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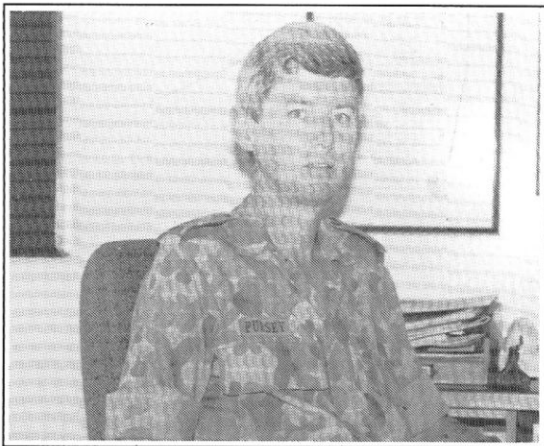
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Foreword



Commanding Officer Lieutenant Colonel P.L. Pursey

The 18th year of the 2nd/4th Battalion is drawing to a close. On reflection it has been characterised by company deployments to Butterworth and New Zealand with the majority of training being conducted at company level or below. From an operational viewpoint, our unit took over 'on line' battalion responsibilities for the ODF in August and remains ready for whatever contingencies might come our way.

Major training activities for the Battalion this year included the Military Skills Competition, a more challenging LFX at High Range and a short Battalion Exercise in the close country around Paluma. There was no Brigade exercise in 1991, although "Exercise Kangaroo 92" and "Exercise Swift Eagle 92" will provide two major outings for the battalion next year. Congratulations to Support Company for winning the Champion Company Schlyder Shield and to Bravo Company for being the leading rifle company in the competition.

The Battalion's 18th Birthday Parade recognised all the specialists in the Battalion as well as highlighting the

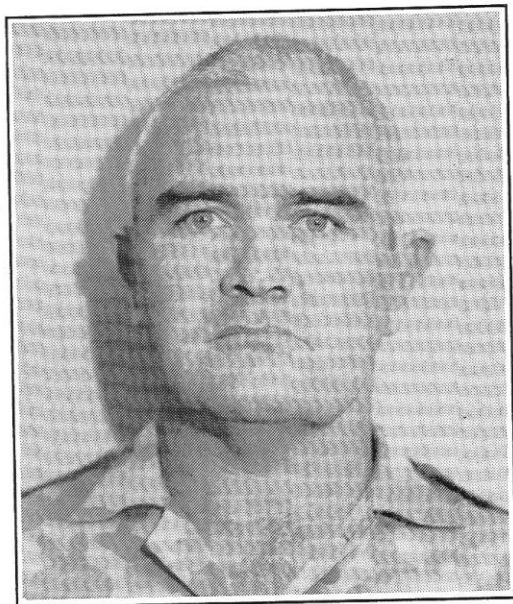
unique role of the infantryman. I was particularly pleased with the outdoor Church Service and believe that an outdoor setting complements our role as infantrymen.

On the sports field, the Battalion acquitted itself quite well and remained competitive in almost every sport or competition. This year's results are most encouraging and I am confident that even better results are within our reach for 1992.

Throughout 1991, the South West Pacific region has continued to provide a climate for change in our region. Should an operational task come our way, I am confident that the training standard achieved in the Battalion will allow us to acquit ourselves well.

In conclusion, I trust that you have enjoyed your soldiering in 1991 and that you are ready to make your contribution to the challenges that 1992 will bring. I extend my best wishes to all soldiers of the 2nd/4th Battalion and their families and friends for Christmas and hope to see you all back at work safely in January 1992.

Regimental Sergeant Major



**Warrant Officer Class 1
C. Russell
OAM**

As this year draws to a close, so does my time as a Soldier in the Battalions of our Regiment. I can think of no better way to finish than as the RSM of the Premier Battalion.

The Battalion acquitted itself well during the year with all our sporting teams and individual representatives giving it their best shot. That is all anyone can ask. Maybe a bit more support from the silent majority would have made the difference.

I have no doubt the unit could do its job if given the chance, but I think our individual skills and battlecraft during '91 were not up to the best we can do. Fix it in '92 or you may get caught out.

You are very lucky to be getting a soldier of the calibre of WO1 BENNETT as your RSM. He is very lucky to be getting the best Battalion in the Regiment.

My best wishes to you all for the future.

Battalion Headquarters



MAJ Bender, RSM, Chief Clerk and WO2 Kahler — typical BHQ Conference.

As a junior soldier in the mid 70s, to a Junior NCO in the early 80s, I used to wonder in awe at what went on in "Bullshit Castle". I was always told by my platoon staff and CSM to stay away from the headquarters unless it was absolutely necessary to go there to perform my duties (It now seems that anyone can wander in to the offices at BHQ at will). At one stage, I worked in the Bn Intelligence Section for some 18 months and always thought, by the amount of "classified" waste that I had to empty, that the "GODS" in BHQ must have a tremendous workload. Well, now I'm back in the Battalion and actually working in "The Castle", and I mean working! Let's get on to 1991.

It has been a very busy year in the headquarters, and we always seem to be under staffed. Just when the work

seems to be levelling out, somebody is required to go elsewhere, be it on duty, out bush, on course, to hospital, etc., and the work piles up again. Oh well, it has probably never been any different and probably never will.

We have seen some fine officers and men come and go throughout the year. We mourn the loss of LT Andrew Larkey (who is truly one of nature's gentlemen) from the position of Assistant Adjutant. LT Larkey is currently tripping around the world prior to taking up his posting at Adelaide University Regiment. I hope they enjoy PT down there as the new Adjutant is somewhat of a fitness fanatic who is well known by BHQ staff for his "Death Marches". LT Larkey was replaced by LT Dick Parker, also a fitness freak, fresh from his train-

ing of the "DOG Squad". LT Parker also took on the challenge of converting some of BHQ's "decrepid old invalids" into DOG Squad '92 material. Sorry Sir, but for some it is just too late! LT Parker is to leave us at the end of the year and take up a position as Adjutant of 51 FNQR in Cairns, a position which I know he will fill well.

Several clerks have passed through BHQ this year. SGT Col Smith has moved on to Perth, a posting that he has been after for many years. Col was a tireless worker who could often be seen still working away late at night. LCPL Brett Stephenson, CPL "Howie" Howard and CPL "Rex" Harrison were three other clerks who performed their duties admirably at BHQ and have now moved on to "greener pastures".

Of course, it is getting to that time of year now when many of our officers and men will be replaced. Perhaps it is fitting to say a fond farewell in this article, as I am sure the magazine will become a keepsake and a reminder of the Battalion for many who are moving on. So, farewell and good soldiering to: MAJ Taarnby, MAJ Bender, CAPT Day, LT Parker, WO1 (The toughest man in North Queensland) Russell, OAM, WO2 (Chief) Gill, SGTs Dave Philippi, Greg Lewis and Keith Hannigan, CPL Marty Taylor, LCPL "Alf" Garnett, PTEs Phil Townsend and Andrew Stevenson. Good luck to you all in the future. I apologise if I have forgotten anyone.

So, what has actually been achieved at BHQ in 1991? Well, early in the year, the "system" went to great expense just so that we can have paperwork blown about the offices without us having to open the windows. They installed ceiling fans! Really, the upgrade has been very successful in making the work environment a bit more pleasant for us all. A great deal of time is spent on the input of data into the computer (which is supposed to make life easier, I think). Even the

Battalion Typist has gone electric. Great if you can spell, isn't it PTE Powell?

BHQ personnel have been involved in many activities throughout the year, from "kicking arse" on the range at Mt Vince to participating in Several CP exercises. We still do our BFTs, CFTs, 40km route marches, etc. **Sometimes, we even get to have a "sportie"!** The Int Sect guys always seem to be busy, though I can't comment too much on what they have been doing, as I don't get up there too often.

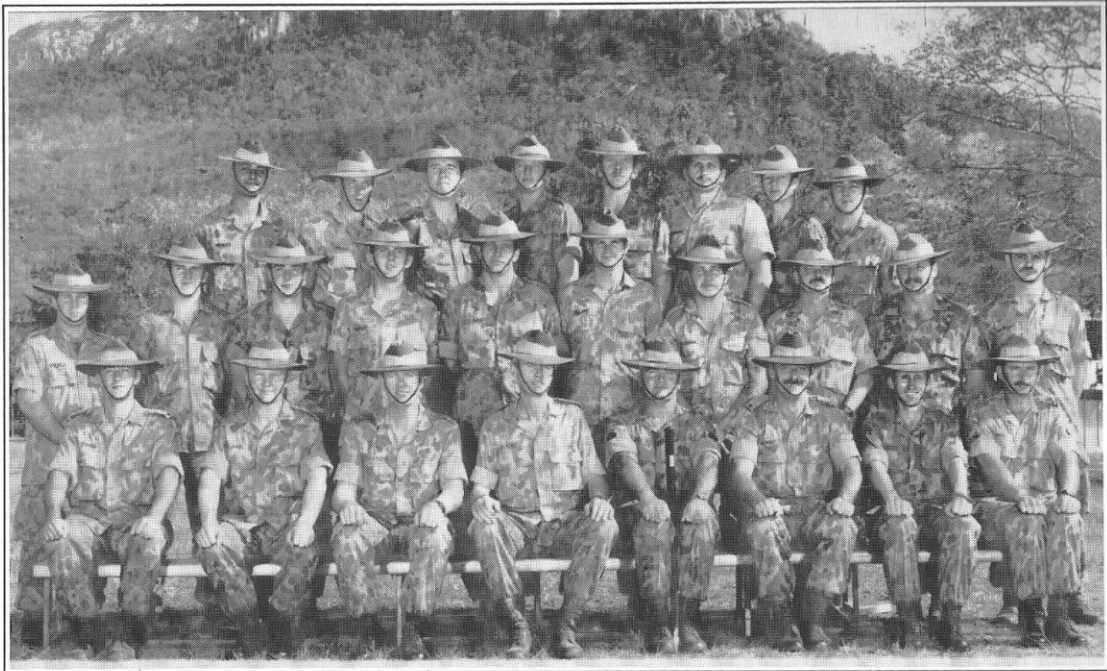
CPL Tony Ely has had a very good year. He has been promoted twice, married a lovely lady (and had his honeymoon in Hong Kong and the Philippines), and beat most of the Battalion at shooting. Were can he go from here?

There have been several changes in the RPs department. It seems no one wants to be "Sheriff" these days. Any offers?

A highlight of the year must have been the BHQ "Family Fun Day". The spouses, girlfriends, friends and kids really had a ball with the shooting, rapelling, obstacle course, museum tour and barbeque, etc. I have been asked on several occasions when the next one is going to be on. We have also had the odd social function and no doubt will enjoy one or two more before the end of the year.

In between all of the above, we have managed to carry out all the other mundane, day-to-day tasks to ensure that the administration of the Battalion is continued so that you can all get paid, fed, take leave, go on courses, trips, postings and exercises. Sometimes we even try to let you know what is going on.

A safe, enjoyable Christmas to all, and good luck for the future.



BATTALION HEADQUARTERS 2/4 RAR — LAVARACK BARRACKS 1991

Front Row: LT Parker, CAPT Day, MAJ Taarnby, LTCOL Pursey, WO1 Russell, MAJ Bender, CAPT Smith, WO2 Gill.

Second Row: CPL Palmer, PTE Hogben, PTE Prior, PTE Marsh, SGT Lowis, LCPL Allan, PTE Boczan, SGT Dyson, SGT Chester, PTE Rodgers.

Third Row: PTE Monty, PTE Drabble, CPL Taylor, PTE Phillips, PTE Stevenson, SGT Hannigan, PTE Ely, LCPL Garnett.

Absent: CPL Snell, CPL Comley.

Intelligence Section

Nestled deep in the dungeons of the museum, amidst dusty training pamphlets, grubby old maps and miles of tangled fup marking tape, the Battalion Intelligence Section remains the Unit "seed of knowledge" in 1991.

Our first mission in 1991 was the trialling of the computer designed, all weather, bullet proof macho, section "Int is Edge" T-shirt. Some original members of the section found the T-shirt distasteful. Hence, we were forced to farewell:

CPL Smith
PTE Barrit-Eyles
PTE Nitschke

Meanwhile, other Battalion members clamoured to wear the shirt, in much the same way as other people urge to sear para wings or the SAS hat badge. Soon we gained several new section members:

CPL Palmer
LCPL Twomey
PTE Hogben
PTE Monty
PTE Boczan

Full manned, the section sailed through AAdjt Battle Pt, Command Post Exercises and the Battalion Live Fire. Then, whilst lurking through the frosty jungles of Mount Spec, each man came to understand why he had the edge:

CAPT "Sleepy" Smith searched for the longest nightly intsum.

SGT "Grumpy" Lewis had nightmares about a monster made of hutchie cord that tried to trap him in a fup.

CPL "Telecom" Palmer was concerned about the lack of phone home telephone booths in the jungle.

LCPL "General" Twomey exposed himself to enemy fire in an attempt to relay the CO's orders.

PTE "Bubbles" Rogers searched for a paddock large enough to make his next Cecil B. Demille mud map.

PTE "Bashful" Boczan actually smiled when the trucks arrived at Exercise end.



The "Boys"

PTE "Harry Belefonte" Monty wondered why he had joined Int Section to do gun picquet with SGT Chester.

PTE "Timex" Hogben actually arrived on time for the exercise start.

"EXERCISE MAXI-BEAGLE" behind them, Int Section went on to "EXERCISE FAULTY TOWERS" to rehearse air and foot movement.

At least our GP boots took off and landed on time.

The road ahead looks good with the Int Dutyman's Course and K92 on the Agenda. The Section appreciates all support from Unit members received during 1991.

Watch out for the Fup cylume stick and new T-shirt in 1992.



AADJT — LT Larkey on his way to the Ladies' Association



OC Bravo Company — MAJ Griffin, emphasising a point to the ADJT on St Patrick's Day.



Battalion Captains leading the Commanding Officer astray!



D Company — "EXERCISE IVANHOE '91" — New Zealand

Padre's Report



Chaplain Curnow

Looking back over the last year, there are a number of things that stand out. The hills get higher and steeper each bush trip, burning candles don't go well in polystyrene cups and half a lap is not enough head start for me in the 1500 metres hurdles.

Perhaps the most outstanding feature has been to experience the life and spirit of the Battalion. It is reflected in the commitment you have to your mates and the sense of pride and loyalty toward the Unit. I have found this to be greater here than in any other unit I have served with, and it is one of the highlights of my time in the Battalion.

The Birthday Church Parade was an inspirational occasion for me. I would like to specially thank Captain Nolan and members of Charlie Company and the Pipe

Major and members of Pipes and Drums who contributed significantly to the planning and presentation of the parade.

Equally enjoyable have been the times I have shared in the celebration of weddings and baptisms of members of the Battalion and their families.

May I leave you a thought for 1992. "A good deed, no matter how small, is worth more than the grandest good intention," or as Jesus said, "Love your neighbour as you love yourself."

I pray this Christmas will bring to you all a time of peace and joy. Good soldiering to those who are leaving, and I look forward to catching up with the rest of you next year.

Alpha Company

Alpha Coy started the year with the *Bear*, alias MAJ Moore, firmly in the chair after taking command in September. WO2 Edwards arrived from RMC and lost no time in reminding the Coy that BRL was over and work had begun. The Salt Mines were traded for the Volleyball Court, to keep people out of trouble. The 2IC remained the same and SSGT Lawman arrived from Admin Coy as the CQMS and was quite happy to keep up the Q tradition of giving nothing to everybody. "If they were called *issues*, I'd give them to you, but they're called *stores* so they stay in the store." (CQMS A COY)

The year kicked off with a trip to the scenic LCBS Tully. Townsville was in flood so we took off for the wettest place in Australia, just to make sure we didn't miss anything. They should dam the Tully River so that they could periodically flood LCBS and make it even more uninhabitable, about once a week should be sufficient. This was our first bush trip with the long awaited Styer. The *wet* and the optical sights didn't get on too well. We had two trips to Mt Vince this year and although we couldn't drink alcohol, the goffa profits have made Coy funds look quite healthy.

We also did the other million and one activities that fill in the training year from Air Trg, to SPE, to NBCD, to APC trg, to Mil Skills, to Inter Coy sport, to Maxi Bungle, to Shaggy Ridge (where we all wore baseball hats), to Faulty Towers. Courses have now started and the move to Spt Coy will start not long after they finish.

The Coy is now back to full strength, but we have had over 40% turnover since this time last year. The Coy spirit has remained high all year. Farewells to —

2IC — to Uni in the USA (it's tough but somebody has to do it).

CSM — to Admin Coy—they will not know what's hit them—they need a Beach Volleyball Court.

CQMS — back to the West — he hopes!

LT Kenny — DCoy—they obviously need some bolstering.

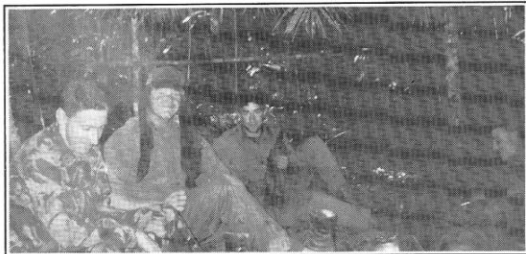


Members of A Coy during Air Week

One Platoon

1 Platoon started a new year under the watchful eyes of SGT "Twinkle Toes" Lynch. It was a moral booster for PTE Kirwan, as he was now the second shortest man in the Platoon.

