutely nothing happened after hours and it was really boring. True.

To improve our endurance when manpacking, the platoon carried marching order, personal weapons, radios, mortar equipment, command post stores and two bombs per man (except Beaker Elliot because he was an RP and they don't do that sort of thing). 10km on the next live firing exercise at High Range. To say everyone was exhausted at the end of it was an understatement. We all made it but the academy awards would have had a hard time choosing between Fred Astaire, Lawrence Olivier or Roy Rogers.

Mil Skills saw every digger in the Platoon compete in the activity and we were one of the very few platoons in the battalion to enter three sections. CPL Donaldson's section came fourth and the remaining sections 13th and 15th. Pte Walker was chosen to train with the Duke of Gloucester Cup Squad and represented the Battalion at Singleton. Well done Gunny.

The Battalion LFX saw us fire over half our yearly allocation of ammunition in three days. However, the high rate of fire gave us plenty of practice stopping base plates sinking more than two feet into the ground. Exercise *Scorpion Sting* was a slow exercise for us except for the last 24 frantic hours, where we had 90 minutes to regroup and support a battalion attack. We achieved what we were told to do but it caused blood pressure in a certain Captain. Sadly the platoon was caught napping at 4 o'clock the next morning by the enemy who were cleverly disguised as a cattle dam (as a result Armaguard refuse to employ any mortarmen looking for work).

The battalion birthday celebrations were just that and then the exercise which we'll tell our grandchildren about, *K89*, reared its ugly head. To be fair, the exercise produced a number of firsts. It was the first time any of us had dug in APC's, the first time a section of mortars were asked if they would fire and move with the assault company, the first time we didn't prang our vehicles (others did it for us), the first time we were caught going to a goffa shop (good on you recon), the first time Cowboy got to drink in three months (sure), the first time a mortar section got split into two fire units and it was definitely the first time any of us



Bomb Catching — Pte Walker, Pte Milligan and Sniffy Bambrook

had been told over a loud speaker, three cans of beer and three days R & R in Mataranka that we were still tactical.

The most pleasant trip that some of us got to do this year was to go to Cairns and fire mortars off the back of naval patrol boats. It proved to be a really interesting exercise and was surprisingly accurate despite moving at some speed on the water. The navy was extremely keen to repeat the activity as they have shortages just the same as we do, especially mortar ammunition.

With Brigade Standdown behind us, all we have to look forward to are courses and leave. The platoon wishes those who are leaving on posting or discharge all the best for the future. A special mention must go to CPL Allan MacKenzie who is posted to Singleton in October. His professional knowledge was of excellent assistance to the platoon, and his presence will be missed



Manpacking — LCpl Wright and Pope leading the way

# Pioneer Platoon

1989 proved a difficult and often frustrating year for pioneers but a testing one nevertheless. The start of year saw the construction of a new \$20,000 stores slab and shed and 2 Section take out the Support Company Obstacle Course Competition under Cpl (Grape) Delben. The platoon all got their airborne rappelling qualifications, excepting of course Dinga Bell, who likes to keep his feet firmly on the ground.

The year also saw the departure of a number of prominent pioneers of old, most notably Sgt Peter (Long Beard) Daly, who left the platoon halfway through the year and we wish him the best of luck in the future. To take his place has come Sgt Bob (Patches) Meuleners. Cpl Allan Lynch has departed for Singleton and Cpl David Delben opted to take over the family vineyard. The legendary Cpl Steve (Sloth) Hicks has moved on to B Coy together with Cpl Tony (Body Beautiful) Fenwick. We look forward to seeing them both back in Pioneer Platoon in the not too distant future.

The year has not been without incident with Pte (Two Shots) Saunderson always getting the most number of rounds away out bush and Pte (Blister Face) Dean who proved himself a master with the flame thrower. The latter half of the year also saw the attachment of Lieutenant Harry Waters from the Gloucester Regiment in Ireland. Better known as "Harry the Hat" we trust he enjoyed his stay with 2/4 RAR Pioneers — "Well done Harry's Boy!!!"

I have been fortunate enough to command the 2nd/4th Battalion Pioneer Platoon for two years and will always be extremely proud of that fact. Pioneers are an integral part of an Infantry Battalion whose work often goes unnoticed. I commend the members of the Platoon on their achievements over the last two years and make notable mention to Pte Skip Murray whose services as platoon storeman over the last twelve months have been exemplary. I wish all the platoon the best of luck in the future and proudly salute RCCADTE.



*Pioneers digging in the Bn CP on the Bn Bush Week*



*Pioneers in action on the flame range*



*Pnr Sgt Handover*



# Reconnaissance Platoon

Recon Pl had another busy and interesting year. It was also a very successful year for the Pl.

The year started with one of the more difficult exercises in the setting of Cowley Beach. A water ops exercise, mixed in with a bit of fishing, cricket and patrolling. I believe the toad body count was roughly 300.

The Pl then conducted, *Exercise Cape Crusader*, which was held around the AIMS Institute. The exercise was designed to sharpen the Pl's close reconnaissance and surveillance techniques, unfortunately Cpl Davies (63C) and Cpl Lampard (63B) needed to be sharpened a great deal more. Pte Lee obviously didn't trust Davo, and thought a one man Pl was the way to go!

This exercise was followed by a very successful sniper pre-selection course run by Sgt Challands and Sgt King.

The next activity the Pl participated in was the *Battalion's Military Skills Competition*. For the first time, two Recon sections competed, and they finished 1st and 2nd.

The Duke of Gloucester Cup team was based almost entirely from the soldiers of Recon Pl, and finished 3rd, in a very close fought, if unusual competition. Man on man, the team performed extremely well, and if the spirit and skills are maintained, the Bn will be very competitive again next year.

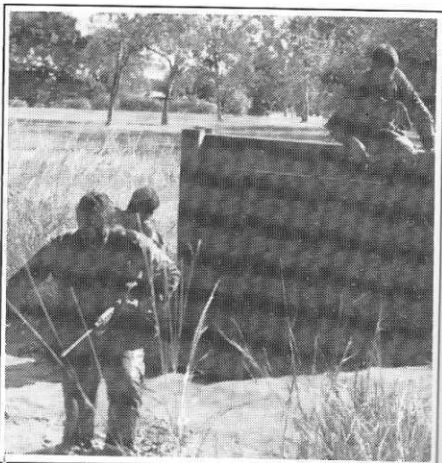
August saw us off to *K89* and some memorable highlights. Firstly, Dusty Miller and friends enjoyed a 5 days, all expenses paid holiday at the magnificent Emerald Springs Hotel Resort. The boys got deployed there to do a covert operation on the enemy. They didn't see many bad guys but ensured the publican a profitable exercise. They tell me now he has retired. Not to be outdone, Sgt King and Pte Lee conducted a similar operation at a gold mine. Yes! Hard work certainly works up a thirst! Meanwhile the rest of the Pl was doing its normal activities. Halfway through the ex the Pl was deployed by Blackhawks into?..... I'm not sure where it was and neither did the Pl, but who cares we had our compass and protractors. Another highlight was the capturing of four PW's, including the 3 RAR Recon Pl Sgt. PHQ using their brilliant ingenuity suckered the enemy into thinking they were their own by talking to them on their net! Who was that sniper who reckons you would have to be a squeezer to have a UD. I think it was Pte Squeezer Torrens. During this time Sgt King and some miner mates ran into, wait for it ..... Freddy Mercury, who at the time was doing a Mick Wishart impression. Finally,



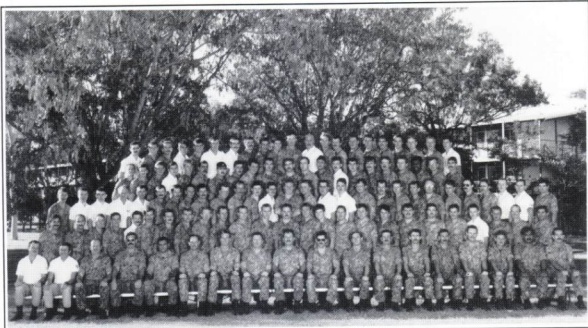
mention must be made of the Recon vehicle for covering thousands of miles and not missing a beat. Good on year SR1!

Midyear saw the departure of Cpl (Davo) Davies, finally realizing an ambition, that of joining the 'ranks' of the SASR, we wish him well! Cpl Lampard decided to take a break, and headed to the U.K. on *Ex Long Look*. In return, Sgt (Dusty) Miller arrived; between Townsville women, Thomo and Hes enjoyed his stay.

Hopefully, 1990 will see the Pl continuing the successful trend that has been set this year (1989).



A Section of Recon Pl negotiate the last obstacle of the obstacle course during Mil Skills.



## Admin Coy 1989

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Cpl C.A. Montgomery  
Cpl R.W. Waterhouse

LCpl J.D. Twomey  
Pte P.M. Gibbs  
Pte M.A. Hoffrichter  
Pte G.J. Hynds  
Pte J.W. Rapmund  
Pte S.R. Roach  
Pte L.R. Young

### P & D

WO2 W. Gall  
Sgt D.R. Damen  
Cpl T.R. Davis  
LCpl S. Bedding  
LCpl T.L. Macey  
Pte C.O. Cooper  
Pte D.P. Holmes  
Pte M. Lanham  
Pte A.S. Murphy  
Pte G.A. Pritchard  
Pte J.W. Timmings  
Pte S.G. Wilson

### Tpt Pl

Lt N.W. Everingham  
Sgt L.J. Tulip  
Cpl D.J. Grovener  
Cpl D.J. Richardson  
LCpl B.D. Patterson  
LCpl B.J. Sammons  
Pte S.M. Archibald  
Pte T.H. Berry  
Pte S.C. Brown  
Pte R.W. Clark  
Pte M.A. Cousins  
Pte S.M. Fagg

Pte C.G. Jeffery  
Pte A.R. Johnson  
Pte D.P. Keogh  
Pte J.W. Mitchell  
Pte N.E. Pugliese  
Pte D.E. Robertson  
Pte G.A. Rolph  
Pte S.A.C. Shea  
Pte G.J. Shinnars  
Pte M.S. Smith  
Pte P.M. Townsend

### Tech Spt Pl

WO2 D.F. Williams  
Cpl N.J. Cashman  
Cpl P.E. Coleiro  
Cpl P. Van Schaik  
LCpl K.M. Chambers  
Cfn W.A. Bergquist  
Cfn D.R. Harper  
Cfn D.J. Larkin  
Cfn P.C. Meredith  
Cfn D.G. Robinson  
Cfn S.M. Tucker  
Cfn J.D. Walker

### RAP Pl

Capt P.F. Wheatley  
SSgt A.J. Sherlock  
Sgt P.R. Simmonds  
Cpl P.S. Cardenas  
Cpl B. Dick  
Cpl W.P. Kessell  
Cpl I.D. Leak  
Cpl J.A. Scott  
Cpl E.J. Simons

# **Administration Company**

Admin Coy again survived another busy year. The first half of the year had some highlights: the ASM's relationship with an SLR and the world record unloading of HMAS Tarakan. The Company operated like someone treading water — calm and relaxed above the surface but working "flat chat" below! We participated in all inter-company activities, despite being unable to down tools for a week and conduct only sport and mil skills, we did our best. Well done everyone, especially the shooters, who beat most rifle companies!

*Scorpion Sting* was our preparation for K89 and as it turns out, the terrain was very similar — We love Dust.

K89 was highlighted by OP "A Bar Too Far" when REMF FORCE, under the gallant comd of the OC, linked up with the beleaguered Bn in the vicinity of Roper Bar — next time don't forget that Blackhawks use heaps of fuel. One empty S70A-9 uses one full seal drum.

Thank you to *all* members of the company, who worked so hard, sometimes for little recognition — a job well done.

## **Administration Company Headquarters**

Although never able to close operations entirely, from its holding pattern of the Xmas break, Admin Coy HQ burst back into control of the Bn Logistic flight deck in January 1989, with a renewed energy and rejuvenated crew. The chief pilot and navigator, Major "Meticulous" Hollings, tail gunner Capt "Where is he this time" Ware and air hostesses Benny Benfer and Les Kronk were the only members of the old regime. The 1989 crew saw inclusion of co pilot/navigator WO2 Cahill, loadmaster and chief steward SSgt John Hatch, aircrew Sgt Geoff Eylward and Cpl Glen Baker DPRJ, Pte "Gibber" Giblett PTI, resident receptionist LCpl "Zulu" Zuliani and who could forget Andrew Maynard — EVERYONE.

The course for 1989 was set for: good in flight logistics, honing of echelon skills with timely supply to the soldiers in the field as the ultimate destination. CHQ used the Bn exercises, Bn CPX and Bn LFX as short hops to K89 — not without engine trouble. A bogged echelon tested flexibility, and the Gurkha tragedy provided procedure testing as realistic as it comes.

A one way ticket to the Amway heaven midway

through the year lured SSgt Hatch to civvy street terminal via furlough, making way for Geoff Lawman to take over the cargo hold. The Schwartzenger disease necessitated Benny and Gibber going to muscle city for 6 months — enter LCpl Johnno Johnson.

