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2/4 RAR, winners of the Commander's Trophy for 1992



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CO's Article



Lieutenant Colonel P.L. Pursey

The 2nd/4th Battalion has every reason to feel proud of all its accomplishments in 1992. It has been a year marked by high levels of training and exercise activity covering a wide variety of military skills. Our achievements on the sporting field have been as impressive as our military training successes.

Generally a training year can only focus on a few carefully selected military skills. 1992 has demanded much more and the response from all ranks to successfully meet the various challenges has been first rate.

Airmobile operation skills, including airmobile assault and OCL (tac-pac) are well developed in the Battalion and the demonstration on Exercise Kangaroo 92 of a Battalion (-) night airmobile assault across water, using NVG was a first for the ADF and one of which the Battalion can be justly proud.

The development of Services Protection Evacuation (SPE) procedures occupied a significant amount of time prior to Exercise Swift Eagle 92. The detailed planning and energy of so many people in the Battalion ensured this new skill

was thoroughly introduced and understood. Other significant activities included the introduction of the Minimi machine gun into service, the very successful Military Skills competition at Paluma and the annual Battalion LFX at HRTA.

It has been mentioned to me on occasions that airmobile operations or SPE tasks are not particularly difficult. I disagree with that view. They are no more or less difficult than many of the other tasks we undertake as infantryman, such as working with APCs, conducting an ambush or a company attack. The real challenge is being in a position to achieve success when things don't go to plan. In that regard I am very confident the Battalion would acquit itself very well no matter what the task.

Achievements in the various military competitions and on the sporting field have been very pleasing in 1992. The ingredients of a good plan, thorough organisation and accountability generally lead to good results whether it be a training, sporting or social activity. Congratulations to all the soldiers who contributed to our military and sporting success in competition throughout the year.

During our year as the 'on line' ODF Battalion I was always confident we could respond quickly to successfully meet any operational contingency. The 'no notice' training callouts were a sound indication of our ability to effectively prepare and deploy on a mission. Throughout the year individual soldier readiness levels were good while the more difficult aspects of administrative readiness across the Battalion were of a particularly high standard.

1992 has seen the first soldiers from the Battalion deploy on operational service to Cambodia as part of the UNTAC force. The thirteen soldiers involved are acquitting themselves very well and the selection process to replace them in early 1993 has already commenced.

The dusk church service held outdoors on the Battalion oval received a very positive response from all ranks again this year. I believe it is a very appropriate service for an Infantry Battalion and hope that the format is adopted as a regular feature of the 2nd/4th Battalion Birthday Week activities.

It has been my privilege to serve as your Commanding Officer for the last two years. I leave knowing the 2nd/4th Battalion can meet the challenges of 1993 with pride and confidence.

Best wishes for Christmas and the future.



The Commanding Officer and Regimental Sergeant Major of the 2nd/4th Battalion

RSM's Report

As the year draws to a close it is important to reflect on the achievements of the Battalion during 1992.

It has clearly been a very busy year however, it has provided an opportunity to show both individual and collective skills in our training. Both are areas where the Battalion has distinguished itself.

This of course flowed over to the sporting fields and our endeavours were equally rewarding.

The foundations of our success have been firmly laid this year. We have an excellent opportunity to build on these in 1993.

To those leaving the Battalion - good luck and good soldiering. To all soldiers of the Premier Battalion and their families I extend my best wishes to you over the Christmas period, I hope you return safely in 1993 and I look forward to next year being an even bigger success than 1992.



Warrant Officer Class 1 D. L. Bennett

Padre's Report

1992 was the year of the Services Protected Evacuation. I spent many "enjoyable" hours sitting in the Evacuation Handling Centre listening to the make pretend stories that were meant to see how we reacted to the unexpected.

There were a number of challenges during the year testing our ability to perform under stressful or unfamiliar circumstances. Exercise Kangaroo 92, the Raven and Minimi conversion courses, and the Maxi Beagle exercises were some of the more notable. The combination of sound basic training, the ability to quickly assess and evaluate the situation and a strong sense of commitment to our mates enabled us to respond well in these circumstances.

I would like to stress to you all that the principles you apply professionally in your soldiering careers should also apply to your personal and family lives. The principles for success are much the same. We need to:

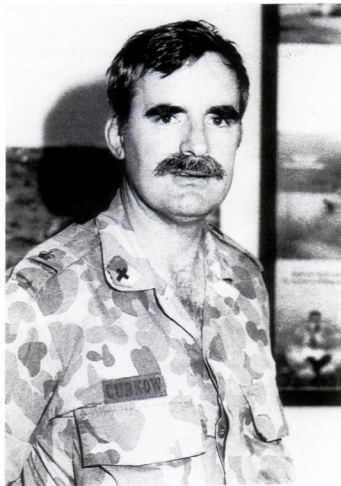
- reconnoitre and identify the standards and values by which we live;
- appreciate the impact our constantly changing lifestyle has on those close to us; and

- carefully plan and execute our leisure activities so that we develop healthy family relationships.

As I write this, many of the members of the Battalion are going off on the multitude of specialist and promotion courses designed to develop the skills needed to respond to future challenges and enhance the overall operational effectiveness of the Battalion. Aesop, who was well known for his fables, said "beware that you do not lose the substance by grasping at the shadow". It would be a great shame if we became so engrossed in defending the freedom and values of our country that we threw away those things most important to us.

This is my last year in the Battalion. It has been an exciting posting that has left me with many warm memories. I wish you all good soldiering in the years ahead and hope to catch up with many of you down the track.

I pray that the hope and joy of the Christmas message will remain with you to face the challenges of the coming year.



Chaplain Curnow

Battalion Headquarters

It has been an extremely fast year for Battalion Headquarters in 1992. With the large number of exercises conducted throughout the year it seemed that as soon as one exercise was over and all administration was complete the next exercise was well on the way.

As per usual the manning at BHQ has had several changes throughout the year.

Young LCPL Lee spent a very short time in the pay office before departing for 3/4 Cav Regt; PTE Canning decided that becoming an RP might be more interesting; PTE H T Wilson left the ranks of a Rifle Coy to become a Clk; LT Moody passed the SASR selection course and has gone off to be a sneaky peek; WO2 Marklew completed his 20 years and hit the road to civil boredom; CPL Bullock thought he would try something a bit harder and took a posting to 31 RQR; CPL Comley threw the towel in on the infantry and went to aviation; CPL Palmer finally made it to Int Corps; PTE Jago went onto bigger and better things and went to sell houses in Tasmania; PTE Walsh went from the Mess to BHQ as a Clk to RAAOC Centre Bandiana in about 6 months; PTE Helmrick did the same only to get a top posting to Computer Warfare Centre in Newcastle; LCPL Cousins arrived in the HQ to assume position as CClk (Psychological); PTE Trafford came down to BHQ as the record's computer operator; LCPL Secis went into Int

Sect; PTE Cohen/Fazio arrived from Defence Platoon to take up a clerical position in the Battalion; PTE Robinson was posted into the pay office from Army TAFE; PTE A Wilson left the buckets across the road to give 2/4 RAR a go again; LCPL Paylevel 3 Taylor has decided to take the short cut to his Paylevel 4 by doing a subject at Tully; WO2 Jones moved from 51 FNQR in Cairns back to the real world; SGT Green was posted into the Battalion leaving the Pilbara Regiment quite willingly (not) and making a lasting impression of LCPL Drabbles nose and PTE King had a close call with the land of the sand.

Postings out of BHQ at the end of the year will include the CO off to Canungra, MAJ Slater off to Queenscliffe, CAPT Horn will take a year off from service. CAPT Smith will do a stint with the UN in Tel-Aviv, LT Kenny will leave on promotion, SGT Coles is posted to 1RTB (Kapooka) as PL SGT. SGT Dyson is going to Brisbane (BASC Enoggera) Housing Section. SGT McKerron will take a move to 16 AD in Adelaide (tough posting), CPL Ely will go to the Pilbara Regiment in WA. LCPL Trill will go to Kapooka for a spell as an instructor, PTE Phillips is off to SCMA where he will have to work hard for a change and SGT Mills will go to Bowen.

Overall its been an interesting year in the HQ. Merry Christmas to all.

Whitsunday
RENT--YACHT
 YACHTS AND MOTOR CRUISERS



The three Amigos! (L-R - Deputy, Sheriff, Assistant Deputy)

2nd/4th Battalion's 1992 Achievements

The achievements of the 2nd/4th Battalion have been significant, both in training and on the sports field. In summary:

Training

- We conducted the trial for Operational Contingency Loading (OCL Tac Pack) of Blackhawk.
- During Ex K92 the Battalion conducted a night airmobile assault to an offshore island. This was a first for the ADF and highlighted the Battalion's ability to conduct airmobile operations.
- The Military Skills Competition was held at the Paluma State Forest in April. The competition proved very popular and was very well organised.
- The Duke of Gloucester Cup Team was sixth in this years competition.
- The MINIMI - Light Support Weapon was introduced to the Battalion in May. To enable a consistent standard all companies underwent training at Mt Vince.
- The Bn LFX in July concentrated on the defensive battle. The exercise was planned over a 36 hour period and was designed to place all members of the company under considerable stress and to be as realistic as possible.
- During Maxi Beagle we developed SOPs for Services Protected Evacuation and the subsequent testing on Swift Eagle confirmed we were on track.
- During Swift Eagle we developed Bn Amphibious SOPs.
- The year saw our first deployment of 13 soldiers to UNTAC (Cambodia).

The Commander's Trophy

- 2/4 RAR was awarded the Trophy in 1992. The Commander's Trophy is competed for by all units and comprises competition in four military sporting events. Our results:

- The Obstacle Course	- First
- Shooting	- First
- Cross Country	- First
- Orienteering	- Third

Sport

: Athletics	- First
: Swimming	- Third
: Soccer	- First/Premiers
: Australian Rules	- First/Premiers
: Basketball	- First/Premiers
: Volleyball	- First
: Cricket	- Second
: Rugby	- Second
: Hockey	- Second

Schlyder Shield Results

: Support Company	- First
: B Company	- Second
: D Company	- Third
: A Company	- Fourth
: C Company	- Fifth
: Admin Company	- Sixth

For all your achievements in 1992 Congratulations



The spoils of a very successful year

Air Training Week 8-14 Feb 92



*Operational Contingency
Loading in action*



Company insertion by Blackhawk



*Operational Contingency
Loading in its "trial" phase*



Support Company

"Champions"

As the year draws quickly to a close it is worth remembering some of your achievements in 1992:

- Champion Section:- CPL Eckert
- Champion Platoon:- Recon Pl
- Champion Military Skills Company
- Obstacle Course Competition:- First, CPL Hungerford
- Athletics, Heavyweight Tug-of-War, Soccer & Aust Rules:- First
- Inter Coy Rugby & Hockey, Swimming:- Second and of course
- Champion Company.

A large number of the company have managed to obtain at least one promotion course during the year and inevitably some must return to rifle companies. We look forward to your return in the future. To those who have been promoted; congratulations, you deserved it. To those who are waiting in the wings - standby; your time will come, hopefully sooner than later.

The standard of specialist skills in the company are of a

high standard. All platoons should feel proud of their ability & skills in their trade. On many occasions during the year you have proved your worth.

To the 2IC, (all three at last count) CSM and CQMS your endeavours, guidance and sense of humour have been greatly appreciated.

The remainder of the year sees the company trying to get on as many overseas trips as possible. At the last count; 19 to C Coy and the UK; 19 to A Coy and Butterworth and three to New Zealand.

Finally some memories of SPT COY in 1992:

- Mor Pl and the Governor General;
- Pnr Pl and the CGS;
- Recon Pl and their LRPV;
- Signals Pl and their PM24s,
- The CSM not sleeping during the LFX;
- The CQ after the CPLs Dining In Night; and
- No raffles



The Colonel Comandant congratulating Maj Foster on Spt Company's winning performance in the Bn Mil Skills Competition



SPT COY - 2/4 RAR - LAVARACK BARRACKS - 1992

Front Row:- LCPL J.RAPMUND, CPL G.McIVER, LCPL S.HAWKEN, LCPL L.YOUNG, PTE R.HORTON, PTE R.MOLINEUX, PTE S.GRELCK, LCPL T.JOHNSON, CPL R.HUNGERFORD.
 Second Row:- SGT M.CHESTER, SGT C.WALKER, LT J.ELLWOOD, LT S.STUART, LT J.PHILLIPS, CAPT M.GRAHAM, CAPT D.MICHEL, MAJ L.FOSTER, WO2 S.ROSE, SSGT P.NEATE, SGT T.LOGAN, SGT L.LOGAN, SGT R.LYNN, SGT S.BIRT, SGT S.MOORE, SGT D.CARUANA.
 Third Row:- PTE C.MILLER, CPL R.WEAR, PTE R.REVELL, PTE S.MARSH, PTE C.GRAY, CPL W.COWEN, CPL S.MACLEAN, PTE J.BLAKE, PTE G.SCOTT, PTE M.APLIN, PTE R.SOMERTON, PTE G.AKEE, PTE R.PEARSON, PTE G.WILLIAMS, PTE G.BROWN, PTE M.HALL, CPL G.TULK, CPL S.WATTS, CPL S.BROWN, PTE A.MUNN, PTE S.POLLOCK, PTE S.DUNCAN, PTE R.ALLEN, LCPL J.WHYTE, CPL B.PICKERING, PTE A.MILLER.
 Fourth Row:- PTE S.BOOKER, CPL C.LEES, PTE A.PARADIES, CPL S.ECKERT, PTE D.LOWETT, PTE S.HY, PTE T.WALSH, LCPL J.McGEE, PTE C.COOKE, PTE M.NANCARROW, PTE B.GRUNDY, PTE M.HORNEMAN, PTE K.ANDERSON, PTE J.CARRAN, PTE C.RICHARDSON, PTE C.FORESTIER, CPL M.TORRENS, PTE K.CARLIN, CPL R.CRABBE, PTE P.SQUIRES, PTE D.BLISS.
 Fifth Row:- PTE E.MILLINGTON, PTE M.MARCHMENT, PTE M.ROSIERER, PTE J.CODYOSKI, PTE D.DUKARICH, CPL P.NEMME, CPL J.SNITH, PTE A.LADD, PTE D.HOPGOOD, LCPL W.MOYLE, CPL G.BAKER, PTE K.EUSTACE, PTE J.NEILSEN, CPL M.REGAN, PTE D.WILSON, PTE C.STODDART, PTE S.STRONG, PTE G.SNJDERS, PTE S.HALL, PTE B.MORRIS, PTE J.PICTON.
 Back Row:- CPL S.JAKINS, PTE W.BROOKS, PTE P.PRICE, PTE D.STIMSON, PTE P.BAKOS, PTE C.HAYNES, CPL B.SMITH, PTE J.PAIN, PTE S.BAILEY, LCPL S.HARRIS, PTE A.BARTKOWSKI, PTE J.HARRISON, CPL S.ROSS, PTE A.PATTERSON, CPL C.SMITH, CPL S.HICKS, PTE J.NEWTON, LCPL S.MURPHY, PTE C.RHODES, PTE A.SIMPSON, CPL A.ELLIOTT.

1992



"Stoke them bombs Georgel"



"The gentlemen of the Mortar Line"

Mortar Platoon

Well here we are the Mortarmen,
the ones back in the rear
and we've compiled this article
to finish off the year.

'92's been pretty hectic
as far as bush trips go
and along the way
somethings have happened
we thought you'd like to know.

We'll start with CAPT Graham,
an inspiration to his troops
but the only thing he's done this year
is pull on football boots.

Now the MLO's an athlete
as he showed us round the track
when he collapsed representing the company
but we still accepted him back.

and although the picture painted isn't pretty,
never fear!

for we have other father figures
that have guided us through the year.

There's SGT Birt who always does
the best that he can do,
except when he's passed out somewhere.
from that deadly river flu.

We've also got four MFCs
or so the roll book said
but no ones seen them all the year.
So their missing, presumed dead.

Well there's the PI figureheads
but wait before I go
I'll introduce the puppeteers
who, really run the show.

The job of working CAPT Graham
falls on CPL Elliot's shoulders
and we know this is a fact
because of the thousands of times he's told us!

No! the CP CPL this year
really hasn't been that slack.
It's just that having to carry SGT Birt
tends to hurt ones back.

Of course there's Smithy and Bill
and Pup and Heil Hitler Ross
and they've been worked flat out this year
just straightening out the Boss (LT).

But we all know who they talk to
when they don't know what to do.
It's the CP Staff who guide the secos,
SGT. and PHQ.

But the year in Mortars really belongs
to the digger through and through
and for all the hard work this year fellas
our thanks go out to you.

For without the fat, the cheeky, the funny, the lazy
too many diggers to name
Mortars wouldn't be Mortars
and that would be a shame.

So give us your shit, but spare a thought
for the Mil Skills comp this year.
When Maggots beat every PI bar one.
Not bad far Drop Shorts! I hear

Assault Pioneer Platoon - 1992

Thank you for stopping on this page to smell the roses and indulge yourself in the Pioneer article. We commend you on your good choice of subject matter.

1992 was a busy year for PNR PL, the highlights being the LFX and watermanship. While many people think it is an easy life in PNR PL in fact quite the reverse is true.

On watermanship week we had to endure 40 degree heat with only the cool waters at Cowley Beach to ease our pain. On K92 we had to eat ration packs for 1 out of 5 meals. On the LFX we didn't have good reception on our TV during the shooting. We didn't get to go on the first phase of Maxi-Beagle, and to cap off a hard year only 2 of us went on Swift Eagle. Now try to look us in the eye and say we have it easy.

Of the many jobs we did around the Bn two rate special mention. Firstly the Bn dark room for the indomitable PTE Boczan. This was achieved with very little fuss, and at very little cost to the Bn. Secondly the Bn Obs Cse which we had at 100% for Mil-Skills. Creating those couple of extra obstacles was the least we could do.

Leaving the PL this year are (excusing rank): McCarter, Sievers, Shirt, and Haines. Of special note to leave us are Harro, Barry Pickering, Lenny Logan, and Paul Nemme. SGT Lenny Logan will be leaving us for the last time as he heads for the delights and bright lights of Pucka.

Married this year were Strongy, Rosey and Spike Carlin - congratulations to them and their wives Kylie, Lisa, and Tracey.

Mention should also be made of our guests in Pioneers this year; Herbert Burdekin, Ross River (MIA), and Mount Elliot. These welcome members of the PL brought joy and sustenance to us all.

Thank you also to P&D for their melodic strings throughout the year.

Finally the 1992 awards went to

- Best Player - PTE Patterson for service to PNR PL both on and off the field.
- Runner-Up - PTE Ellerton for just being NIGE.
- Most Consistent - PTE Rosier the Bogan.
- Services to the tobacco industry - CPL Hicks, PTE Squires, and PTE 'Spike' Carlin.
- The Joint Absence Award - CPLs Nemme, Hicks and Pickering, LCPLs Murphy and Harris. We survived.

"We're Pioneers, we drink more beers!..."



Pioneers 1992



Signals Platoon preparing their stand for the Open Day



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Signals Platoon

The year can be summed up in one word: "Hectic".

The mighty SIG PL took it all in their stride and answered all challenges in the only way we know how, with enthusiasm and professionalism. It all started two weeks from arriving back from BRL. Here we were with our beer bellies and still not over our Christmas cheer loading FFRs for our Road Run to the Atherton Tablelands. As it turned out this road run proved to be invaluable to the platoon. The knowledge and experience gained on the Raven put the platoon in great stead for the rest of the years activities. As an added bonus the experiences learnt from our cricket matches enabled the platoon to take out the Indoor Cricket Grand Final.

Who could forget "Air Week". This activity proved very exhaustive and physical for some of the company dets. Not only were they to carry their radio and equipment some were also made to carry their spare NICAD batteries. "ARNOLD, eat your heart out".

On return some individuals equipment were weighed, with some operators carrying in excess of 50 kgs on their back. It was then off to Mt Vince, yes you guessed it, SIG PL opted for a Road Run to do more testing on Raven prior to "K92". This was of course put down as concurrent training on the range instruction.

K92 was next on the agenda, this was where all our hard work and training finally paid off. Without a doubt the platoon excelled in all aspects of communications. Although the platoon was not told directly, the word on the grapevine was that 2/4 RAR had achieved the best comms. Well done to all operators "Debrief to follow" (STILL!).

After a well deserved stand down the platoon was into Mil Skills. With limited preparation and training the sections did outstandingly well. Two of the sections

placed in the first twelve. The platoon participated in the LFX, where it learnt its greatest lesson for the year - how not to put up a hitching rail. CPL Tulk would like to offer free lessons to Pioneers.

Who could forget "Maxi Beagle", with the flavour of the month being "SPE". This however didn't phase Sigs, we simply adapted and overcame. For CPL Tulk and his elite line section it was also an experience for they had to replace their line and actually draw radios. CPL Tulk was able to justify this decision by saying that now finally the companies would have professionals in their det, and this would only enhance the platoon's performance.

For something totally different eight glorious days on the luxury cruiseship "TOBRUK", sailing the high seas, sunbaking in the sun and fishing till our hearts were content. Was this "Swift Eagle" or just another name for adventure training. Either way who could forget Harry's theory about why comms couldn't be maintained. Harry we have heard of skywave, surface wave but certainly not sea waves effecting comms. For the remainder of the year after partaking in stand down the PL will start to disperse to Malaysia, UK and a few lucky members will be off to Tully. If any member of the platoon who is going to Malaysia or the UK wishes to take their own batman then they should contact SGT Lynn or SGT Caruana ASAP.