The Platoon began the year preparing to go to Tully during some of the heaviest rain in years. Day one for the exercise was 5 days late as the transport could not get out of Townsville. The moral of the Platoon was sky high, except PTE Smart, who could not remember taking a few days off work whilst the rest of us worked hard. When he returned, he did his first stint of many this year in the 2/4 RAR Country Club (the cell). The 5 days of Tully was wet and miserable and we learnt that the signs of our Steyr do not take to wet weather. During the exercises we learnt some valuable lessons on the Steyr, such as the No. 4 rifleman must have his lock out, button down, otherwise culminated in a cordon and search and a fighting withdrawal. Thanks to 2 Platoon and their 100 Trigrams, to stuff a night up.



LT Kenny and his platoon acting as enemy for 1 RAR

The next real test of the Steyr was Mt Vince. At first it seemed all the lads had become marksmen, but the scoring system changed and so did our scores. The Pl also learnt why the Pl Commander needs an automatic weapon.

The Pl exercise at Bluewater was an eye opener, when the lads from the team came up against LID/LIMA Pl (3 Pl) on a two sides exercise. However, 3 Pl proved to be no match for the Mighty 1 Platoon.

3 Pl were not the only ones to crumble under the might of 1 Pl, as 18 Fd Sqn learnt when 1 Pl was enemy for their Sqn exercise. 1 Pl spent the exercise harassing the defensive position of the embattled Engineers. The constant war cry of the Engineers — "Go away, I'm trying to sleep" — was consistently heard during night probes into their position. A good month long exercise for the Platoon, with some funny memories. The Platoon attack onto their defensive position began like a World War One setting. The Platoon lined out into a creek line. The Boss blew his whistle and yelled charge, as the boys went over the top. The Pl reached the wire and was told to withdraw by the umpires, leaving 3 or

4 caught in the wire (PTE Kirwan). LCPL Carmichael made a good impression by walking around like a 6 ft sandbag, thinking he was invisible. Our final task was to conduct an attack on their Sqn position. After silently getting through their wire, the attack started with the Boss lobbing a cylum stick grenade into a gun pit. CPL Scanlon's Section was a big vigorous and pushed right through the position. The Section ended the attack with a gun each. 1 Pl must extend thanks to Callsign "Skippy", for his efforts during the exercise, causing many a KIA (Kangaroo Initiated Action).

The Bn LF was the next exercise for the Platoon. An excellent exercise, especially the defensive shoot. Memorable occurrences during the exercise were:

- a. A piece of mortar shrapnel landing 1 metre from CPL Boughtan, whilst giving orders to his gun group.
- b. P T E Irving's initiation by his ER KIT gun on one fig 11 without permission.
- c. The Phug going off only metres in front of the fwd pits.
- d. PTE Kerps

— Corner store.

- e. 1 Pl excellent assault in the battle run.

It was then off to Cowley Beach for SPE, even though some thought it was a holiday camp, until they got gassed. The heroic charge by the Boss and Chook into a cloud of CS Gas as we acted as cheer leaders, was the highlight of the trip.

"MAXI BEAGLE" — the mother of all navigational walks. 1 Pl had only one contact all exercise and that was it. Shaggy Ridge involved en for 1 RAR and the Pl showed the donkeys how to fight! CPL Dixon's sections escape and evasion techniques, leave a lot to be desired... "EX DUSTY TOWERS", we sat, we flew, we walked, we sat, we came home.

A few farewells from 1 Pl...

— LT Kenny (The Boss) — after 2 years in 1 Pl goes to 11 Pl to show them how it's done.

— CPL Elliot — after 5 years in 1 Pl to C Coy.

— PTE Strong — to Pnrs.

Two Platoon

2 Pl started another year with the usual flurry of PT and hard work, under the leadership of LT Johnston (Backruff). The year was in full flight within 2 weeks and thank God for the Queensland big wet, which arrived at the right time and flooded us in and canned the big *Tully* trip for the year, which was a real disappointment for all the boys! Another joyous moment was the 'MIL SKILLS' Competition, which wasn't much to brag about, then within a few weeks, it was down to Mt Vince for the week, talk about bush trips flying thick and fast, but wait, that's not the end of it yet, back from Mt Vince, then into duties week, by now the Pl has settled in to the routine.

By this time, we lost our Pl SGT to an overseas trip to NZ with D Coy and CPL Price filled his shoes. He did the SGT's job to a tee! "I can't do PT, I have too much Admin to do" (except when a game of touch football was played) — big Phil soon forgot about his Admin. And who said you don't need a chit not to go bush, ask CPL Price on how much he's been bush with the Pl. At this stage in the year, we lost our Pl Comd to Tpt Yard, what a lucky man, or should we say a lucky Tpt Yard!

Now it's the end of the year with the Bn Ex and the *Clayton's Enemy*, who could not be found until the final day. And last but not least, the final bit of excitement for the Pl was an Enemy trip to Dysart, to work with those elite trained soldiers of 42 RQR (chockos), that trip really had its moments. For example, the fresh meals were a real bonus, especially when it's steak everyday and the time when a Section let its guard down and got caught swimming in a dam in the (RAW) while Mortars were being called in on them. How did the fire mission go? Anyway, the Pl had a good trip, there was even a few things a certain few members learnt to do, ask PTE Johnstone about Military Floatation in the dam after stealing Rations and PTE Traffors cooking expertise.

To sum it up, the Pl had a ball as enemy, pretty hard not to with a TV and Lighting out bush, who could ask for more?

Well that raps up another year for the Pl and lets hope next year will be even better and *harder* — just joking!!



CPL Boughton's Section

Three Platoon

3 PI A Coy started the year with a posted strength of one and six. With one on course, one detached and two on leave, the Platoon was spread thin on the Coy Parade ground.

By the time of MIL SKILLS, the PI managed to field one Section to fly the PI flag. The Section, 7 Section, led by CPL Wishart, managed a very respectable place in the Competition.

The first real PI training was the Coy's APC training week. For most of the PI, this was the first field work outside of IET's and the first exposure to Armoured Vehicles. Results were mixed, yet there was a whole year ahead of us in which to improve.

Next came the PI exercise "SEARCH AND DESTROY", in the Bluewater State Forest. For most of the PI, this was their first time in close country, as was evident by wide eyed looks and a reluctance to be more than an arms length from the man in front. The difference between clearing a helicopter LZ and clearing a track plan was eventually learnt and luckily 3 PI did not appear on the front cover of GREENPEACE Magazine.

The PI was to return to Bluewater shortly after exercise 'SEARCH AND DESTROY'. We provided enemy for RAAF Combat Survival Training, and acted as guards for Div Int Coy Interrogation Section. Both activities were of significant training value and the PI learnt the joys (?) of working with the RAAF.

After a stint at Mt Vince, the platoon set off on the Bn LFX. LCPL Goff tried to convince the PI that his Section

didn't need a spare Machine gun barrel, but this only resulted in him doing some additional night navigation.

Immediately following the Bn LFX, the PI went to Cowley Beach, we learnt that being a rioter is probably more fun than being a riot in dispesing a de-masked riot formation than it is in dispersing a rioting mob.

Not long after the Cowley Beach experience, the PI deployed on the Bn Ex. This proved to be a very quiet exercise for the PI. It was becoming apparent, however, that the PI was coming together and overall skills were improving.



Air Training Week

As the year draws to a close, 3 PI can look back upon considerable achievement. But, if one issue has plagued 3 PI in 1991, it is the loss of equipment. There was Fildes losing a Claymore and Vanderhee an Anpus 4-A on APC Training, LCPL Goff losing a spare barrel on the Bn LFX and Willy losing a spare barrel off the back of a truck, Mackay losing a 66 SRAAW on

the Bn Ex. Brammer losing his Section on the PI Ex, and the PI losing the PI Comd on the way to a range practice.

Fortunately all of the lost equipment was found, and the incidents decreased as time went by.

1992 will bring significant changes with it. CPL Weir will leave the PI, and it is with more than some regret that we lose him. In 1992, 3 PI can look forward to no longer being called the Lid PI and to resume its position as the backbone of A Coy.

WHITSUNDAY
RENT A YACHT

Bravo Company

The sharks returned from Malaysia with what could be described as a big anchor-la hangover. Due to the old tour rule "what happens on tour stays on tour" nothing further can be said about the Malaysian tour. Anyway the sharks arrived safely back and set about proving that 1991 was to be the year of the shark.

The first competition contested and won by the sharks was the summer sports competition, this set us on our winning way. Overall, we won the summer and winter sports competitions, the cross country, the athletics and the Rifle Shooting. Finished second in the Mil Skills and Machine Gun Shoot and third in the orienteering and gladiator week.

For the second year in a row, the Sharks finished second in the Schlyder Shield. Congratulations to Support Company on winning and providing us with some opposition. The narrow margin at the conclusion of the competition showed the competitiveness between the two companies.

Since the return from Malaysia, the Sharks have been involved in many activities, ranging from the Mil Skills, sport, battalion exercises, support to other units, courses and everyone's favourite, duties. For all activities, the Sharks have lived up to their motto of "HOOK IN".

No year would be complete without the postings in and out of the company. Among those who left the company were:

LCPL Boyle to SASR;

CPL's Hicks, Hungerford and PTE's Bailey and Johnson to Spt Coy;

LT Moody to exercise Long Look and the Assistant Adjutant;

LCPL's Nelson and Dunne on Promotion to CPL to C Coy;

LCPL Rudeforth on Promotion to D Coy;

WO2 O'Donnell to Melbourne;

PTE Wilkinson on promotion to D Coy.

Members who rejoined or joined the Sharks for the

first time included:

30 IETS from Singleton;

LT Blake from RMC via flying school;

LCPL Marthick from Spt Coy;

WO2 Price from Bindoon.



2IC Bravo, calls in helos during "MAXI BEAGLE"

Sharks who were promoted and remained with the Company were LCPL's Batty, Farren-Price and Bielleman. Congratulations too and well done to all. Notable achievements by the Sharks in 1991 were:

4 Section under the Command of CPL "Wee Wee" Watts, winning the Mil Skills Competition;

5 Pl under the command of LT "Sudi" Moody, being named Champion Platoon;

CPL Brown, CAPT Horn and LT Blake, finishing 1, 2 and 3 respectively in the Battalion and Brigade Competition.

PTE Darryl Egen, on winning the Rugby Team Best and Fairest;

PTE George Akee, on winning the Aust. Rules Best and Fairest.

1991 would not be complete without the usual end of year postings in and out of the company. At the time of printing, only Key postings out are known. Amongst those departing the company for greener, if not colder pastures are:

The OC-la MAJ Griffin to Canberra;

The CQMS-La SSGT Jiear to Perth; and

Sunray Minor 5 Pl SGT Freeman to 1 RTB;

Coy Signaller PTE Horne for OCS Perth.

Those leaving but remaining in the battalion include:

The 2IC CAPT Horn to 10;

Sunray Minor 4 Pl SGT Hinchey to Mortars; and

Sunray Minor 6 Pl SGT Mills to Int SGT.

Well it is the end of another era for the sharks, with our more prominent personalities on short time. We wish them good luck for the future as Bravo heads into 1992 and if one sentence could sum up the year:

"Winners are Grinners and Losers don't Count" (Edited version).

HOOK IN!



B Coy training in Malaysia

Four Platoon

The end of 1990 saw some new editions to the 4 Pl line up — Rocket, Jacko, Smithy, Bow, Slam, Richo, Fish, and the Maggot Brothers — Scooter and R-Hodes. With this new crew on board, the Heatseekers went in search of trouble in Malaysia.

It didn't take long before the boys left their own indelible mark on South East Asia. The Bungers of Singapore, the annexing of the Hong Kong Bar, Bob and the Taxi and *The Boss* and *That Woman in Phuket* — is it any wonder that the Thai Government wants us back (hmmmm).



Tully, October '91

It wasn't all play though. The lads worked hard and showed one and all that there is real talent here (have a look at the Batu Teggor body count fellas!!) However, all good things must come to an end, even Anchor Beer hangovers, and back we came early March.

MIL SKILLS was a bit of a disappointment, only grabbing 5th place. But with Rocket on leave and George away, being edu-ma-cated, we can only ponder what might have been (well done Jacko — 11th and only 3 weeks after promotion).

The rest of the year was for the most part, fairly quiet, except for Posum's little holiday and Collector's hall-way dumping and construction work. "MAXI BEAGLE" was another highlight, with us covering two-thirds of the ground to be cleared, killing three-quarters of the Company's enemy and still doing it wrong — you tell me?

So that ends 1991, with the exception of "EX DUSTY TOWERS" (or was that "FAULTY TOWERS", but we aren't going to mention that). But thanks, congratulations and good luck must go to the following:

— SGT Mick "Fish Eyes" Hinchey — enjoy your sleep-in Mor Pl.

— CPL Robert "George" Wear — off to disrupt the airwaves in Sigs.

— Blue & Trace — on their retirement.

— Gonzo, Pils and their respective wives — best of luck in married life.

— Richo — for *those* photos.

— Slam, Scooter, Bow and R-Hodes — for conspicuous service under considerable drinking pressure.

— CPL Hungers & LCPL John — have fun in Recon.

— Goz Gorrige RACMP — oink!

— CPL's "Rocket" Rootham & "Jacko" Malone — all the best for Cadre.

— H, Cracker & Macca — enjoy your licence to bludge.

— Skinns — all the best to you and Wendy for the birth of your first.

— Smithy — good luck with the hair *fusion*.

— Pearso, Hoppy, Fish & Bretty — the Thai visas are on their way.

— Poss & Hunter — doin' time.

— Sammo — good luck finding your ethnic heritage.

— Shirty — Hail, the King of Crisis Management and Flexibility.

— The Lids — welcome.

— Bob — well, ah, just good luck.

— LT O'Leary — back for a third smash year — Lord help him.

Five Platoon

Well the year started early for the PI, with a supposedly swan trip to Malaysia (what a joke!) Highlights of the trip were the innocent minded young boys being introduced to the finer things in life.

The PI showing all the other so-called Hard PI's of the Coy how to enjoy themselves on New Year's Eve. Shot gunning Anchor cans does upset the stomach doesn't it Beattle. After arriving back from Malaysia, we went on a well earned break. After returning, the PI competed in the Mil Skills Comp.



Roof party at Butterworth

It was a really close Comp, with CPL "Wee Wee" Watts' Section winning MIL SKILLS and CPL "I love running" Brown, coming a close 4th place, which gave us the Champion Platoon. Well done

to the members of the PI who made it into the DOG SQUAD, but was one week's swanning it at the Whitsundays worth all the pain and suffering.

We hope LT Sooty "Moody" enjoys his swan trip to England. To the members who couldn't back the pace in 5 PI and went to other Coys, we hope you enjoy yourselves (even though you left the best PI behind you.)

Welcome to all of the new members of the PI, including the Platoon Commander, LT Blake. So far the PI has done well

in all the exercises we've done this year. So keep up the good work fellas and have a good Leave and come back ready to start a fresh New Year — Thank You.

Six Platoon

6 PI began the last 12 months on it's tour of South East Asia. We quickly found out CPL Begessner's Malaysian experiences after his 400th tour were a load of rubbish.

After only 5 days "in country", the platoon went back on a non-tac exercise to begin our re-training. Davo the intrepid old timer was eaten by a monkey one day and attacked by a bat the next. The nights at Kulim were so dark, Aaron didn't even shine when he smiled, let alone the night scopes working on ambushes.

With most of the fun now out the way, 6 PI decided to go bush and kick butt in the platoon vs platoon exercise, sport and Mil Skills. We eventually left Malaysia after gaining some new experiences and new medical facts.

The rest of '91 fell into insignificance after Malaysia. The high points have been:

- Parkin in trouble
- Ruddy leaving
- Sarge coming back
- The jubes turning up
- Whittos' arse becoming air tight again
- Parkin in trouble again
- Leave
- Munn!
- Parkin done for drugs
- Parkin goes awol
- Parkin busted by Civies
- Bn exercise (yeah, really!)
- Parkin gets discharged

Charlie Company

— There Be Dragons —

1991 and the Big Green Lizard once again breathed fire to show the true colours of the Battalion's fighting spirit. The year started with LCBS Tully, where skills tarnished by a long BRL were quickly revitalised. A quick stint back in barracks was then followed by Mt Vince and the chance for shooters to strut their stuff. Some did, others looked like they needed the help of a 5.56 pencil. The Company didn't show true colours in this event but didn't disgrace itself either.

Following hot on the heels of MIL SKILLS was the build-up to "MAXI BEAGLE". The build up consisted of the LFX — a memorable experience for FPF adjustment and the effect of shrapnel on trees — the Bn Air training; and Coy level training at High Range.

"MAXI BEAGLE" provided a golden opportunity for the Coy to search and search and search for an ever-elusive, or is that, reclusive enemy. The Ex had walking, climbing, more walking and more climbing



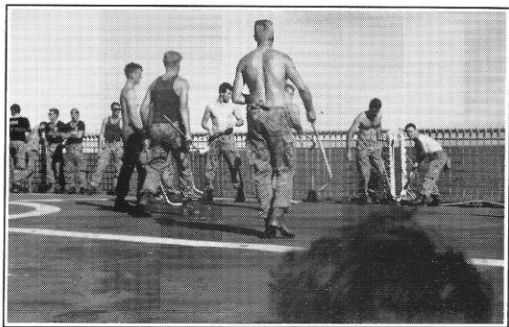
Please... not the escarpment again!

than ever before, yet the Lizard still managed to breath fire for the Bn attack.