K89 the final test flight was for most subunits, an adequate challenge. The Ex confirmed beyond doubt that the co-operation of cabin crew, Pipes, Toco and Nutshell Sunray helped Admin Coy HQ achieve its smooth landing at its final destination.

1990 will sadly see the loss of Maj Hollings to OPSO at Bn HQ. Capt Ware is off, no-one is sure if he is posted or just adventuring somewhere in Training Comd Georges Heights, and WO2 Cahill terminates his 20 year club membership.

One final thought — it has been suggested that were it not for the OC's "brief" conferences, the Nationals would never have considered daylight savings.

# The RAP



1989 saw the arrival of the following members:

The Junior Yuppie	Capt Wheatley
The Visitor	Cpl Cardenas
The Cowboy	Cpl Dick
Mother	Cpl Scott

Still holding the RAP together are the resident medics:

Dr Shirl	SSgt Sherlock
Jug Head	Sgt Simmonds
Mr Cool	Cpl Simons
The Professor	Cpl Leak
Karate Kid	Pte Tait
The Wombat	Cpl Kessel

The RAP has had another busy year supporting the coys in the field as well as overseas. Sgt Simmonds won the toss and went to Hong Kong, now he states that he worked his backside off, but we really know the truth "Jug Head".

*Ex Wantok Warrior* was supported by the RMO and Brett Dick, what a pair! Now we must admit that they did a very good job, in fact a pat on the back goes to the RMO. Now for those that don't know the RMO saved the life of a woman who had serious problems associated when giving birth to her child. The RMO was praised in the PNG Post and also received a letter from the High Commissioner, thanking him for his good work. By the way, she called the baby Peter. Well done Boss!

Now for the dirt! Now we could mention the parade ground episode, surgical techniques using sun-

glasses, the management of nursing staff at 1 Fd Hospital "but we won't".

Meanwhile back in Australia, the medics were kept on their toes supporting the Gurkhas and Bn Exercises. Cpl Dave Leak was the first medic on the accident scene when the Gurkhas rolled a Landrover. David did an excellent job treating the patients which no doubt contributed to their recovery — a pat on the back also goes to Cpl Jim Scott and SSgt Tony Sherlock, who flew the "dust off" and worked with the emergency team at TGH. Well done men!

*Scorpion Sting* saw the medics in action again, with numerous "dust offs" and one police escort, when evacuating a soldier by road.

During *K89* Cpl Brett Dick applied emergency first aid to two civilians and a serviceman who were involved in a motor vehicle accident. From all reports Cpl Dick handled the situation in a very professional manner. Well done mate!

On the non medical side, Cpl Simons was selected in the Mixed Open Australian Side for Touch Football — not bad for an old man.

Pte Tait became one of the elite, when he successfully passed his Med Asst Course and was posted to 2 Fd Ambulance. Wayne will be getting married in November, we wish you all the best.

Now the following is some dirt on the Pl:

The RMO Do we really need to say any more?

Jug Head Is it true you got sprung playing with your train set during sick parade?

Dr Shirl How does it feel to be posted to 1 Fd Hospital?

Mr Cool Now Ted, tell us what happened with your new office at BHQ and what went wrong?

At the end of play this year, we farewell the following members:

The Junior Yuppie 5/7 RAR

Jug Head Inf Centre on promotion

The Professor 8/12 Med Regt on promotion

The Wombat 2 Fd Ambulance

To all those leaving, we would like to wish you all the very best in the future.



# Technical Support Platoon

1989 started early for Tech Spt Pl with preparation for the 4 RAR Anniversary and the addition of march ins Cpl Coleiro, Cfn Sean Tucker and Cfn "Max" Walker. Cpl Coleiro got into the swing of things quickly by going fishing for a week under the pretext of learning something about outboard motors. One ambitious armoured qualified as an office sniper and decided that civil security work had more to offer than the service.

Cfn "Chas" Chambers backdoored a Subject 1 Course with 2 Fd Sup Bn

and was eventually promoted to LCpl. Cfn "Blue" Meredith decided that a rifle coy was the place to be and joined A Coy just long enough to get a trip to Hong Kong. Dave Larkin's efforts weren't so successful as he came off second best after tripping the mace at Tully. Dave did get a trip to New Guinea along with Cpl Coleiro, who had the



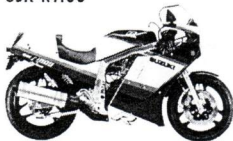
Tech Spt Pl 2/4 RAR - Ex K89

advantage with the locals as he speaks fluent sign language.

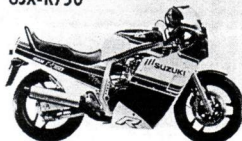
Cfn Dave Harper blew in with Cyclone Aivu as Cfn Wayne Ham started a new job at 5 Avn Regt. Seen any Black-hawks lately? Members of Tech Spt performed well during Bn Sports week with Bill Bergquist and Phil Coleiro ac-

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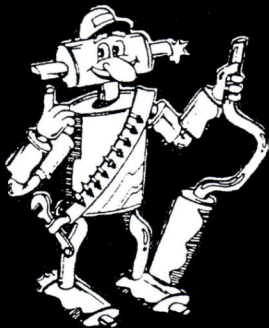
Cpl Van Schaik tests a circuit

quitting themselves well in Soccer, and Sean Tucker and "Blue" Meredith starred at Aust Rules. Cpl "Shaky" Van Schaik broke under pressure while Peter Meredith threw good spears to win the javelin event at the Brigade Athletics.

The LFX and Ex Scorpion Sting kept the craftsmen busy ironing out bugs in the Mag 58's and the newly introduced FFR's. Cfn Dave Robinson marched in just in time to deploy on Ex K89. The high point of this long awaited exercise for Tech Spt was the battle of RAEME Ridge in which craftsmen tenaciously repelled several determined attacks. Max Walker spent some time with B Coy and decided not to corps transfer after all. Cfn "Ando" Anderson detached from 102 Fd Wksp for the Exercise will be remembered for his efforts even after we got the replacement vehicle.

The 6x6 2 ton Landrover which arrived just before the exercise greatly improved our FRT capability, allowing extra repair parts to be carried, and providing a much more versatile repair facility.

The year concludes with members of the Pl on courses, adventure training and getting into the silly season in preparation for a well earned Christmas break.



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# An end to another year – Pipes and Drums

Where has the year gone? This year initially got off to a good start with new march ins. For a variety of reasons none lasted long. Next year we may get VOLUNTEERS who have the pride of the unit at heart instead of looking for a bludge.

We have had one man who because of volunteering got what he didn't want. Yes, the DRUM MAJOR's position, Dick Damen came in blind to the job but certainly has proven he has the guts to have a go. Well done "Richard" your doing a good job and it will have its benefits in 1990, hang in there partner.

Also this year see's the loss of Cpl "Zeb" Trevor Davis. Trevor has spent ten years with the Battalion and nine of these in Pipes and Drums. Trevor and his wife are venturing into a Sandblasting business, after he gets out in November. Best of luck to the both of you. It's a big jungle out there.

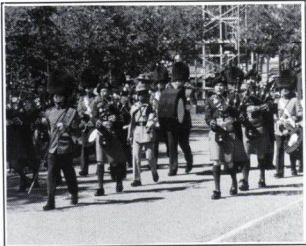
Pte "Bernie" Bernard also left the P/D this year. He is now working in Whyalla SA for BHP. Perhaps we'll see Bernie again.

There will be more losses next year and hopefully not until after the North Queensland Pipe Band Championship which we hope to succeed once more. This year over Easter, we had some excellent results:

1. Champion Pipe Corps.
2. Champion Basic (Tenor and Bass Drum) Section.
3. Champion Drum Major (LCpl Tim Macey)
4. Champion Medley Section.
5. Third in Street March.
6. Third in 2/4 March Section (2/4 is a time signature not the Bn)
7. Best dressed Muso (or was it second or third, anyway it was done after a few drams) Oh! – The Pipe Major won that.

Overall we came away with seven trophies, ninety dollars in prize money and fond memories of new friends and the reputation of one of the best bands in the North, and a headache (wee drams).

Next year we are assisting the local Pipe Bands with playing positions within our P/D's. The



*Pipes and Drums march on Anzac Day*

Pipe Major has plans to have a Twin Cities Pipes and Drums instead of two civilian bands which is having trouble keeping afloat.

This year – the Sheraton Casino with a Bridal Fashion show – models don't care where they get changed, POW Association Service, Townsville Boat Club, Leisurama (our training ground for competitions) and twelve, yes that's correct, twelve Pre-schools.

We have convinced the Regt Council of the merits of the Australian Tartan, which eventually will give us a new uniform. Hopefully an RAR composite Pipes and Drums will take part in a Beating the Retreat with the Scottish Division in June 1990.

Advertisement: The Pipes and Drums will not be in a very useful state next year if you young lads with some potential don't come forward. No matter what comment you get from anyone, if you want to take the plunge, the rewards are great. Come down to the Regimental room and talk to the Pipe Major.

Pipes and Drums wish all the family (Men of 2/4 RAR) the best for Christmas and the New Year and please, we don't want to be recalled to do funerals. the RAAF holds that record.

Have a gid new year an dinna doon to many drams tak a bussie or a taxi.

Best wishes to Maj Hollings and Capt Ware for the future, how the hell you put up with us is beyond sense – Good luck.

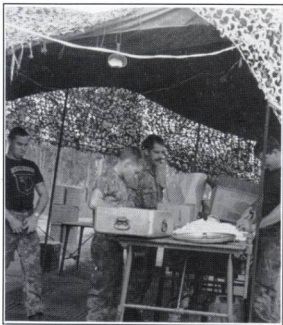
## Catering Platoon

Catering Platoon started the year off without a Caterer as WO2 G. Baker elected to take Long Service and Leave Without Pay. The Platoon wishes him all the best for the future. Sitting in for the first three months was Sgt R. Thain, who suddenly became ten years older trying to control the account whilst it was being manipulated by all sorts of outside influences and occurrences. The two Sgt's who escaped these happenings were Sgt's Morgan and Holmes, who were busy getting qualified for their next promotion. Rumour has it that Sgt L. Holmes has been granted an extension on his visa for an extended stay here in North Queensland.

Sgt Morgan was promoted and received his Warrant on the Birthday Parade and luck was still with him on K89 when he happened to find an Aboriginal grave with Sgt Spencer and reported to CSM Admin, it's quite interesting how an old bone can become, a skeleton with bullet holes to the skull – EH JOCK! Those who laughed first, laughed last and had to sweat it out while the presence of two Federal Police visited the area for some time – all's fair in love and war. The platoon lost Cpl Spencer to civvie street, good luck Spence and don't forget the Army still loves you even though you are a Pom.

The platoon will lose two more members to the Corps of Cockroaches – is there any truth in the rumour that a certain female from Langs Hotel is to follow you John or does rank have its privileges. Congratulations go to Pte Pargetter on his marriage and the platoon wishes him all the best for the future. Congratulations are also in order for Sgt Frank "Snake" Jansen who participated on his first field trip in a year and more importantly on the birth of a baby girl who was born on 27 September 1989. Hang in there Frank, not all units are in Land Comd.

Several members of the platoon visited exotic and foreign countries with Sgt Holmes, Cpl R. Ryman participated on *Exercise Reindeer* in Hong Kong. Sgt P. Seely and Cpl Bignell and Cpl P. Brookes went north to *Wantok Warrior* and were rumoured to be paid up members of the KKK when a fire started up on the verandah of a building when enjoying a BBQ meal. Is there any truth Pedro, that you're a distant



*The field kitchen*

cousin of Governor George Wallace of Georgia U.S.A. and congratulations Brooksey on setting a new record for Orderly Corporals in Admin Coy.

Our thanks go to the Transport Platoon, especially to the drivers who transported the field equipment without complaining and did a top job. The platoon wants to know when Shonky Shinnars is coming across as they will find him a job in one of the small messes, pulling shonkys in the Officers' Mess, Greg. Well done Stan and Suck for the new uses of a bush hat and pits on K89, we are quite sure that this will go down in military history.

Well that winds up, except to say to the Battalion thanks to every soldier for supporting us and to wish you and your families a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year, along with good soldiering for 1990.

WE SUSTAIN.



# Transport Platoon

Transport Platoon started 1989 with a Platoon Commander for the first time in many years, a new Sgt and a new Corporal. The year was difficult for some of the soldiers, as they had many new ideas coming from all different directions.

Major events of the year were *Exercises Scorpion Sting* and *K89*. Before, between and after these events, the drivers were flat out supporting platoons and companies within the Battalion.

Many soldiers have left the platoon during the year, including Cpl Bowers to AAvn, LCpl Martin to Range Control, Pte's Allen, Brooker, Coden to discharge. Pte Hilder marched out and Pte Jeffery promptly took his place. July saw the long overdue promotion of Pte Patter-

son to LCpl. During the last week of July, the Platoon decided to go for a 2320km drive to Katherine, over five days to meet the rest of the Battalion. The highlight of *K89* was the newly promoted LCpl Patterson's truck being borrowed by the enemy, under protest of course. B Coy provided an ambush and the enemy ditched the truck.