In conclusion it has been a hard year for Signals Platoon but a rewarding one. For those members leaving at the end of the year we say farewell and good soldiering, for the new members who march into the platoon you will have a high standard of professionalism to strive for. Thanks again to everyone for their efforts throughout the year, I would like to leave with one last advertisement for the platoon-anyone who requires "Human Party Lights" ring CPL Crabbe, he is guaranteed to glow for 200 years as he is Lithium gas filled.

Exercise Kangaroo 92



*The Governor-General
observing Mortar Platoon with
CPL Smith*



*"How do you use this thing
CPL Wear?"*



Mortar Platoon providing BNS

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PTE "Jack" Haynes and his mortar



CPL Canhan's "mid-flight" promotion while returning home from K92

Recon/Sniper Platoon - 1992

1992 started at the rapid rate for Recon/Snipers. Fresh back from BRL in far and foreign lands (in some cases), we were greeted with the grins of Stodds and Wally on the front pages of the 'Army' newspaper. The pair gained first place in the Regimental Sniper Concentration held at the School of Infantry in late '91.

The new arrivals to the platoon from the '91 recon course settled in quickly and performed well. Thanks to the rifle coys for supporting the course.

Training began in earnest, with comms first up. Assisted by instructors from 103 Sig Sqn we came to grips with RAVEN and improvised antennae that work. We introduced some morse code to our SOPs and set off to Tully to test ourselves on Ex 'First Catch'. After several days of patrolling and close reconnaissance, we RV'd as a platoon and conducted a dawn annihilation of the enemy position, once again demonstrating our versatility.

Next, we took to the skies for Bn Air Week. It was a successful week for us. We managed several night rapel infils as well as our own version of 'Tac Pack'.

From the air to the surf at Cowley Beach, the platoon spent a couple of days with Pioneers practising small craft infils before conducting a three sided OP Ex on several islands.

The first of two sniper preselections was held in March, resulting in a number of blokes attending the sniper course at Singleton and achieving some good results.

A period of rappelling followed, culminating in a day jumping from the Ambassador Hotel (Happy Birthday Steve!), as well as a day getting re-acquainted with rappelling from the Hueys of AFS Tp.

The platoon has had quite a successful year, not the least of which included Beatie Bailey and Della winning their bouts at the Battalion boxing night.

Easter stand down was cut short and we returned with the rest of Spt Coy to represent the Battalion at the ANZAC Day march on The Strand.

Soon afterwards we began the field phase of Mil Skills '92 at Paluma, the result was good but we had to wait until August for phase two to complete the quinella - well done fellas!!

May saw two patrols and PHQ deployed north to Cape

York to assist with a training team run by B Coy 51 FNQR. The two weeks were motivational, we learnt a lot, gained some experience and had a good time.

1992 was also a good year for courses, a lot of the gang attended scouting and tracking courses with some top results by Johnno and Stodds. All who completed subject courses finished in the top ten and Tails was one of three to pass the Sniper course at Singleton.

'Black Widow', the Bn LFX had Mac and Crew braving the sub-zero temperatures on the SFMG line whilst Hungers and a composite Section were back at Lavarack Barracks competing for and winning the Bde Obs Course competition on behalf of the Bn.

There was little time to rest and it was off again to High Range to pit our close recon skills against 3 BASB and the BMA. It was a successful Ex and allowed us to practise some more 'traditional' skills against an active enemy.

We returned once more to phase two of Mil Skills - the Obs Cse competition and Birthday week where the COL COMDT of the Regiment made the presentations:

- Champion Obs Cse Section - CPL Hungerford's Section (CPL Eckert's Section in 4th)
- Champion Section Mil Skills - CPL Eckert's Section (CPL Hungerford's Section in 2nd)

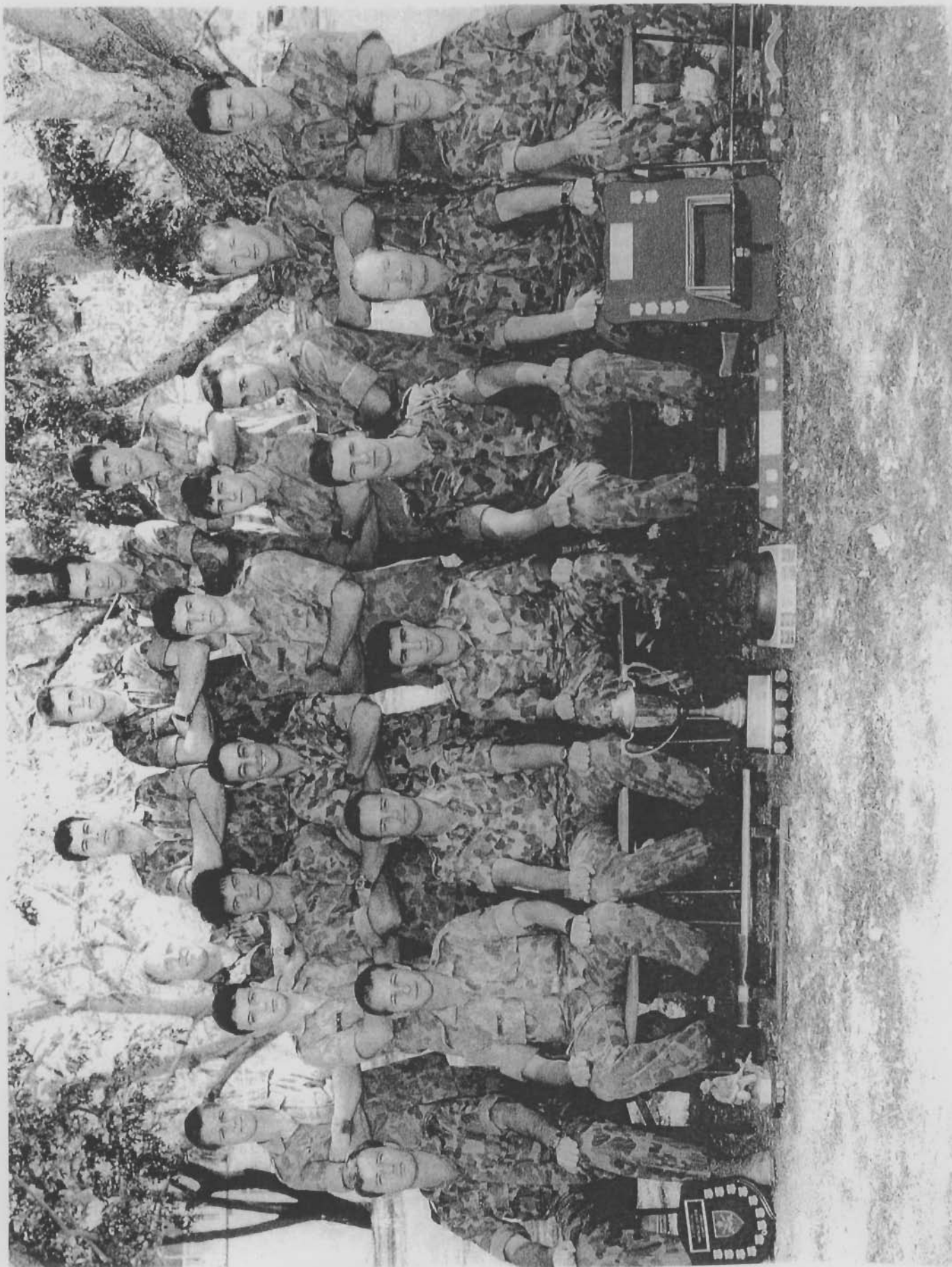
To wrap it up, the Champion Platoon trophy was proudly accepted by the boss on behalf of the platoon. (Thanks to Brooksy, Bakos and Lenny Thorns for helping out).

There were a number of platoon functions this year including the annual pilgrimage to El Charos just prior to 'Swift Eagle'. Standdown arrived and the platoon now finds itself spread to the four ends of the earth; attending and instructing on courses, OS trips and BRL, until '93 dawns.

At this point we'd all like to congratulate Rick, Stodds and Hawk on their promotions, as well as Wally for earning the top sniper award for '92, we wish Moorey, Stodds and Wally all the best at the Sniper Concentration in NZ and finally say farewell to some of the gang. . . .

Della - LWOP, Youngy - UNTAC, Ash - C Coy, Rick and Hawk - A Coy, SGT Galloway - OPS and the Boss - HQ 3 BDE.

All the best to all the best in '93, F.O.F.E.B.A!!!



Recon Platoon minus - CPL Young, LCPL Ashworth; LCPL Dellapina, LCPL Pearson, PTE Gratten

CGS Visits



CPL Ferguson, please take that 'thing' out of your mouth when you are talking to me!



"Hmmm, I wonder if the height restriction policy should be reviewed?"



The CGS conversing with PTE Ball (C Coy).



The new CGS inspects Pipes and Drums

The CGS inspecting D Coy



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Int Section

As the year draws to a close it is time to reflect upon the fun and excitement we've had during this most eventful year.

To start with as soon as we got back from BRL, it was straight into the preparation for Skippy92 which everyone must agree was a HUGE exercise. The exercise was basically set around the excitement capital of the Northern Territory "PINE CREEK". A nice place to visit but I would hate to live there.

The next thing you know its tools down for Easter stand down, which meant a change for everyone. At this point in time we lost CPL Palmer and then newly promoted CPL Monty, but we gained LCPL Secis.

From there the year started to kick in, I mean with the two island states of Lusaka and Limpopo playing up, we were pretty well flat strap. With our efforts on the maps of

Lusaka and our outstanding mud models of Limpopo we were really cruising along when disaster struck, we were told that we weren't needed. So we missed out on a trip to the island of Limpopo, maybe next time.

After that it was all down hill to September stand down, what a relief it was to be on holidays.

Now that the holidays are over its a down hill run to Christmas and BRL, there is going to be whole-sale changes in the hierarchy in Int Section.

First of all the IO is going on 12 months leave without pay and SGT Mills will be on his way to 31 RQR but that's after he finishes his stint up at Tully as a DS for SUB 2.

All in all its been a pretty hectic year and with next year looking pretty much the same, here's looking at you and hoping you all have a great Christmas BRL.



The IO and his men rest after a hard weights session!

Alpha Company - 1992

Right of the Line



Every training year seems busier than the last and presents its own special challenges. 1992 was no different.

After starting the year with a new 2IC, CSM and assorted other changes at all levels there were some quick introductions before beginning the training proper. The training at High Range during company training and the Battalion Air Week gave us a good idea of the temperatures we would find in the Northern Territory. There was also Doc Wilkin's quick lesson on party games you could play with a saline drip assisted by the uncomplaining PTE Sten.

Next up was some battle procedure and a quick flight to NT for Exercise K 92. The company had a good exercise being kept busy for most of the time and seeing some good sights. Some of the highlights would have to include the hospitality shown by the people of Kakadu, the joy flights over the National Park, the night flight and insertion on to Melville Island and reacquainting ourselves with the Iroquois helicopters whilst being the Brigade Reserve.

Then there was Mil Skills, in which the company acquitted itself well (apart from a couple of weapons that decided to have a look at the bottom of Paluma Dam). There were also some company training activities such as the hectic heavy weapons exercise which got back to basics and achieved some very good theoretical and practical results prior to the Battalion Live Fire Exercise. Of course there is the traditional trip to Tully which as always teaches and reinforces some valuable lessons.

Immediately after the jungle of Tully it was a mind switch to the EAAs of Services Protected Evacuation. Despite limited training and moving to an unfamiliar environment the company achieved very good results and some very favourable comments. There are some scenes that will

always stick with me from Exercise Maxi Beagle such as SGT Grimes leading the charge over the wire, PTE Fisher driving to Rolling stone minus his trailer and of course the look on Doc Pilcher's face when presented with a six foot tall pregnant woman (with a moustache) and being told to deliver the baby.

After some fine tuning and more training it was a time to start Exercise Swift Eagle. It is very difficult to comment on Swift Eagle except to say that after five days on HMAS Tobruk as the Battalion Reserve, the company was very proficient in scrabble and had caught up on many videos. However it was good to see that the little work that needed to be done was done to a very high standard (some airmobile EAAs by 3 Platoon, evacuee escorting on board the Tobruk, repelling boarding parties and some interesting concurrent training).

Of course the year was not only made up of military training. The company also did well on the sporting field notably winning the cross country, second in the athletic and winter sports competition and creditable performances in all the other sporting activities.

At present the company is on leave prior to departing to Malaysia, to fulfill Rifle Company Butterworth duties, until February 1993 but that will provide stories for next years magazine.

While we have farewelled all the departing members at various company functions this year I would like to take this opportunity to again wish them the best for their future. To all those that are staying get ready for some hard work and good times in Malaysia and another good year in 1993.

One Platoon The Fighting First

Well, 1 Platoon started the year with a flurry of activity to shock our systems back into work mode.

Some great exercises to dry out our alcohol sodden bodies were thrust upon us. Who could forget Battalion Air Week (wasn't it funny how we walked 38 km - yet only flew 18 km). The hot thirsty weather plus operating for 24 hrs on 4 water bottles had the unmistakable appeal of banging your head against a brick wall; only slightly interesting but mostly painful.

Then came Dead Roo '92 which was about as exciting as watching paint dry. While the other two platoons enjoyed high profile jobs 1 Platoon sweated it out in the spear grass guarding trucks. Oh by the way, 1 Platoon scored the only kills for the company in an airmobile vehicle ambush; 8 KIA and two vehicles.

The next few months were as per the training programme: ranges, MT Vince, APC familiarisation and the Bn LFX.

Then it was off to Tully where the remainder of the platoon (section) who was not playing enemy, on course, or just plain sick, completed the introduction course to Tully. There were a few memorable moments including the walk from Earls Court to the airfield at 0100 hrs in the pouring rain, the withdrawal from the live fire ambush and the all glorious village attack where so many brave 1 Platoon soldiers gave their lives to the DS. At least PTE Cook has now learnt which way the claymore mine faces.

Next was Maxi Beagle. The Fighting First took it in their stride to go from gut wrenching aggression to making brews for make believe females with hairy legs with gruff voices.

Having proved ourselves in Maxi Beagle it was now time to step into the big league. It was time for Swift Eagle. Covertly transported to HMAS Tobruk and whisked away to the island of Limpopo. The men of Bears Force 1 spent their time on board to hone their skills and practice many of the new abilities needed in SPE. Such as card playing, improving scrabble prowess, and video watching. Yes, the men of the First-A-Float were bored.

Well that just about wraps it up for this year for the Bears Number One Platoon..

We say good bye to:

- LCPL Carmichael - Bart leaves for D COY and a better way of life.
- CPL Boughton - Off to handbags after 6 years in Alpha, and
- SGT Lynch - To Mortars to become the first pocket size MFC.

To all who have gone and are staying, good soldering.



Members of Two Platoon playing as enemy for 42 RQR

Two Platoon

1992, the year of more exercises than you can imagine, began with a few days at HRTA to hone our skills and make ready for the year ahead. However no amount of preparation could prepare us for what was to be an awesome and different year.

Our first significant commitment was the Battalion Air Week. Yeah-Good-One! Air Week soon became: spot the chopper or walk week. In accordance with the walking theme 2 Platoon decided to hold a competition. The idea was to drink all available water then walk day and night for as far as you could and see who could die at the end of it. PTE Sten nearly took the prize only losing because Doc Wilkin didn't like the competition and in some quick work forced PTE Sten to drink from a normally unexplored orifice!

Following our heroic exploits on 'Air Week' it was decided to take the platoon to the Northern Territory for a couple of weeks of arduous 'WET' season training. On arrival at our first destination after a short truck ride we soon discovered that the northern wet season was not. On realising the platoon training would now be fruitless the exercise was cancelled. Instead we had to find other ways to amuse ourselves. First we decided to take a tour of Kakadu National Park and take advantage of some cheap accommodation. Then after a short stay on an offshore tropical island resort we returned to the mainland. Upon our return we chanced upon an abandoned WW2 airstrip where we uncovered some old Iroquois helicopters in which we set off to explore the N.T. A fun time was had by all especially those who were privileged enough to fly with James the Papua New Guinean. Some interesting flying.

Then it was time for Mil Skills. The time of the year where Chev and Marrie get to persistently tell each other that they are better than the other:

Results after Phase 1:	Chevalier	1
	Marr	NIL

Then there was the obstacle course:

Results after Phase 2:	Chevalier	1
	Marr	1

So we still don't know who really is the best.

It was shortly after Mil Skills that we once again departed for the hallowed soil of HRTA. This time it was for the Battalion Live Fire Ex, Ex Black Widow. We had heard of the awesome proportions of this exercise and we could not wait to get stuck in.

There were some tall tales about this Ex but we were not too sure about them. Like the one about the artillery landing in the front pits and APCs rolling over our pits at will. Not being too sure we consulted SGT Ostler who told us these stories were absolutely true. Not only that, but in Delta Company last year that's how he told the OC to run things.

Then the platoon went to Tully with the company in July where we were able to go hard and get some valuable training done. Some lessons learnt at Tully were:

- Stevo - yes it is hard to fight through the J without your specs.
- Dave - Number 1 scout is not as easy as it seems, and
- Deception plans actually work!

Maxi Beagle was boring except for the two Blackhawk rides; the brawl at ASD and the fact that 2 Platoon got the only kill for the company on the Ex. On ya Aardvark!

To bring the year to an end 2 Platoon as part of A Company received an all expenses paid cruise through the Whitsundays, twice, to and from sunny Shoalwater Bay. We were superb; saving the ship from attacking pirates; ensuring the ships volley ball net was used, reading all the books in the library and last, but certainly not least, making sure there was always someone to watch the ships videos.

Two Platoon is under new management as of 18 September 1992 when they will stand down prior to going to Malaysia over the Xmas/New year period of 1992-1993.

That is all.

Three Platoon

With a year that was dominated by large formation exercises and activities, the story of 3 Platoon in 1992 is probably similar to most other rifle platoons in 2/4 RAR. However, for members of Three Platoon there were many incidents which make the year unique.

The first major event for the year was Exercise 'March or Die', better known by some as Battalion Air Trg Week. It was during this exercise that PTE Gillies experimented with the after life experience, CPL Burton kept throwing away equipment for the Boss to pick up and the whole platoon fantasised about water and riding in helicopters. It was OK though, because CPL Wishart had done the course.

Exercise K92 began with an all expenses paid holiday to Kakadu for 7 days. It was during this period that 9 section was able to witness sacred Aboriginal rituals on pay cheque Thursdays. From Kakadu the platoon moved on to Melville Island. It was on Melville Island that CPL Norton decided to leave 7 section and PTE Walker saved the platoon by warning us of nearby crocodiles (that turned out to be shadows).

Military Skills followed shortly after K92, and it was here that 9 section showed their prowess in amphibious operations. It was a very cunning ploy to lighten the sections load by hiding a MAG58 and Steyr on the bottom of Paluma Dam for a couple of days. A pity BHQ didn't think so. They should have called in CPL Wishart - because he had done the course.

APC training was uneventful for Three Platoon, and then came the LFX. Ex 'Black Widow' will be remembered by the platoon not for the live firing, but for the walk in. The platoon was given a mountainous cross country route to follow in the dark of the night. Quote of the night would have to have been the boss saying "We'll cut straight across to that next feature - it shouldn't be that steep." It was a pity CPL Wishart hadn't done a Mountain Leaders course.

After the LFX came a two week stint in Tully. Between the Battalion Sports camp, Inter Service soccer trials, Courses and illness the platoon went to Tully with one and eighteen. PTE Smith finally learnt what front towards enemy meant, and LCPL Nortons section became known as the 'lost patrol.' The overall result was quite good, but on more than one occasion it was 'SHAME, SHAME, SHAME' for the three platoon.

The Battalion Exercise saw CPL Burton setting the Land Commander, General Blake, straight on a few points, PTE Jenner giving rations away, and three platoon bashing some 4FD Regt heads. Shortly after the Bn Ex was the platoon function to end all platoon functions, and of course the bashing of a few more heads.

Swift Eagle was very much a non-event. Apart from one afternoon of air-mobile ops, the platoon didn't leave HMAS Tobruk. Volleyball skills improved a little, as did playing Scrabble and cards. But, this was to be the last major event for 3 Platoon, for soon after there was standown followed by BRL in preparation for Malaysia. The Boss left the platoon at this stage (to start his career in Int Corps). The platoon shall otherwise be unchanged for RCB, which will no doubt be a great trip for the whole platoon.

Quotes of the year:

- CPL Wishart - Listen! I've done the course
- PTE McCallum - I've had a beer!
- PTE Olsen - I'm not on steroids
- PTE Amory - See you tomorrow
- 9 Section - the gun was tied to the pack!

Event of the year:

- The platoon function at SGT Grimes house.

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PTE S.MOYLE, PTE J.OLSEN

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Back Row:- PTE A.LITCHFIELD, CPL M.WISHART, PTE C.BLUNDEN, PTE C.KEEP, PTE M.DELLAWAY, LCPL C.DIROU, PTE S.VANDERHEE, PTE J.CAMILLER, PTE B.RIEGEL, PTE S.BELL, PTE K.SCHIMANN,
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Boxing Night - 15 April 92



*CPL Edelman (D Coy) shaping up to
PTE James (Admin Coy)*



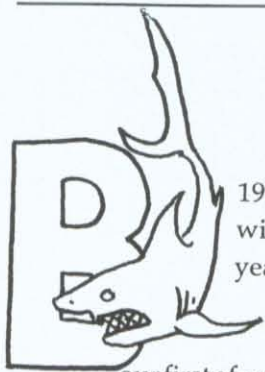
*LCPL Dellapina (SPT Coy) preparing to
inflict pain on B Coy*



*CPL Payne (Admin Coy) takes a head blow
from PTE Buckton (B Coy)*



*PTE 'Beetle' Bailey (SPT Coy) skilfully setting
up PTE Ozegovic (C Coy)*



Bravo Company

1992 has been a busy year for B Coy as with the remainder of 2/4 RAR. Our year started with a week of duties which allowed new members of the company to settle in prior to our first of many weeks away, that being shooting at Mt Vince. Battalion air/walking week a fortnight later saw everyone enduring some of the hottest conditions High Range Training Area has had to offer. The short Blackhawk rides and long walks made us very aware of heat illnesses and this aspect prepared us well for K92. Pine Creek was the centre of activity for B Coy on K92 and we patrolled/controlled a succession of AOs in a 30 km radius of the town. We had three contacts in the closing phase of the exercise and each highlighted the requirement for junior commanders to use initiative and react aggressively and quickly.