The completion of "MAXI BEAGLE" meant the Coy adopted the *on line* position for the ODF. A new experience for the majority of the Coy. NBCD training followed, SPE followed counter preparation for a call-out readiness. And it came! An Amphibious Operation on board HMAS Tobruk. I should add here, that it is quite impressive, the lack of injuries for an Ex, when a sea cruise is in store. Perhaps we should become Marines! To all the members of the ODF Coy on board the Tobruk — well done, the Army was very well represented by your professional approach.

To the Company, 1991 has provided a sound basis for the years ahead. I am sure that the *Dragon* will roar in '92 and by staying loose, we will show what our Profession is all about.

Well done in '91. Let's show the North that *Dragons* aren't mythical in '92.



C Coy playing deck hockey on their cruise

Seven Platoon

The year can be summed up in one word for 7 Pl... "hectic".

On our return from BRL, we very rapidly had to get ourselves organised, as we were off to our favourite holiday camp in the tropics, "Tully". This trip showed us that we had a few weaknesses which we needed to work on. This however, was to be expected, after all, we were supporting our beer guts, as well as contending with our holiday syndrome.

Who could forget LCPL Taylor, an enthusiastic 2IC, who was capable of making out a piquet list or "was he", you guessed it, he overlooked the fact that daylight savings was due to end, hence there was two ropable jiggers. Well, wouldn't you be if you had to do an extra hour of gun piquet. Yes, take note everyone, I did say *two* diggers, which goes to show that 7 Pl runs a double staggered piquet.

On return from Tully, our feet had only just touched 2/4 RAR soil, when part of our Pl was attached to 8 Pl to participate in an exercise against the SASR. For a further update, refer to 8 Pl's article (follow the picture) for the remainder of us, we were participating in Adventure Training (MIL SKILLS), unfortunately, we didn't show our true colours in this event, hey you can't be good at everything!

The next exhilarating activity was air week, or was it air day, no that's right it was air hour.

We then participated in the Bn LFX. If we weren't crammed into buckets for 2 days, we were busily placing in a road block, approximately 250m from 250 man camp. LCPL Brown either had something going with one of our members or he was just chasing some intelligent conversation. This would account for him driving through our road block four times, or was it just part of the master plan. After the road block, we then embarked on that memorable walk to the company defensive position. Whilst doing the walk, PTE Ferris reminded the Pl of the Infantry Motto, especially the part about day or "night", how appropriate.

Who could forget "MAXI BUNGLE", well definitely not 7 Pl, by the end of our trip we knew every inch of grass in our AO. Well you would too if you just walked around the same route twice in three days. This was compounded by the fact that there wasn't any enemy. Either people had forgot to invite them, or they just heard that we were in the area and elected to stay clear. People eventually realised our full potential, because towards the end of the exercise, we were the Spearhead in front of the Bn. There we were deep in enemy territory, surrounded with no where to go! Did we faulted; No! Not on your life. Except for PTE Dodds (Padre to his friends). He was in an OP when 12 enemy started to go past his position. Without warning, they jumped off the side of the road almost into the waiting arms of PTE Dodds.



C Coy at Cowley Beach

Eight Platoon

With only five people in the PI from this time last year, it is true to say 1991 has seen a new look for 8 PI.

We went to Tully in February, following the wettest summer in the North's history. The usually ankle deep Jana Creek was flowing about neck high for the fighting/withdrawal and despite the good training Tully provides, there were a lot of fellas glad to be going home.

Most of the PI went over to Collie in WA for the enemy trip for SASR Patrol Course. Besides a good 3 weeks away from the Battalion, we all got to see how they operate — well as much as they would let us.

We all got to see a lot of HRT with "DRAGON'S HUNT", MIL SKILLS, the Bn Live Fire and Air training all close to each other. In MIL SKILLS, we performed a credible 6th and 7th with depleted numbers. The Bn Live Fire meant lots of walking; something we have also done a lot of this year. On "DRAGON'S HUNT", we walked 78km over a five day period — most of it off roads.

After Air training, we headed back up to Tully and spent four days in the Charappa Creek area, before legging the 40km out to the Tully airstrip.

"MAXI BEAGLE" got shorter and shorter the closer it became, and the 12 days spent up in Paluma were in the roughest country seen all year. Charlie really drew the short straw in AO's.

With the Battalion coming on-line, we took over as the first Company "On-line"; and 8 PI will never forget our call out on the first night — "to test recall procedures". Something for which 8 PI spent little time in extracting retribution for when the CO fronted up to the PT with the *Fighting Eight*.

Soon, we go to Bowen and with few of the PI having been in for more than a few months, we will be busy up until that Magic day in November.

"Yes! You're in 8 Platoon and You Did It..."

Stocks — Endless repetition of movie one-liners and bizarre comments.

Thommo — Guilty; by association with Stocks.

Torro — The Fashion King, who put flannelette shirts back into Vogue.

Sarge — Who put fluorescent colours back in the dress manual.

MCKZ — The one and only.

Windsor, O'Meara, Conim — You all did it; i.e. turned 18.

Shelley — Smooth Mediterranean looks.

Boss — The list is endless.

Brady, Bennett — 2 AJ's.

Chalmers — Lead singer of Kiwi Band EWE-2.

Sletz — Who single-handedly closed the only night club in Ayr.

Reills, Jacko — Need we say more.

Sean Hollis — Who put the "Cool" back in "Dude".

Seco — Back in 8 PI once more.

Meletsc — "You're in the shit now boy".

Elliot — Like his hair — he loses it.

Keranik — Man most likely to top shit-list.

Brownie — The PI 2 pot screamer.

Bothem — Ex Gin jockey.

Windsor — Features of a Mud Crab.

Syro — Who dances like Mick Jagger.

Elliot — The rembo of NT.



Flying with the Padre

Nine Platoon

This year has seen 9 Pl carry on regardless yet again, even allowing for a turnover of men, almost as quickly as PTE "Kells" Kelly used to ride his motorbike or PTE "Fangio" Arbuckle used to drive around the area.

The Pl's exploits as a group vary widely from 40 klickers in 9 hrs (accompanied by the rest of Charlie), to reigning murder ball champions. Like all Platoons though, we have received a lot of new faces.

Starring in our new arrivals are familiar names to other Coys. Cpl GM "Headbut" Nelson, CPL SJ "Bros" Dunn (still trying for a Aust. Rules ECN), CPL DJ "Benno" Bennett, LCPL MJ "Sarah" Connor & LCPL B "Spike" Milligan (still in shock from leaving the *Maggotts*) have all arrived new to the Pl this year.

LT Millard-Beer of the Royal Hampshire Regt, led us into the exercise with all confidence (we hoped). He immediately proved popular with SGT D "Snacks, men, snacks" Galloway by lightening the Sarges pack of the Pl reserve of spare ammo (he required more ammo resups than the rest of the Pl put together). He taught us the need for good fire discipline, fire and movement, listening for "crack-thump" and the need to carry on regardless (of how many times the DS tells you you're dead). He definitely left a mark in the short time he was with us.

With these and other exploits (like En. at Perth) behind us and more lying in ambush in the not too distant future, it can be safely said that the chance of 9 Pl remaining Anonymous are about the same as Charlie Coy knocking off early.

Many people, unfortunately, have left or are leaving for supposedly greener pastures. LT "Ned" Kennedy was posted as a Pl Comd to Singleton, CPL Brett Home, left the Army an Australian chasing a septic tank. Best wishes to him and his fiancé in America. LCPL "Bambi"

Campbell is soon off to D Coy on promotion to CPL and LCPL Mark Secis went to 8 Pl.

With these fond memories (except for Cutler) in mind, farewell and good luck to all the old faces who left the Pl and lookout for the new 9 Pl in 1992.

In his report to LT Ellwood, Dodds expressed his concern that he could see the whites of their eyes. The Pl Comd comforted PTE Dodds by telling him that luckily the incident occurred at night. So to PTE Dodds, we say "good cam job", Recon material.

Following on was the Bn Attack, for us this is where "MAXI BEAGLE" became "MAXI BUNGLE". Picture this — we were casually going about our business in depth when out of nowhere came the word push through. Being trained killers we did that. Away we went yellin', screamin', guns blazing "Oh what an attack!". However, once the dust cleared and the smoke faded into the distance, we could see numerous amounts of dead en, there is no feeling like just knowing that you had completed a successful attack. This feeling, however was short lived, for closer inspection of our enemy we realised that we had just brassed up Bravo Company. The classic comment being, where in the hell did they come from! Thank Christ we live to fight another day!!!

Who could forget our high seas adventure on the Tobruk. 7 Pl experienced the difficulties involved in working with the Navy (Pussers). After one week of training, the Navy and us finally agreed that we were in the same Army.

Dusty Towers, not much could be said except for FIRE, FIRE, FIRE — Well done PTE Willi.

Overall, it has been a hectic but interesting year. Hopefully things will start to wind down now, so we can enjoy a well deserved break on Adventure Training. Yes, then our favourite pastime stars again... LEAVE!! What a vicious circle we have.



C Coy on
"The Love Boat"



Members of Charlie Company negotiate a swollen Tully River



Members of Eight Platoon exit the Tully River

Delta Company

This year was meant to be different to many previous years. That is, it was supposed to start slow for the battalion, with a gradual build up in training intensity towards the end of the year. But as usual, not for D Company. 1991 started with a sprint and ended up with a limp.

The company deployed to New Zealand for "EX IVANHOE" in Feb and Mar. We conducted APC Training, Coy Air mobiles, Cordon and Search Operations and found time for some adventure training. The Kiwis were suitably impressed by every aspect of our professional conduct and operation. We couldn't (and didn't) say we though the same about them. Operating in sub-zero temperatures will long be remembered, as will PTE Nathan Vinson's win of the coveted Red Bayonet at Burnkam Camp.

New Zealand was good, but as we found out later, it cost us heavily. While we were conducting company, platoon and adventurous training, the remainder of the battalion were preparing for the MIL SKILLS competition. With very little time available when we returned to Australia to conduct individual and section training, our rifle sections had to rely on a solid base of skills gained in 1990 and the leadership and judgement of the Junior NCO. The company completed the competition with a hard-eared but disappointing 3rd place.

There were some great individual efforts. Congratulations to CPL Frank Oreb and the men of 2 section, who set a time on the obstacle course that no one else could achieve.

Platoon and company training continued throughout the year and once again, we got to know Bluewater as a home away from home, 10 Platoon were the silent victors of "EX SILENT VICTOR" this year, when

they lead the three platoons in an attack against CHQ. The patrolling skills and battle cunning developed in platoon and company training was proved on "EX MAXI BEAGLE". D Company accounted for more enemy killed, captured, ambushed and tracked than the remainder of the battalion. This credible result was achieved



Where's my wife, I can't sew for nuts" — CSM D Coy

between the stops for fresh bloody meals in the jungle.

The company acquitted itself admirably in all activities through the year. 26 men qualified as marksmen with the rifle, which contributed to D Company attaining the highest scores in inter company rifle shooting. The Battle Run and Defensive Shoot in the LFX were both executed with aggression, precision and good discipline. Once again, giving other companies something to aspire to. We had our fair share of victories on the sports field, with many "has beens" having a go with the young bucks. The company Australian Rules team was undefeated, while our other teams held their own for a change.

The company took BRL in Oct and Nov so we could guard the colours and Australia's overseas interests during the Xmas period. With all the time available in Dec and Jan, there will be plenty of hard section training because in '92 we intend to regain the MIL SKILLS TROPHY.

At a time when discharge rates throughout the army and particularly our Northern Army are relatively high, it is interesting to note that no man in D Company has elected to seek his discharge. Once again proof of the calibre and leadership of the Junior NCO who train our men for war. There have been some discharged from the Army but it has been against their will. They just weren't good enough to stand within our ranks.

To those who have left the company, remember what we have achieved as a team in 1991. The traditions of the D Company Road Runner started a long time ago and you have contributed to the legend. Once you have served in D 2/4, you will always be a member of D 2/4. There are two types of members of the company, those presently serving in the coy and those serving elsewhere.



Obstacle Course — Kiwi Style!

Ten Platoon

This year for 10 Pl started off when we departed for New Zealand, "EXERCISE IVANHOE". On arrival, our first destination was Mt Ruapao, which posed quite a treat, as we soon discovered that MAJ Slater had organised a stroll to the top. Lucky for us it was only 2820 metres high.

"EX IVANHOE" had been a learning experience for us all, we learnt a bit off the Kiwis and they learnt a lot off us. Highlights of our Tour of New Zealand: the museum of the history of the New Zealand Army, white water rafting in which most almost meet a watery grave amongst the Rapids, and Christchurch, where most of us discovered some real NZ hospitality.

Before we left NZ, we participated in "EX RED BAYONET" — D Coy's biannual MIL SKILLS Competition. PTE Vinson, from 10 Pl shined through, taking the event out. On the whole, the event left quite an impression on the Kiwi Senior Officers.

On returning to Oz, it was off for more holidays on Easter stand-down.

Then, all of a sudden, as it is every year, MIL SKILLS sneaked up on us. I don't need to go into the Nightmare that is the MIL SKILLS COMP, but at the end of the day, 10 Pl was placed 2nd best in the Battalion.

Now for the gust of the year. Firstly, we got to fire away a lot of Tax payers money at the Anti Armour Range, which produced some good shots and a few headaches. 10 Pl then managed to squeeze in a trip down to Bowen Rifle Range. Highlights from this trip included the three hour PT sessions, involving a run into Bowen, that even Robert De Costella would have had troubles with.

We also had the chance to walk through an Ares Ambush. But we never made it, it started to rain. In the end the Ares fired off their rounds and went home, slightly wet.

We were then back off to the jungle at Bluewater for "SILENT VICTOR" in which PL was pitted against PL in the area that 10 Pl now calls "The Bluewater Triangle", near the end of the exercise, the 3 Pl made a treaty so we could hunt down CHQ. Members of 3 Sect found CHQ hiding away in thick wait-a-while. The 3 Pl attacked with no organisation and once CHQ was taken out, then proceeded in blowing each other away. It became one awesome flight.

D Coy managed to get down to Mt Vince twice, during these trips, excellent scores were achieved as only NCO's were in charge of the organisation.

LFX — another good achievement by 10 Pl, where we were placed up the front or in a position where the shit would hit the fan. Then it was "MAXI BEAGLE". We started off with an Airmobile insertion — flying over Phenom Paluma and over the Great Centre Lake (Dam). Once in the Jungle, 10 Pl made its first of many contacts with the enemy. Once we finally found our AO, we got onto our job of clearing it, which only took 1 day. We found a few signs of the infamous "POLPOTT SMOKERS". By day 2, we were in a new AO, and as we later found out, it was hot with 2 Pl of En. We moved out on Patrol, leaving PNR to guard our backs. While out on Patrol, PTE Holmes got to become the first kid on his block to get a confirmed kill of two.

Farewells go to:

LT "PT" Stuart — Recon Pl

CPL Frank Oreb — RP's



Ten Platoon

CPL "Bill" Cowen — Maggotts
 PTE "Payne in the Arse" — Maggotts
 LCPL "Bots" Bottomly — Maggotts
 LCPL Regean — 11 Pl (Two arses)
 PTE Gleeson — Truckies
 PTE Jake Carlin — CHQ
 PTE Adolf Vogel — CHQ
 Honours, mentions in despatches.
 Cross wait-a-while with Gypie Clasp:

CPL Cowen — for his action at the LFX Standing Patrol (and because he want a mention).

Purple Gypie:

PTE Mile — Wounded during action in Paluma

Section Kill Citation:

To all members of 3 Section for the Biggest Body Count "MAXI BEAGLE".

For Valour:

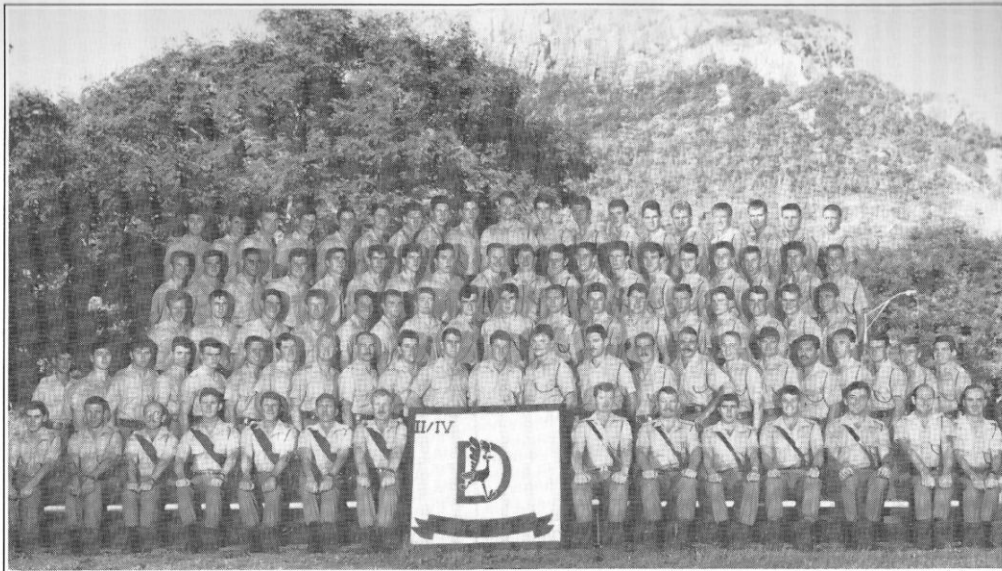
PTE Hadwen — For muffling his screams during a RAT Attack.