In early September the drivers returned with vehicles to Townsville. The weekend after return, Pte Mitchell decided to help a digger from D Coy by lending him the duty vehicle so the drunken fool could go sight seeing at the local meat works. The local police quickly set the misguided clown straight.

All in all, it has been a good year for Transport Platoon with a total of 989,632kms being covered for 1989.

KEEP ON TRUCKING.



Tpt Pl practising deployments on HMAS Tarakan

# Quartermaster Platoon

Once again, the QM Platoon has enjoyed a very busy year with little respite from the never ending logistic process.

Welcomed to the Platoon were WO1 Garry Richardson as RQMS War and Cpl Steve Burgess as Clothing Store NCO. Also from within the battalion we welcomed to the Platoon Cpl Haynes to Peace Increment, Pte Roach also to Peace Increment, Pte Gibbs as clothing storeman, Pte Young as Ammo Storeman and Pte Rapmund as Register Clerk. During the year we welcomed Pte Hynds and our new Tech Sgt "Spanner" Spencer. Very recently Brett Langabeer returned to the Platoon as a Cpl, shortly to take up the Ammo NCO position.

On the departure side, the Platoon farewelled Sgt Browne to CQMS D Coy, Sgt Keynes who went to C Coy as their CQMS, Cpl Bristow-Smith who went to 1 RTB to work for Capt Gibson (ex RQMS War). Pte Crooks and Pte Foster thought that the grass was greener on the other side of the fence and took discharge. We wish them the best in their new lives as civilians.

Our congratulations to Sgt "Radar" Barker on his promotion and his new job as Platoon Sergeant/Ledger Room Sergeant.

The Platoon has had a busy year supporting the battalion in different activities, such as *Bush Week*, *Battalion Live Fire Exercise*, *Exercise Scorpion Sting* and *Exercise Kangaroo 89*. The Battalion also took over the role of priority Battalion and we had to work hard to complete the trial pack on time.

Whilst the ODF side of the Platoon was training and preparing for war, the peace side of the house was hard at work keeping the barracks going, handing over buildings for refurbishment, preparing for the *4 RAR Reunion*, the *Battalion Birthday Celebrations* and many more. The truth is, although it sounds like a classic tale of "war and peace", both sides of Q are vital to the functioning of the Battalion. Well done War and Peace!

QM Platoon is home for LCpl John Twomey who is of note as the Battalion's longest serving original member (since 15 Aug '73). This year we learned that the Army's official birth date has been set at 1 Mar and coincidentally, this is also John's birthday. To celebrate, the Caterer and his staff provided a fine cake which was cut by LCpl Twomey in the presence of the platoon, Bn 2IC and RSM. To top off his day, John was serenaded by the Pipes and Drums in his room that night.

The Platoon is now gearing up for the next major stocktake and are hoping to remove some of the warts and wrinkles from the account so that the whole Q Store can run more efficiently. Perhaps AUTOQ (the new logistic computer for the Q account) may achieve this when it finally comes on line.

Finally, the Q Store is here to support the Battalion. Thank you to those who supported the Q Store this year and we wish all members of the Battalion and our supporting arms and services staff and their families all the best for the festive season and a safe return to work next year.



Steve Burgess showing that even B Echelon personnel dig in



Roy Crabbe setting up his ammo shop on K89

# Military Skills Competition

Once again, April was the time for testing the training which had so far been carried out by the Battalion's sections. This year's Military Skills Competition was conducted over three days and nights, with 36 sections competing for the honour of being named as 2/4 RAR Champion Section.

As many as possible Military Skills were tested, but the main emphasis was on weapon handling, endurance, battlecraft and leadership. The senior NCO's and officers of each company designed and judged the activities. These proved to be very demanding and by the end of the first day, there had been a number of withdrawals due to injury.

Included in the Military Skills Competition was the obstacle course: a separate trophy is awarded for the winning section. This year it was won by 5 Sect A Coy, led by Cpl Weir.

## RESULTS

Listed below are the results of Mil Skills conducted 15-18 May '89:

Place	Company	Results
1.	Spt	311.33
2.	C	316.30
3.	D	410.85
4.	A	433.64
5.	B	456.45
6.	Admin	534.5



C Coy on the Obstacle Course

Place	Sect	Comd.	Points	Coy
1.	Lampard	.....	197.5	Spt
2.	Moore	.....	227.5	Spt
3.	Kelly	.....	246.25	C
4.	Donaldson	.....	273.5	Spt
5.	Wilson	.....	278.5	Spt
6.	Linton	.....	285.25	C
7.	Armstrong	.....	286.75	C
8.	Hunt	.....	300.00	D
9.	Weir	.....	300.25	A
10.	Kirk	.....	315.75	Spt
11.	Hughes	.....	316.75	C
12.	Muir	.....	333.00	C
13.	Watts	.....	353.75	Spt
14.	Robson	.....	360.5	D
15.	Grace	.....	364.00	Spt
16.	Reichow	.....	371.25	B
17.	Wheeler	.....	389.25	D
18.	Schwartz	.....	393.75	Spt
19.	Lynch	.....	397.25	Spt
20.	Marshall	.....	398.00	D
21.	Caruana	.....	422.75	A
22.	Weir	.....	430.00	C
23.	Darcy	.....	435.5	A
24.	Punchard	.....	444.5	B
25.	Edelman	.....	447.25	A
26.	Pederick	.....	447.5	D
27.	Brown	.....	453.5	B
28.	Pickering	.....	464.25	A
29.	Nemme	.....	466.75	D
30.	Conrad	.....	478.00	A
31.	Bedding	.....	479.00	Admin
32.	Strahan	.....	487.5	A
33.	Young	.....	488.5	B
34.	Wright	.....	514.00	D
35.	Clarke	.....	524.25	B
36.	Martin	.....	590.00	Admin



LCpl Rootham of Recon Pl on the Obstacle Course during Military Skills

**Jan**  
25 Bn returns from BRL



*Mor Pl during Mil Skills*

**Feb**  
1 4 RAR Reunion  
13-17 C Coy Ex  
13-24 A Coy LCBS Tully  
20-24 5 Pl B Coy Ex Black Drums  
20-3 Mar D Coy LCBS Tully  
27-3 Mar Recon Pl Ex  
27-3 Mar Ex Brolga Country

**Mar**  
6-10 A Coy Ex Get Hard  
6-10 Mor Pl FX  
6-17 C Coy LCBS Tully  
13-17 B Coy Ex Feeding Frenzy  
18-27 Bde Standown  
28-31 Summe Sports

**Apr**  
3-6 B Coy Rapelling  
4-7 D Coy DFACC Cyclone Alivu  
7-6 May A Coy Hong Kong  
- Ex Reindeer  
10-14 Bn Air Trg HRTA  
17-28 B Coy LCBS Tully  
25 Anzac Day

# YEAR AT A GLANCE

# 19

**Jun**  
5-10 B Coy spt 1 RAR LFX  
10-16 D Coy Ex Hard Slog  
12-15 Bn LFX  
15-25 Ex Scorpion Sting  
26-30 11 Pl D Coy Assist  
RAAF Survival Course

# 89



*Johnson & Lloyd mix it with Minor units for the Battalions 2nd XV*

**May**  
1-5 D Coy Range Week Mt Stuart  
1-7 C Coy Ex Top Dog  
5 Cpl Dining-in-Night  
8 Bn Cross Country  
8-12 Inter Coy Shooting  
10 Orienteering  
12 Inter Coy Athletics  
15-18 Military Skills Competition  
19-22 Bn CPX  
2-2 Jun Winter Sports  
29-22 Jun D Coy PNG Ex Wantok Warrior

**Jul**  
3-7 2 Pl A Coy, 10 Pl D Coy  
Ex Brick Wall  
10-12 A Coy Ex Tiger's Foot  
17-23 Bn Birthday Week  
31-6 Aug C Coy depart for K89  
on Tobruk

**Aug**  
5-28 Ex K89



**Sep**  
9-24 Bde Standown  
25-29 1 Pl A Coy Adventure Training  
Ex Pig Tusk  
21-4 Oct Operation "Yeti"  
Adventure Training  
25-8 Oct C Coy Adventure Training -  
Diving and Rapelling

*Pte Coustins and Cpl James giving the low down on Sig equipment on the 4 RAR Reunion*

**Oct**  
2-13 4 and 5 Pl B Coy  
Adventure Training  
Subject One for Cpl run  
by A Coy  
9-19 Nov Steyr Conversion Course  
16-20 Specialist Courses  
23-24 Nov Steyr Conversion Course  
23-27

*The colours march to their position on the Battalion Birthday Parade*

**Nov**  
1-19 Coy Ex Jupiter Enemy  
SASR Subject One and  
Specialist Courses continue

**Dec**  
4 Review  
9 Bn Commence BRL



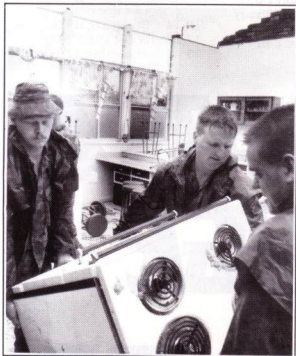


# Delta Company Responds to Cyclone "Aivu"

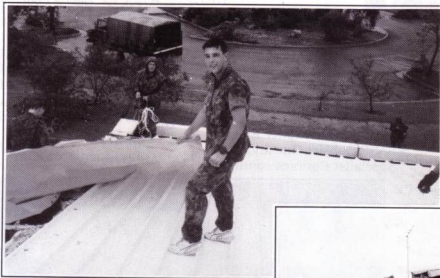
Cyclone "Aivu" vented its fury on the Burdekin District on the morning of Tuesday 4 April 1989. The devastation was so great that both the Federal and State Government declared the area a "State of Emergency". Responding to this, Delta Company and its attachments were reacted as the Defence Aid to the Civil Community (DACC) Force to Ayr that same afternoon.

The Company established Headquarters at the Ayr Race Course, established communications with both the Ayr Police and the local State Emergency Service Branch, and commenced assisting with clean up operations in both Home Hill and Ayr. Most of our work concentrated on providing assistance with erecting tarpaulins over damaged roofs, while Engineer support was provided to assist in restoring electricity and route clearance.

All emergency tasks were completed by early Friday morning 7 April 1989 and the Company was redeployed to Lavarack Barracks.



*D Coy taking the spoils of war*

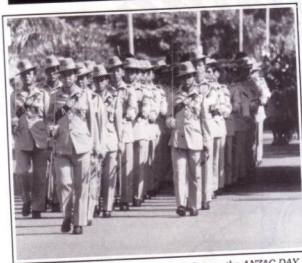


*Cpl Ostler's section cover a damaged roof*



*The lads at work*

# Exercise Reindeer '89



Major Yambahadur Gurung leads C Coy on the ANZAC DAY march through Townsville

Exercise Reindeer '89 was a reciprocal company group exercise involving A Coy 2/4 RAR and C Coy 2/2 GR during 7 April - 6 May '89.

## C Coy 2/2 GR

On 7 Apr '89 C Coy arrived in Townsville for approximately one month's training. After a quick visit to the city, the next day the company started its familiarisation training. On 10 Apr '89 the Coy deployed to High Range Training Area (HRTA) to act as enemy for the battalion, during the Air Training Week. In addition, familiarisation was conducted with APC from B Sqn 3/4 Cav Regt and the S-70A9 Blackhawk Helicopter from 5 Avn Regt.

The most important activity for C Coy was the field firing at HRTA. The live firing activities included section and platoon attacks, ambushing, and company defence and withdrawal. This training was both interesting and realistic, and provided the soldiers with the opportunity to become familiar with the newly issued SA-80.



Pte Griffith and a Gurkha soldier patrolling the Sino/Hong Kong border.

On 25 Apr '89 C Coy participated in the Townsville ANZAC Day Celebrations, with a march through the streets as part of the 3 Bde contingent.

It was with deep regret that a Memorial Service and parade was conducted on 26 Apr '89 to farewell Pte Chandrabahadur Sunwar from 2/2 GR and Pte Bijakumar Rai of 28 GTR, who were accidentally killed in a vehicle accident at HRTA on 12 Apr '89. The Parade and Service was a fitting tribute to mark this solemn occasion.

The next day C Coy returned to HRTA for APC familiarisation training with the APC from B Sqn, at the end of which the Gurkhas were treated to a barbecue.

The final activity was the conduct of adventure training at Cowley Beach. This proved the opportunity to fish, hunt and go white water rafting.

On 4 May '89 C Coy returned to Hong Kong after a very busy and successful stay with the battalion. Both 2/4 RAR and C Coy benefited from the exchange and it provided the opportunity to re-affirm the bonds that were established at Gallipoli.

## A Coy 2/4 RAR

### A Company's Hong Kong Adventure

A Company showed they were "Right of the Line", when they successfully completed *Exercise Reindeer* in Hong Kong in April 1989.

What an experience! Within 36 hours of touching down, soldiers from A Company were patrolling the border between Hong Kong and its northern neighbour, China, alongside their Gurkha counterparts. This phase was not only interesting but also extremely exciting. One Platoon, patrolling in the "hot zone" was able to capture a few "It's" (illegal immigrants). Right from the start the "Gurkha" and "Digger" got on famously, demonstrating the many qualities that both individuals share in common.