Following Easter stand down, we trained for Mil Skills and nine sections participated in a challenging competition at Mt Spec. 4 PL performed well and ultimately came third in the overall competition. Many saw some turbulence within the company as six NCOs plus CAPT Tinley prepared for their SASR selection course. LT Andersen marched into Support Coy and was replaced by LT Webb whilst SGT O'Connor instructed on SUB 2 CPL course. Ultimately only CAPT Tinley and CPL Frost were successful on their selection course but those who withdrew or were not selected put in creditable performances. The company fired anti-armour weapons at HRTA prior to training at LCBS in June. Tully was a good trip in that it gave increased responsibility to most of the 2ICs in the company and it didn't rain. We had a week of duties to give us a break then back to HRTA for three days of APC familiarisation and then the Battalion LFX. HRTA put on some of its coldest weather for the LFX and whilst not appreciated at the time, the all night digging on the defensive position helped pass the night away in some degree of warmth. The APC battle run on the last day of the LFX was a good activity although the approach ride to FSB Myrtle was an eye opener.

The company then went to Mt Vince for a week to conduct Minimi conversion training and do some rifle shooting. The Minimi proved to be an accurate weapon and should make a gunner's load more bearable. We returned from Mt Vince for a week of duties then participated in the SPE training organised for each coy. The training was well

thought-out and conducted at a slowly escalating pace. Commanders and soldiers alike were put under a variety of pressures and reinforced the need for clear direction, initiative and teamwork. The company performed well in this training and it was also the first time many soldiers had worked with females who became the centre of attention for a number of closet studs. Ex 'Swift Eagle' at SWBTA proved that our SPE training had been quite good and we had no difficulty in processing the 50 or so evacuees that came our way or dealing with the local hoodlums. Our only tense moments came when the dreaded PR man CAPT Chris Hill came to interview CAPT Tinley who quickly talked him down.

Following September stand-down, the company was reduced by almost half with various courses being conducted, continuation training, and duties for those who weren't on course.

The company has had the following manning changes:

Discharges

LCPL Marthick, PTEs Hatfield, Pearce, Baker, Sutherland, Scott and Holness

New march ins - 11 including LTs Webb and Prewett

Internal postings

CPL Watts and PTE Aplin to Recon PL

PTE King to BHQ

PTE Lawson on promotion to A Coy, and

PTEs Dean & Sievers to Admin Coy awaiting reallocation

PTE C.S. Smith on promotion to D Coy

Postings

The two oldest rifle platoon commanders in the RAR LTs O'leary & Anderson, CPL Frost to SASR, and PTE Kmet to RMC.

Cambodia - PTEs Eldridge and Young

I would like to thank all members of the company for their good efforts and perseverance this year. There have been a lot of personal demands placed upon everybody and the company has risen to the occasion and supported all activities without complaint. This has been a credit to all ranks of the company and has made the difficulties of 1992 significantly less.



LCPL Boulton and PTE Buck tackle the traverse rope

4 Platoon "Heatseekers"

As always the new year brought the arrival of new soldiers to the platoon and the new blokes settled in well and embraced the nature of the platoon quickly.

The year saw a fair bit of work for the Platoon and B Coy, a lot of weekends, although the time spent in the field wasn't as great as we would have liked. Anyway, a tour of Tully, 2 tours of Mt Vince and some training with the APCs provided some time to refresh basic skills.

3 Sections competed in MilSkills with a great result for the platoon. Congratulations to Cowboy and Rocket and their sections for a job well done. The SPE exercises, Maxi Beagle and Swift Eagle, provided a lot of pressure and some tense moments for the blokes.

Boxing Night '92 was a great one, with 3 soldiers from 4PL engaging in the sweet science. Dale Buckton TKO'd Payne the medic in a bloody stoush. Our "Golden Boy" Paul

Davey hooked into a young "brick with eyes" from A Coy and won easily. Finally, Jacko Malone went 3 rounds with John Dellapina (Recon) and emerged looking like he'd been hit by a truck. But it was a fairly even fight and Della won on a split decision.

On a lighter side, to welcome the new year, some things we'd like to see in 1993:

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| ■ LT O'Leary | - Strike Swiftly |
| ■ LT Prewett | - Quit the push ups |
| ■ Possum | - Keep his shirt on |
| ■ Sarge | - Smile |
| ■ Blue | - Leave it alone |
| ■ Gordo | - Stop hiding |
| ■ Cass | - Shut up |
| ■ Darryl | - Have a son |
| ■ Fish | - Get knocked back |
| ■ "Heatseekers" | - Hook in |
| ■ "Wannabees/Neverweres" | - Go away don't waste our time. |



4 Platoon Observation Post NT style!

5 Platoon

The year started well for the PL, in that we were full strength, but progressively we've been whittled down to two sections. The main reasons being due to medical problems, run ins with big drug syndicates, and some who thought SASR might have a better line of work available. We even had some leave because they got tired of being riflemen and wanted to see what civvy street had for them.

The year was punctuated with a variety of lively weeks in which we did some patience training and then some that sparked real interest, for example:

"Air Week": We stomped from grid square to grid square watching Blackhawks fly over head or land near us to pick up our dead and dying.

K92: We visited the thriving hive of activity that we all expect from the place they call the NT. We fully expected to be backstroking everywhere. We ended up playing "Musical AOs". The salt in the wound was that we spent four days as security for the Emerald Springs Roadhouse which was "hard stuff".

Mil Skills: 5PL lost champion PL status, enough said. Maybe another year.

Tully: What can we say about Tully. Tully is Tully. The jungle grows and we grow in our respect for the secrets it holds for us.

Maxi Bungle: This one turned out to be an interesting change of tempo. SPE has become the new fad, the guys were interested, especially when it came to crowd control and tackling excited indigenous people who wanted to break our cordon and look in our tents. I especially have fond memories of a spectacled bombardier, who no matter how much we tried to dissuade him from touching our wire, still persisted. We are all looking forward to seeing him again in the new year.

Paralytic Parrot: Again the taste of SPE. We scooted down the coast to good old Shoalwater Bay for a few days! Had fun finding "heads" that didn't spit water at you or a meal timing that you were really supposed to be at. Then we hit land, walked up the beach pitched a tent and did the job.

Who will forget Mad McGuinness's triple tad of the indigenous intruder and his pending murder trial, or the section who had to visit the mission to check for Mr Blögg's but all they ever found were useless cans of fruit and cornflakes.

So as the year draws to another close, we can look back through the haze of miserable PT and untidy nights with the civil authorities and that above all, the remaining few can stand tall and say that they were the good times, the bad times and for most, the dirty ugly "hag" times.



PTE Robinson and PTE McGuinness during APC Training

6 Platoon

6 PL began the year with the normal aches and pains of trying to get rid of all that Christmas cheer. Most training was directed from above which left little for the PL but to get on with the job.

The key points to remember for 1992 up until October were:

K92: Fishing with mozzie nets, LT Anderson getting the truck bogged (should have stuck to orders), Staff Eversden dumping our meal in the middle of a road in a fit of fury.

Air Week: The name said it all.

Mil Skills PH 1: PTE Burke gets lost on close recon. CPL Walker advising CSM A Coy of his mistakes, RSM telling CPL Walker of his mistakes.

Tully: Goodbye LT Anderson hello LT Webb, PTE Griesse's sense of direction, Tanky WO2 hiding en from us, Boss's deception plan on final attack, Boss providing covering fire on withdrawal, "Where have all the sporties gone".

LFX + APC Ex: Boss - "You men dug very well last night, we'll done". PL Thinking - "That's because we were trying to keep warm". 7 Section moving to FUP in extended line, no one knows why?

Mil Skills PH 2: Good gutsy effort by the PL.

Maxi Beagle: Nuff said!

Swift Eagle: Welcome to the PL PTE "bald" Lindsay & happy birthday CPL "half moustache" Payne. Also the cruise of a life time.

All up the PL enjoyed the year and we plan to go from strength to strength in 93 so look out everyone else.

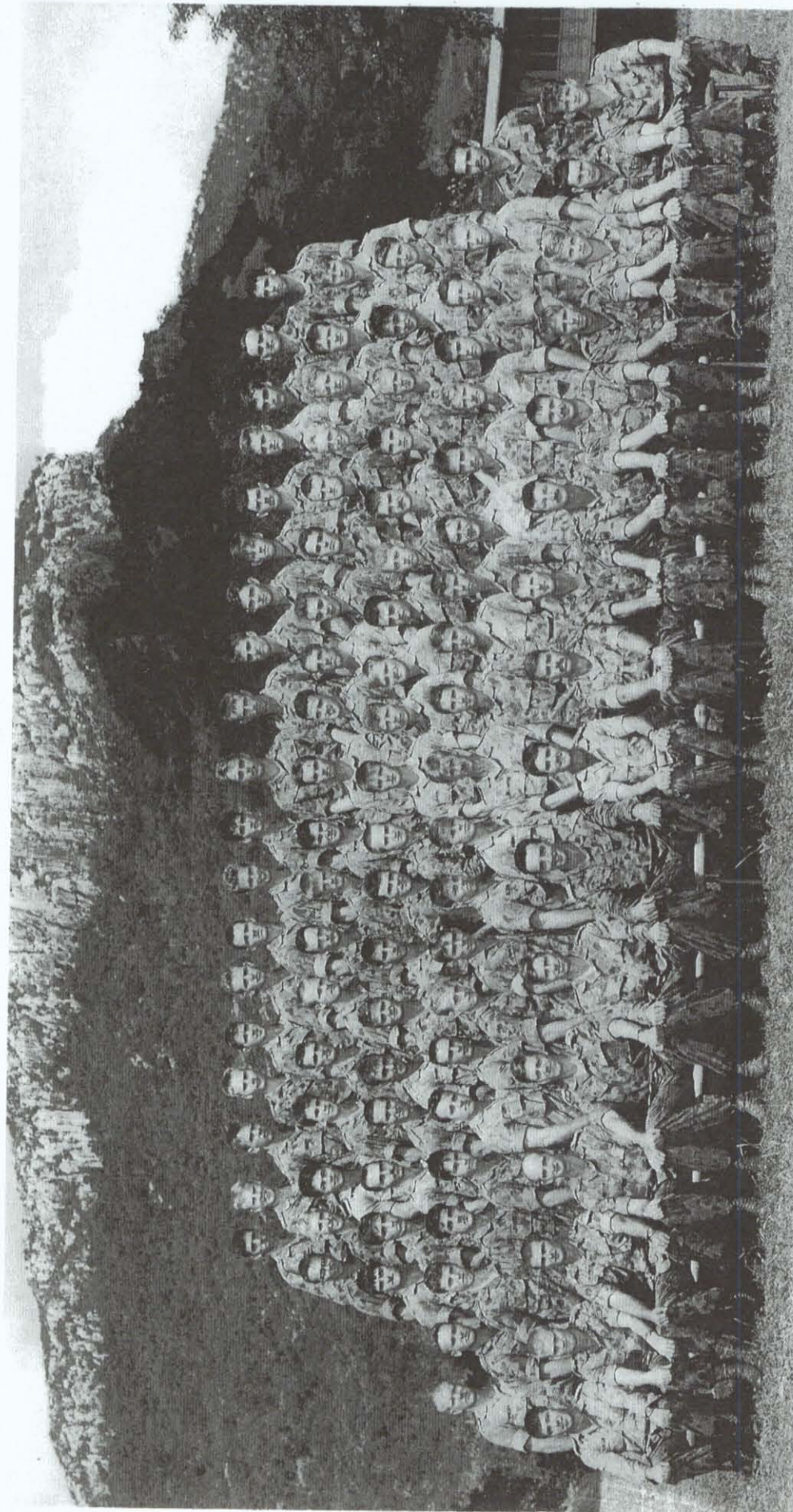
Some things we would like to see in 93:

- The Boss learn to Ref touch
- The Sarge trim
- CPL Wilson in Cambodia
- CPL Walker out of touch gear
- CPL Brown intoxicated
- LCPL McHale here
- LCPL Blackhurst happy with 2 days training in a row
- LCPL Boulton with a license
- PTE Elms smile
- PTE McGill white
- PTE Redding complete the monkey bars
- PTE Hawkins other photo
- PTE Whitton blaspheming
- All the single members with women



6PL on Swift Eagle 92

1992



BRAVO COY 2/4 RAR - LAVARACK BARRACKS - 1992

Front Row:- PTE A. HUNTER, PTE A. MELNYCZENKO, PTE C. SMITH, CPL G. WILSON, LT S. O'LEARY BA, LT B. ANDERSEN BA, CAPT P. TINLEY, MAJ W. BENSEN, WO2 P. PRICE, SSGT A. EVERSSEN, SGT K. O'HALLORAN, SGT S. O'CONNOR, PTE D. TULLOCH, PTE J. SAINT, PTE R. WILSON, PTE B. KIPPING.

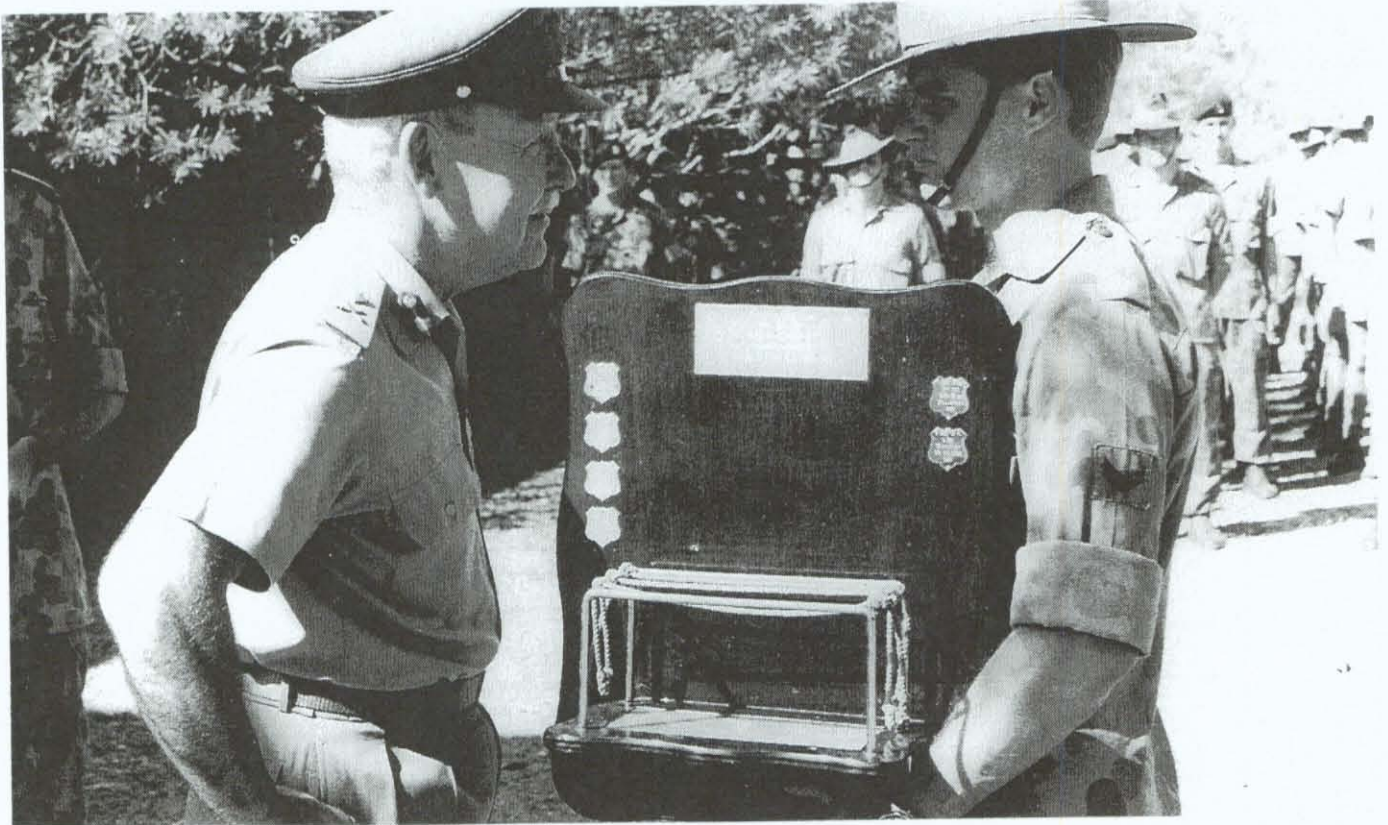
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Military Skills Competition



CPL Hungerford accepts the trophy from the COL COMDT on behalf of his section CHAMPION OBSTACLE COURSE SECTION



CPL Eckert accepts the trophy from the COL COMDT on behalf of his section CHAMPION MIL SKILLS SECTION



The rappelling stand



"I wonder where it is..?"



Going, going...



Gone

The watermanship phase



The stretcher-carry phase

The tired phase



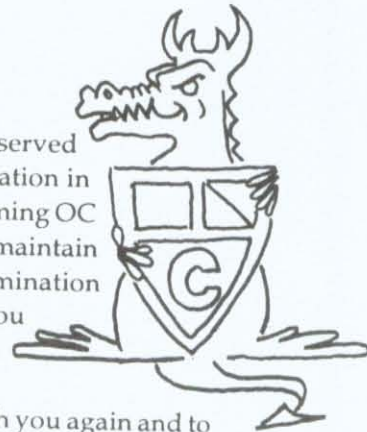
*The relaxing phase - winners of milskills
enjoying their well earned prize!*

Charlie Company

To the men of C Coy 2/4 RAR,
You should all feel proud of yourselves. Over the past two years I have seen some outstanding performances by you all. You participated in major exercises; you took the lead role; you assisted other Bde units and taught them the skills of soldiering; and you proved to be the best company of the Battalion. You did this not by winning a Mil Skills competition but by being professional and by showing your true character.

I have enjoyed being OC C Coy for the past two years and

I am very proud to have served with you all. I have no hesitation in handing the Coy to the incoming OC knowing that you will all maintain the same spirit and determination towards soldiering that you showed under my command.



I look forward to serving with you again and to monitor your progression through the Profession of Arms.

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Seven Platoon



'Magnificent' 7PL started 1992 with a section/platoon exercise at HRTA. A clandestine phase of the exercise saw a unique insight into the workings of close recon and its consequences with a company sig learning all about the importance of sleeping without your boots on.

The end of January saw 2 Section off to Tully for 3 months. With the DS and their sticks in support, 2 Section had to contend with 3 BASB boys and girls and a group of septs who thought xxxx were condoms and xxx was beer. The only troubles 2 Section had was with their 2IC who had a bit of a sleep in and missed the truck back, (the things you have to do to get promoted). Exercise Blue Tongue saw the company deploy to Dotswood as enemy for our 'SISTER' Battalion. We are still not sure who the exercise was designed for, us or them. (We were all astounded at 1 RAR's style of fire and movement and how the Battalion's SOP for ambushing is all fall asleep until the enemy wakes you up!).

Air week/walk had the platoon doing 45 mins of chopper training and playing movie stars. The rest of the week was spent waiting for some form of airmobile ops, it never occurred.

Skippy 92 saw the platoon, courtesy of the RAAF and filling inflight battle snacks, land at Tindall and discover the LAV 25. Finally we deployed to McDonald airstrip where the company seemed to continue to attack the same large feature. Seven Platoon wish to thank 8 and 9 Platoons

for sending us their best soldiers for the task. We were all so happy to be able

to cut an LZ for their casevacs. A night time company airmobile to Melville Island was where we once again had to show 1 RAR how to be real soldiers. Not to worry, one day they may learn.

Scat Solo dropped onto us and we saw the platoon deploy to Charappa Creek. Beside the gypie and the J all we found out was that CHOOK needs to retest his 110 license. Mil Skills hit us with a vengeance and many a happy time was had on that. Why did Spike spend all those days dripping wet? Phase 2 of the competition saw 3 Section obtain the best time in the obstacle course for the company. We spent the following week learning the new machine-gun. We all want the Boss to show us how to strip the weapon correctly.

The training took a huge turn and we all learnt about SPE, with deployment to Maxi Beagle and a more exciting Swift Eagle, we were limited to a small number. Only PHQ, Woody and Dave Lee deployed, we spent most of the time reconning our eyelids, some more than others (it must be hard at the top!).

September saw the 'Magnificent' 7 go on a well earned rest, and then spend our time gearing up for the trip to the UK in November (without too much company PT, we hope!).



THE MAGNIFICENT SEVEN - 7PL C COY - 2/4 RAR - LAVARACK BARRACKS - 1992

Front Row:- LCPL B.MILLIGAN, LCPL P.STUMBLES, LCPL T.HAWKEN, SGT P.STANTON, LT J.ROWLAND, CPL D.WOOD, CPL D.LEE, CPL M.BEHRENDIS.
Second Row:- PTE B.DICKINSON, PTE S.EMMETT, PTE D.MOORE, PTE H.WILLIAMS, PTE J.BIRSS, PTE P.CRACE, PTE R.WALDOCK, PTE G.DOODS,
PTE C.YOUNG, PTE F.MOLLAR-GARRIDO, PTE D.BALL.
Back Row:- PTE A.CAMPBELL, PTE B.EYNON, PTE L.WILSON, PTE A.ZIMMERMAN, PTE D.BONNELL, PTE B.COOPER, PTE J.READDY, PTE S.SMITH,
PTE M.LONERGAN.