SGT McGuire leads the way in New Zealand's Obstacle Course



CPL Johnson (D Coy) leads his Section from the Airfield at "EXERCISE MAXI BEAGLE"



DELTA COMPANY 2/4 RAR — LAVARACK BARRACKS 1991

Front Row: PTE J. Crozier, CPL F.A. Oreb, SGT R. J. Lynn, SGT R.J. Bennett, SGT J. McGuire, SSGT R. Browne, WO2 F.E. Cowell, MAJ M.D. Slater, CAPT E.L. Black, LT S.A. Stuart, LT J.B. Rowland, LT P.C. Tinley, CPL W.J. Cowen, LCPL S. Burton.

Second Row: PTE M. Poulton, PTE J. Haines, PTE J. Adams, PTE J. Hollingworth, PTE W. Long, PTE C. Gray, PTE S. Munton, PTE S. Pollock, PTE L. Russell, LCPL P. Bottomley, PTE N. Vinson, PTE P.A. Bliss, PTE J. Taylor, PTE G.B. Williams, PTE C. Danielowski, PTE H. Holdman, PTE N.A. Joyce, PTE R.B. McGowan, PTE S.R. Dale, PTE M.S. McNamara, PTE R.A. Greenhalgh, PTE J.D. Robinson, PTE I.M. Hockley.

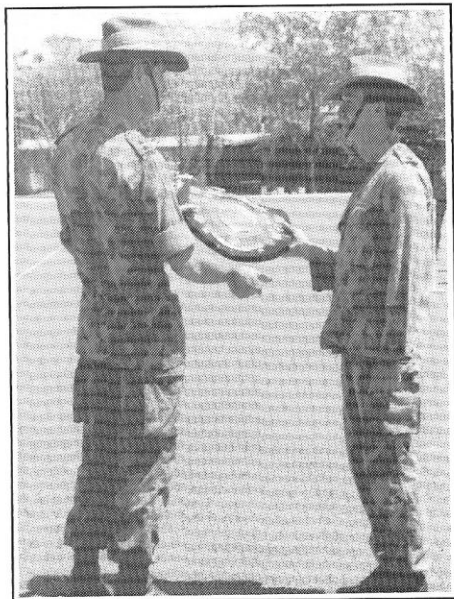
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Back Row: PTE A. Ladd, PTE S. Bailey, CPL A. Boxall, PTE K. Eustace, PTE J. Ginnane, LCPL M. Regan, PTE G. Hillier, PTE C.B. Kingston, PTE S. Kisch, PTE A. Barkowski, LCPL C. Cowburn, PTE J. Pain, PTE M. Hadwen, LCPL S.J. Murrells, LCPL M.P. Blake, PTE S.K. Phillips, PTE S. Powell, PTE J. Neilsen, CPL J.J. Comerford.

Support Company

"CHAMPION COMPANY"



The CO presents OC Spt Company with the Schlyder Shield

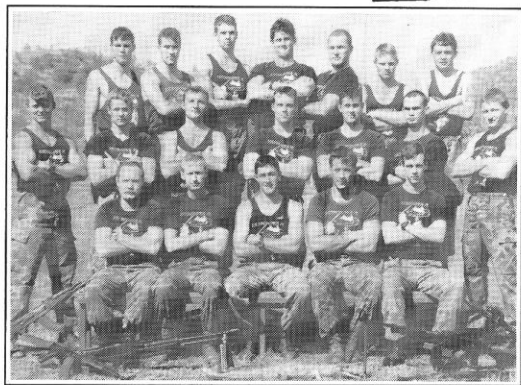
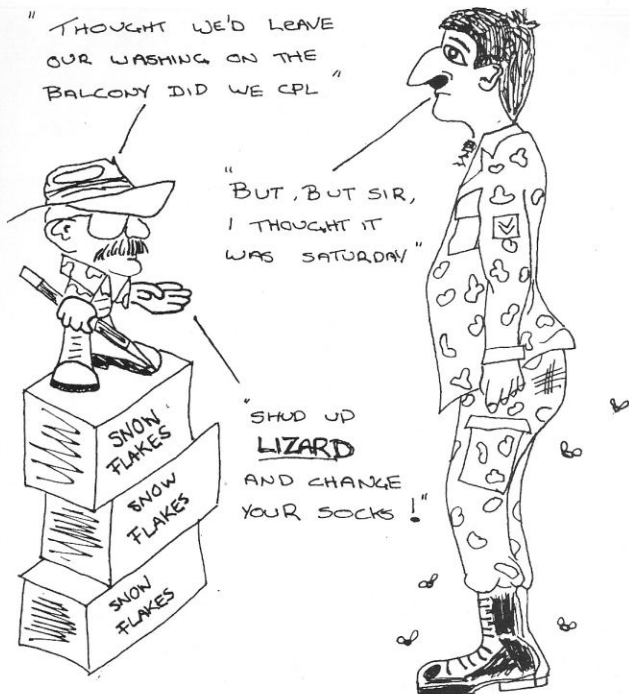
1991 has proven to be an outstanding year for Support Coy. Very early, the worth of the Soldiers and Section Commanders was displayed when the Coy became the CHAMPION MILITARY SKILLS COMPANY.

A concentration on the honing of specialist skills and our enjoyment on the sporting field proved to be a successful formula for ensuring that Support Coy gained the SCHLYDER SHIELD for 1991.

The movements of personnel in and out of the Coy have been too numerous to mention individually. Our thanks and appreciation go to those who have left; it is hoped that you have fond memories of your time in the Coy and are keen to return in the near future.

Two personnel departing the Coy do deserve a special mention; the 2IC CAPT MARK ROSS and the CSM WO2 SNOW KAHLER. Your time, effort, sense of humour and wise counsel has been greatly appreciated throughout the year. It is hoped that you enjoy your time at 1 Cdo Regt and SUR (respectively).

Finally a steal from the 1990 Magazine (with variation): "To succeed we need good men"; in 1991 Support Coy had many GOOD MEN. TAKE CARE.



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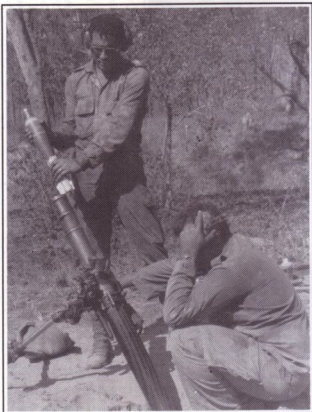
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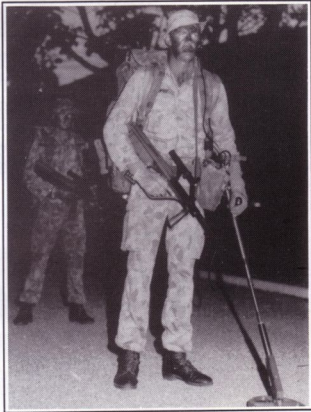
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PTE Snijders and PTE Cody, live firing during the Battery Commanders' shoot



LCPL Murphy, Pnr Platoon, during the Battalion Birthday Parade



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Fourth Row: PTE D. Sievers, PTE M. Cooke, PTE B. Buskell, PTE P. Hoffman, PTE J. Picton, PTE J. Cody, PTE J. Carran, PTE S. Strong, PTE M. Marchmont, PTE M. Barron, PTE W. Moyle, PTE K. Eustace, PTE P. Davey, PTE M. Reynolds, PTE A. Walker, PTE G. Snijders, LCPL A. Thompson, PTE L. Thoms, PTE S. Boyd, CPL R. Crabbe, PTE J. McGee.

Back Row: PTE C. Stoddart, PTE D. Mather, PTE M. Kirwan, PTE S. Murphy, PTE N. Jayo, PTE R. Cousins, PTE C. Haynes, PTE S. Hicks, PTE J. Pain, CPL G. Johnson, CPL H. Robson, PTE S. Bailey, PTE A. Patterson, PTE P. Bakos, PTE M. Gratten, PTE D. Stimson, PTE A. Simpson, CPL A. Elliott, PTE D. Ashworth, CPL S. Eckert, CPL P. Nemme.

Reconnaissance Platoon

After BRL, the year started slowly for the Platoon as a lot of PI exercises were cancelled. Our first exercise was a week at Cowley Beach, with Pioneer Platoon doing Watermanship, which was most enjoyable. Around this time, we also got back our Platoon members who toured Malaysia with B Coy, Bailey, Ashworth, Slam and Stoddart, and lost LCPLs Walker and Oldham to SASR.

We also lost CPL Bennett to C Coy shortly after Easter Stand-down. A section was entered into the Mil Skills Competition, where they were placed second. Soon after that the PI went on their first tactical exercise for the year at "TULLY", where they achieved excellent results in all tasks and received very favourable reports from all LCBS Staff who worked with them.

Not long after Tully, there were several members of the Mil Skill Section who were involved in the DOG Cup Training Sqd, which saw four members make the final selection. The rest of the Platoon in the meantime were doing things like rapelling off Castle Hill and the Ambassador Hotel and providing snipers and guides for the LFX. When the Platoon was finally reunited, there was an excellent reunion held at the Hotel Cleveland, where we farewelled our Boss LT Parker and drank several rounds to his bright future. We also lost

CPL Toohey, who went to Singleton as an instructor. "MAXI BEAGLE" was the first Major Exercise of the year, which saw the Platoon split into three Patrols and attached of various Companies for taskings. Taking into consideration some of the tasks and time limits given, all Patrols performed excellently and the CO and relative OCs were considerably impressed by their efforts.

Upon return from MAXI BEAGLE, we welcomed our new Boss to the Platoon and quickly began enlightening him on the workings of RECON. Prior to September Stand-down, the Platoon embarked on "EX CAPE CRUSADER" at Cape Cleveland. This Ex tested the leadership and initiative of Patrol 2ICs and the fishing abilities of all others. After September stand-down, the Battalion went on "EX DUSTY TOWERS", where the Platoon got plenty of practice walking and very little gonking. Once we returned, we were reunited with an old Platoon member who marched back in as next year's sniper supervisor, SGT Moore.

With only the Recon Course left to do for the year, we would like to wish SGT Brady and SGT King farewell and the best of luck with their new postings — they will be greatly missed by all and congratulations to any soldiers who march in after course. The Platoon looks forward to bigger and better things next year. F.O.F.E.B.A.



Assault Pioneer Platoon

Pioneers — What are we? We are the Regimental Combat Construction, Assault, Demolition Technical Experts (RCCADTE) — Anyone who disagrees can Rv with PTE Paterson and LCPL Harris at a time that suits them.

What have we done in '91? Our tasks have been varied and have included building "enemy" tunnel systems and villages at LCBS Tully. A number of our Platoon joined D Coy for "EX IVANHOE" in NZ and were pleased to return to the warmth of Townsville. Pioneers assisted in the construction of an obstacle course for the reprobates of the Cleveland Youth Centre as well as improving and maintaining our own obstacle course. Pioneers also assisted in the Battalion Air Week, clearing and improving LZs while also playing enemy. "EX REDBACK" (the Battalion Life Fire Ex) provided us with the opportunity to organise some interesting battle noise simulation and targetry, and we all took great delight in showering the rifle companies in big lumps of dirt. "EX MAXI BEAGLE" allowed the Pioneer Sections to improve their basic soldier skills, while as a Platoon, we gained experience in track construction and repair, to enable the echelon vehicles to move through to their next objective. We were also able to exercise our bobby trapping and minelaying skills against 15 Tp of 18 Fd Sqn, by which we faired well and learnt a great deal.

Over the year, we also saw a full section become Airborne Rapelling qualified in Blackhawks and have almost the whole Platoon abseil down the seaward face of Castle Hill. Our watermanship capabilities have been greatly enhanced by the addition of three new black Zodiacs, which with the 40 HSP engines, really power along. The Platoon took the opportunity to put the Zodiacs through their paces at Taylors Beach and around Orpheus Island in August on "EX FROGSKIN".

CPL Barry Pickering returned from his United Nations tour of duty in Pakistan with a very valuable knowledge in current mine warfare. Pioneers have provided instruction to a number of Platoons on mine warfare and hopefully in 1992, a package for the Rifle Companies incorporating Barry Pickering's knowledge, will assist in making the Battalion more operationally aware of mine warfare in all possible contingencies.

In closing, I would like to add, I have enjoyed my time as Pioneer Platoon Commander and thank Lenny Logan, Barry Pickering, Paul Nemme, and Steve Hicks for their support and the "LADS" in the Platoon who **don't** shy away from hard work. We all hope Anthony McCarter enjoys his new vocation as Commercial Diver and that Darren Mather and Red Walker enjoy their new posting.

Signals Platoon

Message: What a year for the Regimental Communicators. 1991 has been filled with some very beneficial and interesting training, starting with a week of "roadrunning" on the Atherton Tablelands where Michel's "Marauders" soundly defeated Carley's "Crusaders" in the cricket series, following some big hits from Ted "The Don" Lees. The MIL SKILLS COMP was next and saw the boys, well led by CPL Baker, finish seventh — great stuff!

Then came "EX SUPREME WINGS"; a road run with groups going to Karumba (great prawns), Longreach (The Stockman's Hall of Fame) and Gladstone (The portable TV self destructing 5 minutes before the State of Origin, much to SGT Young's delight). June saw Sig Pl go from DEMI-GOD comms legends to SKY-GOD comms legends, following an excellent Airborne-rapelling course. The Platoon was soon brought back to earth with NBCE training and the gas chamber! (Thanks CAPT Ross). Mt Vince was good, despite being hot and "dry" with many Platoon members achieving Marksman Status: Mark "if it moves, shoot it" Reynolds, Brian "my hair never gets in my eyes" Moore, Marcus "breathing, what breathing — just fire!" Kirwan, Martin "He-man" Horreman, SGT "cool, no emotion" Young, and the "it cost me two cartons" RSO. The Battalion exercise, "MAXI BEAGLE", was held in close country with the Platoon proving itself again of its capabilities — well done lads! Some "MAXI BEAGLE" memorable moments includes...

Sarge Young trialling a new shaving technique — using his brew, instead of shaving water; BJ Buskell doing a "clearing patrol" outside the perimeter after his radio picquet at 2.00 in the morning; "King of the air" Ted, maintaining C Coy comms all the way up the Escarpment; and Hamish callsign "AUSROB" Robson main-

taining superb radio silence for most of the exercise. Jacko "hardly a challenge" Jakins and his offside "Antenna! I'll show you an antenna!" Reynolds, maintaining VHF Comms for the entire ex even when out of VHF range; and after an A Coy attack, Bakes establishing Comms with GOD himself!; and Boydy almost meeting GOD after the midday walk with a pack weighing more than himself.

The "Unofficial" gathering of the platoon and their ladies at "El Charro's", turned into a beer drinking, Mexican gorging, folks singing, ripper of a night. ERDS "the old

soldier" and Bruce "the gob" Conrad, took full control and the party began. Then it happened, the moment the platoon had been waiting for, a shattering silence fell over the crowd — for in strode.... Sarge Young, but what... yes, he was smiling. That was enough, the boys went into a



Road run (ha!) to Longreach

wild frenzied that lasted well into the next morning.

CAPT Michel (RSO) — "Does anyone *not* like PT, Sigs, training, the Army?"

"No, No... only one of the lenses come from a coke bottle".

SGT Young (Pl SGT) — "Just to reiterate."

"What?"

"I'll speak to you later!"

SGT Carley (Rad SGT) — "On Monday, we'll pull the line, HF, VHF, ANGRA's, 292's VINSON... did I forget anything... out of the store and non-tech it all before momo's. OK, no problems, hook-in."

SGT Lynn (Rad SGT) — "What do I know I'm just the Radio SGT?"

CPL Baker (A Coy Det) — "Every switched on digger should do this just like me."

CPL Crabbe (STMN) — "The best-ever 'Combat Quey' the Regiment has ever seen.... I deserve an OAM."

CPL Conrad — "No worries bloke... just cuff it. Love it!"

CPL Jakins — "What's going on, where am I, what day is it?"

CPL Lees — "Listen you..., BJ get here! What are you doing?"

CPL Robson — "Any callsign this is AUSROB... we're bogged!"

CPL Tulk — "I'm getting a new gear box, diff, clutch, brakes.... what the heck and a *NEW* engine!"

LCPL Trill — "Hoffman, there is a cell in Millaa Millaa if you are not careful."

LCPL Norton — "... I'd rather be fishin'."

LCPL Kirwan — "Who is coming into the battery room with me? Tas, you'll do."

PTE Boyd — "I do understand the music I play... no, it's not shit."

PTE Buskell — "It's so dark... I thought the gun was over there" — "It's natural blonde Sarge!"

PTE Cogan — "I'm just going to the Boozer!"

PTE Cousins — "I just gobbled off to this bitch when..."

PTE Erdman — "Hi ho hi ho it's off to Canungra I go... Ha Ha Ha."

PTE Hoffman — "I've had how many girlfriends this week?"

PTE Horton — "I'm going to the Terrace all weekend, then I'll have to go to the RAP on Monday!"

PTE Reynolds — "I think I'll stay in sigs... what a career move."

PTE Simpson — "I topped the B7 course... fooled 'em, eh!"

PTE Grelck — "Route March... my little legs can't keep up!"

PTE Corkhill — "..."

PTE Williams — "Willy languilly BZZZ".

PTE Horreman — "Ask any war movie, I can quote it."

PTE Booker — "I'm never getting ill again."