The next few days were spent familiarizing ourselves with the British equipment - in and out of Wessex helicopters, firing the British SA-80, and using both NBC and signals equipment, all in preparation for *Exercise Bulldog Patrol*.

*Bulldog Patrol* was a platoon competition against the Gurkha's which, as expected, proved physically demanding. It included a 13km navex, a series of practical and written military skill tests, and a 3.2 km run and shoot in patrol order. The platoons from A Coy completed the competition creditably, particularly in the areas of navigation and first aid.

*Exercise Double Island* was the next activity. This was an amphibious operation on an island off the east coast of Hong Kong. It began with a pre-dawn four hour cruise on the HMS Peacock, a destroyer escort equivalent, which married up with a landing craft. The amphibious landing, which saw 3 platoon hitting the water first, was followed by an advance to contact operation to clear the island. The operation concluded with an assault up a feature similar to Castle Hill. Immediately after securing the objective the company was airlifted across Hong Kong to Pac Nai to begin two days of range shooting.

The company rotated through three ranges - Superdart, Section attack, and Close Quarter Battle Range Urban



*3Pl storm ashore on Double Island*

(CQBRU). The CQBRU proved an invaluable experience with it's state of the art technology.

*Exercise Khanne Manchee* (which means "Digger" in Gurkhal) was the culmination of the training in Hong Kong. Involving the entire battalion, it began with an all-night move on a landing craft (in not so calm sea conditions) and a dawn beach landing to commemorate ANZAC Day and the Gallipoli landing. After securing the first objective, a dawn service was held, which all those



*A Coy HQ sight seeing in Hong Kong*

involved would agree, was quite moving. This was followed by the traditional tot of rum (Bundy of course). The next few days involved an advance to contact operation ending in a pre-dawn battalion attack at a place in the hills called Lead Mine Pass. Following this A Coy, after discarding it's friendly status and transforming into enemy for the battalion, proceeded with a reserve demolition on a bridge. The dawn attack was unforgettable with "human waves" assaulting us before the bridge was blown.

In summary, a memorable trip with good training and great shopping. Thanks must go to the 2/2 Gurkha's for their fine hospitality.

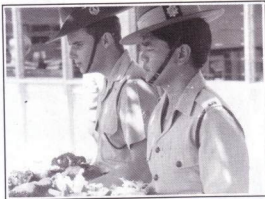
## Vale

Private Chandrabahadur Sunwar  
Private Bijaykumar Rai  
Passed away — 12 Apr '89

*The laying of wreaths at the Memorial Parade*  
26 Apr '89.



*Maj Yambahadur Gurung*



*Cpl Drayton and Gurkha comrade*



*Chaplain Bartlett*

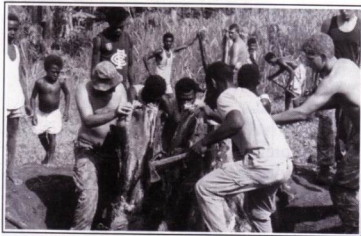
# Exercise Wantok Warrior

During the period 29 May-21 June, Delta Company took part in *Exercise Wantok Warrior*, an annual company exchange exercise between the RAR and the RPIR. The Exercise was conducted in the West New Britain Province of Papua New Guinea. Australian soldiers have not operated in the province since World War Two.

Unlike previous years, this year's Exercise was not reciprocal. The only interaction between our soldiers and the Papua New Guinea Defence Force (PNGDF) was with the seven PNGDF members attached to the company for the duration of our deployment. They proved most valuable in all our dealings with the local population.

The Exercise was conducted out of a base camp located at the southern end of the Hoskins Airfield, with an area of operations extending west past the provincial capital of Kimbe, over to Vavua Mission in the east and past Waisisi Village to the south.

Below: The boys lend a hand to remove tree stumps



After the initial period of acclimatization (which included a brief by the local St John's Ambulance on local foods and bush medicines), the company embarked on the first phase of training. This phase consisted of *Exercise Black Knight* and *Exercise Mission Impossible*. *Exercise Black Knight* was a three day platoon level search and destroy operation and the exercise culminated in a platoon attack. *Exercise Mission Impossible* lasted six days and again was directed at platoon level. It involved each pla-

toon being deployed to the various church sponsored missions in the Hoskins area. During this activity each platoon conducted their normal training, aided the mission with a civil action task and practised taking resupply using heliboxes from Caribou aircraft.

On 10 June the company provided a military display



*Mission Impossible - distribution of rations*

to an estimated eight thousand spectators at Kimbe. This display coincided with the visit by the CO and the RSM. It was an enjoyable day and concluded with an official function at the San Remo Club, attended by the Australian High Commissioner Mr Allan Taylor.

*Exercise Kulu Trek* represented the major phase of the Exercise and enabled the OC to exercise the company as a whole. It was conducted around the Kulu River south west of Kimbe. During this phase the emphasis was placed on platoon attacks, ambushing and patrolling and culminated in a company level cordon and search operation on Ishmi Village; an activity which

excited the village inhabitants.

The final phase of our deployment was dedicated to adventure training and redeployment administration. Each member of the company was provided with an opportunity to undertake SCUBA diving or snorkelling at Walindi, visit Rabaul for a day and spend some time on a fishing boat. During this period the company was also to beat the local police rugby team 28-15.



# ***Battalion Live Fire Exercise***

The battalion's major live firing exercise was conducted at High Range 12-15 Jun '89. As usual, excellent support was provided by B Sqn 3/4 Cav Regt, 108 Bty 4 Fd Regt and 16 Tp 18 Fd Sqn. The emphasis was on realism and situations were created where commanders were able to choose a number of options. The exercise was conducted using a bullring system and the stands were as follows:

- STAND A
  - Coy attack preceded by an obstacle breach, supported by indirect fire.
  - Close target Op.
  - Coy night defensive position supported by both indirect and direct fire.
- STAND B
  - Assault grenade and assault grenadier.
  - Platoon live fire night ambush with a section of APC's under command.
- STAND C
  - Mounted Infantry Coy advance and attack.



*Maj Standen issues orders for the live firing attack.*

## ***Exercise Scorpion Sting***

The Bn deployed on *Exercise Scorpion Sting* straight from a week of live firing at HRTA. The exercise was conducted in the week 19-25 Jun '89 in the vicinity of Charters Towers and Ravenswood areas. The Bn was supported by B Sqn 3/4 Cav Regt.

After deploying to AO Snake, each company conducted clearing operations of their own AO. The AO itself was approximately 120km east to west and 90km north to south. A and C Coy were mounted in APC's and B Coy was motorized as required. Many lessons were learnt, particularly in regards to mounted operations, as the companies adjusted to the added mobility and protection of APCs. Much of the terrain was well suited to armour although areas of boggy ground and close country presented tactical problems for some companies.

The enemy were gradually cleared from the AO, with an enemy Coy remaining in the vicinity of Lornsleigh Homestead. The Bn proceeded to concentrate for a Bn attack against the enemy, who were well concealed in a series of Pl alternate positions. This resulted in a period of reconnaissance and probes as the location of enemy positions were identified. Due to the fact that the enemy were very well spread the Bn conducted a series of Coy attacks closing in on Lornsleigh Homestead itself. This was conducted by both day and night and was used by the Brigade Commander to assess the Battalion's battle procedure before assuming the role of ODF Battalion. It was a test which we passed with only minor problems. Overall the Brigadier believed our battle procedure as a unit was excellent. On completion the Battalion redeployed to Townsville by CC08 and TCV, once again victorious.

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# Battalion Birthday Week

As many readers are aware, the Battalion celebrates its birthday annually on the 15th of August. This year however, due to *Kangaroo '89*, it was celebrated early, during the week 17-23 July '89 and featured a family open day, boxing night, games night, church parade, a Beating the Retreat, and culminated with the Battalion Ball.

The Battalion open day was a family affair featuring a number of display and demonstrations. These were both static and mobile in nature and were aimed at showing families the many roles the Battalion is called upon to perform.

The boxing night was one of the highlights of the year. Eighteen soldiers fought on the evening, these included exhibition matches with Scorpio Lodge, a reputable local boxing club. The highlight of the evening was LCpl Edelman's win in the final bout over his more fancied Scorpio Lodge opponent.

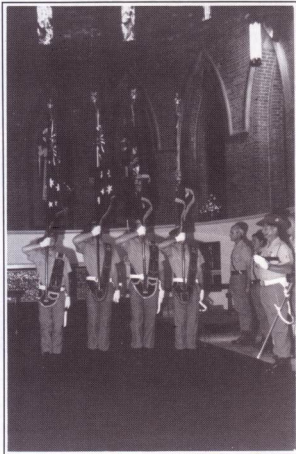
The third activity of the week was a games night held in the Edgar Towner VC Club. All three messes within the Battalion competed against one another. More social than competitive in nature, the night was won by the soldiers and generally was enjoyed by all.

The week also included a Church Parade, with the Colours present, at the Saint James Anglican Cathedral.

The culmination of the week was the Beating the Retreat and Battalion Ball. The parade was reviewed by Maj-Gen A.L. Morrison AO, DSO, MBE. This also featured the presentation of the Defence Force Service Medal to WO2 DePass and saw WO2 Morgan receive his warrant. This

was followed by the ball which was held in the OR's Mess and it would be fair to say a good time was had by all.

Overall the week was extremely busy, with not only birthday events taking place, but also the battalion preparing for deployment to *K89*.



*Colours on the Church parade*



*The Pipes & Drums on the Battalion Birthday Parade*



Cpl Davis, Rhonda Hansen, WO2 Jock Gall and Marg Smith at the Bn Church Parade

Games Night in the ETVCC



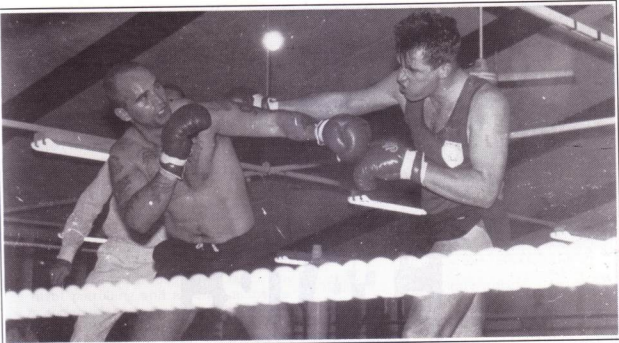
(PHOTO RIGHT)  
RSM - "These financial  
cutbacks are causing havoc."



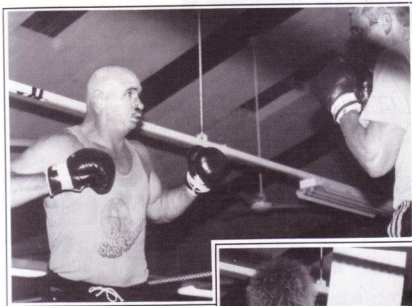
Harry (the Pom) fraternizing with the locals







*Pte David & Cpl Drayton - "Go ahead make my day!"*



*Pte's McKeller & Morrow mix it up*

*Pte Bowen losing concentration*



# Kangaroo '89

From Jul-Sep '89 the ADF participated in the largest peace time exercise ever conducted in Australia. In keeping with the emphasis of the 1987 Defence White Paper the exercise was conducted in northern Australia and involved 25,000 ADF personnel operating in the air, on the sea and the continent from Port Hedland in the west to Weipa in the east.

2/4 RAR's involvement in K89 occurred in three distinct phases. In Phase One the Bn conducted sub-unit training and acclimatization in an area east of Pine Creek. During this Phase, coys rotated through APC famil, day and night patrolling and ambush activities. The major activity was the establishment and occupation of FSB GRAMM, within which each sub-unit practised relief in place and defence routine. This phase culminated with a Battalion attack on Evelyn Airfield and the Moline Mine.

Phase Two was controlled by HQ 3 Bde and was conducted in Pine Creek and its near environs. Lucky Bravo Coy was tasked to protect the township. D Coy was located at Francis Creek, A Coy became the Bde Res and C Coy was tasked to control the GAFA. At the end of this phase the Bn was reacted at very short notice by HQ 1 Div to deploy by night to



*K89 – last day and back into the junk food*

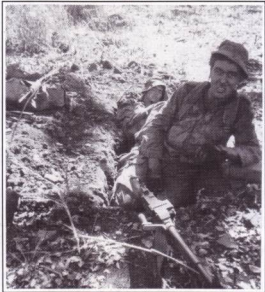
Willeroo, some 200km south.

The Third Phase and finale commenced with an air move from the BMA to Ngukurr – the largest tactical air deployment, in peace, in the history of the ADF. From Ngukurr, the Bn conducted battle procedure for a night attack on the enemy position at Roper Bar.