8 Platoon 1992

For the 'Fighting Eight', 1992 has passed by in a blur of Blackhawks, Kamarians, range procedures and women with white poodles. The year began with a sprint with the addition of three new section commanders on Ex Iguana One; and a new platoon commander for Battalion Air Week and Ex Blue Tongue. The platoon took a well earned break from its hectic schedule to begin preparation and training for Ex K92 which saw the mighty Charlie Company almost single handedly save Australia from the dreaded Kamarians, as the Brigade Reserve.

Range practices soon became the flavour of the off-exercise period, with everything ranging from 25m range pistol shoots to some awesome pyrotechnic displays by the Boss, which no doubt had something to do with his nomination for the DMEC course later in the year.

The platoon did not star in the annual Mil Skills competition, but all participants put in a solid effort, led by CPL Robertson's 5 Section, which was the best placed section in the platoon after Paluma.

The LFX came and went in a flash of APCs, (controlled by the Infantry), and one of the best defensive fire-power displays seen for quite some time, courtesy of Charlie Company.

Exercise Maxi Beagle provided the platoon with the opportunity to practice SPE training. It showed the platoon commanders that the media should never be allowed into the EAA during discussions with evacuees about the air-portability of small fluffy canines. "thank-you Mr Smith". Woof! Woof!

Swift Eagle '92 once again saw Charlie Company deploy but this time leaving behind 8PL to undertake some much needed platoon SOP training.

As the year draws to a close we begin preparation for our trip to England in November which seems a fitting reward for a year of hard work, a year which has seen LCPL Porter and PTE Windsor entering into fatherhood and PTE Hollis becoming a married man.

1993 will no doubt bring more staff changes to the "Fighting Eight" and our best wishes go to those who are leaving us. In conclusion however the Boss and Sarge respectfully request that the person responsible for encouraging platoon members to "sow their wild oats" be stepped on before a population explosion sends Queensland broke.

'Stay Loose'



*SGT Lampard
looking a little
unsure during his
PL Comd's OGP*

9 Platoon

The 9th of foot has walked, waded and fought through yet another year as Charlie Company's trump card. The platoon has had numerous manning changes post Jan 92 with the edition of SGT Mal Cockburn, CPL Squizzy Taylor, LCPLs Carroll and McKellar, and PTEs Parsons, Jones, Florence, Guadie, Dodd, Palmer and Maher.

The platoon kicked off the warm part of the year with a section level exercise in Grasshopper Sector. 8 section's night navigation and tracking capabilities were rigorously tested when they were tasked to find the main body of call sign 31 who had failed to make the Coy RV.

The oppressive heat reared its ugly head again during air week, the soldiers of the 9th calculated that every minute of air time equated to 2.4 km of patrolling. 'Sarge put in a PRIDEM for more IVs'.

The 9th of foot displayed considerable cunning and superior fieldcraft on exercise as enemy for the 1st Battalion. The phrase 'you are not supposed to contact us here' was an all too common occurrence. In the final Battalion assault the 9th lay doggo and then proceeded to obliterate the masses as they casually re-organised on Call Signs 31 and 32 position. So now we have the following Pl SOP:

Mission: The Ninth, as part of Charlie Company, is to conduct Ex K92.

"Execution/General Outline : 9 Pl, as part of Charlie Company is to squander the Bdes allocation of air hours, track time, and accumulate the largest body count for any 1st Division element. Any major assault conducted at short notice is to involve top roping whilst under withering enemy fire. Any assault 1 RAR starts the platoon is to take over when they bog down in the first pits."

After Easter stand-down and Bn Mil Skills, (CPL Dunns section coming 10th), the platoon turned its attention to Mech Ops and the Bn LFX. CPL Glenn Nelson featured prominently on local television news. LCPL McKellar was particularly unobtrusive during the LFX, due to his ability to sleep through the loudest of explosions.

The 9th then adopted the war-cry "Ooloo Booloo", (picked up during Ex Swift Eagle), and deployed on Ex Maxi Beagle, (with iron for nerves, ice water for blood, cold steel for backbone and weapons in the unloaded condition). The 9th, because of its ability at excelling at any possible task, was dispatched to Nima/Mingela where the media was lucky enough not to be issued remedial headbutts by our boss, LT Mick Solomon. CPL Squizzy Taylor and his section could not believe their luck when they got stranded by 5 Avn Unit, with their attachment - CPL "luscious lips" Dipple.

The 9th then relaxed, correction, went to 50% during the Bn Birthday week but the next exercise, (Swift Eagle), was always on our minds. When the platoon finally deployed we, as usual, constituted the only viable fighting element in C Coy. Callsigns 31 and 32 staying home in Australia to look after the women, children and the boss's livestock. The 9th found the Limpopoan coast picturesque but the activities of the NRG were too infrequent for our liking.

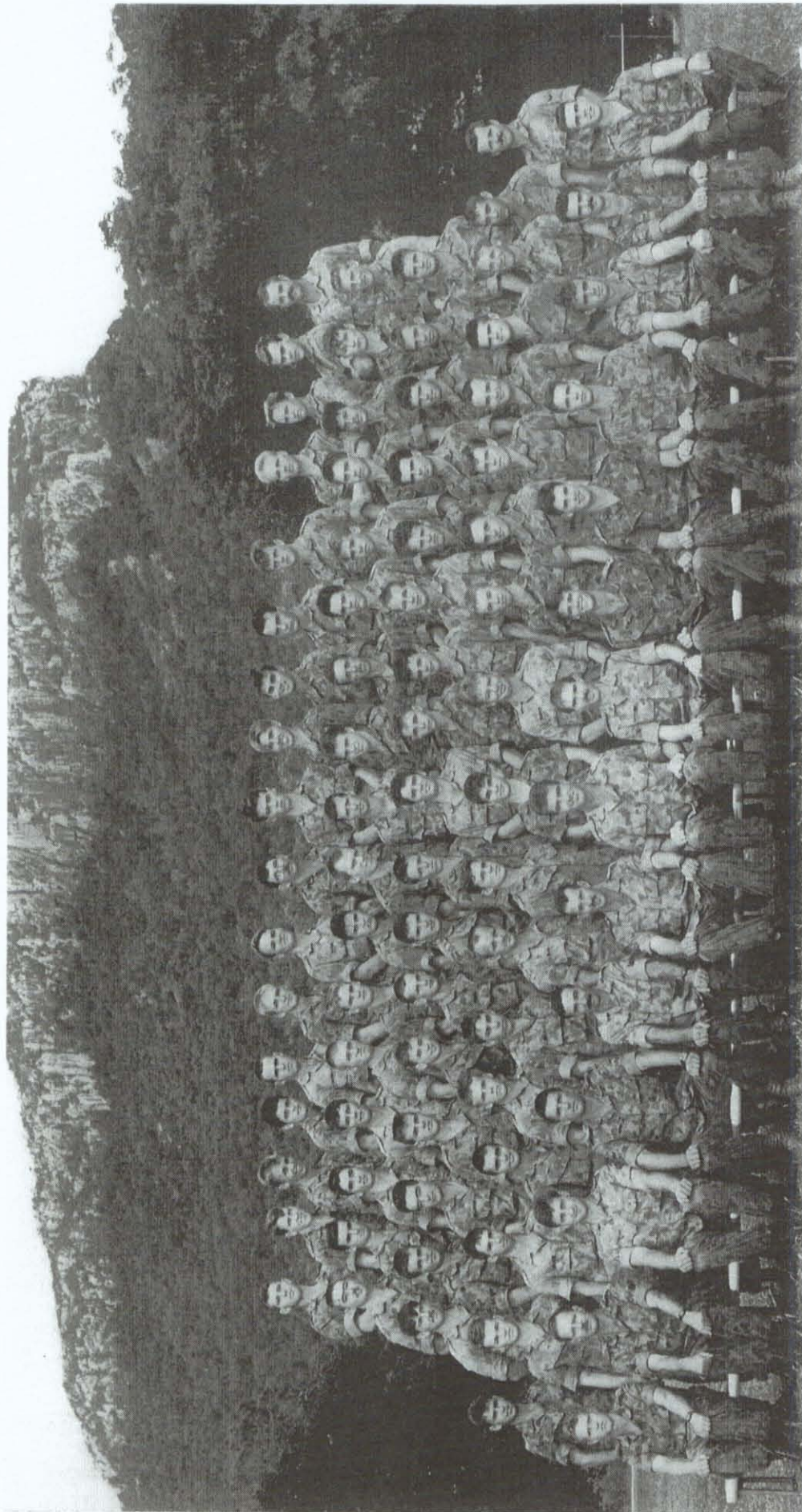
In conclusion the 9th of foot farewells CPL Dunn to SASR, PTE Culver to RMC and wishes PTE Arbuckle a safe return from Cambodia.

The platoon looks forward to Ex North Star/Southern Cross which should provide a rather cool ending to the year.

Free Free (C/S 33) closing down now out!

Whitsunday
RENT--YACHT
 YACHTS AND MOTOR CRUISERS

1992



CHARLIE COY 2/4 RAR - LAVARACK BARRACKS - 1992

Front Row:- PTE J FIELD, SGT M COCKBURN, SGT W LAMPARD, SGT P STANTON, SSGT G SPENCER, WO2 A MOORE, MAJ G BOURKE, CAPT K POTTER, LT J ROWLAND, LT D SMITH, LT M SOLOMON, PTE S MILLIGAN,
LCPL C TAYLOR, PTE D MOORE.

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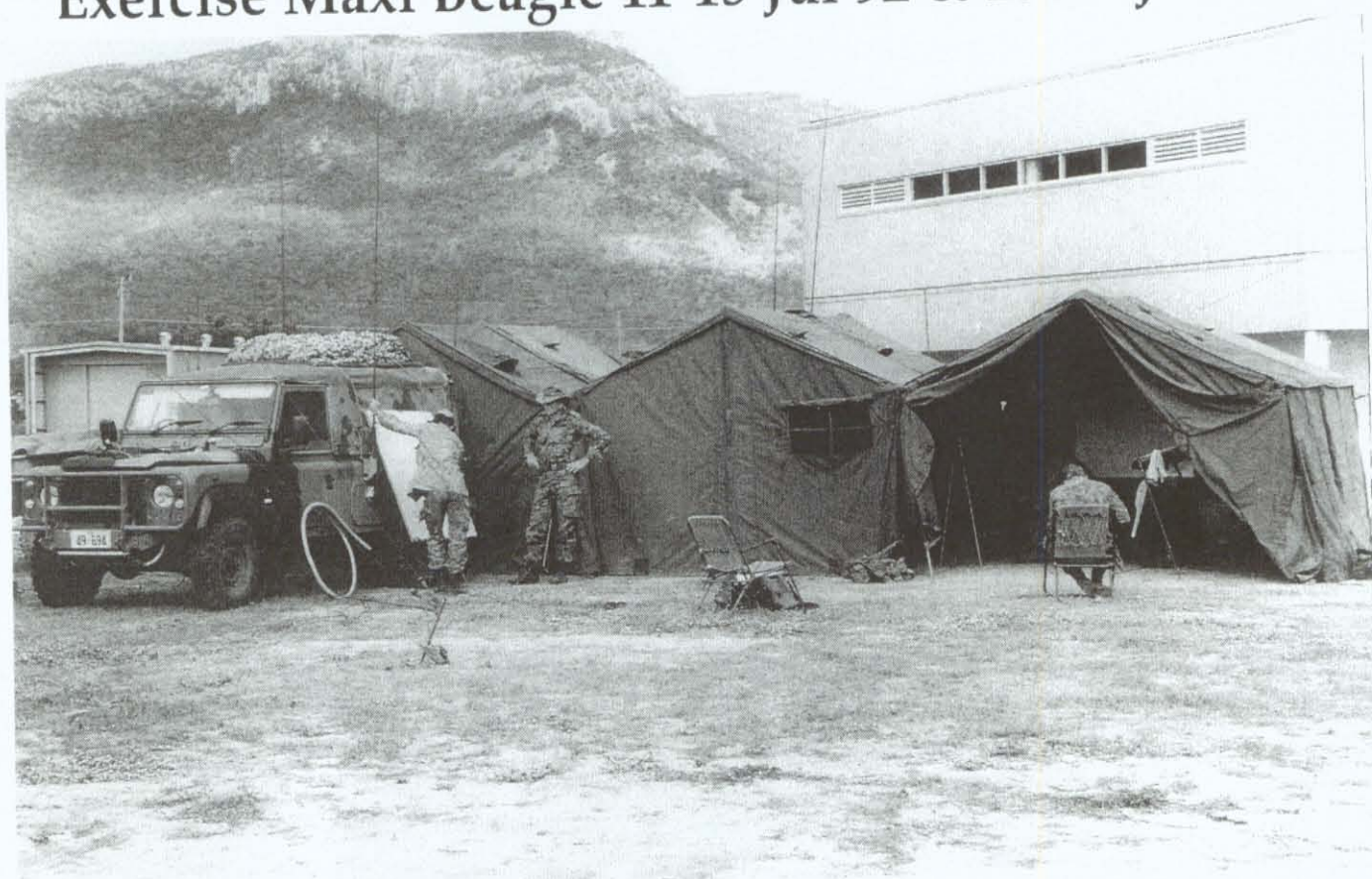
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PTE E KELLY, PTE J CALKIN, PTE L ONERGAN, CPL M BEHRENDIS, PTE R SYRON.

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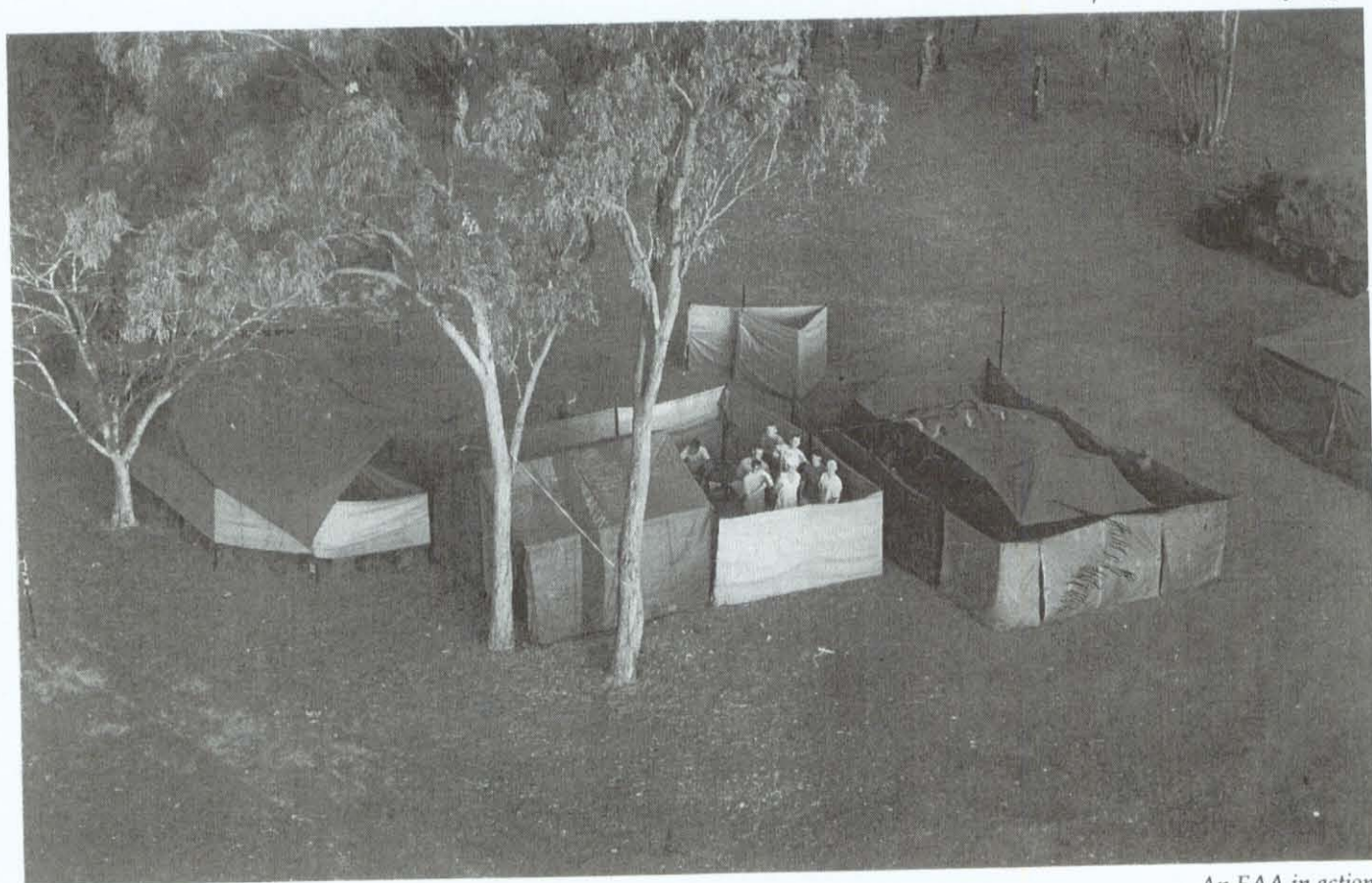
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PTE P ARBUCKLE, CPL G KIRK, CPL SDUNN, PTE A BENNETT, PTE R WHITE, PTE L WILSON.

Absent:- CPL A DANIEL, PTE W SKINNER, CPL C LEE, PTE N WISHART, PTE A ZAL-EVSKI, LCPL P STUMBLE, PTE D BONNELL, PTE B COOPER, PTE B DICKINSON, PTE B EYNON, PTE J READDY, PTE E SALLWAY,
PTE B SUMMERS, PTE H WILLIAMS, PTE A ZIMMERMANN.

Exercise Maxi Beagle 11-15 Jul 92 & 23-27 Jul 92



SPE Operations in its early stages



An EAA in action

Exercise Black Widow 27 Jun 92 - 5 Jul 92



An advance to contact



PTE Lumby (B Coy) taking a well earned smoko



C Coy commanders at work - LT Solomon and CPL Nelson

1992



"Fire the FPF!"



"I wonder what's in here..."



*CPL Daniels (C Coy)
commanding his section amidst
the chaos of battle*

Delta Company



OC: MAJ Gould

2IC: CAPT Black/CAPT Simpkins

CSM: WO2 Randall

The Roadrunners year started early as the company reformed in November '91 after taking leave in order to be the on-line element over Christmas. There were lots of new faces from the OC, CSM through to the rifle sections and therefore it was a new breed of Deltones to carry the traditions and reputation on into '92.

As the rest of the Battalion disappeared on leave, D Company dragged itself onto parade, along with the cyclone pack comprising 30000 sandbags, a wrecker, and helicopter to wave the 3 Bde flag for the media. This early baptism should have struck warning bells for our battles with the media later during SPE! Luckily we were not called out and so this enabled everyone to get stuck into some uninterrupted training including reverse cycle ops, NBC, 40 km tests, and rifleman specialization, MG, scouting, sigs and JNCO training. Individual skills were put to the test in PRETTY Sector of HRTA as all the PTEs competed for the Red Bayonet. The winner was PTE Crutchley followed by the defending champ PTE Vinson, with the stands being a credit to the Officers and NCOs who manned them.

D Coy (independent) was brought back to the fold with the return of the Battalion in late January. It was still extremely hot, so it was off to Bluewater for some close country work. Raven was finally mastered by Ronnie Regan and the det during the ex, much to the relief of the RSO. The company continued its development of the Operational Contingency Load for Blackhawk with ASqn 5 Avn Regt, in preparation for air week and K92. The lack of air and the prominence of foot moves in Dotswood and NT, for D Company, are now legendary however we managed to produce the Bn SOP for airmobile Ops after reading a few war comics - courtesy of the Sallyman. The medics and SBs did a first class job with heat illnesses as the temperatures hit new highs. Unfortunately the company did not get to come to grips with the en as they had even worse trouble trying to cope with the conditions.

Having reached a good standard of skills since November it was back to HRTA for the company live fire. All the sections learnt a lot on the 4 attacks and 2 ambushes so we approached K92 confident in our abilities. On arrival at Tindal, 10 Platoon were given an independent task (swan) to Daly River Mission whilst the rest of the A Team were banished to Port Keats to relieve C Coy 3 RAR. In 8 days we managed to entertain 4 Generals, dodge crocodile infested patrol routes, watch the en fly out of the AO, grab what we could off the RAAF (it was their radar we were there to protect!) and developed an art of sleeping with hearing protection in our ears. Finally a CCO8 arrived to take us back to the action. Of course the RAAF couldn't string 3 aircraft together so it took a couple of days to get everyone back. The next task was to relieve 2 Cav on Stuart Hwy protection duty. Not an ideal task for a rifle company but as ever, we managed. The ex finished without a shot fired in anger by the Roadrunners but we had upheld the motto of "Everywhere".

After Easter it was back into the jungle for Bn Mil Skills. The training over Xmas paid off with the company being placed 2nd behind Support and 4 Section being the top rifle section in the Battalion - Well done CPL Jackson, LCPL Roberts and the boys! Tully was next on the programme and despite depleted numbers, the platoons came out with very good reports and everyone enjoyed the opportunity to learn (even from the ladies).