PTE Stimson — "Did you see this movie, it was great when... you should have seen when..."

PTE Moore — "What, another irregular, trendy haircut."

PTE Carrol — "But I did come to Sigs by choice."

PTE Thompson — "Can we just keep this between us?"

Mortar Platoon

The year started off with a bang for Mortars. A lot of cobwebs were shaken out early at HRTA and the Platoon was ready to go. Off to Bluewater, where the Pl learnt how to push trailers and lift heavy things. MIL SKILLS proved the dominance of Mortars, with CPL Brown coming 5th and CPL Maclean close behind. HMAS Cairns was the next trip away. The boys live firing off the back, with mortars and 50 cal. Shoalwater became home for a couple of weeks. Good shooting, with PTE Whyte taking the cake for being so ugly that goats run away. Then it was off again with our Artillery friends to High Range. Some of the guys volunteered to stay longer to wait for the Bn LFX. The Bn LFX certainly proved how much firing had been done this year. The end of the year has been taken up with "EX FAULTY TOWERS", where Red blew up SM1 — much to the chagrin of the MLO, who kept telling everybody at BHQ "It's coming, it's coming."

CPL Elliott took a section to Singleton to support the Offr/NCO Course and made sure the wineries would not go out of business. A big changeover this year. The Platoon says goodbye to CAPT Faulkhead, LT Thomae, SGT Townsend, CPL/SGT Stephens, CPL Williams, CPL Hawken, LCPL Milligan, and LCPL Marthick. Congrats to PTE Haynes, the 1st man in Australia to fail on the computer fire controller.



Mortar Platoon holding ground during Battalion Birthday Parade

ADMIN COMPANY HQ

They say a new broom sweeps clean, and Admin Company made a clean sweep at the start of 1990. Marching in were the new OC, 2IC, CSM and Padre. To welcome the new push to Coy HQ was CQ Geoff Lawman and his formidable team of LCPL's Twomey & Zuliani. They also say there's no rest for the wicked, and with a very busy start to the year we were wondering who to blame for the workload.

Once we got stuck into the job the Coy settled in quite well and we were soon improving old ideas and sometimes re-learning old lessons.

With clerks rotating through the orderly room like

the rotor blades on a Blackhawk, the Coy HQ always tried hard to provide a good service.

Exercise Maxi Beagle proved that the Echelon can live in mud like anyone else and all concerned were glad to scrape their boots clean of the South Johnstone Forestry Camp.

Victory was sweet when we scored a hard fought win over D Coy in the Inter-Company Rugby and also came home very well in the Bn Swimming Carnival.

Next year promises to be challenging, and Coy HQ will again be hard at it to see the job done well so that Admin Coy can provide the service and support the Bn expects of us.

Transport Platoon

"THE HARDEST WORKING PLATOON IN THE BATTALION"

This year started busy as usual and once again this year having a Platoon Commander for the second time in a long while. LT C. SMITH who leaves us mid 1991, we wish him all the best. In the next month different members will be returning from leave and preparing for the 3 month Tour of Duty in Malaysia, all the best fella's. PTE J. MITHCELL "MITCH", PTE D. BOULTON "BOULTO", PTE R. CLARK AND PTE KERTON, PTE G.J. SHIN-

NERS "SHIFFTEY" have returned alive from the USA and want to be posted there doing anything.

PTE G. ROLPE, "JEFF STYKER", is going on his own tour of Malaysia and Thailand — will he return?

LCPL B PATTERSON "PATTO" has taken a well deserved long service leave, don't worry Patto, Zac's doing a great job. All in all it's been a busy year with the so called normal problems, like not enough vehicles and drivers. The Platoon this year has covered some 465,000 kms.

"KEEP ON TRUCKING"

Technical Support Platoon

The year started quite well with new March-In's — CPL Mick Harris, CFN Robert Murdock and CFN Brendon Southy. We also had the loss of CPL Keith Chambers and CPL Nick Cashman to 102 Field Workshops and Canberra Workshops respectively.

Of course, who could forget Bougainville with all its drama's. But Tech Spt came through again, managing to inspect the entire Battalion's weapons in a day, and pages or not, we were prepared to go at a moments notice.

Mil Skills managed to teach craftsman's Walker, Southy and Robinson a few things about the Infantry role. The Admin Sect performed exceptionally well by beating several of the rifle company sections.

Air training week saw us deploy to High Range for some serious practise in putting up and pulling down cam-nets. It was a welcome sight to see civilization after that one.

The next deployment was to South Johnstone. The ASM adopted the new role as CSM and gave the enemy a run for their money. Between the mud, rain and jungle it's got me bugged how we ever won the 2nd World War. CFN Robinson saw some action out with B Coy and CPL Harris saw some action at the Milla Milla Pub — doing it hard. Meanwhile the real workers were doing a tour or two of Fantasy Island.

Anyway no sooner back off standdown than out on Swift Eagle, which saw Tech Spt split into two groups. Half going to Macrossan, the other to Forrest Beach. Macrossan saw our storeman Dave Harper become the centre of many a practical joke and several new pairs of underwear. Forrest Beach was nothing exciting, excepting, of course, the move out when CPL Van Shaik and CFN Tucker decided to take the wrong turn, not once but 3 times — due to their excellent sense of Direction. Luckily the rest of the convoy was switched on. The next phase was for the two groups to come together at High Range for the Firepower Demo. The definite highlight of this phase was when we were being probed, a smoke grenade was thrown by the enemy — Just missing the ASM. The ASM took great offence to this and in the light of the full moon all that could be seen was the enemy disappearing over a hill with the ASM in hot pursuit. Five minutes later CFN Walker pointed out an enemy to the OC, who then opened fire, to the words of "Don't shoot it's the ASM".

This about sums up the exercises and fun stuff for the year. But there were several other highlights.

ASM Dave Williams: Finally resigned himself to the fact that he had been stitched over his posting and tended to relax the pressure a little on his workers. There is some justice in the world.

CPL Phil Colliero: Meeting, Marrying and Conceiving a wonderful woman in under 12 months.

CPL Mick Harris: Would have to win the duck and weave award hands down. As a new member he achieved this feat tremendously.

LCPL Peter Meredith: Stepped on his slug early in the year several times, but managed to put it back in his pants just long enough to get promoted.

CPL Paul Van Shaik: Trying to become the ultimate poge by obtaining the 1 of a ton but being disappointed in finding out CFN Walker was well over this weight.

CFN James Walker: Unsure of where home was, decided to spend most of his time at Mt Vince gaining much needed armourer experience.

CFN David Robinson: Having quite a year by not telling us of his financial dominance very 5 mins (Only after slight persuasion).

CFN Brendon Southy: The psycho who only just managed to survive the armourers course, or was that his alter ego.

CFN David Larkin: True to his usual quiet self, did very little other than sit around and put on weight, like the rest of us.

CFN Robert Murdock: Marching in this year and off to Malaysia already. Don't forget the wheelbarrow to get your own and CFN Walkers stomachs back into the country.

CFN Sean Tucker: Selling his trailer for \$200.00 and buying another for \$400.00. Good business sense Tucker.

CFN David Harper: Going on standdown both times and not being able to walk afterwards due to consecutive bike stacks. In summing up we would like to offer this piece of advice to our much loved Infantry Brothers. If you get the chance come and see what we do because we don't bite and you may just learn something.

So to end 1990 we bid a big farewell to the ASM Dave Williams who is being posted to Melbourne (He, He, He), CPL Paul Van Shaik who is going to Albury/Wodonga and Sean Tucker who is going to Puckapunyal. Some may say its our loss and their gain but that's debatable. However, we wish them the very best of luck. Everybody have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and see ya in '91".

R.A.P. Med Platoon

1990 has been a busy year for the Med Platoon and has seen many changes.

Members leaving at the end of the year are:

SSGT Tony Sherlock (Wannmy King) Promoted to WO2 2 Fd Amb
SGT Jim Scott (Mr Fitness) HQ 1 Construction Regt

CPL Brett Dick (Biggest Dickest) Promoted to SGT at 2 Fd Amb
CPL Ted Simons (Blow-Fly) to 4 Fd Regt

To all the other members, well done guys and best wishes for the future.

Still holding the fort will be:

CAPT Warren Wark (completed his shoe laces course)

SSGT Peter Symonds (welcome back Peter)

CPL Pablo Cardenas (hand in there Pabs)

PIPES AND DRUMS

A YEAR TO REMEMBER

Thank God for Diaries, the best thing the Chief Clerk gave me. Mind you there is no way I'll be able to reuse it in 91. 1990 saw an increase in small jobs and the major tasks were major. We were asked to play for many dinners, and I've mentioned only the memorable ones.

On 23 January, 1990 the Royal Australian Airforce held a Dining-In Night for their Air Vice-Marshal. I must admit their Officers are tending to uphold the traditional way of dinners as did their predecessors. It was a very well run traditional dinner.

The dinner at 2/4 RAR Sgt's Mess on 25 January was the start of many other dinners we performed at. The first major Parade was the 4 RAR Birthday on the 1st February, followed by the 2/4 RAR Officers Mixed Dining-In. It was also at this time that the Pipe Major got dinked for the Battalion Cricket Rep's job. Ever seen a duck out of water?, ask the Battalion cricket team, God knows how they put up with him.

Our affiliated unit, 31 RQR also employed us for their Offr/SNCO Dinner on 24 February, 1990.

Pleasant things were to come with the Wedding of "Tassie" Graham, CSM Charlie. It was a very radiant ceremony in Queens Gardens and an enjoyable reception. We hope our contribution helped to make the day.

Even the Townsville Boat Club had itself squared away and they enjoyed our company once again for their Blessing of the Fleet. I must admit the Commodore and his members looked after us extremely well. It was the first time our P/D President MAJ Davey Paterson ventured out with us, and I hope we didn't let him down. During this time the P/D's were preparing their music for the North Queensland Pipe Band Championships. So every job we did incorporated the selection of tunes which eventually won the day. Mind you, it was a lot more practise, during our own time that brought us to a competition peak. Just to blow our horn a bit, let us once again, tell you of our victories:

Pipe Band Results

- 1st Champion Pipe Corps
- 1st Champion Free Selection
- 1st Champion Standing Selection

CPL Les Shelley (enjoy Malaya buddy)

CPL Phil Wilkin (read labels mate)

PTE Allan Payne (on ya blue, medic extraordinary)

Med Platoon has supported the Companies in all areas again this year, with trips overseas as well as many on the ground here in Queensland. Tully, Paluma, Mt Spec, Cowley Beach and Blue Water. Maxi Beagle proved to be very demanding with close to 50 no-duffs evacuated from the forestry area, many of which were by helicopter, well done to all the medics and soldiers that participated.

We have been more than pleased with our performance this year and look forward to assisting the Battalion again in the years to come, in all medical and soldiers aspects.

From the staff of the RAP we wish all the Battalion the best for Xmas and the New Year.

DR. SHIRL

OR — BLOW-FLY

- 1st Champion Street March Element
- 1st Champion Drill Element
- 1st Champion Dress Element

The RSM attended and gave us a few pointers reference dress and drill, that's how we won that section. An old piper never forgets his tricks. Solo players did well on that victorious day, including "Pte Kathy Fraser", our LADY PIPER who played well, dressed well and wore our uniform with the pride of an ANZAC.

Check this out: Solo's

- 1st Champion Drum Major "Dick Damsen" 2/4 RAR D/Maj
- 2nd Runner Up "Tim (budgie) Macey"
- Champion Drum Major of the Games "Dick Damsen"

A Grade Placings Pipe Major one 2nd/ four 3rd's

C Grade Piping

- 1st and one second "Simon Bedding"
- 3rd placing "Kathy Fraser"

D Grade Piping 1st Place "Kathy Fraser"

Best Dressed Bands Women 1st Place "Kathy Fraser"

A Grade Drumming (Side Drum) 1st "Tim Macey" 2nd "Jeff Timmings"

B Grade Drumming (Side Drum) 1st "Tim Macey" 2nd "Jeff Timmings"

A Grade Drumming (Tenor Drum) 1st "Mark Lanham" (Markus Lanamus)

B Grade Drumming (Tenor Drum) 1st "Mark Lanham"

To consolidate all the Placings your Pipe Band took out: a 25 Placings and 8 Trophies out of 11. This is a good tally for a well earned day and I was very proud, as was the RSM and P/D PRES Maj Paterson who both went gal gal after each event. It was getting embarrassing during the presentations, all we could hear was 2/4! 2/4! 2/4!

Well after that big upper the CO let us venture to the Victorian Mini-Band camps and we soon realised how Bagpipes react to cold weather. We must have Kentuckian Bagpipes for when we went to Victoria, the Bast....ds played hell. We gained a lot of experience not only how to prepare our instruments for cold weather but how to prepare ourselves coming off an upper. We got a Fourth place out of six bands in our grade.

The P/D's also got down to the Australasian Championships in

Brisbane, however, we weren't large enough in manning to compete. Instead we assisted the Queensland Pipe Band Association to erect a few 11 x 11's. Dirled in by an Ex Pipe Major who knew some Col (Army) type who asked indirectly to assist. 32 tents in all. During all the time, of course, between swanning we did another three major Parades and started to lose count of the "on the spur of the moment" jobs. Dining-In's, Farewells, Welcomes, Departures, Birthday's, Show Day, and that was throughout the Brigade.

The 42nd Royal Queensland Regiment invited us to assist their Pipe Band in the Freedom of the City of Rockhampton, and this is where a fairy tale romance began. During that visit our Markus Lanamus fell in love. His future bride to be is the President of the 42nd Other Ranks Club. A very talented lady in her profession and in her role in the Army Reserve. Mark and Annette are getting married in Rocky on the 17 November.

Being away a fair bit this year set the mode for Baby making and Births, starting with Carol Bedding, giving birth to a boy (Piper?), and our "Tangles", Greg Pritchard managed to pot a few, without going asleep. Rayline his wife, at this time is filling out nicely and is expecting early next year.

On the P/D advancement side, this year saw the RAR Pipe Band Competition which was conducted at the same time as the Gloucester Cup at the Infantry Centre, Singleton.

Our results there weren't what we expected and we took out third place in the Band Competition. However, the Pipes and Drums Section at the Centre presented for the first time a Bugler of the Regiment Trophy which "Tim Macey" our senior side drummer took out decisively. A golden bugle mounted on a wood grain plaque now hangs proudly in the Band Hut.

Also in this busy year the Pipe Major managed to do some recruiting up north and south with the Townsville recruiting office and thanks goes to WO1 "Keith" Macleay and his highly professional staff for the assistance. Keith, as some of you may know, is an Ex CSM of Bravo Company. The Pipe Major this year got a few swans such as: Suman Warrior, and the 2 RAR reunion down at the famous Tweed Heads Service Club.

It was a pleasure to be part of our Battalion History. Old soldiers never die is true to the letter, for those diggers during the reunion are as proud as ever and talk with their heads high when anyone mentions 2 RAR or 2/4 RAR, it was a great honour to be part of one of their reunions and knowing you are still part of the history of one of the greatest Battalions raised in the Regiment.

What's to come?

- 9 Nov Lofly Wendt's Farewell (RSM - A)
- 10 Nov Stocktake
- 10 Nov Rehearsals at St. Andrews Church (11 Nov Armistice) 11
- Nov St. Andrews Church Tri Service Remembrance
- 15 Nov Arrival of Piping Judges from the Centre
- 15 Nov CO's Farewell at Sgts' Mess (Dining-Out)
- 21 Nov Comd Land Comd Visit — Guard of Honour
- 23 Nov CO's Farewell from Officers' Mess
- 23 Nov Regt Birthday Dining-In Sgts' Mess
- 26-29 Rehearsals 9 Tpt Sqn Banner Parade
- 30 Nov 9 Tpt Sqn Banner Parade

- 3 Dec CO's Handover Parade
 - 5 Dec 1 Div Comd Farewell Parade, Brisbane
 - 6 Dec RTU Townsville
 - 6 Dec 3 Bde Comds' Handover
 - 23 Dec 3 Bde Sgts' Mess Dinner (we may think about it, well the P/M may)
 - 31 Dec Bedarra Island New Years Eve (Perhaps the P/D Pres?)
- As always a plea for volunteers but perhaps I may be able to temp you a little. Events that have happened in the past two years, with the output from the Battalion, THE SECOND/FOURTH. a 2/4 RAR introduced the Australian Tartan Military Set to the Regimental Council, RESULT: Approved as the Royal Australian Regiment Tartan;
- b. Paper outlaying the career structure for the Regiment Pipes and Drums including a qualifying system, RESULT: Approved with minor amendments;



Pipe Major praying for more pipers.

c. An outlay structure for qualifying for Piper, Drummer level for future pay levels, RESULT: Under review Pay Levels 5 and 6. d. A change in the primary, secondary and third roles of employment. RESULT:

Primary role: Piper/Drummer/Bugler
Secondary role: Combat Medic (RAAMC Trg)

Third role: Infantryman, Inf/Specialist.

e. Submitted orders of dress to the Corps Council for review, RESULT: Approved 4 out of 6 orders of dress;

f. Submitted a plan to assist in the retention of Pipes and Drums members. (i.e., regular visits to overseas Tattoos, exchange of allied Pipers and Drummers), RESULT: Under review at Corps level.

g. The requirement for a Pipes and Drums wing at the School of Infantry with qualifications, Military and Civil, RESULT: Courses have been running for the past twelve months at the school with excellent results. Qualifications as follows:

- 1. Military, Commonwealth recognised;
- 2. Australian Pipe Band Federation;
- 3. Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association (A world wide qualification).