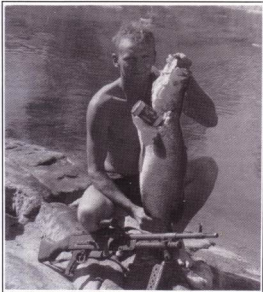
On 30 Sep, the Bn redeployed to Townsville by Qantas 747. The luxury was most welcome after the heat and the dust. All personnel were much more aware of the difficulties of operating in northern Australia, and the commanders and staff with the complexities of exercising command and logistics over vast distances.



*The Bde Comd briefing the CO in the FUP – are there any questions? (K89).*



4 Pl B Coy — Pte Sheffield and LCpl Frost



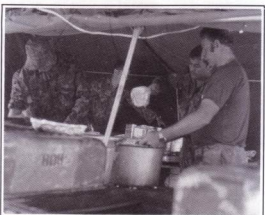
Pte Miller manning the BHQ gun — with friend



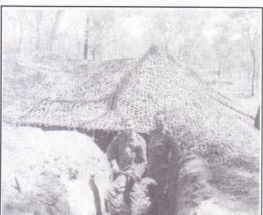
4 Pl B Coy — Pte Johnson, Hogben, Lt Smith, Pte Lawson



Returning home in style from K89

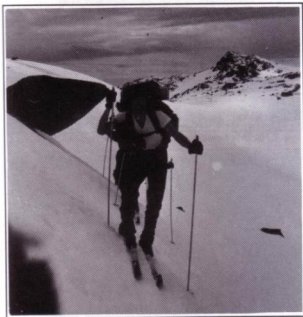


The battlefield kitchen — we sustain!



The Doc and Sgt Simmonds — digging the RAP! (K89)

# Operation Yeti '89



*Who said this trip was going to be easy?*

OPYETI '89 was an exercise in survival in the Snowy Mountains, which got underway on 21 Sep '89. Considering the airline's strike, it was an achievement in itself to get to Canberra at all. After RV with covert advance parties, a change into warm clothing and a quick trip into Paddy Pallins to pick up or skis, three UH1H lifted off into what could be described as \$X\*++ weather. 5 Sqn did well (this time) to get us into the base camp. The boys were rapt, gale force winds, pouring rain and having to move about 1/2 ton of extra rats and fuel etc. from the LZ to the base camp. All the time in waist deep soft snow!! Their eyes were saying, what have you got us into here??

The base camp set-up and the first night passed, the next day was great. For the next four days we practised skiing and some survival training. The instructors came from the SASR, Commando Regt and civilians from the SES. Some nights we conducted civil liaison in the nearby resort, the only problem was coming home, that is skiing at night, minus 5°C, over unfamiliar terrain, on these long wooden things called skis, with a few Guinness under the belt. With a bit of determination, luck, and not following Simon Frieta's lead, we made it back (we avoided a big hill, which was fine going up, but on day 2 and dark, Les Kronk developed the now famous 2/4 RAF Yeti technique — a description will follow).

By the end of 5 days intense training, we were ready, or were we, Baby Cook? The aircraft were due in at 1000 hrs. We had arranged for them to land near the resort for some good photos, 1200 hrs still no aircraft, a telephone call said 1345. At 1400 only 2 aircraft landed. The expensive training in helicopter

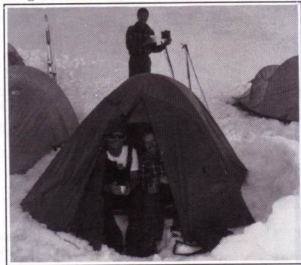
pilots proved that, they too can get it wrong and dropped us all together, but 10km from the planned LZ, luckily it was closer to our first night loc. First night in a hut we battled not weather, but some greenies. They were quite anti army at the start, but next morning at the end of 2 bottles of stones, some cans of guinness and VB between about 20 people and a successful casevac of one of their party the army had showed them how it is done. That day we also climbed the 3rd highest mountain in the country. We also saw a Swedish Hugglund oversnow vehicle the St John's were using to pick up the casualty. During the climb up the Granite Peaks, our "wilderness experience" was destroyed by the National Parks Helicopter also helping out in the casevac we initiated. We camped at Consett Stephens Pass and after that the 2/4 RAR Giant Slalom team perfected the Yeti technique — just ask Greg Shinnars what it is like to kiss a ski tip, while the tip is still on the snow and you are travelling at 30kph — good one Scarface!

The next day was the hardest going along the "Main Range" Mt Tait, Twynan to name a few. By 3.00 p.m. white out stopped our progress so we dug some platforms on a slope and stayed the night. During the night we were entertained by a fireworks display on the horizon at Perisher.

The last day we planned to climb Kosciusko, but when we climbed back up into the saddle we discovered 50 knot winds would waste our time, so we headed out of the wind to the ski on Blue Lake, a frozen high altitude lake. That night we stayed in a lodge, which is owned by a 71 year old. He came with us on the trek and while we were showering and resting after our ordeal — he went ski racing and his team won. Rex we salute you.

Last morning Simon (James Bond) Frieta left some broken hearts at the resort, but he didn't care, he was heading for Richmond!!

The RAAF in their normal courteous, caring manner conducted us back to Townsville with a scenic detour of Brisbane for a day. Oh yes I think some of our gear has been found in Singapore.

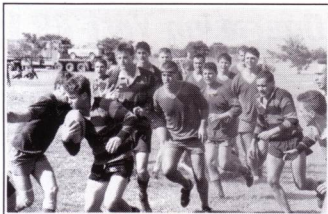


*Home at last!*





*OC Delta prepares for flight just before hospitalization*



*Lt Braithwaite on the move for the Bn 2nd XV*



*Lt Nick Exeringham, Sect Atk Stand — Mil Skills*



*Sgt Kelleher and wife Karen at the Sgt's Mess Dining In*

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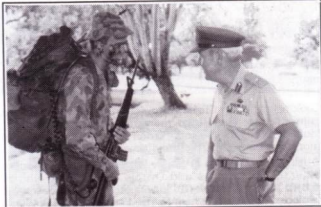
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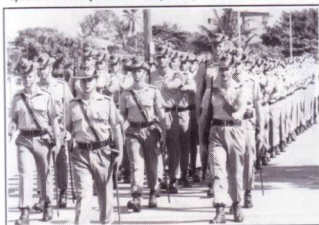
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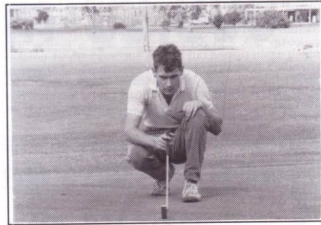
*Cpl Stevens and Cpl Elliot at the Open Day instruct on the 25m range.*



*Maj Gen A.L. Morrison talking to Pte Rob Knox*



*Maj Harlan leads D Coy through the streets on Anzac Day*



*Brett Stephenson lines it up*



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# Ladies Association

The time has passed us by so quickly this year. We had many functions which were enjoyed by those who attended.

Looking back over the months, some of the events that we enjoyed were the Bingo mornings, Casino mornings, Make-up demonstration, Linen Party, many Tennis mornings and of course the discos for the children.

During July it was a great pleasure to be able to donate \$250.00 to the Pipes and Drums of 2/4 RAR, who in return put on a wonderful luncheon for those present. It is also planned in the near future to support the Soldiers' Chapel at Kapooka, as well as our own unit requirements.

August was quite busy with the Mums and Kids Monster Disco, over 60 children attended, some in great monster costumes and a good time was had by all. Then we had a make-up talk and demonstration, and a family BBQ which again turned out to be a success with 21 families attending. A small group of us visited the Good Shepherd Home, this was enjoyable for those visiting and those being visited. Then we had a Bingo morning with a visit from Father Terry from Lavarack Chapel. In August we had a tennis morning followed by a morning tea.

Also during August, we were able to help quite a few who were sick while husbands were away on Exercise K89, by looking after children and just being there for support. This is what we the ladies of 2/4 RAR ALL RANKS LADIES' ASSOCIATION are all about, we are there to assist any families if we can.

The morning teas, now held once a month, are there for every lady to attend. We hope to see more ladies in the new year.

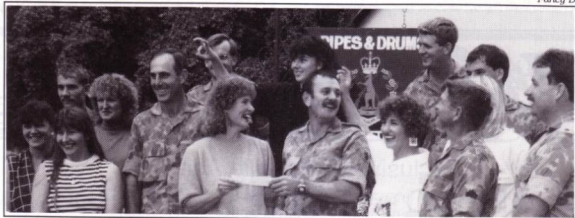
The men in our unit must be thanked for the support they give the association, as it is appreciated by all. We hope they will continue to support us in the future, as we also support them in their job.

From all the Ladies of 2/4 RAR ALL RANKS LADIES' ASSOCIATION, we wish everyone a very happy and safe Christmas leave and look forward to seeing you all in the New Year. To those being posted, we wish you all the best in your new home.

*Coralie Richardson, President.*



*Fancy Dress*



*The Ladies Association presenting a donation to the Pipes and Drums*



*Ladies Association getting together*

1989 saw the introduction of the Battalion's own newspaper, "The Samichon". What a newspaper it turned out to be, providing instant comedy relief to all readers. Unfortunately censorship has restricted what can be printed in this publication, however, here are just a few to take you back....

## HARDKNUCKLE CAPTURED — BUT NO BEER FOR CAPTORS

Sat 17 Jun at approx. 1930 hrs, Hardknuckle received a phone call in Townsville where he was staying with his Australian mistress Ria. The phone call made by C Coy Pl Comds (took two to operate the phone), enticed him to go to an RV early Sun morning. C Coy Pl Comds had set an ambush at the appointed RV in Lavarack Barracks.

Hardknuckle was sucked in and left his mistress early only to be captured, tied and beaten. (He received the same treatment from Ria the night before, but this was the real thing and he loved it). He was driven to HRTA and was presented to the CO like a trophy. It was a poor attempt by the Pl Comds to win a carton of beer. As out of Exercise foul play was involved, no carton of beer was awarded to the Lts.

Now Lt ..... and Lt ..... have a choice to make. They can take seven extras each or can each offer a carton to the next real captives.

The Mega Plex.  
The Big Tent.

## SAMICHON BOOK OF RECORDS

1. Longest serving soldier in the Battalion — John Twomey, who has been with the 2nd/4th Battalion since its inception in 1973, he was previously with the 4th Battalion.
2. Longest serving soldier without promotion — Trevor Kerr, has been in the Army for 16 years. Pte Kerr currently works in BHQ as a clerk.
3. Tallest Officer — obviously Major Mark Webb.
4. Shortest Officer — obviously .....
5. Happiest SNCO — RP Sgt Sergeant Young
6. Greyest hair — none other than our own white pointer OC B Coy, Major Peter Standen.
7. Most Controversial Book — Battalion S.O.P.'s
8. Longest hair — The RSM WO1 Hansen
9. Best Sun tan — RSO Captain Ron Baumgart
10. Best Listening Devices — CSM Charlie WO2 Graham
11. Battalion's Most DUI's — Unknown due to discharge
12. Battalion's Largest Foot — Pte Joe Peters for seven charges at one time, however, it is understood that a certain platoon in D Coy managed 17 charges in one hit.
13. Battalion's Biggest Drinker — Major Steve Hollings. Maj Hollings managed to drink 26 Poppers in one day.
14. Battalion's most unusual sex life — Sgt Mick Downing. Sergeant Downing seemed to take a fancy to a young goat on Maxi Beagle last year. Even to this day it still brings a twinkle to his eye when the mention of the word daaad is heard.
15. Battalion's most Accurate Mine Detector — none other than Lt Marshal Shaw. This record still hasn't been broken to this day.
16. Battalion Caffeine Kid (coke kid) Co's Sig. Pte John Kelly who successfully knocked off, at last Sunday's Church Parade, 8 cans. He hasn't slept since.
17. Battalion's most indecisive man — Well actually we're not too sure.





## FUN ON THE RUN

As the section beds down for the night after a gruelling day of Mil Skills, they began to reflect on the day's activities. The stretcher carry creates some light entertainment. The section commander, who lays back on the stretcher with a feeling of concern and the obvious relief from not having to do it, recalling the pained expressions on the faces of his men and the many assorted sounds one normally hears in movies not permitted for the general public. A grunt and a groan there as one many approaches his endurance level.

Or it is the mixed reactions of moves up the goat track, down the road and then back up the hill only to move back down the road, that causes one to think back and have a

giggle as to the futility of it all. The older members say "I don't need this anymore," while the younger ones spit the dummy and let loose with a series of profanities that make the SATANIC VERSES seem like a childrens' school book.

The comedy of errors that follow; such as, the 2IC from a Sig section who uses the wrong set of codes, the digger who looks confused as he realises he doesn't know where the new sight of a 66mm SRAAW is, or the section commander who takes out the instructions on how to prepare a vehicle for aircraft pickup and without looking at them packs anyway.

All very frustrating and certainly not funny then but once its all been said and done certainly worth a laugh over a beer now.

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# Samichon Cartoon Corner



★ "I may look brave and strong, but I'm scared to sleep alone."





CPL JAMES: Mirror, mirror in the bush  
who's the best looking in this push  
MIRROR: Jamsie, Jamesie, round and  
stout, it is you without a doubt.  
CPL: JAMES: Thank you mirror,  
ROGER OUT.....