Whilst at Tully 11 Platoon was selected to represent the Battalion in the Duke of Gloucester Cup and the team immediately began the DOG squad training. The team was commanded by CPL JJ Comerford and comprised LCPL Eddie Walsh, PTE Gollop, PTE Godfrey, PTE Wilson, PTE Cox, PTE Davis, PTE O'Connell and PTE Jackson. Of course the team was ably supported by other members of the Battalion but these were the guys who did 'the business'. In a tough, tight competition they came 6th and acquitted themselves and the Battalion very well.

June saw the start of the SPE training as we again led the way for the rest of the Battalion to follow. Roadrunners Riot provided a chance for 11 Platoon to show their theatrical ability while the rest of us worked out a few SOPs. By the end of the month we were back on line again as ODF Coy. APC training and the Battalion Live Firing Exercise provided an opportunity to dispense with "Red/Amber card" and get stuck in. The firepower was well controlled and very effectively applied to the enemy assaults and positions. Particularly pleasing was the 84 SRAAW shooting of Spt Sect who had been together, under CPL Boxalls hand, for 8 months by this stage. The Cavalry got used to working on radio silence as the Coy developed its mounted tactics based on the OC and CSMs Mech memories of 5/7! Even the FO party had a chance to shoot in support of company Ops for the first and only time in the year.

An ODF callout by HQ 3BDE saw the company group flying to Cattleonia to conduct an SPE operation. Under the watchful eyes of the Comd and his staff the company group successfully rescued the nationals and made it back to AS by air and road (!) By the time Maxi Beagle came around we were pretty confident in what was required although the media still commanded respect. Again we fielded the Land Commander as a visitor and in a golden moment he caught CPL Corney and PTEs Goff and Hollingworth at their best, answering delicate legal questions with the diplomacy of statesmen. We would like to say that Swift Eagle was more of the same but alas it was not. Faced with a difficult time for about 10 minutes (until we squashed an NRG roadblock) the company rescued the BFM workers to claim a Guinness Book of Records stake in the SPE section. HMAS Tobruk was very squashy but, mercifully smooth.

Delta Company has attempted a lot in 1992. Its members

have made an impact, not only within the confines of our own ranks but throughout the Battalion. Company members have provided a significant number of Battalion sportsmen, particularly in the premierships winning Australian Rules, Hockey, Swimming and Rugby. Their participation in these activities was only made possible by the efforts of the remainder of the company.

A rifle company is made up of about 100 characters and Delta definitely had their share in '92. Whilst it is impossible to recap on all the incidents, here are a few indicative efforts:

- Eddie Hollingworth topping the scouting & tracking course
- CPL Bowman and PTE Greenhalgh deploying to Cambodia with UNTAC
- CPL Jackson selected for SASR
- SGT Jim McGuire beating Westy at the big shoot off at Mt Vince
- CAPT Ed Black selected for Ex Long Look
- PTEs Vinson and Vogel qualifying as snipers
- Babies born into the Petrie, Campbell, McGuire, Crozier, Williams, Lawler, Jackson and Fricker families with more to come!
- CPL Boxall falling from the 2nd floor during para trg after the CPLs Dining In Night!
- PTE Vinson winning his 2nd Red Bayonet at Mt Vince
- PTE 'Tom Cruise' Gotch on page 3 of 'Post'

1992 will be remembered for its SPE exercises and the introduction of the LSW - Minimi. It will not be remembered as a busy year, even though it was, as all years are busy in the ODF. The Roadrunners have worked hard and achieved some very good results and on that basis can hold their heads high as Diggers in the Regiment, second to none.

Whitsunday
RENT--YACHT
 YACHTS AND MOTOR CRUISERS

10 Platoon

PL COMD: LT Goldsmith

PL SGT: SGT McGuire

The Phantoms look back on 1992 with mixed feelings, knowing that they have done plenty of hard work and have had a lot of laughs along the way. The on-line commitments over Xmas found us being pushed through our paces by the new OC, doing all those activities we love - 40km marches, gas training and working at night!

As the rest of the Battalion returned to work, we headed off to Sydney to provide Victoria Barracks Guard. The front gate duties were not without a few hazards as the 'locals' of Oxford St went out of their way to attract the guard's attention. Raids into the Cross were more successful, although ex-phantom Williams probably didn't think so as he was rolled by a pro and her pimp! Returning to the Barracks with only a pair of jeans kept the boys laughing.

After all that excitement it was off on a dangerous mission on K92. Luckily the enemy were nowhere to be seen in our little independent AO, so we didn't feel too guilty about swimming in the CSIRO pool, drinking goffas and playing cricket.

Military Skills this year netted the platoon some good results with 2 Section the best in 9th place overall. 3 Section deserve special mention for sleeping through a trip flare going off on their perimeter and the subsequent raid - obviously tuckered out after a hard days work!

The live fire exercise saw us at our best with the Boss trying hard to keep his composure as he fell into a gun pit. Looking around to see if anyone had seen his predicament, he realised that he was sprung - "are these gun stakes OK?" The SPE exercises were different, with the real highlight being the loveboat cruise to Limpopo. After the Boss had briefed the Land Commander on our thoughts, we are confident that we will be back to the 'J' next year!

Phantom Farewells:

■ LT Goldsmith	Aslt Pnr Pl
■ SGT McGuire	Army TAFE
■ CPL Bowman	UNTAC see you soon
■ LCPL Cousins	BHQ Ord Room
■ PTE Russell	to the call of the wild!
■ PTE Hadwen	CHQ and maybe, UNTAC
■ PTE Gibson	CHQ
■ PTES Holmes, Loudon, Nelson and Williams	Discharged



10 PL on show during D Coy open day

11 Platoon

PL COMD: LT Kenny/LT Stockley
PL SGT : SGT Stephens

11 Platoon, the Chosen Ones, started the year with a new team ranging from the Boss, Sarge and a shed full of new diggers. To add some humour to our team, it was decided that we should have Edes posted in from the gym to keep us looking trim! We were all convinced that the 1000000 situps we did over Xmas were doing us good but why are we still being flogged 12 months later?! Apart from being the fittest platoon in the Battalion we also produced some good results in the field - here's a glimpse of our highlights.

Under LT Kenny, we worked long and hard with the Blackhawks to sort out a clever way of squeezing 18 people into the new choppers. Of course it was hardly a challenge and the rest of the Brigade followed our lead and SOP. Unfortunately the safety people thought the whole concept was too risky so now we are back to 8 people, riding in comfort. Helicopters of any description were hard to find on Air Week and K92 so we had to move by Caribou to the now famous 'Fraggle Rock' to guard the RAAFs noisy radar. SGT Stephens must have known that it was going to be drawn out on the exercise, as he was quick to volunteer for duty at Tully instead.

After a pleasant Easter it was back into the 'J' for Mil Skills and LCBSTully. The sections did very well in the Battalion competition with Jacko encouraging us all to keep going when things got tough. 4 Section were rewarded as top rifle section as we confidently strode off to Tully to be met by our DS - a girl! Needless to say this arrangement was far from satisfactory, particularly as we had just lost the Boss to AADJT. At the same time JJ Comerford and the boys were selected to Duke of Gloucester Cup so the platoon was reduced a handful of trained killers. Highlight of this period was Stepho's (the younger) death defying rafting stunts on adventure training.

Maxi Beagle saw the platoon back together and leading from the front. Louis Shelley totally confused the locals with his fluent Pidgin, proving to be the company's trump card when it came to negotiation. Croz had his 21st at Mingela Rodeo grounds but the OC wouldn't let him or the rest of the Chosen Ones attend the hens night that was raging 100 metres away. Apart from the lack of partying, the lads had a good time and learnt a lot. SWIFT EAGLE was really just a long boat cruise punctuated by a hilarious demonstration of tent flying by 12 Platoon. No doubt our new PL COMD, LT Stockley (shortest man in the Army and rumoured to be the son of OC 12 PL!) was concerned about the organisation he had just joined!

After two weeks stand down in October we came back to a very busy set of company and Battalion courses to ready us for next year. No doubt it will be as hectic as this year has been.

Farewells to the following Chosen Ones:

- LT Kenny to AADJT in charge of the wives!
- CPL Jackson to SASR. Went on patrol and never returned
- LCPL Newbold lowered his standards and went to 12 PL & then A Coy
- LCPL Lyons Aust INT Corps. Loves playing with rubber gloves
- PTE Bliss now driving our Bush Taxi
- PTE Tittor couldn't live without Blissy!
- PTE Jackson following his dream to be a drummer boy
- PTE Ginnance pumping petrol and writing articles for Post
- PTE McGowan lost somewhere between the Offr & SGT's Messes
- Mr Murray left to become Mr Asia



11 PL - "Endex K92"

12 Platoon

PL COMD: LT Biedermann

PL SGT: SGT Carley

Although the Dirty Dozen has had a demanding year, as has the rest of the Battalion, the boys have kept their heads up, shoulders back and soldiered on under the banner of the Big Red D.

The Doz, although not being accorded the 'Glory Boy' positions of other platoons, has endeavoured to give its best. Whilst everyone in the platoon joined the Army to patrol in the jungle, Low Level Ops and SPE has given the platoon a new direction. Some particularly notable achievements of the year were:

- 9 members of the platoon in Battalion sporting teams (much to the Sarge's applause!)
- PTE Crutchley winning the December Red Bayonet
- CPL Reilly and 8 section 'swanning' through K92
- The platoon and company live fire attacks

- The Doz setting the standard for EAAs on Maxi Beagle (Also their brilliant display of how to deal with the media by introducing Top Secret radio messages!)
- The Boss with his weekly haircut, surpassed only by Rudies many visits to the barbers.
- 8 Sections lightening time through the Obs Course, only to finish 13th

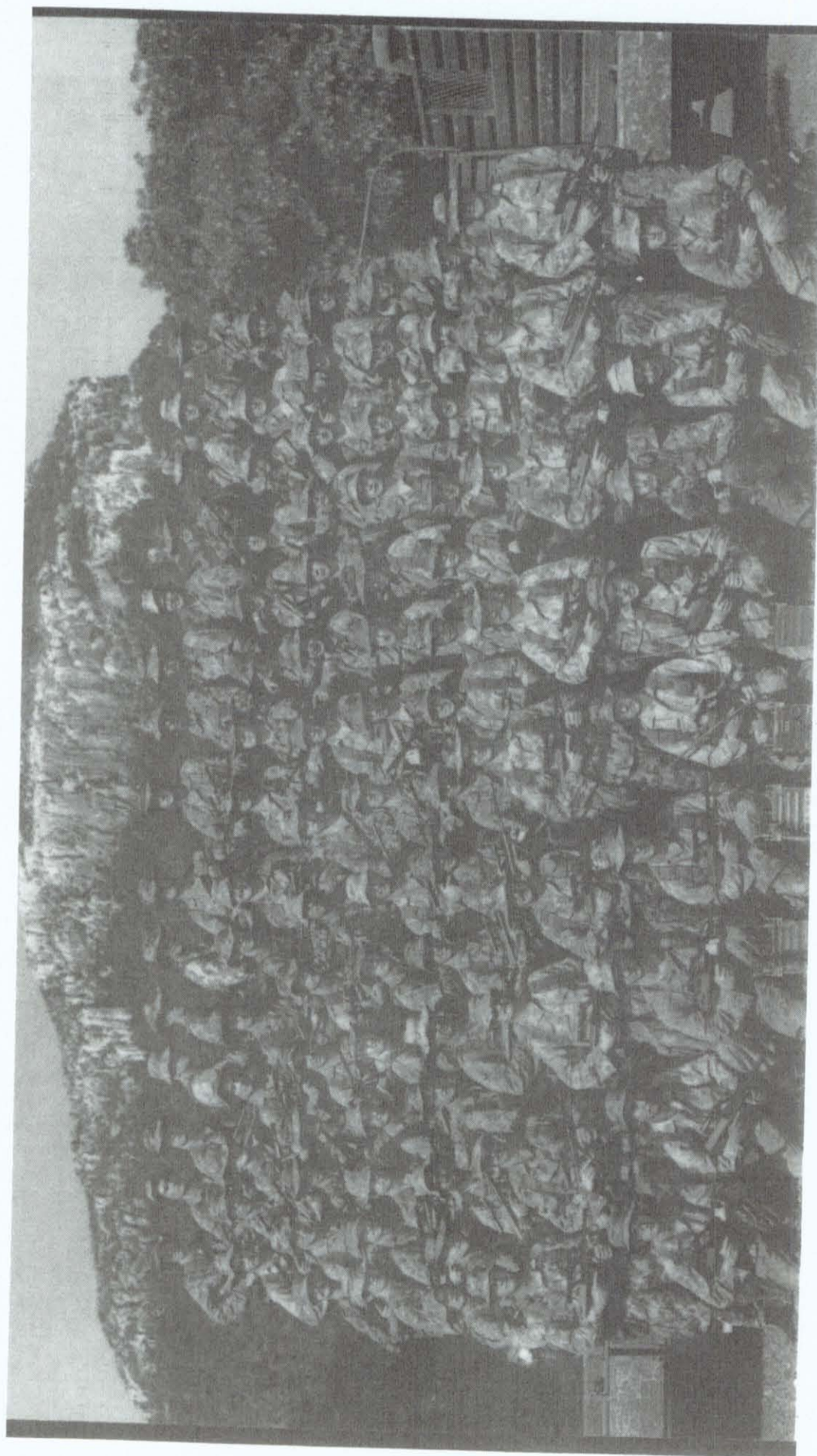
What does 1993 hold in store for 12 Platoon? SGT Carley resigning in despair at not being posted to 1RTB? PTEs Palmer, Crutchley and Foster developing even dirtier minds? CPL Rudeforth becoming a hermit at Tully? Gelmi winning Mr Puniverse? For the answers we will just have to wait.

Welcome to the new 2ICs, LCPLs Carmichael, Borchard and Smith C.S. and farewell to SGT Carley (School of Inf), CPL Blake (B Coy), CPL Newbold (A Coy) and LCPL Munton (10 PL).



12 PL during Ex Maxi-Beagle - SGT Carley conducting resupply from the bin

1992



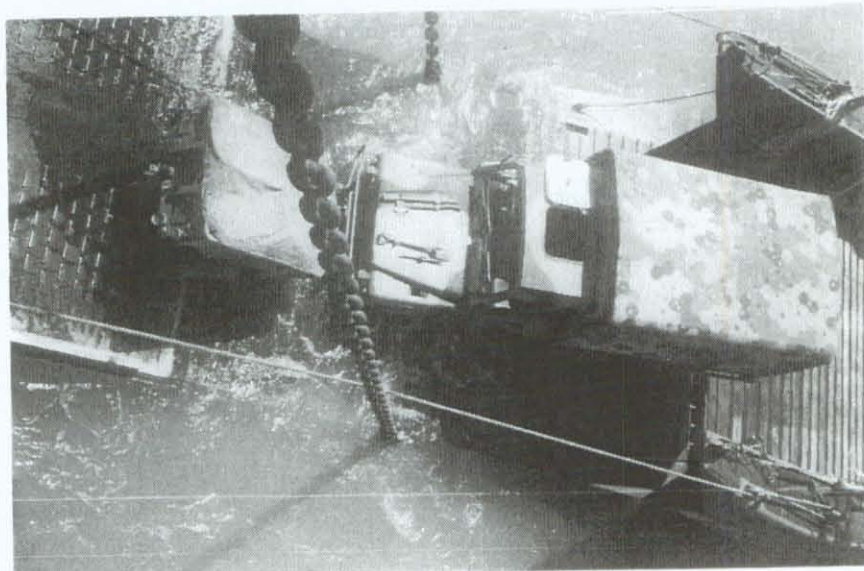
DELTA COY 2/4 RAR - LAVARACK BARRACKS - 1992

Front Row:- PTE G SCOTT, PTE J MOIS, PTE A WILSON, PTE G LYNDON-JAMES, PTE A CLAYDON, PTE HADWEN, PTE J POWELL, PTE S McLEAN, PTE D FOSTER.
 Second Row:- SGT J McGUIRE, SGT M CARLEY, SGT S BILLINGHAM, WO2 ERANDALL, MAJ S GOULD, CAPT E BLACK, LT P KENNY, LT G GOLDSMITH, LT T BIEDERMANN, LT J SNODGRASS.
 Third Row:- CPL EDELMAN, PTE C WILLIS, PTE L SHELLEY, PTE S HOLMES, CPL M. RUDEFORTH, CPL C JACKSON, PTE K GILL, PTE R GREENHALGH, PTE N JOYCE,
 PTE J HOLLINGWORTH, PTE J ADAMS, PTE C LOUDEN, PTE R COTTON, PTE A PAYNE, PTE D WEBB.
 Fourth Row:- LCPL E WALSH, PTE T GODFREY, PTE V WOOD, PTE P DENSY, PTE B NELSON, LCPL M NEWBOLD, CPL A REILLY, PTE D RANDALL,
 PTE B RYAN, PTE S O'CONNELL, PTE P STEPHENS, PTE L VERSTEGEN, PTE M MACCORMACK, PTE J CROZER.
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 PTE J WATENE, PTE A KERR, PTE T MORLEY, PTE R VELDRE, PTE J COX, PTE L RUSSELL.
 Sixth Row:- PTE W REDLICH, CPL B CORNEY, LCPL R WILKINSON, PTE D MCKENZIE, PTE A CRUTCHLEY, PTE C KEELING, PTE M PALMER, CPL J COMERFORD,
 CPL K CAMPBELL, PTE T WESTENDOFF, PTE C BARON, PTE J JACKSON, PTE P EYEARS, LCPL M ROBERTS, PTE S SINNES.
 Back Row:- PTE L VINTER, PTE J LAWLER, PTE K MURRELLS, CPL BOXY, PTE R GIBSON, PTE S POWELL, LCPL M BLAKE, CPL M BOWMAN, PTE S KISCH, PTE C KINGSTON,
 LCPL J PETRIE, PTE A McNAMEE, LCPL COUSINS, LCPL R ALLAN, PTE C GOTCH.

Exercise Swift Eagle 92 29 Aug - 5 Sep 92



A Blackhawk preparing to land on HMAS Tobruk



A Mortar Platoon vehicle about to go in the drink!



LT Groves (A Coy) repelling aggressive Limpopean small craft

Administration Company

1992 saw Admin Coy once again provide the Battalion with a high standard of logistic support. The arrival of the new OC, MAJ Gunder, new 2IC, CAPT Sanders and new (but very well known) CSM, WO2 Edwards soon let the company know the flavour of things to come. CHQ's trial CFT up Mt Stuart was a good indicator.

The company performed well throughout the year, both in military endeavour and the sporting arena. Beginning with Air Week and culminating with K92 the company concentrated in A Echelon deployment skills and Echelon Defence. The development of a practised recon group and rehearsed advance party led to speedy and simple deployments by day and night. A capability that was well tested by the lack of firm ground around Pine Creek. Concentration on the skills and planning required to defend the Echelon were also rewarded with BHQ allocating an ambush patrol to the Echelon in the hope of intercepting a fleeing group of Kamarian Raiders. The logistic skills of the company in the field were also tested and all platoons gained valuable experience in their trades. K92 was a rewarding experience for the company. The development of military and trade skills continued throughout the year concentrating on air portability of vehicles and equipment. Air training culminated with a UH1H insertion to the start of the 40 km route march which the company then completed comfortably inside 14 hours, including nine kilometres of night navigation. As usual, the company had a few sporting surprises in store. A runaway win in Battalion orienteering shocked the Battalion. The company volleyball team blitzed all comers in the summer sports. Traditional favourites for any tug of war competition the company took out first place in the lightweights, and came second in the heavyweights to some super heavy weights. The best surprise lay in the equal second place gained in the inter-company athletics carnival.

The years achievements have all been gained through



hard, honest work, cheerful enthusiasm and some long hours. Well done to all members who served with the company in 1992. The changes to the new company line up are many but the spirit and experience of the old guard will again see a year of honest achievement in 1993.



Company air training

Whitsunday
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 YACHTS AND MOTOR CRUISERS

Tech Support Platoon

RAEME The Brotherhood

The year is coming to an end for the Brotherhood. It has been a year of hard work, achievements and hard play. The year started with the arrival of two new fitters CFN Coney and CFN Odgers and one VM, CFN Wegener.

Throughout the year our highly trained tradesmen have inspected and maintained the Battalions' equipment. These services are supplied by four main sections:

General Engineering -

This section is made up of CPL Coliero, and the workers, CFN Southey, CFN Campey, CFN Coney and CFN Dawe. This section is responsible for the maintenance of all weapons, generator sets, small engines and welding and fabrication work.

Vehicle Section -

This section is a valuable asset to the Battalion and particularly to Transport Platoon. It is led by a man of knowledge and wisdom, CPL Fedorniak, and manned by his skilled tradesmen, CFN Murdock, CFN Larkin, CFN Poulsen and CFN Wegener. This section is responsible for the maintenance, modification and inspection of unit vehicles.

Telecommunication Section -

A small section in the platoon, but very important to Signals Platoon. This section consists of one person, a man of information, CPL Trimble. He is responsible for the maintenance and inspection of radio sets, telephones, FFR Landrovers and anything else that requires electricity to operate.

Store -

The section that keeps all the other Tech Spt sections from coming to a grinding halt. Run by a man of character, CFN Szczecinski, he ensures that all the sections are supplied with repair parts. His motto is, "If I haven't got it, I'll get it".

All these sections make up Tech Support Platoon, and are headed by the man who knows all, the ASM, WO2 Hughes. A very demanding job considering the amount of equipment held by the Battalion. WO2 Hughes has been offered a promotion on posting to Melbourne and has

decided to accept. The members of Tech Support Platoon wish the ASM and his family all the best in his new job.

During the year the platoon has been involved in many activities, some pleasant, some not. In the first few months of the year Tech Spt Pl was able to show the rest of the Battalion that we don't only fix the weapons but some of us can use them pretty well also.