What else could you want? Thanks to all CO's of the Regiment, RSM's and Pipes and Drums Officers, they have developed a future for the Pipes and Drums after 20 years; and it owes its birth the THE BATTALION, what more could anyone want? So think about what talent you have and its easy, all you have to do is have the GUTS to have a go. Instead of listening to those so called mates that are

going to laugh at you when you mount that Jumbo Jet to CRETE, SCOTLAND, NEW ZEALAND _ mind you you could stay and go to: BUTTERWORTH!!!!

I'm running a course early in 1991 and I'm looking for honest workers who won't wimp out of hard graft. Believe me we are going places in 91, 92, 93, 94 and on _ and it isn't BUTTERWORTH. So if you can handle it, prove it!!!

NO!! EXPERIENCE NEEDED, WE, THE REGIMENT WILL TEACH YOU. CONTACT: Pipe Major William Gall, P/M of 2/4 RAR Pipes and Drums, 25 years of experience to pass on for free, just be able to work!!!!

THE EVENTS THAT SHAPED THE GYM IN 1990

LCPL Edelman trained hard for his PTI Course, early in the year. His demanding regimen paid off with an A Pass for the course. The highlight of the year was the Battalion Boxing Tournament. The Gym staff were certainly glad to see heaps of beer, heaps of blood, heaps of guts (shown by the fighters) and heaps of tit, on the night.

Also in August we saw, Mr Chest, James make a conspicuous arrival to the Gym. He has proved that he has got what it takes, by working hard on his fitness and has shown an eagerness to learn everything he can about PT. Even daily kicks in the arse are subsiding.

Ede's and James recently spent two glorious weeks in the field with Mortars. Mortar Platoon used them as

work horses. The very considerate Mortars did explain that Ede's and James would have lost fitness if they weren't worked so hard.

Johno broke the Guinness Book of World Records for the most number of foot injuries over a 12 month period.

On a happier note, the prisoners in the 2/4 RAR cells have never had it so good. They've been receiving regular personalised boxing sessions. The only thing stopping them from becoming stars of the ring are the no boxing, no bleeding and no concussion chits they obtain.

Apart from being involved with the Wives Club, taking the kids at Kirwan Special Unit and conducting platoon PT the Gym Platoon say "We've had a good year".

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PTEs Newton and Booker during the Company Attack

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Pioneers at work!



CPL Ostler boresighting before the company defence



CPL Weir deploys his section



CPL Bowman preparing the Mag 58 at the defence stand

Military Skills Competition '91



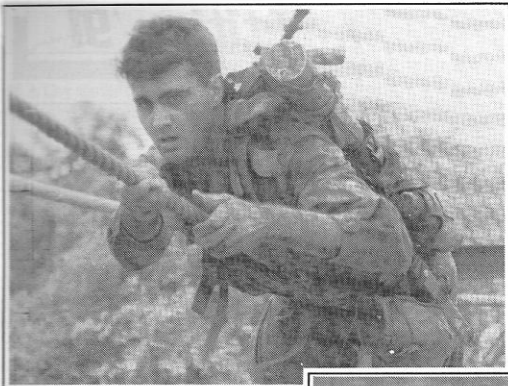
PTE Smart — A Coy



Diggers negotiating "the wall" — Obstacle Course



PTE Lunby — B Coy with his Section during the 3.2km run

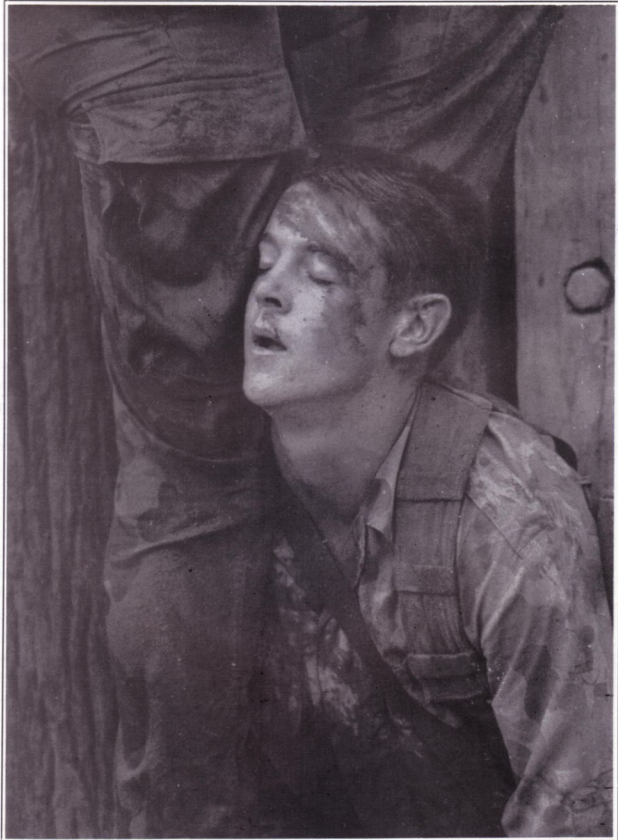


PTE Laing — A Coy negotiating the traverse rope

CPL Brown gives directions to his Section during the Field Phase



CPL Hicks — Pioneer Section during the Trailer Push

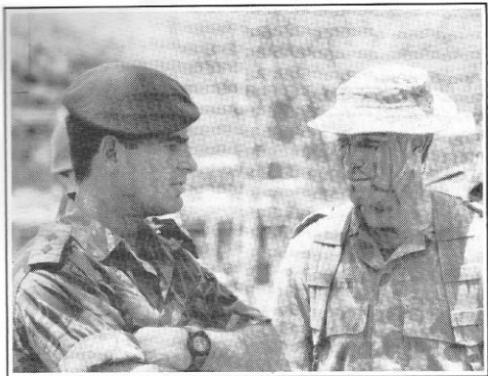


PTE Wilson — Military Skills



PTE Linden James and PTE Poulton

Exercise Suman Warrior '91



LT Stuart, Recon Pl, explains the finer points of Reconnaissance to a RM CDO LT



Pipe Major — WO2 Gall



PTE Walsh and PTE Duncan — Sniper Demo

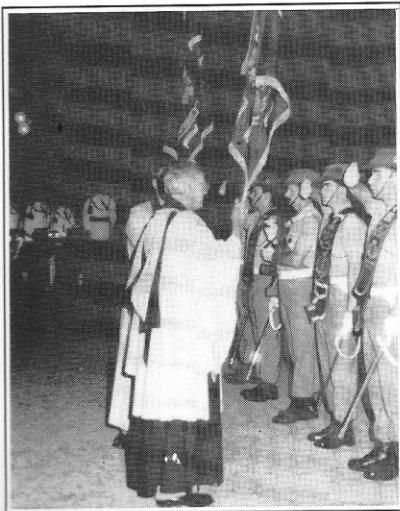


RSM 2/4 RAR and RSM RM Cdo Regt at Suman Warrior Open Day

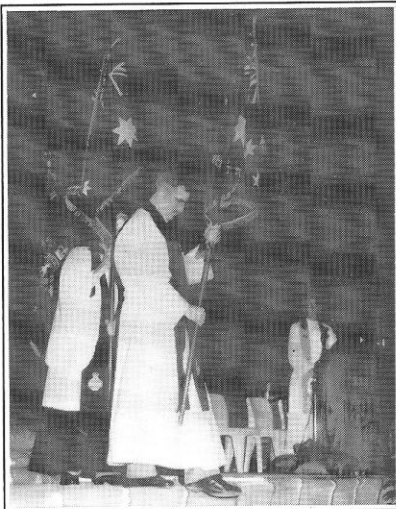
Battalion Birthday Week



2/4 RAR Colours—Church Parade

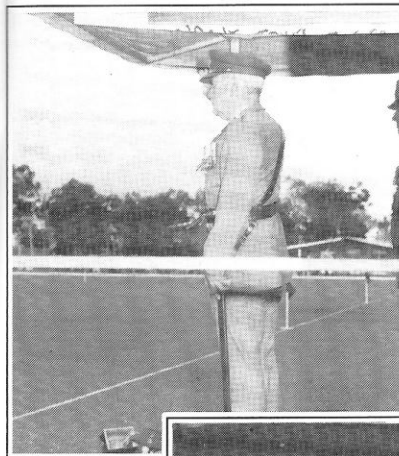


The Colours are handed over to the Chaplains

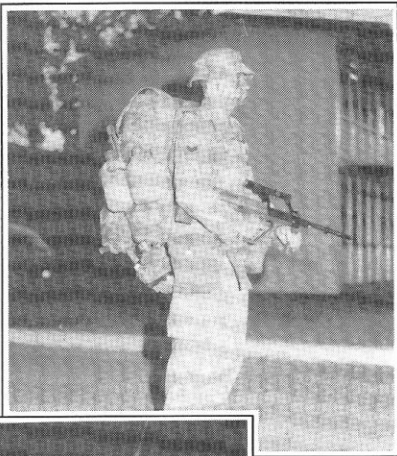


Chaplain Curnow retiring the Colours at the conclusion of the Church Parade

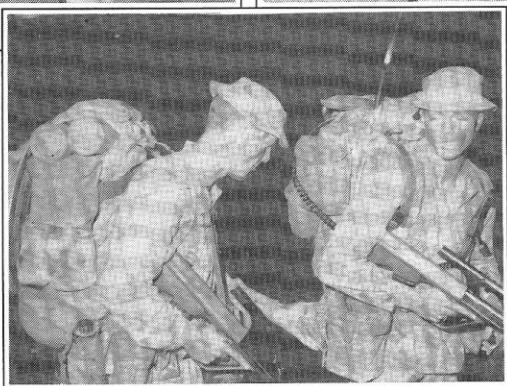
C Coy March Past in slow time



*Colonel Commandant
takes the Salute*



*CPL Wilkins
from the RAP*



PTE Rhodes and PTE Hoffman ready for the Specialist's March-On

The 2/4 RAR All Ranks Ladies' Association

The 2/4 Ladies Association has successfully maintained their monthly social gatherings in 1991, consisting of a variety of activities thanks to our very hard-working and dedicated committee, led by Sandra Twigg.

Perhaps two of our most successful mornings were spent being advised by members of our own battalion.

The first was a 'hands on' first aid presentation that we all feel should be an annual event, keeping us all in touch with current methods of treating snake bite, poisonings, resuscitation and burns. The second was a 'Ladies Shoot', where all fired the new Steyr, under the watchful eyes of our men. Thanks Guys. Other activities included a movie morning at Warrina Theatre, bingo, picnics in the park for the children over the holidays and craft mornings, where we all shared ideas for Christmas craft and actually went home with a bundle of 'home made' goodies for our trees — all for \$2.00. Our final get together was a smorgasbord luncheon, where small Christmas gifts were exchanged. These functions were thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended and we would love to meet more ladies in 1992.

We could not have enjoyed these activities without the wonderful support of the members of the Catering Staff, Q Store and particularly the two AADJT's and other members of the battalion, who never cease to impress us with the quality of their contributions.

This year, 2/4 RAR Ladies have also managed to establish and operate a

'Welcome to Townsville' group, who offer assistance to other 2/4 RAR wives and girlfriends. This has now become part of the Townsville Welcoming Information Group (TWIG), which incorporates ladies from all other units as well. We were also successful in our bid for \$800 of Family Funding to

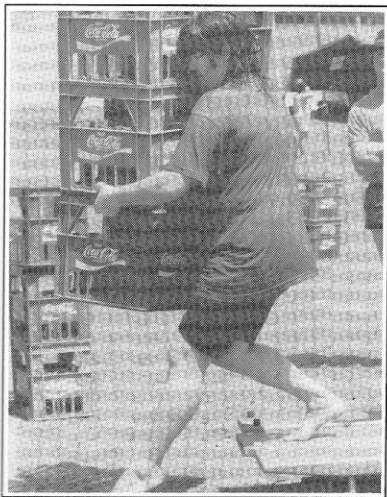
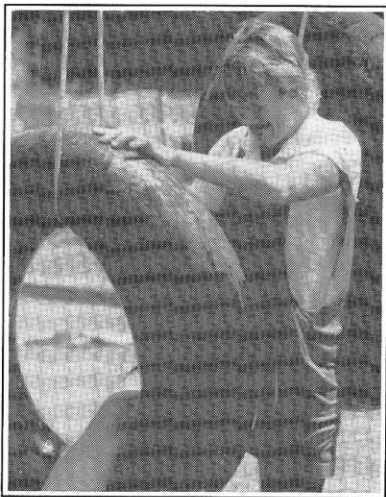
help boost our activities for next year. Why not join us? A special thanks Marie Smith, who has since moved on and Sandra Twigg, for all their hard work.

We look forward to an even better year in 1992 and would enjoy meeting any more ladies who have an association with the battalion. A very Merry Christmas and a safe holiday to you all and best wishes to all those being posted.

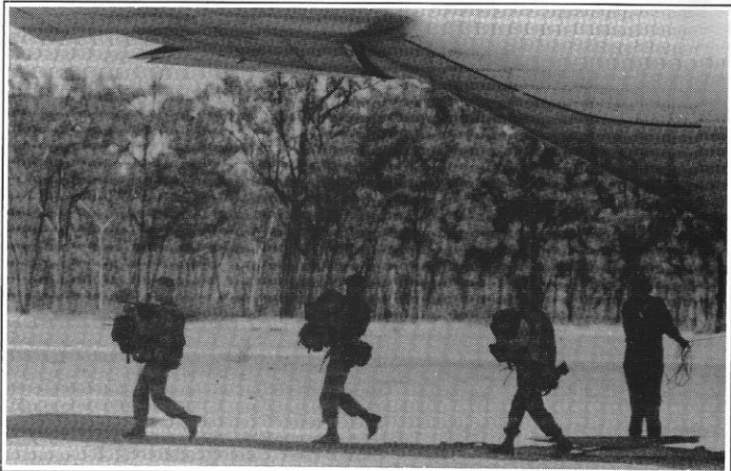


The Ladies

*...And they try and tell us
that they work hard*



Exercise Dusty Towers '91

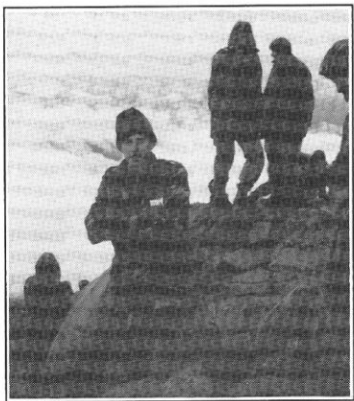


Troops disembarking at Macrossan



A flat tyre waiting to happen

The Year in Review



D Coy in New Zealand



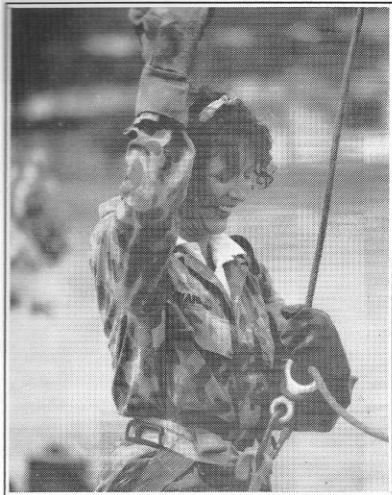
CPL Weir receives his commendation from the CO



Lowering the flags during 2 RAR's Birthday.