## Quotable Quotes...

"One of the symptoms of an approaching nervous breakdown is the belief that one's work is terribly important."

...CAPT JENSEN

"If you look like your DP 1 photo you're too ill to deploy overseas."

...VINNIE

"Life is one long ambush!"

... LT EAMES

"Men, if you are going to drink don't drive, if you are going to drive don't drink. Have a good weekend and stay off the Whacky Weed."

...WO2 DE PASS

"Bravo never sleeps."

... CAPT SPOONER



# Schlyder Shield

The Schlyder Shield was again strongly contested. This year Spt Coy and C Coy fought it out for first and second place respectively. The placings for each sport competed for as part of the shield are listed below.

## X Country

C Coy  
B Coy  
A Coy  
Spt Coy  
D Coy  
Admin Coy

## Orienteering

Spt Coy  
C Coy  
D Coy  
B Coy  
A Coy  
Admin Coy

## Mil Skills

Spt Coy  
C Coy  
D Coy  
A Coy  
B Coy  
Admin Coy

## Athletics

Spt Coy  
A Coy B Coy  
C Coy  
D Coy  
Admin Coy

## Swimming

A Coy  
B Coy  
C Coy  
Spt Coy  
D Coy  
Admin Coy

## Rugby

C Coy  
A Coy, D Coy, Spt Coy  
B Coy  
Admin Coy

## Aust. Rules

Spt Coy  
A Coy  
D Coy  
C Coy  
B Coy  
Admin Coy

## Soccer

A Coy  
Admin Coy  
D Coy  
C Coy  
Spt Coy  
B Coy

## Rifle Comp Shoot

Spt Coy  
D Coy  
Admin Coy  
C Coy  
B Coy  
A Coy

## MG Comp Shoot

D Coy  
Spt Coy  
Admin Coy  
C Coy  
A Coy  
B Coy

## Basketball

B Coy  
D Coy  
Spt Coy  
C Coy  
A Coy  
Admin Coy

## Touch

Spt Coy  
B Coy  
C Coy  
A Coy  
D Coy  
Admin Coy

## Volleyball

C Coy  
A Coy  
Spt Coy  
D Coy  
Admin Coy  
B Coy

## Cricket

Spt Coy  
A Coy  
B Coy  
C Coy, D Coy, Admin Coy

## Overall Placings & Scores

Spt Coy	129
C Coy	96
D Coy	89
A Coy	70
B Coy	57



B Coy's Lightweight Tug-o-war team pull off at the Inter Company Athletics Carnival

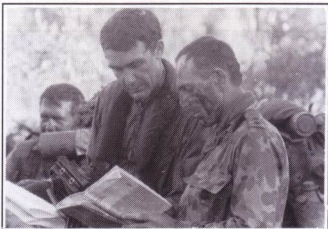




*OC Spt leading the company to the Bde Parade*



*The Bn Tug-o-war team in action*



*CO and Wing Commander Huston (K89)*



*8 Sect D Coy moving to the Sect Atk Stand*



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# Pom's Paradise

"Stubby or Tinny" were the words that greeted me when I entered the mess for the first time. "No, I'm on LONG LOOK" I replied totally confused by the new Australian jargon that confronted me. Despite my rather embarrassing entrance I was handed a bottle of beer. No glasses I thought as I was introduced to the Mess and desperately tried to memorize names.

It wasn't only the cold bubbly beer that I was having to get used to; I was quickly bumbled on parade. Contrary to popular belief, Aussie drill is very different to British. So when left turn was given on the wrong foot and I did a quick waltz I felt very out of place. At least I'm

amusing Charlie Company I thought, as I tried to console myself listening to the giggles behind me.

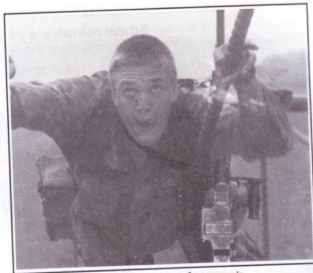
I won't say much about Ex K89 except that I feel that I had less poppers than the Brigade Commander. One of my most memorable experiences must have been being pushed up Sydney Harbour Bridge by Lt Eames with the words "Come on you bloody Pom everybody who comes to Sydney climbs it". To this day I have found nobody.

Despite the heavy workload inflicted upon me during my stay, *Long Look* was a marvellous experience. It is only right that I should put a couple of facts in print since I have been constantly quizzed about them since my arrival; whilst it is quite true that we do drink warm beer, it is a complete myth that we don't use soap.

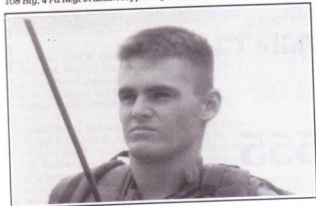
## Action Snaps



108 Bty, 4 Pd Regt in action supporting the Bn's operations during the LFX



Pte Fisher gasping for more air

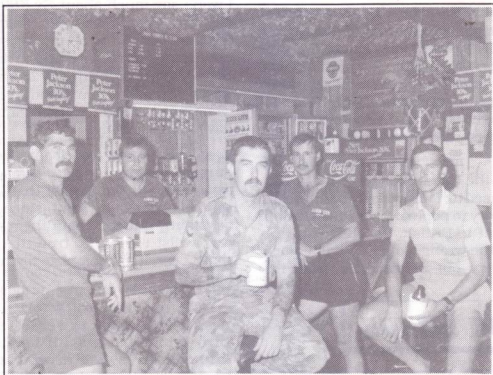


Pte "The Terminator" Newman



The Officers' wives take their revenge

## **ETVCC Committee**



**Some members of the ETVCC Committee**

*From Left: Cpl Montgomery, P.M.C.; Cpl Waterhouse Treasurer; Cpl D'Arcy and Cpl Haynes entertainment and one of the regular patrons, Cpl Weir.*

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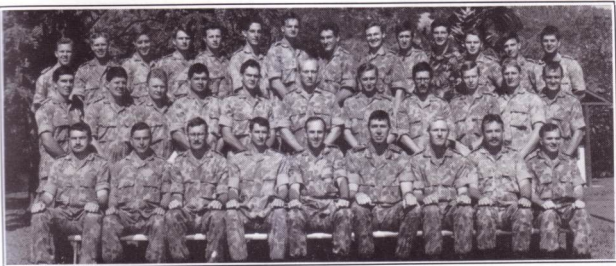
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 2nd Row: Lt W. Shaw, Capt D. Phillis, Capt M. Day, Capt R. Baumgart, Capt G. Mitchell, Capt J. Moore, Capt P. Wheatley, Capt P. Ware, Capt M. Slater, Capt M. Spooner, Lt C. Field.  
 3rd Row: Lt M. Gallegos, Lt G. Powys, Lt A. Larkey, Lt M. Collins, Lt G. Luke, Lt B. Horn, Lt N. Everingham, Lt S. Eames, Lt D. Michel, Lt D. Morgan, Lt H. Waters, Lt D. Braithwaite, Lt D. Thomae, Lt C. Smith.  
 Absent: Maj M. Fairleigh, Chap K. Bartlett, Capt M. Dixon, Capt W. Jensen, Lt R. Parker, Lt K. Turkington, Lt N. Withycombe.



**SERGEANTS' MESS 2/4 RAR — LAVARACK BARRACKS 1989**

Front Row: SSgt K. Porter, WO2 D. Williams, WO2 G. Lewis, WO2 P. Graham, WO2 K. Kahler, WO2 M. Cahill, WO1 K.G. Jackson, RSM G. Hansen, WO1 G. Richardson, WO2 D. W. Potter, WO2 L.M. Hook, WO2 L.J. Hart, WO2 T. Ayton, WO2 G.J. Fisher, WO2 G. Morgan.  
 2nd Row: Sgt F. Jansen, SSgt A.R. Daffy, Sgt E. Randall, Sgt I. MacRae, Sgt P. Brooks, SSgt A. Sherlock, SSgt G. Jear, SSgt G. Stewart, SSgt G. Lauman, Sgt S. Butcher, Sgt M. Chester, Sgt P. Bacon, Sgt A.J. Egan, Sgt R. Senior, Sgt R. Thain.  
 3rd Row: Sgt W. Sheldrick, Sgt E. Hancock, Sgt C. Walker, Sgt I. Wright, Sgt J. Glover, Sgt D.K. Wolfe, Sgt J.M. Reindl, Sgt S. Nuttall.  
 Jones.  
 4th Row: Sgt L. Holmes, Sgt P. Seely, Sgt G. Eglward, Sgt M. Carley, Sgt J. Rule, Sgt D. Lowe, Sgt A.D. Hooper, Sgt M.W. Tyrell, Sgt B. Blok, Sgt F.G. Naylor, Sgt M. Bihun, Sgt R. Broune.  
 Back Row: Sgt D. Phillipi, Sgt T. Kelleher, Sgt P. Simmonds, Sgt I. Brady, Sgt M. Downsing, Sgt C. Meuleners, Sgt M.a. Clarke, Sgt L. Tulp, Sgt R. McPherson, Sgt G. Murphy, Sgt P. Young, Sgt K. Challands.  
 Centre Bottom: SSgt F. Stein.  
 Absent: WO2 R.E. Tutt, Sgt M.J. Stone, Sgt K. Winter, WO P. Orth, WO2 D. Harmsworth, WO2 W. Gall, WO2 J. dePass, Sgt J. Hatch, SSgt R. Broune, Sgt H. Harris, Sgt G. Spencer, Sgt J. Bain, Sgt J. Heron, Sgt R. Holmes, Sgt D. Keynes, Sgt S. King, Sgt G. Lewis, Sgt P. Daly.



# Battalion Shooting

2/4 RAR has contested three major competitions this year. The first was our own inter Coy rifle, pistol and machine gun competition in May, which developed into a closely contested tussle between Spt and D Coy. Spt Coy won the overall competition with D Coy winning the pistol and machine gun events. Best individual performances were; Cpl Marshall (rifle), Pte Gibson (pistol), and Cpl Fenwick (machine gun).

From the competition a training squad of 24 shooters spent an intensive week at Mt Vince Range in preparation for AASAM '89. A team of 18 travelled to Brisbane to compete at AASAM and seven members were successful in gaining top 100 status. These were:

Sgt Holmes  
Pte Bennett  
Sgt Chester  
Cpl Linton  
Cpl Platt  
Cpl Weir  
Cpl Marshall

These firers then participated in the champion shot of the Army competition and excellent results were achieved by Cpl Marshall's 3rd and Sgt Holmes 16th place.

The third competition was the Brigade Competition where 2/4 RAR performed very well by being placed third in the overall competition and placed second to 1 RAR in the major units competition. Only 10 points separated us from first place and one point separated us from 1 RAR. However, we did win the falling plate trophy. Best individual achievements were made by Cpl Marshall and Pte Trumble.

The major achievement of the year was the team's efforts in the Army's Inter-Unit Rifle Shooting Competition. The results are as follows:

- First in the Open Competition.
- Second in the Major-Units Competition.
- LCpl Platt — Second overall in the Individual Competition

Special mention must be made of the achievements of three members of 2/4 RAR who represented the Army at the BISAM '89 in Brunei earlier this year. Cpl Marshall (rifle), Cpl Toohey (carbine) and Cpl Echert (machine gun) performed creditably with Cpl Marshall becoming the outright Service Rifle Champion of the Competition.



*Cpl Schwartz's section negotiate an obstacle on the Obs Course during Mil Skills*

# Battalion Hockey

BELOW: Simon Barrett-Eyles, Sgt Phillip,  
Cpl Allan Clark and Cpl Rob Palmer

After a thrilling win in the 1988 Grand Final, the Battalion Hockey Team was poised to do it yet again in 1989. With one of the best all round teams we've had for quite a while, as well as a substantial reserve full of talent, we looked unbeatable as we walked onto the field for the 1989 Finals. Unfortunately, after a tense game in which there was 20 minutes of extra time, the 18 Fd Sqn team emerged as the premiers with our team coming a very close second.

Cpl Alan Clark from B Coy, was a solid player all year and was rewarded for his efforts by winning the teams best and fairest trophy. Many thanks are extended to Robert Palmer and Maj Peter Standen for their efforts in coaching the side, as well as to all the players who put in a guts effort throughout the year.



The Bn Team

## Battalion Water Polo

### Players:

Lt Withycombe  
Lt Everingham  
Capt Griffin  
Pte Lawrence  
Pte Fisher

Pte McDonald  
Pte Wilson  
Cpl Conrad  
Cpl Dempsey  
Cpl Strahan

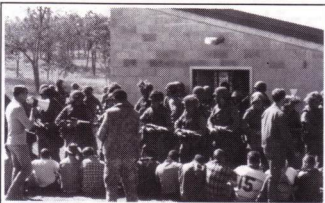
1989 was unfortunately not the most successful season the Bn Water Polo Team has enjoyed. 1988 saw the departure of the more experienced players, so 1989 and 1990 has and will see the development of the Bn's Water Polo Team.

The Bn did, however, make the semi finals, though the team was penalized with one of its players sent

off/out, and even though the team played strongly, they could not overcome a "numerically" superior team. Consistent performers throughout the year were Lt Everingham, Cpl Conrad, Pte Fisher, Cpl Dempsey and Pte Wilson.