Things were going quite well for a certain fitter until his car broke down just north of town one afternoon. When he returned the next day with the part to repair his car, he would have been able to drive home except he had no wheels or steering wheel.

Further on into the year we all had the opportunity to go for a short drive to Katherine in NT for Ex K92. While we were there we all had the chance to do a few gun piquets. Consequently every time an "EMEFIX" came in, it was a mad scramble to get a vehicle out from under a Cam Net and get on our way. We didn't seem to have any customer complaints, as everyone was keen to get out of the Echelon area for any reason. Notable events on K92 were, Phil and Dave Larkin on a fact finding and scavenging tour of Darwin, Doc Murdock's vacation to 1 Field Hospital in Darwin.

Other points of interest during the year included a visit from two vehicle mechanics from Vanuatu, Terry and Mele. These two characters provided endless hours of entertainment for Tech Spt.

CFN Campey arrived about mid year. But he is such a good rifle shot that we hardly see him anyway.

Doc, Big Dave L, Phil and Westy look like spending the rest of their army careers in 2/4 RAR. Although few overseas trips are on the cards for several members of the platoon.

All in all it has been a very demanding year for Tech Spt but also a very rewarding year, with the introduction of Steyr and Minimi and the ongoing modification program on the Landrover 110s.



TECH SPT PL ADMIN COY 2/4 RAR - LAVARACK BARRACKS - 1992

Front Row:- CFN R.CAMPEY, CFN A.CONEY, CPL P.COLEIRO, CFN R.MURDOCK, CFN D.SZCZECINSKI.

Back Row:- CFN B.WEGENER, CFN B.SOUTHEY, CFN D.POULSEN, CFN D.LARKIN, WO2 M.HUGHES, CFN B.DAWES, CPL K.TRIMBLE, CPL D.FEDORNIAC.



QM Platoon

QM Platoon

The year of 1992 started very quickly for the Main-Q with the final preparations for K92 starting early. With a new QM at the wheel (Capt Clayton) the store worked well together to start K92 early March. The comings and goings of the Q store are like a cricket scoreboard, who is in and who is out.

Who's In

- CAPT Clayton
- WO1 Davis
- SGT Canhan
- PTE Danielowski
- PTE Thompson
- PTE Warren
- PTE Mcleod
- PTE Sievers

Who's Out

- WO1 Twigg
- PTE Sasse
- PTE Karbownik
- PTE Webb
- PTE Thornton
- PTE Brockway
- PTE Blackwell

The above scoreboard has one more category the almost outs, these include WO2/WO1 Palmer, SGT Montgomery and CPL Snell.

The year also seen SGT Kent doing SPE Training, and he also had to take long service leave in Aug-Sep after being Barrack SGT for 9 months.

EX Swift Eagle in SEP saw SGT Montgomery and SGT Canhan sailing the Whitsunday passage on HMASTobruk, they even found time to do a spot of fishing.

Yes it is true LCPL Mark did get his storemans course in 1992, he also picked up a Soldiers Medallion too, well done Marksy. So as you can see the Main Q has been busy with its many changes of staff as it has been with serving the Battalion. However, there are still a few more who work in this hive of activity, they are CPL Snell and PTE Griffith, who have been under fire many a time as the ammunition storeman.

Well from all members of the main Q have a great and safe Xmas and see you all in 1993.

RAP Report

Its been a busy year for Med Platoon with a full programme of healing and caring support for the Battalion. Despite it being a hectic time we have had a number of interesting activities.

Prior to K92 we had a dedicated Blackhawk for some aeromedical evacuation training, it quickly demonstrated the uncomfortable reality of aero medevac as working in the rotor down wash of a S70-A is equivalent to threading a needle in a cyclone. EX K92 saw us head up to the Territory to catch some Kamarians. Resupply was well tested and the 300 bottles of 'Isophyl' prickly heat spray we ordered will be ready for exercise next year!

Exercise Swift Eagle was a breeze. The RMO had a wonderful timesailing through the Whitsundays to tropical 'Limpopo' on the cruise liner, Tobruk. On the tactical side the fishing was terrible.

We have had more staff changes this year than Idi Amin shuffling his cabinet, we welcomed Captain Barbour as the new RMO and things in the platoon have been running peacefully along, SSGT Simmonds has completed SUB 1 for WO and is awaiting a posting, hopefully no further south than 2 Fd Supply Battalion. We do lose SGT Bannister at the end of the year to Med Coy 3 BASB and we wish him all the best in the Health Assistant stream. Les Shelley is also being posted at the end of the year and his experience shall be sorely missed. Phil Wilkin and Vinnie Moran both took discharge and we wish them all the best in their future endeavour. New additions to the platoon this year were; Peter Wyness who nearly didn't make it after crashing his motorbike. Brett Pilcher who has settled in well with A Coy.

Paul Bennetts who has only just arrived and went away on course so nobody knows who he is yet.

Our stayers J.J. Enchong, Lou Ramos, and Payney battle on for the Battalion.

Memorable spoken words from the platoon:

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| Doc; | 'I'm off to rugby training' |
| Simmo; | 'Problem belongem you guys' |
| Al Bannister; | 'I'm a blowie' |
| JJ; | 'What's wrong with my happy pants' |
| Payney; | 'I've got a system for the front desk, I just can't remember it.' |
| Les at DP1 kit check; | 'I don't have one but I know where I can get one.' |
| Lou; | 'I wanna be a medic, path tech, Xray' - confused. |
| Benno; | 'What's wrong with dizzy women'. |

As we say goodbye from the RAP this year we urge you to drive safely over Christmas and if you are drinking and driving 'your a bloody idiot'.

TPT PL

Well another eventful year has just about been driven in to touch by Transport Platoon in 1992 and for the second year in a row, late night jobs and early mornings, back to back tasks and weekend work has remained a speciality. The fact that most the platoon has maintained its sense of humour and high level of professionalism has done it credit. It also in many areas set the example for the rest of the Brigade, especially in the areas of serviceability, readiness and safety.

It's good to see at long last the platoon receiving some of the recognition and support it deserves. By the end of 1992 just about everyone will either have attended one or more courses, been overseas, promoted or instructed on a course.

The B7 course to be conducted by the platoon in Oct and the Brigade run T109 course will add to the pool of drivers within the Battalion. We are looking forward to seeing 6 or so new drivers join the yard later in the year to replace those who have moved on and as such we would like to wish the following members and their families the best of luck for the future:

■ LCPL Murray (Skip)	discharged
■ PTE Brown (Brown)	A Coy
■ PTE David (Davo)	Navy Clearance Diver

- PTE Dillion (Evil Kenivel) D Coy
- PTE Kerton (Kerto) 86 TPT TP

There were many incidents worthy of comment over the year, some of those are as follows:

- PTE Adams attempting to drive to Townsville from Herald Island in Tpt 1
- Faggy, Cusso and Rocky becoming media personalities after being stranded on a remote beach for 2 days during a fishing trip
- Being locked in HRTA after everyone else has redeployed out
- PTE Kerwin mistaking the white lines on the road for a white picket fence during K92 after 3 nights of night driving
- Blissies love of pushups
- Home brews being so strong that they require explosives stickers
- Some horrendous vehicle boggings during K92

Finally, in my second and final year as TOCO I would like to thank all the members of the platoon for their assistance and hard work over that time and I will take away many memories at the end of the year. Memories of a great bunch of blokes.



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Front Row:- PTE I.HOCKLEY, LCPL S.FAGG, SGT P.BRIDGMAN, LT N.JOHNSON, CPL B.PATTERSON, PTE G.TITTOR, PTE H.HOLDMAN.

Back Row:- PTE C.MOORE, PTE J.KELLY, PTE R.CLARK, PTE B.DUNN, PTE C.GLEESON, PTE G.LEARY, PTE P.BLISS, PTE A.CUSACK.

Driver:- PTE T.KERWIN.

AWOL:- CPL D.WILLIAMS, PTE D.ADM, PTE D.KERTON.

Catering Platoon

1992 has definitely been a busy year for Catering Platoon to date. The platoon has been heavily involved in all exercises and although its been arduous its been instrumental in teaching many of the new members of the platoon field cookery and provided opportunity for rehearsing SOPs. Our equipment has also been closely looked at and new ideas introduced to allow a more efficient method of food production. The KFM has been utilised for the majority of our exercises allowing the cooks to understand this complex piece of expensive equipment which is slowly gaining acceptance. One of our greatest achievements this year was the construction of two field baiu marees which have proved very effective in reducing the time required for the production of TV dinner meals and would be considered one of our best assets. The newly introduced system of 100 per cent TV dinner meals for the Battalion group including A Ech has also proved achievable despite irregular meal timings, late food stuff deliveries from Bde, and little ability to forecast requirements. K92 was the challenge and the platoon responded - apart from our mortar support to the forward companies from our immersion heaters and the unusual catering requests from some foreign visitors. 1992 has provided a wide realm of opportunity and experience to trial new situations such as ships galley catering and the newly introduced and practised SPE and the possible methods and requirements to feed the evacuee's on a light scaled operation. We have had a

considerable number of new members posted in for 1992 and this has provided a considerable challenge in having all members train in the 2/4 Catering Platoon mode of operations.

Welcomes this year are extended to:

- SGT Kim Knowles from SASR
- SGT Brad Byrne from Albury/Wodonga food factory
- SGT Harry Harrison from BASC Lavarack
- CPL Bill Head from DSU Puckapunyal
- CPL Trevor Hewitt from 5 AVN REGT
- CPL Dutches Hueful from 2 SIG REGT Enoggera
- PTE Jew Janetski from RMC
- PTE Tim Leane from 7 SIG REGT
- PTE Mick Devell from Broadmeadows Melbourne
- PTE Darrell Austin from ASC Puckapunyal
- PTE Paul Stewart from ASC Puckapunyal
- PTE Mark Reynolds from 3 RAR

Past members of the platoon and future postings and discharges are as follows:

- WO2 Roy Purt to 3 TRG GP Melbourne (and he doesn't want to go)
- SGT Pete Sealy to 5 AVN REGT Dec 91
- SGT Macka McMullen discharge 4 Oct 92 (20 years service)
- CPL Steve Evans to 7 SIG REGT Dec 91
- CPL Terry Godden discharge 1 Feb 93 (20 years service)



CATR PL - ADMIN COY 2/4 RAR - LAVARACK BARRACKS - 1992

Front Row:- SGT P.GALL, SGT K.KNOWLES, PTE K.SOMMERVILLE, CPL G.BRINDLEY, SGT B.BYRNES, PTE D.AUSTEN, PTE P.STEWART.

Second Row:- PTE S.O'SULLIVAN, PTE J.PARKER, PTE D.SMEDLEY, SPL W.MOON, PTE C.JANETZKI, PTE P.BAX, SGT R.HOGAN, WO2 R.PURT, CPL R.HARRISON, PTE K.BROCKWAY, PTE G.MAHER, PTE S.ROWE.

Back Row:- PTE C.MACKIE, PTE T.LEANE, PTE K.SULLIVAN, PTE L.RUSS, CPL T.HEWITT, CPL W.HEAD, PTE M.DEVRELL, PTE D.WILLIAMS, CPL T.GODDEN, PTE A.DUNN, PT M.FERRIGLI, PTE A.DEAN, PTE P.WYATT, PTE R.McGOWAN, PTE J.MACKIE.

Pipes and Drums

The Pipes and Drums commenced the year off by being recalled to perform ceremonial duties for the funeral of SGT Buttery, a past member of 2/4 RAR.

It was then onto more regular tasks such as:

- 4 RAR Birthday,
- Blessing of the Fleet (Townsville Motor Boat Club),
- St Patricks Day,
- ANZAC Day remembrances,
- Coral Sea celebrations,
- Leisurama,
- North Queensland Championships,
- RAR Competitions, and
- 2/4 RAR Birthday (church service and parade)

This is only a short list of the tasks that we have performed so far this year, we have been involved in approximately 86 different functions varying from Battalion Parades, to funerals, to weddings, to Dining-in-Nights, to Guard Mounts. These commitments do not include our normal field role of being employed as stretcher bearers.

The first of our competitions this year was the championships which were held over the long week-end in June at Gordonvale, the following results were achieved:

- Champion Pipe Section,
- Champion Drum Corps,
- Champion Bass Drum Corps,
- Champion Free Selection,
- Champion Standing 2/4 March,
- Champion Street March,
- Champion Diagram, and
- Champion Drill.

When totalled, these results also gave us the Champion Winners Award.

The following results were obtained by solo entries:

- Elementary Piping - 4 Medals
- Sub-Intermediate Piping - 8 Medals
- Open Piping - 5 Medals:
- Elementary Drumming - Gold
- Intermediate Drumming - 2 Gold, 1 Silver
- Open Drumming - 2 Silver

All members had an enjoyable time and the results reflect the hard work and practice of all members.

Assistance was given to us during these competitions by the following people:

Mark Clouder - Year 10 William Ross High School: (Piper)
Colin Dempster - Townsville Bulletin; (piper)
Kathy Fraser - Teacher, Weir State School; and (piper)
Cfn Mark Lanham - 5 Avn (ex 2/4 RAR member bass drummer)

Our sincere thanks to all these people who have worked hard to learn our music and military standards and helped us achieve such commendable results.

Our second competition for the year was the RAR Pipes and Drums Competition, at which we gained 3rd overall with the following results gained by band members:

Elementary Piping	2nd	- PTE Pritchard;
	3rd	- PTE Richardson; and
	4th	- PTE Bowen.

Elementary Side Drumming	2nd	- PTE Apps.
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Open Side Drumming	2nd	- CPL Macey.
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Bugle of the Regiment	2nd	- CPL Macey.
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Welcome to WO2 P. Irwin our new Platoon Commander (Drum Major) who came to us from the 6th Battalion RAR and replaces our long standing Pipe Major WO1 (Jock) Gall, who is now the Pipe Major of the Regiment based at the Pipes and Drums School, sunny Singleton. We wish him all the best in accepting a difficult task.

After doing an exceptional job in DPRI LCPL Coulter is back in the thick of the things and practicing hard.

Welcome to PTE Jackson from Delta Company who has come over to try his hand at drumming.

Welcome to another member of 6 RAR, PTE Jim Kelso who has seen the light and moved north for the warmer weather.

Our only loss is PTE Hult who is posted to, Brisbane and we wish him well in his future career in the Regiment.

Things are not about to slow down for us at the end of the year with involvement in trips to England and Malaya, not to mention our combat medics course to be held in November.

Along with all these we will continue to support our normal unit tasks and many other civil engagements before BRL comes around.

Our thanks to members of the unit who have assisted and supported us through the year and we look forward to performing well for you next year. To all readers we wish you a safe and happy festive season and see you all back here after BRL.

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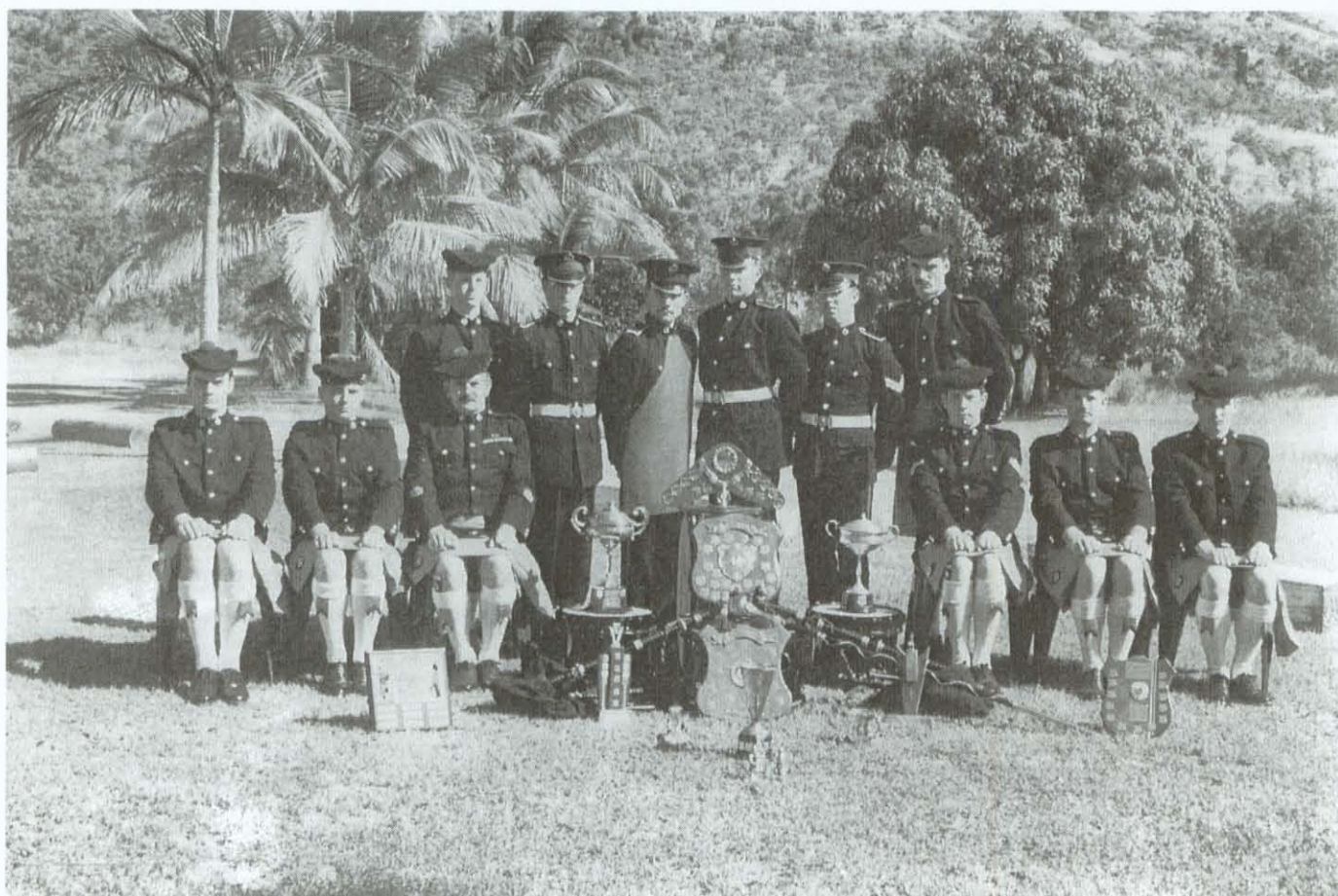
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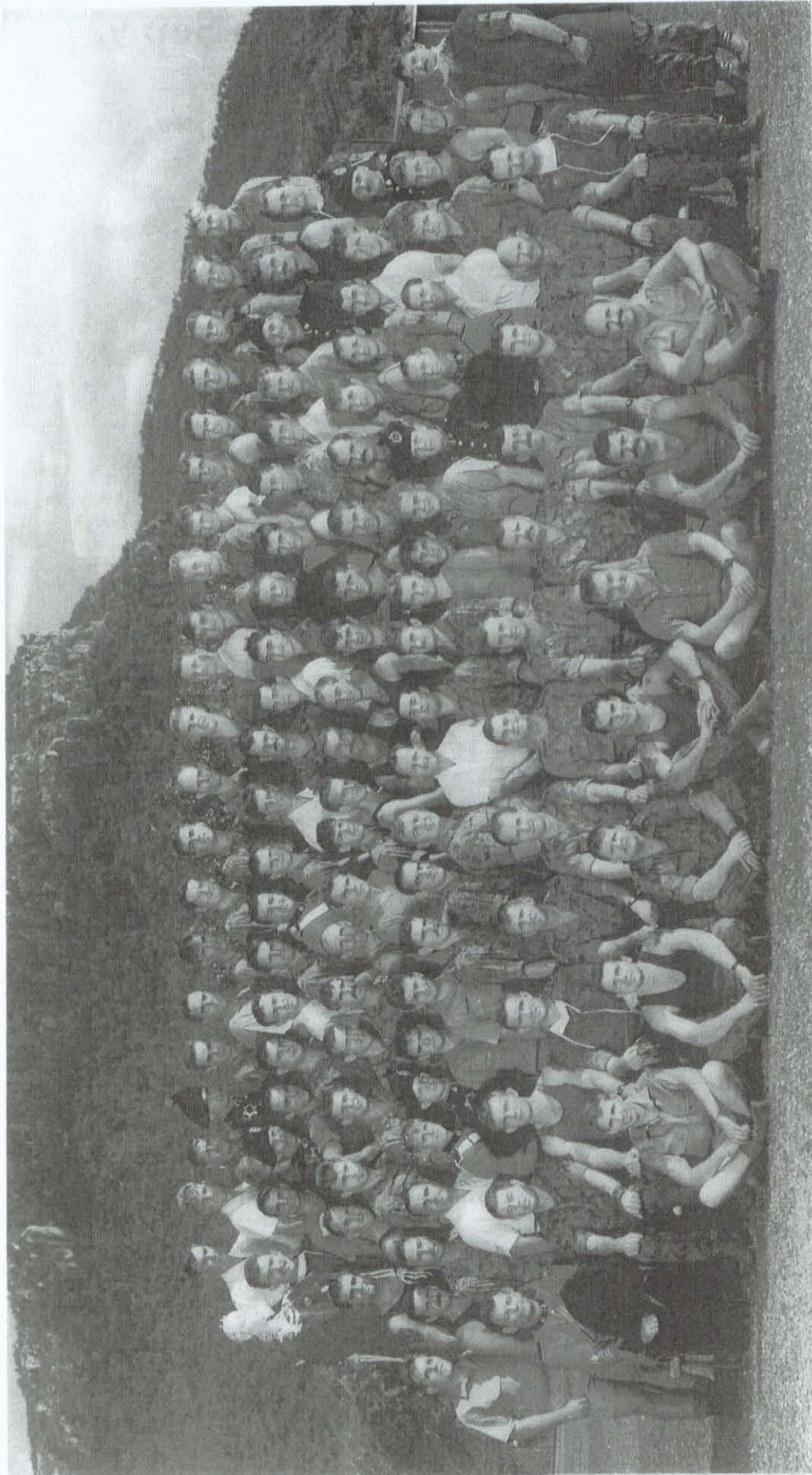
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2/4 RAR Pipes and Drums, NQ Championships, 1992

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Second Row:- WO2 P IRWIN, WO1 T DAVIS, LT N JOHNSON, CAPT R BARBOUR, SSGT R BROWNIE, CAPT T SANDERS, MAJ A GUNDER, WO2 D EDWARDS, CAPT R CLAYTON, WO2 M HUGHES, WO2 R PURT, WO2 G PALMER, SSGT P SIMMONDS.