Battalion tug-of-war team about to destroy the opposition



Mrs Pursey learning the ropes



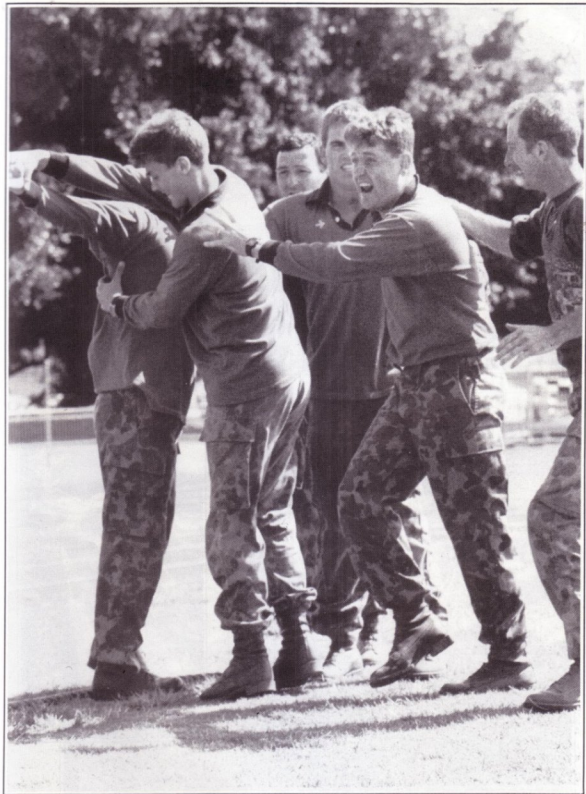
Recon insertion by Blackhawk



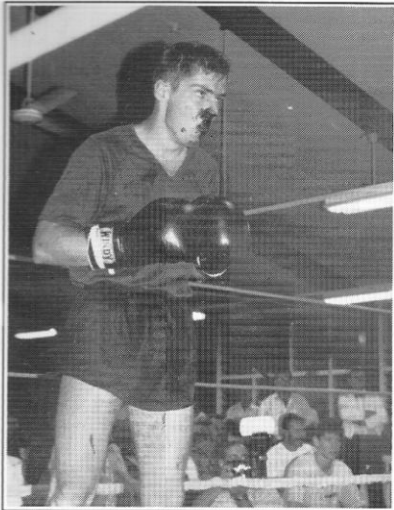
CPL Palmer interrogates a prisoner during "EXERCISE MAXI BEAGLE"



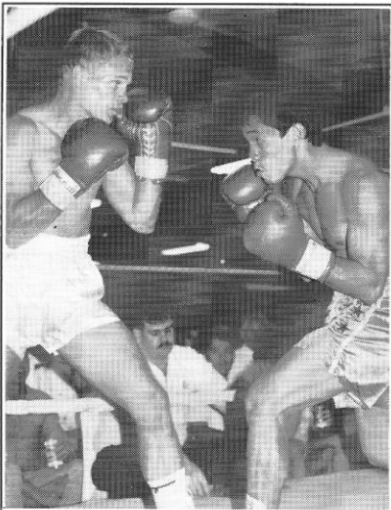
WO2 "Jock" Gall receives the Land Commanders commendation from General Blake



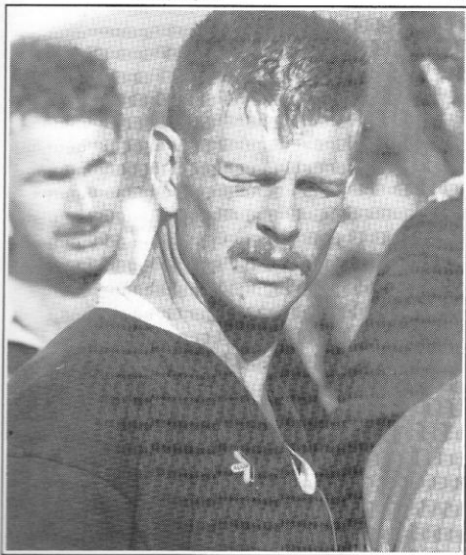
Admin Company soldiers win the Battalion tug-of-war



D Coy in pain



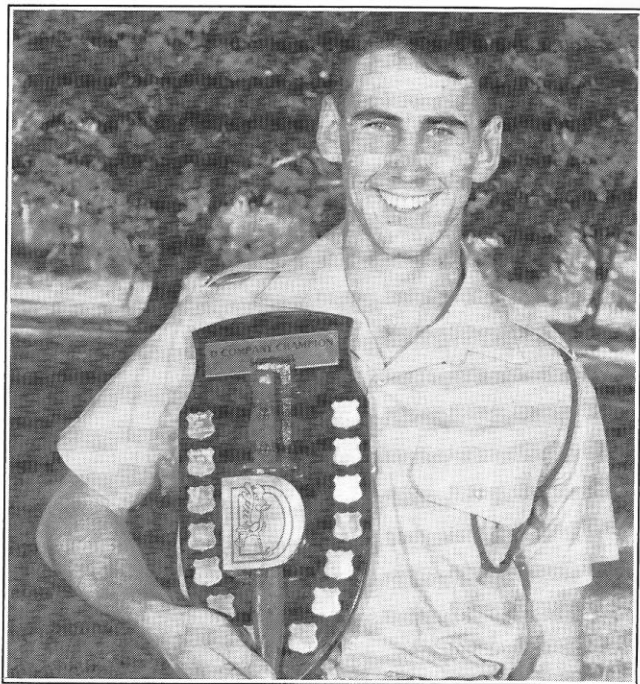
CPL Edelman providing an Exhibition Match



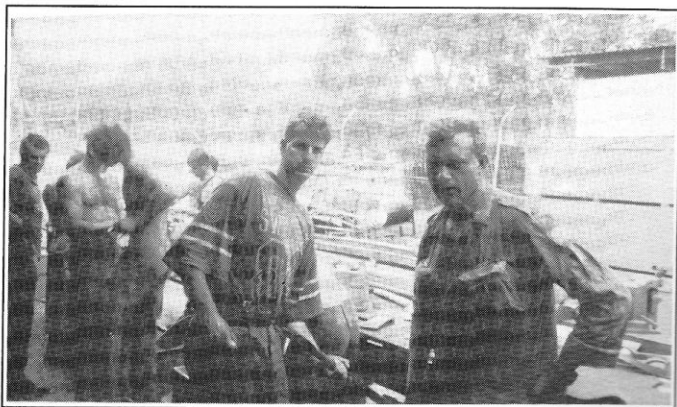
CPL Dixon — eyes off the opponents at the Battalion Rugby



RSM — Echelon Style



PTE Vinson wins the Red Bayonet — D Coy



CPL Hicks and PTE Harris back from Exercise



Cathedral School Girls' Choir Church Parade



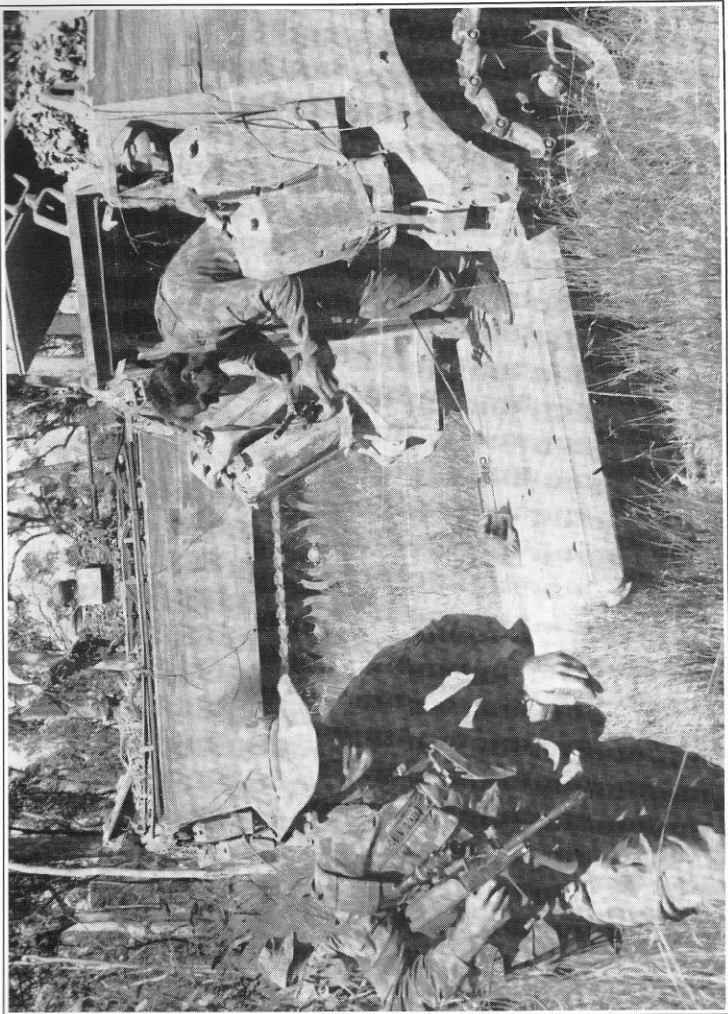
1 RAR Band stands fast for 214 RAR Colours



Pipes and Drums layout



CPL. Malone races for the ball



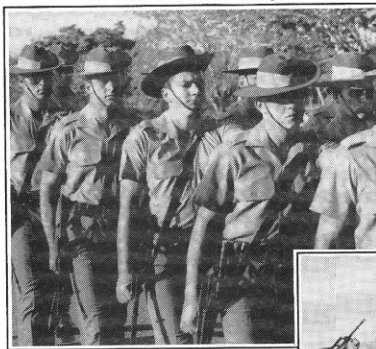
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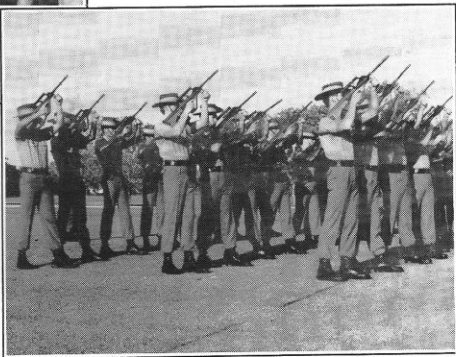
LCPL Waters and CPL Jennings



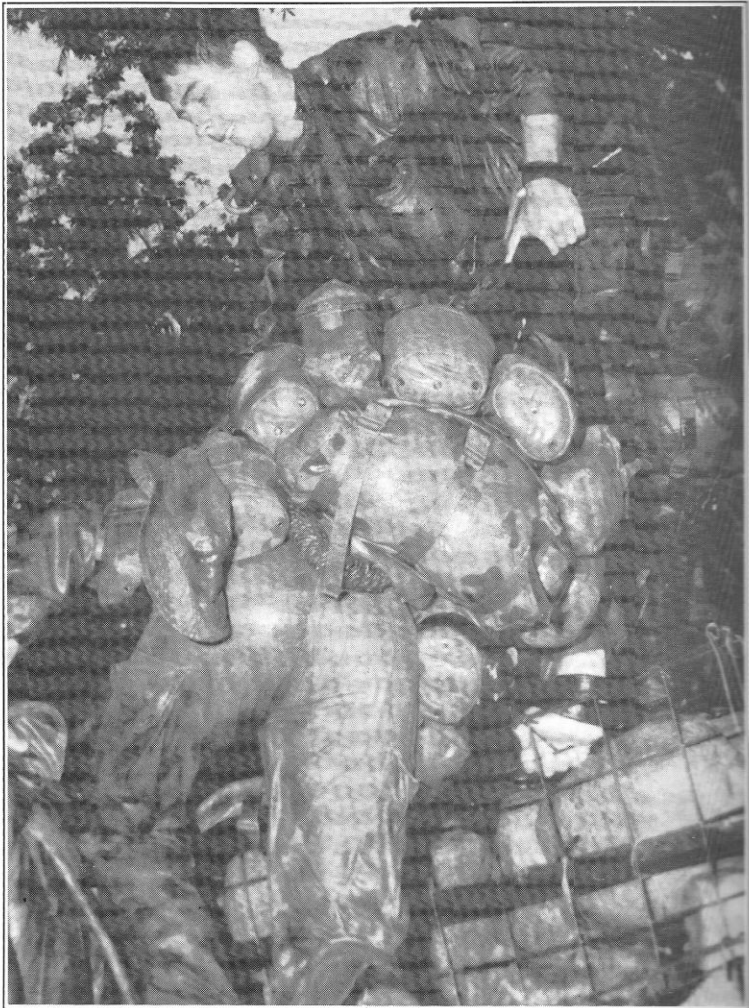
B Coy wins the Shooting Competition



*Spt Coy soldiers on Parade
for 2 RAR Birthday*



*2 RAR Birthday Parade
— Firing volleys*



...THE END

Volleyball

Yet again, 2/4 RAR Volleyball team proved their dominance on the Volleyball court during the 1991 competition.

The "Fit for Life Centre" provided the venue for this year's competition between thirteen Area teams. The good quality volleyball facilities enabled a high standard of competition to be conducted.

The placings of 2/4 RAR, 2 Fd Amb and 102 Fd Wksp, provided the finals play-off. Surprisingly (to us anyhow), 2 Fd Amb fought their way to the Grand Final

against 2/4 RAR, however were beaten convincingly. Congratulations to the team for a fine unbeaten effort and it is hoped that success will be yours in 1992.

As a final note, the competition in 1992 will be held in the Area Theatre with the number of teams being reduced due to the formation of 3 BASB.

All the best in 1992.

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Basketball

I had the pleasure to be nominated as the 1991 Battalion Basketball Officer. It was a pleasure and if you want to know why, read on...

The Area Inter-unit Basketball Competition was conducted over a two day period, early in the year, which was 14-15 Mar '91. The draw for the competition was conducted at 4 Fd Regt conference room by LT M.J. Kingston, the Brigade Basketball officer, on 28 Feb '91.

The venue for the contest was at the Murray Basketball Stadium, played over a two day period. The lead up to this event was difficult because it was so shortly after Christmas leave, the limited time available before the competition and my limited knowledge of the game. Not to be perturbed, all available and willing members were assembled and as much team training as possible was undertaken. The team consisted mainly of B Company members, but A & C Company also had representatives to compete.

On the first day of the competition, the team really played to a high standard and at the end of a tiresome day, due to the gruelling events, the 2/4 RAR representative had defeated all opposition. The day's opponents consisted of 2 Fd Sup Bn, 18 Fd Sqn and 162 Recce Sqn.

The Battalion team turned up on the morning of the 15 Mar '91, full of confidence, to put in their best efforts to neutralize any further opposition. Alas, the day started very poorly,

with our team being defeated by both 1 RAR and RAAF Garbutt. However, all was not lost, we still had a chance to become victors and the team became even more determined than ever. The final play-off began with a victory over 2 Fd Sup Bn, followed by 1 RAR being defeated by our now more-imbued team. The team had to fight to the finish and successfully toppled the RAAF team, who thought victory would be theirs.

The day was completed by quenching the thirst with a few refreshing drinks and bringing the Brigade Basketball Trophy home to its former resting place at the ETVCC, proudly displaying 2/4 RAR's victories for 1989/1990 and now 1991.

Members of the team were:

CAPT M.D. Reilly
LCPL A.N. Daniel
PTE D.D. Dukarich
PTE R.F. King
CPL S.J. Dunn
LCPL E.R. Oui
PTE C.J. Green
PTE T.A. McGill
CPL G.M. Nelson
PTE A.J. Brady
PTE S.W. Hatfield

Tug-of-War



B Coy Team try pulling the might of Admin Coy

Soccer

At the start of this season, we were beginning what we hoped would be our third year undefeated. The turn-out of players at our early training session was very impressive, with some new players turning up to add a bit of new blood and life to what, for the last two years had been a regular side.

What seemed like it was going to be a strong side was soon weakening because with start of Soccer, was also the start of our Bush Trips, which left us struggling for players at times. However, we managed to get teams on the park and managed to win games which were important, with a weaker than usual team.

During the season, we rewrote the history books, with a couple of outstanding performances, the first was 22 to Nil win over 2 Fd Sup Bn and the second was, what I'm lead to believe, the first for any team in this competition — a 100 goal haul for the year. So, well done to the team for those efforts. Throughout the year, we had some very big wins and also some very close games, where we had to settle for a draw on two occasions.

During the season, we had a few players who stood out in nearly every match and they deserve special mention, Dave Severs, PTE Skinner, LT Anderson, LCPL Cooper, thank you to these people for a excellent effort every time they played. Thanks also to CAPT Michel, for his coaching throughout the season.

To the disappointing stage, the side stayed UNDEFEATED all through the competition games and finished MINOR PREMIERS. Unfortunately, we met our old rival — 1 RAR in the semis and they had a win over us and being sudden death, we were out and left to ponder what could have been and looking to revenge next year.

On closing, I would like to thank SGT Young for his time and effort in organising the administration side of things for the team, a big thank you to all players who turned up every training session and game, *great effort guys*, I look forward to seeing you and any new players who would like to have a run next year, until then all the best for the rest of this year.

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Rugby Union

The 2/4 RAR Rugby Team finished second to our old rivals, 1 RAR in the 1991 3 Brigade Rugby Competition. By not winning, the competition in the words of Alan Jones, "one cannot claim to have had a successful season". Despite finishing second, the 2/4 RAR rugby team did have a good year.

The season kicked off in March, with the annual Burdekin Sevens. The team performed creditably in winning the plate under the guidance of Jim Phillips. Depending on K92, it is hoped to be able to field a team in next year's competition.

The Brigade competition kicked off in May and concluded with the Grand Final on 16 August. In the lead-up to the finals, the team won six matches and drew with 1 RAR, 18 — all in all, a memorable encounter. As usual, the final series was played as soon as we returned from the Battalion exercise. We lost to 1 RAR in the major semi-final, easily accounted for

4 Fd Regt in the preliminary and lost to 1 RAR 28-12, in the one that counts. Congratulations to 1 RAR on winning their fourth consecutive championship.



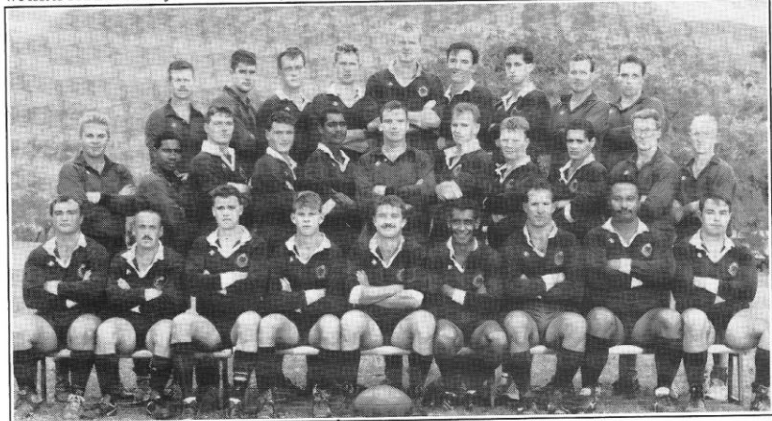
LCPL Oui — he's got the ball!

A feature of our play, was the ability of the forwards to dominate the lineout, the scrums, rucks and mauls. This was evident in the grand final, where for the first time in a few years, the forwards were able to match the 1 RAR forwards. The other characteristic of our play was the ability of the backs to score tries from nearly anywhere on the field.

Representative honours this year were gained by JJ Enchong, Jim Petrie, Mick Day, Bambi Campbell and Brad Horn, at Brigade level.

Hamish Robson trialed for ASRU but was injured.