Lt Nick Everingham has been selected in the NQ Army Water Polo Team which will compete against other state teams. Top goal scorer was Pte Wilson closely followed by Lt Everingham and Lt Withycombe.

GOOD LUCK FOR SEASON 1990!



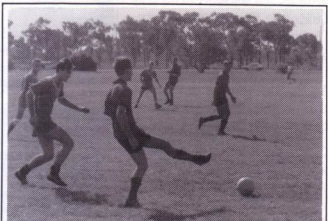
Soldiers of B Coy Cordoba a building in order to extract Australian Nationals during an ODF callout in July



The Bn Water Polo team in action



Cpl Davies, Recon Pl - takes some of the boys through rapelling



Pte Grant distributes the ball inside to Lt Dave Thomae

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# Battalion Cricket

The 1989 Cricket season was a mixed bag for the 2/4 Cricket Team. On one hand we won every game played, and on the other we came second to 1 RAR for the trophy. This rather strange occurrence was the result of the numerous forfeits, benefitting 1 RAR, that came from opposing teams.

The 2/4 RAR side fielded a different team each week. In fact, not a single player took the field for any more than three games. This indicates that either the depth of cricket talent in 2/4 RAR is notable or that the lack of talent in the opposition was just as apparent. I would like to extend my thanks to all who played in the side.

To decide the winners of the 3 Brigade trophy for 1989 a grand final was played between 2/4 RAR and 1 RAR. The match was closely contested with 2/4 RAR running out winners. However, the score sheets between the two scorers was found not to match and the game was declared a draw. This gave the trophy to 1 RAR as they had more points in the "Home and Away" matches, due to the forfeits incurred by 2/4. A sad end to a successful season.

I look forward to another solid season by 2/4 RAR in 1990 and a change to the scoring of forfeits by the organisers of Brigade cricket. With the talent in 2/4 RAR, I'm sure that 1990 will see the return of the 3 Brigade Trophy to it's rightful home.



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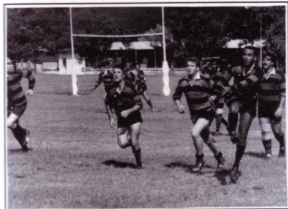
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# Battalion Rugby

## The Red Blacks

The 2/4 RAR Rugby Club enjoyed a reasonably successful season in 1989 with the 1st XV finishing as runners up and the 2nd XV in fourth place in the Brigade Inter-Unit Competition. In addition, the club entered two teams in the annual Burdekin 7-A-Side Tournament in March. Considering over 30 teams from around North and Central Queensland entered this tournament, we achieved an outstanding result with the firsts winning the Plate Final and the seconds reaching the semi finals in the major draw. Blair McLean, Adam Boxall, "Dinga" Bell,



*Cpl Alan Thomas searches for the line for the Battalion's Second XV*

and Nick Eveningham produced creditable performances.

In the representative scene, congratulations go to both Sgt McPherson and Pte Campbell who were selected in the Australian Services' Rugby Union Team which contested the Southern States Carnival in Perth. Brigade selection at both 7-A-Side and 1st XV level was achieved by Cpl Robson, Lt Horn, Sgt McPherson, Pte Campbell, Lt Powys, Sgt Walker, Lt Field, Lt Eames, LCpl McLean, Sgt King, Lt Braithwaite, Capt Day and LCpl Dixon.

Both Battalion teams contested this years inter-unit



*Lt Dave Braithwaite cops a high one against 2 Fd Sup Bn*



*Pte Kevin Campbell on the charge for the First XV against Minor Units. He is followed closely in support by Capt Mick Day*

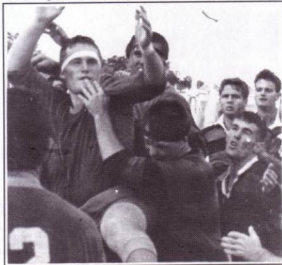
competition with confidence and enthusiasm and were championship contenders until late in the competition. Unfortunately this years shortened competition period did not allow for a final series to be contested. The first Battalion should be congratulated as the 1989 Champions.

The feature of the 1st XV style of play this year was the exciting attacking abilities of its backline and its crunching defence. The team scored a massive 212 points to 44 against. Indeed only two members of the team (Yes that's you too Bullwhip!) failed to score a try this season. The forward play was solid throughout the season and was only outclassed in set plays by 1RAR's huge pack. This will be one area of special attention next year. In loose play the team was well served by the mobile loose forwards.

The 2nd XV was characterized by guts and determination and it produced some memorable performances — especially against 4Fd Regt, 1RAR and Minor Units. Although beaten in the latter two games, special mention must be given to Brycey (always seems to score) and Rangi (I'm everywhere) Ferris. Allan Thomas provided the team (when not starring for the 1st XV) with a solid foundation.

The 1989 Club awards were:

- |                                  |                               |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Best &amp; Fairest</b>        | 1st XV — Bambi Campbell       |
|                                  | 2nd XV — Rangi Ferris         |
| <b>Highest Pointscorer</b>       | 1st XV — Brad Horn (43 pts)   |
|                                  | 2nd XV — Alan Thomas (39 pts) |
| <b>Most Improved "Red Black"</b> | Steve Harris                  |



*The Second XV employing unorthodox tactics in a lineup.*

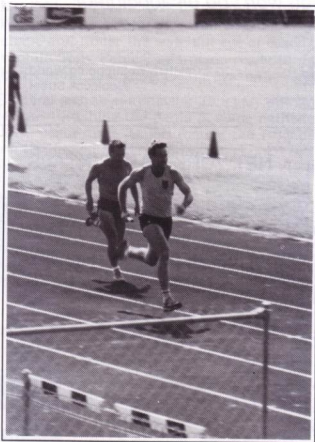
# Battalion Athletics

Once again this year's inter coy athletics was a close fought affair with the winner not being decided until the last event. A, B, C and Spt Coy were only separated by a couple of points, with A Coy leading the way. The final relay was won by Spt Coy who got up to win the carnival by one point from B and A Coy, who tied for second. Special mention must go to B Coy for doing so well with half of the Coy away and to Pte Wilson of Spt Coy who was the champion athlete.

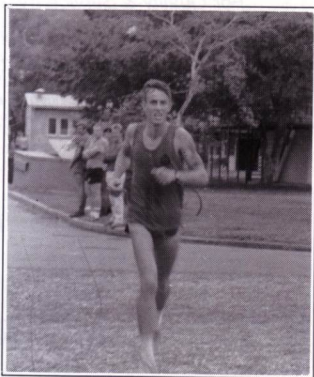
From this carnival the 2/4 RAR Athletics Team was selected and went on to beat all-comers in the annual 3 Bde Athletics Carnival, only to

have the trophy taken from them by a scoring system even more difficult to comprehend than the Queensland electoral gerry mander. Good performances were put in by all members of the team but special mention must go to the winners; Pte Wilson, LCpl Brown, Pte Ford, Pte Dunn and the Medley Relay Team of Lt Horn, LCpl Brown, Cpl Linton and Pte Hocking.

The effort was of particular note because of the lack of team training. Next year we will get together earlier and take the trophy regardless of the handicapping system. Because we came so close this year, next year we will probably have to hop backwards on our left leg, blindfolded, carrying Capt Moore. Once again, good effort 2/4 RAR.



*Age does not weary them — OC Alpha and OC Charlie fight it out in the ranks relay*

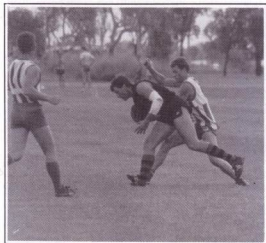


*LCpl Trevor Brown runs second in the Bde X Country*

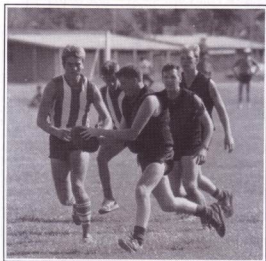
# Battalion Australian Rules

1989 was, again, another good year for the Battalion Aussie Rules Team. With only one round being contested everyone put in a maximum effort, which not only resulted in a high standard of games but also a berth in the grand final. Despite two very good quarters of football that produced a "charge" in the last quarter, we were unfortunate to go down by one point to 1 RAR.

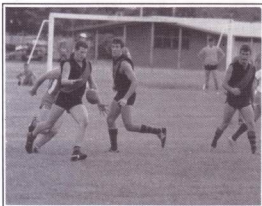
Congratulations to Steven Moore for winning our Best and Fairest Trophy, to Brian Grace the runner-up and to Yorkey, our leading goal kicker. Well done also, to Saundo who was named Best Finals Player. Next year promises to be a big year, as we consolidate on 1989's efforts. With hard training and a little more luck hopefully we will come out on top.



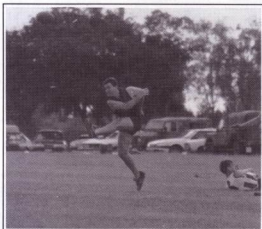
*Wayne Lampard on the charge*



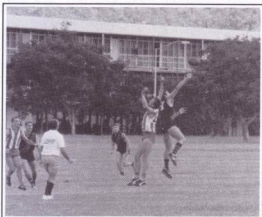
*D Coy — Adrian Gardam breaking clear with Jason White and Alan Thompson providing support*



*Pte's Tucker, Shane Walker & Brett Stevenson clearing the ball away*



*Simon Gillam lines up the goals*



*Peter Haynes and Shane Walker at the centre bounce*



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## ***Battalion Basketball***

The 2/4 RAR Basketball Team has had a year that must rank as one of our most successful ever. We went through the entire season undefeated. By some quirk of the draw we did not meet our grand final opponents until the semi finals and in a close match we beat 4 Fd Regt by 4 points. 4 Fd then went into the grand final after a forfeit. They had a different team the second time we played them. A team they claimed were faster, stronger and taller. They were certainly taller, a couple of them had to look down on the baskets. When the game got underway it was obvious that they were no match for the Bn in either skill or aggressiveness. At the end of the first half 2/4 RAR were 20 points ahead. From then on, everyone was given a game and although 4 Fd came back, we won by 4 points.

Congratulations to the team and to everyone who played during the season. Whenever we had someone away there was always someone willing and able to take his place. The depth of basketball skill in the Bn was evident in the close contests during the inter coy competition which was eventually well won by B Coy. Because of this depth, 2/4 RAR never once took the cowards way out and deferred games when the "first team" were in the field. Although we had some close games, we never lost. I estimate at least 30 people played for the Bn this year and I thank them for their support. Without wanting to offend anyone, I would like to especially thank the starting 10, Cpl Kelly, LCpl Nelson, Pte Dunn, LCpl Brown, Pte Hatfield, Cpl Lewis, Pte Cowburn, Pte Yorke, Pte Bateman and LCpl Stanuicha. See you all on the court next year.



# Battalion Swimming

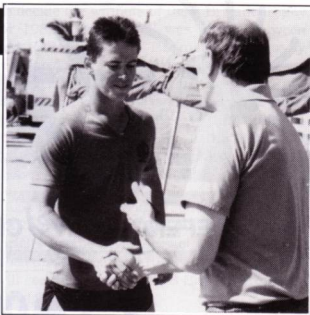
The Swimming Programme for 1989 was more hectic than most sports. The Battalion Swimming Carnival was held immediately after K89 and the Brigade Swimming Carnival three weeks later; immediately after September standown. Despite the time constraints, the Battalion Carnival was very successful and the Battalion Swimming Team performed very creditably in the Brigade Swimming Carnival.

The results of the Battalion Swimming Carnival were:

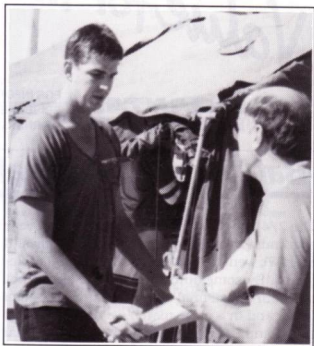
First:	A Coy	65 points
Second:	B Coy	57 points
Third:	C Coy	50 points
Fourth:	Spt Coy	40 points
Fifth:	D Coy	35 points
Sixth:	Admin Coy	25 points

The Battalion Swimming Team performed very well at the Brigade Carnival coming a very close Second to 1 RAR in the major unit competition. Special mention must be made of Pte Harris, C Coy, who won the 50m Breaststroke (breaking the brigade record) and the 100m Backstroke. All other members of the team performed very well with the Battalion gaining places in nearly all events.

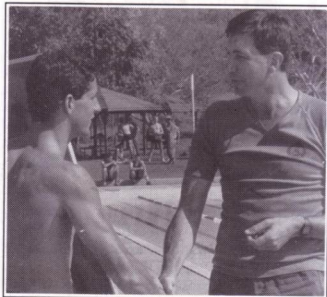
Next year with a little more time available for preparation, the Battalion will be able to pull back a few points and defeat all comers.