Third Row:- CFN R MURDOCK, CPL B PATTERSON, CPL C SNELL, SGT P GALL, PTE A APPS, PTE J BOWEN, CFN R CAMPEY, CFN D POULSEN, PTE D AUSTEN, PTE C DANIELOWSKI, SGT R HOGAN, CPL T HEWITT, PTE G GRIFFITH, PTE R MCCOWAN, PTE R THOMPSON, PTE S O'SULLIVAN, CFN B SOUTHEY, CPL J FERGUSON, CPL T MACEY, PTE C JANETZKI, PTE K McLEOD, PTE P BLISS, CFN B DAWES, SGT A BANNISTER, PTE G GRIFFITH, PTE A CUSACK, PTE M LEARY, PTE G SOMMERVILLE, LCPL J MARK, PTE P BLACKWELL, SGT MONTGOMERY, PTE D KELLY, PTE D SIEVERS, PTE J PARKER, PTE C MOORE, PTE H HOLDMAN, PTE G TITTO, CPL M TITLEY, PTE C GLEESON, CPL F OREB, CPL W MOON, PTE P BAX, SGT R CANHAN, PTE M DEVRELL, PTE D SMEDLEY, PTE D RICHARDSON.

Fourth Row:- CPL A PAYNE, CPL K TRIMBLE, PTE W BUSS, PTE A WARREN, PTE K BROCKWAY, PTE C MACKIE, LCPL S GREENFIELD, LCPL J COULTER, PTE P STEWART, PTE D WILLIAMS, CPL R HARRISON, PTE K SULLIVAN, PTE A DUNN, PTE S DONNELLY, PTE B DUNN, CPL B LANGABEER, PTE T LEANE, CPL D FEDORNIAK, PTE G PRITCHARD, SGT P BRIDGMAN, CPL B PILCHER.

Fifth Row:- CPL T GODDEN, PTE I RUSS, CPL W HEAD, PTE B HOLT, PTE A DEAN, CFN D LARKIN, PTE S BAILEY, PTE J MACKIE, PTE G MAHER, SGT K KNOWLES, PTE S THOROGOOD, PTE R MILLERS, PTE M FERRICCI, SGT G KENT, SGT B BYRNE, PTE R CLARK, PTE P WYATT, PTE J CAMERON, PTE S ROWE, LCPL P GIBBS, CFN B WEGENER.

2/4 RAR Ladies Association

This has been a very exciting and busy year full of a huge range of both morning and evening events.

Our regular get togethers were a great success with the ladies participation in adventurous activities such as a rifle shoot and later followed by some members trying their hand at some knot tying.

We had a very large turn out in support of the obstacle course morning for the children of 2/4 RAR. Other events included such things as a "Hay morning", cottage craft, bingo, a nutrimerics demonstration, a games night and a morning of movies at the Warrina theatre. Also a very educational lecture on First Aid from the unit doctor Captain Barbour.

Sports kept a regular place in our year with the tuesday morning tennis, and also a game or two of softball, these sporting activities led up to inter unit competitions with other ladies of the Lavarack area.

A great success for the anything goes day which was full of fun and laughter. Altogether 1992 was a very exciting year full of a variety of activities and all made possible by the support of the CO LTCOL Peter Pursey, RSM Dave Bennett both of the AADJTs, members of the Catering Platoon and everyone else who assisted us during the year.

Most of all the year would not have been possible without the support of the ladies. Thank you.

Although the Christmas party is not on till towards the end of the year, it is sure to be a fitting end to 92. We trust 1993 will be just as exciting and even better if possible.

We say goodbye and good luck to those members being posted. And for everyone to have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. See you all in '93.



The Ladies Association at play!

The Year in Review

The Children's Obstacle Course



Wading through the quagmire



"Keep a low profile kid!"



"How do I get up this?"



"Chuck being led over the bridge"



"YEACCHHH!"

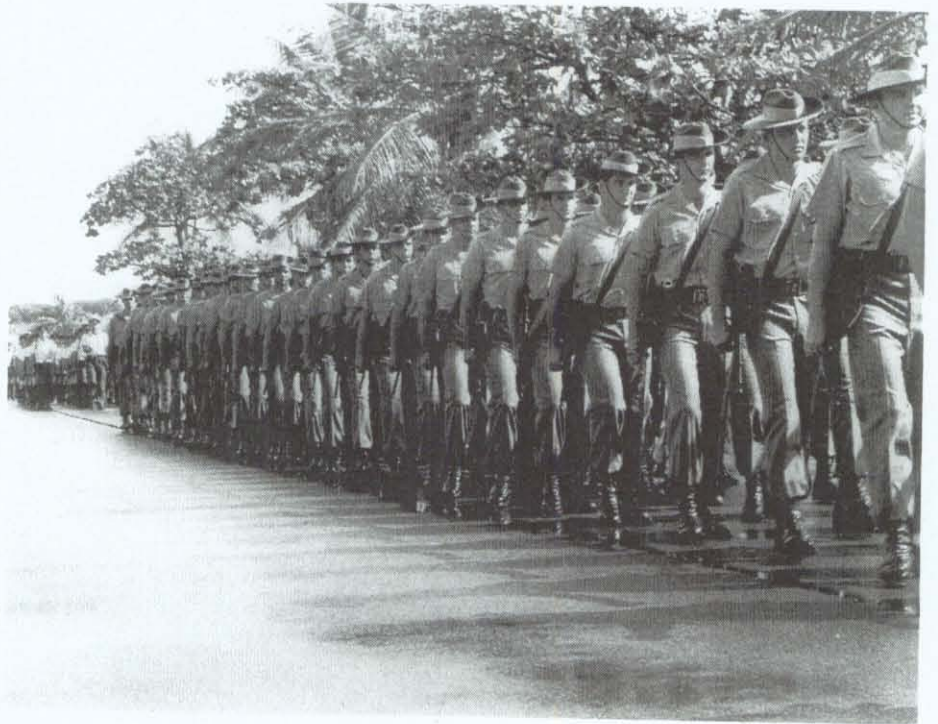


"Where to now mate?"

Scenes from ANZAC Day



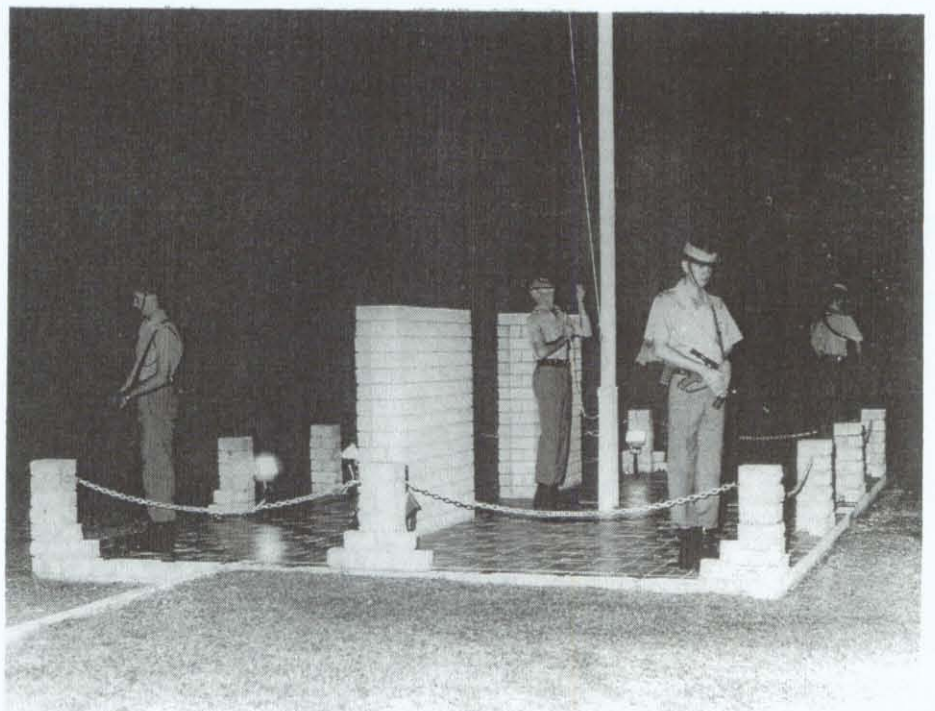
Pioneer Platoon Sergeant Lenny Logan



Support Company on the march



CSM SPT COY



The dawn service

Introduction of the Minimi LSW



CPL Baker being filmed by QTV while demonstrating the new Minimi LSW



The Colonel Commandant farewells the Battalion with his new shooting stick in hand

**Major General
A.L. Morrison,
AO, DSO, MBE,
Farewell**

Battalion Church Service

On the 11th August the Battalion retained the tradition started by the Commanding Officer in 1991 by conducting an outdoor church service as part of Birthday Week. The service was conducted on Luscombe Bowl (the rugby oval) and was attended by all members of the Battalion and their families. Special guests for the evening were the COL COMDT, COMD 1 DIV and COMD 3 BDE.

The Service was conducted by the Unit Padre - Chaplain M. Curnow and it included readings from the following members of the Bn:

- A reflection on the significance of the Colours by WO2 Speter,
- A reflection on belonging to the Bn by CPL R. Brown,
- The reading of the Old Testament Lesson by PTE N. Vinson, and
- The reading of the Gospel Lesson by LT L. Mercer.

The service was supported by the 2nd/4th Bn Pipes and Drums, 1st Bn Band and a choir from the Townsville Choral Society. The musical and choral presentations added much to the evening, and the innovative and entertaining music was enjoyed by all. Our thanks must go the Drum Major WO2 Irwin and the Music Director from the 1st Bn CAPT Amies for organising such a splendid presentation.

The outdoor setting and style of service conducted is unique to the 2nd/4th Bn, and in the two years in which this service has been conducted, it has been very well received. Our thanks must go to CPL Trimble for his wizardry with the lighting, to WO2 Purt for the supper provided after the service and to the soldiers of C Coy for all the behind the scenes work which made the evening so successful.



1 RAR's band supplying a musical background



The Padre giving his sermon

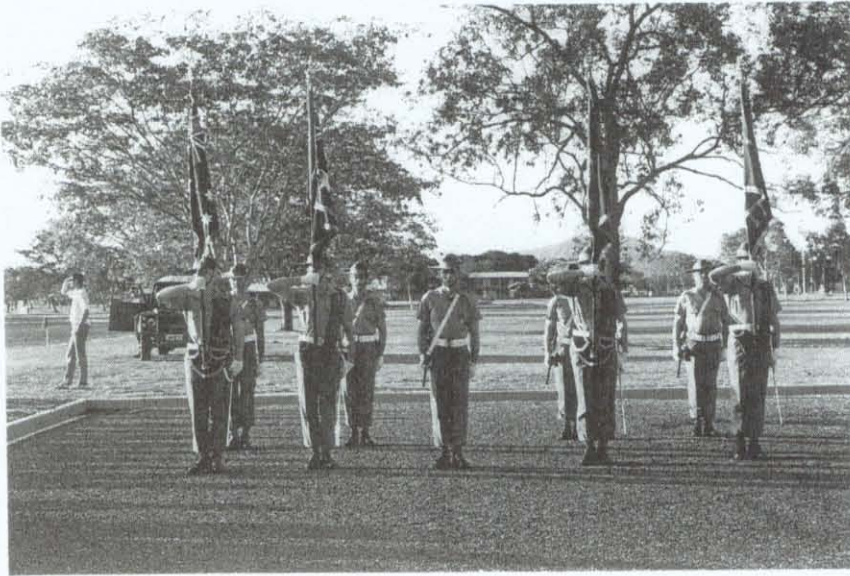


Our own pipers prepare to march on



*The Townsville Choral Society
provided vocal backing*

The Bn Birthday Parade



The colour party prepare to march on

Mortars holding ground



SGT Galloway lowers the Regimental flag



The Colonel Commandant inspecting the Battalion

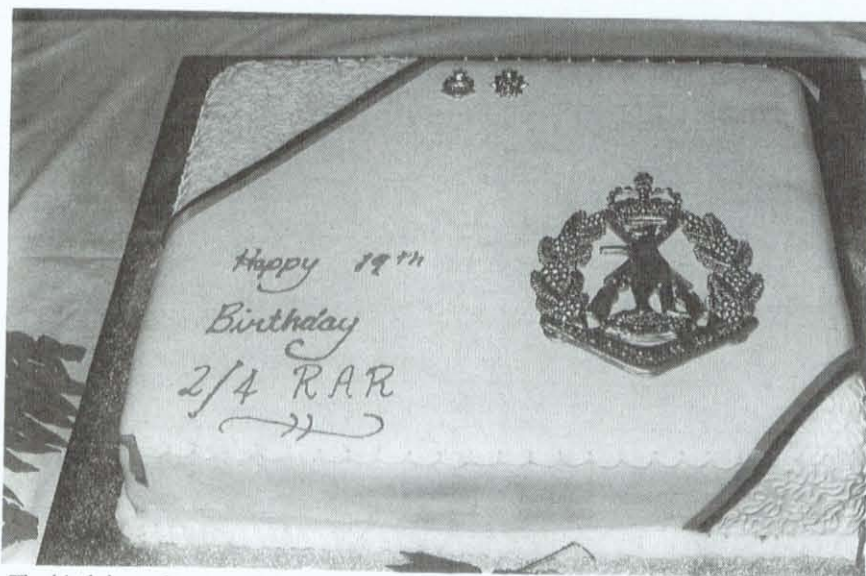
The Ball



The Bn in full flight



A hard night out



The birthday cake



*The Colonel Commandant
prepares to cut the cake*

Army Open Day 10 Oct 92



The bayonet fighting display



The Drum Major during the Pipes and Drums display



A budding young pioneer working with the cobra



"How do I get down this thing?"

Whitsunday
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Sport in 1992

an Editors View

The Battalion has had a successful year in many aspects. Indeed it has been an extremely busy year and the pressures placed on families, training and exercises have been evident.

The pressures placed on the sporting field have also been great. For many years the Battalion has suffered on the sporting field; always close but not close enough. This year we are the **WINNERS**.

Infantry Battalions have difficulty gauging their ability, morale, and comradeship. On the sporting field we have the ability to do this. Like all training; training for sport

must be professional, dedicated and well planned. This year the results have shown the dedication of managers, coaches, supporters and certainly the players.

If we continue to ask our players to put their bodies in the contact sport arena then the best we should expect is time for them to train and the support of all members of the unit.

To all who supported, managed, trained and played: your efforts for the Battalion are greatly appreciated; thank you.

2/4 RAR Australian Rules Premiers 1992

1992 will be remembered as an outstanding year for the Battalion Australian Rules Team. In a season full of highlights we beat 1 RAR three times, lost only one game - to 4 Fd Regt by three points and was our first grand Final win in 12 years.

The team was coached this year by SGT Jim McGuire, and captained by Brian Smith and had a mixture of old and new players. Support Company provided the biggest group of players, having easily won the inter-Company competition in early April. A strong bunch of new blood from the rifle companies ensured that the team had the depth required to see it through the season.

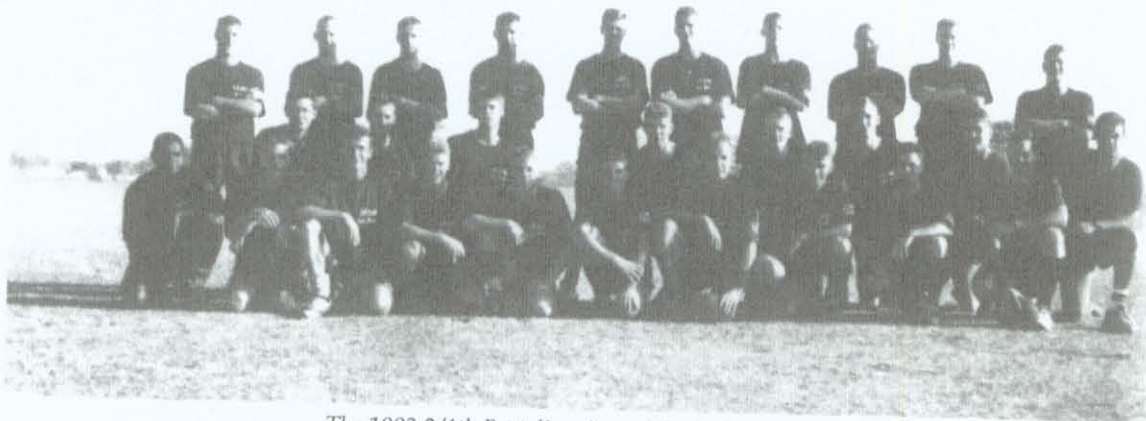
From the start of the season it was obvious that the backline was going to be very strong. "Shane Maxwell" Powell provided the height and direction, being extremely well supported by Reg Grundy and Ace Hall who both regularly bagged 25-30 possessions a game. The full back line managed to survive the 'gobs' of Palms and Irish enabling Ryno and Robbo to pick up anything they dropped - which wasn't much. The centre line was all class although they tended to be distracted by fights on occasions. The forward line fed Wally well all year and we lost count of the number of goals he kicked. The team played as a team and for the first time in many years

played disciplined, committed football, even Drabble!

Having beaten 1 RAR in the home and away rounds and the 2nd Semi Final, the team eagerly looked forward to the Grand Final. With a huge crowd and a big wind blowing, we lost the toss and kicked against the wind. Within 5 minutes Jacko Malone was down with a broken jaw and the football was tough. Wal managed a goal and some good lead up work produced another but 1 RAR held the lead at 1/4 time. We didn't do enough in the second quarter to make best use of the wind advantage, so we went in at half time trailing. The backline played superbly in the third quarter with Ryno having a great game. We managed to peg the oppositions lead back and were only down by 10 points at the last change. Everyone seemed to lift in the last quarter, the ball started to bounce our way and the opposition went the punch. Smithy ended up with a few stitches and two good goals by the time the siren went leaving the "Premier" Battalion Aussie Rules premiers in '92. John Pain had worked tirelessly all game in the ruck, as had Andy and Joyce on the ball. However it was the backline that carried the day.

Having consistently beaten the old foes and won the flag, the pressure will be on in 1993 to maintain the standard. We can and we must!

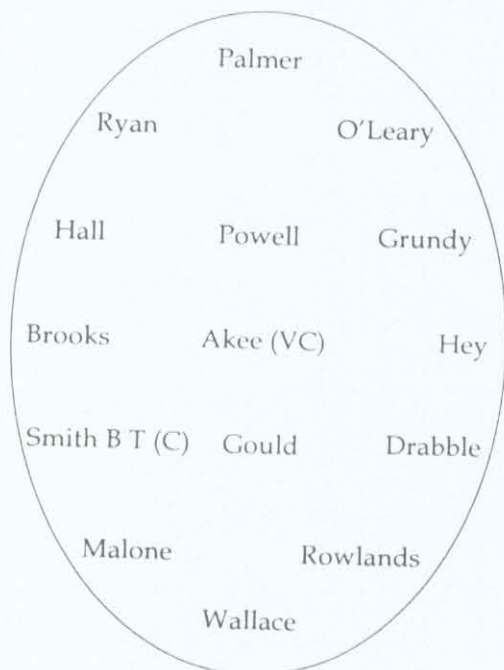
The Premiership Team



The 1992 2/4th Battalion Australian Rules Team



Left to right: CPL Smith, PTE Hall, SGT McGuire



Coach: McGuire

Ass Coach: Callow

Manager: Brumley

Interchange: Callow, Musty, Smith SL, Roberts, Thomas

Followers: Pain, Anderson, Joyce

Injured: Monaghan

Highlights of the Year

- 70 metre goal by Reg Grundy (coached by Ace)
- Powelly's mark of the year
- Smith B.T, being sent off twice in one game!
- George Akee and Brooksy sent off at the same time - where's the centre line gone!
- Drabble not being sent off!
- The return of the Assassin
- Beating 1 RAR a few times.

Rugby Club

Hot on the heels of an Australian World Cup rugby win the 2/4 rugby machine started the 1992 season. The inter-coy 10-a-side competition was a good chance for potential players to endear themselves to selectors. The subsequent 'Burdekin 7 a-side' tournament was again an outstanding weekend, where 2/4 featured prominently in every event but the finals.

The inaugural Lavarack 10 a-side competition, (conceived and hosted by 2/4), generated a lot of enthusiasm in the Bde, and again provided a good warm-up to the season. The final build-up to the season was our entry in the North Queensland Games 10 a-side competition. Although we did not make the finals we were the only side to push the eventual winners, by forcing the game into overtime.

Onto the Bde inter-unit competition proper, and although the pre-season games did not fill us with confidence we now had a very good squad of 30-35 players. A 'B' side was formed and although only having a couple of games they showed the depth of talent in the club. Unfortunately the lack of opposition meant the boys had a short season.

All the fixture matches were won except the second round loss to 1 RAR. The results below indicate just how close 7 of the 9 matches we played this season were.