At company level, a successful 10-a-side competition was held during the second last week of August. A feature of the com-



2/4 RAR RUGBY TEAM 1991

Front Row: Adam Cusack, Brian Moore, James Young, Paul Burke, John Griffin (Capt.), Charles Walker (V/Capt.), Steve King (Dpty V/Capt.), John Enchong, Jason Picton.

Second Row: Brendan Southey, Suelley Lewis, Bambi Campbell, Scott Robertson, Robert Oui, Adam Boxall, Paul Nemme, Mick Day, Barry Ferris, Jim Philipps, Shaun Pollock.

Back Row: Colin Dixon, Darren Horne, Simon Jakins, Darryl Egen, Hamish Robson, Peter Tinley, Brad Horn, David Paterson, David Larkin.

petition was the running open style play and none of the dockyard brawls that have been evident in previous years. Well done to all players for a successful competition. Winners of the competition were the B Company Sharks, with the A Company Bundy Bears finishing second. A special mention to all those over 30 year olds, who again ventured onto the field and a commendation to those ageless 40 year olds who fronted up. It is hoped that this competition is played again in 1992 in the same format, but, before the Brigade Competition.

With the successful bleeding of up-and-coming players such as Jason Picton, Adam Boxall, Jim Philips and James Young and together with the likes of Chuck Walker, Bambi Campbell,

Darryl Egen, Brad Horn, Brian Moore, Jim Petrie and Scott Robertson, the success of the team is assured in 1992.

Awards for 1991 were:

Best and Fairest — Darryl Egen

Runner up Best and Fairest — Bambi Campbell

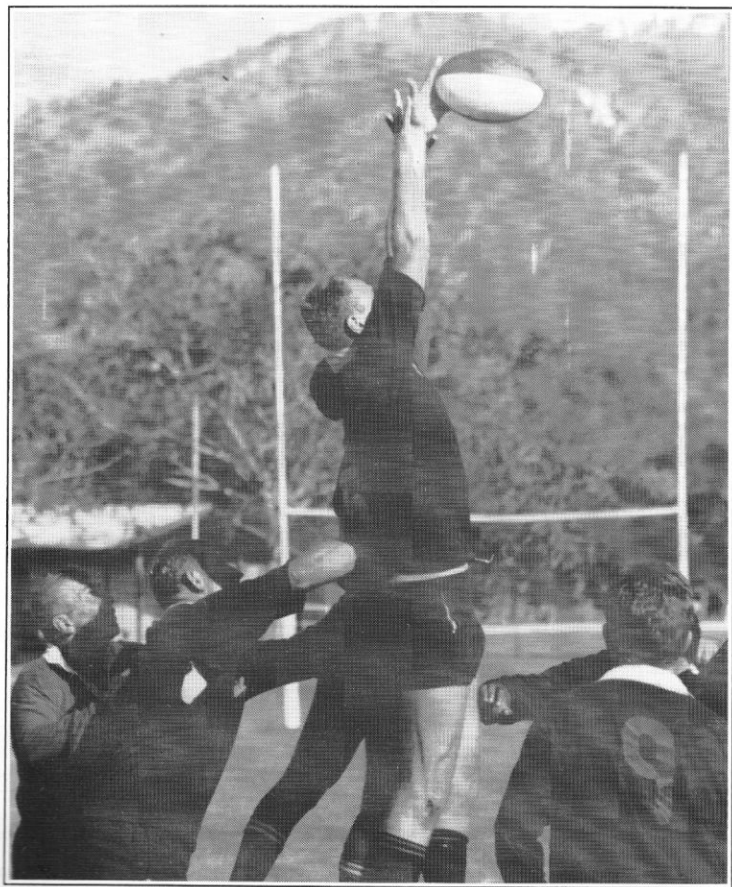
Best Back — Mick Day

Best Forward — Jim Petrie

Leading Point Scorer — Adam Cusack

Most Improved — Brian Moore

Leading Try Scorders — Mick Day, Bambi Campbell and Robert Oul.... six tries a piece.



CPL Robson wins another line-out suitably aided by SGT Kent



LCPL Ovi and CPL Nemme about to bring the opposition down on CAPT Horn

Australian Rules

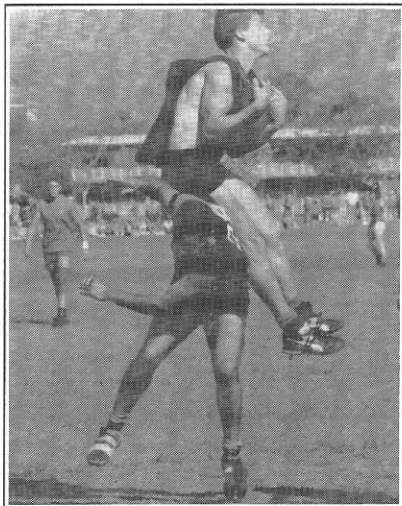
The 2/4 Bombers attacked the 1991 Brigade Australian Rules Football competition, this year, with the tenacity of the Adelaide Crows, but with the fortune of the West Coast Eagles.

Led by team captain, Jeff "Bruiser" Rule and vice captain, Dave "Don't I look Good" Drabble, the Bombers recorded strong wins against all teams except our psychological Everest, 1 RAR.

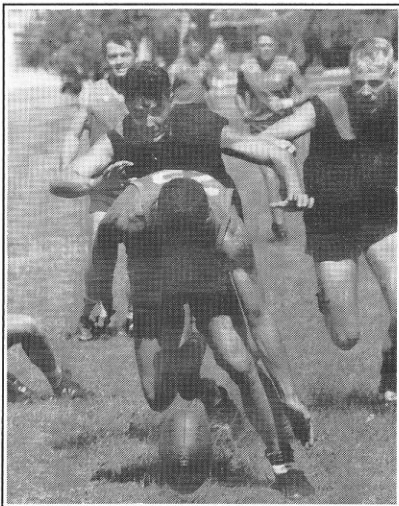
Team Awards for 1991 were:

Best and Fairest	First	PTE Akee
	Second	PTE Pain
	Third	PTE Drabble
Best Team Man	CPL Gourlay	
Most Improved	PTE Slattery	

All team members extend their gratification to the many drivers, medics, runners and supporters who assisted the team this season.



LT Rowland beats PTE Green to the ball



CPL Dunn and PTE Eldridge close in for the kill



2/4 RAR AUSTRALIAN RULES TEAM 1991

Back Row: CPL Taylor, CPL Dunn, PTE Brady, PTE Pain, PTE Hatfield, SGT Lampard, LT O'Leary, PTE Van der Meeden, LCPL Meredith, PTE Palmer, PTE Drabble, LT Rowland, PTE Eldridge, PTE Slattery.

Front Row: PTE Green, CPL Malone, PTE Simpson, PTE Callow, LT Parker, CAPT Smith, PTE Thompson, PTE Williams, PTE Akee, PTE Baker.

Battalion Carnival

The Battalion Athletics Carnival was run at the Townsville Sports Reserve on 33 August. Things were fairly close until the start of the first event, when it became apparent that the "sharks" of B Coy were going to take a strangle hold on the day.

All credit must go to the B Coy track team who won every running event of the Carnival. There were also some good performances in the field, with CPL Endo (Admin Coy) easily winning the Shot Put and MAJ Bourke (CCoy) taking the Discus. Of course there was no answer to the Admin Coy Heavyweight Tug-o-War Team and the A Coy, their off command Riley Team was victorious, complete with packs and webbing.

At the end of the day, the B Boys in blue won out easy winners of the Carnival.

Brigade Carnival

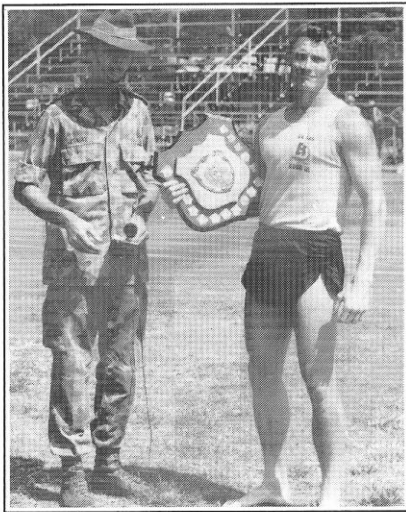
The Battalion went into the Brigade Carnival confident of victory. After a confident start with PTE Millers easily winning the 100m Hurdles, there were, however some heart flutters, with LT O'Leary straining a hamstring during the 100m race and unable to compete in the 400m. However, PTE Nitschke stepped on and ran a creditable 3rd. All during the evening were

level pegging, with 1 RAR and good performances by CPL Brown and CAPT Horn (winning the 500m and 800m respectively) kept us in the race.

All of the team put in good performances and were creditably placed. After a win in the 4 x 1600m relay, 1 RAR and 2/4 RAR were tied, for first, with only the 4 x 50m relay to go. A win in this relay by Milers, Oui, Akee and Marchmont, sealed the win for the Battalion.

Special mention must go to PTE Millers, who won the award of the most Outstanding Athlete at the Carnival, the high Weight

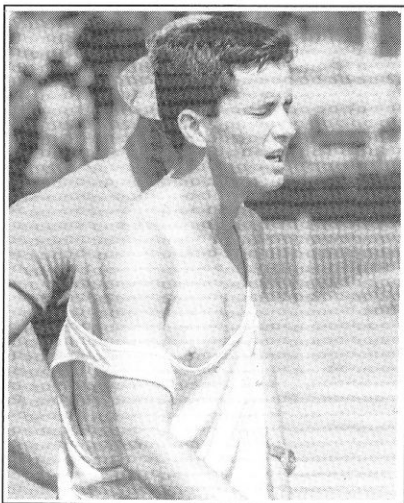
Tug-o-War team won their final in an exciting pull off and to LT O'Leary, who trained the track and relay teams.



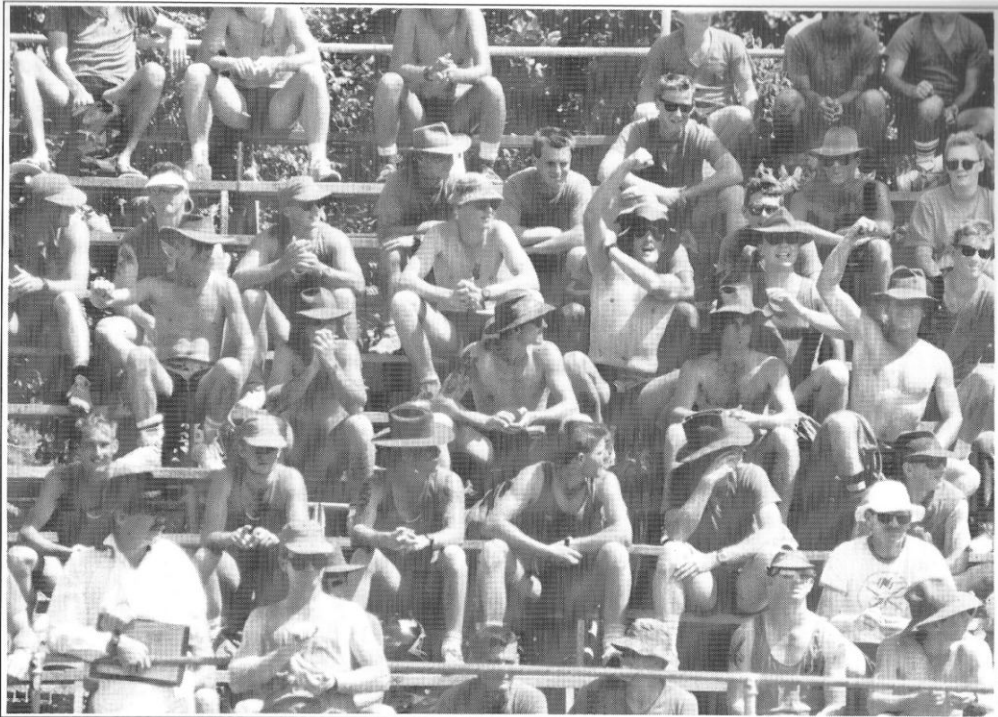
PTE Millers accepts the winner's trophy on behalf of B Coy



The Veterans' Steeplechase



The pain and lack of glory

*Battalion Athletics Carnival*



Battalion tug-of-war — winning at the Brigade Athletics

Cross Country

The year was a successful one for the Battalion's Cross Country team. There were two major events on the 1991 Cross Country Calendar. Firstly, the Inter Cross Country, which was run on 2 May 1991 and secondly, the NQ Area Cross Country, which was run on 27 May 1991.

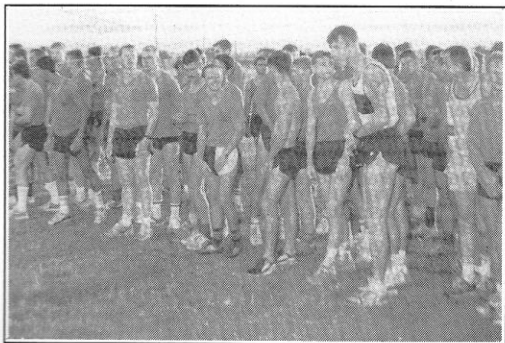
The Inter Company competition involved all members of the Battalion, only those on a medical restriction were exempted. A large field therefore started, around 600 in all. The course involved a lap of the Brigade area taking in the scenic re-entrant. The course was flat, except for the saddle at the rear of Brigade Hill, dry and fast and suited for a fast time.

Once again, B Company won easily, for the second year in a row, thanks largely to the training conducted whilst at Butterworth, over the Christmas period. Bravo, in fact, went 1, 2, 3 with CPL Brown avenging his 1990 defeat and winning comfortably. He was followed in by CAPT Horn and LT Blake. Out of the first 10 placings, Bravo had 8 runners. Second in the Company Competition was Charlie, followed by Alpha, Delta, Support and lastly, Admin.

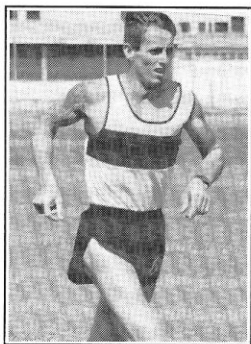
From the Inter Company competition, a team of 100 was selected to train for the NQ Area Cross Country. Training was held 4 days per week, under the watchful eye of the coach, CPL Brown. This training was to pay off, as was evidenced by the results on 27 May.

The NQ Area event involved a field of approximately 400 runners from around the NQ Area. Each unit was required to enter around 11.5% of their posted strength. This saw the Battalion enter 80 competitors. For the second year in a row, the Battalion took out the first three individual places. First to the line was yet again, CPL T.J. Brown, for the third year in a row. He was followed in by CAPT Horn, and LT Blake. Overall, the Battalion won easily, in second place was 162 Recce Squadron, with third going to 1 RAR.

The year then, was a successful one for the Battalion Cross Country Team. With the same application and given the same training time next year, there is no reason why the Battalion cannot duplicate its 1991 effort.

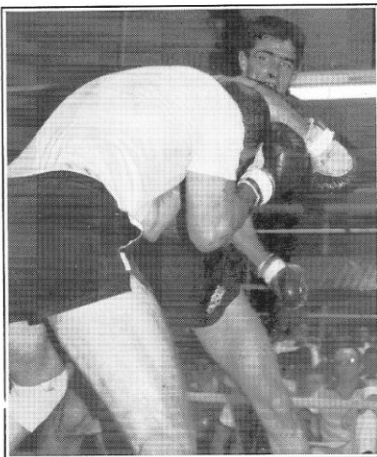


On your mark, get set

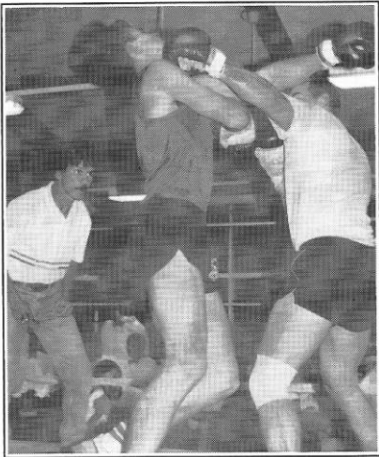


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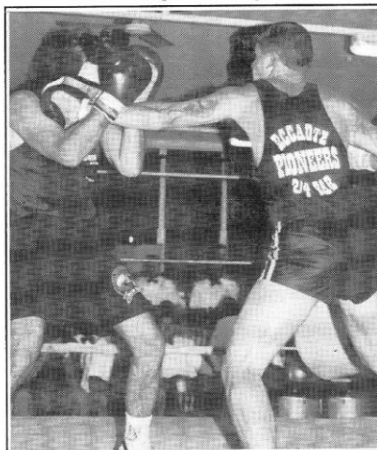
Boxing Night



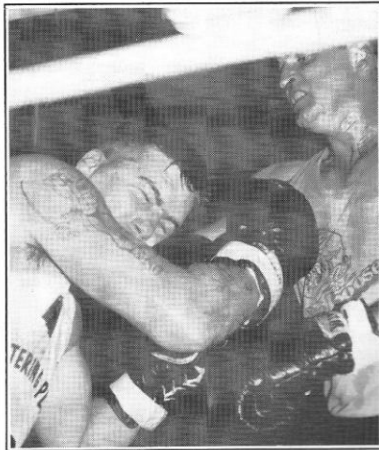
PTE Boulton gives Davo a right hook



Davo's revenge!



PTE Walker gives PTE Greenfield something to think about



CPL Shelton takes on the might of Catering Platoon