*Pte Jackson congratulated by LtCol Foxall*



*Harro receives another swimming trophy*



*Maj Webb congratulates Lt Horn*

## Battalion Tennis

After a slow start to the 1989 Competition, the battalion tennis team was in full swing beating all other units who were foolish enough to try us out (except for a couple). In the end we were equal first with two other teams, the position for the finals was then worked out by a countback. Unfortunately we did not make the finals.

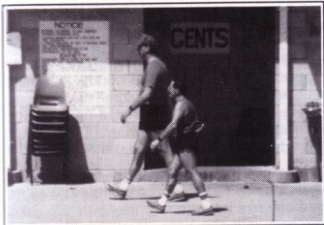
Best players throughout the year were Pte Lynch D Coy and LtCol Smith. Many thanks to all those players (to numerous to mention) who played during the season.



Lt Chris Field describes what he has to do with some of the girls he takes out



OC Admin modelling the new BHQ uniform when he takes over as OPSO 1990 — with Wendy Holligs and Jutta Standen



Twins — only their mother could tell them apart



Pte Lloyd digs in the Bn CP on the Bn Bush Week

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# Battalion Touch Football

The game looked easy enough, you caught the ball, ran with it, then threw it backwards. Hell, if 1 RAR could do it then we shouldn't have any trouble. Besides, if they ever needed me on the field then the team would be beyond help. Right from the start I'd leave the playing to the professionals and concentrate on team management.

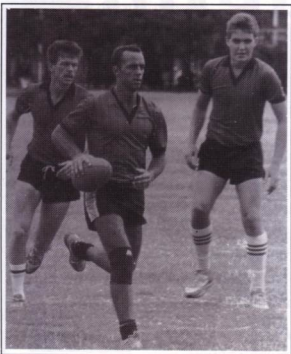
Armed with the CO's directive, a brew urn and a dozen paper cups, I set out to put together the greatest touch football team in living memory (or at least seven people who knew more about the game than I did). It turned out to be no easy task. All the old pros had gone into hiding and getting a team together was like asking for volunteers for a Sunday guard. After much perseverance, a team began to take shape and under the watchful eye of coach/captain Tony Benfer, was made ready to do battle in the first game for the season.

The first game was a smashing success with 2/4 RAR thrashing the pants of some pathetic little pugue unit. Unfortunately the Brigade touch football officer, on hearing about 2/4's win, suddenly realised that the competition

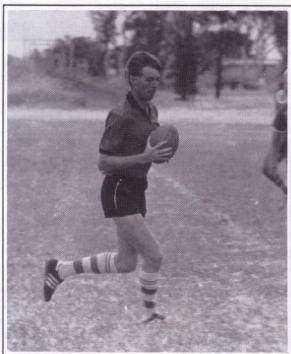
had begun and decided to cancel our first game and do something about actually organising a competition (something he'd forgotten to do). After a disappointing start to the season, through poor management at Brigade level (something we were to see more of), 2/4 hooked in and soon became a dominant force in the competition.

Towards the end of the season Cpl Simons [RAP] took over Tony Benfer's job and steered the team towards some of its best results. With some outstanding efforts from people like Sgt Chuck Walker (D Coy), Cpl Brown (D Coy) and Cpl Dixon (B Coy) the team won its last three games in a week of touch football during April. The team progressed to the semi-finals only to be beaten by the mob of geriatrics from 5 Avn Regt. It obviously proves what they do all day!

The season had seen some fine touch football and a "Duty First" effort from one and all. In addition to a fine effort for the Battalion, 10 of our best have also been selected to play in the North Queensland Army Side. Finally a special thanks to Cpl Simons, LCpl Benfer and SSgt Jear for their support throughout the season.



LCpl Colin Dixon, LCpl "Dinga" Bell and LCpl "Maca" MacLean



Lt Nick Withycombe on the burst

# Battalion Soccer

1989 was a year of great success. It was the first time in twelve years that the 2/4 RAR Soccer team has won the Brigade Competition. The team was undefeated throughout the season. The reason the team won the competition was due to the strong commitment displayed by all team members. This was enhanced by the great team spirit which was clearly displayed both on and off the field.

The most memorable event during the season was the final against 1 RAR. The match was extremely hard fought, as expected, with 2/4 RAR emerging the victors 1-0.

The team members for 1989 were:

**Pte Laundess** – Our trusty goal keeper – in his first year showed heaps of guts and potential.

**Sgt Rule** – Sweeper/team captain – always solid in defence. He likes to have the "occasional" run up front.

**LCpl Gillam** – Right back – a devilish tackler and strong defender.

**Lt Thomae** – Left back/mid field – while only playing a few games, he showed his worth especially because of his pace. The ball often had difficulty keeping up with him.

**Pte Sievers** – Mid field – an aggressive fast and valuable player.

**Lt Michel** – Coach/the slowest mid field in the world. A valuable and experienced player who continually displayed his skill.

**Pte Cooper** – Mid field/forward. An aggressive and determined player. Whilst only playing a few matches, his skill added that extra boost.

**Pte Burgess** – Mid field. The scorer of a few magic goals. His speed enthusiasm and fitness were second to none.

**Cfn Birquist** – Striker. The highest goal scorer for the season. His up front aggressive behaviour inspired all.

**Pte Grant** – Forward. A very strong and determined attacker who after coming on the field late in the final made a decisive improvement to the teams performance.

**Pte Hoffman** – Mid field stopper. A skillful and consistent player. He always put in 100%.

**LCpl Wright** – Back. A solid defender who let you know when you were tackled.

This year's team awards go to:

Best and Fairest – Sgt Rule

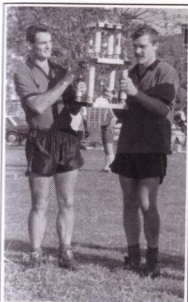
Best clubman – Pte Sievers

Most Goals – Pte Birquist

Most Improved – Pte Hoffman

Special thanks this year to WO2 Les Hook for his loyalty and support.

Now the trophy is ours, let's keep it. Let 1990 be a repeat performance.



Sgt Rule and Cfn Birquist accept the premiership trophy following the grand final



2/4 RAR SOCCER SQUAD

BACK ROW: (L to R) Pte Jago, Pte Bird, Pte Wilkinson, LCpl Wright, Pte Sievers, Sgt Murphy, Pte Burgess, Pte Hoffman, Cfn Birquist, Sgt Rule (Capt), Lt Michel (Coach).

FRONT ROW: (L to R) Pte Grant, Pte Cooper, Cpl Colerio, Lt Thomae, Pte Laundess, LCpl Gillam, Pte Elms.



# Battalion Golf



2nd from left: Cpl Darren Chesney and Cpl Les Lindgren with the N.Q. Army side

At the time of printing of the magazine the Brigade Golf Competition was still in progress. Thus far the competition has progressed well and 2/4 RAR is well placed on the top of the field.

Notable players include Les Lindgren, Bill Kessell and Peter Haynes. Many other people played a game or two for the Battalion and I would like to take this opportunity to thank those "social golfers".

Darren Chesney, this year was selected for the Queensland Services' Team, the Army Team and then the Australian Services Team. Congratulations must go to Darren. If he keeps it up it will not be long before he spends the whole year away from the Battalion playing golf not just half.

Happy Golfing.

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## **Battalion Badminton**

For those members of the battalion who are unaware, Badminton was contested by the unit in the 3rd Brigade inter-unit sports. The venue this year was the Castle Hill Police Youth Club and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for making this facility available. This year the Brigade Competition was closely contested amongst ten teams in a reverse doubles competition. The winner was decided by the most amount of games won. I am glad to say that 2/4 RAR team went through the competition undefeated and were the eventual winners over 4 Fd (1) by two games.

I would like to congratulate all members of the team for their efforts. A special thanks must go to Cpl Hughes (C Coy) who was our best player, for without his efforts this win would not have been possible. Cpl Hughes has returned to civvie street and we wish him well in the future.

Unfortunately only six names could be placed on the Badminton Trophy so I would like to thank those members who participated and filled in whilst the regular team members were occupied with other unit commitments. 2/4 RAR is the 3rd Brigade Champions in 1989 so with the same effort and commitment from all concerned lets hang onto the trophy next year.

### **2/4 RAR Badminton Team**

Sgt Sheldrick W.

Cpl Hughes G.

Pte Comley B.

Pte Norton S.

Pte Kelly J.

Pte Price B.

## **Battalion Squash**

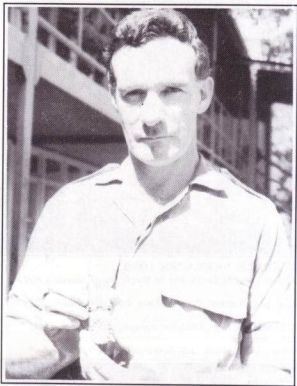
The Brigade summer squash competition saw the 2nd/4th Battalion enter both an "A" and "B" Team. The "Social" B Team unfortunately lost their first round match in the knockout competition and so for the remainder of the season were content to play invitation games only.

The A Team, consisting of Cpl Jacko Wilson, Cpl Stephen Brown, Pte Mick Galea and WO2 Graham Lewis, had far greater success and made it into the grandfinal against 5 Aviation. After four very closely contested games 2/4

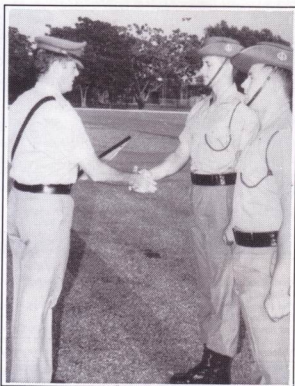
RAR were successful in taking out the premiership 3 games to 1. WO2 Lewis and Pte Galea were also fortunate enough to play for the North Queensland Area Army Squash Team in an inter-service competition played in Cairns. The Army Side won all their matches most convincingly dropping only one game in the entire competition.

My thanks to all those players who came along each week to training and a special thanks to Cpl Collin James for all his work behind the scenes.

# Presentations



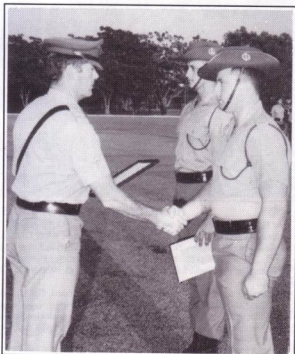
*LCpl John Twomey with his Defence Force Service Medal*



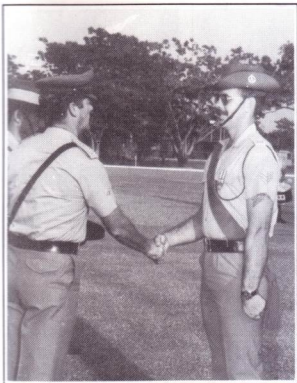
*Pte Comerford receives the GOC Land Commander Commendation from Brig J.M. Connolly*



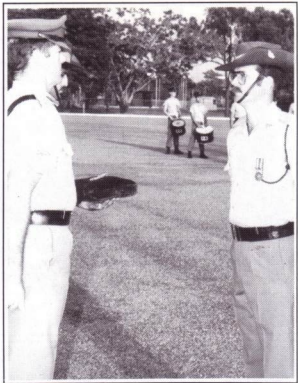
*Maj Mark Probert receives the Defence Force Service Medal from Brig J.M. Connolly*



*Pte Rudeforth receives his GOC Land Commander Commendation from Brig J.M. Connolly*



*Sgt Tuip receives the Defence Force Service Medal from  
Brig J.M. Connolly*



*Sgt Jansen – the first time we get him on parade he gets a medal,  
the Defence Force Service Medal from Brig J.M. Connolly*



*Cpl Godden receives the Defence Force Service Medal from  
Brig J.M. Connolly*



*RSM welcomes Sgt "Dusty" Miller on Ex Long Look to the Sgt  
Mess on his promotion.*





**LEFT:**  
The Chaplain, Kerry Bartlett holding  
a communion service in the field.

**BELOW:**  
OC Spt with his Mil Skills  
Section Commanders



**ABOVE:**  
RSM, CO & OPSO looking at  
the big picture

**RIGHT:**  
Cpl Punchard leading his Sect  
on the 3.2 km run

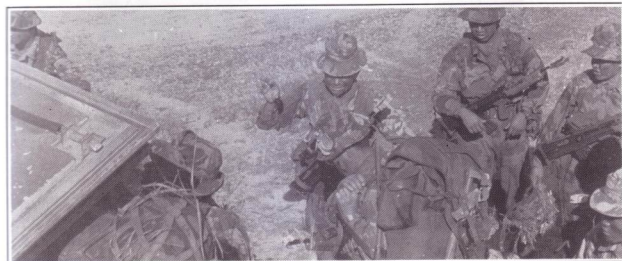




*The CO congratulates the winning section commander from Mil Skills, Cpl Wayne Lampard*



*The CO presents the Inter Coy Mil Skills trophy to OC Spt*



*The Gurkha's load into an APC during the Bn Bush Week*



*(L. to R): LCpl Nelson, Pte Blackhurst and Pte Giles take a well earned break post exercise at Mataranka Springs*



*Cpl "Caj" Smith Int Sect on patrol or sleeping with one eye open?*