Some of the more memorable highlights were: pugnacious Paul Stanton's charge-down try on full-time to steal victory from CMU; the narrow win against 5 Avn where most of the team lost track of the score and thought we had lost; the gargantuan Graham Kent's jumping at no. 2 which was amongst the best in the Bde; how marvellous Matty Graham answered the selectors call to hooker (a position we all know he was born to play); our illustrious captain rampaging Rob Barbour and his inspirational finals speeches; and who could forget the ubiquitous Brad Horn's kicking.

BUT! By far and away the hardest working members of the club, (and they will tell you as much), were Colesy and the boys from RPs. Spence, Cocky and the runners, and our beloved coaches the RSM and JJ Moore. Also thanks to Maj Gunder, the Bde Rugby Officer, for ensuring all games but the Grand Final were played on the Luscombe

Bowl.

Representing the Bn at Bde level were Brad Horn, Bambi Campbell, Rob Barbour, Pete Tinley, Matt Graham, Cameron Simpkins, and that dynamo of action Big Jim Philllips (now guess who wrote this article?).

Onto the finals and we finally played to our potential with a hard 13-9 win over 1 RAR breaking the drought of success we've had against them since 1987. That game was undoubtedly the highlight of the 1992 season for most of the team.

The Grand Final is a game we'd all like to forget, but now we know we can beat the donkey charmers we know that this time we mean it when we say "next year, yep, yep, yep, yep".

Game v	Result	Score
3 BASB	WIN	16-4
1 RAR	LOSS	9-13
4 FD	WIN	30-9
5 AVN	WIN	15-13
CMU	WIN	17-12
2 FD SUP	WIN	37-0
B SQN	WIN	32-3
1 RAR (Semi)	WIN	14-9
1 RAR (Final)	LOSS	7-16

Best and Fairest	A Grade	- Rob Barbour
	B Grade	- Shaun Pollock
Best Back		- Paul Kenny
Best Forward		- Daryl Egan
Most Improved		- Spike Milligan

Best Try	- Paul Stanton
Best Tackle	- Davo
Quickest to the Break-down	- JJ Enchong
The Coaches Award	
for Best Trainer	- Cameron Simpkins
Best Game Plan	- Bambi Campbell
Best Line-out Throw	- Matt Graham
The 'Bullwhip' Memorial	
Award for the Most	
Inspirational Speech	- The Doc

2nd/4th BATTALION
1992



LCPL Egan leads the team onto the paddock during the Brigade ten a side competition



LT Biedermann spoiling!



The line out



The Bn first grade rugby side

1992

Soccer

The season once again started well. With the basis of last years team plus some new and promising players it looked once again like the team would go through undefeated and as the season panned out that is exactly what happened. With strong performances from all players throughout the year our march to the grand final was assured with good and convincing wins against all teams. As per usual, Battalion commitments and other engagements took away some of the regular side, however due to the depth in the team that did not prove to be a problem.

As the grand final approached we were surprised to be playing 3 BASB instead of our usual foe 1 RAR who were knocked out in the semi-finals. The game proved to be a thriller with the team being somewhat shocked to be down 1-0 at half time. However due to the tenacity and skill of the team we hit back in typical 2/4 fashion to take out the grand final 2-1.

Many thanks go to the support we had at the final and also to CPL Pickering, CPL Baker and PTE Molineux for their time and effort throughout the season.



The Battalion soccer team for 1992



LCPL Grelek in mid-flight

Basketball

The 2/4 RAR basketball team has had a year that must rank as one of our most successful ever. We went through the season, with mixed fortune starting slowly with some narrow wins and draws, and mid season loss of some of the old hands-Dunny to SASR and Oui to the dizzy heights of civy street.

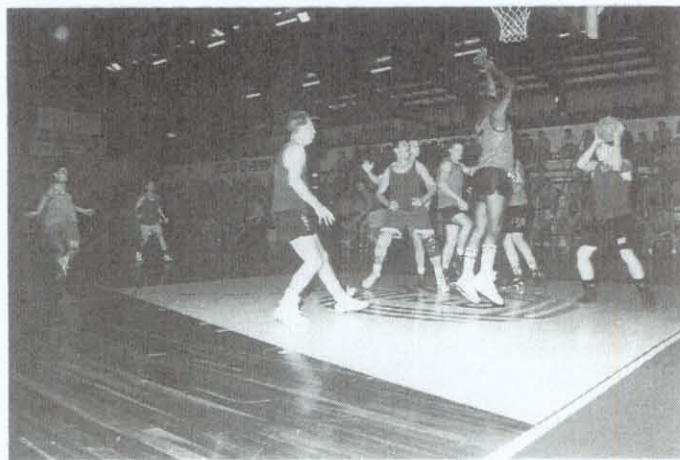
And then came the mid season training camp. The team emerged a new force! Revitalized! Faster! More a team and hungry for the finals! During the grand final lead up the Battalion displayed the consistent teamwork and superior fitness and skill, that other teams dreamed of.... Needless to say we were to play our old foes 4 FD in the grand final, who were claiming to be bigger and stronger after training in Cairns, during the week leading to the finals.

When the game got underway it was obvious that 4 FD weren't going to get the walkover they expected, although getting a 20 point lead at half time. The Battalion team hung on and started to wear 4 FD down. At the request of

the Battalion cheersquad Rick 'the Body Slam' Miller's and the Greiser were unleashed on the court with immediate results. As history will state the Battalion won for a fifth successive year.

Congratulations to the team and to everyone who played during the season. Whenever we had someone away there was always someone willing and able to take his place. The depth of basketball skill in the Battalion was evident in the close contests during the inter coy competition. Because of this depth 2/4 never once took the cowards way out and deferred games when the "FIRST TEAM" were in the field.

I estimate at least 15 people played for the Battalion this year and I thank them all for their support. Without wanting to offend anyone I would like to especially thank the starting line up CPL Daniels; PTE Brett; PTE Brady; PTE Millers; PTE Sten, PTE Greise; PTE Gerritson; PTE Hawkins; PTE Dukarich. And also to everyone who supported the team. We'll be there in 93....



CPL Daniels defending during the 1992 Grand Final



The 1992 Grand Finalists

Swimming

The 1992 Battalion Swimming Competition was run at the Area Pool. From the outset the Road Runners set a blistering pace with several good times clocked by PTE Vinson and Vogel. Their only serious threat, SPT Coy, put in a good counter with some good times from LCPL Harris in the breast stroke department and two convincing demonstrations of their superior team skills in winning both the 4 x 50m Freestyle and 50m Medley relays.

Unfortunately the Green Machine failed to appreciate the subtleties of the Chain of Command Relay, launching a Coy attack upon the other Competitors. A wild mele' ensued allowing the "Bear" to quietly slip into first place during the distractions. Order restored, the Chief Referee

and Conducting Officer considered it to be in their interests and bodily well being to call it a draw. With the 'Ardour for Battle' cooled the epic contest culminated with the Road Runners running out victors for '92.

Inter Coy rivalry put to one side the swimming team commenced training for the BDE competition. Unfortunately PTE O'Sullivan threw his arm out and had to withdraw. The BDE competition proved too strong for the Bn team with the Battalion coming in third overall. Some good times by PTE Vinson and LCPL Harris kept us in the race until the final event. Overall well done and a good effort by the team.



PTE Vinson receives a medal from CO 4 FD during the Brigade Swimming Carnival



SGT Chester taking the free hit...



SSGT Billingham receiving it!



CPL Starkoff and PTE Adams in field play

Hockey

The Battalion can be very proud of the efforts of the hockey side for 1992. In fact the players themselves can be proud. For a team that was not even in the hunt in 1991 being soundly beaten in most games to rise from the depths for 1992 and be grand finalists. Even though we were given a hockey lesson by the winners 4 Fd Regt with the score line of 8 nil nothing can be taken away from the Bn side in what they achieved.

It was good to see that there was an influx of players, this gave us the depth that is required of any sporting side and with players that were on course or injured we were able to press on and achieve our goals.

Again the side can boast of our representatives, CPL Tulk, PTE Adams, PTE Cotton and PTE Louden who were selected to play for the Bde.

Thanks to SSGT Billingham for his coaching efforts and organising some training sessions with one of the civilian

clubs, I believe these sessions were of invaluable help considering our achievement.

Awards for 1992 were:

- Best and fairest - CPL Tulk
- Runner-up best and fairest - PTE Louden
- Best back - SGT Chester
- Best forwards - PTE Adams and PTE Cotton
- Most improved - THE TEAM

The 1992 Bn hockey players were: LT Webb, SSGT Billingham, SGT Chester, CPL Davey, CPL Hungerford, CPL Starkoff, CPL Tulk, LCPL Secis, PTEs Adams, Cotton, Dodds, Duncan, Gray, Louden, Payne, Waldock, Williams and Wishart.

Thanks to all those who participated in 1992 and may 1993 be the winning year.

Good Hockey.



The hockey team in action against 1 RAR

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*WO2 Rose accepts the NQ Area
Cross Country Championship Shield from COMD 3 BDE*



CAPT Horn winning the NQ Area Cross Country Championships



The Champion NQ Area Cross Country Team - 2/4 RAR

CROSS COUNTRY

This year was yet again successful for the Battalion's Cross Country team. There were two major events on the 1992 Cross Country calendar firstly, the inter company Cross Country, which was run on 13 MAY 92 and secondly, the NQ Area Cross Country, which was run on 12 JUN 92.

The inter company competition involved all members of the Battalion, only those on medical restrictions were exempted. The course involved a lap of the Brigade area taking in the scenic re-entrant.

A Company won the event with First place going to CPL Brown for Bravo, Second CAPT Horn of Support, and Third PTE Hollis of Charlie. Second place in the inter-company competition was C Coy followed by B, D, SPT and lastly ADMIN.


From the Inter Coy competition, a team of 100 was selected to train for the NQ Area Cross Country. Three torturous sessions of training were conducted per week under the direction of CAPT Horn. This hard training was reflected in the final results.

The Battalion came first in the NQ Area Cross Country Championship with eleven of its runners coming in the top twenty placings. First place went to CAPT B. Horn (SPT COY) and second place went to PTE S. Hollis (C COY). Our total aggregate totalled 124 with second place a distant 158.

The year was very successful and was a direct reflection of the hard training and dedication of the team and with the same application there is no reason why the Battalion cannot duplicate its 1992 effort in 1993.



LT Johnson, after the Brigade X country

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2/4 RAR Inter-Unit Shooting Team 1992
STANDING - PTE Nitschke, LCPL Skinner, CPL Regen, MAJ Jensen, PTE Marchment, PTE Richardson, PTE Zimmermann, PTE Bailey
KNEELING - PTE Somerton, LCPL Callow, PTE Hollingworth, PTE Crutchley, LCPL Carmichael, CFN Corney, CFN Campey

Battalion Shooting 1992

This year has been a successful one for the 2/4 RAR Shooting Team. There has been no shortage of good enthusiastic soldiers to choose from and everyone has tried their best to improve their skills and secure a trip away. The first competition this year was in March at the NQ Champion Shot of the Army Eliminations. 2/4 RAR put a group of 20 firers in this event and secured five out of the seven positions available to NQ units. A week of practice in May then prepared a team of 10 firers to compete at AASAM 92 in Brisbane and they performed extremely well with eight of the 10 firers achieving top 100 status. Individual results were:

■ PTE Marchment	Spt Coy	2nd
■ CPL Regan	Spt Coy	15th
■ PTE Hollingworth	D Coy	37th
■ PTE Munn	Spt Coy	38th
■ PTE Richardson	Spt Coy	45th
■ PTE Lawson	B Coy	74th
■ PTE Nitschke	B Coy	79th
■ LCPL Davey	B Coy	82nd
■ LT Johnson	Admin Coy	105th
■ PTE Somerton	Spt Coy	134th

These firers, as well as two others who fired in the Eliminations in March went on to contest the Champion Shot of the Army Competition. Results again were good and individual placings were:

■ PTE Nitschke	18th
■ PTE Lawson	22nd
■ CPL Regan	24th
■ LCPL Davey	30th
■ PTE Munn	34th
■ LT Johnson	36th

■ PTE Richardson	41st
■ PTE Hollingworth	43rd
■ PTE Kinston	65th
■ PTE Hey	73rd

As a result of AASAM 92 there have been several members selected to train as part of the Defence Force Team to Bisley in June next year. These include PTE Marchment, CFN Campey, PTE Nitschke, CPL Regan, LCPL Davey, PTE Munn, and LCPL Lawson.

The final competition contested by the shooting team was the 3 Bde Inter-Unit Competition in October. Another week of practice at Mt Vince prepared the team to a high standard and enabled 2/4 RAR to win Best Shooting Unit Trophy and the Major Unit Trophy.

Individual results within the 2/4 RAR team were:

■ FIRST	LCPL Carmichael
■ SECOND	PTE Marchment
■ THIRD	PTE Bailey
■ FOURTH	PTE Zimmerman
■ FIFTH	LCPL Callow
■ SIXTH	PTE Crutchley
■ SEVENTH	LCPL Skinner
■ EIGHTH	PTE Somerton
■ NINTH	PTE Hollingworth
■ TENTH	CFN Campey

Well done to all members of the battalion who have tried out for the shooting team this year. Your efforts and ability have resulted in a very good achievement for 2/4 RAR.



Touch Football

1992 was the year that the Battalion would finally win the competition. A statement well deserved because we had been up the top three times since 1985. We had been tasked to enter two teams, so we did. The first training session was excellent with two full teams of 14 men and reserves. CPL Brown coached the open side with SSGT Lawman coaching the over 30s side. We began with teaching the basics and squaring the moves away. Later on as the lads knew each others style of play it became very easy and we then taught attacking moves and settling patterns.

The season took off well with most games being won by 8-0 etc. The boys were well & truly confident as we entered the middle of the season. With courses, leave and bush trips in full swing we lost players that we needed badly and this brought about our first loss to 11 Bde. As time went on we lost a team worth of players for different reasons and subsequently had to continue with 1 team to complete in the battle of the best.

The latter part of the season has left us with five or so original players due to leave and overseas trips. At this

stage we are still in the top bracket with a loss to 1 RAR due to our lack of experience in the new team.

The Nth Qld trials were held and CPL Price, SGT Walker, SSGT Lawman, CPL Walker, LCPL Fagg and LCPL Greenfield all made the over 30s side. CPL Boughton, CPL Brown and PTE Price made the open side. Best of luck at the Gold Coast lads we hope you get selected for the Aust Defence teams.

To all the players involved thanks a lot for all your attention. The names are too numerous to mention but all those who played for the Battalion you know who you all are. Thanks a lot and we can still win the Brigade Comp.

Steve Brown
(Brownny)

P.S. Brownny, Pricey, Pricey, Brownny, ah they've f..... up again, greedy bastards. Botts watch out for the womens side steps and speed. Winger there's always next year.

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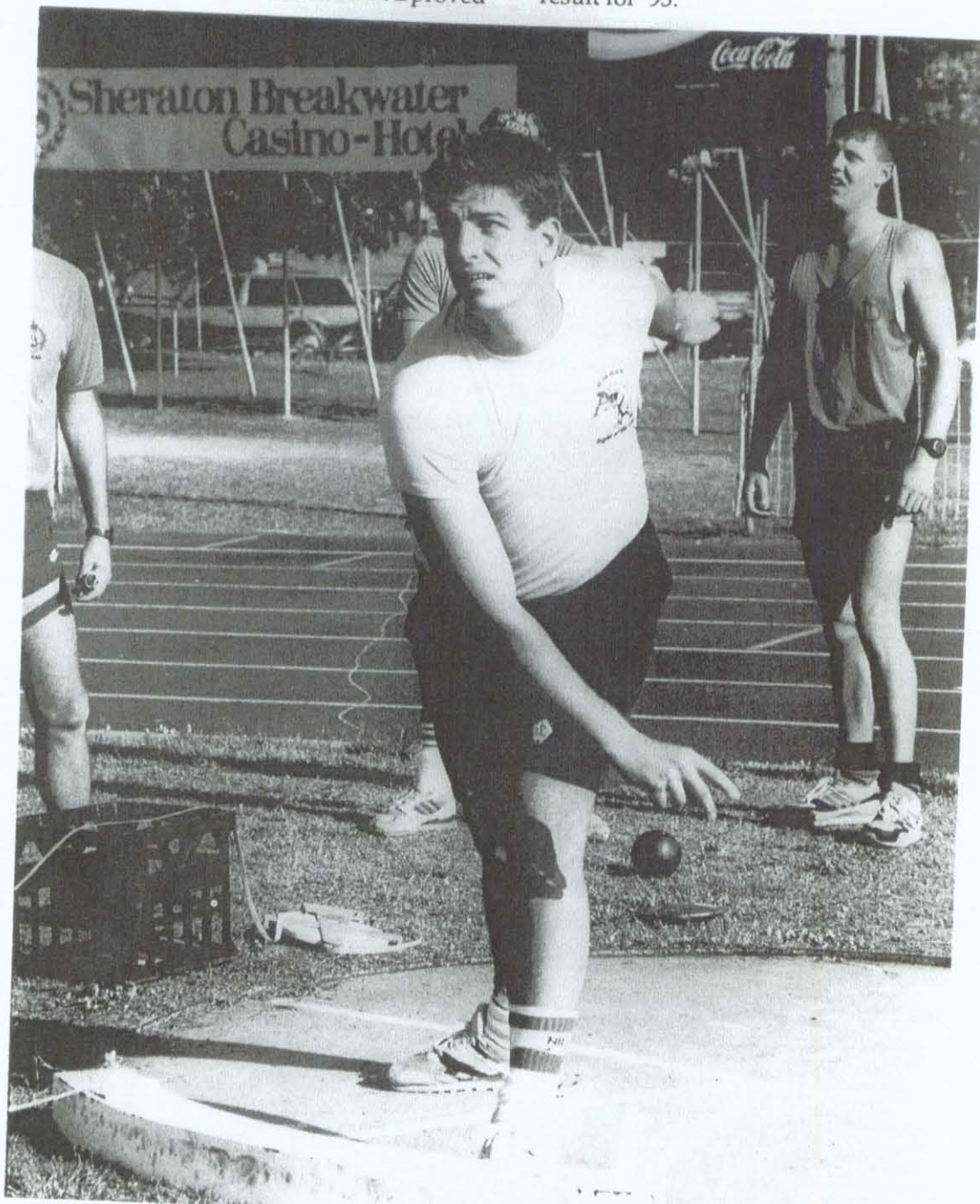
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Athletics Report

The Battalion Athletics Carnival was conducted at the Townsville Sports Reserve on the 15th of September. Throughout, the competition was close with four teams separated by 10 points until the relay. Yet again C COY disrupted the chain of command relay by launching a COY attack upon the competitors. In a repeat of the swimming carnival, frustrated officials declared it a draw. The final results showed that SPT COY were the superior athletic team with three other COYs sharing second place.

The Brigade Inter Unit Competition on 20 OCT 92 proved

a most fruitful day for the Battalion. 2/4 RAR devastated the opposition by winning all but the 100m in the track events including both the 4 x 100m and the 1600m medley relays. CPL Brown yet again demoralised the opposition finishing 21/2 laps in front of his nearest rival. Accolades for the magnificent preparation of the team go to CAPT Brad Horn, Team Captain and trainer and LT Steve Stockley the Sprint Trainer. PTE Millers displayed dominance in the sprint event to receive the Champion Athletics Trophy. The team looks forward to a similar result for '93.



LCPL Harris shot putting.



The Administration Company Chain-of-Command relay team



PTE Marchment (2nd on the right) running in the 100m during the Brigade Athletics Competition

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(UNITED NATIONS TRANSITIONAL AUTHORITY CAMBODIA)

1992 saw the first deployment of Australian soldiers to the United Nations multi-national force in Cambodia. The purpose of the force is to aid in organising and implementing free elections within the country. Australia's commitment has primarily revolved around providing the communications facilities required for the multi national force. Thirteen soldiers from the 2nd/4th Battalion have been deployed as part of Australia's contingent. These members undertook intensive training in the 3rd Brigade and also at the contingent rallying point located at Gallipoli Barracks, Brisbane. The soldiers were deployed to Cambodia mid year for twelve months.

The following members from the Battalion are currently deployed in Cambodia:

119112 CPL J. HEUFEL (ADMIN COY),
326341 CPL F. YOUNG (SPT COY),
4100849 CPL M. BOWMAN (D COY),
1102317 LCPL B. MOORE (SPT COY),
183267 PTE A. MORRIS (A COY),
238747 PTE S. BOYD (SPT COY),
186045 PTE P. ARBUCKLE (C COY),
556446 PTE M. BARRON (SPT COY),
3207039 PTE A. ELDRIDGE (B COY),
1855993 PTE R. GREENHALGH (D COY),
1105871 PTE D. OZEGOVIC (C COY),
556850 PTE M. SIMPSON (ADMIN COY),
237729 PTE J. YOUNG (B COY).

We wish all the members of the contingent a Merry Christmas and a safe return in the new year.

The Infanteer

He is born to the earth, on the day he enlists
He is sentenced to life on the soil,
To march on it, crawl on it, dig in it, sprawl on it,
Sleep on it after his toil.

Be it sand, rock or ice, gravel, mud or red loam,
He will fight on it bravely, will die,
And the crude little cross telling men of his loss
Will cry mutely to some foreign sky.

He's the tired looking man in the untidy garb,
Weatherbeaten, footsore with fatigue,
But his spirit is strong as he marches along
With his burden for league upon league.

He attacks in the face of a murderous fire,
Crawling forward, attacking with mud.
When he breaks through the lines, over wire and mines,
On the point of his bayonet is blood.

Should you meet him, untidy, begrimed and fatigued,
Don't indulge in unwarranted mirth,
For the brave infanteer deserves more than your sneer,
He is truly the salt of the earth.

